

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, September 15, 2026





Council Board and Commission Updates



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Upcoming Meeting Snapshot

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meetings
 - Regular Hybrid Meeting – Tuesday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m.
- Boards and Commissions
 - Parks & Rec Commission – Thursday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m.

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



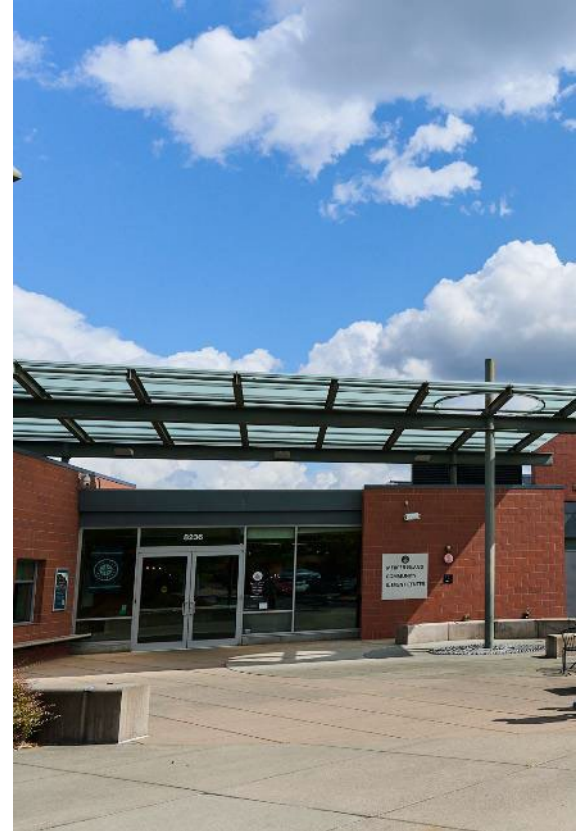
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Planning Commission Recruitment Underway

- A recruitment for the Planning Commission is now underway through October 9, 2026.
- We are looking for a volunteer to fill a vacant position.
- Learn more and apply at www.mercerisland.gov/bc.



Annual Docket Requests

- The Annual Docket is the yearly process for the public to submit requests to amend the Comprehensive Plan or Development Code.
- The City is now accepting requests for amendments to its Comprehensive Plan and Development Code – requests may be submitted by Oct 1.
- The requests that are received will be placed on a preliminary docket of suggested amendments that are reviewed for initial consideration by the Planning Commission and City Council in the fall of 2026.
- Requests added to the final docket by the City Council will be placed on the Community Planning and Development Department work plan for legislative review.
- Each Comprehensive Plan and Development Code amendment request requires a completed Docket Request Form. That form and more information on how to submit a request is available at letstalk.mercergov.org/annual-docket.



Upcoming Events

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Mid-Autumn Festival 2026

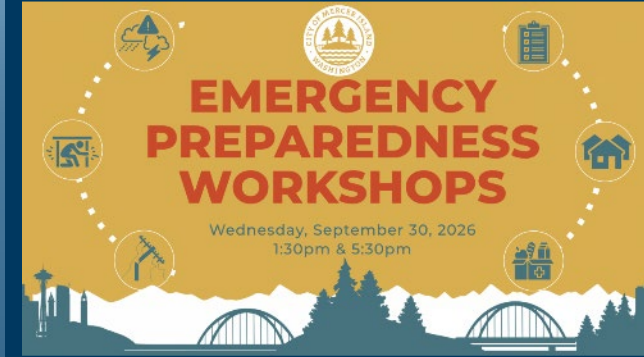
- The Mercer Island Chinese Association is excited to bring back their Mid-Autumn Festival celebration, presented in partnership with the City of Mercer Island!
- Activities include games, food trucks, traditional dances, Chinese lacquer fans, and more.
- This is a free community event – all are welcome!
- Come by the Mercer Island Community & Event Center on Sunday, September 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Emergency Preparedness Workshop

- Mercer Island Emergency Management will host a free Emergency Preparedness Workshop on Wednesday, September 30, offering residents, local businesses, and organizations practical guidance for preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters.
- Topics will include local hazards, emergency planning, disaster kits, family preparedness, and ways to work together with neighbors to stay safe and resilient.
- Two sessions are available: 1:30–3:00 p.m. and 5:30–7:00 p.m., with registration highly encouraged.

mercerisland.gov/emergency-management



Some Good News

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New YFS School Counselor at Islander Middle School

- The new school year brings a new YFS School-based Mental Health Counselor to Islander Middle School, Kayla Bocek, who recently completed her clinical internship with YFS.
- Students who need mental health support are **21 times more likely to receive it when counselors are available in their schools**, making this an important resource for IMS students and families.
- With experience in school settings and training in both individual and family therapy, Kayla has quickly connected with students and is already providing support, developing safety plans, and establishing counseling appointments. Welcome to the team, Kayla!!



IMS Mental Health Counselors
Katie (left) and Kayla (right).



Thank you!

