

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, March 3, 2026





Council Board and Commission Updates



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Upcoming Meeting Snapshot

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meetings
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting – Tuesday, March 17 at 5:00 p.m.
- Boards and Commissions
 - Parks & Rec Commission – Thur. March 5 at 5:00 p.m.
 - Utility Board – Tues. March 10 at 5:00 p.m.
 - GMHB Information Session – Tues. March 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Visit www.mercerisland.gov/meetings for more information.



City Updates

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Boards & Commissions Recruitment

- There are three vacant positions currently, one on the Arts Council, one on the Open Space Conservancy Trust, and one on the Utility Board.
- The recruitment for these positions has been extended and is open through March 6 with appointments scheduled for the March 17 City Council Meeting.
- Learn more and apply at mercerisland.gov/bc.



Transportation Feedback Needed

- The City of Mercer Island's public comment period for the annual update of its Six Year Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) is now open, and we want to hear from you!
- The TIP covers the City's roadway, pedestrian, and bicycle projects planned for the six-year period from 2027 to 2032.
- Visit Let's Talk to learn more about the TIP and to submit comments for consideration before April 21, 2026.
- This item will come before the City Council for a public hearing on April 7, and after the public comment period closes, the TIP is scheduled for adoption on May 5.



Sewer Lakeline Blockage Recap

- Utility staff were alerted early last Monday morning to a critically high wet well level at Pump Station 10 on the North end of the Island.
- This is part of the Reach 5 lakeline system that conveys sewage to Pump Station 11 and ultimately to the King County treatment plant.
- A high wet well condition caused sewage to overflow into the lake. King County Public Health, Department of Ecology, and residents along the shoreline that may have been impacted were notified about the overflow.
- Upon investigation, staff determined that the pumps at Pump Station 10 were unable to move sewage due to a blockage in the lakeline.



PW staff accessing the cap on the second access point to Pump Station 11.

Sewer Lakeline Blockage Recap

- Crews began troubleshooting right away and accessed cleanouts along the lakeline.
- Using a sewer jet truck, staff worked to clear the blockage and to clean the affected section of pipe.
- Through coordinated efforts and sustained response over two days, both pump stations and the lakeline were restored to normal operation by Tuesday evening.
- Thank you to the impacted community and neighbors for limiting your wastewater use during this time!
- And another thank you goes out to our Public Works teams who immediately launched into action to help resolve this urgent issue.



This is Pro Vac at Pump Station 11, jetting the lakeline west to the cleanouts at Covenant Shores.

Sewer Lakeline Blockage Recap

- This was a very serious utility emergency and highlights the vulnerability of the lakeline, especially because access to the line is limited.
- Staff will debrief this event and develop a series of short- and long-term action items, including:
 - Video the lakeline between Pump Stations 10 & 11 to document condition and connections.
 - Develop an emergency design and permitting package for each lakeline reach to improve responsiveness, minimize permitting review times, and streamline access.
 - Continue to leverage data and information from other lakeline projects to inform future capital and operational needs.



After the lakeline was jettied to Pump Stations 10 & 11, the caps were installed on both access points.

Upcoming Events

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This Saturday, March 7!

- The City is hosting two events this Saturday!
- First, stop by the **Senior Resource Fair** at the MICEC from 10am-12pm!

This free event will showcase information booths for senior resources, experts in senior issues and aging, presentations on popular scams and advanced planning, as well as refreshments.

- Then join your Mercer Island Police Department (MIPD) for **Coffee with a Cop** from 1-3pm at the north end Starbucks!

Ask them questions and enjoy a cup of joe while you get to know your officers.

The City of Mercer Island's

SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

MARCH 7, 2026 | 10AM - 12PM
12:30 - 1:30PM: Featured Presentations



Attention Mercer Island Seniors!

The Senior Resource Fair returns to the Mercer Island Community & Event Center. A free event for Island seniors, their care partners, and families with information on staying active, health and safety, support and respite services, mental health care, volunteer opportunities, and social connections.

- Informational booths from local and regional senior resources
- Connect with experts in senior issues and aging
- Refreshments and seated social areas



Family Movie Night Returns!

- Join us at the MICEC on Friday, March 13 at 5:30 p.m. for our next Family Movie Night!
- The Super Mario Bros movie follows Mario, Luigi, and all their friends in the Mushroom Kingdom.
- Snacks are provided but outside food is welcome. Also, pajamas, pillows, and blankets are encouraged!
- Check our website for more details and to register for this free event!



Celebrate the 2 Line!

- The Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce has partnered with the City and Sound Transit to host a community celebration to welcome the arrival of light rail service to Mercer Island!
- This special event from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. on March 28 will feature activities, vendors, food trucks, live entertainment, and opportunities to explore Mercer Island businesses.
- It's a fun, family-friendly way to experience all that the community has to offer.
- Come be part of this milestone moment for Mercer Island!



Some Good News

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Giving From the Heart

- The MIYFS Foundation's fundraising breakfast last month welcomed nearly 500 attendees and was a great success.
- The Foundation extends its thanks to all City Councilmembers and staff for their exceptional support, and the donors and business sponsors who make the event possible.
- Fundraising is nearing the \$450,000 goal and the event generated very positive feedback from attendees.
- Highlights included an overview of YFS services, a visit from the YFS therapy dog, a SAIL senior fitness class demonstration, and recognition of a community philanthropist.



YFS therapy dog,
Marshmallow, was
enjoying the spotlight.

Thank you!

