



# City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report  
February 5, 2026



# Project Updates



# SUPER BLUE FRIDAY



SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

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GO HAWKS!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH  
12PM-1PM

YOU WEAR THE GEAR  
WE'LL PROVIDE THE SNACKS!



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8236 SE 24<sup>TH</sup> ST, MERCER ISLAND, WA 98040



# Gateway Installation Damage

- The art installation at 77<sup>th</sup> Ave SE & Sunset Highway was damaged in vehicle collision in October 2025
- City filed insurance claim and is developing a restoration plan for the concrete wall and *Gateway* figures
- We will be removing this art work in the coming week.
- Once restoration is underway, staff will coordinate reinstallation with the Arts Council
- For Updates about the restoration project will be shared on [www.mercerisland.gov/publicart](http://www.mercerisland.gov/publicart)



# Clarke & Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan

- Progress continues on the joint infrastructure plan for Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks
- City staff and consultant reviewed community survey feedback (182 responses) at a workshop in December
- Concepts are being refined into preferred plans, to be shared with the PRC in March
- Youth engagement is ongoing. Staff presented to Islander Middle School in December, and students provided input that will be incorporated into the preferred plans
- The preferred plan will include opportunities for future youth and teen collaboration



# Parks Maintenance

- Mercer Island boat launch is closed temporarily due to underwater conditions and lake debris removal
- The Luther Burbank restroom was recently closed due to a water leak under the concrete pathway. This has since been repaired and the restroom is back in service.
- Spring/summer preparation of fields for the sports season is starting soon. The Parks and Recreation teams have been collaborating on ways to both maximize access and ensure needed maintenance.



# Programs/Events





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# Mercer Island Lunar New Year Celebration

默瑟岛春节游园会 Celebration

SUNDAY  
FEB. 8, 2025  
10 AM - 2 PM

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KUNGFU | 功夫  
PEKING OPERA | 京剧  
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES | 精彩文化表演  
PHOTO BOOTH | 国风春节拍照打卡  
GAMES & ACTIVITIES | 多种游戏/活动  
LANTERN MAKING | 灯笼制作  
FOOD TRUCKS | 美味餐车



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The City of Mercer Island Presents:

## SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

MARCH 7, 2026 | 10AM - 12PM

Mercer Island Community & Event Center



### Attention Mercer Island Seniors!

The Mercer Island Senior Resource Fair returns to the Mercer Island Community & Event Center this March!

A free event for Island seniors, their care partners, and families with information on staying active, health and safety, support and respite services, mental health care, volunteer opportunities, and social connections.

- Informational booths from local and regional senior resources
- Connect with experts in senior issues and aging
- Refreshments and seated social areas

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# MIVAL ART WORKSHOPS

Create Community

**Drawing Light at the Asian Art Museum**  
with Rebecca Dvorin-Strong  
Sunday, Jan 25, 10.30-1.30

**Pastel Power**  
with Jeff Olson  
Saturday, Feb 28, 10-3

**Lightweight Nunofelt Scarf**  
with Flóra Carlile-Kovács  
Friday, March 6, 10-4

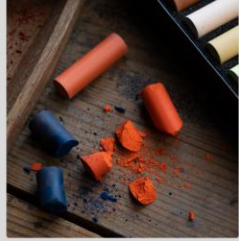
**Photo Transfers with Acrylic Painting**  
with Casey Jo Ailes  
Saturday, March 14, 10-4

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MERCER ISLAND VISUAL ARTS LEAGUE



# OPEN ART STUDIO



Facilitator: Irene Rajagopal

**Mercer Island Community & Event Center**

Drop-in for this free event - Open to everyone!

*No registration required*

Please bring your own watercolor paints and paper.

## 2026 Schedule

10:00 - 11:30 am on the following Fridays

**Jan 23 - Color journal: capture unseen colors**

*Discover hidden hues around you and create your own abstract color journal*

**Feb 13 - Painting Cats and Dogs**

*Bring a photo of your pet and paint a colorful portrait full of character.*

**Mar 13 - Expressive Portraits in Mixed Media**

*Experiment with watercolor, pastel, and collage to create expressive portraits.*

**Apr 24 - Painting Venice with Sargent**

*Learn Sargent's watercolor techniques for light and reflection.*

**May 22 - Watercolor in Turner's Style**

*Explore Turner's luminous and emotional landscapes step by step.*

**Jun 12 - Create a Children's Story Illustration**

*Imagine a story for children and bring it to life through art.*

**Jul 24 - Plein Air Painting in the Park - Part 1**

*Sketch outdoors in Luther Burbank Park.*

**Aug 28 - Plein Air Painting in the Park - Part 2**

*Sketch outdoors in Luther Burbank Park.*

**Sep 25 - Impressionism**

*Play with color and light to paint in the spirit of the Impressionists.*

**Oct 23 - Fall Colors**

*Capture the brilliance of autumn leaves and landscapes.*

**Nov 20 - Holiday Cards**

*Design and paint your own festive greeting cards*



# Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

## **March 5**

- Deane's Children's Park Site- Hand-off Memo
- Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan: Project Update
- Parks Capital Projects Update
- Parks Minor Capital Project Update

## **April TBD (*Passover on April 2-9*)**

- Athletic Fields Use and Allocation Policy Update Recommendation
- E-Bike Policy Development- Community Engagement Plan

## **May**

- Recreation Division Annual Report
- KCLS-Mercer Island Branch Update
- Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan

## **June**

- MICEC Fee Waiver Policy Discussion
- Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan: Project Update



**Thank you and....**  
**GO SEAHAWKS!**

