

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, January 2, 2024



# How do you access City services?

Customer Service Team

(206) 275-7600

[CustomerService@mercerisland.gov](mailto:CustomerService@mercerisland.gov)

(staffed Mon-Fri 8:30a-5:00p, except holidays)

- For the quickest and fastest service, community members should contact the City of Mercer Island Customer Service Team.
- The City's Customer Service Team can help answer your questions about services, such as service requests, pet licensing, business licenses, or parking permits during the closure of City Hall.
- The Customer Service Team can also assist you in getting connected to other City department teams as needed.





# Council Board and Commission Updates



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# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, January 16 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Design Commission – January 3 at 6:00 PM
  - Parks & Recreation Commission – January 4 at 5:00 PM
  - Utility Board Meeting – January 9 at 5:00 PM
- Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.



# City Updates



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# City Hall Transitions

- Transition work is still underway to address the permanent closure of City Hall.
- Our new City Council meeting room is in use tonight for the first time, located in the Slater Room at the Mercer Island Community Center. We'll continue to work out the bugs as we gain experience with the new system.
- Mercer Island Municipal Court is (almost) fully moved to Newcastle City Hall. The Courtroom space (Newcastle Council Chambers) will be ready to go by Monday. Occupancy of the staff offices on the third floor of Newcastle City Hall is delayed due to the carpet installation.
- Progress is ongoing with the police modular buildings, but there have been a handful of challenges. Utility engineering to connect the buildings is nearly complete. The building designs were approved by L&I at the end of last month. The staff team is doing everything possible to operationalize these temporary facilities.



# MICEC Winter Maintenance

- The Mercer Island Community Center closed for two weeks at the end of last month for annual facility maintenance.
- The Mercer Room floor has been replaced.
- The carpets and furniture were cleaned.
- Wall repairs and painting touch-ups were finished.
- Multiple repairs to the HVAC system were completed.
- The Slater Room/Council Chambers work was also completed.
- The facility reopened to the public today, January 2.



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# Water Utility Team

- The Water Utility team completed repairs on a leaking service line from the water main in the 4100 block of 94<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.
- They also completed annual maintenance on the pressure reducing station in the 8100 block of West Mercer Way.





# Stormwater Team

- Stormwater staff conducted hotspot drainage clearing including several days clearing a stormwater trash rack on SE 53<sup>rd</sup> where an increasingly active beaver is attempting to enhance his or her home dam within the open space.
- The Stormwater team jetted and cleared a 12" stormwater pipe near 62<sup>nd</sup> on the south end of the island. Significant root intrusion was cut and removed.



# ROW Team

- Last week, the ROW team used the lift truck to remove a broken limb hanging high in a fir tree near Avalon Drive.
- The team continued street sweeping in residential and Town Center areas as they work on removing the most recent round of tree debris and leaves.
- The ROW team continued addressing streetlamp outages with new LED retrofit bulbs and fuses.



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# 4004 Island Crest Way Project

- Last week, landscapers completed the installation of irrigation, topsoil, mulch, and plants.
- The lawn area in the center of the parcel will remain closed to allow the new grass seed to establish.
- This project is substantially complete, with only minor touch up items remaining.



# Upcoming Events

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# Fire Station Open Houses

- The Mercer Island community is invited to two Fire Station Open Houses in January, where you can meet your firefighters, explore the stations, see equipment, and learn more about Eastside Fire & Rescue.
- An open house for Station 91 (in Town Center) will take place on **Wednesday, January 10**, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm.
- An open house for Station 92 (South End) will take place on **Saturday, January 13**, from 10:00am to noon.



# Some Good News

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# That's a Wrap for Illuminate MI 2023

- We loved seeing so many community members out celebrating at the numerous Illuminate MI 2023 events throughout the season.
- Big thanks out to our event sponsors: Puget Sound Energy, Street Treats, Hub Boba, and John L Scott Real Estate.



# YFS Holiday Programs Helping Island Families

- Youth and Family Services wrapped up their Holiday Programs last month!
- Staff distributed food assistance to 139 families for holiday meals, as well as holiday gift assistance for 95 kids!
- These programs are supported by many individual donors and community organizations committed to helping neighbors in need. We thank you for the generous support!



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# Go DAWGS!

- The University of Washington Huskies are headed to Houston for the College Football Playoff National Championship Game!
- The Sugar Bowl win last night against the Texas Longhorns secured UW's championship ticket.
- Wish them luck at the championship game against Michigan on Jan 8!



**Thank you!**

