

# City Manager's Report

Tuesday, December 3, 2024





# Council Board and Commission Updates

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024



# Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
  - Tuesday, January 7 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
  - Design Commission – Wed. December 4 at 6:00 PM
  - Parks and Recreation Commission – Thur. January 2 at 5:00 PM

Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/meetings](http://www.mercerisland.gov/meetings) for more information.





# City Updates



# Bomb Cyclone Response and Recovery

- On November 19, a “bomb cyclone” wind event reached our region, resulting in high winds and damage across the Island.
- While residents were without power for multiple days, City staff and crews were working extended shifts to help clear storm debris, operate a warming center at MICEC, and work with partner agencies like PSE, to help restore power and services to the Island.
- We are especially thankful to the community for checking on your neighbors, sharing resources, and showing how resilient we can be.

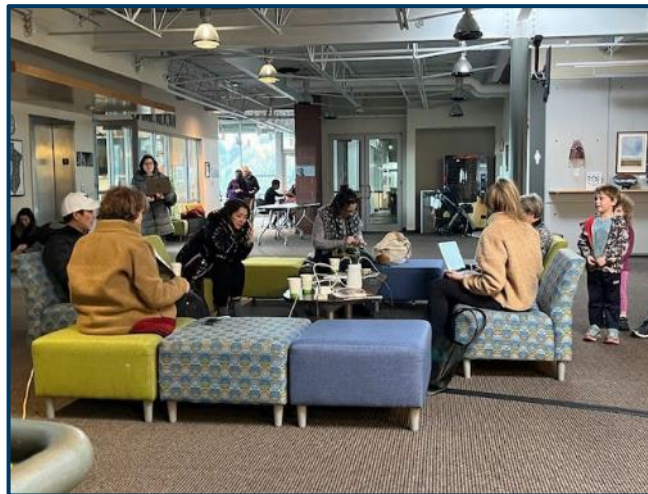


# Bomb Cyclone Response and Recovery

- While so many in our community were without power, the Mercer Island Community and Event Center opened as a warming/charging center, operating on extended hours from Wednesday through the following Monday.
- MISD opened Islander Middle School on Thursday afternoon and all-day Friday to help with warming and charging needs as well, with the help of City staff and volunteers.
- Usage at the MICEC throughout the storm recovery varied from 50 to over 500 unique patrons per day.



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# Upcoming Events





# Illuminate MI: Tree Lighting

- Join us at 5:30pm on Thursday, December 5 as we light our Holiday Tree at Mercerdale Park!
- Bring the whole family out and enjoy the sights and sounds of the MI High School Choir and Creation Dance Studio performances.
- Thank you to our partners and sponsors - Mercer Island City Lifestyle and Puget Sound Energy!

The poster features a dark blue background with a bokeh effect of light blue and white circles. In the top left corner is the City of Mercer Island logo. The main title 'Holiday Tree Lighting' is written in a white, elegant script font. Below the title, the date and time 'DECEMBER 5, 2024 5:30PM' are displayed in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The location 'MERCERDALE PARK' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. A paragraph of text in the center reads: 'JOIN THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND LIGHTING OUR HOLIDAY TREE. BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY OUT AND ENJOY THE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF THE HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR AND CREATION DANCE STUDIO PERFORMANCES.' Below this, the text 'Sponsored By:' is written in a cursive font. At the bottom, there are two logos: 'MERCER ISLAND CITY LIFESTYLE' and 'PSE PUGET SOUND ENERGY'.

# Holiday Makers Market

- Join Us at Mercer Island's Holiday Makers Market on December 7 from 10am – 3pm at the MICEC!
- Mercer Island's Holiday Makers Market is your one-stop destination for unique, handcrafted goods and services from local artisans. We have something for everyone!
- Mark your calendar, spread the word, and get ready to shop local, support artisans, and have fun! See you at the market!
- Thanks to the MI Chamber of Commerce and On the Eastside for partnering with us on this event.

A festive poster for the Holiday Makers Market. The background is a light beige grid. At the top, the title "HOLIDAY MAKERS MARKET" is written in a dark brown, serif font. Below the title, the date and time "DECEMBER 7TH 10AM-3PM" are written in a green, sans-serif font. The location "MERCER ISLAND COMMUNITY & EVENT CENTER" is written in a green, sans-serif font. Below that, the event details "75+ VENDORS", "KIDS ACTIVITIES", "HOLIDAY TREATS", "FESTIVE DRINKS", and "FREE ENTRY" are listed in a green, sans-serif font. The poster is decorated with various holiday-themed icons: a brown gift box with a white ribbon and a blue circular logo, a green gift box with a white ribbon, a brown and white striped candy cane, a brown mug with white marshmallows, and several brown stars. At the bottom, the text "Sponsored by: Aegis Living and Puget Sound Energy" and "Presented by: On the Eastside, Mercer Island Chamber, MI Parks & Rec" is written in a black, sans-serif font. A small blue circular logo with a white tree and the text "CITY OF MERCER ISLAND WASHINGTON" is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

**HOLIDAY MAKERS  
MARKET**

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# Argosy Christmas Ship

- Join us on Sunday, December 15 at 7:00pm at the Luther Burbank Park Swim Beach to welcome the Argosy Christmas Ship!
- The ship will sail in at 7:40pm, bringing a live caroling performance to fill the air with holiday cheer for all to enjoy, plus hot cocoa, cookies, and community spirit.
- The calendar is brimming with holiday happenings and festive events! Check out the full lineup of events and more details [mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events](https://mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/city-special-events)



**FREE!**

## ARGOSY Christmas Ship™



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
**7PM** ship arrives 7:40pm  
**Luther Burbank Park Swim Beach**  
*Join us for Cocoa, Cookies  
& Christmas Carols!!*





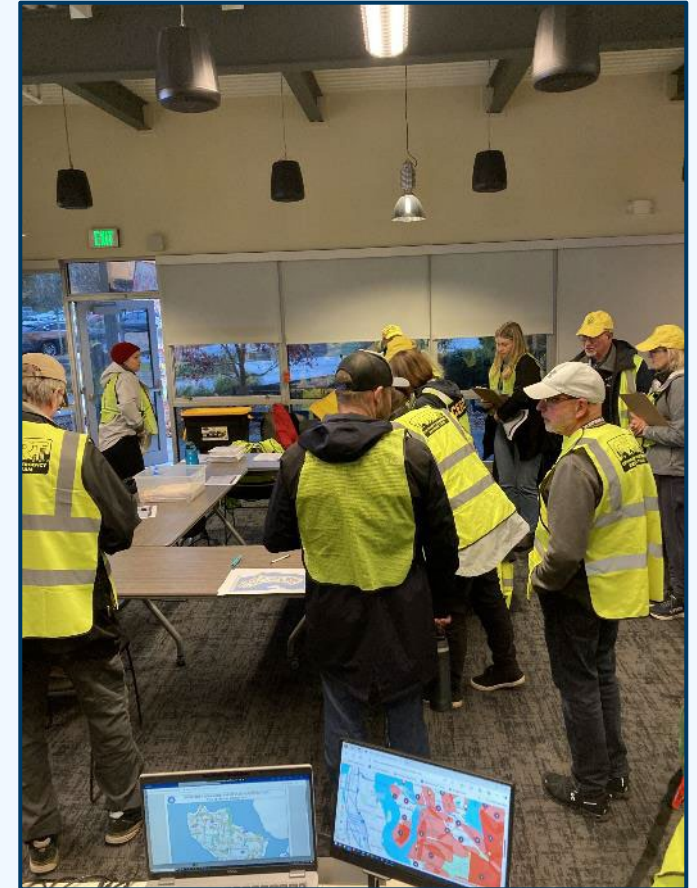
# Some Good News

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# Volunteers Making a Difference

- Our volunteers are incredible! Twenty-two Emergency Management volunteers contributed 100 hours during the storm response.
- They helped staff the warming/charging center at Islander Middle School on Thursday and Friday.
- Volunteers also went door-to-door in neighborhoods still without power, providing residents with important storm-related information.
- We are grateful to these volunteers, many of whom were without power themselves, as they play a vital role in the City's emergency response plans.
- To volunteer or learn more, visit [mercerisland.gov/emergencyvolunteer](https://mercerisland.gov/emergencyvolunteer).





**Thank you!**

