

City Manager's Report

Tuesday, June 18, 2024





Council Board and Commission Updates



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Hybrid Meetings

- Upcoming Hybrid City Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, July 2 at 5:00 PM
- Hybrid Boards and Commissions Meetings (All Meetings on Zoom)
 - Design Commission – Wed. July 3 at 6:00 PM

Visit www.mercerisland.gov/meetings for more information.

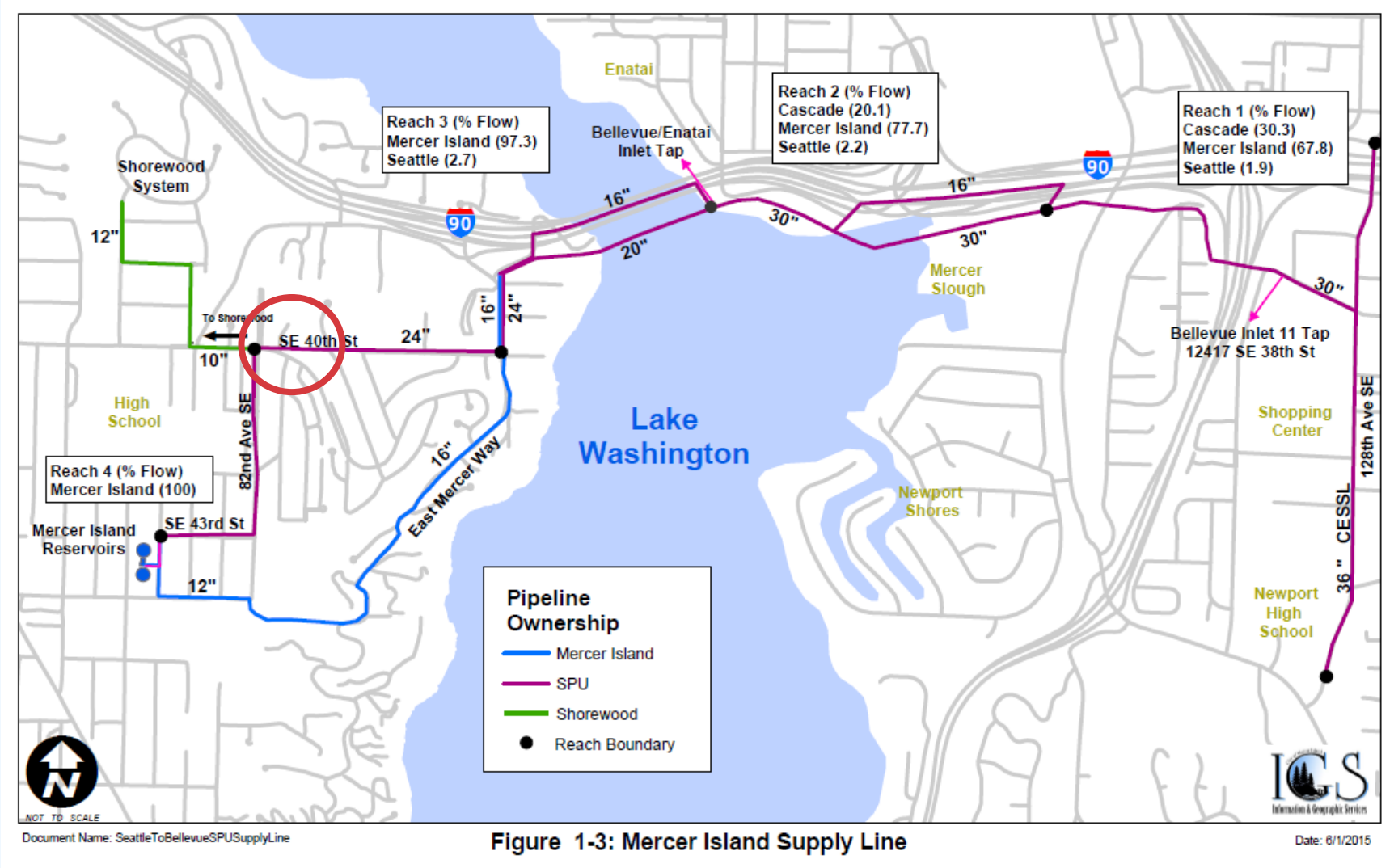


City Updates

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SPU Water Supply Pipeline Repair



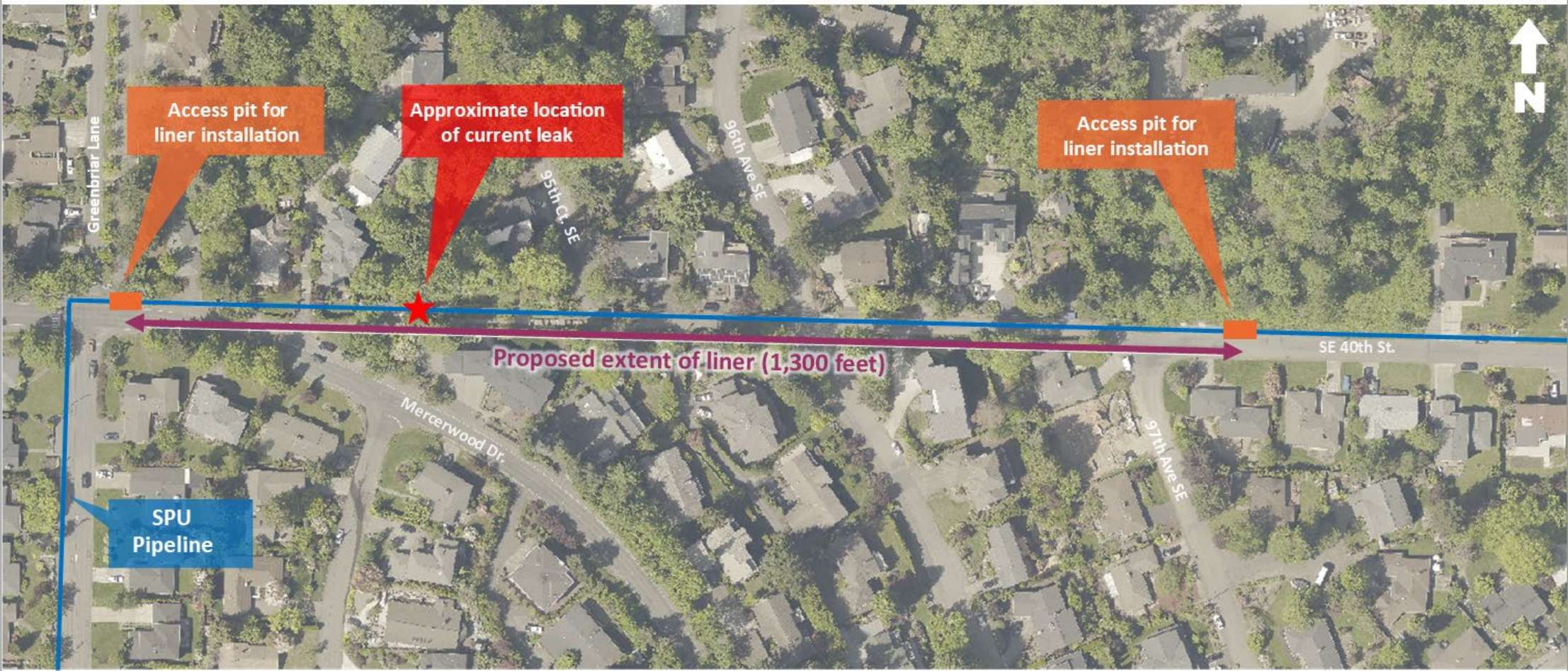
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Status of the Repair Work

- Last week, the City provided SPU with concurrence to move forward with the liner repair.
- Permits have been issued to SPU. Our teams are meeting with the SPU teams to confirm the construction schedule.
- On Monday, the City and SPU met with the neighborhood at the Community Center to talk about the upcoming project work and answer any additional questions.
- Conservation efforts continue. City comms are continuing to roll this week, including the launch of the dashboard tool. (mercerisland.gov/water-dashboard)
- Early feedback on the tool has been positive. We are continuing to monitor the impacts of the community conservation efforts. More to come.



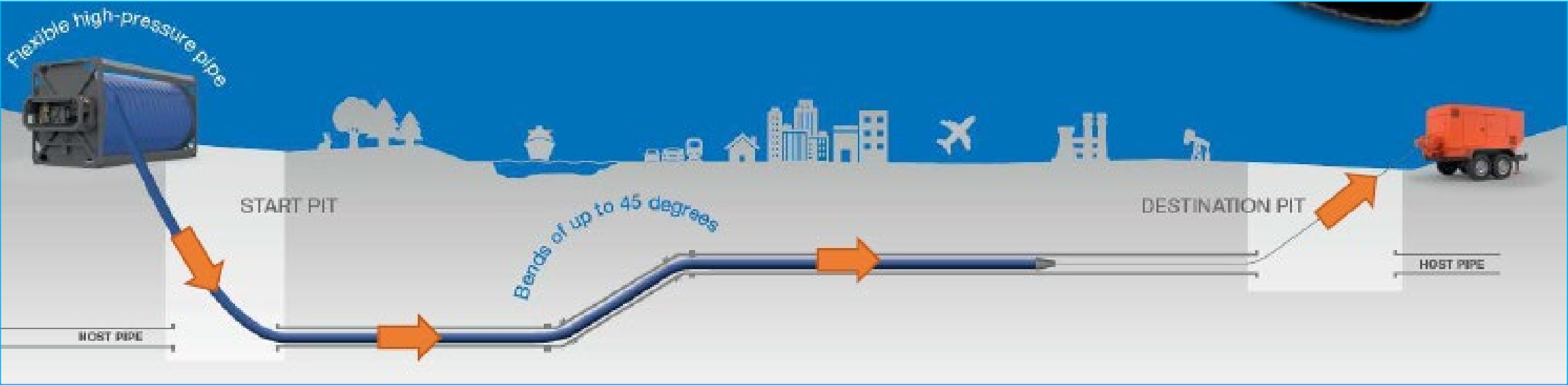
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Current Status

- The City is still receiving water through the back-up water line known as the “Canyon Line.”
- The Shorewood Community is being served by a temporary emergency inter-tie to the City’s water system. Under normal conditions, Shorewood is a direct customer of SPU.
- You can review all the **pipeline repair updates** posted under the event on Let’s Talk. <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/spu-water-main-leak>
- The City’s back-up water line is smaller than the SPU pipeline, which means that the total volume of water the City receives is reduced.
- You can review all the **water conservation updates** and the new water dashboard posted under the event on Let’s Talk. <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/water-conservation-guidance>.



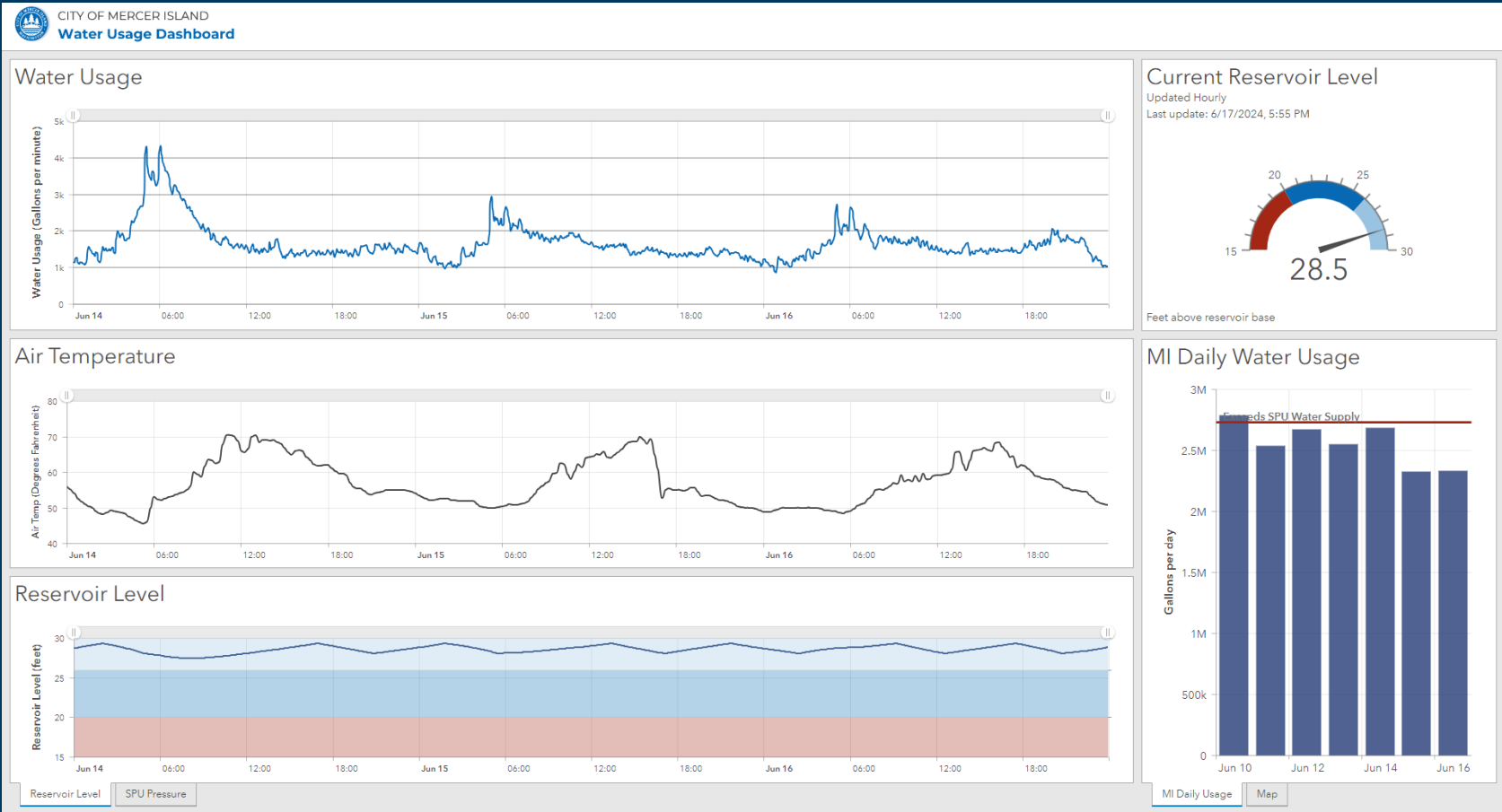
Water Conservation

- Last week, the City imposed **voluntary** water conservation measures including:
 - Restricting garden and lawn irrigation to no more than 3/week
 - Running the dishwasher and washing machine only with a full load
 - Using commercial car washes that recycle water
 - Reducing personal water use wherever possible
- To help prevent mandatory measures in the future, shared efforts to limit water consumption will help reduce the likelihood of mandatory measures becoming necessary.
- Additional conservation information is available at letstalk.mercergov.org/water-conservation-guidance



Water Usage Dashboard

Islanders can also monitor the community's real-time water usage on our Water Usage Dashboard at www.mercerisland.gov/water-dashboard



Police Modular Buildings

- The inventory audit and hardware upgrades are complete on the first two buildings.
- PD staff has started moving into the spaces.
- Staff are coordinating contractor schedules for the installation of the third building, expected to arrive the second week of July.
- Foundation construction, building assembly, water/sewer connection, electrical, data, and other work is being tightly sequenced to expedite occupancy.



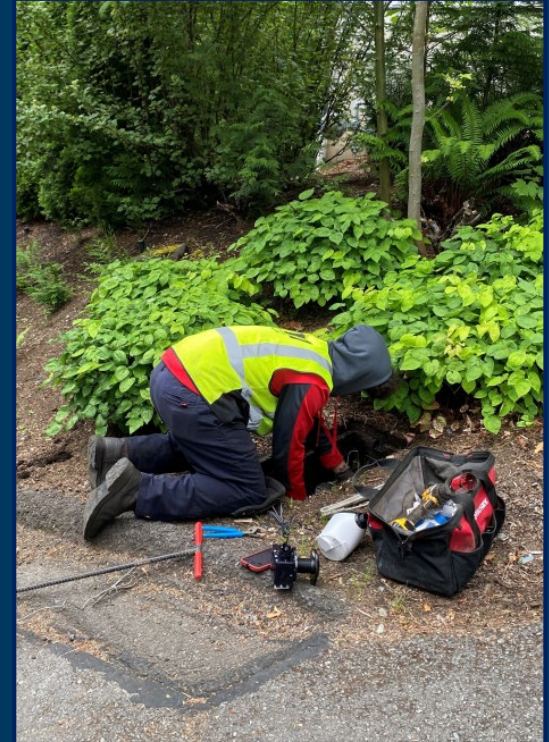
Comprehensive Plan

- On June 12, the Planning Commission approved their recommendation to the City Council on the periodic update to the Comprehensive Plan.
- The Planning Commission's recommendation will be presented to City Council on July 16.
- letstalk.mercergov.org/comprehensive-plan-periodic-update



Meter Replacement Updates

- The City began replacing water meters for all customers, about 7,860 total, in mid-March.
- To date, approximately 75% of meters have been installed.
- The City's contractor tries to give an accurate date range for installations on each doorhanger, but some installations have been delayed recently due to a backorder on essential parts.
- Even with this delay, we expect to finish all meter installations by the end of July.
- If you have a question about your account or meter installation, please contact our Customer Service Team at customerservice@mercerisland.gov or 206.275.7600



Advanced Metering Infrastructure Progress

- The new meters are part of new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system.
- Our teams will be installing antennas and bringing the data collection system online, which will automatically transfer water meter data directly to the City.
- Once this system is established, customers will have access to hourly water use data for their meter(s) through a customer portal.
- The new metering system will also allow the City and customers to detect (and fix) leaks immediately, reducing water loss.
- The Public Works team is aiming to have this portal available to all customers in early 2025.



Town Center Development

- Building permits were issued last week for the Xing Hua project located at 7750 29th Ave SE.
- Demolition of the existing buildings is expected in the coming days and construction work may commence in the next few weeks.
- City staff are holding a pre-construction meeting with the contractor on June 25 and will learn more about the construction schedule at that time.
- Staff are updating Let's Talk as new information becomes available and will also coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce to keep Town Center businesses apprised of potential construction-related impacts.

<https://letstalk.mercergov.org/xing-hua>



Luther Burbank Sports Court Renovation

- Last week, our contractors continued excavation and demolition work and installed a temporary construction access road.
- A substantial amount of the soil on the hillside south of the courts has been removed and trenching for electrical conduits is nearly complete.
- The old tennis net posts and fencing have also been removed.
- Excavation, conduit installation, drainage work, and hauling soils from the site will continue this week.
- The project remains on schedule. Updates and additional photos are available on Let's Talk.

letstalk.mercergov.org/lbp-sport-courts-renovation-pickleball



Upcoming Events



Juneteenth Celebration

Join us at Mercerdale Park this Wednesday for a community Juneteenth celebration!

From 12pm – 4pm, come by to watch the MIHS Drill Team, grab a snack from a food truck, and enjoy face-painting, balloon artists, and more.

Everyone is invited!



Emergency Preparedness and MIRO Field Day

- This Saturday, June 22 from 10am-3pm at Mercerdale Park, the Mercer Island Radio Operators (MIRO) and Emergency Management volunteers are holding an Emergency Preparedness and Field Day event.
- Field Day is a nation-wide event where HAM radio operators try to contact operators across the country throughout the day.
- MIRO volunteers will be available to answer questions about radio operations as well as showcase their gear and radio skills.
- Volunteers and staff will be available to provide information on emergency preparedness, types of hazards likely to affect Mercer Island and the Puget Sound, and more.



Shakespeare in the Park is Back!

- During the summer months, Seattle Shakespeare Company presents free, outdoor productions of classical plays performed in the Luther Burbank Amphitheater, supported by 4Culture.
- Grab a picnic, bring your family, and join us for some free Shakespeare in the Park!
- No tickets needed; seating is on a first-come, first-seated basis. Donations after the performance will be welcomed.



Schedule

June 27, 28, 29, and 30

July 3, 5, 11, 17, 21, 24, and 31

August 1, 3, and 4

All shows start at 7:00 pm



Some Good News

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Welcome New Officer!

Mercer Island Police Department Officer Jonah Peoples graduated from the law enforcement academy and was sworn in by Commander Jeff Magnan on June 13.

Congratulations, Officer Peoples! We're excited to have you supporting our community.



Thank you!

