

# Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Commission



Department Report  
July 7, 2022

# Countdown to Summer Celebration

- Summer Celebration is this Saturday, July 9!
- Festivities are scheduled for:
  - 11am – 4pm at Mercerdale Park
  - 6pm – 10:45pm at Luther Burbank Park
- Entertainment, food trucks, Touch A Truck, community booths, fireworks, and more!
- For the full schedule of events visit

[www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration](http://www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration)

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## SUMMER CELEBRATION!

### Schedule of Events

July 9, 2022

#### Mercerdale Park: 11:00am - 4:00pm

Mercerdale Playground Grand Opening	11:00am
Touch A Truck	77th Ave SE
MI Community & Sponsor Booths	77th Ave SE & SE 32nd St.
City of Mercer Island Booths	Mercerdale Park
Food Trucks	SE 32nd St.

#### Entertainment in the Park, Windermere Stage

MIMX Band	12pm
Bubble Man	1pm
Steffan Soule "Magic of Reading"	2:15pm
Puget Sound Band	3:15pm

*Sponsored by Friends of the Library*

#### Shuttles to Luther Burbank:

Shuttles will be available between 5:30 - 7:30pm from the following locations:  
Mercer Island City Hall, West Mercer Elementary and Island Park Elementary

#### Luther Burbank Park: 6:00pm - 10:45pm

Food Trucks	6pm
Brian Ledbetter, Family Magician	6:30pm
The Olson Bros. Band	8pm
FIREWORKS SHOW!	10pm (approx.)

#### Thank You Sponsors:

# Summer Celebration Mercerdale Parking – Two Locations

- Daytime Parking- Available 9am-5pm
- Riot Games has opened their parking lot to the Mercer Island community to use during the day on July 9.
- Our sincere thanks to Riot Games for making their parking lot available for public parking during Summer Celebration!
- Expanded ADA Parking available at Thrift Shop Lot.
- Street side parking is available as permitted.



# Summer Celebration Luther Burbank Parking

- The north lot (near the tennis courts) will be reserved for ADA parking, emergency vehicles, and vendors the evening of July 9.
- The north lot will close at 4pm to the public.
- Paid Parking for Summer Celebration (Premier) is available at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center for the evening activities at Luther Burbank Park.
  - The proceeds from the \$50 parking pass goes to support the costs of the Summer Celebration event.
  - Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration](http://www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration) to purchase your parking pass in advance.



# Summer Celebration Luther Burbank Shuttles

- We will have shuttles to Luther Burbank Park for the fireworks festivities from three locations:
  - City Hall
  - West Mercer Elementary
  - Island Park Elementary
- Shuttles will start at 5:30pm from each location and make continuous loops until 9:30pm to Luther Burbank. They will then shuttle everyone back once the fireworks show is over.
- Our thanks to the Mercer Island School District for providing the shuttles and the school facilities!



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# Mercerdale Playground Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

- Big news!
- The new Mercerdale Playground is officially open!
- We are kicking off the Summer Celebration activities with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.
- Please join us **Saturday, July 9 at 11:00am** at the entrance to the playground to celebrate the culmination of this community-driven project and the re-opening of a beloved play space.
- All are welcome!



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# Summer Celebration Sponsors

- THANK YOU SPONSORS!! Without your generous support, we would not be able to bring Summer Celebration to our Community!
  - Windermere
  - MI Community Fund
  - MI Martial Arts
  - The Mercer Apartments & Dollar Development
  - John L. Scott
  - Island Books
  - Kimball Agency
  - Healthcare Reimbursement Solutions
  - Recology



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# Shakespeare in the Park

- During the summer months Seattle Shakespeare Company presents free, outdoor productions of classical plays performed in parks throughout the Puget Sound region, including at the Luther Burbank Park Amphitheater.
- Grab a picnic, bring your family and join us for Shakespeare in the park!
- The first Mercer Island shows start tonight!
- A total of 19 shows are planned at Luther Burbank this summer. For the full schedule, visit: <https://www.seattleshakespeare.org/woodeno/>
- Our thanks to 4Culture and the Seattle Shakespeare Company for bring this treasured event back to Luther Burbank Park!







# MOSTLY MUSIC IN THE PARK

THURSDAYS  
6 – 7:30PM  
MERCERDALE PARK

July 14: West Coast Feed

July 21: Great American  
Trainwreck

July 28: Outside The  
Lines

August 4: Portage Bay  
Big Band

August 11: No Rules



# Mostly Music in the Park

- The first Mostly Music in the Park (MMIP) event of the season is scheduled for **Thursday, July 14, 6 – 7:30pm** at Mercerdale Park.
- Bring your chairs, picnic dinner and dancin' shoes.
- Thank you to the Mercer Island Community Fund and 4Culture for their support of this series.
- Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/mostlymusic](http://www.mercerisland.gov/mostlymusic)



# Kirk Robinson Skate Park Dedication

- Save the Date!
- The Kirk Robinson Skate Park Dedication will take place Thursday, July 28 at 5pm.
- After serving as a volunteer firefighter for Mercer Island, former resident Kirk Robinson joined the Bothell Fire Department at age 23, where he served the Bothell Fire Department for more than 18 years, rising to Lieutenant.
- Kirk was an initial member of the Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission.
- In honor of Kirk Robinson's service to the Mercer Island and Bothell communities, the City Council unanimously approved naming the skate park in his honor.
- The community is welcome to share in the re-dedication of the Skate Park and then stay for the concert.



# Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter

- The Aubrey Davis Park Picnic Shelter replacement project is complete!
- Crews did an excellent job replacing the fire damaged roof.
- You can now rent the picnic shelter. For rental info visit: [www.mercerisland.gov/rentalinformation](http://www.mercerisland.gov/rentalinformation)
- Our thanks to the crews for getting this finished in time for the summer picnic season!



# Island Pride

- Islanders braved the heat at Mercerdale Park on Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and support the LGBTQIA+ community.
- Thanks to ONE MI, the Mercer Island LGBTQIA+ Parent Affinity Group, Youth & Family Services and the Puget Sound band for supporting this inclusive community event.
- The Recreation Division along with staff support from the City Manager's Office assisted in promoting and sponsoring this event.

# South Mercer Playfield Project



- **The City and School District are working on joint project.**
- **The project begins next week, you will notice equipment and temporary fencing being installed.**
- **The project will convert field #3 and field #4 to synthetic turf, installing lights and replacing turf on fields #1 and #2.**
  - **The turf on fields #1, 2, and 3 has reached the end of its useful life.**
- **The Mercer Island School District is the project manager.**
- **We anticipate the project to be completed in early fall.**

**Thank You!**

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