

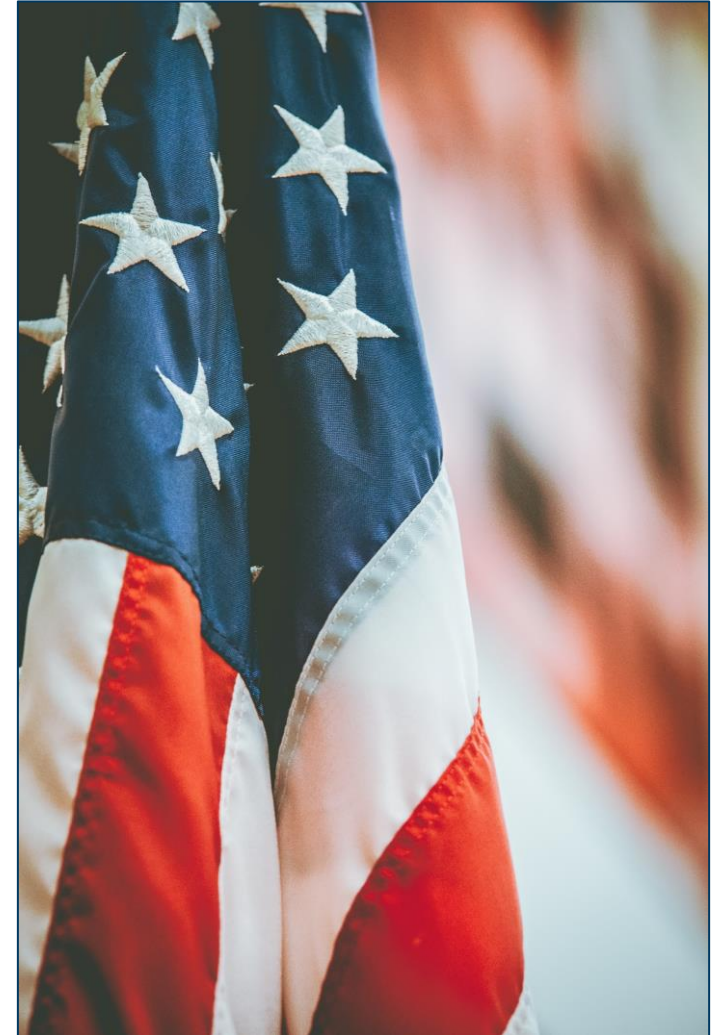
Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Commission Department Report

November 3, 2022



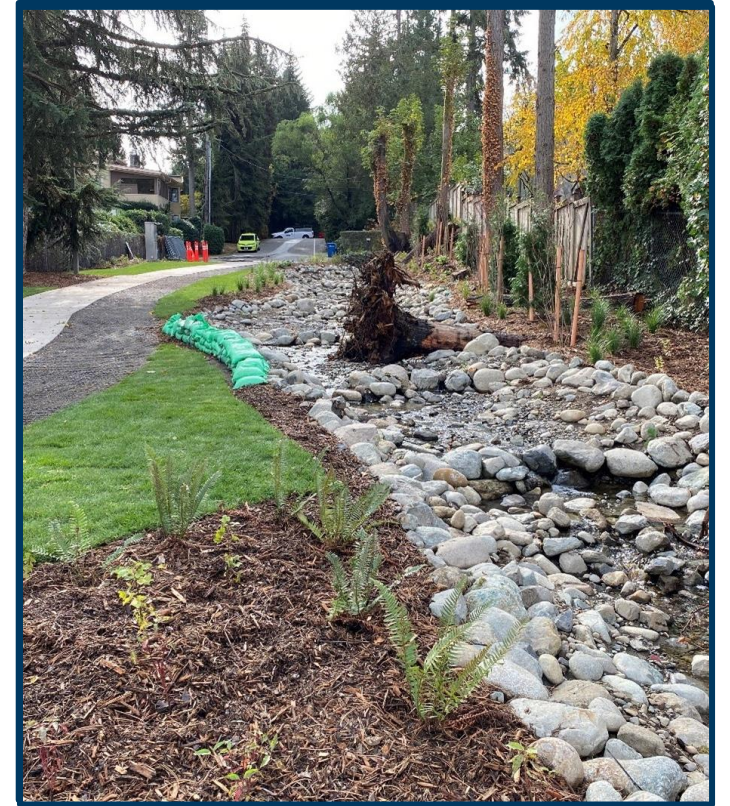
City Facilities Closed for Veterans Day

- City facilities will be closed Friday, November 11 in honor of Veterans Day.
- We are truly grateful to the staff, members of the community, and all who served.



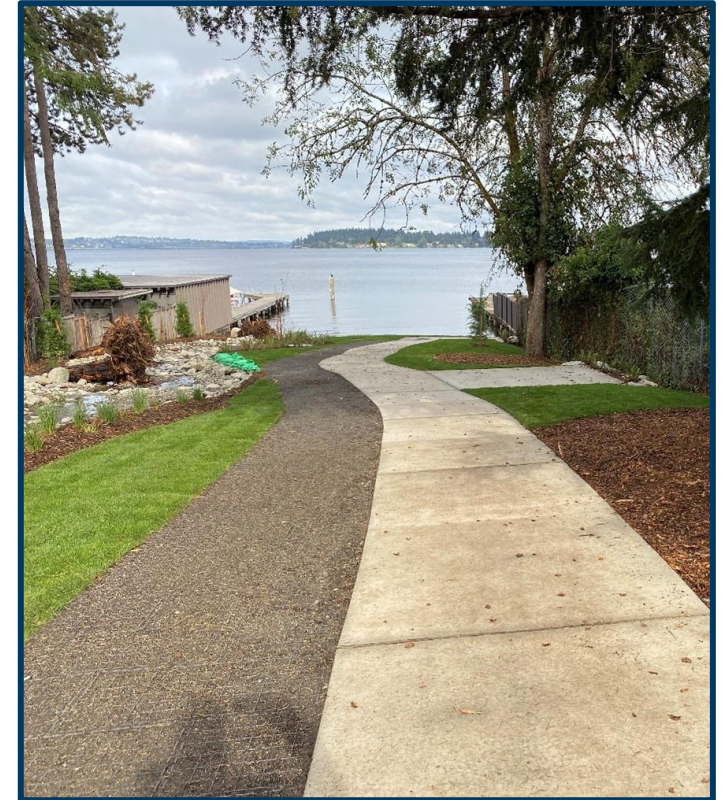
Lincoln Landing Has Reopened

- After five months of construction and restoration work, the Lincoln Landing Shoreline has reopened for public use.
- The project included reconstructing a deeply eroded creek bed while building a new accessible pedestrian pathway and vehicle access route for utility maintenance.
- The stormwater channel restoration provides for better aquatic habitat and protects against erosion and excess silt, using natural features to filter pollutants and sediment before they enter Lake Washington.



Lincoln Landing Has Reopened

- Crews carefully designed the site update around existing infrastructure, including underground utilities (stormwater and sewer), while meeting ADA needs.
- The updated pathway also functions as a driveway which supports our 66,000 lb. vactor truck to aide sewer infrastructure maintenance and access to the sewer pump station at the water's edge.
- Construction is winding down and is expected to be finished in December.
- For more information on this and other City projects, visit www.mercerisland.gov/projects



Community Conversations Events

- Twenty-six families attended the trainings on *How to be an Ally* last week as part of the Community Conversations series.
- The session was hosted in a confidential format but interactive and provided real tools and strategies to support others.
- The upcoming **November 7** session will feature Island resident, parent, and Microsoft Chief Accessibility Officer Jenny Lay-Flurrie.
- The topic is *Disability as a Strength*, sharing about the experiences and challenges of ability inclusion in our world.
- Register at the Community Conversations Let's Talk page to participate in person at City Hall or online: <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/community-conversations>

The City of Mercer Island & ONE MI
Community Conversations

Upcoming Events

- October 24** **How to be an Ally-Teens**
Learn tools and strategies to be an effective ally in the midst of harassment or racism happening around you. This session is geared towards middle and high schoolers.
- October 26** **How to be an Ally-Adults**
Learn tools and strategies to be an effective ally in the midst of harassment or racism happening around you. This session is geared towards adults.
- November 7** **'Disability' as a Strength**
Mercer Island resident and Microsoft's Chief Accessibility Officer Jenny Lay-Flurrie will lead a discussion on how diversity and the inclusion of ability differences enrich our communities, workplaces, and lives. Held at the SJCC and streamed live online.
- December 8** **Mitigating Implicit Bias**
This interactive training will teach participants how to understand their own implicit biases in order to begin to undo them. Learn the brain science behind bias and gain confidence in recognizing and undoing implicit bias in your own life.

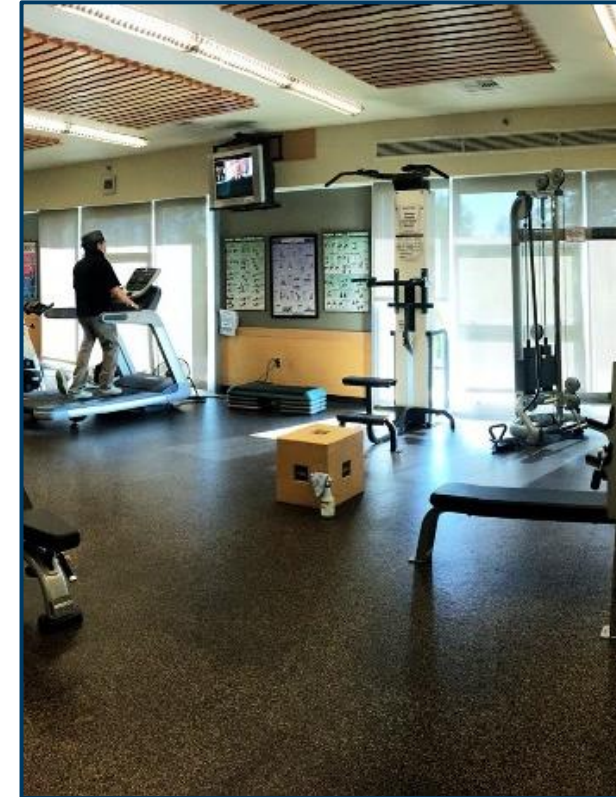
 

For more information & to register:
[www.letstalk.mercergov.org/community-conversations](https://letstalk.mercergov.org/community-conversations)



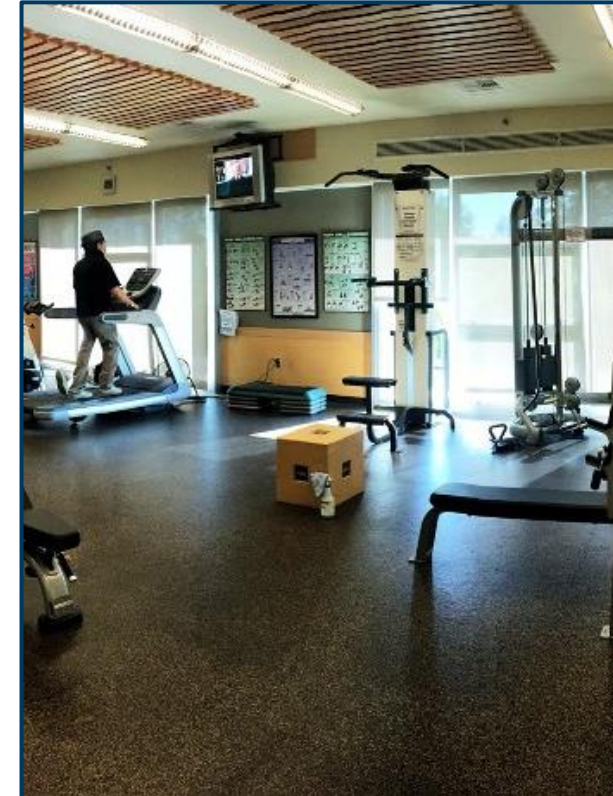
MICEC Fitness Room Getting a Fresh Look

- Condensation from the A/C unit above the room flooded into the fitness room, significantly damaging the drywall and flooring.
- The flooring removal and re-installation is scheduled for ~~October 24-28~~, November 15-18. Supply chain delays impacted installation timing.
- **Several equipment upgrades are coming!** This includes a new set of dumbbells, a set of barbells, a new chin-up assist machine, a cable crossover strength machine, and many new smaller fitness pieces.
- The anticipated date for re-opening of the Fitness Room is ~~November 1~~ November 21.



MICEC Operating Hours

- In conjunction with the reopening of the Fitness Room, MICEC will expand operating hours. Opening at 9:00am daily (currently 10:00am daily).
- New MICEC Operating hours:
 - Monday thru Thursday - 9:00am-7:00pm
 - Friday/Saturday - 9:00am-5:00pm
 - Sunday closed (available for rentals)





South Mercer Playfield Project

- The City and School District are working on joint project. With MISD as the project Manager.
- The project began in early July with completion scheduled for November.
- Staff anticipates to begin scheduling the facility in January, with a ribbon cutting in early spring.
- Thank you to all of the user groups for their flexibility as we adjust schedules to meet needs.
- For more info visit:
<https://www.mercerislandschools.org/Page/17468>





Bike Skills Area Update

- Chair McCarthy, Vice Chair Struck and Commissioner Burstein participated in RFQ interview with staff
- American Ramp Company (ARC) chosen as consultant, great depth of experience in designing bike parks
- Surveyor has completed topographic and tree survey of Deane's Children's Park; will deliver to City 10/7/22 **White dots DO NOT indicate a planned removal!** The white dots identify which trees have been surveyed.
- Staff will perform tree inspections once tree survey has been received, to assess health and identify trees that require pruning or removal to mitigate risk.





Bike Skills Area Community Engagement

- **November 3-21:** A new community survey will run on Let's Talk.
- **November 17, 4-5:30pm:** The consultant team and staff will host an in-person community meeting at Deane's Children's Park to solicit input, which will inform the first draft design.
- Staff plans to return to the PRC on **Dec. 1** to review a draft 30% Design.

Updated page for 30% Design at Dean's Children's Park:

<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/bike-skills-area-design>



Aubrey Davis Trail Safety Improvements Project Update

- Ahead of the October Commission Meeting, staff received additional questions from WSDOT regarding the roundabout proposal for the trail.
- This month the design team met with WSDOT to discuss identified design issues.
- KPG/Psomas are currently drafting revisions for WSDOT to review.
- Staff is working to coordinate with consultants and WSDOT in an effort to return to the Parks and Recreation Commission for an update and review at the December 1 PRC Meeting.



Evening of Trick or Treating in Town Center

- Town Center was packed for Friday's Town Center Trick or Treating!
- We had a great response from businesses and families about this event, and it was so fun to see everyone dressed up to kick off Halloween weekend.
- Thank you to all the businesses who participated and made this a special evening for the community!



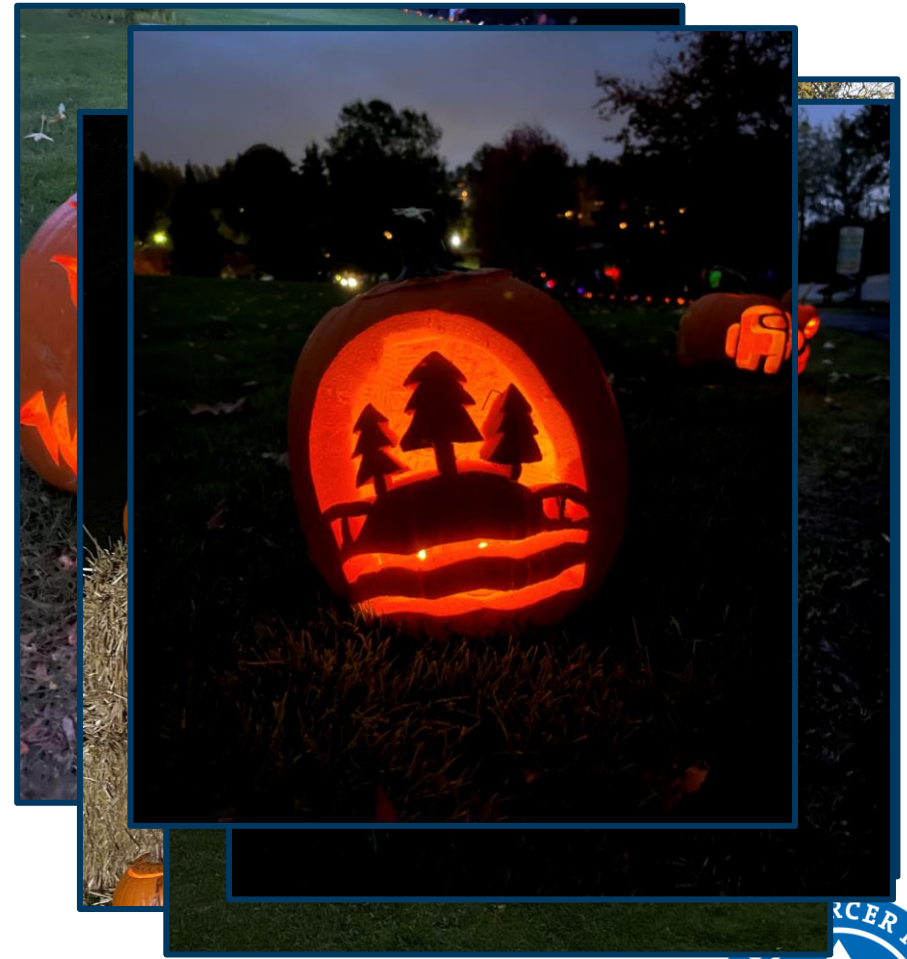
Preparing for the Pumpkin Walk

- City staff had a great time preparing for this year's Pumpkin Walk.
- Many of your City staff spent their lunch and off hours carving pumpkins to help make this year's event special.
- Staff carved 52 amazing pumpkins!
- Our sincere thanks to all the staff who carved pumpkins for the event!



Pumpkin Walk at Mercerdale Park

- We had a great turn out of pumpkins AND people at Sunday's Pumpkin Walk!
- Thank you to everyone who participated and carved.
- Thank you to our sponsors: John L. Scott, Mercer Island Martial Arts & Greg Rosenwald Real Estate.





Upcoming Restoration Events

- **Saturday, November 5, 10am-1pm**
Mercerdale Planting Party
- **Saturday, November 12, 10am-1pm**
Pioneer Park Planting Party
- **Saturday, December 17, 10am-1pm**
Luther Burbank Wetland planting
- More being finalized through the end of 2022

Details and info at:

<https://www.mercerisland.gov/parksrec/page/restoration-event>

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Park Maintenance

- Leaf season October-December
- Electric options on order, testing out new equipment
- Two vacancies on Parks Maintenance Team, plan to have the positions filled by end of November (9 FTEs total)



Leaf Vacuum



Project Awareness- Aubrey Davis Park Vegetation Improvements

- Recommendation from Aubrey Davis Park Master plan
- Improve forest health, trees too close together, public safety
- Includes selective thinning, pruning, English Ivy removal
- Contractor to planning to complete November 21-December 2nd, 2022
- Andrew Prince- Project Manager andrew.prince@mercerisland.gov



Illuminate MI Install Has Begun

- Public Works crews began installing string lights in the Town Center last Saturday.
- Installation work will continue in Mercerdale Park this Saturday.
- We should see lighted trees in the next few weeks!



Thank You!

