



# City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report  
January 9, 2025



# Project Updates



# Clarke & Groveland Beach Joint Planning Process

- The City received more than **220 responses** to our background survey on current park uses. Thank you to the community for providing input!
- At the **February PRC Meeting**, staff intends to review site conditions and collect PRC input on the draft public engagement plan for this planning process.
- The planning process scope and draft public engagement plan will then be presented to the City Council for approval. Staff anticipate kicking off the joint park planning process with the community by early Q2 2025.



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



# Playground Replacements

- Work continues for Roanoke Park and First Hill Park playground replacements.
- Permits for **Roanoke Park** have been issued and the construction contract is being finalized- with construction anticipated in Spring of 2025.
- **First Hill Park**- playground equipment is being delivered next month and permits are being submitted next week, with construction set to occur in late-Spring.
- **Deane's Children's Park** play area: Staff will be reviewing and soliciting input on the draft public engagement plan at the February PRC Meeting.



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**Good News**



# Athletic Field Bookings Pilot Program

- Our pilot program for online athletic field reservations has been a great success.
- Customer feedback is positive, and we've exceeded our \$10,000 revenue goal with over \$14,000 attributed to this new system!
- With 139 bookings totaling 295 hours, we've saved significant staff time—requiring minimal staff time to process.
- Mercer Island is the only city in the area providing this completely self-service opportunity!

[mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/athletic-fields-tennis-courts](http://mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/athletic-fields-tennis-courts)

**EXTENDED**

**Winter Web Special**  
**Online Athletic**  
**Field Reservations**  
~~October-November~~  
**October-February**

- 5 turf fields to choose from
- \$49/hr
- Lights are included
- No extra fees
- No hassel



 [www.fieldsonmercer.com](http://www.fieldsonmercer.com) 



# MICEC Annual Maintenance

- The Community Center was closed to the public December 16 through January 5 to address needed facility maintenance.
- Staff moved all the main level furniture (including a pool table!) and admin office equipment to prep for the work to happen. The following projects were completed:

- Main Level/admin office carpet replaced
- Gym courts refinished
- Dance Room flooring replaced with the same low-maintenance and resilient flooring as the Mercer Room
- Walls patched and painted



# Festive Fun and Memories Made!

- December 13, the **Family Movie Night and Holiday Party** at the MICEC drew a crowd of 250 people, who enjoyed snacks, arts and crafts, a movie, and even a visit from Santa.
- December 15, about 150 people gathered at Luther Burbank Park Beach for the **Argosy Christmas Ship** event, where they enjoyed carols, festive lights, hot cocoa, and cookies, all while soaking in the holiday spirit.
- On December 29, the Mercer Island **Chanukah Celebration** at Mercerdale Park added a magical touch to the season with a glow-in-the-dark menorah lighting, delicious treats, and festive music.







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**The City is grateful to our many community partners who make these events possible!**

- Mercer Island City Lifestyle
- Puget Sound Energy
- John L. Scott
- Mercer Island Martial Arts
- And to the many volunteers and performers.

# Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

## February 6

- Park Zone (cont.)
- Groveland/Clarke Beach Parks- Engagement Plan
- Deane's Children's Park- Engagement Plan

## March 6

- Park Zone (cont.)
- Athletic Fields Allocation & Use Policy (Recommended Update)

## April 3

- Recreation Division Annual Report
- Mercer Island Athletic Courts Use and Allocation Policy
- MICEC Fee Waiver Policy



Thank You  
&  
Happy New Year!