



# City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report  
March 7, 2024



# Island Crest Park Athletic Fields Turf Replacement

- After many weather delays, FieldTurf is nearing the finish line!
- Yesterday two crews worked nonstop to finish gluing the turf and begin applying infill, which will wrap up today.
- Once staff inspect the field and FieldTurf clears the construction site, the facility will reopen for use.
- We continue to stay in daily contact with the School District and the Booster Club.
- Thank you to the Parks Operations and Recreation staff who worked quickly over the last two weeks to provide alternative space for baseball practice and to assist FieldTurf in drying out the field to make it possible to finish construction.
- The first Varsity home game is Monday, March 11! Hope to see you all there!



# Bike Skills Area

- Last month, a crew from American Ramp Company worked on site to dig and pour reinforced concrete footings to increase stability of anchors for all of the wooden features.
- The Parks Operations team closed the facility while the ARC crew completed their work.
- The BSA reopened on Monday, February 26, and all trails are fully operational.
- Staff and representatives from WCIA also met last month to inspect the BSA and discuss additional measures to increase trail sharing in the ICP trail system.
- Additional signage will be installed within the trail system to alert bike riders of the upcoming road crossings near all the trailheads that exit onto 84<sup>th</sup> Ave SE.



# Parks and Natural Resources Updates

- Continue to pilot and test out several models of electric leaf blowers
- Seasonal hiring has started for maintenance and natural resources crews
- South Mercer Playfields-added some light pole padding for added safety
- February volunteer events- 5 volunteer and 1 outreach event, 71 participants for 143 hours, finishing up planting for the season
- This planting season 1,348 trees and shrubs planted in 7 parks and open spaces



# Luther Burbank Park Sport Courts Renovation (Pickleball)

- We are almost ready to submit for permits.
- Design of the construction access road held us up, but that has been resolved.
- We are awaiting the final plan sheets for the electrical plan for conduit and junction boxes.
- Staff anticipate submitting for permits next week and will update Let's Talk accordingly.



# Playground Replacements

- The **Roanoke Park** playground replacement has progressed into permitting, starting with a pre-app meeting with CPD.
- The new play equipment will be ordered soon to get ahead of long lead times.
- Staff and the consultant have shifted to design work for the playground replacement at **First Hill Park**.
- Public engagement for First Hill Park will start later this month with a Let's Talk page and community survey.

Information can be found at:

<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/playground-replacements>



**Roanoke Park**





# Senior Resource Fair Success!



- The Recreation Team and YFS welcomed approximately 400 visitors to the MICEC on Saturday, March 2nd for the Senior Resource Fair!
- The fair showcased over 40 businesses and vendors:
  - Parks and Recreation Offerings
  - Youth and Family Service Support
  - Police/Emergency Management Support
  - Volunteer Opportunities
  - Local Providers & Resources
- **Special thank you to our sponsors Aegis Living, Belle Harbour, and Aljoia!**



# Drop-In Pickleball is a SMASH!!

The Mercer Island Community Center expands drop-in programming!

New exclusive MI Resident Pickleball!

- ▶ Currently average 50-60 players per pickleball session with a high of 85!
  - 24 players on court at one time
  - 26-36 sitting and waiting for an available court
  - 60% of all pickleball players are non-resident
- ▶ Prioritizing access & opportunities to Mercer Island pickleballers.
  - Less sitting and waiting...more playing!





# MICEC in partnership with MISD Pathways Program

- ▶ The Recreation Division continues to collaborate with MISD and their Pathways program to offer work experience for their students.
- ▶ The enthusiasm these students exude to help and work every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Center is appreciated!
- ▶ Pictured here on the right: Kevin, Ben, and their job coach Carmen starting their day of work at the MICEC!



# Parks & Recreation Commission

## 2024 Planning Schedule

1st Thursday of Month- Regular Meetings

Updated 3/1/2024



Date	Meeting Type	Agenda Item
4-Jan	Regular	Recreation Sponsorship Policy Park Zone
1-Feb	Regular	<b>**Canceled**</b>
8-Feb	Joint w/ PC (6pm)	Park Zone
7-Mar	Regular	Park Zone
21-Mar	Special	Park Zone
4-Apr	Regular	Park Zone Recreation Division Annual Report
18-Apr	Special	Park Zone
2-May	Regular	Mercer Island Library- Annual Update Park Zone
8-May	Joint w/ PC (6pm)	
6-Jun	Regular	Chair/Vice-Chair Elections Bylaws Review
11-Jul	SPECIAL	
August		No Meetings Summer Break
5-Sep	Regular	
Oct. TBD	SPECIAL	
7-Nov	Regular	
5-Dec	Regular	Work Plan Progress and CIP Progress Update Recreation Policy Implementation Update

Item Type	Items to be scheduled



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