



City of Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report
Oct. 20, 2025



Mercer Island 55+ Senior Golf

- Coordinated by volunteers
- Operates May-September
- Had 22 outings across 14 different courses
- 33 participants played a total of 274 rounds

We are looking forward to teeing it up again in 2026!



Roanoke Park Open for Play!

- Last week the City Council and Parks & Recreation Commission members celebrated the reopening of the renovated Roanoke Park playground.
- The park now features upgraded equipment, improved accessibility, new pathways, picnic amenities, and enhanced drainage—all funded by the 2022 Parks Levy.
- Staff also completed final touches including ADA parking stall striping, new signage, and landscaping.
- Thank you to the community for supporting this project. Have fun and play safe at Roanoke Park!



Mid-Autumn Festival

- On Sunday October 5, the Mercer Island Chinese Association partnered with the City to bring back the Mid-Autumn Festival to the MICEC.
- The event featured cultural performances, hands-on workshops, traditional games, and culinary traditions.
- With approximately 1,000 in attendance, it was a wonderful day filled with celebration and connection.
- City staff are grateful for this meaningful community partnership that showcases the rich cultural diversity of Mercer Island!



Photos provided by the Mercer Island Reporter



Upcoming Programs/Events



Arbor Day

- Come celebrate Arbor Day with the Mercer Island Natural Resources Team on Saturday, October 25 from 10 AM – 1 PM at Clarke Beach Park!
- Arbor Day is an annual event where we celebrate our urban canopy and help to create future healthier forests.
- This year, we'll be planting a couple hundred native plants in Clarke Beach Park.
- Registration is easy. Go to:
<https://volunteersignup.org/48JMA>





“Rake and Roll” Leaf Art

Bring your own rakes and gloves. Come rain or shine!

Sunday, October 26 Noon - 4 pm

Rotary Park

Friends and Family invited



Town Center Trick-or-Treating

- Town Center Trick-or-Treating is right around the corner! Join us on Halloween, October 31, from 3:30-5:30 PM.
- Check out www.mercerisland.gov/halloween for a growing list of participating businesses and trick or treat map.
- Did somebody say **candy tractor**? Be on the lookout for friendly faces from the Recreation, Right-of-Way, Police, and Youth and Family Services teams- all gearing up to bring the fun Halloween spirit to downtown!
- City staff are excited to bring the community together for one central Halloween celebration, designed to offer a safe, festive, and memorable experience for families.





 **OPEN ART
STUDIO**

Mercer Island Community & Event Center
9:30am-11:30am

Sept 26
Poems & abstract watercolor

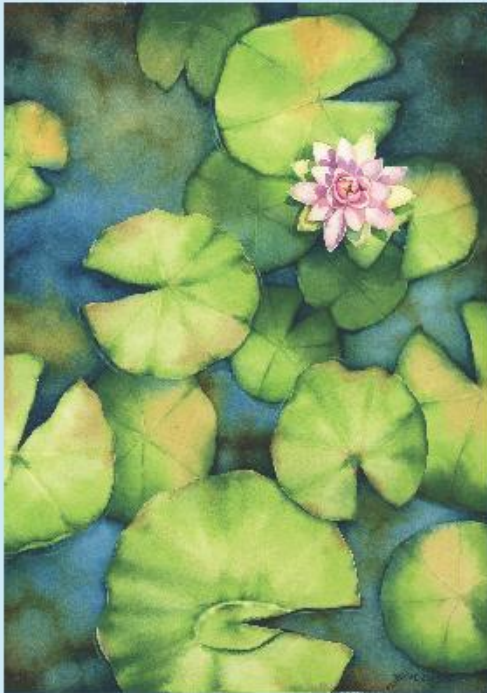
Oct 24
Watercolor in Autumn

Nov 21
Watercolor greeting cards

Irene will cover a unique subject for each session
Free. No registration required
All supplies provided

www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec





The Beauty of Negative Painting with Watercolor with Yu-Yin Lin

Saturday
October 25th, 2 - 5 PM

For more information and
to register go to
www.mival.org/classes

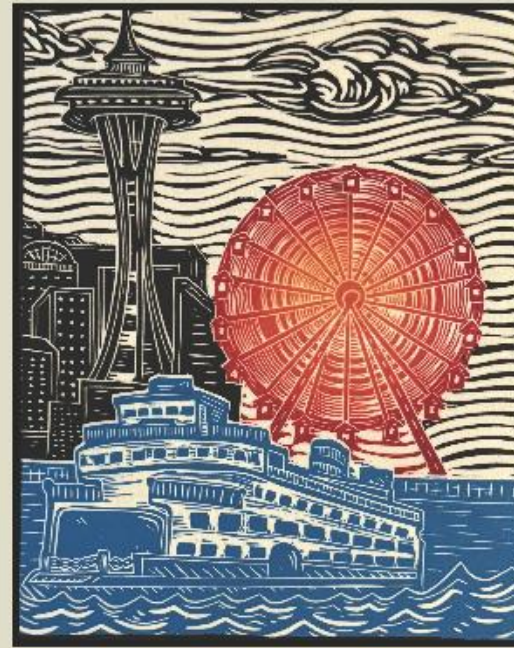
Learn how to use negative painting in your compositions to create depth and focus with instructor, Yu-Yin Lin. She is an experienced teacher who will teach you how to apply negative painting with watercolor as well as composition and lifting techniques in this fun 3 hour workshop

\$110/\$90 for MIVAL members

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8236 SE 24th St, Mercer Island



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Jigsaw Block Printing with Leslie Nan Moon

Saturday, Nov 22
1 - 4 PM

Cost: \$100
\$80 MIVAL Members

Discover Relief Printmaking through the Jigsaw Block Print

In this class students will learn the basics of designing and carving a single block and then take their newfound skills to the next level. Blocks will be cut into sections with each piece inked separately and then reassembled for printing creating bold multi-color impressions without the need for complex registration. Ideal for artists in any medium who want to explore new ways of working with color, texture, and design through the direct, hands-on process of printmaking.

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For more information
and to register, visit:
www.mival.org/classes



Autumn Programs

For our younger kiddos

Music Together with Mrs. Chrisi

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday (AM & PM), Saturday (PM)

Class Times & Register at: <https://www.musictogetherwithmrschrisi.com>

More than just a music class. Music Together is about connecting-- with music, with your child, and with other families in your community.

SuperTots Sports

Tuesday AM & Thursday AM

Class Times & Register at: <https://skyhawks.com/supertots>

Led by Skyhawks Instructors, children ages 18 months to 6 years use multi-sport activities to develop motor skills, physical fitness and instill a love for sports.

Art & Us

Thursday AM & Saturday AM

Class Times & Register at: <https://www.petalsartclub.com>

Designed for children ages 18 months to 5 years and their grown-ups to explore and create together. Join Becca and Bailey from Petals Art Club each week for rotating art stations and crafts.

Sing With Our Kids

Fridays, 10:30am, no registration needed

More info at: <https://singwithourkids.com>

A community project providing free songs and activities for kids up to 5 years. Come join Nancy Stewart and sing along.

Pre-Ballet

Friday PM

Class Times & Register at: <https://emeraldballet-theatre.org>

Led by instructors from Emerald Ballet Theatre, children ages 4-6 years use this joyful introduction to ballet, movement, and music to develop creativity and confidence.

Autumn Events

Mid-Autumn Festival

Sunday, October 5th, 2025 - 10am-2pm, Mercer Island Community & Event Center

In partnership with & hosted by the Mercer Island Chinese Association

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to honor one of the most cherished Chinese traditions.

Town Center Trick or Treating

Friday, October 31st, 2025 - 3:30pm-5:30pm, Town Center Business District

In partnership with the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce

Grab your costume and join the community in haunting your way through town center.

Holiday Events (Save the dates)

Holiday Tree Lighting

Thursday, December 4th, 2025 - 5:30pm, Mercerdale Park

Sponsored by Mercer Island City Lifestyle Magazine

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.

Holiday Makers Market

Saturday, December 6th, 2025 - 10am-3pm, Mercer Island Community & Event Center

In partnership with the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce

75+ Vendors, kids activities, and holiday treats.

Argosy Christmas Ships

Friday December 19th, 2025 - 8:30pm-9pm, Luther Burbank Park Beach

Argosy Cruises Christmas Ship™ Festival is a ship-to-shore holiday celebration that has been a Northwest tradition since 1949. The Spirit of Seattle™, the Official Christmas Ship™, is decorated with hundreds of shimmery white lights and sails to different Puget Sound waterfront communities – around 40 in all. Choirs on board the Christmas Ship™ perform to guests aboard, to follow boats, and to communities gathered on shore.

Performance will occur at 8:40pm and viewed from the Luther Burbank Beach. Parking available at the Mercer Island Community & Event Center.



Parks and Recreation Commission Planning Schedule

November 6

- Deane's Children's Park Site Plan - Design Concepts Discussion
- Sport Court Allocation and Usage Policy

November 12 ***Special Meeting w/ Open Space Conservancy Trust***

- E-bike Regulations

December 4

- Intro to the Parks Code (*Will be moved*)

January **(DATE TBD)**

- Deane's Children's Park Site Plan: Preferred Site Plan Discussion
- Athletic Field Use and Allocation Policy update

February 5

- Clarke and Groveland Joint Infrastructure Plan



Thank you!

