

Parks & Recreation Commission



Department Report
October 7, 2021

MICEC Health and Safety Requirements

- In accordance with the King County business vaccine verification requirement, effective October 25, in addition to the requirement to wear a mask when inside the Mercer Island Community & Event Center, **patrons must be prepared to show proof of full vaccination status or proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test** within the last 72 hours.
- Individuals under **12 years of age**, who are not eligible to be vaccinated, are not required to be tested for entry.
- Documentation will need to be provided **each time** you attend an MICEC program or access the facility. The City will not save vaccination status/records.



Expanding Drop-in Sports Opportunities

- The MICEC has an expanded drop-in sports schedule to include more opportunity for play. Facility hours are now:
 - Tuesday – Thursday 10am-7pm
 - Friday – Saturday 10am-5pm
- The updated play schedule is a direct result of customer feedback.
- All patrons will need to sign-in and follow all health and safety requirements.
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/playsafe for details about the drop-in schedule.

Drop-In Sports
Mercer Island Community & Event Center
8236 SE 24th St. Mercer Island, WA
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BEGINNING OCTOBER 1

Pickleball
Tues: 1:15pm - 7pm
Wed/Fri: 10am - 1:45pm
Thur: 1:15pm - 4pm
Sat: 10am - 1pm

Basketball
Tues/Thur: 4:15pm - 7pm
Wed: 2pm - 4pm
Sat: 1:15pm - 5pm

Volleyball
Tues/Thur/Sat: 10am - 1pm
Fri: 2pm - 5pm

Badminton
Tues: 10am - 4pm
Wed: 4:15pm - 7pm
Thur: 1:15pm - 4pm
Fri: 2pm - 5pm
Sat: 1:15pm - 5pm

Drop-In Fees:	
Youth/Senior Resident	\$4
Adult Resident	\$5
General	\$6

25 Punch Pass:	
Youth/Senior Resident	\$70
Adult Resident	\$90
General	\$110

For up-to-date schedules,
call the
Open Gym Hotline
206-275-7892

Update on Fall Events

Pumpkin Walk

- Due to pandemic requirements and challenges associated with coordinating a large-scale event, the YFS Foundation made the difficult decision to cancel the Pumpkin Walk.
- Silver lining: City staff and the YFS Foundation are already in discussions about next year's event!

Halloween Activities

- Focused on outdoor activity opportunities for this fall, as well as ways to engage the local business community, the Recreation Division is working with local businesses, the Chamber, and MIPA to coordinate Halloween activities.
- Watch the City's social media accounts in the coming weeks for more info as activities are finalized!



MERCERDALE PLAYGROUND

- Playground demolition began earlier this summer, with a goal of reopening the park in late Summer.
- The wood chips are being recycled and utilized in parks as mulch.
- The playground equipment manufacturer experienced a significant fire at their plant this spring, delaying the delivery of playground pieces.
- **Good news!** Manufacturing lines are open and working extended hours to catch up – Mercerdale Playground equipment is in the production queue.
- **Current delivery estimate is End of October.**
- Crews continue to prepare the site for delivery of the new equipment. **Storm water drainage system was evaluated- it looks good!**
- Visit the project page for the latest updates at <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/mercerdale-playground>
- **MIPA has completed fundraising with a total of \$54,200 received!**



MICEC Art Gallery Reopening

- Identified as an Immediate Action Item as part of the Recreation Reset Strategy, the **Art Gallery at MICEC is reopening!**
- The annual Holiday Show will be coordinated by the Mercer Island Visual Arts League (MIVAL)
 - Dates: October 19 – December 17
 - Hours: Tuesday–Thursday 10am-7pm / Friday–Saturday 10am-5pm
- Gallery patrons will be need to sign in and follow all health and safety requirements at MICEC.
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/mercerislandgallery for more information.



Upper Luther Bike Skills Area

- Effective today (Oct. 6) the Bike Skills Area is closed (approx. 6 months).
 - Significant negative impact to the area by unauthorized expansion.
 - Damage to soils and vegetation
 - Construction of jumps exceeding park rules.
- This closure will allow staff to review the operations, sustainability, and safety of the area.
- Action Sports Design- will perform a full assessment and make recommendations on how to improve the area while minimizing environmental impacts.
- During the closure trees and shrubs will be planted to revegetate damaged areas.
- Public engagement will occur during the closure at <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-at-upper-luther-burbank-park>
- Additionally, a virtual public meeting will be held on Nov. 15 at 4pm to discuss the project and answer any questions.



Board & Commission Code of Ethics Training

- All Commissioners should have received an email from City Manager Bon regarding the revised code of ethics and the associated training requirement.
- We have the following code of ethics trainings currently scheduled:
 - Tuesday, October 12 – Utility Board at 5:00 pm
 - Wednesday, October 13 – Arts Council at 6:30 pm
 - Wednesday, October 20 – Planning Commission at 6:00 pm
 - Thursday, October 28 – Design Commission at 6:00 pm
 - Thursday, November 18 – Open Space Conservancy Trust at 5:00 pm
- Staff will be coordinating with each of you individually to add you to one of the scheduled trainings. We will be limiting each meeting to a max. of 3 Commission members.

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Special Meeting: October 14

The hardest working board around...is at it again!

- **Meeting will focus on the PROS Plan:**

- Results of the second community survey
- Feedback on the Capital Facilities List
- Initiate the draft of the six-year CIP

- **Next Steps:**

- Week of October 18: Commission to receive draft of first portion of the Plan
- Mid-November: Commission to receive draft of second portion of the Plan
- December PRC Meeting: Revenue outlook for CIP

Thank you, Deb!

- Tuesday was Deb Estrada's last City Council meeting.
- She has accepted a new position with the City of Snoqualmie.
- We are sad to see her go and will miss her professionalism, good humor, and fresh produce!
- Thank you, Deb, for your dedication and hard work! You will be missed!



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Thank You!