



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
March 6, 2025



Project Updates



Clarke & Groveland Beach Joint Planning Process

- **On March 18**, staff and the Berger team will seek City Council direction for next steps in the joint planning process for Clarke and Groveland Beach Parks.
- Discussion will include:
 - Review of existing conditions identified through technical assessments conducted in 2023-2024
 - Summary of input received through background survey on current community uses and needs conducted in Fall 2024
 - Request for City Council feedback and direction to inform the next steps of the project, including plans for public engagement
- Agenda Packet materials and meeting information will be posted on the project's Let's Talk page on March 12.



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Playground Replacements

- **Roanoke Park:** R&R Construction finished site demolition last week. After the contractor completes additional surveying, they will move onto site grading and installing the new drainage system. Visit Let's Talk for weekly construction updates.
- **First Hill Park:** Last month, new play equipment was delivered and staff submitted for permits for the playground renovation. This project is still on track to enter into construction later this spring.
- **Deane's Children's Park:** This project's Let's Talk page launches next week and the City Council will receive an update on the public engagement plan on March 18. We have scheduled a Community Open House is scheduled for **Saturday, May 3, 10am-12pm, at Island Park Elementary**. More details will be shared soon!



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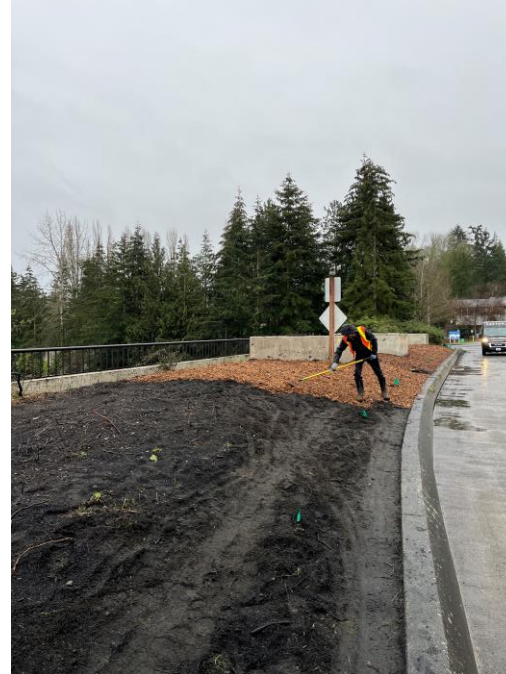
Repairs to Turf Damage

- With the turf damage caused by European Chafer beetles, birds, and racoons this past fall and winter, at Aubrey Davis Park and South Mercer Playfields.
- Parks crews have been working on repairing the damage by breaking up the clumps of sod, leveling out the surface, adding soil, and seeding.
- As weather warms up and we are able to turn on our irrigation systems, we will start to see these areas improve.
- Watch for more public messaging on this soon.



Park Maintenance Updates

- Storm cleanup continues this season.
- New restroom partitions in Luther Burbank, landscape rehab North Mercer Way overpass, Pea Patch yard hydrant, pressure washing, restroom painting and turf maintenance.



Upcoming Events



Spring Recycling Event Returns

- Join us Saturday, March 29 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Mercer Island Boat Launch to safely dispose of old equipment, hardware, appliances, and other household items.
- It's easy to participate - simply drive up and unload eligible items for recycling and disposal.
- You can learn more about what's accepted on our website.

2025 Spring Recycle Event



Saturday, March 29, 2025 | 9am-3pm
Location: MI Boat Launch | 3600 E Mercer Way

PLEASE BRING YOUR:

Confidential Document Shredding (5 box limit) | Tires* | Styrofoam | Propane Tanks* | Electronic Equipment | Scrap Metal* | Lead Acid & Households Batteries | Porcelain Toilets & Sinks* | BBQs | Mattresses* | Appliances, Refrigerators & Freezers* | Lawnmowers | TVs, Computers, & Monitors | Printers & Copiers*

DONATE TO MIYFS FOOD SECURITY PROGRAMS!

Mercer Island Youth and Family Services (MIYFS) has been working hard to keep up with increased demand in emergency assistance. The MIYFS Foundation will be at the event to accept monetary (cash/credit/check) donations to support providing food to families. We also accept any unused or partially used gift card to distribute to Emergency Assistance program participants. All donations are tax deductible and go towards helping Islanders in need.

*** Fees may apply. See below**

PRICE LIST

Air Conditioner: \$35
Refrigerator/Freezer: \$35
Mattress/Boxspring: \$35
Propane Tank [residential only]: \$10
Tires [Up to 6 free | >6]: \$3-\$30
Toilets and sinks: \$25
Water heater w/ insulation: \$15
Printer/Copier: \$5

CASH ONLY!

mercerisland.gov/publicworks/page/spring-2025-recycling-event



Mobile Blood Drive

- The Recreation Team has joined forces with Bloodworks Northwest and the Chamber of Commerce to provide a mobile blood drive at the MICEC on Monday, March 10, from 10:30am to 4:30pm.
- Appointments are encouraged for the best possible donation experience. And remember to eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to a donation!
- Go to bloodworksnw.org/giveblood to schedule.

**DONATE BLOOD.
DONATE LOCAL.**

IT TAKES LESS THAN AN HOUR.

**MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY
AND EVENTS CENTER**

Mercer Room | 8236 SE 24th St. Mercer Island

**Monday, March 10
10:30 am to 4:30 pm**

Scan the QR code to book your one hour appointment,
or click this link bloodworksnw.org/giveblood

Appointments are required for the best possible donation experience.
Same-day appointments available at most locations. Photo ID required.
For safety, we kindly request no visitors under 16 at our donation sites.
Eat a hearty meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to donation.

Local Donors.
Local Patients.

Make an appointment today:
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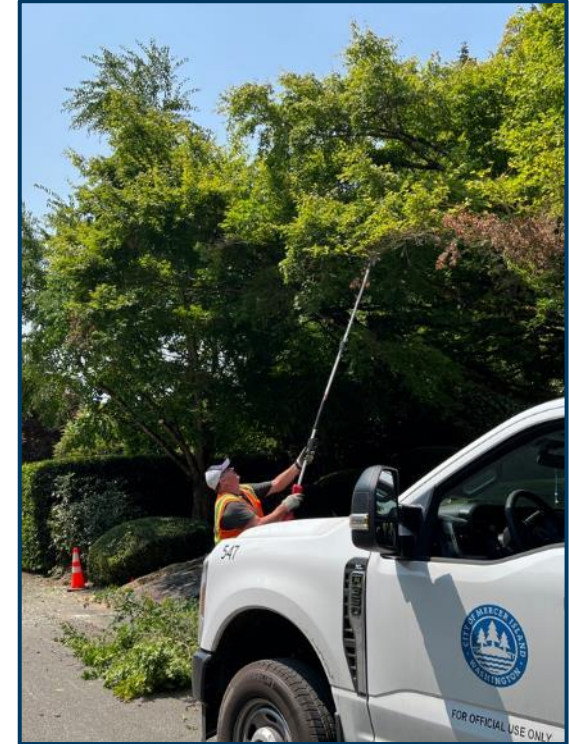


Good News



Seasonal Job Fair Success!

- Human Resources recently partnered with hiring managers in Public Works to host a Seasonal Job Fair at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center at the end of February.
- The event drew approximately 30 candidates across two sessions.
- The Park Maintenance and Trails and Restoration teams have identified a shortlist of candidates and will conduct additional interviews in the coming weeks.
- Overall, the event was a success, and we look forward to hosting similar opportunities in the future!



Senior Resource Fair

- Last Saturday, Island seniors, their care partners, and families joined us for the second annual Senior Resource Fair at the MICEC.
- We had information on staying active, health and safety discussions, support and respite services, volunteer opportunities and social connections from over 55 vendors!
- Thank you to our sponsors: Aljoya, Northwest Parkinson's Foundation, NM Entertainment, Visiting Angels King County, Vineyard Park Mercer Island, Tina Terada – Windermere Bellevue Commons, Medtronic and Belle Harbour.



TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025



Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

April 3

- TBD

May 1

- Recreation Division Annual Report
- ~~MICEC Fee Waiver Policy~~

June 6

- PRC Chair/Vice Chair Elections
- KCLS Annual Update
- MICEC Fee Waiver Policy
- Bylaws Review

July 3

- TBD



Thank You