



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
October 8, 2024



Project Updates



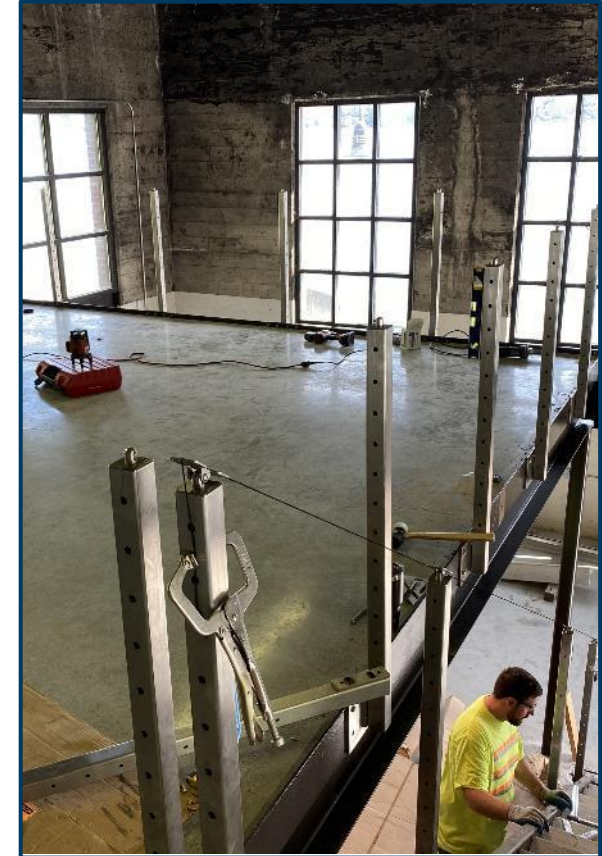
Public Input on Clarke & Groveland Beaches

- The City has launched a digital survey to collect information about how the community currently uses **Clarke and Groveland Beaches**.
- Responses will be accepted until **October 22**.
- Community input will be combined with other background analysis to inform the scope of the planning process for future improvements at these parks.
- Staff anticipate engaging the PRC for input in December and bringing a recommended planning scope to the City Council in early 2025.
- Please visit our Let's Talk page to provide input!
www.mercerisland.gov/cgmp



Luther Burbank Boiler Building

- Work continues on the Luther Burbank Boiler Building project.
- Installation of the mezzanine and stairway railings is underway. Some parts need to be modified, so the completion may be delayed a few weeks.
- The rollup door for the concessions stand and the water heaters for the restrooms have been installed.
- The chimney cap fabrication is complete, and it should be delivered and installed soon.
- Substantial completion on the project is expected in about 2 weeks.



Pickleball Courts at LBP

- Last week Northwest Asphalt placed the second lift of asphalt pavement and the team conducted a flood test to check the court planarity and drainage.
- Drainage performed as planned, and the team found a few ridges along the paving seams, which is typical for sport court paving.
- Next up, FieldTurf will complete other items, including installing a new drains, building the new access path, and grading the south hillside.
- Staff still anticipate the courts will be playable for pickleball later this month, with temporary striping.
- The final playing surface and markings will be installed next spring- with a Ribbon Cutting to follow!
- Stay updated at: www.mercerisland.gov/lbpcourts



Good News



Family Movie Night Fun

- 124 people registered for last Friday's Family Movie Night, watching Kung Fu Panda 4!
- Families brought blankets and chairs, enjoyed popcorn and treats, played in the Game Room, and hung out in the lobby.
- THANK YOU to Mercer Island Martial Arts for sponsoring!
- The next Family Movie Night is scheduled for Friday, December 13th as part of our "Family Holiday Party" event!
- Staff is currently arguing about the BEST family-friendly holiday movie to show - input can always be sent to Miparks@mercerisland.gov to sway the selection.



Mid-Autumn Festival

- The City partnered with the Mercer Island Chinese Association to bring the Mid-Autumn Festival to the Community Center on **September 22 from 10am – 2pm.**
- WOW- What a turn out!
- This event included beautiful lanterns, delicious mooncakes, incredible performances, a variety of games and activities for the entire family.



Winter Web-Special for Athletic Fields

- Last week, the Recreation Division offered a “Winter-Web Special” for booking athletic fields at a discounted rate- as a test offering.
- The process allows field users to view synthetic turf field availability, book, and pay online.
- In the first week, 16 bookings (40.5hrs) were completed by 4 different organizations.
- The web- special will run through the month of November, and will be reintroduced in December following the Mercer Island resident priority booking period.
- Staff will be coordinating with the PRC in 2025 to review booking policies to enhance the process while maintaining resident priority.

www.FieldsonMercer.com



Upcoming Programs and Events



Kick-Off Planting Season!

Register here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/48JMA>



Join Us for
ARBOR DAY
Gallagher Hill Open
Space
Saturday, Oct 19th
10am-2pm

Come celebrate Mercer Island's forests by
helping us plant trees and shrubs.

All ages welcome, gloves, tools and **lunch**
for all volunteers **provided by Pagliacci's**
Pizza.



Scan code to register



P-Patch- Community Garden



Staff has begun work preparing for the 2025 P-Patch Program.

- Confirming participants and identifying plot locations.
- Updating maps and program materials.
- Contacting current and prospective participants.

Your Invited! Informational meeting November 13, 4pm at the MICEC:

- Introduce participants to Recreation Staff
- Inform on the application and registration procedures.
- Discuss program participation and maintenance expectations.
- Answer questions participants may have.

www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/p-patch-community-garden-program

New Recreation Programs

URBAN SKETCHING MERCER ISLAND

WITH STEVEN REDDY

OCT 19TH - 10 AM TO 3 PM

Join us!



Sketch Mercer Island!
October 19th
Urban Sketching Class
10 AM - 3 PM
Cost: \$120
MIVAL members \$100



Register: MIVAL.org/classes

We will start indoors for a lesson on technique at Mercer Island Community and Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island and then moves to Mercer Island City Center near Starbucks to practice the technique and sit with our coffee and snacks! Beginners and all levels are welcome!

There is a \$10 cash fee payable to the instructor for some special supplies if you have not taken a workshop with Steven Reddy before.

MIVAL
MERCER ISLAND VISUAL ARTS LEAGUE

EMERALD BALLET THEATRE AND
THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
PRESENT

Friday PreBallet

FOR AGES 4-6

a joyful introduction to movement and music

-  Dates: October 4, 11, 18, 25 & November 1, 8, 15, 22
-  Time: 4:15-5:00pm
-  Location: Mercer Island Community Center
8236 SE 24th St., Mercer Island, WA 98040

Sign up today at

emeraldballet.org/community-classes

EMERALD
BALLET
THEATRE





Town Center Trick or Treating

Friday, October 25
4 - 6pm

Trick or Treat in Town Center with participating businesses. Look for the pumpkin decal in the windows!

This free-family-friendly event provides our community with the perfect start to their Halloween festivities!



PUMPKIN WALK



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 5 - 8 PM
MERCERDALE PARK

Join a fun, family friendly walk along the Mercerdale loop. The path will be lined with a glowing display of carved pumpkins.

WE NEED YOUR PUMPKINS!

Carvers of all ages are encouraged to participate in the display. Carved pumpkins can be dropped off from 12pm - 4pm on the day of the event at Mercerdale Park or the week of at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.

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Parks and Recreation Planning Schedule

November 7

- Park Zone Planning
- Recreation Policy Implementation Update

December 5

- Park Zone Planning
- Groveland Beach/Clarke Beach Planning Update
- Parks Capital Projects and Levy Update- **Move to 2025**





Thank You