

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, July 21, 2026





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

Upcoming Meeting Snapshot

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meetings
 - No City Council meetings in August
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting – Tues., September 1 at 5:00 p.m.
- Boards and Commissions
 - Planning Commission – Wed., August 5 at 6:00 p.m.
 - No other Board and Commission meetings in August

Visit www.mercerisland.gov/meetings for more information.



City Updates

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Water System Plan Update

- The Water System Plan (WSP) is a document that guides the City's water system over the next 20 years. It ensures safe, reliable drinking water while identifying future infrastructure needs, capital improvements, and water supply strategies.
- It is required by Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-290-100, which requires public water systems to update and obtain Department of Health (DOH) approval of their Water System Plan every 10 years to reflect current system conditions, projected growth, regulations, and operational needs.



Water System Plan Update

- Updating the Water System Plan provides the City with a foundation for long-term infrastructure planning, financial planning, regulatory compliance, and maintaining a resilient water system that continues to meet the community's needs.
- Schedule:
 - **November** - Utility Board Meeting - Present draft Water System Plan, review Water Use Efficiency (WUE) Goals
 - **November** - City Council Meeting - Adopt Water Use Efficiency Goals, review draft Water System Plan
 - **March** - City Council Meeting - Adopt Final Water System Plan



Hydrant Flow Testing

- Water crews completed a fire hydrant flow test near the south end of Mercer Island last week.
- Flow testing collects real-world system performance data that is being used to calibrate the City's hydraulic model as part of the ongoing Water System Plan update.
- Three additional flow tests are scheduled over the next four weeks near SE 22nd St & 72nd Ave SE and north of the Park & Ride.
- Residents in the testing areas may experience temporary cloudy or discolored water during testing. Notification posters will be placed in advance.



Upcoming Events

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Pride Night in the Park

- Join us at Mercerdale Park on Thursday, July 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for "Pride Night in the Park," Mercer Island's community Pride event.
- We'll have vendors, activities, and an ABBA tribute performance by The ABBAGRAPHS to celebrate the joy of being exactly who you are.



Summer Celebration Recap

- 2026 Summer Celebration was one for the record books. While we're still finalizing attendance estimates, we believe this was the most-attended Summer Celebration in the event's history.
- From the morning parade through the evening fireworks, thousands of residents and visitors joined us for a day that celebrated everything that makes Mercer Island special.
- We are grateful to the many City staff, volunteers, sponsors, performers, and community partners who made the event possible.



Parade and Daytime Festivities

- The community turned out in force for the parade and festivities at Mercerdale Park.
- The parade featured 30 entries and more than 520 participants, including City staff, municipal vehicles, and Eastside Fire & Rescue.
- Throughout the day, residents enjoyed performances, family activities, food vendors, 20 local artists, and 38 nonprofit and community organizations, creating a vibrant gathering place for all ages.



Evening Festivities

- The celebration continued into the evening at Luther Burbank Park, where families gathered for live music, waterfront activities, and the community fireworks display.
- We continue to receive wonderful feedback from attendees, along with compliments recognizing the tremendous work of City staff who helped make the event safe, welcoming, and memorable.
- Staff also captured drone footage and photographs that showcase the energy and success of this year's celebration.



Thank you!

