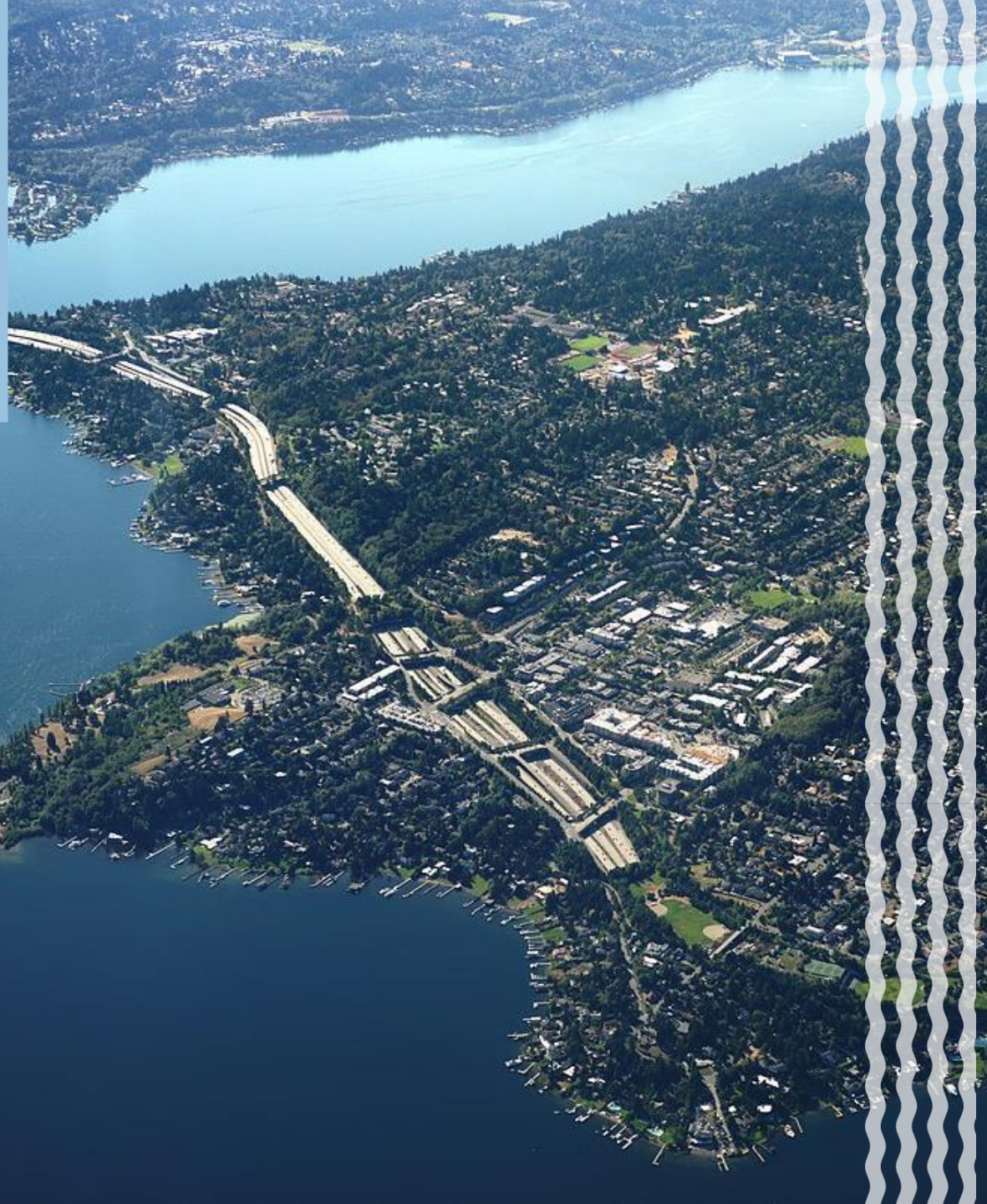




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# City Hall Closure: Accessing City Services

## **Customer Service Team**

**(206) 275-7600**

**[CustomerService@mercerisland.gov](mailto:CustomerService@mercerisland.gov)**

(staffed Mon-Fri 8:30a-5:00p, except holidays)

- For the quickest and fastest service, community members should contact the City of Mercer Island Customer Service Team.
- The City's Customer Service Team can help answer your questions about services, such as service requests, pet licensing, business licenses, or parking permits during the closure of City Hall.
- The Customer Service Team can also assist you in getting connected to other City department teams as needed.

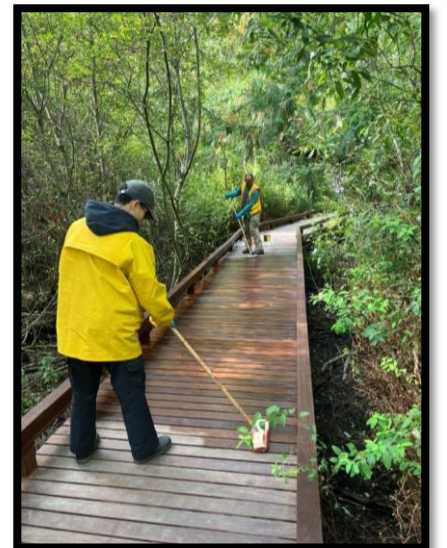
# Special Events

- Celebrate Arbor Day with Mercer Island, Mountains to Sound Greenway
  - October 21<sup>st</sup> 9:45 tree planting to commemorate opening of Luther Burbank South Shoreline Trail, 10am-1pm volunteer event
- <https://www.mercerisland.gov/calendar>
- Hallo-Weekend
  - Trick or Treat in Town Center October 27<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm MI Town Center
  - Pumpkin Walk October 29<sup>th</sup> 5-8pm Mercerdale Park



# Parks and Natural Resources

- Crews testing out electric leaf blowers with funds allocated from the Climate Action Plan
- Ellis Pond boardwalk pressure washed and stained
- Walsh Group started seasonal occupation of half of Luther Burbank South lot through May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Washington Conservation Crew (WCC) working this winter Nov-March



# Parks and Natural Resources

- Park bench donations have restarted. Donors can contribute to refurbish or replace
- Seasonal closures of beach restrooms: Clarke, Groveland, Luther Burbank Swim beach



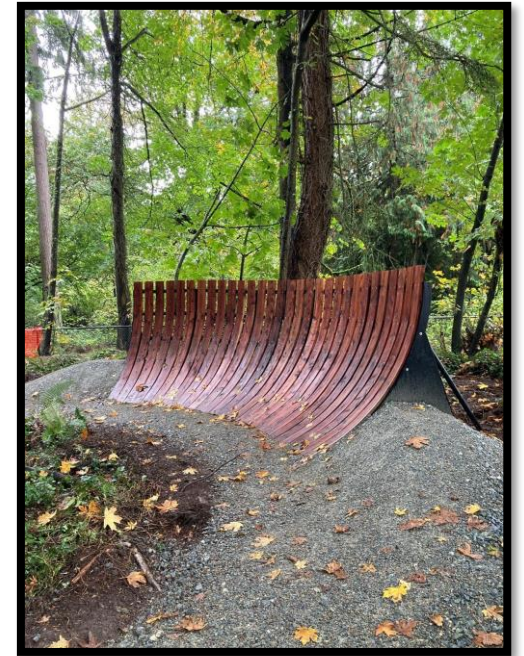
# Volunteers

- 71 Volunteers contributed 138 hours in September, 10 events scheduled in October
- Volunteer Coordinator Jordan Fischer trained 7 new Forest Stewards this month



# Bike Skills Area

- Construction has started
- New trail and wood features installed
- Parking in Deane's Childrens park and Island Crest Park impacted
- Details on Let's Talk:
- [www.mercerisland.gov/bikeskillsarea](http://www.mercerisland.gov/bikeskillsarea)



# Open Space Conservancy Trust Board

- Boards and Commissions bylaws rewrite and legal review
- Hosted volunteer event on 10/7 for Indigenous Peoples Day
- Engstrom Title Transfer
- Trail repairs, changes
- Story map



## Mercer Island's Public Art Collection

Mercer Island's robust public art collection is an important avenue for engaging the community with arts, culture, and creativity. The collection features more than 60 two-dimensional and three-dimensional works. Venture outdoors to be inspired by one of the many outdoor sculptures in the collection, or stop by a public building to take in a painting or small sculpture. The Mercer Island Arts Council collaborates with artists, City staff, and the public to acquire high quality works that will enrich the lives of Islanders and preserve notable creative expression. Much of the collection has been acquired through the Mercer Island's "1% for Art in Public Places" fund, which is funding set aside from public construction projects, as well as through public donations.

Public Art Collection

Art For Purchase



### 63 Mythical Bird



ARTIST: Dudley Carter

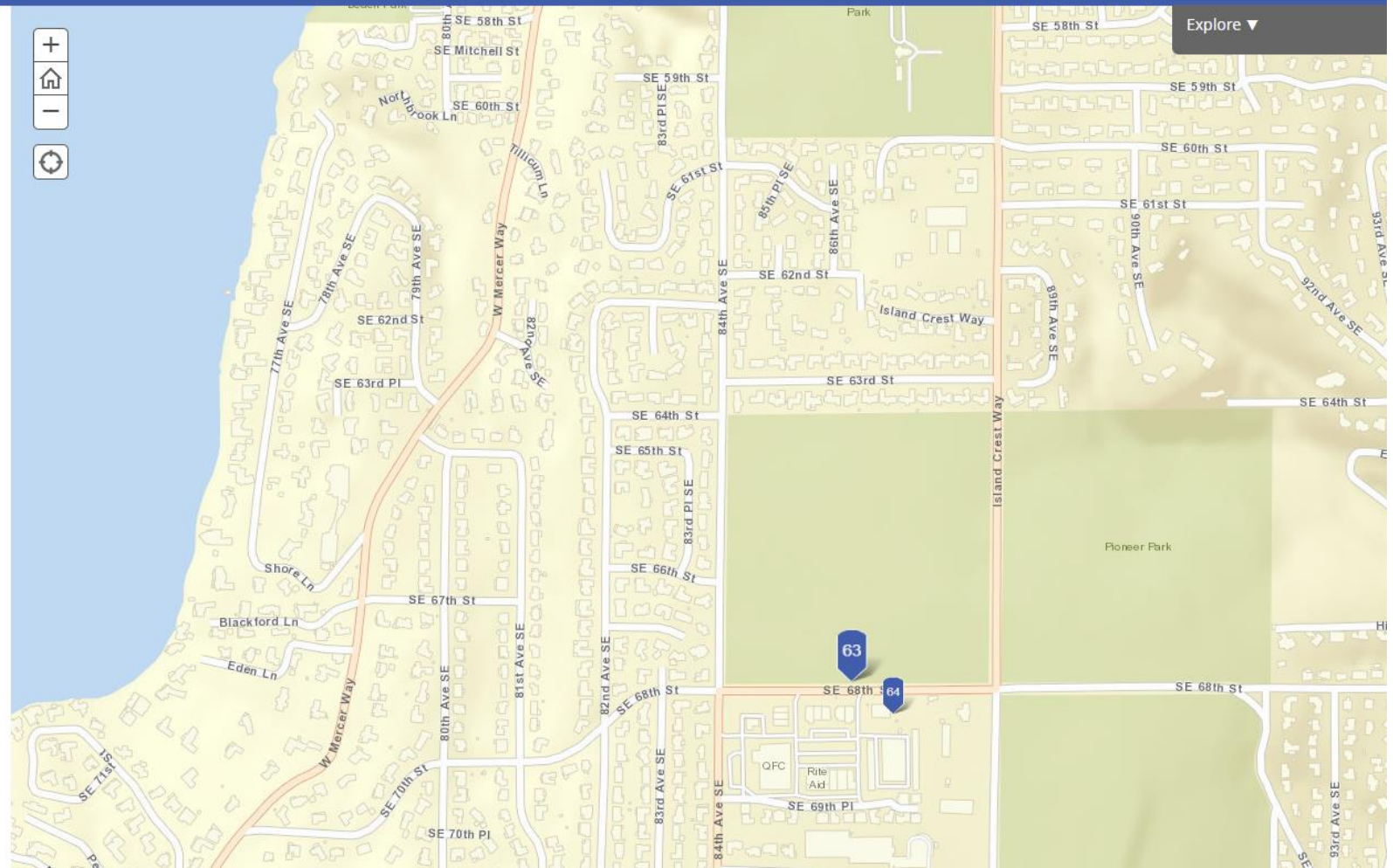
MEDIUM: Yellow Cedar

YEAR:1980

ACQUISITION: City of Mercer Island 1% for Art in Public Places fund

LOCATION: Pioneer Park

Learn more at <https://bit.ly/2xM8P7E>



<https://www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/public-art>