



# City Manager's Report

August 28, 2018



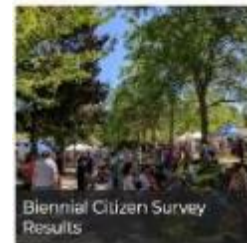
# Let's Talk Mercer Island

## *A New Way to Engage with Your Local Government*

- Online engagement platform
- Contribute your ideas and ask questions about featured projects
- Interactive tools including: discussion forums, polls, surveys, and crowdsource mapping
- The City will use online feedback in conjunction with face-to-face activities (meetings, hearings, surveys, etc)

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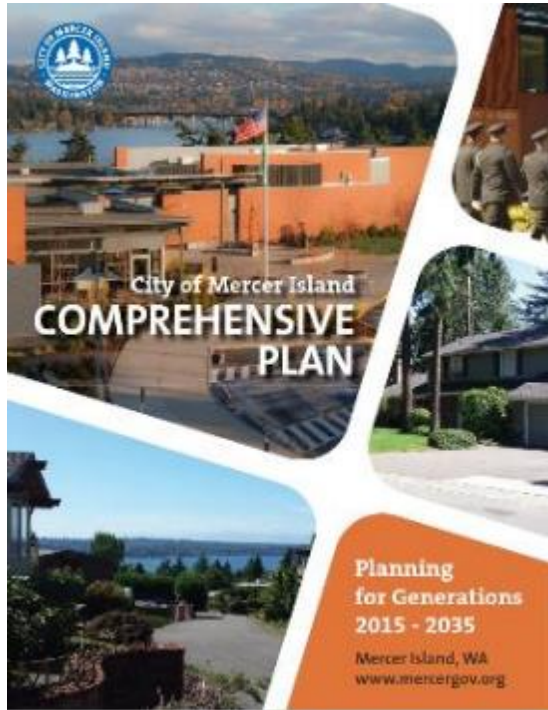
Welcome to Let's Talk Mercer Island, the City of Mercer Island's online engagement site designed to give you an opportunity to tell us what you think! Here you'll find information about projects going on in Mercer Island and opportunities to submit your ideas and questions about City matters that are important to you. We're excited to hear from you!



Visit <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/> to get started!



# Comprehensive Plan Updates: We Want Your Feedback

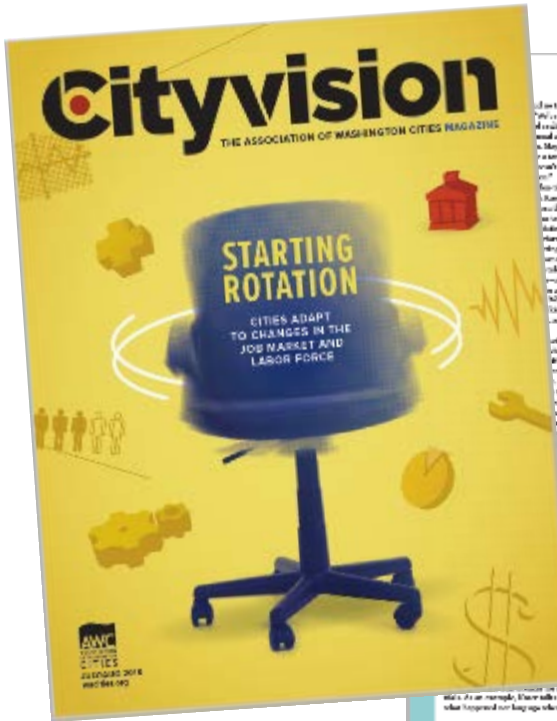


- **Public Hearings**
  - Aug. 29, 6 pm at City Hall
  - Sept. 5, 6 pm at City Hall
- **Online Outreach**
  - Ongoing through Sept. 5
- **Email / Written Public Comment**
  - Submit now through Sept. 5 to [evan.maxim@mercergov.org](mailto:evan.maxim@mercergov.org)

Visit [letstalk.mercergov.org/CompPlan](http://letstalk.mercergov.org/CompPlan) to review proposed amendments and share your thoughts



# City Staff Featured in City Vision Magazine



of the nation's largest cities. The magazine is published quarterly and is a must-read for city officials and staff. It features articles, news, and photos that provide insight into the challenges and opportunities facing our cities today.

**Starting Rotation**  
Cities adapt to job market and labor force

As the labor market continues to evolve, cities are finding it increasingly difficult to attract and retain talent. This is especially true for cities that are not traditionally known for their economic diversity. The article discusses the challenges of finding qualified candidates and offers strategies for cities to improve their recruitment efforts.

One city that has successfully navigated these challenges is [City Name]. Through a combination of targeted recruitment and employee development programs, they have managed to build a strong and diverse workforce.



City staff members featured in Cityvision magazine. From left to right: [Name], [Name], [Name], and [Name].



**WE EXPECT A LOT OF OUR EMPLOYEES, AND WE ALSO REWARD A LOT.**

— Mayor [Name]

The city is committed to providing a supportive and rewarding work environment for all employees. We understand that our employees are the backbone of our city and we want to ensure they have the resources and support they need to succeed.

Our employee benefits package includes a comprehensive health and dental plan, a 401(k) savings plan, and paid time off. We also offer professional development opportunities and flexible work arrangements to help our employees balance their work and personal lives.

As a result of our commitment to our employees, we have seen a significant increase in employee satisfaction and retention. This has allowed us to maintain a high level of service to our citizens while also attracting top talent to our city.



[Name], City Staff

As a city staff member, I am proud to be part of a team that is dedicated to serving our community. We work hard every day to ensure that our citizens have the best possible experience with our city services.

One of the things I enjoy most about my job is the opportunity to work with people from different backgrounds and perspectives. This diversity makes our work more interesting and helps us better understand the needs of our diverse community.

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# MIPA Summer Concert

- Thurs., August 30, 6 pm
- Mercerdale Park  
(77<sup>th</sup> Ave SE & SE 32<sup>nd</sup> St)
- Free concert featuring  
Caspar Babypants



The poster for the MIPA Summer Concert features a large, stylized sun with a smiling face in the center. The sun is composed of various shades of yellow and orange. The text 'MIPA Summer Concert' is written in a purple, playful font at the top left. The words 'Featuring Caspar Babypants' are prominently displayed in the center, with 'Featuring' in white and 'Caspar Babypants' in purple. Below this, it says 'A free event for local families' and 'Thursday, August 30th Mercerdale Park 6 pm'. The website 'MIPreschoolAssociation.org' is listed at the bottom. A purple banner at the bottom of the poster contains the text 'MIPA is grateful for the generous support of our 2017-2018 sponsors'. Below the banner are three logos: the City of Mercer Island logo, 'the Mercer Luxury Apartment Homes' logo, and the Mercer Island Public Library logo. The Mercer Island Preschool Association logo is also visible in the top right corner of the poster.

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MIPreschoolAssociation.org

Mercer Island Preschool Association is dedicated to serving families and children from birth to five

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# Transit Service Changes Starting in September

Rainier Freeway Station at I-90 to close Sept. 22, reopening in 2023

**Affected Mercer Island Bus Routes: 550, 554, 216**

**Route 550** will bypass Rainier and will access Downtown via the I-90 mainline & Transit Tunnel

**Route 216** will bypass Rainier and will access Downtown via the I-90 mainline & 4th Avenue

**Route 554** will now stop at Rainier & South Charles Street. The 554 will continue Downtown via South Dearborn Street.

Route 550



Route 554



Visit [soundtransit.org/i90buschanges](https://soundtransit.org/i90buschanges) for more information.

# CERT Classes & City Earthquake Exercise



- **Sept. 5 – Oct. 17 CERT Classes**
- Wednesdays, 6:30-9:30pm
- Location: City Hall Emergency Operation Center (9611 SE 36<sup>th</sup> St)
- Contact Jennifer Franklin to register  
[Jennifer.Franklin@mercergov.org](mailto:Jennifer.Franklin@mercergov.org)



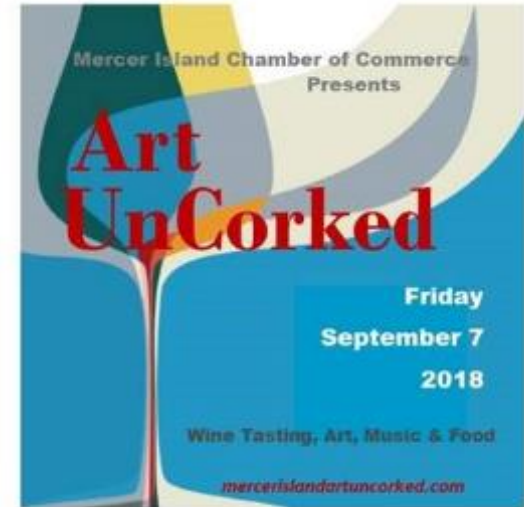
- **Sept. 7, 10am-2pm – City Earthquake Exercise**
- Location: City Hall & MICEC
- Exercise is for staff, volunteers, and Councilmembers



# Art Uncorked September 7



- Friday, Sept. 7, 5:30 – 9:00 pm
- Location: Outdoor Sculpture Gallery (78th Ave. and Sunset Blvd)
- Tickets:
  - VIP Tasting \$45/\$50 at door
  - Open Tasting \$30/\$35 at door
  - Art Patron \$5 (no tasting tickets)
- Visit [mercerislandartuncorked.com](http://mercerislandartuncorked.com) to purchase tickets.





# Back to School



School is back in session on Wednesday, September 5. Remember to watch for kids walking or biking to/from school.

School zones are back in effect at 7:00am Wednesday morning.



# City Facilities Closed Labor Day



In observance of Labor Day,  
City facilities will be closed on  
Monday, September 3.

