



ARTS COUNCIL | DEPARTMENT REPORT | JULY 16, 2025

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Updates





SUMMER CELEBRATION RECAP

- 2025 Summer Celebration was a blast! Very well attended with tons of smiles and fun!
- Over thirty-seven groups plus City of Mercer Island vehicles joined the parade to kick off Saturday's festivities with crowds lining 78th Ave SE from Sunset Hwy to Mercerdale Park.
- A huge thank you to everyone who came out, contributed, and helped make this day so special. From start to finish, it was a beautiful reminder of the power of community, connection, and celebration.



Daytime Festivities

- After the parade, crowds moved into Mercerdale Park and along 77th Ave SE and SE 32nd Street where they enjoyed:
 - Over 70 booths for vendors, sponsors, and community groups
 - Multiple food vendors
 - City booths and Touch-a-Truck
 - Foam party and live bands
- City staff in multiple booths spent time engaging with the community and sharing information.
- We turned the Community Center into a paid parking lot again this year and brought in over \$5550 in sales, which directly supports the event.



Evening Festivities

- Crowds moved to Luther Burbank Park for more food, fun, entertainment, and fireworks.
- A huge thank you to all the staff who worked hard to make this an enjoyable, memorable day and to our event sponsors:

Mercer Island Community Fund, MI Martial Arts, Belle Harbour, John L. Scott, Windermere, The Mercer, Parent Map, Puget Sound Energy, Mercer Island City Lifestyle, Mercer Island School District, Friends of Mercer Island Library, and Dave & Busters.



Mural Restoration Update

- Earlier in July, Alloy Arts successfully completed restoration of the *Summer in the Wetlands* mural.
- Work included painting the exposed mural section outside of the courts, repairing sections damaged during asphalt paving last fall, and cleaning and resealing the entire mural.
- City crews will soon establish short, weekly maintenance closures at the LB pickleball courts so Parks crews can blow the play surface and take care of other routine maintenance tasks.
- These short closures will facilitate that work.





**OPEN ART
STUDIO**

Still Life Drawing for All

**April 25th, May 23rd &
June 27th**

- 9:30am-11:30am
- Free. No registration required.
- All supplies provided.
- Mercer Island Community & Event Center



Upcoming Events





2025 MOSTLY MUSIC IN THE PARK

PRESENTED BY: **AIRSTREAM**
ADVENTURES
SEATTLE

**THURSDAYS
6:30 - 8:30PM
MERCERDALE PARK**

JULY 17
PAPERBACK WRITER | BEATLES TRIBUTE

JULY 24
MIMX | MERCER ISLAND COVER BAND

JULY 31
GIMME SHELTER | ROLLING STONES TRIBUTE

AUG 7
BRICKHOUSE | 70'S DISCO FUNK

AUG 14
PIONEER SQUARES | CLASSIC ROCK VARIETY

AUG 21
PROM DATE MIXTAPE | 80'S NEW WAVE



SPONSORED BY:



PRIDE in the Park

**AUGUST 7TH
MERCERDALE PARK
4:30PM-6:30PM**

**Bring the
whole
family**

**STAY AFTER FOR MUSIC BY
BRICKHOUSE**

**community
booths**

food trucks

fun activities

dancing

**ALL THE BEST
PET CARE**

rupaw's puppy party!





Wooden O as you like it

by William Shakespeare | directed by Mimi Katano

- Luther Burbank Park, Amphitheater:
 - July 16, 20, 23, 24, 26
 - August 1, 3, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 17
- Full schedule available at: [City Special Events | Mercer Island, Washington](#)





51st Annual MIVAL's Jr Art Show

MERCER ISLAND VISUAL ARTS LEAGUE



COME AND JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
YOUTH ART ON THE ISLAND
at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center
June 23 to August 22

The Award Reception:
Saturday, June 28 10 AM at the MICEC
8236 SE 24th Street, Mercer Island, WA, 98040



August 25 - October 17, 2025

Reception, Wednesday, September 3rd, 5 - 7 PM

Mercer Island Community & Event Center

Entry Deadline August 7th

www.MIVAL.org/call-for-entries

Whether you're a seasoned photographer or someone who simply loves capturing moments on your phone, this community photography show is for you. All skill levels encouraged to participate. Open to all Community Members 18 and over.



Arts Council Planning Schedule

October 15

- Deane's Children's Park Art in Public Places
- 2025-2026 City Arts & Culture Workplan Update
- Greta Hackett Outdoor Sculpture Gallery Activation Plan Kick-off



Thank You

