

Mercer Island Parks & Recreation Commission



Department Report

April 7, 2022

PRC Special Meeting: Bike Skills Area

April 26, 2022- 5:30pm

- The Community is encouraged to provide public testimony on the assessment at this meeting to help inform next steps.
- The Commission will review the final report and provide input.
- The final report from Action Sports Design will be posted to Let's Talk for the community to review and also directly to the PRC.

[Letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-at-upper-luther-burbank-park](https://letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-at-upper-luther-burbank-park)



Mercerdale Playground Update

- Play surface installation needs several days of warmer, dry weather. We were close, but not quite!
- We're crossing our fingers for the perfect combination of warm temperatures and no rain to install the play surface. A week after that work is complete, the playground grass will be installed.
- We anticipate the **concrete flatwork** around the playground will be installed April 19.
- Meanwhile, the plaques for the park benches have arrived and will be installed.
- Visit the project page for information and photos of the installed playground <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/mercerdale-playground>



Boards and Commissions Openings

- Recruitments are open for the following positions:
 - **Arts Council** (1 position; term expires May 31, 2026)
 - **Design Commission** (1 position; urban planners are encouraged to apply and will be given priority; term expires May 31, 2026)
 - **Open Space Conservancy Trust** (2 positions, terms expire May 31, 2026)
 - **Parks & Recreation Commission** (2 positions, terms expire May 31, 2026)
 - **Planning Commission** (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2026)
 - **Utility Board** (2 positions; terms expire May 31, 2026)
- Apply today! Applications for these vacancies will be taken through **May 4, 2022**.
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/bc to apply.





Kirk Robinson Skate Park

- On Tuesday night the City Council voted to pass Resolution No. 1622. This recognized resident Kirk Robinson's contributions to the Mercer Island Community and renames the skate park at Mercerdale to the "**Kirk Robinson Skate Park**".
- Kirk graduated from MIHS in 1995 and had community service as a central focus of his life.
- After college Kirk became a Bothell Firefighter and continued his public service- helping tirelessly in whatever he could.
- Kirk was Mercer Island resident, volunteer firefighter, marine Patrol crew member, and Parks and Recreation Commissioner, passing away on October 4, 2019.
- Kirk touched many lives, and the "Kirk Robinson Skate Park" will serve as a lasting tribute to his legacy.
- Signage will be installed this spring, and a recognition event will follow.
- Please review the April 5 ,City Council for more details on Kirks amazing life and contributions.





The Return of Summer Celebration!

- Mark your calendars **Summer Celebration! returns to Mercer Island on Saturday, July 9.**
- Staff are working with the community on multiple events throughout the day in Mercerdale and Luther Burbank Parks, including:
 - Live music
 - Merchant Walk
 - Food Trucks
 - MIVAL Art Show
 - Fireworks
 - And more!
- Stay up-to-date with the latest Summer Celebration! information at www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration

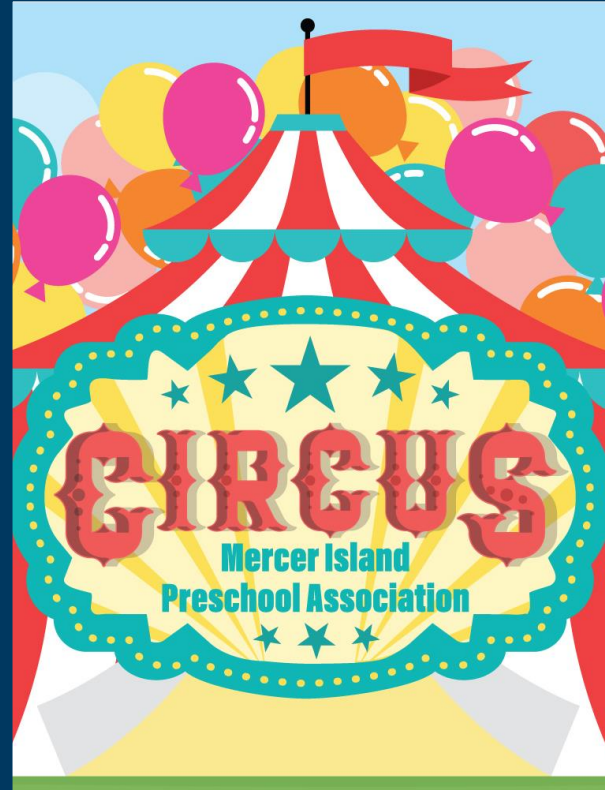
Supporting Summer Celebration!

- Event sponsorship opportunities are available to businesses, organizations, and individuals including these opportunities:
 - Presenting (\$20,000)
 - Site (\$10,000)
 - Entertainment (\$5,000)
 - Supporter (\$2,500-1,000)
- More information about sponsoring Summer Celebration! can be found at www.mercerisland.gov/summercelebration



MIPA Circus is Back!

- The City is partnering with the Mercer Island Preschool Association to host their annual Circus.
- Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 30** from 10am-2pm at the MICEC.
- For more information and to purchase tickets visit:
<https://mipreschoolassociation.membershiptoolkit.com/circus>



Spring Cleaning Underway

- Crews are pressure washing hard surfaces including tennis courts.
 - Luther Burbank tennis court, pictured, is in rough shape and must be cleaned carefully.
 - We do have a capital project in the queue to resurface the courts in the future.
- Planter beds, particularly around parks signs are being cleaned up and replanted.
- Fertilizing and other turf maintenance (seeding, sanding etc.) is ongoing on sports fields.



Community Center

- Rental tours and requests continue to flow in. Marketing efforts have been focused at the community level and toward mid-week corporate usages.
- Today we hosted a rental that included a photo and video shoot occupying much of the facility.
 - This was a large-scale production and highlights the diverse opportunities our facility can host.
- In May we are currently scheduled for 13 large scale private events. This is a great start to our full-scale operations.

Current hours:

M-Th: 10am-7pm

Fri/Sat: 10am -5pm



Thank You!

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