

Mercer Island Arts Council



Department Report
April 2022

Boards and Commissions Openings

- Recruitments are open for the following positions:
 - Arts Council (1 position; term expires May 31, 2026)
 - Design Commission (1 position; urban planners are encouraged to apply and will be given priority; term expires May 31, 2026)
 - Open Space Conservancy Trust (2 positions, terms expire May 31, 2026)
 - Parks & Recreation Commission (2 positions, terms expire May 31, 2026)
 - Planning Commission (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2026)
 - Utility Board (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2026)
- Apply today! Applications for these vacancies will be taken through May 4, 2022.
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/bc to apply.



PRC Special Meeting: Bike Skills Area

April 26, 2022- 5:30pm

- The Community is encouraged to provide public testimony on the assessment at this meeting to help inform next steps.
- The Commission will review the final report and provide input.
- The final report from Action Sports Design is posted on Let's Talk for the community to review.

[Letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-at-upper-luther-burbank-park](https://letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-at-upper-luther-burbank-park)



Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter

- The roof of the structure sustained major damage from fire in June 2021.
- Last week, contractors began demolition of the damaged roof.
- Construction on the new roof is expected to start next week, the original columns are being used.
- After construction is complete, Parks Maintenance team will re-install picnic tables.
- We expect to make the picnic shelter available for rental again later this summer!





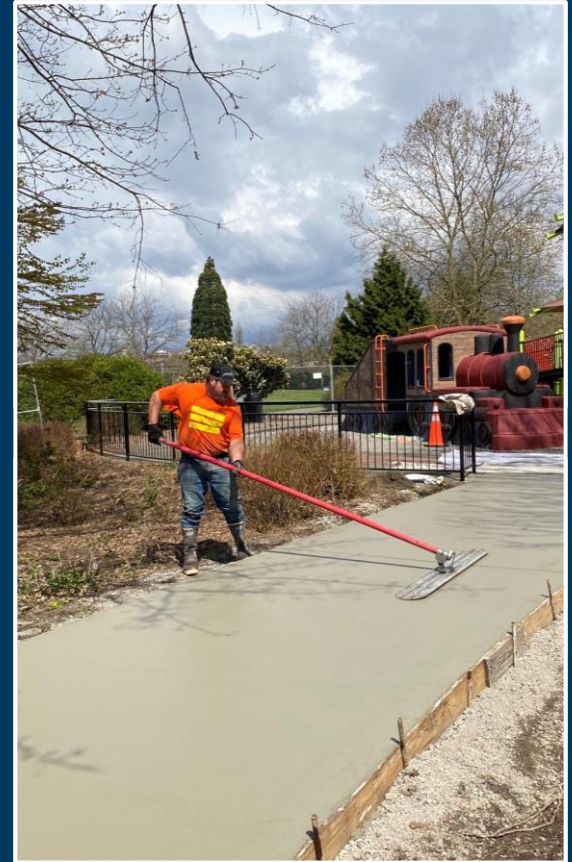
Kirk Robinson Skate Park

- On Tuesday night the City Council voted to pass Resolution No. 1622. This recognized resident Kirk Robinson's contributions to the Mercer Island Community and renames the skate park at Mercerdale to the "**Kirk Robinson Skate Park**".
- Kirk graduated from MIHS in 1995 and had community service as a central focus of his life.
- After college Kirk became a Bothell Firefighter and continued his public service- helping tirelessly in whatever he could.
- Kirk was Mercer Island resident, volunteer firefighter, marine Patrol crew member, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner, passing away on October 4, 2019.
- Kirk touched many lives, and the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park" will serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy.
- Signage will be installed this spring, and a recognition event will follow.
- Please review the April 5 ,City Council for more details on Kirks amazing life and contributions.



Mercerdale Playground Update

- **Play surface installation needs** several days of warmer, dry weather. We were close, but not quite!
- We're crossing our fingers for the perfect combination of warm temperatures and no rain to install the play surface. A week after that work is complete, the playground grass will be installed.
- The **concrete flatwork** around the playground has been installed and the plaques for the park benches have arrived and will be installed soon.
- Visit the project page for information and photos of the installed playground <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/mercerdale-playground>





The Return of Summer Celebration!

- Mark your calendars **Summer Celebration! returns to Mercer Island on Saturday, July 9.**
- Staff are working with the community on multiple events throughout the day in Mercerdale and Luther Burbank Parks, including:
 - Live music
 - Merchant Walk
 - Food Trucks
 - MIVAL Art Show
 - Fireworks
 - And more!
- Stay up-to-date with the latest Summer Celebration! information at www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration

Supporting Summer Celebration!

- Event sponsorship opportunities are available to businesses, organizations, and individuals including these opportunities:
 - Presenting (\$20,000)
 - Site (\$10,000)
 - Entertainment (\$5,000)
 - Supporter (\$2,500-1,000)
- More information about sponsoring Summer Celebration! can be found at www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration



Spring Cleaning Underway

- Crews are pressure washing hard surfaces including tennis courts.
 - Luther Burbank tennis court, pictured, is in rough shape and must be cleaned carefully.
 - We do have a capital project in the queue to resurface the courts in the future.
- Planter beds, particularly around parks signs are being cleaned up and replanted.
- Fertilizing and other turf maintenance (seeding, sanding etc.) is ongoing on sports fields.



Mercer Island Community Fund and 4Culture Help Kick Off Summer Fun

- We are pleased to announce that the City is receiving funding from the **Mercer Island Community Fund** in the amount of \$10,500 to support Mostly Music in the Park (\$5,000) and Summer Celebration (\$5,500).
- The City also received a \$13,225 grant from **4Culture** to support the 2022 seasons of Shakespeare in the Park and Mostly Music in the Park!
- We are so excited about the return of these summer events, and we appreciate our partners for their support!
- Thank you so much to MICF and 4Culture!



Thank You!