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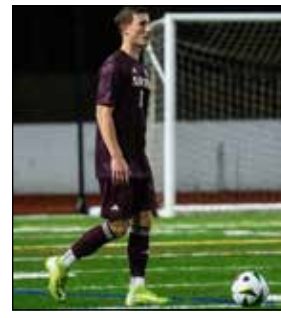
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Light rail has arrived on Mercer Island

It's all aboard on March 28 as city celebrates.

BY ANDY NYSTROM
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One man peeked through the gate to check out what was going on inside the new Mercer Island light rail station. He would have to wait a little longer to take a ride.

The Islander wasn't the only one who was eager to hop on a train when they would eventually arrive on the opening day of Sound

Transit's Crosslake Connection on March 28. Before it was all systems go, excited soon-to-be riders lined up and were ready to roll on their new adventures toward Seattle and the Eastside.

Trains began arriving at Mercer Island Station at 10:30 a.m. and people immediately packed the station, which has entrances at 77th Avenue Southeast and 80th Avenue Southeast. Sound Transit employees along with public safety and transit security employees kept an eye on things as the big moment came to fruition after years of

waiting.

The first official train arrived on Mercer Island by way of the Judkins Park Station in Seattle following a ribbon-cutting opening ceremony of the 2 Line at that station earlier in the morning. Mercer Island Mayor Dave Rosenbaum was one of many speakers at the event and was joined by Mercer Island City Councilmembers and City Manager Jessi Bon. Other speakers were Gov. Bob Ferguson, Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell and more.

Rosenbaum was elated to step foot on Mercer Island after taking

that initial train.

"I think this might be one of the most beautiful public train routes anywhere. And it's obviously an architectural and engineering wonder," he said.

Added Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker, who was also on the train ride with the city folks and others: "Very cool ride across the water, really cool seeing the lake and the mountain and just an impressive feat to be able to take light rail across the floating bridge. On Mercer Island, we're very excited to have the station here and I think it

will be a benefit to the community."

The Crosslake Connection will link Seattle and Bellevue/Redmond via Mercer Island with trains dashing across the Interstate 90 floating bridge. It is the first-ever light rail worldwide to traverse a floating bridge.

The mayor added that this is a whole new chapter for Mercer Island, noting that the station's opening is a great opportunity for the city to showcase everything it has to offer from a business

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More than 1,200 people participate in MI No Kings March



ANDY NYSTROM/STAFF PHOTOS



Mercer Island No Kings March participants walk across the Interstate 90 bridge coming from Aubrey Davis Park on Mercer Island on March 28. In a press release, noting that more than 1,200 people attended the march, organizer Gene Robertson said, "We have a lot of fun! Mercer Island is a small town, but like everywhere, people are busy. I heard a lot of happy comments about reunions among preschool families, and warm encounters with neighbors." At the front of the park, another organizer enthusiastically stated into a megaphone: "Welcome to No Kings Mercer Island! It's a beautiful day for a protest!" The No Kings marches are sponsored nationwide by Indivisible to protest the undemocratic conduct of the Trump administration, according to the press release.



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Thieves swipe items from MI Farmers Market storage shed

They also smash gnome mascot Milo.

BY ANDY NYSTROM
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Sometime over the last few weeks or earlier, thieves broke into the Mercer Island Farmers Market storage shed and trashed the place — stealing copious crucial items, breaking objects and smashing its beloved gnome mascot, Milo.

Market manager Ange Garrett said she's sad that the small nonprofit market is dealing with the theft and destruction of more than \$10,000 worth of significant items. The items included music speakers and microphone stands, fire extinguishers, megaphones, communication radios, carts, fans and much more.

The place is a mess and it will take the market a long time to replace and fix things before the market's season opens on May 31, Garrett said.

"It's pretty discouraging. It just feels very unnecessary and impersonal that somebody would choose to vandalize our stuff. It's hard," said Garrett, adding that the shed is located behind Mercerdale Park near where the market takes place along Southeast 32nd Street and 77th Avenue Southeast. The market's two staff members don't visit the shed every day during

the offseason and Garrett was recently notified of the break-in, during which thieves broke two locks to gain entrance.

Islanders have come forward in the fundraising realm and the market is a little more than halfway past its goal to replace items. Garrett notified the community about the situation on March 20 and posted information on the market site on that date.

"Donations are very important to make this happen, but also coming to the market is a way also to support us long-term and also the vendors long-term, for sure," said Garrett, who's excited that the community is rallying around the market during this tough time. People can make monetary donations at www.mifarmersmarket.org.

The city of Mercer Island owns the shed and the parks department filed a police report, said Garrett, adding that the market shares the approximately 20-by-20-foot facility with the Mercer Island Thrift Shop. None of the thrift shop's items were affected during the theft, according to the shop.

Garrett said that people have broken into the shed and vandalized it before and she hopes they can purchase WiFi and cameras for the area.



COURTESY PHOTO

Milo, the Mercer Island Farmers Market gnome mascot, was smashed by thieves at the market's storage shed behind Mercerdale Park.

As for Milo the gnome, Garrett said that thieves also drew on the 16-inch mascot that they hide at different vendor booths each week during the market season.

"Kids come and they look for him. It's kind of like a fun scavenger hunt that happens every

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MIHS senior says tight bonds are crucial on the soccer pitch



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARI STOFFER

Mercer Island High School boys soccer senior captain Kyle Cupic.

Team captain will attend Carroll College next season.

BY ANDY NYSTROM
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During his years playing soccer on the Mercer Island High School (MIHS) squad, Kyle Cupic has learned that perseverance is key and victories will come easier when a team forms tight bonds.

This year's senior captain and center back was part of the Islanders' 3A state championship winning team last season and likes what he sees on the soccer pitch so far this spring. At press time, MIHS had defeated Redmond, 2-1, and tied Vashon Island, 1-1, to kick off the season.

"Obviously we're early in the season, but I think that we have a bunch of talent and I think we do work well together as a team, obviously, but I think we can get one step further with team chem and that could really put us ahead of all of our opposition," said Cupic, a first-team all-state player last year along with earning all-KingCo Crown/Crest Division second-team honors.

Cupic, who was a team captain on his first year of varsity last year, feels he's got natural leadership traits that he can fully put into play this time out alongside fellow captains Tyler Shelton (senior midfielder) and Noah Zenden (junior defender).

The former Mercer Island

Football Club member later moved on to Eastside FC and will continue his soccer career next season playing for the Fighting Saints of Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Cupic chose to attend the school, whose teams play in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) division, because he has family roots there and relatives who live nearby. Also, it's a peaceful, outdoorsy and beautiful place, he said.

"I'm excited to go there and be a part of a winning organization and work hard for my playing time," said Cupic, who will probably focus on business administration at first and might pursue aviation later.

Delving into this year's MIHS team, Cupic noted that junior midfielder Eli Bell, sophomore Dylan Hall and senior forward Mattias Perrenoud scored goals in the Islanders' opening matches. Cupic assisted on Bell's netter with a long throw-in and Shelton had two assists.

Cupic also listed the following players as standouts on the squad: sophomore goalkeeper Adam Kiviati, junior defender Oliver Pong, junior midfielders Bridge Gerry and Zach Hyman, junior forward Hudson Curnutt and senior forward Jake Wyss.

The Reporter asked Cupic a series of questions to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse into his life:

If you could go to dinner with one person, who would that be?

My mom. (Jennifer Gray.)

What's your favorite movie of all time?

I really enjoy "Interstellar."

What's your go-to snack before a big game?

I really like RXBARs. They're very good at nutrients. I'd say RXBAR and a beef stick.

How do you spend your spare time?

I like to golf and play Spikeball with my friends.

What's a special skill that you'd like to learn?

I'd say I want to learn how to fix my car. I feel like that'd be something that's really important in life if I'm ever in a pickle or something like that, instead of having to pay a bunch of money for mechanics.

If you're having a tough day at school, what's a good way to break out of it?

A good way to break out of having the bad days (is) to go on a walk, maybe go to the gym or something like that. If you're having a bad time, just try to have a neutral mindset, understand the past already happened. You can't change the past, but you can only control what's going on now and in the future. So just kind of have that positive mindset for the next tasks.

What's a binge-worthy TV series that you would recommend?

I really like the Netflix series "Cobra Kai." It's kind of like a remake of the old "Karate Kid" movies and I had a good time seeing all the old actors return.

MERCER ISLAND POLICE BLOTTER

March 16

Vehicle impounded: An abandoned vehicle was impounded after it was left on a public right of way in the 7800 block of Sunset Highway.

March 17

Theft: A subject was cited and released for third-degree theft for stealing Sprite, an energy drink and a Starbucks Frappuccino mocha from Walgreens in the 7700 block of Southeast 27th Street. Walgreens also trespassed the subject.

March 18

DUI: Police arrested a subject for suspicion of driving under the influence and released the driver after DUI processing at the police station. Police initially contacted the subject who was driving in the 7600 block of Sunset Highway and then parked in an apartment complex gravel lot.

Warrant arrest: A subject who was released from Lynnwood Jail was taken into custody for a Mercer Island Police Department (MIPD) third-degree theft warrant and transported/booked into Issaquah Jail.

March 21

Vehicle theft: In the 8300 block of 84th Avenue Southeast, police arrested a suspect for motor vehicle theft, trespassing and attempting to steal a boat. He was booked into King County Jail. The case remains under investigation.

March 23

Warrant arrest: A subject was re-booked into South Correctional Entity (SCORE) jail in Des Moines on a MIPD third-degree driving while license suspended/failure to

appear in court warrant. The misdemeanor driving charge can result in fines and a criminal record, according to the Washington State Attorneys website, which adds, "This charge is often due to unpaid tickets or a lapse in insurance coverage."

March 24

Warrant arrest: In the 7800 block of Southeast 28th Street, MIPD made a misdemeanor harassment warrant arrest for the Des Moines Police Department and the subject was booked into SCORE.



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MIYFS Foundation recovers about \$143K from fraud incident

BY ANDY NYSTROM
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After falling victim to a cyber fraud incident earlier this year, the Mercer Island Youth and Family Services (YFS) Foundation has recovered most of the initially diverted \$145,000 scheduled quarterly grant payment to the city of Mercer Island.

An email to the foundation's donor base and a message posted on its website on March 23 notes that it had recouped \$142,984.74 of the funds as of March 9.

First came a breach in the foundation's email system in early December of 2025, then the foundation learned of the cyber fraud attack on Jan. 29 and immediately opened a case with the Mercer Island Police Department (MIPD).

The case included the involvement of detectives and a cybersecurity company.

"We started doing just all the remediation that we needed to do to be sure that everything was safe with our accounts and start the investigation process," said Amy French, the foundation's executive director.

French said the incident was upsetting and it was a great relief to retrieve the majority of the funds and send them the city's way. The foundation shared the information with the community when police gave the YFS fundraising organization the go-ahead. The out-of-state case remains under investigation.

"We also realized that we just wanted to be sure that we were very transparent with the community because these types of things

are happening everywhere, and very regularly. They're targeting smaller organizations like ours, as well as bigger (ones)," said French, adding that this is the first time the foundation has dealt with a cyber fraud incident. "At some point, we're open to potentially being a case study for other small organizations that have gone through this to try to help other organizations."

After connecting with its cybersecurity company, the foundation is putting a lot more security elements and protocols into place. Strengthening the foundation's safeguards includes additional verification and approval procedures around payments and payment-related changes.

Foundation Board President Cindy Goetzmann explained in the email and message that

there currently is no evidence that supporter information was compromised, the foundation's financial systems are secure, and this incident has not affected foundation-supported YFS programs and services.

French said that community donors have provided supportive and positive feedback in the wake of the incident.

"I think everyone hates to see this happen to a long-term, beloved organization that's doing good things, raising money for human services on the Island. So I think it's been very sweet and heartwarming to see how the community has been supportive," she said.

Foundation Board Treasurer Frank Schott is appreciative that the foundation staff and the MIPD

moved quickly to address the situation and get the funds where they belong. The foundation's agreement with the city is that it's committed to placing \$580,000 each year in the YFS realm. The \$145,000 is a quarterly payment.

"We are really glad that the money came back, of course. And the fact that none of our other systems were touched, not the donor system, not our financial system, not our accounting system — that's comforting," he said.

As for the remaining \$2K, French said the foundation has some reserves to "cover unexpected expenses and ensure that we can always cover our commitment to the city."

For more information, visit: <https://miyfs.org/>

MI's Kusakabe featured in 'Origins: Our Thousand Days'

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On the evening of March 12 at SIFF Cinema Uptown in Seattle, Mercer Island resident Judy Kusakabe attended a special preview screening of season four of the Cascade PBS docu-series "Origins" titled "Origins: Our Thousand Days."

Season four of the short-form docuseries directed by filmmaker Andrew Inaba explores the story of the imprisonment of Japanese Americans following the attack on Pearl Harbor, told through the unique lens of Pacific Northwest communities.

Inaba interviewed Kusakabe for the five-part series.

Kusakabe has a long history with the Mercer Island School District. Annually, she gives presentations to fourth-graders at our elementary schools on the incarceration of Japanese Americans during



Judy Kusakabe discusses "Behind the Barbed Wire: The Incarceration of Japanese Americans" on Jan. 24 at the Mercer Island Library.

World War II. Her unique and inspiring educational presentation connects with students.

"Judy has been a long-time and deeply valued

guest presenter in our school communities," said West Mercer Elementary Principal Megan Isakson.

"Through her storytelling and personal connection,

she brings the realities of Japanese American incarceration to life in ways that go far beyond a social studies textbook. Over many years, she has built strong,

meaningful relationships with students, staff, and families. We are honored to partner with her and to provide a space where her story, and this important history, can continue to be shared."

"My reason for giving my presentations for the 30 years is that I want to share our stories. Nidoto Nai Yoni Kodomo No Tame Ni - This must never happen again, for the sake of the children," said Kusakabe.

"Also, Okage Sama De - Because of you, I can be strong. I want to honor my parents, my family, my friends, and their families, all those who were incarcerated," continued Kusakabe.

Kusakabe's children attended Mercer Island schools as have several grandchildren, some of whom have recently graduated from Mercer Island High School. Kusakabe's daughter Andrea Fukano is a special services

paraeducator at Islander Middle School.

"The documentary episodes I saw at the screening were very emotional for me, and my family to see. Andrew did an excellent job to show the raw reality of what happened during the incarceration. I could tell that the film really touched the empathy and the hearts of those who viewed it because, as I was passed, in my row, people thanked me. That meant a lot to me because they were thanking me for my part in telling about our history," said Kusakabe.

"We were absolutely floored and so honored to have my mom be included," said Fukano. "What a beautiful film. Wow!"

Chapter one of "Our Thousand Days" will be broadcast on Cascade PBS at 8:50 p.m. on April 16 and available online the next day.



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 18

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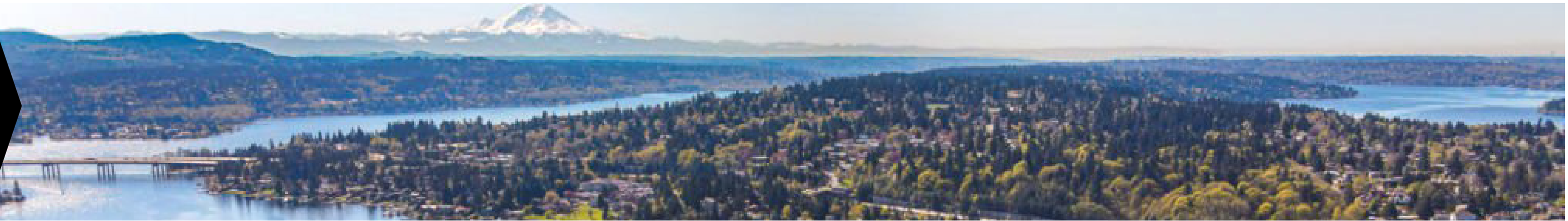
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Pierce & Ward Added a Nook for Landline Calls and a Shelf for Grammys in This Laurel Canyon Home

HOME TOURS | LAUREN REGENSDORF

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Ready for the Spring Surge?

The spring market is about to launch with the number of new listings about to rise, especially in the mid-price ranges. Sellers: this is your moment to get your home market-ready. Buyers: securing pre-approval now will give you an edge as lower interest rates are already fueling renewed buyer energy.

Price Range	Inventory Change	Inventory Months	March to Feb Active Listings	Months Supply	Months Supply Change	% Pending	Days to Sell
0-500K	107	65	204	5.4	Healthy	26.7%	25
500K-750K	91	42	146	3.4	Healthy	26.7%	25
750K-1M	95	50	109	2.8	Low	26.7%	25
1M-1.5M	109	105	104	1.6	Shortage	26.7%	25
1.5M-2M	142	82	140	1.7	Shortage	26.7%	25
2M-3M	101	59	128	2.2	Low	26.7%	25
3M+	81	29	107	2.6	Selection	26.7%	25
Total Activity	646	429	1008	2.2	Low	26.7%	25

CURRENT INTEREST RATE

6.12%

March 2, 2026 Source: Mortgage News Daily

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6950 SE Maker St, Mercer Island, WA 98040
5 Beds | 4 baths | 3,996 SQFT | \$4,150,000
Lori Holden Scott & Connor Holden | 206.949.5674



11009 317th Ave NE, Carnation, WA 98014
4 Beds | 4.25 baths | 5,120 SQFT | \$2,947,500
Jimmy Pilego | 206.240.7160



8402 SE 53rd Place, Mercer Island, WA 98040
4 Beds | 3.25 baths | 3,610 SQFT | \$3,049,000
Sandra Levin | 206.949.2845



8526 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040
3 Beds | 1.5 baths | 1,986 SQFT | \$1,999,000
Jimmy Pilego | 206.240.7160



28 XX 68th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
9,000 SQFT Lot | \$1,750,000
Tim Conway | 206.954.2437



6441 SE Cougar Mountain Wy, Bellevue, WA 98006
2 Beds | 2.5 baths | 1,847 SQFT | \$925,000
Gloria Wolfe | 425.922.7675



14425 Glen Acres Road SW, Vashon, WA 98070
1,856,143 SQFT Lot | \$825,000
Mark Anderson & Christian Anderson | 206.931.9807



13512 US Highway 2 Unit #p. 6, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
499,122 SQFT Lot | \$650,000
Helen Hitchcock | 206.856.7007



13512 US Highway 2 Unit #p. 1, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
2,186,711 SQFT Lot | \$350,000
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2,269,485 SQFT Lot | \$335,000
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Dieter Kaetel | 206.427.0863

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Cindy Verschueren | 206.909.4523



1810 NE 73rd Ave NE, Medina, WA 98039
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Kim Florence & Tim Conway | 510.499.7714



16101 SE 251st St, Covington, WA 98042
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Scott MacRae | 206.499.5766



6177 92nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
3 Beds | 2.75 baths | 2,590 SQFT | \$1,900,000
Tim Conway & Kim Florence | 206.954.2437



3308 81st Place SE Unit #C, Mercer Island, WA 98040
3 Beds | 3.5 baths | 3,356 SQFT | \$1,799,000
Kim Florence | 510.499.7714



1000 Union St Unit #202, Seattle, WA 98101
1 Beds | 1 baths | 527 SQFT | \$275,000
Ingvil Syversen & Carrie Simmons | 206.229.7971



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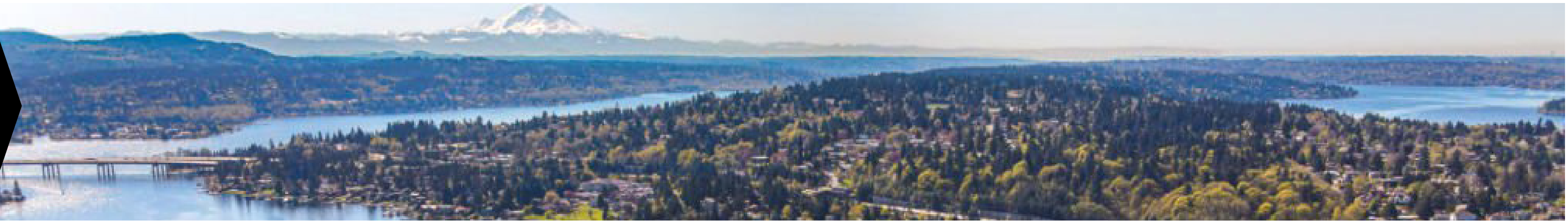
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500K-750K	91	42	146	3.4	Healthy	26.7%	25
750K-1M	95	50	139	2.8	Low	26.7%	25
1M-1.5M	109	105	164	1.6	Shortage	26.7%	25
1.5M-2M	142	82	140	1.7	Shortage	26.7%	25
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11009 317th Ave NE, Carnation, WA 98014
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Jimmy Pilego | 206.240.7160



8402 SE 53rd Place, Mercer Island, WA 98040
4 Beds | 3.25 baths | 3,610 SQFT | \$3,049,000
Sandra Levin | 206.949.2845



8526 E Mercer Way, Mercer Island, WA 98040
3 Beds | 1.5 baths | 1,986 SQFT | \$1,999,000
Jimmy Pilego | 206.240.7160



28 XX 68th Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
9,000 SQFT Lot | \$1,750,000
Tim Conway | 206.954.2437



6441 SE Cougar Mountain Wy, Bellevue, WA 98006
2 Beds | 2.5 baths | 1,847 SQFT | \$925,000
Gloria Wolfe | 425.922.7675



14425 Glen Acres Road SW, Vashon, WA 98070
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13512 US Highway 2 Unit #p. 2, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
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13512 US Highway 2 Unit #p. 3, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
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13512 US Highway 2 Unit #p. 4, East Wenatchee, WA 98802
226,948 SQFT Lot | \$335,000
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2836 78th Ave SE Unit #402, Mercer Island, WA 98040
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Dieter Kaetel | 206.427.0863

RECENTLY SOLD



8280 SE 61st St, Mercer Island, WA 98040
5 Beds | 3.5 baths | 4,460 SQFT | \$3,300,000
Cindy Verschueren | 206.909.4523



1810 NE 73rd Ave NE, Medina, WA 98039
4 Beds | 2.5 baths | 2,780 SQFT | \$5,095,000
Kim Florence & Tim Conway | 510.499.7714



16101 SE 251st St, Covington, WA 98042
5 Beds | 2.5 baths | 2,645 SQFT | \$780,000
Scott MacRae | 206.499.5766



6177 92nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
3 Beds | 2.75 baths | 2,590 SQFT | \$1,900,000
Tim Conway & Kim Florence | 206.954.2437



3308 81st Place SE Unit #C, Mercer Island, WA 98040
3 Beds | 2.5 baths | 3,356 SQFT | \$1,799,000
Kim Florence | 510.499.7714



1000 Union St Unit #202, Seattle, WA 98101
1 Beds | 1 baths | 527 SQFT | \$275,000
Ingvil Syversen & Carrie Simmons | 206.229.7971



7808 89th Place SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040
5 Beds | 3.75 baths | 3,550 SQFT | \$2,460,000
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Eastside explorations on the Crosslake Connection

When the new Crosslake Connection light rail opened on Saturday, March 28, history was made.

For the first time anywhere in the world, a light rail train will cross a floating bridge. Our floating bridge. Ride it east to explore Bellevue and Redmond. Ride west and connect to the Number 1 Line in the International District. From there, go north all the way to Lynnwood, or south to SeaTac and beyond, ending in Federal Way. Amazing.

On a rainy day last week, I drove east on I-90, exited at Bellevue Way, and parked in the huge South Bellevue Station Park and Ride. Unlike Mercer Island's Park and Ride, which fills by 7:30 a.m., there were oodles of available parking spaces. Up close for the first time, I admired "Photo Synthesis," Vicki Scuri and Alexandr Polzin's 900-foot-long art installation, visible from Bellevue Way. It's high up, and also on the enormous concrete columns supporting the elevated train tracks. Like dappled light, it changes as you move



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alongside it, reflecting Mercer Slough's seasonal colors.

Before going up to the platform, I tapped my phone on a yellow ORCA card-reader near the stairs and bought a \$1 one-way ticket before racing to catch the next train heading toward Redmond. I needn't have rushed — trains arrive every 8-10 minutes. The readout on the pay station said "valid for 2 hours." More than enough time to have lunch and continue on my way using the same "ticket." If asked for proof of payment, I'd show "Latest Transactions" in my Apple Wallet. There was lots of security, but no one questioned if I'd paid my way.

First stop — lunch, four

stations away in the Spring District. After admiring the "Dragon and Phoenix wall relief sculptures" by Nooksack artist Louie Gong, I walked one block to award-winning Bellevue Brewery. The center-cut grilled salmon, topped with mango salsa, is served with creamy, dreamy pesto risotto and grilled veggies worthy of a fine-dining restaurant. But the real attraction is the beer, which is made, fermented and stored right there in the Eastside's only urban brewery. They have 19 taps and serving tanks, which don't allow oxygen to make the beer go stale. At 9,000 square feet plus a 2,500-square-foot outdoor patio, this is the place to host a party, or enjoy an intimate dinner in a booth made of wood reclaimed from an Oregon Trail covered bridge.

Walking back to Spring District station, I was too full for dessert, but checked out DOTE Coffee Bar's elegant pastries, chocolates and coffee. Then, it was five stops to Downtown Redmond to explore its very walkable Old Town. I found two ice cream shops: Salt & Straw

and Molly Moon's. Coastline Burgers — in one of Redmond's three remaining historic buildings — and Tippy Cow, on the other side of Cleveland Street, both have fantastic burgers. At Woodblock, I discovered a world of whiskey, food, and micro-gastronomy cocktails and mocktails served on hand-cut ice cubes. Perfection in a glass. A few blocks away, another historic building houses Matador, a bar and Mexican restaurant in the Bill Brown Building, which is rumored to have a secret tunnel beneath it, connecting to Coastline Burgers. A vestige from Prohibition? No one knows, but it adds to the mystique.

Craving carbs? Rubinstein Bagels was "sold out" by 1:30 p.m. and closed for the day, but there are bakeries galore: Farine, Hoffman's and Paris Baguette all have outposts.

Returning to the South Bellevue station at the end of my Eastside adventure, I saw two payment stations where you can buy or re-load an ORCA card. Certain that I'd want to do this again, I purchased a card for \$3,

loaded five more dollars on it, and tucked it into my wallet.

After visiting all these establishments, I was too tuckered out to complete my original plan: check out fun things to do on the west side, near the Judkins Park light rail station. Like Mercer Island's station, it opened on Saturday, March 28, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and community events. The Northwest African American Museum (NAAM) is only a ten-minute walk from the station, and a four-minute walk leads to the best teriyaki in Seattle, Toshio's, on the corner of Rainier and Massachusetts. On March 28, to celebrate the Crosslake opening, NAAM had live performances, food vendors, and a street fair with activities for kids.

Where were you on March 28? Eastside, west side, and all around the town, this was a day to remember.

Meanderings is an award-winning travel column by Mercer Island resident Mindy Stern. For more essays, or to comment, visit www.mindysternauthor.com.

EASTSIDE LIGHT RAIL DREAMS



Will businesses really leave? That's the wrong question

By **KRIS JOHNSON**
Association of Washington Business

Our recent survey of Washington employers hit a nerve. The results showing that 44% of business leaders are considering moving their personal residence to another state — and the number who are looking to relocate their business has nearly doubled in the last year — made headlines throughout Washington and even across the country.

It's easy to see why. It's a shocking number. Nearly half of Washington business leaders might move their personal residence to another state? Really?

For beleaguered business owners who have been hit with billions in new taxes over the last few years, this wasn't really news, startling as it may seem. The frustration with Washington's tax and regulatory climate

has been steadily building. Many small business owners who saw the news reports may have thought, "yeah, that checks out."

But for legislators who are trying to pass a bill to bring an income tax to Washington, it was an inconvenient distraction as reporters drew the connection between declining business sentiment and the push for yet another new tax.

In their public comments about the survey, some lawmakers acknowledged that Washington should take the threat of business relocation seriously as they consider tax policy. But some also questioned whether the threat is real, suggesting that businesses won't really leave and noting that many of the states that business owners might move to already have an income tax.

It's true, many of the states

that Washington business leaders are reportedly eyeing for relocation (Arizona, Idaho and Montana) have an income tax. For employers, it's not simply a question of whether a state has an income tax or not — they are evaluating the overall business climate. Idaho has an income tax, but their tax system has been far more stable than Washington's. Their Legislature isn't proposing billions in new taxes literally every year like we've experienced here in Washington.

Will businesses really leave? Some have already gone. With technology, it's easier than ever to live in one state and own a business in another state.

Others are putting plans in motion now that won't be completed for a few years. Keep in mind that moving to another state, whether it's a family or business, is a big decision that

can take years to achieve.

And still others may never leave, but they're looking to grow in other states rather than here in Washington. This means fewer new jobs in our communities, less capital investment and slower wage growth.

In the final few days of this legislative session, lawmakers should carefully consider how their decisions will impact the state economy and whether their votes will help or hurt small- and medium-sized business owners who are already feeling pessimistic.

Employers are wary of the tax debate that's happening right now in Olympia because it seems focused on how to bring in more money for the state (even though state revenue has doubled in the last decade).

Yes, the bills being discussed include some tax relief measures for families and small

businesses, but those measures feel tacked on as something of an afterthought. The real sense of urgency is about how to bring in more money, not how to compete with some of these states that are looking increasingly attractive to Washington businesses.

Asking whether businesses will really leave is the wrong question. This isn't a time for lawmakers to play chicken with the economy.

A better question is, what can lawmakers do to grow the economy? What's their plan for supporting businesses, boosting competitiveness and strengthening the economy in every part of Washington?

Kris Johnson is president of the Association of Washington Business, the state's chamber of commerce and manufacturers association.



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Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine, right, stands on the Mercer Island Station deck.



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People hurry to the Mercer Island Station on March 28 to take some of the first light rail trips from the Island.



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Rail

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perspective.

Sound Transit CEO Dow Constantine spent some time on the Mercer Island Station train deck after arriving from Judkins Park. He looked around in wonder.

"We had a great celebration at Judkins Park — obviously a watershed moment for our region and for Sound Transit. I got off the train here at Mercer Island to enjoy the new experience here being halfway across the lake and ready to take in everything that Mercer Island has to offer," Constantine said.

The historical day also featured the Mercer Island Chamber of Commerce-presented free "Together at the Center!" event at the park and ride across the street from the new station. For four hours, heaps of

attendees enjoyed vendor booths comprised of local nonprofits, businesses and community groups; food trucks; a kids zone and stage performances by Creation Dance Studio, Simon Okela and One Vibe Band and more.

Islander Eric Espinosa brought his sons, Ethan, 2, and Christopher, 5, to the grand opening to catch a train to Seattle for some exploration. The boys love trains, so they were looking forward to light rail coming to town.

"I think it's great. I think it's great for everyone. Mercer Island, we're right in the middle between Bellevue and Seattle, so it makes it very easy for us to get to either city," Espinosa said.

Mercer Island husband and wife Zane and Hannah Autrey were stoked to be present for the big opening day celebration.

"I'm so excited for this to



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From left, Mercer Island City Manager Jessi Bon, councilmember Wendy Weiker, Deputy Mayor Daniel Becker and Mayor Dave Rosenbaum on the packed first train to Mercer Island on March 28.

open. I'm actually a transportation planning student at UW, so I've been waiting," Hannah said.

Added Zane: "I used to take the bus every morning at 5 in the morning from that (nearby) station into Seattle. (There's) inconsistent bus times, and I think that the train's going to be way more consistent as far as actually getting into Seattle."

There's excitement with the station opening, but Rosenbaum said the city also has some challenges to overcome, including parking and bus-time issues to get riders to and from the

station. He said the city is keeping a close eye on those matters and working to fix them.

On the crime-prevention front, Mercer Island Police Department Chief Michelle Bennett said they have a sergeant and two officers assigned to the station beat to make sure everything goes smoothly and to keep everybody safe.

"We've been working (on this) for a long time and the city's come together as a whole," she said. Rosenbaum added that the city is working closely with Sound Transit security as well.



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Thieves

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single week at the market. If they find him, they'll usually take a picture with him and then they'll come back to the info booth and they get a prize," Garrett said.

Garrett noted that people seem pretty upset about Milo's condition.

"It's not able to be put back together, but we can get another one," she said. "We're probably going to do some sort of fun contest over the next several weeks. Allowing people to kind of vote on the color of his new hat or something like that."

Mercer Island Farmers Market husband-and-wife vendors Dane and Sarah McCormick of Burien's McCormick Jam Co. have stepped up to donate 10% from their online sales to the market's recovery at mccormickjamco.com. As a bonus, Garrett said the McCormicks are looking into creating a special Mercer Island-only jam for this market season that attendees can purchase

on site.

Dane said that he and Sarah have been discussing producing an heirloom blueberry rhubarb jam in honor of Milo.

"It's a very supportive community. Ange is amazing. She sacrifices so much

to make that show go on every week during the summer," Dane said. "It's like anytime something horrible happens, it's amazing how many people step forward and offer their help. And it's just nice that we get to be involved by doing that."



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MIHS Robotics team rules at recent event



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The Mercer Island High School (MIHS) Robotics team took first place at the PNW District Sammamish First Robotics event that occurred from March 20-22 at Sammamish High School in Bellevue. Additionally, the locals received the FRC Judges Award, a special recognition in the FIRST Robotics Competition that allows the judging panel to honor a team for unique efforts, exceptional performance and special dynamics that deserve recognition. It highlights standout characteristics or achievements observed during the competition. MIHS will next compete at the districts level in Cheney from April 9-11. "A shout-out to the team, mentors, sponsors and parents who made this happen and best of luck as they move forward in their quest for world domination," reads a press release.

Doll will discuss 'Talking Across Divides' at Rotary

BY REPORTER STAFF

Elizabeth Doll will discuss "Talking Across Divides: An Intro to Braver Angels" at the Rotary Club of Mercer Island's meeting on April 7 at the Mercer Island Community and Event Center, 8236 SE 24th St.

The main meeting begins at 12:30 p.m.; socializing is from noon to 12:30 p.m. Guests are always welcome and there is no fee to attend. A catered lunch is available for \$25, or attendees can bring their own meal.

Doll, director of Braver Politics at Braver Angels,



Elizabeth Doll.

COURTESY PHOTO

will provide an introduction to the bridge-building and trust-building work of national nonprofit Braver Angels, explaining how they teach Americans everywhere to find common

ground where they can and disagree accurately where they cannot and still remain friends.

She joined Braver Angels in March 2022 as the director of Braver Politics after four years of volunteering with the organization and many years working in politics in the Pacific Northwest. She began political work as a teen, when, while interning on a congressional campaign, she became passionate about improving her community through civic engagement. Since then, Doll has consulted for and worked on many state and local campaigns, and currently writes on Substack at <https://substack.com/@understandingpolitics>.

For more information on the Rotary Club of Mercer Island, visit mirotary.org

Successful Maroon Project donation drive



In February, thanks to the generosity of the community, The Maroon Project at Mercer Island High School donated more than 200 boxes of period products collected during its holiday drive. Co-presidents Jasmine Said and Jackie Gonzalez presented the donation to Jill Witsoe, development manager of annual giving at YouthCare, supporting the organization's work serving thousands of teens experiencing homelessness across Seattle each year.

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Mercer Island schools adopt pair of textbooks

By ANDY NYSTROM
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Among topics at the Mercer Island School District's board meeting March 26 were the adoption of two core curriculum textbooks for the next school

year: "Homegoing" by Yaa Gyasi and "Computer Security: Principles and Practice" by William Stallings and Lawrie Brown.

For both books, the board voted 4-0 and the student representatives voted 2-0 for adoption. "Homegoing" will be used in English 12, and "Computer Security: Principles and Practice" will debut in AP Cybersecurity.

The school district notes that "Homegoing" will complement the historical narratives read in both versions of English 12: Critical Composition and Race in Literature.

According to the National Endowment for the Arts site, Gyasi's 2016

award-winning piece of historical fiction "begins with two Ghanaian sisters in the 18th century who lead parallel, yet divergent lives: one stays in Ghana and becomes a wealthy slave trader's wife; one is sold into slavery and sent to America."

Mercer Island High School (MIHS) English teacher Anne Fillmore spoke at the meeting, relaying her thoughts about "Homegoing" and students' reaction to the book.

"I think it's a more holistic and multi-perspective understanding of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. For the first time, seniors are like, 'We had no idea that African nations were involved in slave trading amongst themselves,'" said Fillmore, adding that it's an engaging book, but is not easy to finish.

Fellow MIHS English instructor Carrie Thompson said she's had good conversations with students about the book and that some of her seniors noted that "Homegoing" is the first book they've ever finished.

Board Vice President Jody Lee approved of the English department's book choice and said "Homegoing" will make a profound impact on students.

On the cybersecurity front, MIHS and Islander Middle School Career and Technical Education teacher Michael Hughes said the best thing about Stallings and Brown's textbook is that it's made for an educational setting. It's teacher- and classroom-ready, he said, and comes with projects, assignments, case studies, review questions and assessments.

Hughes added that many universities have already adopted "Computer Security: Principles and Practice" as their core textbook.

A district document reads: "MIHS plans to offer the text as a digital resource that students can use without a physical copy to avoid limiting ever-changing content and the skills required in the world of technology and AI advancements."

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Dr. James B. MacLean
March 27, 1937 - March 17, 2026

Dr. James B. MacLean, devoted physician, beloved husband, and cherished father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, passed away peacefully on March 17, 2026, at Evergreen Medical Center in Kirkland, Washington, at the age of 88. Born in Spokane, Washington, to Irene and Thomas Wendell MacLean, Jim grew up alongside his brothers Thomas and Robert, shaped by a deep sense of purpose, integrity, and care for others. He attended Lewis and Clark High School before earning his degrees at the University of Washington.

Shortly after completing medical school, Jim met the great love of his life, Anne Elizabeth Whyte. They married in 1962 in Everett, Washington, and began their first adventure together — Anne joining Jim in New York City during his internship at Bellevue Hospital, setting the tone for a life boldly and joyfully shared.

Jim served his country as a U.S. Navy physician during the Vietnam War before returning to the Pacific Northwest to build his career. He joined Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, where he practiced Neurology for more than 30 years, earning the deep respect of colleagues and the lasting gratitude of patients and families. Jim and Anne raised their three children — Jeff, John, and Molly — on Mercer Island in a home filled with love, laughter, and community.

Jim was a man of rich passions. An avid golfer and boater, few things brought him greater joy than exploring the San Juan Islands with family and friends. He and Anne owned a beloved property on Henry Island, where they hosted "Camp Henry" for their grandchildren — summers those grandchildren will treasure for the rest of their lives. In retirement, they enjoyed their waterfront home in Anacortes, with the San Juans always just outside their door. A lifelong lover of classical music, Jim was thoughtful, refined, and deeply felt in all he did. His faith guided him throughout his life, and above all, he was a devoted father, husband, and friend to many.

Dr. MacLean is preceded in death by his beloved wife, Anne Elizabeth MacLean, and his brothers Thomas and Robert MacLean. He is survived by his three children — Jeff (Melanie) MacLean, John (Lisa) MacLean, and Molly (Todd) Brown — and his seven grandchildren: Cameron (Cara), Harrison, and Emily MacLean; Maren and Avery MacLean; and Maggie and Claire Brown. He is also survived by his great-granddaughter, Scottie Jane. He leaves behind a family that loved him deeply and a community that will feel his absence profoundly.

Author/activist shares message of peace at Island Synagogue

BY ANDY NYSTROM
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Dalia Ziada has been amplifying her voice while fighting against antisemitism and hoping that peace comes to the Middle East during her recent public speaking appearances, including an event on March 26 at the Island Synagogue on Mercer Island.

Nonprofit organization StandWithUs Northwest brought the award-winning author, political analyst and human rights activist to Mercer Island for a lecture, and to also tell her story about publicly condemning Hamas in the aftermath of Oct. 7, 2023, when the militants attacked Israel.

In an interview with the Reporter three days before the local event, Ziada, 44, said that after Oct. 7, “We saw an explosion of anti-semitism, Jew hatred and waves of people who want



Dalia Ziada speaks while StandWithUs Northwest Executive Director Randy Kessler, a Mercer Island resident, sits next to her during Ziada’s March 26 lecture at the Island Synagogue.

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to destroy liberal democracies in Western countries all over the world.”

Ziada, a Muslim, was residing in her home country of Egypt on Oct. 7 and her life was threatened after she spoke up, she said. She now lives in Washington, D.C., and works as a coordinator and research fellow

for the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy (ISGAP).

She said that after the Egyptian people couldn’t handle her viewpoint and decided to take revenge on her, “I saw my whole life collapsing in front of my eyes overnight and I dealt with this uncertainty for a

while after I left. But what I always believe in is that God plans things a certain way for a reason. It’s just trust the process, trust the universe, trust that there is something meant to happen, something good is meant to happen out of it.”

For the last two years, Ziada has partnered with

Hillel International for her lectures on the changing geopolitics of the Middle East following the Oct. 7 attacks. She also speaks out against the Muslim Brotherhood, which she said is now a terrorist designated organization in the United States.

“We felt it was important

to amplify Dalia Ziada’s voice, as her story represents both the hope and the difficulty in bringing peace to the Middle East,” said StandWithUs Northwest Executive Director Randy Kessler, a Mercer Island resident. “It is brave, forward-thinking Arab leaders like Dalia who will drive peace forward in the future, and we hope to have her back and have many others like her visit our area in the future.”

Ziada said her message at the lectures is mainly about giving hope to the audiences that the aforementioned threat to destroy liberal democracies is temporary.

“I think in contexts like the United States where liberal democratic values are very much appreciated by everyone, the potential for the good forces to win against the forces of evil is even higher,” she said.

Public can weigh in on Transportation Improvement Program

BY ANDY NYSTROM
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As Mercer Island’s Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) update rolls along, residents are encouraged to participate in the process by submitting feedback to the city.

The six-year TIP will map out the city’s roadway, pedestrian and bike projects from 2027-2032 and locals can “help shape the future of how Mercer Islanders move,” according to the city.

Islanders can submit their thoughts on the TIP on the city’s Let’s Talk page at: <https://letstalk.mercergov.org/tip-2026>. Comments submitted by March 19 will be included in the agenda at city council’s April 7 regular meeting, which will also

feature a staff TIP preview and a TIP public hearing. April 21 will be the final day for public comment submissions, and on May 5 council will engage in a final TIP review followed by its anticipated adoption at its regular meeting.

According to city Communications Manager David Sandler, the annually updated and adopted rolling six-year plan focuses on “maintaining the existing transportation network and improving it in a thoughtful, safe manner, working within financial constraints.” State law requires that this process occur annually.

Public feedback is vital because it informs new proposed TIP additions, with council making the final decision on each

project’s priority, Sandler added. Feedback has been plentiful as shown through the 65 comments — focusing on roadway resurfacing projects and pedestrian/bicycle projects — sent the city’s way last year.

The city last updated the TIP in the spring of 2025 with a continuation of the ADA Transition Plan

Implementation Program, Residential and Arterial Preservation Program, and numerous pedestrian and bicycle facilities-related projects.

One big score last year was when city staff secured a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board grant in the amount of \$743,007. This grant

allowed the acceleration of Island Crest Way Shared Use Path Phase 1 (Southeast 60th Street to Island Park Elementary) construction to 2027.

“This project was developed from the Island Crest Way Corridor Safety Analysis, which identified corridor-wide improvements to enhance mobility and safety for pedestrians and bicyclists,” Sandler said.

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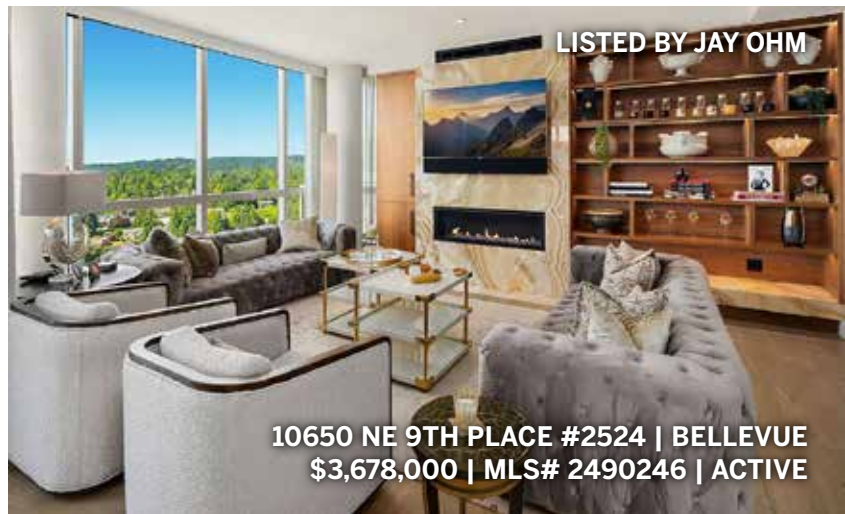
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