

City of Mercer Island

Parks and Recreation Commission

Department Report

July 6, 2023



Boards & Commissions Recruitment

- A recruitment is open to fill one vacancy on the Arts Council.
- The recruitment will be open through August 25. If you are interested, please submit an application!
- The City Council will fill the appointment at the September 5 meeting.
- Learn more about the position and apply at www.mercerisland.gov/bc.



City Hall Closure

- City Hall remains closed after disturbed tiles and materials were discovered that were later confirmed to contain asbestos. The presence of asbestos was also detected above background levels in portions of the City Hall HVAC system.
- Asbestos testing at City Hall continues as we work to confirm the limits of the asbestos inside the HVAC system.
- Municipal Court is conducting court proceedings at Kirkland facilities. Other staff teams are relocated to other City buildings or working remote. Staff and consulting teams continue to actively work to identify short-term office solutions.
- At this time, we are anticipating City Hall will remain closed beyond the summer.
- We are planning to provide an update to the City Council and the community at the July 18 Council meeting.



July- Parks and Recreation Month

- Parks and recreation play a major role in developing a sense of community and enhancing Mercer Island residents' quality of life.
 - Providing: 475 acres of park land, more than 30 miles of trails, diverse programming, events, and facility access, as well as operating the 42,000 sqft Community and Event Center.
- Last night, the City Council unanimously proclaimed July as Parks and Recreation Month on Mercer Island.
- Celebrate Parks and Recreation month by taking part in fitness activities, summer camps, Mostly Music in the Park, Shakespeare in the Park, and of course Summer Celebration!



USA Pickleball Ambassador of the Month -Jessica Prince

- Island Resident (and former Arts Council Member) Jessica Prince has been named USA Pickleball Ambassador of the Month!
- Jessica has been instrumental in further developing the pickleball community on Mercer Island and its relationship with the Parks and Recreation Dept..
- Her volunteer efforts led to the temporary lines at Luther Burbank during the pandemic and she has been providing valuable input toward the new court design.
- Congratulations Jessica- and thank you for all of your hard work, communication, and for enhancing opportunities for Islanders.



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Jessica,

I want to personally thank you for all your efforts to grow the game of pickleball and put the mission of USA Pickleball.

Sincerely,

John Covatt

USA
PICKLEBALL™
AMBASSADOR
OF THE MONTH

Mercer Island Farmers Market

- The Market runs every Sunday from 10am - 3pm through September. (Including July 16)
- Enjoy live music and purchase fresh produce, hot/prepared food, and crafts.
- Located on SE 32nd Street, just north of Mercerdale Park.
- Get details music calendar, and vendor information at www.mifarmersmarket.org.



Summer Camps

- The Mercer Island Community and Event Center (MICEC) has come alive with activity as children have returned for summer camps!
- This year the City has partnered with **15 different organizations** to bring summer camps to Mercer Island residents.
- Last week J Camp and Chess Wizards kicked it off the summer season by doing experiments and learning new skills.
- Keep an eye out for Pedalheads (biking) and Tennis, Golf, Pickleball, and Frisbee (TGA) campers in our parks!





MIVAL Jr. Art Show

- The 49th Annual MIVAL Jr. Art Show is now on display at the Gallery at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center (MICEC).
- Each year Mercer Island's youth – kindergarten through 12th grade – are invited to submit their artwork to MIVAL for display and a friendly judging panel.
- We have incredibly talented youth on the Island. Come check out the exhibit now through August 18.
- The artist reception will take place on **Saturday, July 8 from 12 – 2pm** where family, friends, and the community can celebrate these young artists!
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/mercerislandgallery for gallery hours.

Mostly Music in the Park

- The Recreation Division is excited to kick off the 2023 season of Mostly Music in the Park.
- Enjoy six weeks of outdoor concerts at Mercerdale Park, Thursday evenings at 6:30pm July 13 - August 17.
- Our thanks to 4Culture, the Mercer Island Community Fund, Island Treats, Classic Pianos, and MIVAL for supporting the 2023 MMIP season!
- Visit www.mercerisland.gov/mmip for details.



The poster features a sun icon in the top left and musical notes in the top right. The title 'Mostly Music in the Park 2023' is prominently displayed in red and black. Below the title, the schedule is listed for Thursdays from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM at Mercerdale Park. The schedule is presented in a grid format with alternating light blue and light orange background sections. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Arts and Crafts Provided Each Week!' with logos for the City of Mercer Island, Mercer Island Community Fund, 4Culture, Island Treats, and Classic Pianos.

Mostly
MUSIC IN THE PARK
2023

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

JULY 13	SHINING STARTS OF TOMORROW	JULY 20	BRIAN JAMES TRIO
JULY 27	THE DAVANOS	AUG 3	WALLY & THE BEAVES
AUG 10	THE OLSON BROS.	AUG 17	PORTAGE BAY BIG BAND

ARTS AND CRAFTS PROVIDED EACH WEEK!

Library – Extended Hours

- Beginning July 16, the Mercer Island library will be extending hours.
- An hour will be added to each weekday and beginning July 16, will be open Saturday and closed on Sunday.
- Current Hours
 - Monday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
 - Tuesday 12:00PM - 8:00PM
 - Wednesday 12:00PM - 8:00PM
 - Thursday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
 - Friday 10:00AM - 6:00PM
 - Saturday 11:00AM – 6:00PM
 - Sunday Closed
- For more information visit <https://kcls.org/locations/mercer-island/#newhours>





Summer Celebration July 15

- 2023 Summer Celebration is about a week away!
- We are excited for everything this year's event will bring including the community parade, live music, community booths, art vendors, kid's activities, food trucks, the fireworks show, and more!
- A huge thank you to our sponsors: Mercer Island Martial Arts, Mercer Island Community Fund, The Mercer Apartment Homes, Belle Harbour, and Jake Jacobson!

Mercer Island Medallions Engagement Opportunities

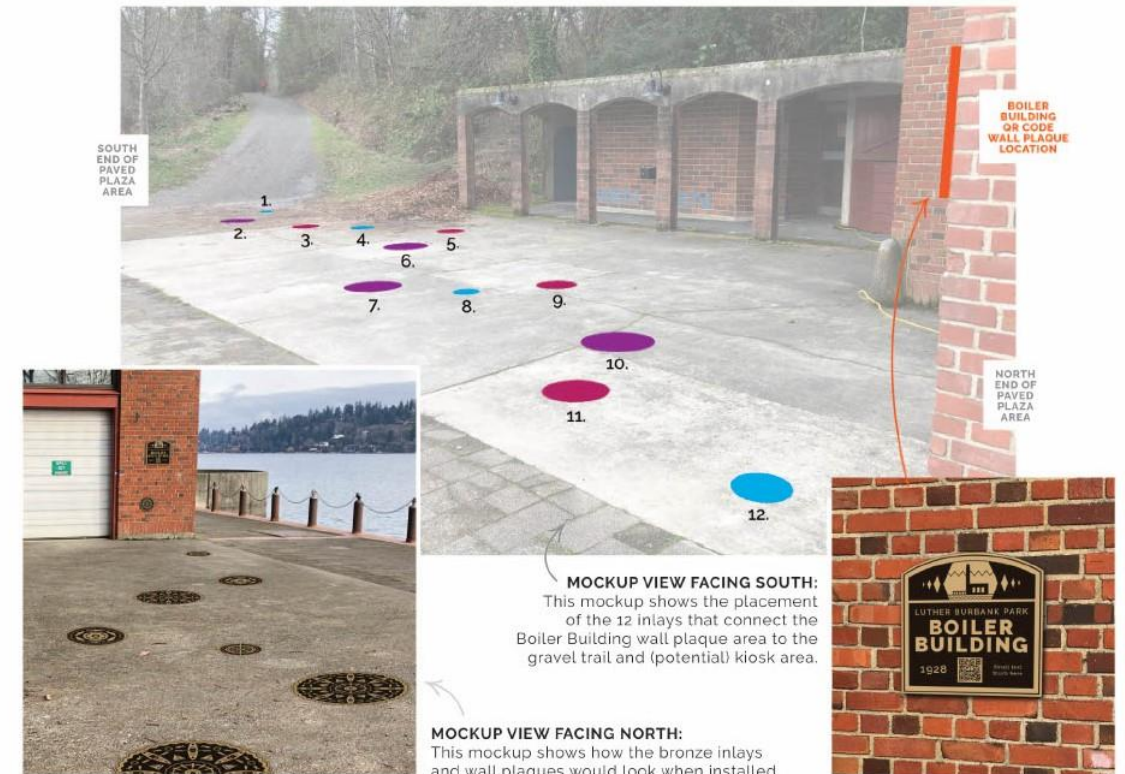
- The City selected local artist Marsha Rollinger to create new public art for the Luther Burbank Park waterfront plaza.
- Rollinger will use community input to develop 12 individual bronze pieces that will be inlaid in the new plaza pavement.
- Participate in this public art project throughout the summer at community events and online via Let's Talk!

Community Events

- MI Farmers Market: June 25
- Summer Celebration: July 15
- Mostly Music in the Park: Aug. 10

“Share Your Ideas” Tool on Let's Talk

www.mercerisland.gov/medallions



Thank you!

