



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
October 1, 2026

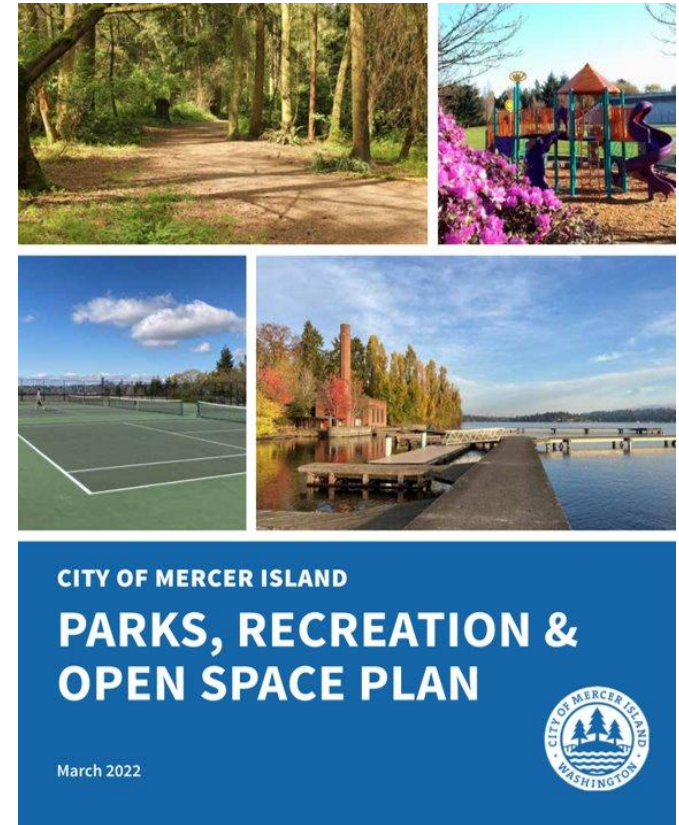


Project Updates



2028 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS) Plan

- City Council approved the PROS Plan scope of work on September 15, 2026 ([AB6990](#)).
- The planning process will be limited in scope and build on comprehensive planning effort from 2022 PROS Plan.
- PRC has been designated as the lead Commission for planning process.
- Consultant solicitation currently underway.
- Project kick-off with PRC, Arts Council, and Open Space Conservancy Trust is anticipated in December 2026.
- A Let's Talk project website is currently being developed.
- The PROS Plan is required to be adopted by March 1, 2028.



PARKS MAINTENANCE

- Taking advantage of recent clear fall weather and reduced daytime park usage, Parks Operations completed key outdoor maintenance tasks across the city. Staff refreshed parking lot striping at Island Crest Park, Homestead Field, and South Mercer Playfields, ensuring these facilities are well-maintained and ready for use next season.
- The City recently hosted a volunteer park cleanup focused on removing heavy infestations of invasive English ivy and Himalayan blackberries at Slater Park.
- Thanks to the joint efforts of community volunteers and Parks staff, native plants now have room to thrive.



TAKING CARE OF OUR TURF!



- New synthetic turf sweeper is here! We can now groom and clear debris from the city's athletic fields with ease.
- This upgraded maintenance device delivers a safe, consistent playing surface for athletes while extending the lifespan of the turf.



Programs/Events



Mid-Autumn Festival 2026

- The Mercer Island Chinese Association (MICA), in partnership with the City of Mercer Island, welcomed the community to celebrate this year's Mid-Autumn Festival on Sunday, September 20, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center.
- This year's event was another tremendous success, featuring family-friendly activities, cultural programming, and meaningful opportunities for attendees to connect and learn more about Mid-Autumn Festival traditions.
- Thank you to the MICA volunteers, MICEC staff, and all the participants who helped make the celebration possible!



Spooky Season Approaches

- October is here, and the Recreation Team is gearing up for the Town Center Trick-or-Treat event! Local business registrations are steadily rolling in alongside activity prep and decoration planning.
- Community Coffee will feature seasonal highlights in mid-October, including Pumpkin Spice Week and fall treats.



SENIOR SEMINARS

- September's Senior Social Seminar was a huge success, bringing out 60 community members!
- October will mark our final seminar of the year, and we are already gearing up for 2027!



SENIOR SOCIAL SEMINARS

Seminar Series, rotating monthly, consisting of informative and engaging topics in a supportive and social setting.

-  Last Tuesday of the month (April - November)
-  Presentations begin at 10:00am, FREE
-  Complimentary Coffee, Tea & Light Snack
-  Mercer Island Community & Event Center

More Information at:
www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/recreation-programs



The City of Mercer Island does not endorse organizations, products, or services presented in these seminars.

SCHEDULE

APRIL 28TH
Your Senior Tech
Digital Safety & How to Spot a Scam

MAY 26TH
Neil Kelly Company
Multigenerational Housing, Building Community, ADUs & DADUs.

JUNE 30TH
AARP Washington
DECLUTTERING WORKSHOP

JULY 28TH
Your Senior Tech
Digital Safety & How to Spot a Scam

AUGUST 25TH
End of Life Washington
End of Life Ready: An Intro to Advance Planning and your End-of-Life Options

SEPTEMBER 29TH
MOLLY RAPOZO, MS, RDN
Pacific Neuroscience Institute
Food, Mood & Function

OCTOBER 27TH
Silver Age Senior Living Advisors
Planning Ahead: Navigating Senior Living and Care Options with Confidence



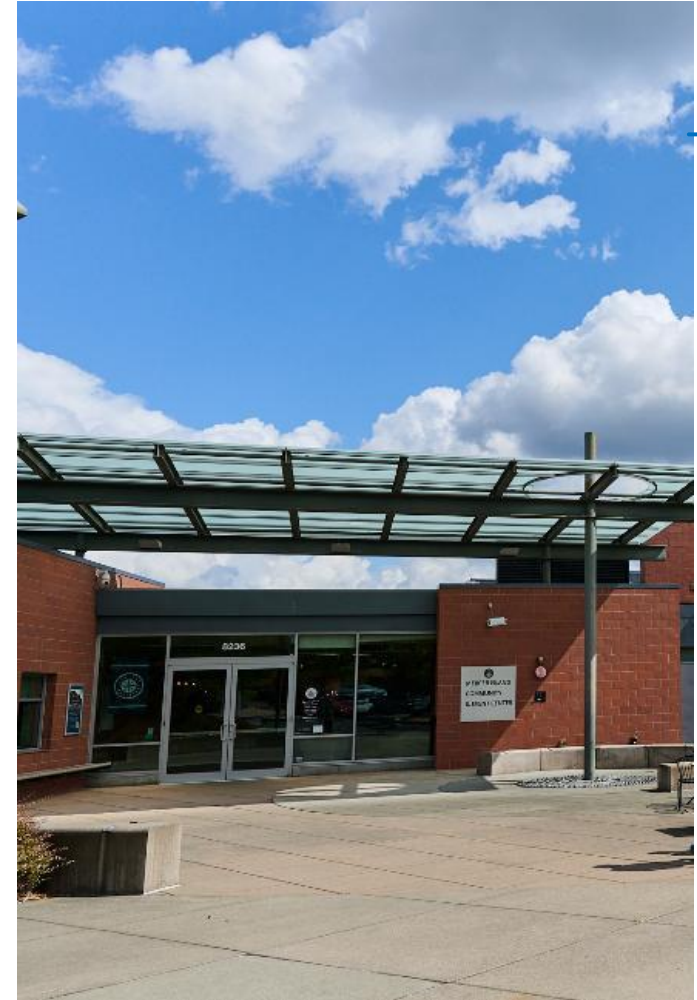
BLUE FRIDAYS

- Every Friday, we offer a small celebration at MICEC to send the Seahawks off to their weekend game, including games, treats, and activities.
- Keep an eye out for upcoming events as we cheer on our Seahawks, we are all the 12th Man!



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.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

- **Oct 29 SPECIAL MEETING**

- Joint PRC/OSCT: E-Bikes in Parks, Trails, and Open Spaces
Community Outreach Campaign Findings

- **Nov 5**

- Bylaws Review
- Parks Capital Project Update

- **Dec 7 SPECIAL MEETING**

- Joint PRC/OSCT/Arts Council: PROS Plan Kick off Meeting



Thank you!

