

# Parks & Recreation Commission



## Department Report

December 9, 2021

# Luther Burbank Dock Project

- The Luther Burbank Dock Subcommittee is having a 3rd meeting December 16 at 8:00am via Zoom.
- This meeting will be a continued discussion on the development of a recommendation to the full Commission.
- This meeting is open and viewable to the public and will also be posted on the City's Youtube channel.
- For more info: <https://www.mercerisland.gov/bc-parksandrecreationcommission/page/luther-burbank-docks-subcommittee-special-video-meeting>





# Mercerdale Playground Update

- The new Mercerdale playground equipment is almost here!
- The new train sculpture is arriving TONIGHT! Train will be unloaded at 7am Friday morning- grab some coffee and come-on down.
- Prep work at the site is complete and the site is ready for the new equipment, which arrives later this month.
- Once the equipment is installed, the poured-in-place rubber surfacing will be applied (this installation requires decent weather) and playground grass (synthetic grass) is scheduled to be installed near the end of December.
- The opening of the playground will likely be in early 2022.
- Visit the project page for the latest information  
<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/mercerdale-playground>



# Community Center Update

## Temporary Closure

- MICEC will be closed **December 24 – January 2** for annual facility maintenance and to prepare the facility and staff for expansion of hours and services.

## Expanding Hours and Services in January

- MICEC re-opens on January 3 with expanded hours!
  - Monday – Thursday: 8:00am-7:00pm
  - Friday – Saturday: 8:00am-5:00pm
- Expanded operations will include:
  - Opening of community spaces (Lounge, Landing, Terrace, Leap Pad, etc.);
  - Rental reservations – gym, dance room, and slater room; and
  - Expansion of drop-in sports schedules.
- Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/micec](http://www.mercerisland.gov/micec) for the latest information



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# Illuminate MI- Chanukah at Mercerdale Park

- Last Thursday, Chabad Mercer Island hosted a “Chanukah at Mercerdale Park” event for the community.
- The event was well attended and included a hand carved ice Menorah as well as a fire performer.
- Thank you, Chabad, for hosting this wonderful community event!



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# Illuminate MI- Holiday Merchant Walk

- Thank you to all the businesses that participated in last Saturday's Holiday Merchant Walk!
- Despite the cold and rain, shoppers turned out to have fun with Santa and Mrs. Claus and check a few items off their list!



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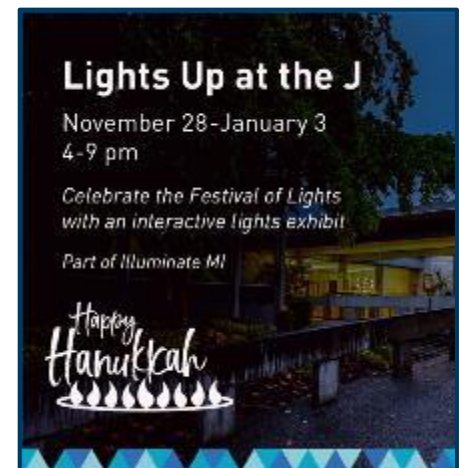
In addition to last weeks great events and the wonderful Town Center lights, there are MORE fun events happening this season.

## MIPA Holiday Lights Driving Tour

- Back again from December 15 – 31. Purchase a map and take a self-guided tour to see some of the best-decorated houses on the Island (proceeds go to the YFS Food Bank and emergency assistance program).

## Lights Up at the J

- Celebrate the Festival of Lights with an interactive light display. Walk among light-covered trees, explore an imaginative light exhibit, and more.
- Nightly from 4pm - 9pm through January 3.





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## MIVAL Holiday Show at MICEC

- During MICEC operating hours

## Storybook Walk: The Bear's Song

- December 11 – January 3 during daytime hours in Mercerdale Park

## Carolers at the Thrift Shop

- Sunday, December 12 from 1pm – 3pm

## MIHS Choir Performance

- Thursday, December 16 at 4:30pm at Mercerdale Park

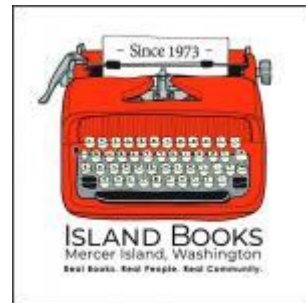
And so much more! For information about these events, as well as all Illuminate MI events, visit [www.mercerisland.gov/illuminatemi](http://www.mercerisland.gov/illuminatemi)



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