

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, October 7, 2025





# Council Board and Commission Updates



# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Regular Hybrid Meeting - Tuesday, October 21 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Planning Commission – Wed. Oct. 8 at 6:00 PM
  - Arts Council – Wed. Oct. 15 at 5:30 PM
  - Open Space Conservancy – Thur. Oct. 16 at 5:00 PM
  - Parks & Recreation Commission – Mon. Oct. 20 at 5:00 PM

Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.





# City Updates



# E-Motorcycle Collaboration

- Implementation date for the new Mercer Island e-motorcycle regulations is January 1.
- Staff recently attended a City Stakeholder Group meeting hosted by the Association for Washington Cities (AWC) to discuss e-motorcycles.
- The meeting had attendees from 11 cities in the region, many expressing support for electrification efforts while also desiring regulatory tools for e-motorcycles.
- Ordinances and local regulations are expected to be presented shortly in Issaquah, North Bend, Snoqualmie, and Sammamish.
- Our staff will continue to work with AWC and regional partners to advocate for state legislative changes to enhance e-motorcycle safety.



# Clarke & Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan

- Infrastructure and shoreline improvements for Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks were identified as a high priority during the last PROS Plan Update.
- We are excited to share three new design concepts for both parks. Community members are invited to review the designs, virtual open house presentations, and share their feedback through a Let's Talk survey.
- If you missed us at the Mid-Autumn Festival this past weekend, look for our staff booth at the Town Center Trick-or-Treat on Friday, October 31. You can speak with staff and learn more about the design concepts.
- The survey is open through November 3, 2025.

[letstalk.mercergov.org/](http://letstalk.mercergov.org/)



# Traffic Signal Updates

- Last week, Sound Transit's contractor successfully turned on the new traffic signal at SE 27th Street and 80th Avenue SE .
- King County crews were also on-site to assist with signal timing programming and vehicle detection camera positioning.
- Minor delays at the intersection are possible as drivers adjust to the new signal operations.
- Sound Transit installed this traffic signal as part of East Link mitigation, to improve vehicle and pedestrian mobility near the new light rail station.



# Mid-Autumn Festival

- On Sunday, the Mercer Island Chinese Association partnered with the City to bring back the Mid-Autumn Festival to the MICEC.
- The event featured cultural performances, hands-on workshops, traditional games, and culinary traditions.
- With approximately 1,000 in attendance, it was a wonderful day filled with celebration and connection.
- City staff are grateful for this meaningful community partnership that showcases the rich cultural diversity of Mercer Island!



*Photo provided by the Mercer Island Reporter*





# Upcoming Events

# Coffee with a Cop

- Join us at the South End Shopping Center Starbucks on Saturday, October 18 from 9-11am for Coffee with a Cop.
- Meet with your local police officers, share your feedback, answer questions, and more.
- Thank you to Starbucks for hosting these events!



# Arbor Day

- Come celebrate Arbor Day with Mercer Island Natural Resources Team on Saturday, October 25 from 10 AM – 1 PM at Clarke Beach Park!
- Arbor Day is an annual event where we celebrate our urban canopy and help to create future healthier forests.
- This year, we'll be planting a couple hundred native plants in Clarke Beach Park.
- Registration is easy. Go to:  
<https://volunteersignup.org/48JMA>



# Fall Recycling Event

- The City's Fall Recycling Event will take place on Saturday, October 25, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Mercer Island Boat Launch.
- Residents can safely recycle a wide range of household items, including electronics, appliances, scrap metal, and mattresses, with small fees applying to select items.
- The event also supports the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services Food Security Program, which will be onsite accepting monetary and gift card donations.
- This popular community event is made possible through funding from the WA Department of Ecology, King County Solid Waste Division, and other regional partners.



# Town Center Trick-or-Treating

- Town Center Trick-or-Treating is right around the corner! Join us on Halloween, October 31, from 3:30-5:30 PM.
- Check out [www.mercerisland.gov/halloween](http://www.mercerisland.gov/halloween) for a growing list of participating businesses and trick or treat map.
- Did somebody say **candy tractor**? Be on the lookout for friendly faces from the Recreation, Right-of-Way, Police, and Youth and Family Services teams- all gearing up to bring the fun Halloween spirit to downtown!
- City staff are excited to bring the community together for one central Halloween celebration, designed to offer a safe, festive, and memorable experience for families.





# Some Good News

# WSDOT I-90 Expansion Joint Replacement Finished!

- The project to replace the deteriorated expansion joint across the entirety of EB I-90 began in mid-September and concluded on October 4.
- All lanes and ramps are now open.
- This project caused significant traffic impacts despite our best mitigation efforts, and we appreciate the community's understanding and flexibility as WSDOT completed this critical maintenance. **Thank you!!**



# Roanoke Park Open for Play!

- This afternoon, City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission members celebrated the reopening of the renovated Roanoke Park playground.
- The park now features upgraded equipment, improved accessibility, new pathways, picnic amenities, and enhanced drainage—all funded by the 2022 Parks Levy.
- Staff also completed final touches including ADA parking stall striping, new signage, and landscaping.
- Thank you to the community for supporting this project. Have fun and play safe at Roanoke Park!





Thank you!

