



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TERRY GEMMILL

April 21st Online Budget Meeting at 5pm

By now, resident members of the Association should have received the **MCCA Budget Newsletter and Ballot**. This annually produced report to the membership outlines the Board of Director's vision for the coming fiscal year that runs from **July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022**. Included is information regarding our recent Reserve Fund study, our revenue and spending projections, and our request for an assessment increase of 5%. Notice that the budget reflects an increase in our maintenance effort as expressed in our most recent Annual Member Survey. **The Board encourages all members to APPROVE the proposed budget.** Ballots must be received via email, mail, or in-person before 10pm, April 21st, to count. We will post the link to register for this online meeting on the [MCCA Calendar](#) and in the [Announcements](#) section of the MCCA website.

Block Watch Program

As the pandemic loosens its grip on our way of life, the MCCA wants to encourage members to return to watching out for each other. **The Board has seen a steady increase in crimes of opportunity** during the last year. The Block Watch Program, as outlined by the Mill Creek Police Department, is a good first step toward making our neighborhoods safer... "Law enforcement believes in 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' and works with groups to facilitate Block Watch programs." If you are interested in starting this program in your neighborhood, please read the [Block Watch](#) brochure on the city website.

Sample Paint Swatch Options

The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) is seeing an increase in applications for house painting. The approval process requires a sample of the color preferred by the homeowner, be advised that the sample may be painted on a 3' by 3' piece of wood, plasterboard, posterboard, or on the body of the home facing the street. **Remember— the committee has 30-days to process an application.** Plan to have your sample approved before locking yourself into a firm date with your painting contractor. If the ACC has any concerns about the color you've chosen, the process for approval could take longer, so be prepared.

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

MCCA Office in Phase 3

The state of Washington moved into Phase 3 of Governor Insley's Safe Start program on March 22. The doors of the MCCA office are now open. Due to the size of our lobby area, we can allow only one resident in the office at a time. For your safety and ours, please wear a mask. The safest way to work with us is via phone or email. We appreciate the many residents who have embraced online communication. Thank you for helping us keep MCCA safe!

Spring Events

The Easter Egg Hunt will not take place this year. We regret that we cannot safely conduct this event under the current restrictions. It is difficult to know what types of restrictions we will be working with in the coming months, so please continue to check the [MCCA Calendar](#) on our website for up to date information on the May Garage Sale and Arborist Days. Currently, both the Garage Sale (May 1) and Arborist Days (May 20 & 21) are on the calendar. We are very hopeful that the COVID statistics continue to improve in our region so we can hold these events.

Block Watch Program

The office is getting more calls and emails regarding mail theft, car prowls, and other crimes of opportunity. Please read the Security article for instructions on when to call 911, and when to call the police non-emergency number.

MCCA and the Mill Creek Police Department want to reactivate the Block Watch Program in our neighborhoods and sub-associations. You can view the brochure and the guidelines for getting a Block Watch group started in your neighborhood on the Police Department [Forms and Brochures](#) page of the city website. If you have questions about this program, the police contact is Officer Larissa Pigott (532@cityofmillcreek.com).

The Block Watch Program Guidelines are printed on the following pages. If you are interested in starting up the Block Watch group in your neighborhood, please contact the MCCA Office. We can support you by printing brochures to hand out, or sending an email out to residents in your division. It just takes one resident to take that first step towards making our neighborhoods safer for all. MCCA looks forward to working with you and the City of Mill Creek Police Department to make our neighborhoods safer.

Streets, Parking & Neighbors

We're seeing more people out and about as the weather improves and restrictions relax. It means we'll be seeing more social gatherings – which is a welcome change! Please be courteous in your community and direct your guests to park in your driveway when possible. Thoughtful planning and communication with neighbors can help set expectations when hosting larger gatherings. We have an opportunity to create an atmosphere of respect and community when we take the time and initiative to do this.

BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM

Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Crime Watch – no matter what it's called, this is one of the most effective and free answers to crime. Watch groups are the foundation of community crime prevention and are often the stepping stones of community revitalization.

Law enforcement believes in "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" and works with groups to facilitate Block Watch programs. Block Watch brings residents and law enforcement together to improve safety and prevent crime. Safety improves when neighbors watch out for each other by reporting suspicious activity and in-progress crimes to 911. Crime prevention occurs when the opportunity for crime is removed and neighbors work together for a safer neighborhood.



3 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

ACTIVE MEMBER LIST:

Providing contact information to members allows everyone access to each other for neighborhood concerns.

- Collect contact information from participants.
- Prepare and distribute Active Member List to participants.

List should include: Names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail.

OPERATION IDENTIFICATION:

Operation ID is a burglary prevention program used in homes and businesses to record personal property and discourage burglary and theft.

- Take photographs and document personal property to include brand name and serial numbers.
- Keep information, along with purchase receipts, in a safe location.
- Display Operation ID sticker near exterior doors and windows.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

Quarterly meetings ensure ongoing neighborhood relationships!

- Community BBQ's
- Game nights
- Holiday festivals
- Ice cream socials

TIPS

"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"
It's easy and convenient
Crime prevention for your family and neighborhood!

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

<p>Mill Creek Police Department Crime Prevention 532/4644111 532@cityofmillcreek.com www.cityofmillcreek.com</p>	<p>34728 Main Street Mill Creek, WA 98012</p>
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BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM - GUIDELINES



The following information will help you establish a Block Watch Program in your neighborhood. The extent of problems and concerns within your community as well as the commitment level of neighborhood residents will determine the success of your group.

Block Watch's three components:

- Create and distribute a Member List.
- Complete Operation Identification (Operation ID).
- Hold quarterly meetings – Have fun!

PLANNING & IMPLEMENTATION

Preliminary Block Watch Steps:

1. Meet informally with at least 5 neighbors concerned about crime in your neighborhood.
2. Discuss current problems, expected results and get a commitment to work together.
3. Select a Captain and Co-Captain who will coordinate your Block Watch group.
4. Captain needs to attend a quarterly Block Watch Introduction Summit.
5. Select a date and location for the first Block Watch meeting and inform your neighbors.

Block Watch Meeting (Agenda):

1. Have attendees introduce themselves.
2. Discuss neighborhood issues and concerns. Develop a "Team Attitude."
3. Explain Block Watch - How it works and the benefits. (Block Watch Program Overview)
4. Complete Member List and Neighborhood Street Map of participating neighbors.
5. Set a reasonable completion date for Operation ID. (Captain confirms individual completion.)
6. Set next quarterly meeting date and location.

Benefits for Block Watch Groups:

Community-police partnerships:

- ◊ Crime prevention informational brochures available on the web.
- ◊ Neighborhood specific Crime Alerts for current crime trends distributed by e-mail.
- ◊ Quarterly educational Block Watch Captain Summits.
- ◊ Upon request - Calls for service statistics available for quarterly Block Watch meetings.
- ◊ Operation ID stickers provided to Block Watch Captains for participants who complete the program requirements.
- ◊ Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) security surveys provided by law enforcement for Block Watch members and the physical neighborhood.
- ◊ Block Watch signs are provided and installed by the municipality.

ORGANIZATION

Block Watch is a group of neighbors working together to make their community a safer place to live. This occurs when neighbors look out for the general welfare of others and property by calling 911 to alert law enforcement of suspicious activities or crimes. Groups need to establish clear objectives and strive for 100 percent participation within their geographical area. Block Watch truly is "Neighbors Helping Neighbors."

Block Watch Captain and Co-Captain Responsibilities:

1. Serve as a liaison between your active Block Watch members and law enforcement.
2. Recruit new Block Watch members to reach 100 percent participation in your neighborhood.
3. Maintain and distribute the Member List.
4. Distribute Block Watch materials and information to members in a timely manner.
5. Initially confirm Operation ID requirements are completed. Annually follow-up with active members to encourage updating Operation ID.
6. Notify members of Block Watch meetings.
7. Encourage members to call 911 before contacting you of unusual or suspicious activities and document it on the Neighborhood Activity Log. (Form may be downloaded from our website.)
8. Record situations when members called 911 on the Neighborhood Activity Log. Provide information to law enforcement to help track criminal activity in your neighborhood.

Participant Responsibilities:

1. Attend meetings and get acquainted with neighbors.
2. Keep your Member List in an easily accessible location.
3. Make your home as burglar-resistant as possible.

Daily Tips:

1. Be observant. Report suspicious activities to 911 and Block Watch Captain.
2. Educate children about crime prevention. Stress the importance of 911 and helping law enforcement.
3. Do not physically confront suspicious individuals. Call 911.

Tools:

- *Member List*
 - Provides immediate contact information in the event of suspicious activities.
- *Block Watch Signs*
 - Warns potential thieves of law enforcement partnership with residents.
 - Placed at entrances and inside the neighborhood.
- *Neighborhood Watch Window Decals*
 - Emblems can be used on windows, gates, doors, mailboxes, etc.
 - Identifies property as documented by Operation ID.
- *Neighborhood Street Map*
 - Guide for participants and law enforcement, fire, rescue or other emergency personnel.
 - Informs other participants who is an active member.

FOR EMERGENCIES, CALL 911

Block Watch - Guidelines P. 2

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Mill Creek Police Department
Crime Prevention
425-745-6175
532@cityofmillcreek.com
<http://www.cityofmillcreek.com>

15728 Main Street
Mill Creek, WA 98012

Maintenance

Our Maintenance staff ramps up for the spring season by beautifying and clearing entryways and common areas. Clearing brush, overgrowth, and trimming back trees can improve safety by eliminating hiding spots in brush and woods. Additionally, maintenance has begun to power wash retaining walls, repair, and activate sprinkler systems, and sweep for vagrant camps in the Nature Preserve.

If you see a malfunctioning sprinkler or watering hose on MCCA property, please do not adjust it. Instead, call the MCCA office to let us know the location of the problem; we will have one of our staff attend to it. Thank you for helping us keep MCCA beautiful!

Arborist Days—May 20 & 21

During Arborist Days, the MCCA arborist will visit your home to assess your trees. Submit your [Arborist Day Application](#) and \$50 payment to the MCCA Office. We will schedule your 25-minute appointment with our arborist. Please note, you must be physically present at the time of the appointment. We do not permit phone appointments for arborist visits. Spots are limited, get your application and payment into the office early!

- April 21** MCCA Budget Meeting, 5pm see the [MCCA Calendar](#) or [Announcements](#) section of the website to register for the online meeting.
- April 24** City of Mill Creek's Community Service Day 10 am to 12 pm. More information on the city [website](#).
- May 1** MCCA Garage Sale, if restrictions permit. See the [MCCA Calendar](#) for the final schedule.
- May 1 & 2** Goodwill trucks in MCCA office parking lot. Bring your donations!
- May 20 & 21** MCCA Arborist Days, complete an [Arborist Day Application](#) and send it with payment to the MCCA office to reserve your spot!
- July 1** 2021/2022 Assessment due.

Important Dates!

Please view the [MCCA Calendar](#) on the MCCA website for further information on our meetings and events.
Hilary Bublitz, Association Director, hilary@mcca.info

MCCA SECURITY

Welcome Marie!

We would like to welcome Marie Lenox to the Security team as a part-time driver. Please give her a big welcome wave as you see her on patrol.



Marie Lenox

Reporting Crimes: Who to Contact

Please continue calling Security with what is going on in your divisions regarding car prowls, break-ins, theft, suspicious people, etc., *after* you have notified the Mill Creek Police Department.

- If the crime has already occurred, use the non-emergency number 425-407-3999.
- If the crime is currently in progress, or you see a suspicious person in the area, call 911.
- MCCA Security (security@mcca.info or ph. 425-328-0035)

When emailing Security to report a car prowler, break-in, or any problem, please provide as many details as possible and be clear. We need the location, date, and approximate time of the incident. If there is a particular car or person we should be on the lookout for, please provide us with as much information as possible. We appreciate getting the color, make, model, and license plate of a vehicle; or a good description of a person including clothing, height, and weight. The safest place to keep your vehicle is in your locked garage. If you park your car outside, make sure it is locked, and no valuables are left inside.

Mail Crime

If you find mail tossed in the bushes or dropped on the trails, please report it.

- MCPD non-emergency ph. 425-407-3999
- United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) (<https://www.uspis.gov/report/>)



Mail Boss 7160

Contact MCCA Security (security@mcca.info or ph. 425-328-0035) after you have called the police. The police prefer that you do not touch the mail. Instead, call the police, give dispatch the location, and the police will take care of it. The police and USPIS cannot follow up on issues we do not report.

If you do not have a locking mailbox, MCCA highly recommends that you consider replacing your mailbox with a locking one. The MCCA-approved locking mailbox is the **Mail Boss 7106 in black**. You can order this mailbox through Amazon and maintenance can help you install this model. Maintenance will not install unapproved mailboxes.

Open Garage Doors

While calling in notifications on open garage doors at night, we have found a few units without current contact information. Please keep all resident information updated with the MCCA office. We need your correct phone number so we can notify you about an open garage door.

Vacation Checks

Please complete and send your Vacation Check Request Form to Security before you go out of town. We will check your home whether you are gone for a few days or a few months. You can find the form on the website, click on Forms, then scroll down to see the [Security Check Request PDF](#). We have three different options to select from, and all are free for MCCA residents. If requesting a check on your property, ensure that paths are clear of debris and that gates and fences are in working order. If we know you are away and how to get in touch with you, MCCA Security can serve you better should an issue arise.

Lois Dawkins, Security Supervisor, security@mcca.info

COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Dumping in Common Areas

Before you dump anything over a fence, please think twice. Any dumping in MCCA Common areas can result in a fine of up to \$5,000.00. Please dispose of all yard waste and trimmings in a green Waste Management bin. If you do not have one, contact [Waste Management](#), and they will provide one to you as well as the rates they charge.

Exterior Surfaces

In general, residents must maintain all exterior surfaces, not just when they get their worst. Some members do not realize that the definition is not only roofs and siding, but all exterior surfaces within your property lines. Here is a detailed list:

- Fencing
- Roofs
- Siding
- Driveway
- Curbing
- Walkways
- Deck
- Patio
- Retaining walls
- Sports Court
- Sports equipment (including basketball hoops)
- Permanent structures (playground, sheds, etc.)

When you plan your spring clean-up this year, please consider the above items, evaluate them, and scheduling their cleaning. Some things may need a good cleaning, moss and or mildew treatments, repairs or replacement, etc. The MCCA Service Provider list has businesses who may be able to do the work. Start your planning now.

Spring Clean-up

Weed now and save yourself a significant headache next month and into the summer. Weed early and protect the beds with mulch. Dark mulch is an excellent product. Not only does it dress your beds and make them look sharp, but it also helps keep the weeds down and makes it easier to remove any weeds that come up. The next few weeks are the best time to get out and remove debris and weeds before the April and May showers set in.

If you have a landscaper or lawn company and you like their work, be sure to keep some of their cards on hand for that neighbor who may be looking for someone. The first people I send residents to when they are looking for maintenance providers are their neighbors.



Get weeds now!

If I can help answer a question, please don't hesitate to reach out, and Thank you for keeping MCCA beautiful!

Happy Spring, Everyone!

Joan Sweeney, Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Application Process

As we all enjoy some days of warmer weather, your ACC Committee is gearing up for a busy application season. This is a good time to give you some tips on making sure the application process goes as smoothly as possible.

Completing the Application

Spring and Summer are our busiest times of the year, and we do our very best to quickly process applications. Please remember that the committee is allowed up to 30 days to process your request, although we rarely take that long. Our volunteers are dedicated to doing everything we can to get you a quick answer on your home improvement applications. In order to expedite processing, please explain in your own words what you are planning, such as, "Adding a storage shed, 7 feet wide by 9 feet long, 7 feet high at the peak."

The more detail you provide us, the faster we can process your application. Some of you have been so helpful in attaching photos of your plans, which we highly encourage – it shows us exactly what you intend.

Exterior Paint Applications

A large portion of applications received this time of year are for exterior paint. We do not often decline a resident's choice of color. However, in the last few months we have received a number of applications from homeowners wanting to paint in a color that a nearby neighbor has already used. Our guidelines are clear that your color choice needs to be different from neighboring homes. The overall color needs to be different, not the same body color with a different trim.

To ensure approval, we suggest you test your paint sample on a sample board. We require a 3 x 3 sample of your chosen color, so obtaining some boards or poster board that size or larger is helpful. Then, paint your chosen color on the board and walk around your neighborhood – with a large sample in hand you can easily see if you are too close to the color of a neighboring home. This also helps you by allowing you to take the sample around to different sides of your home, so you can see the color from all angles and all types of lighting situations. Look first at the front of your home, then the backyard. Try not to "over analyze" your exterior color choice – it is rare to love the way a color looks on all four sides of a home. If you like the color on two or three sides, you will like the finished product in the end.

Thank you for your help in streamlining the application process, and we look forward to this season of renewal in the MCCA!



Paint a 3' x 3' sample of the body color adjacent to a 1' x 3' sample of the trim

COVENANT COMMITTEE

Ready for Spring

As we move into 2021 I know we are all hoping our lives will return to some semblance of normalcy. Your Covenant Committee continues to do its work, as directed by the MCCA Board of Directors. We continue to do our inspections individually and conduct our monthly meetings online.

We are all so lucky to live in one of the most beautiful communities in the Puget Sound region, but that can only remain true if all our residents pay attention to the needs of their properties. This year there is bound to be a lot of moss to fight as we have had such a wet winter. Please be aware that not only is moss invading your lawns, but it is probably living in your flower beds, on your driveways, patios, and roof. This is a perfect time to schedule a yearly roof maintenance visit to clean and deal with needed repairs. As you begin your spring clean-up, please remember there is absolutely no dumping of yard debris allowed in common areas. You can be fined up to \$5000 if found in violation of this covenant.

Following this article, we have provided a list of typical spring cleanup tasks that you may find useful as you begin this yearly project. Please note that if you are notified by our committee of a covenant complaint, this is merely a reminder. Contact the office and let us know what your plans are regarding the violation and likely it will go away. If you ignore an initial complaint and we find upon re-inspection that you have not dealt with the issue, a second letter will be sent and you may be invited to a Covenant Hearing Board. At this point fines may be involved, so please don't ignore that first contact!



Photo credit: Roberta Jonnet, Mill Run I

COVENANT COMMITTEE

Spring Outdoor Maintenance Checklist

Be sure to check the proper timing for these tasks before proceeding as it varies by zone and weather!

- ___ Clear lawn of debris such as sticks and branches
- ___ Rake old leaves from garden beds and corners of yard
- ___ Replace mulch once the weather is warm enough
- ___ Divide and/or transplant perennials as they emerge
- ___ Wash off outdoor furniture
- ___ Check grill hoses and clean grill
- ___ Attach hoses to outdoor faucets and check for leaks
- ___ Get a jump on crabgrass & weeds by applying a pre-emergent
- ___ Apply fertilizer to lawn
- ___ Overseed barespots in lawn
- ___ Powerwash, sand, and stain deck if needed
- ___ Clean siding and touch up paint
- ___ Wash outdoor wood furniture and apply protectant
- ___ Check propane in grills and outdoor heaters
- ___ Replace storm windows with screens
- ___ Repair broken screens
- ___ Clean debris from gutters
- ___ Wash exterior windows
- ___ Fix cracks and sealcoat driveway if needed
- ___ Plant summer flowering bulbs
- ___ Cut down woody stems on some plants (like Sedum) and cut ornamental grasses

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

Invasive Species Week

The week of February 22 through February 26 was proclaimed by Governor Jay Inslee as National Invasive Species Week in the State of Washington, in conjunction with National Invasive Species Week. "Species" means not only plants but animals, aquatic life, butterflies and other insects. "Invasive species threaten our economy, environment, recreation opportunities and can even harm our health," Inslee said. "I'm calling on everyone who loves this state we call home to become aware of invasive species and take steps to prevent the spread of these damaging plants and animals." You can learn more on the [Washington Invasive Species Council](#) website. Click on the tab for Invasive Species to view the various animals and insects!

April is Native Plant Appreciation Month for the State of Washington. The [Washington Native Plant Society](#) (WNPS) has a list of events and webinars on their website that will pique your interest.

April 22 is Earth Day! The theme this year is "Restore our Earth"; and the NWC has been doing their part within MCCA by removing a lot of dumped debris from our common areas. Removing this debris frees the struggling salal, Oregon grape, and sword ferns. We are also transplanting additional salal and sword ferns into these areas.

For middle school teachers, there is a great opportunity to partner with a WNPS steward to pilot a three- to four-week [Ecosystem Restoration Unit](#) in the fall of 2021 (to be postponed if COVID-19 prevents in-person learning). We live in a wonderful area that would benefit from a project like this. These projects can create a lifelong enthusiasm among our youth for taking care of our ecosystem!

For all you gardeners, native pollinators need native plants! Here's a great [article](#) that teaches how to use native plants to attract pollinators to your garden.

Jill Cheeseman, Noxious Weed Committee Chair



Noxious Weed—Rush Skeletonweed



Noxious Weed—Butterfly Bush

SPOTLIGHT ON STORMWATER

Introduction

MCCA Maintenance responsibilities include the upkeep of MCCA stormwater facilities. Seven retention ponds are a part of the stormwater system within the MCCA community.

MCCA Retention Ponds

Retention ponds are functional structures built to capture, hold and clean runoff water. These ponds provide critical support to surrounding homes and environments. Retention ponds help prevent excess surface water from flooding homes and land and help mitigate erosion. Runoff water filters through these ponds before reaching groundwater, streams, rivers, and the ocean. Toxins trapped in retention ponds include yard fertilizers, household and automobile chemicals, such as paint and oil, as well as animal waste that washes down from yards and public land. Eventually, everything that washes off driveways, yards, and homes gets carried into a public water source.

The state and city closely regulate the maintenance and functionality of these ponds. MCCA is accountable to the City of Mill Creek, and the city answers to the State of Washington Department of Ecology. Proper functioning requires regular maintenance and checks, including mowing and trimming the surrounding land, removing garbage and trees from the water and adjacent areas, and ensuring surrounding fences and gates are secure. MCCA Maintenance completes regular storm pond maintenance quarterly, and monitors the ponds so they can address concerns as they arise.

Ways You Can Help

MCCA residents are a big part of the picture in keeping retention ponds clean and productive. Here are some practical things you can do to help.

- Clean up yard and pet waste and dispose of it in appropriate waste containers. Pet waste contains harmful bacteria and parasites that can wash into our waterways. This waste releases nitrogen which feeds algae blooms that deplete light and oxygen in the water, ultimately killing the fish, frogs, and other aquatic life. Collect pet waste in bags and deposit it in your regular garbage bin.
- Dispose of household and automobile chemicals appropriately. Paints, thinners, motor oil, brake fluid, and cleaners should never be poured into the ground or into the storm drains where they will eventually mix with public water sources. Dispose of these items at a designated waste facility near you. For a complete list of substances disposed at one of these sites, visit the [Snohomish County Hazardous Waste](#) website page.

Visit the City of Mill Creek's website and view a [Map of Stormwater Drains](#) for more information about where your water goes.



Storm ponds are an important part of our water system. Please help us keep our storm ponds clean!

COGIR OF MILL CREEK SENIOR LIVING

The community at [Cogir of Mill Creek Senior Living](#) is extremely proud of its dining program and restaurant.

Last spring and summer, the Cogir community took their dining program on the road. Realizing that many seniors were becoming isolated and lonely, Cogir of Mill Creek reached out to seniors in the Mill Creek Community Association and surrounding area offering a free lunch delivery and a bit of socially distanced conversation and interaction. The Cogir community associates took great pride and satisfaction in this "Lunch is on Us" program.

Cogir also realized that first responders and front-line employees at hospitals and skilled nursing facilities worked behind shuttered doors under intense pressure and uncertainty. Cogir reached out to local hospitals, firefighters, and skilled nursing facilities, delivering nearly 500 lunches and hand-made milkshakes. It was the Cogir community's pleasure to express our thanks and gratitude to the hundreds of people we interacted with who are serving on the front line as we fight the pandemic.

If you are a senior, or you know of a local senior that might enjoy a nice lunch delivered, please give Cogir of Mill Creek a call (ph.425-338-1580). They are happy to deliver.



Corned Beef Sandwich



Tuna Lunch



Bethany Silver Lake Outreach Lunch!

MASON BEES—POLLINATING SUPERSTARS

Spring is near, and it's the perfect time to plan your garden. Keeping mason bees provides a fun way to add interest and dimension to a colorful, seasonal garden. Mason bees are fascinating, non-aggressive pollinators and can help strike an ecological balance as we witness the decline of honey bee colonies.

Mason bees are easy to raise and do not require much in the way of care. Although there are several approaches in raising them, you can get started right away just by providing a mason bee house and access to a nearby water source, soil, and local flora. That's all they need to get started.

Mason bee houses typically consist of structures containing stacked tubes or bamboo straws. Houses should be hung South facing with a bit of shelter from strong wind and rain. You may also consider adding screening on the front of the house to keep birds from pecking at the nesting tunnels. Adult bees gather pollen and mud to create tiny, golden-colored eggs that they pack into the tubes end-to-end. Once the tube is full, they seal the end with mud to protect the eggs from predators.

When the eggs hatch in late winter and early spring, new adult bees emerge from their tunnels and start the process of mating and nesting all over again. It's as fun to watch the bees emerge from their tunnels and fly away as it is to see them return to the house to lay their eggs. You can watch as they approach a tube and enter headfirst only to see the back end of them emerge moments later as they tuck each egg in with careful attention.

There is a lot of information available online about the proper care and propagation of mason bees. If you can find a way to make room for mason bees in your garden, you are sure to enjoy them.

For more information on mason beekeeping, consider these articles:

[Bees in your Backyard: Spring Pollination with Gentle Orchard Mason Bees](#) – February 25, 2020, by Lo Holahan

[Solitary, hardworking mason bee a Northwest native, all right](#) – February 15th, 2016, by Erik Lacitis

[Attract Mason Bees – No Protective Gear Needed](#) – March 15, 2003, by Judy Beaudette



MILL CREEK ROTARY CLUB



SAVE THE DATE

Please Join Rotary of Mill Creek for Our "Virtual Auction"

Silent Auction viewing starts Thursday, April 29th at 8:00 am

Live Auction begins Friday, May 14th, 2021 **from 6:00 – 7:30pm**

Visit: www.mcrauction.com

We are Inviting you to join us for our annual event, with a twist!!!

While it may look a little different, it is still for worthwhile causes!

We support:

- Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center in Everett
- Hope Creek Food Bank
- Woodside Elementary
- Scholarships for local high schools
- Doctors without Borders
- Days for Girls
- Polio

Plus...

You can participate all from the safety and comfort of your own home.

**Questions: Contact President-elect Victoria Wellman, victoriawellman62@gmail.com
or Judy Cromwell, at juju942@hotmail.com**

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB



"Share the Love" Food Drive



Loading up the truck with just enough room for driver!

February—Before the Snow

As promised, here is the scoop on the "Share the Love" Food Drive held for Garden Club members just before Valentine's Day. Our members showed their caring nature by bringing just under 1,000 lbs. of non-perishable food items and \$580 in cash and checks for the Mill Creek Community Food Bank. Our great volunteers braved freezing temperatures as they loaded the items into a truck; it was so full, there was barely enough room for the driver! Garnering appreciation and a "Warm Heart-Cold Toes" award are Nancy Hedges, Carol Connelly, Connie Hannam, Barbara Mills, Judy Morrier, Stephanie Morse, and Kathy Thomas. Cupid was there in spirit, as every member stopping by received a mini-bag of Valentine's candy. Sweet!

March—It was the Plants!

Making a return appearance, guest speaker, Trevor Cameron, livened up our March Zoom meeting. He gave us an introduction to "New Plants for 2021." And just when you thought there was nothing new under the sun! Trevor is a Certified Professional Horticulturist (CPH) and General Manager at Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville. He is also on the board of the Evergreen Arboretum. From his grandmother's garden to today, Trevor has over 30 years' experience. He referred to himself as a "plantaphile," because he has too many "favorite" plants!

April "Cougar Sighting"

Marianne Binetti is a Northwest horticultural expert with a degree in horticulture from WSU; yes, there will be another "Coug in the house" at our April zoom meeting. Marianne, always a popular Garden Club speaker, writes a syndicated gardening column that appears in over a dozen newspapers; she has written or co-authored 10 gardening books. All of this, plus she's knowledgeable with a great sense of humor and delightful speaking style. We welcome her back with her topic, "A Little Bit of Heaven: Your Patio or Balcony Garden." It sounds like the perfect Springtime topic. Me? I'll be wearing Purple & Gold!

Mill Creek Garden Club – active, caring, and fun even in a pandemic!

Lila Johnson, Mill Creek Garden Club Publicity Chair

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

The Mill Creek Women's Club (MCWC) 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 in excess of \$23,000. 100% of this was given to our charities.

The MCWC's Philanthropy Chair delivered books to Domestic Violence Services, who requested self-esteem books. Kathleen purchased 70 books, some from Amazon and others from Half Price Books. Kathleen also delivered blankets to them, which were donated by the club for the auction but were not purchased.

Our Virtual Programs for April and May 2021 are as follows:

April 21, 2021

TITLE: J. Jill Fashion Show

PROGRAM: J. Jill will be showing some of their Spring collection.

J. Jill will be showing off some of their Spring collection. Up to ten of our members will be the models. Their new collection is inspired by the freshness and optimism that comes with Spring. These styles are sophisticated and subtle, strong and soft, beautiful and graceful. The Fashion Show is always a big hit with our members, and J. Jill knows how to make us shine! J. Jill has lovely locations, including those at the Alderwood Mall or Bellevue Square for you to visit, or you can shop online. The website is www.jjill.com.

May 19, 2021

TITLE: Noelle Salazar, Author

PROGRAM: Noelle will share stories about "The Flight Girls"

Local author and storyteller Noelle Salazar shares insights into "The Flight Girls." We will ride shotgun with a cast of memorable characters, an epic love story, and a powerful tale of courage and sacrifice by the Women Airforce Service Pilots during WWII as Noelle shines a light on this little-known piece of history.

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.

It is time to consider joining us for the 2021-2022 season. The membership fee is \$50 per year. We are hoping to be able to meet in person for lunches later this year.



Noelle Salazar

If you would like more information about the Mill Creek Women's Club, email membershipmcwc@gmail.com

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