

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, September 17, 2024







# Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, October 1 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Planning Commission – Wed. Sept 25 at 6:00 PM

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





# City Updates



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# Luther Burbank Waterfront

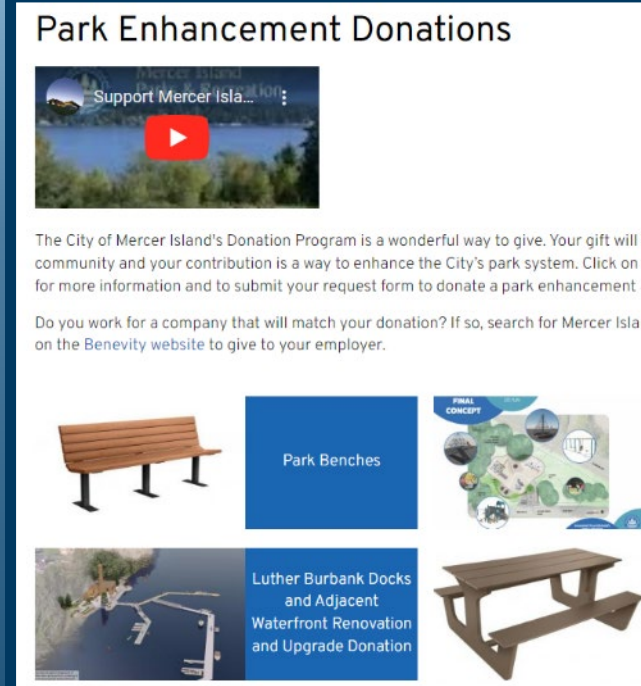
- Last week, a hearing was held to review the City's proposal for redeveloping the Luther Burbank Park waterfront.
- The purpose of the hearing is for the Hearing Examiner to consider the City's proposal, then submit a recommendation to the Department of Ecology, who will make the final permitting decision.
- This project will enhance the waterfront plaza, shoreline, and beach, while also addressing necessary repairs and upgrades to the existing docks.
- The Hearing Examiner is expected to make a recommendation to the Washington State Department of Ecology in the coming weeks.
- This project is anticipated to be under construction beginning in summer 2026.



# Luther Burbank Waterfront

- Create a legacy at the waterfront! Opportunities to donate furnishings, artwork, and major site improvements are available.
- Items for donation include benches, tables, a kayak ramp, and more. Larger site features such as a viewing deck and over-water platform are also offered.
- Donations will be accepted through the fall. Installation of donated items will occur in late 2024 or early 2025.
- For more details, including a full catalog of available items, please visit [Let's Talk](#) or the Park Enhancement Donation link from the Parks and Recreation website.

[mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/park-enhancement-donations](https://mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/park-enhancement-donations)



The screenshot shows the 'Park Enhancement Donations' page. At the top, there is a video player with the title 'Support Mercer Isla...' and a red play button. Below the video, there is a paragraph of text: 'The City of Mercer Island's Donation Program is a wonderful way to give. Your gift will benefit the community and your contribution is a way to enhance the City's park system. Click on the link for more information and to submit your request form to donate a park enhancement item.' Below this, another paragraph asks: 'Do you work for a company that will match your donation? If so, search for Mercer Island on the Benevity website to give to your employer.' The bottom section features three items: a wooden bench with the label 'Park Benches', a 'FINAL CONCEPT' site plan, and a wooden picnic table with the label 'Luther Burbank Docks and Adjacent Waterfront Renovation and Upgrade Donation'.





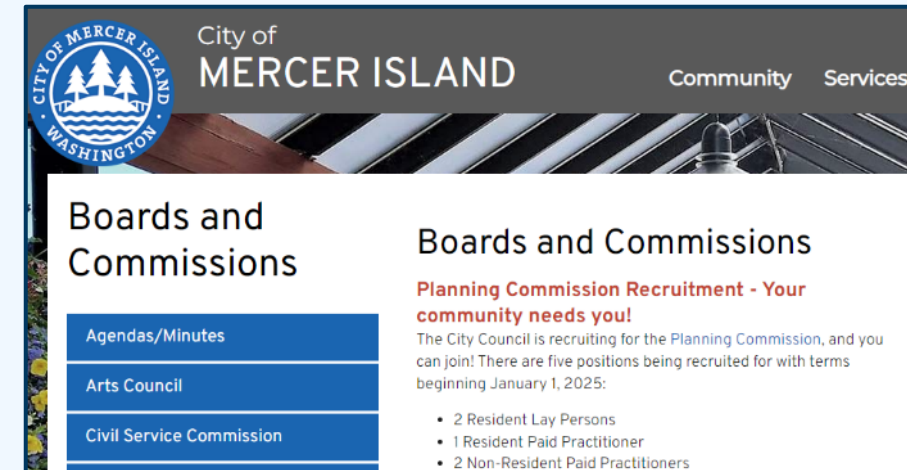
# Public Input on Clarke & Groveland Beaches

- At the end of this month, the City will launch a digital survey to collect information about how the community currently uses **Clarke and Groveland Beaches**.
- Responses will be combined with other background analysis conducted by the Berger Partnership to inform the scope of the planning process for future improvements at these parks..
- The survey will launch on Let's Talk and be promoted on posters at the MICEC, Clarke, and Groveland Beaches. Information will also run in the MI Reporter, MI Weekly, and City social media platforms.
- Staff anticipate bringing a recommended planning scope to the City Council in early 2025.



# 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 October 25, 2024. Learn more and apply at [mercerisland.gov/bc](https://mercerisland.gov/bc). Contact City Clerk Andrea Larson with any additional questions.





# Accepting Annual Docket Proposals

- The annual opportunity for the public to submit requests for the **Annual Docket** of development code and comprehensive plan amendments is now open.
- Docket requests must be submitted by October 1.
- Public notices are running in the MI Reporter, the MI Weekly, and the Permit Bulletin for awareness.
- The Planning Commission will review the proposals at their October 23 meeting and the City Council is scheduled to approve the Annual Docket on November 19.
- More info is available on Let's Talk.

[letstalk.mercergov.org/annual-docket](https://letstalk.mercergov.org/annual-docket)



# Town Center Construction

- City contractors are working on ADA sidewalk ramp replacements at 4 intersections: SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street at 76<sup>th</sup>, 77<sup>th</sup>, and 78<sup>th</sup> Avenues, and SE 28<sup>th</sup> Street at 78<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Work should be completed in late October.
- City contractors are also working on the 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue sidewalk improvements from SE 27<sup>th</sup> to SE 32<sup>nd</sup> Streets. Work includes new sidewalks, street lighting, and street tree replacements.
- Sound Transit contractors are working on new traffic signals at the SE 27<sup>th</sup> Street/80<sup>th</sup> Ave and North Mercer Way/76<sup>th</sup> Ave intersections.
- Construction on 80<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the signal projects will continue into the winter months.





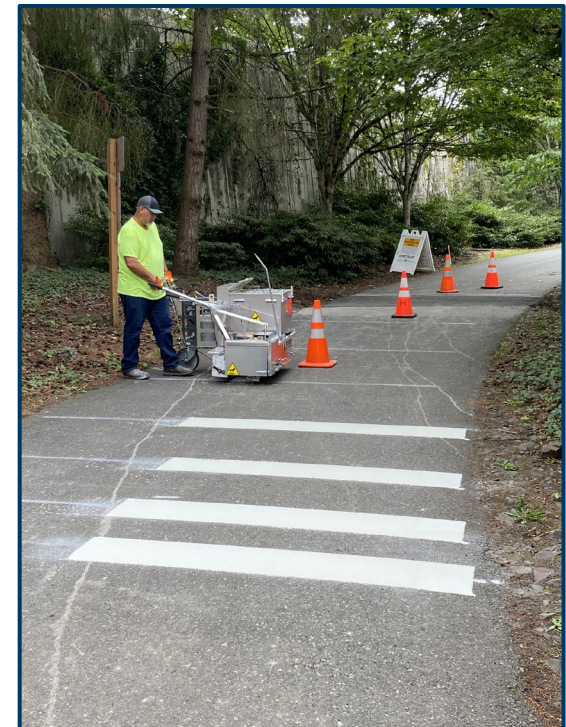
# Pickleball Courts at LBP

- Removal of the old asphalt pavement is complete.
- Excavation of poor subgrade soils is also complete. As FieldTurf crews worked from east to west, the excavation depth to reach strong soils decreased (less material needed to be removed).
- Crews have placed and compacted about 80% of the new crushed rock base, and they will be continuing that work this week.
- Asphalt paving is scheduled for the week of September 23rd, weather-permitting
- The courts are planned to reopen for play by the end of October.



# Aubrey Davis Park Trail

- This project is currently about 80% complete.
- New concrete trail surface by the restroom building is installed, new fencing is in place, and pavement markings have been installed.
- The path was reopened to pedestrians and bicycles last week.
- Landscaping, irrigation, lighting, signage, and other minor work will be installed in October.





# Upcoming Events

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# Sister City Soiree

- The Mercer Island Sister City Association is celebrating its 2024 Soiree at Mercer Island's newest fine dining restaurant, Allister.
- Appetizers and desserts created by Chef Michael will be served and all proceeds benefit the Mercer Island Sister City Association Scholarship Fund.
- Tickets are available at [www.mercerislandsistercity.org](http://www.mercerislandsistercity.org)



**SOIRÉE 2024**  
*Sunday, September 22, 5-8 pm*

**ALLISTER**  
7650 SE 27TH STREET | MERCER ISLAND

Appetizers and Desserts  
created by Chef Michael of  
Mercer Island's Newest Fine Dining Restaurant  
Welcome Toast & No Host Bar



\$70 per person  
Purchase tickets at [www.mercerislandsistercity.org](http://www.mercerislandsistercity.org) or  
send a check to  
P.O. Box 402 | Mercer Island, WA 98040  
Deadline for registration and ticket is August 22  
Proceeds benefit the Mercer Island Sister City Association  
Scholarship Fund





# Mid-Autumn Festival

- The City has partnered with the Mercer Island Chinese Association to bring the Mid-Autumn Festival to the Community Center on **September 22 from 10am – 2pm.**
- This event will be filled with beautiful lanterns, delicious mooncakes, incredible performances, fun games and activities for the entire family.
- For more information, visit: <https://www.michinese.org/>



# Some Good News

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# Volunteers Showing Up!

- This August, we hosted 12 volunteer events in the parks! In addition to the regular public volunteer events, we hosted a number of partner events with local businesses and community members.
- Bat Night was hugely successful with over 70 participants looking at bat habitats!
- August saw a total of 107 volunteers for 268 hours- removing just over 6,000 sq ft of weeds including ivy and blackberry from our parks!
- Thank you to all the Parks volunteers!

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**Thank you!**

