Ahoy Mercer Island sea dogs an’ land lubbers! The City of Mercer Island’s 2007 Summer Celebration! tis near. Mark your calendars for **July 14 and 15** and prepare yourselves for an exciting weekend of pirate fun! Co-sponsored this year by Overlake Hospital Medical Center, the 17th Annual Mercer Island Summer Celebration! is a two-day community festival with activities, food and fun for all ages. This year, dozens of pirates will invade the island bringing games, shows and all kinds of swashbuckling fun! You do not want to miss this exciting Mercer Island summer tradition.

One of the highlights of this celebrated community event is a Pirate Village complete with a pirate souvenir store, swashbuckler games and activities, sword fight circle demonstrations, and black powder cannon shows with mock pirate battles. Please see page 4 for a schedule of events!

### One Island’s Commitment to a Healthy Environment

Last month, Mercer Island Council unanimously adopted Resolution 1389 which commits the City to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through city operations and through community education. You are an important part of this effort. There is no single solution to the threat of climate change. Large scale success will depend on the actions of individuals. By taking small steps everyday, you can be part of the solution.

Here are some simple ways to save energy at home:

- **Turn off lights in empty rooms and unplug electronics and cell phone chargers that aren’t in use.**
- **Use efficient bulbs.** Compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) are 75 percent more efficient than incandescent bulbs and last much longer. Puget Sound Energy offers rebate incentives to customers for replacing incandescent bulbs with ENERGY STAR® qualified CFL light bulbs. Visit [www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com) for more details.
- **Set your hot water tank at 120 degrees, take shorter showers, use water-efficient dishwashers and washing machines, run them only when full and wash clothes in cold water.**
- **Consider installing a high-efficiency natural gas water heater.** High-efficiency water heaters may qualify for a rebate through Puget Sound Energy. Visit [www.pse.com](http://www.pse.com) for more details.

You can also help maintain healthy urban forests throughout the island: Whether you work on your own or enjoy the camaraderie of a group, you can help remove invasives and plant trees in the 300+ acres of open space on Mercer Island. Call 206.236.2544 to schedule this 1½ hour training with Paul West, the Park Arborist. He will cover safety, tools and techniques, paperwork and other relevant topics. Volunteer projects are scheduled throughout the year.

For more information about Mercer Island’s commitment to sustainable practices, please visit [www.mercergov.org/sustainability](http://www.mercergov.org/sustainability).
Emergency Water Well Drilling Project is a Success!

The test well in Rotary Park, which was drilled to a depth of 570 feet in March, has produced water of both the quality and quantity to serve as a short-term source in the event of an interruption in the Island’s supply from Seattle Public Utilities. Some treatment will be required before the well can be activated due to the presence of manganese and coliform bacteria. During pump tests in April, the test well produced 300 gallons per minute (gpm) for 24 hours. The threshold established for the project was 220 gpm, which would be enough water to provide about five gallons per person on a daily basis for up to seven days. At the City Council Study Session on June 20, Council directed staff to move forward with determining what is necessary to create temporary pumping ability until the test well can be converted to a production well.

Preventing a major disaster from disrupting Mercer Island’s water supply has been a top priority of the City and its Water Utility for many years. With the successful completion of the test well phase of the Emergency Water Supply Well Project at Rotary Park, the City is poised to make a tremendous leap forward in preparedness. More info: www.mercergov.org/testwell. Contact: Rona Lin 206.236.3271

Have you noticed construction in a street or park in your neighborhood?

During the summer and fall months, the City will be making several improvements throughout the Island. Please visit www.mercergov.org/CIP for information about projects underway or soon to begin in 2007. To request a complete list and map of the projects, please call Communications Coordinator, Joy Bueling at 206.236.7238.

Easier Ways to Get Permits for Building Projects

As part of Development Services’ efforts to improve customer service, over the counter permits are now available:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, from 3 to 4 pm

This includes permits for small projects such as simple repairs, simple decks, etc. that require less than one half hour of a Plan Reviewer’s time.

You can also apply for permits right from your own home or business by logging onto www.MyBuildingPermit.com

Another process that has increased convenience for customers is the Combo Permit which covers plumbing, mechanical and electrical for new single family home construction all in one permit. The Combo Permit went into effect in January of 2007.

The number of 2007 permits processed so far this year are almost 10% greater than the same time period last year:

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5-year comparison of totals for the whole year:

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The Mercer Island Development Services Group (DSG) is happy to help! Please call 206.236.5300 or visit the city’s website for more information.
Mercer Island Park-and-Ride Update

Construction Update – June 2007

Work continues on the Mercer Island Park-and-Ride parking structure at full capacity. After the discovery of cracking in one of the support beams last fall, Sound Transit immediately worked with the contractor and design firm to resolve the problem. During the review the contractor was able to continue limited work on the project in other areas in order to minimize the impact to the project schedule.

After a thorough evaluation of the cracked beam, substantial work was proposed to address the problem and assure the long-term structural safety, seismic stability and service life of the parking garage. The work plan and revised schedule was approved by Sound Transit and the City of Mercer Island earlier this year. The construction schedule was impacted by approximately 6 months and the project is now expected to be completed and ready to open this fall. More information: www.mercergov.org/parkandride.

Assessing Island Landscapes

Recently, the top 300 water users on the Island were invited to participate in the Landscape Assessment Program. The program helps Mercer Island residents find ways to reduce water usage while enhancing landscaping.

Why conserve water?
The region's fresh water supply comes primarily from two sources: the Cedar River Watershed and the Tolt River Watershed, both located in eastern King County. The watersheds are large, uninhabited land areas that gather and store rain and snowmelt. Year-round, 26 cities and water districts rely on a limited supply of stored water from these two sources to meet most of the daily needs of business, government, institutions, and 1.3 million people in our region. In addition to providing clean, clear, reliable drinking water, the watersheds also provide habitat for fish and wildlife. Historically, Mercer Island has been one of the region's bigger water users during the summer "demand" season.

How Landscape Assessment Works
At no charge, noted landscape professional Howard Stenn of Stenn Design will perform an extensive assessment of resident irrigation systems, soil conditions, plantings, landscape maintenance and outdoor watering practices. The assessment typically lasts two to three hours. Mr. Stenn then presents his findings to the participating resident and makes recommendations. Residents who have taken advantage of the Assessment program in the past have found it to be valuable. Contact: Suzanne Riddell 206.236.3560

Even if you are not one of the 300 top water users, but you would like to conserve water at home, here are some tips for your own landscaping:

Choose the right plants for each garden spot.
Once you know the conditions in each garden area, identify plants that will do well in each situation.

Select pest- and disease-resistant varieties.
Whether you grow roses or rhododendrons, apples or tomatoes, varieties are available that resist common pests and diseases. Look for resistant varieties in nurseries, plant and seed catalogs. Call WSU / King County Cooperative Extension at (206) 296-3900 for lists of resistant plant varieties.

Choose plants that thrive without irrigation.
Many beautiful plants thrive in our climate with just the water provided by nature—once they are established in the garden.

Diversify.
Gardens with many different types of plants resist the spread of pests, diseases and other problems better than those with just a few. Diverse plantings attract birds and insects that control pests—and are more attractive to people too!

Choose native plants.
Native plants are well adapted to local climate and pests and may suit your garden. Many Northwest natives are attractive and easy to grow.

Plant grass only where it will thrive.
Healthy lawns need properly amended and well-drained soil at least 6 inches deep, and several hours of direct sun a day. Keeping large areas of lawn green and healthy takes a lot of time and resources. Consider how much lawn you need—and want to maintain.

For more tips on ways you can conserve water during the summer months, please visit www.mercergov.org/sustainability.
Summer Celebration Schedule
Saturday, July 14

**Town Center Street Fair**
Food Booths & Crafts Marketplace........ 10 am – 7 pm
Grand Parade.......................................... 10 am
Children’s Inflatable Rides/Activities... 11 am – 7 pm
Hands-on Art for Kids
Main Stage Entertainment..................... 11 am – 7 pm

**Luther Burbank Park**
Boat Rides Around the Island........ 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm
Teen Music Celebration –
Luther Burbank Park Amphitheater........ 1 pm – 3 pm
Food Booths............................................ 6 pm – 10 pm
Inflatable Rides / Kid Fun............... 6:30 pm – 10 pm
Entertainment, Amphitheater stage.... 7 pm – 10 pm
Fireworks Boat Cruise......................... 8 pm – 10 pm
Fireworks Show at Dusk................... approx. 10:15 pm

Sunday, July 15

**Town Center Street Fair**
Food Booths & Crafts Marketplace....... 10 am – 5 pm
Classic Car Gathering (Farmers New
World Life parking lot)............................ 10 am – 3 pm
Children’s Inflatable Rides/Activities.... 11 am – 5 pm
Hands-on Art for Kids......................... 11 am – 5 pm
Main Stage Entertainment................ 11 am – 5 pm

**Luther Burbank**
Shakespeare in the Park – “As You Like It” by Wooden O Theatre ………………………………….…. 7 pm

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**Potter Party!**

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, the FINAL book of the series is being released and you have to be there! Join MI Parks & Rec, Island Books & MI Library for the biggest, most special Potter Party ever! We’ll have games & activities, show the movie, a live musical performance by the “Parcelmouths” and MORE!! When the clock strikes midnight...the hottest new book release will be yours! Pre-purchase your copy at Island Books today!

Age: All ages Welcome
Day: Friday
Date: July 20
Time: 9 pm – 12:30 am
Location: Community Center at Mercer View
More information: 206.236.3545

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**Calling all Teen Bands!**

Live on stage in Luther Burbank Park local teen bands will show off their talent in the “Teen Music Celebration” part of the Summer Celebration weekend. Bands will be judged and prizes given. Interested bands should call Katie Borden at 206.236.3590 to register and for more information.

Age: High School & Middle School students
Day: Saturday
Date: July 14
Time: 1 to 3 pm

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**Youth Volunteer Update**

Mercer Island Youth and Family Services offers two volunteer programs for MI youth during the summer: the Summer Volunteer Program (SVP) for middle school students and Volunteer Outreach in Communities Everywhere (VOICE) for high school students. These programs give youth an opportunity to volunteer in various settings. Through experiences like collecting and sorting donations, preparing and serving meals to homeless people, harvesting vegetables for food banks, and playing games with disabled youth and seniors, these youth gain a valuable perspective on humanity and social justice that will prepare them to be more compassionate leaders of the future.

VOICE has expanded from 16 volunteers working with 13 organizations in 1994, to 165 volunteers working with over 50 organizations in the Seattle area. This year, the program has expanded to accept more volunteers and offer 250 volunteering opportunities (a 30% increase)! In an effort to expand the VOICE program, all Mercer Island volunteer projects have slots allotted for the 80 waitlisted VOICE applicants, as well.

In the three years since it was founded, the Summer Volunteer Program (SVP) has grown in popularity—and this year is no exception. With 70 volunteers, this year’s enrollment is at an all time high. And although the program has been shortened to seven and a half weeks to accommodate a later release from school, the program has partnered with 40 organizations (an 80% increase), expanding to offer 115 volunteering opportunities (a 30% increase).

We are looking forward to a summer filled with fun, challenge, learning, and community service! Contact: Michelle Morse 206.236.7293.

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**Youth and Family Services, Foundation Look to the Future**

Recent developments in the Youth and Family Services Department and the Foundation that supports it have both organizations looking to the future with fervor. The Foundation will engage in strategic planning over the next year to prepare for the new biennium budget starting in 2009. The addition of development staff in the YFS Department is designed to support the Foundation in this planning process as well as enhance existing fund raising efforts and generate new revenues.

Youth and Family Services receives support from the community through Foundation efforts such as the annual Giving From the Heart Breakfast and direct mail appeals and through entrepreneurial activities like the Mercer Island Thrift Shop. To learn more about how the community can support Youth and Family Services or become involved in Foundation activities, please call 206-236-3525.
Get Active This Summer!
Mercer Island Parks and Recreation Department has many fun and exciting programs planned for Summer of 2007!

Adults and Seniors:
Get in Shape before summer hits with a variety of fun group exercise programs such as Jazzercise, Enhance Fitness, Total Conditioning, Aerobic Dancing, Fitness Boot Camp, Pilates and a new class The Healthy Body Program. Other fun classes that will help you get in shape but not feel like a workout are Belly Dancing, Tap Dancing and Solemates walking group. If a more personalized approach is more your style, sign up for a session with our personal trainer. Have you ever wanted to golf but don’t have anyone to go with you, sign up for our senior’s golf program and you can golf 9 or 18 holes every Monday with our golfing group. For more information on this program see page 28 of the Recreation Guide

Youth:
Summer is a great time to explore and try new things. Kamp Rock is a great way for kids to explore new horizons and make new friends. This year each theme week is packed full of exciting games and entertainment such as Willy Wonka Style camp which will celebrate sweets and one of the best movies of all time, the original Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Check out all the fun weeks on pages 38 and 39 in the Recreation Guide. There are also a variety of other camps for youth to participate in this summer!

Check out the Spring and Summer Recreation Guide for a complete listing of all the Island happenings! You can register online via MyParksAndRecreation.com, by phone at 206.236.3545 or by fax at 206.236.3631.

South Mercer Playfields Artificial Turf Installation and Field Lighting Replacement
Parks and Recreation department staff have been working in conjunction with the School District through the spring to complete the engineering and design work required for the project. Current project schedule indicates that the field could be completed early in October, just in time for peak usage by field user groups. The projects objectives are to replace the field surface, currently a sand soil mixture with artificial turf and replacing the aging field lighting with a new system. An artificial turf surface will improve field playing conditions, player safety and increase use of the field. Field lighting upgrades will reduce energy consumption, improve lighting levels on the field and track while reducing the light spill or glare associated with the current field lighting. For updates on this project and other projects throughout the City, please visit www.mercergov.org/CIP.

Relax and Play in Your Community Center!
The Community Center at Mercer View offers a wide variety of activities for you!

Sports! Pickleball, Badminton, Volleyball, and on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday come for open basketball play from 3-5 pm.

Want to Relax? Read a magazine or a book by the fire, watch T.V., surf the net, meet friends for a cup of coffee, enjoy the views from the terrace.

Games Anyone? FREE Pool, foosball, darts.

For Kids! Play in the indoor playground, drop-in at the preschool, play with toys in the kid’s corner.

There’s something for everyone...see you there! 206.236.3545

New! Online Park Guide
Imagine you’re looking for a place to take your family for a picnic. The dog is barking and if the kids kick that soccer ball inside again, they’re going to break a window. You need to find a kid-friendly, dog-friendly park with some field space fast.

Help is now just a few computer clicks away at www.MyParksAndRecreation.com.

This website jointly sponsored by Mercer Island and eight other Eastside cities (Bellevue, Bothell, Issaquah, Kenmore, Kirkland, Sammamish, Snoqualmie and Woodinville) now offers interactive park maps that will instantly display parks that meet a user’s specifications. Helpful tools such as Search boxes and links to area cities, or specific locations on the mapped cities, are designed to make it easier for site users to narrow searches and find information.

The site can also be used to find recreation and activity information, and register for programs with direct links to individual cities. Additionally, the site features information about local trails, sports and recreation activities, entertainment, life-guarded beaches, community “pea patch” gardens, boat launches and more.

MyParksAndRecreation.com is part of the eCityGov Alliance. The Alliance is a group of cities in Washington that have committed to partner to provide online services and information to customers. The Association of Washington Cities (AWC) has recognized the eCityGov Alliance as an outstanding example of local government partnership.

For more information, visit www.MyParksAndRecreation.com.
You Can Help Keep Our Water Supply Safe! The Importance of Backflow Testing

Earlier this year, some Mercer Island residents received a letter requesting that their backflow prevention devices be tested and results submitted to the City of Mercer Island no later than June 30, 2007. There are 3,389 backflow devices on the Island belonging to about 2000 residents, and last year, almost 95% of the devices were tested.

Why is this so important? Backflow devices protect the city’s water supply by preventing contaminated water from entering back into the public water system. One of the most famous and deadly cases of contaminated water occurred in the 1933 Chicago World’s Fair when 98 people died from dysentery due to sewage from toilets that backed up into the water system. More commonly, water can come into contact with chemicals, pesticides and other contaminants and then enter back into the water supply. Contamination can range from severe hazards (involving sewage or hazardous substances) to aesthetic problems (juice, soap, dirt, etc.)

Annual testing of backflow prevention devices is required by Washington State Department of Health. Testing the devices ensures that they are working and have been properly maintained. Customers are encouraged to assist with the success of the City’s backflow prevention program by attaining proper permits for plumbing changes – including new irrigation installation – and arranging for annual testing.

Backflow devices protect the water supply for everyone. If you have one or more backflow prevention devices, thank you in advance for taking time to arrange for testing this year. For more information and a list of backflow assembly testers, please visit www.mercergov.org/backflow or call 206.236.3587.

Be Ozone Smart – Do Your Part for Cleaner Summer Air

Warmer summer months are when we start worrying about ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog. Smog builds when summertime sunlight "cooks" everyday emissions from motor vehicles, industry, paints, solvents and gasoline fumes. When the pollutants react with the summertime sunlight, they form ground-level ozone. Exposure to ground-level ozone can harm our health, and can trigger asthma attacks, lung inflammation and other respiratory illnesses. Ozone may damage lung tissue even in healthy people. It makes our eyes itch, burn and water.

The Puget Sound area typically experiences smog problems when temperatures reach 85 degrees or higher, and especially when winds are stagnant or light. Last summer was our worst ozone season since 1998 – and though we cannot predict what kind of summer is in store for us this year, adopting a few clean-air behaviors now can help reduce pollution and help ensure our ozone levels stay within healthy limits:

- Reduce your commute. When you commute less, you pollute less. Bus, bike, carpool, or telecommute instead.
- Stash the gas mower. Reducing use of gasoline powered yard equipment, or opting for electric or manually powered devices instead, helps keep smog levels down.
- Try pollution-free water recreation. Motor boats produce about 85,000 pounds of smog-forming pollutants each summer day in the Puget Sound region – try sailing, canoeing or kayaking instead.
- Join the Clean Air Action Network, and be among the first to know when we call a Smog Watch or when air-quality conditions indicate the need for early action. Sign up at www.pscleanair.org

Hold the Grease!

What happens when grease is dumped down the drain? Fats, oils and grease solidify in pipes, clogging Mercer Island’s sewer system. The cleaning process entails the use of high powered hydro jetters which get the grease out, but over time, can erode pipes. This means that the City will have to replace pipes sooner than would otherwise be necessary. Additionally, blockages in the wastewater collection system are serious, causing sewage spills, manhole overflows, or sewage backups in homes and businesses.

City Ordinance No. 02C-08 requires that commercial kitchens install pretreatment devices such as grease traps and interceptors to prevent fats, oils and grease from entering into the sewer system. Commercial kitchens are asked to manage the grease by training their staff and adopting other practices such as using a three-sink washing system. City staff also inspect Island businesses for compliance.

As citizens, you can help by allowing grease to cool then dispose of it without dumping it down the sink.

With the cooperation of businesses and residents, Mercer Island’s sewer system can function more reliably and the City’s investment in pipes will go further.

For more information, please contact the City’s Maintenance Department: 206.236.3613.
Burning Questions: Are Bonfires Legal?

With a few exceptions, outdoor burning is prohibited on Mercer Island (MICC 17.54). The exceptions include small cooking fires consisting solely of charcoal, natural gas, propane or seasoned natural wood; fires from flares, torches, smokeless waste gas burners, incense burners and insect pots; and recreational fires, but only with a permit from the Mercer Island Fire Department.

What are Recreational Fires?

Recreational fires are defined in state law as cooking fires, campfires and bonfires that occur in designated areas or on private property for cooking, pleasure or ceremonial purposes. A permit from the Mercer Island Fire Department is required for recreational fires.

Burn Safely – Rules and Regulations

If you obtain a permit and are allowed to burn, you must comply with regulations, including the following:

- You can NOT burn garbage, trash, construction materials (wood, plywood, particle board etc), petroleum products, plastics, paper (except what is necessary for starting the fire), cardboard, treated wood or other materials that produce dense smoke or obnoxious odors.
- Your recreational fire can be no larger than three feet by three feet by two feet high.
- You cannot burn within 25 feet of any structure.
- You cannot use a burn barrel.
- You cannot burn during an air-quality burn ban or fire-safety burn ban.
- You must be in attendance at all times when the fire is burning. If you have to leave, you must extinguish the fire.
- You must have the means to extinguish the fire. A shovel and a charged garden hose, 10-gallons of water in buckets, a 4-A dry chemical extinguisher or 2 ½ gallon water fire extinguisher is required.

A permit is required for each fire event. There is currently no charge for the recreational fire permit. The permit must be kept at the site and immediately available for responding fire or police units.

If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors or otherwise causes a nuisance, you must immediately put it out. You can be fined for causing a nuisance, and you may be held financially responsible for damages caused by your fire. If you violate outdoor burning regulations, you can be fined up to $13,000 per day. Fines typically start at $2,000 plus the cost to reimburse the fire department for its response efforts. A permit to burn is a privilege, not a right, so please act responsibly. For more information, contact the Mercer Island Fire Department 206.236.3600.

West Nile Virus Is Here: Avoid Mosquito Bites

In late 2006, West Nile virus killed birds and a horse in King County and made three people ill elsewhere in Washington. In 2007, there is a possibility that the virus may cause many more illnesses in our area.

“West Nile virus tends to cause the greatest number of illnesses in the first few years it is in an area before leveling off,” said Dr. David Fleming, Director and Health Officer for Public Health, Seattle & King County. “Now is the time to eliminate mosquito habitat from your property and take all appropriate precautions to avoid being bitten by a mosquito.”

In 2006, six birds tested positive for West Nile in King County. The infected animals indicate that the West Nile virus is circulating in mosquitoes and birds in King County, and could infect people this summer and fall.

The virus causes no symptoms in most instances. In about 20% of infections the person experiences mild-to-severe flu-like symptoms. In a small number of cases, West Nile virus can cause neuroinvasive disease, other serious illnesses, and death. People over 50 and particularly older adults over 70 are at higher risk for severe illness and death. There is no vaccine for people.

Protect yourself from mosquitoes by eliminating their breeding habitat. The mosquito that is most likely to infect King County residents prefers to lay eggs in small amounts of standing water commonly found around houses in buckets, wheelbarrows, clogged drains and discarded tires. Removing this habitat will reduce the number of mosquitoes near people’s homes. Learn more by calling the West Nile Virus hotline at 206-205-3883 or visit www.metrokc.gov/health/westnile.

In cooperation with the Seattle-King County Health Department, City personnel have been conducting mosquito surveillance on the Island which will indicate how and where to do treatment. The approach uses the principles of integrated pest management and is balanced and is protective of both humans and the environment.

Police Department Raises Money for Special Olympics

On May 18, Mercer Island police battled it out on the basketball court in the fifteenth annual “Cops vs. Kids” basketball game to raise money for Special Olympics, a program of sports competition for people with developmental disabilities. If you would like to support the Mercer Island Police Department’s efforts by making a donation to Special Olympics Washington, please make your check payable to Special Olympics Washington, and mail your donation in the envelope provided to the Mercer Island Police Department, Attention: Sgt. Lance Davenport, 9611 SE 36th Street, Mercer Island, WA 98040. Donations are tax deductible. Contact: Mercer Island Police Department 206.236.3500
### Mostly Music in the Park

**Concerts at Mercerdale Park at 7 pm**

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### Play Discussions by Perry Lorenzo

**at the Community Center at Mercer View at 5:30 pm**

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