

# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Leap for Green Family Fair!!!

The 3rd Annual Leap for Green Earth Day Celebration offers more fun than ever for kids of all ages! Join the Reptile Man, award-winning artist Marita Dingus, Full Circle Farm, Veraci Pizza and more for an exciting day of hula-hooping, music, art projects, movies and inspiring ways to be kinder to the environment. It's also Leap the Frog's birthday! Bring the whole family! Let's celebrate! Participants are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Mercer Island Food Pantry. Sponsored by the City of Mercer Island and IslandVision. For more information, please visit [www.mercergov.org/leapforgreen](http://www.mercergov.org/leapforgreen)

**Date:** Saturday, April 24  
**Time:** 10am - 2pm  
**Location:** Community Center at Mercer View  
**Fee:** FREE

Interested in helping with Leap for Green? Please call Joy Johnston at 206.275.7791 or email [joy.johnston@mercergov.org](mailto:joy.johnston@mercergov.org).

## YouPowered Events Coming in 2010!

Ride a bike or walk! Join your friends and neighbors at exciting YouPowered events on Mercer Island throughout 2010:

- **April 24, 10am to 2pm - Leap for Green at the Community Center**
- **June 5, 10am to 2pm - Festival at the South Island Shopping Area** (in partnership with National Trails Day and MI Letterbox Adventures)

And coming this fall...a special YouPowered event at the Mercer Island Farmers Market

Everyone is encouraged to bike or walk to these events. There are lots of great biking and walking trails throughout Mercer Island. It's healthy, refreshing, and a great way to explore this wonderful community!

YouPowered events are sponsored by the Mercer Island Green Ribbon Commission. For more information, call 206-275-7791 or visit [www.mercergov.org/GreenRibbonCommission](http://www.mercergov.org/GreenRibbonCommission). Don't miss the fun...and the fun getting there powered by you!



**NEW!**

## Mercer Island Letterbox Adventures

Letterboxing is a new fun way to explore outdoors! This spring, letterboxes will be popping up in Pioneer Park, and it's your job to find them! Follow the clues through the forest, and make a print of the hidden stamps in your notepad. For more

information, visit [www.mercergov.org/letterboxing](http://www.mercergov.org/letterboxing). Look for upcoming letterboxing activities at Leap for Green and National Trails Day Event!

## Spring Eggs-travaganza!

### Lil' Ones Egg Hunt

Hop on over to Mercerdale Park for the annual Eggs-travaganza Egg hunt just for the little ones! Our resident bunny has been hard at work putting together eggs, candy, and prizes for everyone and plans to make a special visit to the egg hunts to say "hello". Bring a basket and your sweet tooth and get ready to hunt for goodies. Find a golden egg for an "eggstra" special surprise. A separate section will be reserved for the 1 to 3 year old hunters. Please, no children over the age of 6.

**Ages:** 1 – 6 yrs.  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** April 3  
**Time:** 3:00pm SHARP!  
**Location:** Mercerdale Park

### Flashlight Egg Hunt

That's right! This one is done in the dark and was created exclusively for older kids! Bring your flashlight and a basket to haul off your loot. Lots of eggs, candy and prizes for everyone. Find the golden egg during our Eggs-travaganza for an "eggstra" special surprise.

**Ages:** 7 – 10 yrs.  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** April 3  
**Time:** 8:30pm SHARP!  
**Location:** Mercerdale Park

## National Trails Day "Trail Trek"-

### Renaissance in the Forest

In honor of National Trails Day, Pioneer Park will go "Medieval" for a special themed trail event. Activities will include a fun Renaissance story along the trail, letterboxing adventures kick-off, arts & crafts, Elizabethan games, and other Medieval surprises. Come all ye lads and lasses to Trails Day at ye merry Pioneer Park...t'will be a grand day indeed.

**Ages:** Open to all (activities will be geared for ages 4 to 12)  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** June 5  
**Time:** 10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Location:** Pioneer Park- NW quadrant along 68th (picnic area across from QFC-South end)- watch for colored balloons.

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## Aquafina Major League Baseball Pitch, Hit and Run Competition Event

The Parks and Recreation Department and the Boys and Girls Club will be hosting Mercer Island's first Pitch, Hit & Run baseball and softball competition for boys and girls. Join us for a day of fun festivities! Swing a bat, toss a ball and run as fast as you can! Concessions and other entertainment provided, visit [www.miparks.net](http://www.miparks.net) and go to special events for future details or [www.positiveplace.org](http://www.positiveplace.org).

**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** May 8  
**Time:** 11am - 1pm  
**Age:** 7 - 14 yrs.  
**Location:** South Mercer Playfields

**Special Instructions:** All participants are required to complete a participation form and submit a birth certificate. Go to [www.miparks.net](http://www.miparks.net) to download form. Or visit the Community Center at Mercer View or Boys and Girls Club.

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## Senior Spring Brunch and Pancake Toss

Spring Showers Bring May Flowers ....and Pancakes! Come celebrate spring with a hearty brunch and Pancake Toss. All your favorites and a special game too. Call 206.275.7609 to reserve your spot.

**Day:** Thursday  
**Date:** May 13  
**Time:** 10:30am – 12:00pm  
**Course #** 10966  
**Age:** 55+  
**Fee:** \$5.00  
**Location:** Comm. Ctr., Mercer Room

## Mercer Island Farmers Market Returns for a 3rd Season!

**Date:** June 20th - October 17th (Plus a special pre-Thanksgiving market)  
**Day:** Sundays 11am – 3pm (closed 7/11 and 8/1)  
**Location:** SE 32nd Street at Mercerdale Park  
**Information:** [www.mifarmersmarket.org](http://www.mifarmersmarket.org)

**See Summer Carnival Pg. 22**



## Mountains to Sound "Greenway Days"

From the peak of the Cascade Mountains to the shores of Puget Sound, communities along I-90 will celebrate the beauty and amenities that the Mountains to Sound Greenway System provides. Greenway day activities and events are designed to get participants off the beaten path to explore the region's natural, historic, and cultural treasures.

### Events on Mercer Island Include:

"Let's Go Fishing" Ages: 8 to 13 (with an adult) and includes learning fishing techniques, tying bait, casting etc. Participants enjoy a day of fishing after instruction and take home a small fishing kit. *Pre-registration for fishing program required.* (minimum 6, maximum 22)

**Date:** June 19 and June 20  
**Day:** Saturday  
**Date:** June 19  
**Fee:** \$22.00 For full details see "Let's Go Fishing" page 30!

## Kayak Academy and Issaquah Paddle Sports present: "Free Kayak Rides for family and friends!"

First timers can paddle in double sit-on-top kayaks (a small child can ride with two adults). *Rides limited to 20 minutes. All participants must know how to swim. Waiver forms required prior to participation. For a fun family adventure turn to page 31 for Kayak Tour info.*

**Day:** Sunday  
**Date:** June 20  
**Time:** 1:00-3:00pm  
**Fee:** FREE

## National Senior Citizen's Day Celebration – FREE!

Enjoy this special day as we celebrate the older citizens of M.I. We'll have free activities and a BBQ lunch. Transportation available. Call 275.7609 to reserve your spot for lunch and request a ride.

**Day:** Thursday  
**Date:** August 19  
**Time:** 10:30am – 1:00pm  
**Course #:** ~~10966~~ 10839  
**Age:** 55+  
**Fee:** FREE for Seniors  
**Location:** Comm. Ctr., Mercer Room

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## All-Island Track Meet Sponsored by MI Rotary

It's the 40th Annual All-Island Track Meet for 4th and 5th grade boys and girls. Start training for the qualifying meets scheduled at each elementary school. Come cheer on our local youth. **The All-Island Track Meet FINALS will be Friday, June 11 at MI High School. (Early dismissal day)**

### Qualifying Meets:

School:	Date:	Time:	Location:
Lakeridge	April 21	3:30pm – 5:00pm	South Mercer Playfields
Island Park	May 6	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Island Crest Park
West Mercer	May 13	3:30pm – 5:00pm	Homestead Park



## The Northwest Senior Games

Let the games begin!  
Don't miss out on this

event that gives people age 50 and better the opportunity to participate in social, competitive and recreational athletic events. The goal is to promote an interest in lifetime sports, recreation and physical activity that helps maintain and improve health. Sports and activities offered: Track and Field, Ice Hockey, Swimming, Badminton, Table Tennis, Tennis, Pickleball (at the Community Center at Mercer View), Cycling (on Mercer Island), Fencing, Half Marathon Walk, Line Dance and Ballroom Dance. For information or to VOLUNTEER, call 206-755-3588 or go online to [www.northwestseniorgames.org](http://www.northwestseniorgames.org). Registration forms will be available April 15, 2010.

## Teen Music Celebration!

Live on stage in Mercerdale Park local teen bands will show off their talent in the Music Celebration, part of the Summer Celebration weekend! Bands are judged by local talent, and prizes given. There is an 8 band limit, so register early! **Interested bands should call Katie Borden at 206-275-7862 for details.**

Age:	High School & Middle School Students
Day:	Sunday
Date:	July 11
Fee:	FREE!
Location:	Mercerdale Park

## Fun Mobile – Recreation on-the-go!

### 3 Days a Week in the Parks!

Catch us if you can! We are Fun on the Run bringing amazing activities to your neighborhoods, parks, camps and beaches. The Fun Mobile will arrive ready to P-L-A-Y: games, activities and wacky relays, you name it!!! These crazy camp crashers will POP in and get you energized and PUMPED UP!! Look for a detailed calendar of when and where this Wacky Fun crew will be! Keep your eyes peeled for more information to come. It's fun and it's FREE! [www.mifunmobile.com](http://www.mifunmobile.com)

## Deane's Park Adventure Playground

Come to Deane's Children's Park this summer and create your own adventure. Thanks to a grant from Mercer Island Preschool Association, the playground will be a new place for build-it-yourself play. Make a spaceship, a fort or anything you can imagine with the help of our Funmobile staff. The creations will grow over the summer and be available for play between Funmobile sessions. Sessions will be open to 7 – 12 yr. olds, and younger children with a participating parent. Check out the Funmobile calendar to find out when we're playing. Adventure Play is also available for parties.

## Neighborhood Parties!

Have the fun come to you! Now you can book the Funmobile for your neighborhood parties and make your event really something to remember. Why worry about how to keep the kids busy when you can have the professionals of fun swing in and lead the activities?!?! To book your party, give the "Funphone" a call at 206.793.7185. Limited space available, call early to reserve your spot!

**Fee: \$50/hr**

## Outdoor Movies

Family Films are shown on a giant inflatable screen in Mercerdale Park. Participants should bring blankets, lawn chairs, and flashlights. Concession treats are sold on site. Movies are cancelled during inclement weather. Call the Community Center at Mercer View at 206.275.7609 to confirm cancellations on bad weather days.

Day:	Saturday
Dates:	Aug. 14 & Aug. 28
Time:	Dusk (approximate times: 8/14- 9:00pm, 8/22- 8:30pm)
Location:	Mercerdale Park
Movies:	TBA/Check our website in July