

# City Manager's Report

Monday, November 4, 2024





# Council Board and Commission Updates



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# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, November 19 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Parks & Recreation Commission – Thurs. Nov 7 at 5:00 PM
  - Utility Board – Tues. Nov 12 at 5:00 PM
  - Arts Council – Mon. Nov 18 at 5:30 PM

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



# City Updates



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# Join the Planning Commission

- Want to help shape the future of your community? The City Council is recruiting for five positions on the Planning Commission, with terms beginning January 1, 2025.
- We're looking for:
  - 2 Resident Lay Persons (no specific planning knowledge needed)
  - 1 Resident Paid Practitioner (Islanders who work in the industry)
  - 2 Non-Resident Paid Practitioners (anyone in the industry)
- Applications will be accepted online through November 19, 2024. Learn more and apply at [mercerisland.gov/bc](https://mercerisland.gov/bc). Contact City Clerk Andrea Larson with any additional questions.



# LBP Sports Court Renovations

- Work is in the home stretch at the LBP pickleball courts.
- Temporary court striping is painted, and crews have installed posts for nets and court fencing.
- This week, crews plan to install the nets and fencing fabric, finish grading the hillside, and install the concrete walkway, weather permitting.
- Staff anticipate being able to open the courts for play in 2 to 3 weeks.
- Colored surfacing and permanent striping will be installed in Spring 2025.
- Stay updated at:  
[www.mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts](http://www.mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts)



# 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE Pedestrian Improvements

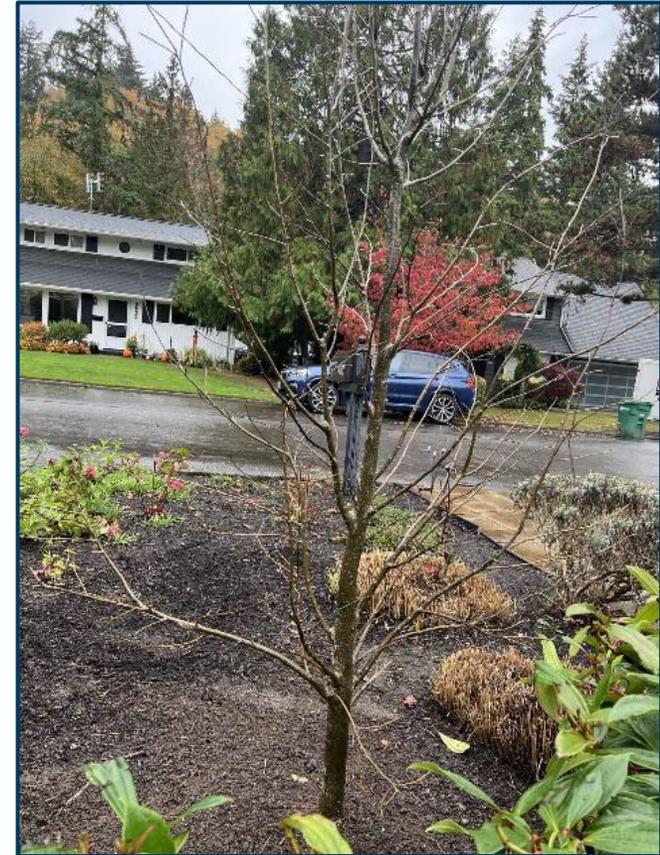
- Town Center sidewalk improvements including replacing sidewalks, trees, and lighting along the east side of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE continues.
- Over the last several weeks, crews have poured sections of new curb, gutter, sidewalk, and stairs along the east side of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue between SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street and SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- New light pole bases are also being installed, and areas of asphalt removed for concrete work have been patched back.
- This week, crews plan to start trenching for new illumination conduit along the south side of SE 30<sup>th</sup> Street, west of 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue SE.



# Tree Giveaway

- The City partnered with the WA State Nursery & Landscape Association to incentivize tree planting and educate homeowners on their care.
- Residents can apply for a voucher that will provide \$150 towards the purchase of a single tree or several smaller trees from any WSNLA nursery in the area (the list of approved tree varieties can be found on our website).
- Most of the plantable area remaining on the Island is on single-family residential land. Increasing tree planting on this private land is essential to increasing the island's total canopy cover.
- This program is still open for applications through mid-December!

[mercerisland.gov/publicworks/page/tree-giveaway](https://mercerisland.gov/publicworks/page/tree-giveaway)



# Mercerdale Playground Repairs

- In August, vandalism damaged the train structure and playground surfacing. Staff promptly notified Police, filed a report, and began cleanup and repairs.
- NW Playground and our Parks Maintenance team have collaborated with the manufacturer to repair the poured-in-place surfacing, repair and repaint the train's interior, and complete warranty repair on the cone spinner.
- Most repairs are finished, and the playground is functionally back in service.
- Parks Maintenance staff will continue the repair to the train interior, coordinating with the manufacturer while they are in town.



# Clearing Storm Drains

- The Public Works Stormwater team has been busy clearing culverts and trash rack hot spots as the heavy leaves are falling, helping water flow only where it's supposed to.
- Keeping drains clear of debris is essential to our efforts to minimize flooding, road damage, and costly maintenance.
- Islanders are encouraged to help by clearing leaves and debris from storm drains in your neighborhoods if it's safe to do so. Your assistance goes a long way in keeping things flowing!
- As always, you can report issues online at [mercerisland.gov/service/request](https://mercerisland.gov/service/request)



# Halloween Roundup



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# Upcoming Events



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# Illuminate MI Is Back!

- The holiday lights are up in Town Center and work on the Mercerdale tree is almost complete!
- The Town Center lights will be shining bright beginning in mid-November and the tree lighting event will be held on Thursday, December 5.
- The calendar is brimming with holiday happenings and festive events! Check out the full lineup of events and more details [mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events](https://mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events)



The poster features a dark blue background with a bokeh effect of light blue and white circular lights. In the top left corner is the City of Mercer Island logo, which is a circular seal containing a stylized tree and the text 'CITY OF MERCER ISLAND WASHINGTON'. The main title 'Holiday Tree Lighting' is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, the date and time 'DECEMBER 5, 2024 5:30PM' are displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The location 'MERCERDALE PARK' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text in a light blue, sans-serif font reads: 'JOIN THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND LIGHTING OUR HOLIDAY TREE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND CREATION DANCE STUDIO PERFORMANCES. COCOA PROVIDED BY JOHN L. SCOTT!'. Below this text, the phrase 'Sponsored By:' is written in a white, cursive font. At the bottom, there are two logos: 'MERCER ISLAND CITY LIFESTYLE' and 'PSE PUGET SOUND ENERGY'.

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# Some Good News

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# Electric Vehicle Grant Awarded to MI

- Last week, the City was awarded \$100,000 in grant funding from the Department of Commerce's Climate Planning grant program.
- These funds will be used to develop a municipal Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Plan.
- This plan will include a roadmap for electrifying the City fleet, as well as an assessment for the charging infrastructure needed across City facilities to support an electrified fleet.
- Thanks to Sustainability Program Manager Alanna DeRogatis and the PW team for applying for funding opportunities like this to support our work!



# MIPD Drug Take Back Event

- MIPD Evidence Technician Tayna Jackson and Police Officer Kristina Lum conducted the DEA Drug Take Back event on October 26.
- It was a huge success with eight boxes collected, totaling 152.5 lbs. of medications being turned in and safely delivered to the DEA's Seattle Warehouse.
- These drug take back events provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the public about the potential for abuse of medications.



**Thank you!**

