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Calendar

Event details are available on the calendar on the City's website.

February 12

6 pm Family Valentine's Party

February 15

HOLIDAY—CITY OFFICES CLOSED

February 16

7 pm Regular City Council Meeting

February 17

7:30 pm Planning Commission Meeting

February 20

9 am First Aid and Adult CPR

February 23

7 pm Senior Commission Meeting

February 24

7:30 pm Design Commission Meeting

March 1

7 pm Regular City Council Meeting

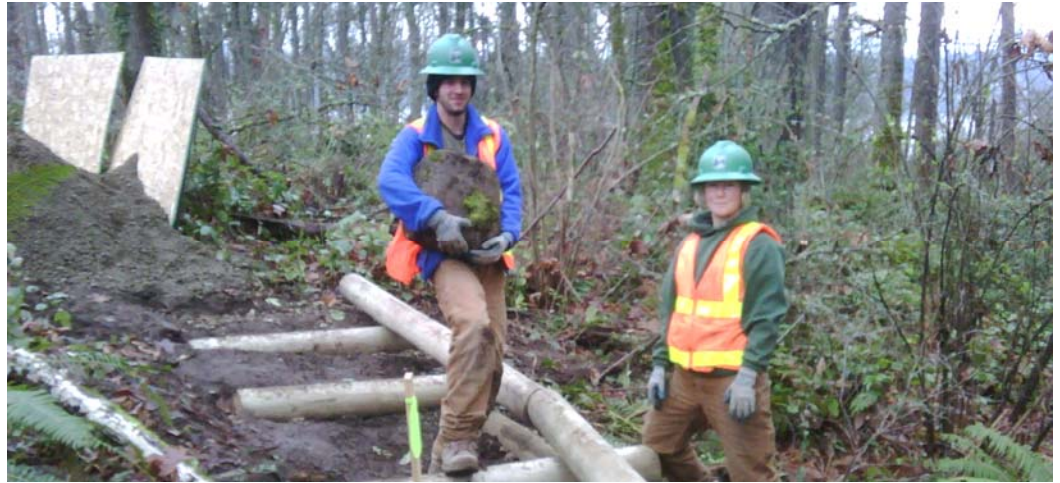
March 3

7:30 pm Planning Commission Meeting

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Washington Conservation Corps crewmembers Seth Peterson and Holly Shores working on the 84th Ave Bypass Trail.

Upper Luther Trail Work Has Started

This week, Mountains to Sound Greenway, Washington Conservation Corps and City trails specialist Justin Howell began work on a new trail that will run parallel to 84th Ave SE in Upper Luther Burbank Park. This quarter mile trail was originally identified in the Luther Burbank Park Master Plan and was considered a high priority project by the Citizen Advisory Committee to the 2008 Parks and Open Space Levy. Funding from the 2007 King County Proposition 2 Parks and Regional Trails Levy made this trail possible. The trail will provide an alternative to walking in the roadway for pedestrians going to and from downtown. For more information, please contact Parks Natural Resource Coordinator Paul West at 206.275.7833.

Jump in! Be a Helper for Leap for Green

The 3rd Annual Leap for Green celebration will take place on April 24 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Community Center at Mercer View. This event happens because of volunteers and we need YOU to be one of them! Help is needed now with organizing, as well as on the day of the event. To sign up, please contact Joy Johnston at 206.275.7791 or joy.johnston@mercergov.org. Also, we want to hear from you about Leap for Green! Go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/LeapforGreen to fill out the survey before March 1. Thanks!

Family Valentine's Party Tonight

Friday, February 12 ~ 6 pm to 8:30 pm ~ Community Center at Mercer View

Get on your dancing shoes for an unforgettable night. Bring your family out to celebrate Valentine's Day with dancing, refreshments, photos, games, and more. The dance is geared for ages 2 to 12 years (accompanied by an adult) Fee: \$16 per child and one family member, \$5 for each additional family member. Please call 206.275.7609 for more information.

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Mercer Island Thrift Shop now OPEN on Mondays

Mercer Island Thrift Shop is excited to announce that it is opening its doors for business on Mondays. This is in addition to the regular retail store hours. As of February 1, the Thrift Shop is open for business six days a week to better serve the customers and the community. Donation hours will not change. There is new merchandise everyday - come and shop! More information is available at 206.275.7760 or www.mercergov.org/thriftshop.

Regular Store Hours:

Monday through Friday 10 to 7 pm, Saturdays 10 to 5 pm
Donations gladly accepted Monday through Saturday 9 to 4 pm

Islanders Needed for Census Jobs, More Mercer Island Testing Dates Added

The US Census Bureau needs more Mercer Island residents to apply for Census jobs. You can be an important part of making sure everyone is counted for the 2010 Census. Feel free to sign up to re-test, as well.

NEW TESTING DATES FOR MERCER ISLAND

February 20, 11:30 am at the Mercer Island Library

February 25, 10 am at City Hall

March 5, 10 am at City Hall

Other dates also available. Please call 425.749.5111 to sign-up for an Application and Testing Session. The pay is \$17.50 per hour. For more information about working for the Census, application and practice test, please visit <http://2010.census.gov/applicants>.

Council Meeting Preview—February 16

This week's council meeting topics will include ways that the City Council can help in the effort to reduce underage drinking, the Planning Commission 2010 Work Program, and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan.

Earlier this year, the City Council adopted a series of actions aimed at reducing underage drinking on Mercer Island. These proposed actions leverage City Councilmembers elected authority to add to the on-going collaborative effort on Mercer Island to reduce underage drinking. At the next council meeting, the Council will look at specific recommendations.

Also at the February 16 meeting, the City Council will review the Planning Commission's work program for this year. The proposed 2010 Work Plan includes mandatory items such as regular land use work and the Shoreline Master Program update, as well as the Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan and development code modifications related to the workforce housing tax exemption.

Mercer Island's Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities Plan guides the development of routes through Mercer Island for walking and biking such as paths and bike lanes. Following considerable discussion and analysis, the final recommended draft PBF Plan Update was approved by the Planning Commission on February 3, 2010 for submittal to the Council.

Please note that the February 16 meeting takes place on a Tuesday rather than a Monday because Monday is a holiday. Agendas are posted to the City website the Friday before the council meeting. Council meetings air live on the night of the meeting and are then repeated at 10 am and 7 pm everyday on MI-TV Channel 21.

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A Better You!

Exciting Programs for All Ages Available through Mercer Island Parks and Recreation!

For more information and to register for the classes listed below, go to www.myparksandrecreation.com or call 206.275.7609.

After School Nature Program

Mondays, March 1-29, 2:30 to 4:30 pm

Immerse yourself in the wonders of nature! Join us for some fun-filled, hands on after school program with a Nature Vision Naturalist. Each Monday we will explore a nature topic, share a story and enjoy a snack, provided by Friends of Luther Burbank Park.*Dress kids for rain or shine! Age: 4 - 9 yrs. Fee: \$77.00

Super Sitters Babysitting Course

Saturday, February 20, 9 am to 2 pm

Learn basic babysitting skills, safety and infant child care in this course. Be better prepared to provide a safer, more effective and positive babysitting experience. You will receive a certificate upon completion. Please bring a lunch to class. Age: 11 - 15 yrs. Fee: \$50.00
 Instructor: Overlake Hospital Medical Instructors

Defensive Driving for Seniors

Wednesday, March 3, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Sponsored by the Washington Traffic Safety Education Association. Participants receive a 10% discount on their insurance rates! Age: 55+ Fee: 14.00

To learn more about the Mercer Island City Council, please visit the City website. Council Meeting agendas and supporting documents are uploaded to the website the Friday before each meeting.