

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, May 6, 2025





Council Board and Commission Updates



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Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting - Tuesday, May 20 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Utility Board – Tuesday, May 13 at 5:00 PM

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



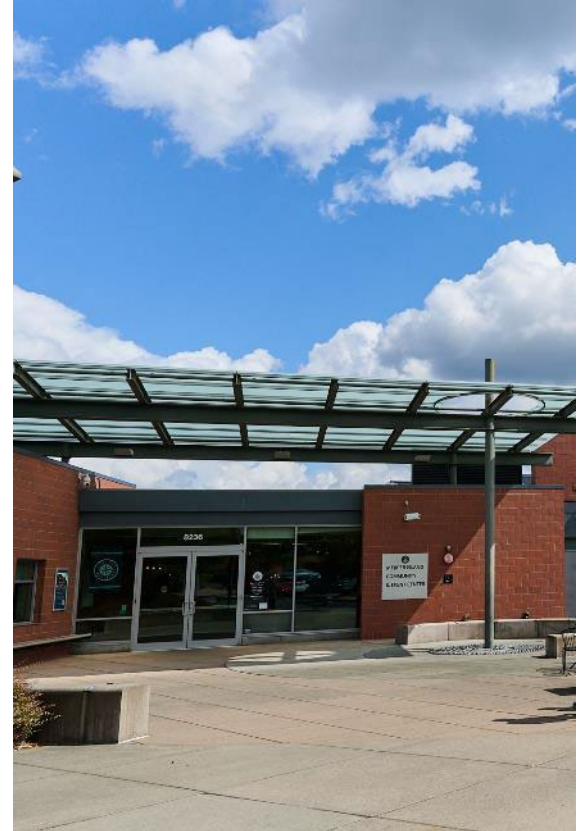
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Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway

- Our annual Advisory Boards & Commission recruitment is now underway through May 9.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill expiring terms on:
 - **Arts Council** (1 position)
 - **Design Commission** (2 positions – Urban Planners or Civil Engineers are encouraged to apply)
 - **Open Space Conservancy Trust** (2 positions)
 - **Parks & Recreation Commission** (2 position)
 - **Utility Board** (4 positions)
- Learn more and apply at www.mercerisland.gov/bc.



Update on Recent Burglary

- Just before 10pm on May 1, officers were dispatched to an occupied residential burglary call in the 4600 block of East Mercer Way.
- The resident heard intruders and called 911. The suspect fled before police arrived.
- MIPD is working this case with our regional partners, as it fits an organized pattern of crime and the investigation remains active.



Town Center Parking Facility

- Construction activity at the former Tully's Coffee site and Sunset Highway is progressing well.
- Contractor's crews formed and poured all the new concrete sidewalks within the parking facility and along SE 27th Street last week.
- Bottom lift of hot mix asphalt paving was placed today. Top lift paving occurs in the next 2 weeks.
- Project on track to be substantially complete by end of June.
- Landscaping will occur in September/October.



Reservoir Improvements

- Reinvestment work on the City's two 4-million-gallon water reservoir tanks continues. The interior and exterior coatings, which protect the underlying steel from corrosion, are being replaced.
- The painting process inside the south reservoir is finished and underwent final cleaning and disinfection this week.
- The reservoir is being refilled and will be placed back in service later this month after regulatory water testing protocols are met.
- The contractor will then begin work on the exterior shell and roof of the south reservoir, with work expected to be substantially complete later this summer.

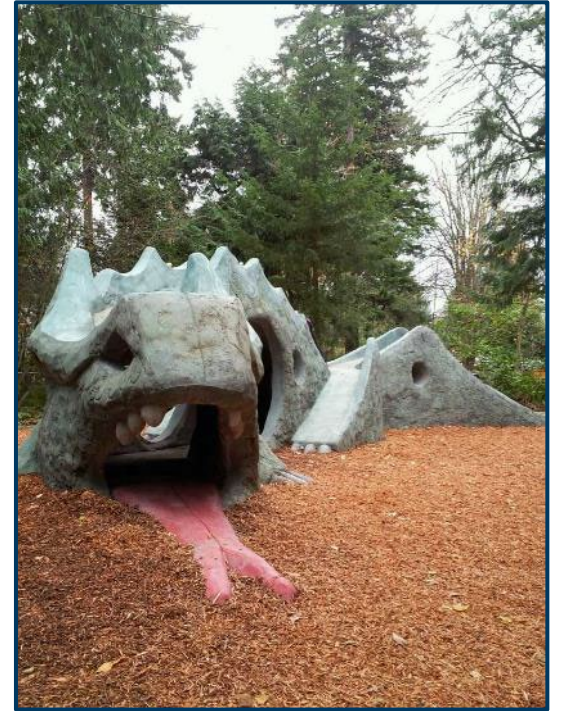


Deane's Children's Park Community Engagement

- Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Open House for the Deane's Children's Park Site Plan.
- If you couldn't make it, there's still time to take the online survey by May 12.
- Community input from the Open House and survey will directly inform draft site plan concepts, which will be shared for additional public feedback in July.
- Help us reimagine Deane's Children's Park as an inclusive and welcoming space for all!

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- Playground replacement projects are funded through the Parks Levy.



Turf Repairs

- This winter, European chafer beetles made their home in many sections of turf throughout the Island. This resulted in excessive damage to both public and private property.
- Much of the damage was caused by predators of the beetles digging for grubs in the grass.
- To repair and manage the health of the turf so it's resistant to future infestations, we're:
 - Overseeding damaged areas with more resistant grass varieties
 - Aerating and fertilizing to improve soil health
 - Monitoring mowing heights and irrigation schedules to discourage beetle activity



Before and after restoration efforts

E-bike Assembly

- With the arrival of spring and the warmer weather, we're seeing a lot more e-bike activity across the Island.
- At the end of April, Islander Middle School hosted two assemblies focused on bike and e-bike safety.
- The assemblies had educational games, a presentation from SRO Phan, and a Q&A focusing on e-bike safety reminding students about the rules of the road, helmet safety, local and state laws, and more.
- Families wanting more detailed information about e-bike safety, rules, and regulations like safety and age requirements can check out our website.

mercerisland.gov/publicworks/page/e-bike-safety



Upcoming Events

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Paws on Patrol

- You and your pup are invited to join us on Tuesday, May 20 at 5:00 PM at Rotary Park for a Paws on Patrol meetup and training.
- Paws on Patrol is a crime prevention partnership between the Mercer Island Police Department and dog walkers in the community.
- Mercer Island Paws on Patrol team members will receive training on observing and reporting suspicious activity. Don't have a dog, no problem!
- All are welcome - learn more at: www.mercerisland.gov/paws

Join the pack today!



Some Good News

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Family Movie Night Fun

- Family Movie Night was a great success last Friday evening!
- Staff provided popcorn, light refreshments, and other snacks, while families from Mercer Island enjoyed *How to Train Your Dragon* at the MICEC.
- These movie nights are a popular event – staff counted approximately 70 attendees!



It's Municipal Clerks Week!

- May 4-10, 2025 is Professional Municipal Clerks Week, and we would like to acknowledge our City Clerk Andrea Larson and CPD Admin Coordinator/Deputy City Clerk Deb Estrada for their dedication to the clerk profession.
- They serve as the information hub on all functions of local government and are the professional link between the community and the City Council.
- Andrea and Deb strive to improve the City Clerk's Office through participation in education programs, workshops, and the annual meetings of their state and international professional organizations.
- Thank you, Andrea and Deb!



Thank you!

