

City of Mercer Island

Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report

May 4, 2023



City Hall Closure

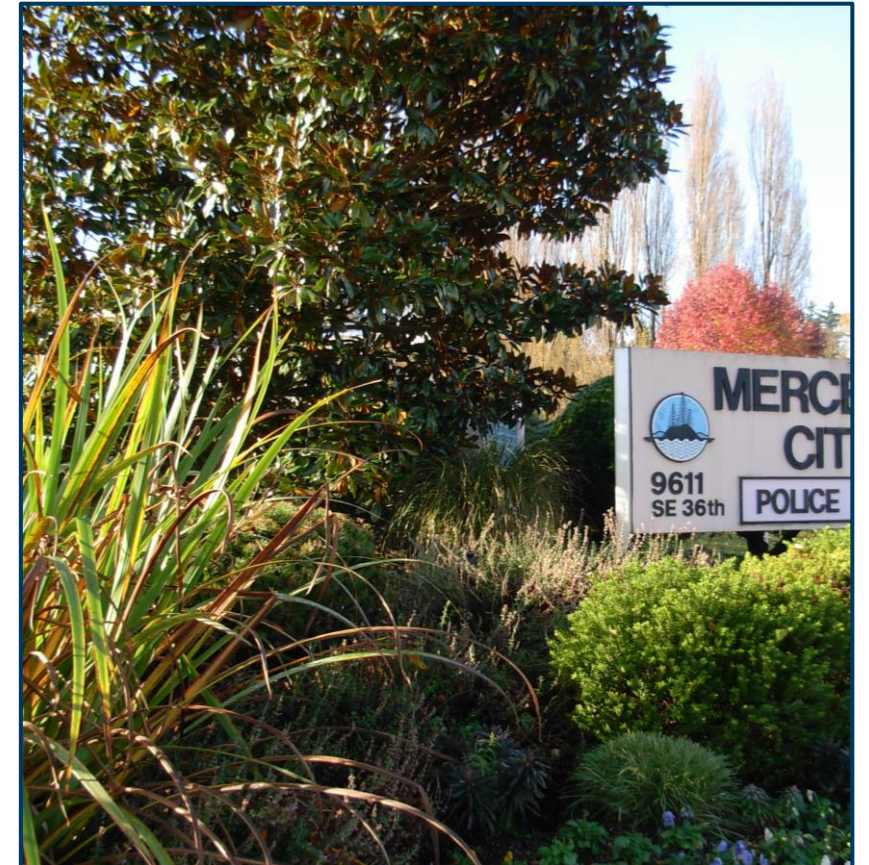
- To ensure the safety of staff and visitors, City Hall is temporarily closed after disturbed tiles and materials were discovered that were later confirmed to contain asbestos.
- These materials are located in the building's boiler room, which also contains air-handling equipment.
- The City is working with experts to conduct testing throughout the building.
- It is estimated that testing and any subsequent remediation will require City Hall to remain closed throughout the month of May.
- Staff continue to provide services virtually or from alternate facilities during this time and there will be no change to Police or Public Works response.



Annual Boards & Commissions Recruitment Underway

- Extended!
- Our annual Advisory Boards & Commission recruitment has been extended through **May 12**.
- We are looking for volunteers to fill expiring terms on:
 - **Arts Council** (3 positions)
 - **Parks & Recreation Commission** (2 positions)
 - **Planning Commission** (2 positions)
 - **Design Commission** (2 positions; *landscape architects* and *urban planners* are encouraged to apply and will be given priority and considered for appointment before other applicants;)
- New this year: electronic application to streamline the process. Learn more and apply at www.mercerisland.gov/bc.

Those currently holding a seat, will remain until placements are made by City Council on June 6.



Improving Processes- MICEC

- We have a new efficiency tool at the MICEC: an online rental request form!
- This new online form creates a seamless process for our customers and gives them the ability to access and submit their rental request from anywhere!
- The form is user-friendly from your computer or phone and should increase customer satisfaction while also improving staff efficiency in processing rental requests.
- Check it out at: www.EventsOnMercer.com





Bike Skills Area- Update

Design and Construction

- Staff and American Ramp Company are preparing to submit for permits later this month.
- Volunteer opportunities to assist with removing old vegetation and other work to prepare the site for construction will be announced soon.
- We are still targeting a late summer/early fall construction window.

Safety on ICP Trails

- Safety improvements on 84th Ave SE are being designed by the City's Transportation Engineer and greenlighted for completion later this spring.
- The Parks Operations team is also coordinating vegetation trimming to improve trailhead sight lines on 84th Ave SE.
- Staff started conducting trail usage counts to establish a baseline for pedestrian, biking, and other trail uses. More counts will be conducted before the new facility opens.

Updates will be shared at <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-design>



Luther Burbank Park Projects (Grants)

All four grant requests for Luther Burbank Park were funded by the State Legislature, worth \$3.5 Million!

Luther Burbank Park Waterfront and Dock Replacement Project:

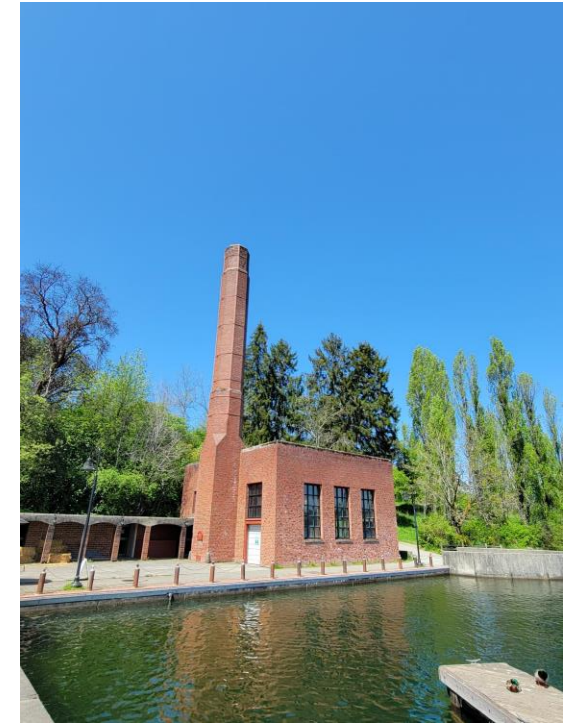
- \$1.5 million - Washington Wildlife & Recreation Program's Water Access Grants
- \$1.0 Million - Recreation & Conservation Office's Boating Facilities Program
- \$513,000 -Aquatic Lands Enhancement Account

Luther Burbank Park Boiler Building Renovation Project:

- *\$513,000 from the Washington State Historical Society's Heritage Capital Grant Projects.

A huge thank you to all that supported, and a whole lot of credit goes to Paul West the “Grant Whisperer”

We aren't done yet...We are still working on another grant though King County.





Leap For Green Earth Day Fair – April 22!

- Thank you, Cedar Grove & The Mercer Island Community Fund for your sponsorship!
- The event included sustainability vendors, live entertainment, kid's crafts, electric vehicles, food vendors, a petting zoo, and more!
- Approx. 1,500 attendees
- Thank you to everyone who participated and came out for this fun event!



Mercer Island Farmers Market

- The Mercer Island Farmers Market 2023 Season kicks off **Sunday, June 4.**
- Enjoy live music and purchase fresh produce, hot/prepared food, and crafts.
- Located on SE 32nd Street, just north of Mercerdale Park.
- The Market runs every Sunday from 10am - 3pm through September.
- Get details music calendar, and vendor information at www.mifarmersmarket.org.





SUMMER CELEBRATION!

JULY 15, 2023

Join the fun at Mercer Island's largest event with elements of: community parade, live music, community booths, art vendors, kid's activities, food trucks, fireworks and more!

LOOKING FOR:

SPONSORS

COMMUNITY GROUPS

ART VENDORS

FOOD TRUCKS



Summer Celebration!

- Join MI Martial Arts, The Mercer Apartment Homes and The Mercer Island Community Fund in sponsoring Summer Celebration. Many opportunities still available.
- Applications for community groups, art vendors and food trucks is posted online.
- The Community Parade will return, thanks to Island Books, John L. Scott and Island Treats – application out soon!

Mercerisland.gov/SummerCelebration



Thank you!

