



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TERRY GEMMILL

Board of Directors Update

Two directors have left the Board and two new resident members have joined us. A vacancy was created when Bundie Olsen decided not to run for reelection last September. That seat was filled with the election of **Director Ron Smullin**. Ron is a native of Washington and attended Everett High School. He has been involved in many volunteer roles over the years, and recently took charge of our newly created Trail Ambassadors Committee. **Director Sid Siegel** was nominated and selected by the Board to fill the vacancy created when Jamie Teschlog left the Association in November. Sid has been a member of our Inspection & Engineering Committee for several years, and has both board member and volunteer experience in many community organizations. We welcome both Ron and Sid, and wish the best in the future for both Bundie and Jamie.

Storm Water Maintenance

With Winter comes our attention to the Association's seven storm water ponds, the Nature Preserve dam, and fish ladder. Necessary storm water maintenance has to be factored into our Reserve Fund planning for this coming decade. We will be getting advice and direction from The City of Mill Creek which reports to the Department of Ecology in Olympia. **The City is in the process of interviewing for a storm water engineer** who will help us understand what will be needed in the years ahead. Provisions will be made in our assessment planning to set aside funds over the next several years for any eventual pond cleanouts that may become necessary. We do not foresee any need for a special assessment. Storm water maintenance costs will be a routine part of our annual budget.

Avoid Street Parking

As many of you know, the MCCA does not own any streets within the Association. It is The City of Mill Creek that has the responsibility for street repairs, maintenance, cleaning, and parking enforcement. Unfortunately, many residents are in the habit of parking their vehicles on the street, often in front of their neighbor's homes, instead of in their garages or on their driveways when space is available. **This behavior generates a lot of complaints to the MCCA office.** Please respect your neighbors, be courteous, and refrain from parking on the street. Your neighbors will be happier, and the street sweepers will be happier too.

CONTACT THE MCCA Office and have us record your EMAIL ADDRESS in the PayHOA System.

Stay in touch with your Association by way of this **MillStream** newsletter, **PayHOA**, our **Facebook** page, and our **3 major resident member mailings** each year (Budget, Assessments and the Annual Meeting).

You may reach us by phone (425-316-3344) or email (info@mcca.info) for help or information.

MCCA ADMINISTRATION

Thank You for Making the Holidays Bright

A heartfelt "Thank You!" to all who sent chocolate, cookies, and more to us over the holidays last December. We felt the love and reflected on how wonderful and kind our residents are. It is a joy to serve this community and we are grateful for each of you. Such kindness fosters hope for a better New Year!

Street Rules

We had a lot of questions and comments regarding street concerns in our 2020 Annual Survey. These included questions regarding street, traffic, and cleaning concerns such as:

- What can be done about cars speeding in the community?
- How can we get more visits and communication from the street sweeper?
- We need more traffic calming devices.
- There are too many cars parked on my street.

The streets within our single family home divisions are owned by the City of Mill Creek and they dictate when the streets will be cleaned, which streets need traffic calming devices and when to issue parking violations. The Mill Creek Police department determines when and where they will patrol for speeding. The best way to report parking violations or request road maintenance is to send a request to the City of Mill Creek through the [Citizen Support Center](#) on their website. Requests sent through this system are tracked and routed to the appropriate department. You should receive a response within a few days.

Reporting Crime

The police are also the best first line of contact for calls about car prowls, suspicious vehicles, as well as home and garage break-ins. It is best for them to get firsthand information from you, the homeowner. They will have questions and want to speak directly to the witness or victim of such events. **If the car prowling or suspicious activity is in progress, please call 911 to report the issue to the police. If you are reporting a crime after the fact, please use the non-emergency number, 425-407-3999, to notify the police.** Afterward, please call MCCA Security, 425-328-0035, so they can double their efforts in that area. MCCA Security is your second pair of eyes in the community. Their presence alone is a deterrent for crime.

For more information about city code enforcement, infrastructure and ordinances, contact:

City of Mill Creek at: www.cityofmillcreek.com or (425) 745-1891

Mill Creek Police Department: [website](#) or (425) 407-3999 for non-emergencies

House Plans

We are going through old files and if we have your house plans, we are sending them back to you. Unfortunately we do not have the original plans for all the homes within MCCA, but those we do have we are giving back to the current resident for safe keeping. Please store your plans somewhere safe so you can pass them along to future home owners. Security will deliver the plans to your door in the next few months.

IMPORTANT DATES!

January 31st— Last day for holiday lights

February 17th—Board of Director's Meeting

Please go to the [MCCA Calendar](#) on the MCCA website for further information on our meetings and events.

Hilary Bublitz, Association Director, hilary@mcca.info

MCCA SECURITY

Thank you

We want to say thank you for all the wonderful gifts cards and goodies given to the security team over the Holidays. They are very much appreciated.

New Faces

We would like to welcome Kirk Nicholson and Paul Gross to the Security team as part-time drivers. Please give them a big welcome wave as you see them driving around.

Frequently Asked Question

Q: Why does security ask residents to call police to report crime?

A: Firsthand information is always more accurate. The police ask questions that only the person seeing the incident has the answer to and require first-hand information.

Resident Security Checks

One of the services offered through your HOA is the Resident Security Check Request. This service allows MCCA residents to request a security check of their property while they are away for extended periods. Request forms can be found on the MCCA website or by the office door and can be emailed or dropped off at the locking mailbox outside the office. When requesting a check of your property, please ensure all side yards are clear of debris and gates are operational so our security team can safely walk around your yard.

Safety

With all the rain, wind, and darkness this season, please keep up the great work of watching for traffic and wearing reflective clothing. This is so important during the daytime or at night. Reflective harnesses and leashes for dogs can help keep them safe on the road as well.

Car Prowls

Once again, we are getting reports of car prowls and break-ins. Please check that your car doors are locked and nothing of value is visible. Of course, the best way to prevent car prowls would be to lock your car in the garage at night. As always, if an emergency arises call the police first and then security.

Lois Dawkins, Security Supervisor, security@mcca.info

MAINTENANCE

What Does Maintenance Do?

During our Annual Meeting, we receive a lot of questions that we are not always able to answer in the time we have scheduled. We do review these questions and try to address them in our bi-monthly newsletter, on our Facebook page or by personal contact when possible. One of the questions we received during the last meeting was, "What does Maintenance do?"

Our Maintenance department runs full-time throughout the year managing seasonal maintenance and project schedules. These schedules allow the department to regularly address areas within our Service Level Agreement as well as identify any number of causal items that are found while working in a specific area.

Scheduled work includes bi-weekly park inspections that may include trash clean up, pruning, raking, blowing, playground inspection and other items caught while working on site. Other regularly scheduled areas include maintenance of entryways which can include inspection of monuments, clean-up, blowing, weeding, edging and much more. Maintenance also monitors conditions of and regularly attends to our extensive nature preserve trails, bridges, waterways, detention ponds and common areas. This work is vast and includes cutting and removing fallen trees from paths, unclogging waterways, minor path repair, and keeping paths clear of limbs, brush, and debris. They restock Mutt Mitt stations, empty garbage cans, keep common area sidewalks clear of ice, snow and debris throughout the community. Grassy areas are mowed in all common area and parks each week during the growing season.

Each Spring and Summer, our Maintenance department hires temporary employees to keep up with expanded seasonal duties. Workers must be at least 18 years old, able to operate general yard and garden equipment, and have reliable transportation to the jobsite. This is a great opportunity for high-school graduates, college students with summers off, and those seeking temporary, seasonal work. Job applicants can email a cover letter and resume to: info@mcca.info.

If you have a question about maintenance, please contact the MCCA office or visit the [FAQ](#) section of the website.

Craig Williams, Maintenance Manager, info@mcca.info

THE WILD SIDE OF MILL CREEK

Coyote Season: Keep Pets Safe

Although most of the year our resident coyotes are quiet and aloof, their breeding season occurs in late winter and they become more active. Coyotes help balance our local eco-system as 42% of their diet is made up of rodents and 30% berries and grasses. Essentially, coyotes are the ultimate pest control! Coyotes are resourceful and when food is scarce, they will take food wherever they find it, which means it is important to keep all pets indoors or on a leash when outside. We can work together with local wildlife through understanding their roles in keeping our homes and neighborhoods pest free.



Coyotes are nature's free pest control.

Help Protect Wild Birds

Recent reports of sick or dead birds at backyard feeders in King, Kitsap, Skagit, Snohomish, and Thurston counties prompting the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) to recommend that people temporarily discontinue feeding wild birds through March or take extra steps to maintain their feeders. Please visit the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](https://www.wdfw.wa.gov/) website for the full story.

The current die-off of finches- such as pine siskins- as well as other songbirds, is attributed to salmonellosis, a common and usually fatal bird disease caused by the salmonella bacteria. Mill Creek is among many communities that have seen these bird deaths. The WDFW recommends that back yard feeders be taken down or limited to a manageable number so you can disinfect them daily.

Also, of note, it is possible that the bacteria can be passed to humans and pets. Best practice when handling your feeders is to wear gloves and be aware of the possibility.

Meet Your Neighbors: Coexisting with Beavers

All across the world, there is an unavoidable order to nature: fish need to swim, birds need to fly, and beavers need to build. In the wild, hard-to-reach pockets of North America, beavers can chew down trees and dam up streams all they want, but it feels completely different when they're building in our own backyards. It can be scary to see water levels suddenly rise and brand new ponds overtake our favorite walking paths even right here in MCCA. But beavers aren't troublemakers set on flooding our homes. Beavers are nature's engineers, transforming waterways into lush, stable habitats where many plants and small invertebrates can flourish and sustain life for birds, fish, and other mammals. The calm waters also provide a vital resting place for young salmon and improve water quality. Beavers are a keystone species in our ecosystems. MCCA is working with Beavers Northwest (BNW) to protect our infrastructure and the beaver habitat as much as possible.



Meet Your Neighbors: Coexisting with Beavers (continued)

So then what can we do? If the beavers can go about their business, then it's often for the best to simply let them be. However, if their activity is causing problems for their human neighbors, then there are a handful of options at our disposal. In the past, trapping has been the primary, and even the only, option available; but, with beaver populations on the rise, unoccupied habitat doesn't stay unoccupied for long.

The most logical solution, then, is coexistence. Beavers Northwest (BNW) is a local nonprofit striving to improve aquatic ecosystems through innovative solutions to coexist with beavers. BNW is working with the MCCA maintenance crew to implement management solutions that work for beaver and human neighbors alike. Routine dam notching can help to maintain an agreeable water level. To reduce maintenance needs, devices such as exclusion fences or pond levelers may be used to manage beaver activity passively. Precious trees can be fenced to prevent beavers from chewing them down. No matter the solution, it's essential to strive for a balance between our world and the land we've built upon, and finding compromises where we can with the wildlife all around us. This is the key to reaching that harmony.

Find more information at www.beaversnw.org.

By Eli Ferris and Elyssa Kerr, Beavers Northwest



If you look around Holly Pond, the Nature Preserve, or the Chatham Wetlands, you will be able to see signs of beaver activity!



Water levels can be temporarily managed by notching dams. This work requires planning and training to ensure minimal impact to aquatic habitat. MCCA Maintenance Crews are trained to do this work. Call the maintenance office if you think a dam needs attention.



Fencing precious trees can protect them from beaver chew. Fencing must be at least 3 feet tall to deter these large rodents!

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

Mountain Beavers

Mountain beavers! Not in the mountains. Not a beaver. A rodent – with a stubby tail!

There is a lot of information on the internet, and a great introductory article here: <https://www.paws.org/resources/mountain-beavers>

A great science lesson for the younger members of the family can be found here: <https://wyeastblog.org/2019/06/30/mountain-beaver-13-things-to-know/>

After reading the articles, you could follow up with a field trip to view current mountain beaver activity on the south side of Trillium Boulevard west of 13th Place SE, one site of many within the MCCA. Look for the mounds, tunnel openings and any fresh rhododendron leaves or fern fronds placed at the entrance to any active tunnel.

As you walk through our areas, you may also see trees damaged by either mountain beavers or beavers. You can distinguish the damage done by a mountain beaver from that done by a beaver as shown in these photos:



Mountain Beaver



Beaver Damage



Mountain Beaver Damage

If you think you have mountain beavers invading your yard, be sure to read this article from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife explaining that you need a special trapping permit for anything other than a live trap: <https://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/species/aplodontia-rufa#conflict>

And, please, if anyone happens to have any expertise in “living” with mountain beavers, the NWC would like to hear from you. You can contact the NWC at mccanwc@outlook.com.

Remember, this is the best time of year, with the wet ground, to remove noxious weeds!

Jill Cheeseman
Chair, Noxious Weed Committee

COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

The MCCA Compliance Process

The primary purpose of the Mill Creek Community Association and its covenants are to protect the desirability of the members' properties. It is my goal to work with members to that end. Many members have questions about how covenant issues are processed. In this article, I hope to provide you with some answers.

All homeowners in MCCA are members of our Association and all MCCA documents pertain to all members. Homes purchased in MCCA are subject to restrictive covenants that can be found in the Declaration of Restrictive Covenants portion of our Governing Documents. Article VII of this document contains a list of rules such as:

- Dogs must be leashed when not on your property.
- Regular yard maintenance is required.
- Exterior surfaces must be maintained and kept free of moss, debris, etc.
- Sports equipment and surfaces must be maintained and kept in working order.
- All gear and items such as tools, sports equipment, etc, must be stored out of view.

Ideally, the listing agent notifies potential buyers that a home is within an HOA. MCCA welcomes all new homeowners to the Association with a Welcome Bag that contains a copy of our Governing Documents and an introduction to the MCCA website. Here they can easily find contact information for the office, download our applications, learn about our committees, rules, and log into PayHOA.

Complaints regarding single family homes that may be out of compliance are either turned in by a member, the MCCA Covenant Committee, or the Compliance Coordinator. MCCA does not accept anonymous complaints. We must verify that it is a member turning in the complaint before we take any action.

Complaints are verified by MCCA staff or a member of the Covenant Committee. If a violation exists, a letter is sent to the member who needs to remedy the violation. The violation letter includes a description of the violation and requires a response from the member within 14 days. The response must include a date of compliance or notification that compliance has been achieved. If a member does not agree that a violation exists, they may request a hearing with the Covenant Hearing board. Members receive a second letter if they do not achieve compliance or respond to MCCA. The third and final letter is an invitation to attend a Covenant Hearing Board. The Covenant Hearing Board will listen to the resident and work with them to navigate a path to compliance. At times the Covenant Hearing Board may assess a fine.

Our goal is to work with MCCA members to achieve compliance. This can be a challenge if we do not have a current phone number or email address on file for your property. Please help us stay in contact with you by keeping your phone number and email address information updated on PayHOA.

The Board of Directors, the Covenant Committee, and the office work to ensure that the requirements of the Governing Documents are applied uniformly to all homeowners within MCCA. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above issues or other guidelines, please feel free to reach out to me, I look forward to speaking with you.

Wishing Everyone a Happy New Year!

Joan Sweeney, Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

As we enter into the start of a new year, your ACC Committee has already received several applications from homeowners looking to start new projects. These projects improve the appearance of a home, and thereby enhance our neighborhoods. We look forward to 2021 being a busy year for our committee!

One area we have seen interest in is outdoor storage sheds. In the past, the ACC Guidelines limited shed size to a footprint of 50 square feet. Recently, the committee recommended, and the MCCA Board approved, an increase in the allowable shed footprint to 80 square feet. This change will soon appear in the published guidelines, but in the meantime the increased size is allowed.

Storage units attached to the side or rear of the home are encouraged and should be constructed to match the home using the same siding, paint color and roofing materials. If you choose a free-standing shed, the same guidelines apply so that the structure matches the exterior finishes of the home. In both instances, the maximum height, ground to roof peak, is 8 feet.

If you decide to add a storage unit, please attach a photo or detailed drawing of your proposed shed with your ACC Application. As always, our committee will do our best to provide you with an answer to your application as soon as we possibly can.

I would like to remind our readers that the ACC has 30 days to process all applications, but they always try to beat this. Residents frequently enjoy faster approval times when they provide complete information and detailed drawings on their application and apply for projects that fall within our guidelines.



A tidy storage shed helps keep a yard neat!

COVENANT COMMITTEE

The Covenant Committee would like to wish all our residents a very Happy New Year. I'm sure we all hope 2021 will be a vast improvement over 2020.

The Committee continues to do its work, conducting meetings online and completing individual neighborhood inspections. We look forward to working together in teams.

It has been a very wet start to the year with the usual windstorms. We do appreciate your efforts to keep your properties clear of debris but want to caution everyone to refrain from dumping debris in common areas. The covenant prohibiting dumping in common areas is strictly enforced. Those found in violation of this covenant risk being assessed a large fine.

Thank you to all our residents who put up the many beautiful holiday decorations. It was a year in which we really needed that cheer. If you haven't taken down your decorations, please be aware that they were to be down and stored by January 31st.

Just one more point. It is a good time of year to think about scheduling roof maintenance. The needles, branches and wind can do damage that you may not notice until it is too late.

Spring cannot come soon enough! In the meantime, stay safe and healthy.



INSPECTION & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Call for Volunteers!

Volunteers are needed for our Inspection and Engineering Committee. If you have experience in engineering, construction, surface water, asphalt, concrete, mapping, surveying or other similar fields, we would love to speak with you. Volunteering with the committee requires just a few hours a month and provides the benefit of collaborating with a group of peers who are also neighbors. Meetings are held online the first Tuesday of every month at 5pm. The work done by this committee preserves the appearance and safety of our great community.

The MCCA Inspection & Engineering Committee's mission is to advise and assist the Association Director and the Board of Directors on matters that effect the MCCA common areas and facilities (shown in green on our [trail map](#)). The Committee focuses on annually inspecting Association infrastructure and assets. These annual inspections, with amendments throughout the year, are submitted to the Association Director who works with the Maintenance Department to prioritize and schedule projects. Inspection areas include:

- Nature Preserve including features such as signs, trails, bridges
- Pocket parks and play areas
- MCCA trails/sidewalks/paths

Please refer to the [Inspection & Engineering Committee Charter](#) for more information. If you are interested in working with our committee, please contact the [MCCA office](#). We look forward to hearing from you!

TRAIL AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE

Do you love to walk or bike the trails in MCCA? If you do, please consider joining our Trail Ambassador Committee. This group of residents tour the Association on foot or by bike and keep an eye out for anything unusual such as:

- Fallen trees
- Icy pathways
- Lost wallets or keys
- Transient camps

The Trail Ambassadors take great pride in their patrols and find that many residents are grateful to see them on the paths. Because our Trail Ambassadors are in a position of trust, they are required to pass a background check. If you are out and about and pass one of our ambassadors wearing a hat and vest with the MCCA logo, you know they are a good person to ask for directions, help, a band aid or just engage in a bit of friendly conversation.

Joining the Trail Ambassador Committee is a great way to serve our community while enjoying some exercise and fresh air! Please contact the [MCCA office](#) for more information.

RESIDENT CORNER

Dear Mill Creek Community,

I would like to thank everyone who contributed funds to make the memorial bench for my husband, Walt Lenox, a reality! From those contributing to the Go Fund Me account, to the MCCA HOA coordination of ordering, taking delivery and storage, and the hard work performed by the Maintenance Team for the installation of the bench in the Nature Preserve, I thank you.

I was very fortunate in finding a lovely spot with the help of an owl late one afternoon while walking through the Nature Preserve. Walt loved much about the Pacific Northwest but he was fascinated with our owls. If he heard one in the area at night, he would wake me up to listen to it call. Walt loved many things about the Pacific Northwest. As a Pennsylvania farm boy he loved the woods, hiking, snowshoeing and fishing which he found here in abundance. He appreciated the closeness of the mountain ranges to the ocean, often exploring the opportunities each offered with joy.

We felt very fortunate to be able to move into the Mill Creek Community over six years ago. Volunteering for several MCCA committees was our way of showing appreciation for the community we had come to love. I continue to volunteer for the Noxious Weed Committee as it means a great deal to help take care of this lovely community.

If you would like to see the newest addition to the Nature Preserve, you will find it at the crest of a small hill that meets the path from the Aspen Division to the Preserve. Thank you again, this would not have been possible without the help of so many.

Marie Lenox, Huckleberry resident



MCCA SPOTLIGHT ON COGIR OF MILL CREEK SENIOR LIVING

COVID Testing, Vaccine and Updates at our Community

Cogir of Mill Creek is part of the Mill Creek Community Association. Cogir has worked hard to serve their residents and keep them safe during the pandemic. We want to keep you updated on all the news and activities of Cogir, Mill Creek.

Testing

Cogir of Mill Creek was on the forefront of proactive testing. We began testing **April 2nd, 2020**. We've continued to proactively test ever since. This testing has allowed us to be more open than many other senior living communities in the area. Our residents have been dining in the Dining Room, and socializing in common areas, all while practicing proper protocols such as mask usage and social distancing.

We have access to rapid antigen tests which provide you a result within 15 minutes of testing. We have also implemented a plan of "Surveillance Testing", where we have randomly test approximately 25% of our staff on a weekly basis. Residents have access to testing upon request as well. In addition, both residents and staff are tested as soon as they present any symptoms. After the holidays, we tested all staff and residents out of an abundance of caution and to stay ahead of the virus. This testing paid off as we detected a few cases and worked with the local Department of Health to implement practices that helped prevent a more serious outbreak.

We've learned that testing leads to safety. We are proud to say we've maintained a very safe community!

Vaccine

We are very excited that on Tuesday, January 26th, we administered more than 200 vaccinations at our community for both residents and staff. We have our follow up vaccination day scheduled and are excited about the possibilities presented to a vaccinated community, as herd immunization is our goal. This looks like a huge step in the return to normalcy and is the boost of hope that we've been anxiously waiting for.

Updating at our Community

Cogir of Mill Creek is excited to share that we have been in the process of updating our community. Updates involve both apartments and common areas such as our Lobby, Billiards Room, Theatre, Living Room and Bistro areas.

Because of all the safety measures we're taking, we want to share with you that we can now provide tours to prospective residents so you can see these updates in person. **Call (425) 338-1580 to schedule a tour.**

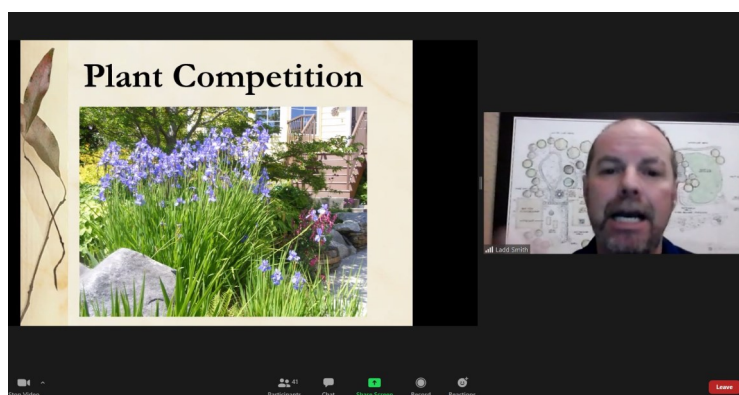


Resident safety is a top priority.

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

January's Zoom Meeting a Hit

Zoom meetings are the present-day way for Garden Club members to gain a bit of knowledge while keeping in touch. January's program featured Ladd Smith of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes; he brought his great sense of humor along with tons of garden information. He encouraged building our soil now for happier plants and easier Spring gardening. He spoke about adding mulch in winter when the soil is wet and leaving fallen leaves on our flower beds (do remove from lawns however). Ladd reminded us to "prune from the bottom," not shear our shrubs and suggested several tools to get the job done. Capping off the meeting was the spinning of the raffle prize wheel. Linda Wood was the lucky winner of a beautiful blooming Hellebores plant and a \$50 Gift Card to our own Shawn O'Donnell's Grill and Pub!



Ladd Smith, In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes



Lucky winner, Linda Wood!

"Share the Love" Food Drive

Garden Club is stepping up with another food drive for the Mill Creek Community Food Bank. Members may drop off donations at Nancy Hedges' on Thursday, February 11, from 11 AM – 1 PM. The list of desired items includes Hamburger Helper, Rice a Roni, Peanut butter & Jelly, cake mixes, spices, dish soap, personal hygiene items and more. First VP Kathy Thomas has offered to pick up any donations from members not able to get to Nancy's. There is a rumor Cupid may make an early Valentine's Day appearance—sweet!

Zoom, Zoom February!

Garden Club's February speaker will join us from the comfort of her Portland, Oregon home. We are thrilled to welcome Darcy Daniels, principal designer for Bloomtown Gardens, whose topic is "Mix & Match – Tips for Making Perfectly Coordinated Plant Combos." Darcy's vignettes are sure to bring out the stylist in our members. It is a not-to-be-missed presentation.

Submitted by Lila Johnson, MCGC Publicity Chair
Photos Courtesy of MCGC



Mill Creek Garden Club Zoom Meeting!

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

February-March 2021

The Mill Creek Women's Club continues to actively contribute to the well-being of the community through its philanthropic efforts. We will continue to host entertaining in person social events once we are able. Zoom events have been very successful and enjoyed by all.

The MCWC supports Snohomish County Domestic Violence Services, Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center, the Mill Creek Food Bank, YWCA Pathways for Women, YWCA Working Wardrobe and Woodside School.

Our November Auction in support of Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center, and YWCA Pathways for Women was very successful raising close to \$23,000.

Kathi Zehner, our Philanthropy Chair, submitted a grant application to the City of Mill Creek CARES Service Organization Relief Fund. The MCWC was awarded \$4,000 for use for COVID-19 related needs. This was disbursed amongst our charities.

Virtual Programs for February and March 2021

SISTERS IN SONG....February 17, 2021 11:00 AM

What do you get when you put females of all ages, from all walks of life, with the common interest of music together? You get Voices Northwest Chorus! Our **VIRTUAL FEBRUARY ZOOM PROGRAM** will feature

Voices Northwest Chorus, part of a world-wide organization of women who share the love of music, singing a cappella in four-part harmony. They are Snohomish County's premiere a cappella show chorus.

This chorus of fun and talented women look forward in sharing the gift of song, music and the love of friendship with MCWC. They will share a musical journey of how their love of music and song has grown into lifelong friendships. Through the consistent striving to create memories and share the gift of music with others, they have become Sisters in Song.

ARE YOU IRISH? Well, if the answer's yes - you're not alone.

33 million Americans have full or partial ancestry from Ireland (2017 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau.) What better **DAY** to celebrate our Irish heritage than on **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**? And what better **WAY** to celebrate our heritage than to take a **Genealogy Journey to Ireland!**

Our distinguished guest speaker Laura Sparr is past president of the Washington State Genealogical Society (1996-99) She's a member of 40 Genealogical Societies and has been an officer in just about every local society. In 2002 she studied and researched in Dublin for 11 weeks also traveling up to Belfast in Northern Ireland to continue to round out the archival treasures she'd been unearthing.

On Wednesday, March 17, 2021 the Mill Creek Women's Club will be **Lucky** enough to have Laura Sparr share "a bit-o" her wealth of knowledge to enlighten us with some Irish Heritage. She'll share anecdotal stories she's uncovered and freely answer questions during our March Zoom Virtual Program.

If you join Mill Creek Women's Club, the Zoom Meetings are free. We also have Zoom Socials, Zoom Book Clubs, Zoom Craft Groups and Zoom Happy Hours with more to come. We are looking forward to meeting in person when it is safe to do so.

Cyndy Gallacher, MCWC Publicity Chair

Email membershipmcwc@gmail.com for more information about the Mill Creek Women's Club,



MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Contact Free Services

Sno-Isle Libraries is offering contact-free pick up and return of physical library materials. All online services and resources continue to be available. No in-library services are available at this time.

Reserve library materials

Use our [catalog](#) or [books](#) and [movie](#) pages to browse the 1.6 million items available to you. Then, use your library card to place items on hold or checkout available digital resources. When your items are ready, you will receive an automated email and/or phone call.

Holds Pick Up

1. Come to the library where your items are on hold.
2. When you get here, call the pickup-notification number for that library.
3. A library staff member will ask for your name or library card number.
4. A library staff member will then meet you at the library main door.
5. Before opening the door, the staff member will verify your identity by name or library card number.
6. You will be asked to step back from the closed door.
7. The staff member will place your items outside the door in a recyclable paper bag labeled for you.
8. Take home and enjoy!

The Mill Creek Library pick up number is (360) 651-7189



No-contact pick-ups are available.

MCCA MEMBER DIVISIONS

SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

Aspen
Chatham Park
Cottonwood
Cypress
Douglas Fir
Evergreen
Fairway
Fairway Fountains
Heatherstone

Holly
Huckleberry
Juniper
Laurel
Magnolia
Red Cedar
Spring Tree
Sunrise
Sun Rose

Sweetwater Ranch
Swordfern
Vine Maple
Wildflower Park
Willow
Woodfern
Winslow

TOWNHOMES

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