



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY TERRY GEMMILL

Nature Preserve Trail Repairs

A major effort has been underway to repair and repave asphalt trails in the Preserve. A large portion was just completed in July, but **the project is not complete**. The next round of work is scheduled for next fiscal year.

Entry Sign Initiative Continues

As I mentioned in my last message, a program is in place to install new entry signs. The latest contract is for new signs in Red Cedar, Woodfern, Swordfern, Heatherstone, Springtree Sunrise, Wildflower, and Chatham Park East/West. **The process will continue until all of our old style signs have been replaced.**

New MCCA Security Vehicle

Our Toyota Prius has been great, but it's at the end of its useful life as a daily Security vehicle. We have been looking for a replacement for some time. To our good fortune, Rodland Toyota of Everett gave us a terrific discount on a brand new **Toyota RAV4 Hybrid AWD SUV**. It will be better suited to our winter weather.

Annual Meeting & Board of Director Elections

You will soon receive MCCA Ballots for our **September 22, 2021, MCCA Annual Meeting** and elections. Candidate biographies are included in this MillStream issue. There are 3 open Board positions, with all 3 candidates running for reelection, including myself. No other candidates volunteered to run in this year's election cycle. The Nominating Committee looks for candidates with MCCA committee experience. If you are interested in a board position, please start by volunteering on one of our committees.

New Association Administrative Vendors

The MCCA has had good legal, accounting, and insurance advice over the years, but at the recommendation of our Association Director, Hilary Bublitz, the Board agreed that moving to vendors who specialize in HOA clients would be an improvement. As a result, over the last few years we have utilized the services of **Alliance Association Bank** for our banking and **Association Reserves** for our reserve study. In the past few months we have retained the services of the **Condominium Law Group PLLC**, **Newman Certified Public Accountant PC**, and **HUB International NW LLC**, our new insurance broker. We expect to be using their services and advice for many years to come.

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.

ADMINISTRATION

We planned for a busy summer, and that is exactly what we are having. Already we have completed trail repairs in the Nature Preserve. Please note, this is only the first year of work, we have more work planned for the next fiscal year. To get the details of our project roadmap, take a look at our Reserve Study which is available to all residents on the PayHOA platform (MCCA Documents—Reserve Study—MCCA Reserve Study 2021 Final.pdf).

The Annual Meeting and Board of Directors elections are just around the corner. Please take some time to read the candidate biographies in this edition of the MillStream. In an effort to increase voter turnout, the Board is using an online option for voting this year. MCCA has contracted with Voteegrity to run the Board of Directors election. You will receive a paper and online option for voting in the mail. Lately, some mail has taken unusually long to reach its destination. If you choose the mail option, please send your ballot in early. Last year we found the online Annual Meeting to be a huge success so we will use the online format again this year. Check the calendar on the MCCA website in September for the meeting link; we will also send the link by email.

National Good Neighbor Day is September 28. We urge you to connect with your neighbors. Take a few minutes to introduce yourself or haul out the lawn chairs for some great conversation. Join an MCCA committee, or check out other outreach options such as Dog Walker Watch, or Map your Neighborhood groups on the [city website](#). Great communities are built by people who care for their neighbors.

SECURITY

We have seen a uptick in mail theft again. The latest divisions hit are Vine Maple and Holly. The bad actors are now using a long handle with something sticky on the end to reach through the mail slot of locking mail boxes and fish out the mail. Older locking mail boxes are pried open with screw drivers. If you see any activity that looks suspicious around mail box hutches please call the Mill Creek police immediately, then notify MCCA Security. A picture of the offender's vehicle or license plate always helps. Consider upgrading your mail box to one of the newer locking mail boxes.

Here are a few tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of mail theft:

- **Purchase a locking mailbox** but understand that no mailbox is 100% foolproof.
- **Empty your mailbox every night.** We have noticed most mail theft occurs overnight or in the early morning hours.
- **Sign up for [Informed Delivery by USPS](#).** This service allows you to digitally preview the mail scheduled to arrive in your mailbox. This way you know what is coming and when to get your mail.



Protect yourself
from mail theft

We will start locking the Chopper Park parking lot at 9 PM in September. A new sign is ordered and as soon as we can put it up we will follow this practice. Currently our sign states the parking lot closes at dusk, but we have found that we need a more exact time to ensure all cars exit the lot in a timely manner.

We now have a new security vehicle. It is a White 2021 Toyota Rav4. It will have its new decals soon; however, until the decals arrive you will see us with Mill Creek Community signs on the side of the vehicle. This vehicle sits higher so we will more easily be able to get up and down driveways when we perform house checks. The all-wheel drive will help us continue our patrols in inclement weather.

If you have a supply of the old vacation forms please recycle them and upgrade to the new form. We have updated and improved our [vacation form](#) with more options and information for your benefit. You can download a new vacation form on the [Forms](#) page on the MCCA website. Please note, Security will not pick up packages that weigh over 50 lbs or are larger than 2' x 2'.

MAINTENANCE

Thanks to the addition of our summer crew, we have been removing blackberries, taking cattails out of retention ponds, and keeping up with the mowing, blowing, watering, trails, parks, and entry schedules. Here is a quick overview of a few of our current projects.

Cherry Pond

Our nanobubble machine has arrived! If you don't know about nanobubbles, read the Cherry Pond article in the [June 2021 MillStream](#). Now that the machine is here, we will pour a concrete pad, put the finishing touches on the electrical and start the install process. We look forward to clearer water, a better environment for aquatic animals, and a pond that is both beautiful and an important part of our stormwater system.

Storm Pond Maintenance

There are seven storm ponds within MCCA. Water levels are lowest in the summer months so that is the ideal time for our crew to work in those areas. This summer we have removed cattails from the Chatham East and Magnolia ponds. Cattails spread aggressively. Over time the root mat and vegetation fill up the pond which means that it can no longer store the volume of water it was designed to hold.



Chatham East Pond before (l) and after (r).

Roadside Blackberry and Brush Removal

Every summer we pick a few areas where we beat back invasive Himalayan blackberries. The goal of these projects is to encourage the growth of native plants and improve sight lines. The replanting scheme varies depending on the location and overall goal for the area. So far this summer we have worked on the following areas:

- Fairway entrance
- Corner of 148th and Village Green Drive
- Chatham East along Seattle Hill Road



Pictures of 148th Drive before (l) and after (r).

This work makes the area safer for students walking to Mill Creek Elementary School

MAINTENANCE (CONT.)

South Park (VM)

This little park became a priority after a visit in May with our arborist. At that time, the arborist identified several alders with dead tops that required removal. After the arborist visit, we also received a report and picture from a resident of a dead Hemlock in the area. Before a tree cutter could bid the tree removals, we had to remove the over eight foot high wall of Himalayan blackberries preventing us from reaching the trees. This is exactly the type of project we like to work on with our summer crews. Craig and I broke the project into phases and our crew got to work. Here is the overall plan:

Phase 1: Remove the blackberries. We made every effort to keep as many Vine Maples and ferns as possible. Where the blackberries are especially thick and entangled, we sometimes had to remove the surrounding plants as well. While removing blackberries, we often find "treasures" lost within the vegetation such as old stumps, downed timber, various homeowner debris such as old pots, buckets, fencing, etc. All the trash is hauled away and removed.

Phase 2: Remove the dangerous trees. Once the area is clear we can get mark the trees we feel need to be removed and get bids. After marking the trees, I had the arborist tour the site again with me to ensure that we did not miss any dangerous trees, and we did not mark a tree we should leave. The arborist did not recommend any changes. Now we will wait for the bids and then schedule a vendor. For this project, we plan to have the trees chipped on site. This reduces wear and tear on our pathway and provides an abundance of arborist chips to spread in the area. While we wait for this part of the project to start, crews will return to the area as time permits to remove the blackberry crowns which helps keep the area free of blackberries longer.

Phase 3: Assess and plan for replanting. Once the trees are removed we will continue to remove blackberry crowns, spread the arborist chips, and develop our replanting plan. We are already starting to gather native plants for this area.

Phase 4: Replant. South Park is not irrigated, so we will replant in the fall. Waiting a few months to replant gives the new native plants the best chance of survival. This portion of the project will happen in September or October.

This is very much a work in progress, but we hope you walk by to watch how we transform this park into something beautiful.

Hilary Bublitz,
Association Director, hilary@mcca.info



Native trees MCCA Maintenance has ready for replanting

IMPORTANT DATES!

Mid August	MCCA Ballots for Board of Director Elections mailed. Note - online voting option!
August 18	MCCA Board meeting @ 4 pm
Sept 15	MCCA Board meeting @ 4 pm
Sept 22	MCCA Annual Meeting & Board Elections, online 7 pm
Sept 28	National Good Neighbor Day
Sept 30 & Oct 1	Arborist Day

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

COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

The Covenant Committee is looking for new volunteers. Do you have a passion for our community? Are you interested in working with residents to keep our community looking cared for? Please contact me for more information on volunteering with this committee. With only a few hours a month, you can have a positive impact on MCCA.

Signs

The MCCA office staff get many phone calls and questions about political signs and vendor signs. We just completed the primary elections so all those signs must be down by August 6. For the next election, you may display political signs starting September 2. All political signs must be placed 20 feet back from the curb. Signs are not allowed in MCCA common area. By November 5, you must remove all your political signs.

Frequently vendors who are painting, siding, or roofing your home want to place a sign in your yard to advertise their services. These signs must be placed 20 feet back from the curb, and are allowed to remain up only while they are doing work. Please remove the signs promptly when the project is complete, .

City Code

For most of our single family homes, the sidewalks and streets are city owned and maintained. Several sub-associations also have property adjacent to a city owned sidewalk. City code states that property owners are responsible for the sidewalks and planting strips adjacent to their property. Trees must be trimmed 14 feet above the road and seven feet above a sidewalk. Property owners are also responsible for trimming their shrubs back from the curb. When shrubs hang over the curb, it is difficult for the street sweeper to get by and clean up debris before it makes its way into the storm drain. Now is a great time to take a look at your property and plan your trimming for the fall.

Do not hesitate to contact me by email for phone with your questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you to keep MCCA beautiful.



Plan for fall trimming

Joan Sweeney
Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board President, is committed to a transparent election process. They advertised for potential candidates in the June MillStream newsletter. They also contacted MCCA committee members in June to encourage them to run for the Board. In accordance with the Governing Documents of the Mill Creek Community Association, the Nominating Committee has included the following candidates on the ballot; Judy Cromwell (Chatham West), Jay Hiester (Evergreen), and Terry Gemmill (Huckleberry). You can learn about each of these candidates by reading their biographies below.

Judy Cromwell



I would like to serve an additional term on the MCCA Board of Directors, to be able to continue taking an active part in supporting the community that I live in.

I was born and raised in Seattle, Washington and later moved to the Edmonds, WA area where I taught school for 45 years. I moved to Chatham Park West, in Mill Creek in the Fall of 2005. I have been active in the Mill Creek community as a member and officer of the Mill Creek Women's Club. I have also served on the MCCA Architectural Control Committee. Currently I am the Secretary for MCCA Board and also a member of the Rotary Club of Mill Creek.

I have a son, daughter-in-law, grandson and grand-daughter that live in Illinois. I try visit them three or four times a year. Some of the things I enjoy doing besides volunteering in my community are; traveling, reading, gardening, walking, skiing, golfing and going to Husky Football Games.

I feel it is important to give back to my community and would be honored to continue to serve on the MCCA Board of Directors.

Jay Hiester



I was born and raised in Mount Vernon and attended Skagit Valley College then attended Eastern Washington University where I received a degree in Business Administration. After college I married my wife Judy, and we have been married for 50 years. We have one daughter who is married and two eleven-year old grandsons who live close by.

I am a retired banker. I worked for Seattle First National Bank for twelve years and City Bank for eighteen years before retiring in 2000 as a Senior Vice President. Judy and I have lived in the Evergreen division since 1996. We really enjoy living in Mill Creek and have been volunteering since our retirement. I volunteered for a number of years on one of the MCCA committees. The last four years I have had the privilege of serving on the

MCCA Board, two years as a Director, one year as Treasurer and the last year as Vice President.

Judy and I have been very fortunate to have the opportunity to travel the world. However, even though we have been to many beautiful places, every time we return home from our travels, we remind ourselves how lucky we are to live in the unique and beautiful MCCA. Its success is in part due to all of the volunteers who donate their time making MCCA the place where we want to raise our families and spoil our grandchildren.

MILL CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS (CONT.)

Terry Gemmill



I've served for 12 years on the Board of Directors, and would like to serve another term to continue improving the efficiency of the MCCA, and the quality of the service provided to its resident members. I am happy to work in any capacity in that effort. I enjoy working with my fellow Board members, the MCCA staff, and our volunteer committee members. During my time on the Board I've served as President, Treasurer, and for a short time as Vice President, Secretary, and Director.

I was born and raised in the North Seattle area. I graduated from Shoreline High School in 1965, and the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1971. I served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1970 to 1976. I am a life-member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and the University of Washington Alumni Association. My wife Bonnie and I have been married since 1973, and we have three grown children, two sons and a daughter. We also have four grandchildren. We moved to beautiful Mill Creek in 1984 after living in Kirkland for nine years. Both Bonnie and I have also been active members of the Mill Creek Country Club for many years.

After having worked in the family insurance business for 35 years... starting out as the janitor at 15 years old and working through nearly every job description in the office, I was appointed president in 1987 and remained so until the company was sold in 1997. My education involved not only learning the mechanical side of how a business enterprise works (and how it should work), but also what it means to be a good manager and employer. I consider myself a Mr. Fix-it, whatever the problem, but more than that, I also consider myself both a detail and people person.

People are always the most valuable asset of any organization, and the people that make up the Mill Creek Community Association, the staff and volunteers, are terrific people that deserve our appreciation and gratitude. The Association has never been in better hands, but that doesn't mean that our work here is done. There is always room for improvement.

COVENANT COMMITTEE

Wow, hard to believe that our summer is almost over. It has been beautiful, but we have had to deal with many weeks without rain. I know that has made it difficult for our residents to keep their properties looking well kept. Therefore the committee has not cited residents for brown areas in their lawns. These stressed lawns should green up soon after the fall rains begin, as long as the grass has not been allowed to completely die off.

We are all happy to see the end of the pandemic. The Covenant committee is again meeting in person, and we will soon be returning to having our members work in teams of two. Unfortunately, the numbers on our committee have decreased to just five community members, including the chair. This is not enough to cover all MCCA. So I am asking you to consider the opportunity to volunteer for MCCA and join the Covenant Committee.

Believe me, this is not an onerous task. It requires one meeting a month and approximately four hours per month keeping an eye on the neighborhood(s) assigned to you. As I said, we will soon be working in teams again, which allows members to collaborate on the work of the committee. If you are interested in helping us out on this committee, please take the opportunity to discuss it with Joan or Hilary. Or if you prefer, call the MCCA office and get my phone number. I would be happy to talk to you and explain more about serving on this committee.

Enjoy the mild weather and our beautiful MCCA.

Candie Lambert
Chair, Covenant Committee

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

This summer has produced some of the nicest, sunniest weather we've seen in years and it's kept the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) busy with applications. We talk a lot about exterior paint, and that's because we've been receiving a lot of paint applications with this good weather.

We have a change in the way we process Exterior Paint Applications, in response to complaints from homeowners who do not like to paint their sample of paint on their existing siding. Effective in August we are asking all homeowners to paint their samples on posterboard instead of their siding. Here is how it will work:

- Choose your exterior paint color carefully, making sure you are not painting the same color as your neighbor or neighboring homes. A slight difference in shade is not enough – you need to paint a different color than your neighbor.
- Once you have chosen your color you can stop by the MCCA office and pick up a piece of posterboard for your paint sample. There is no charge for the posterboard.
- Place the posterboard sample on the side of your home that faces the street, in clear view for the volunteers who will come by to approve your color. You may tape the board to the side of the home or prop it against the house with something to hold it in place.
- When you have placed your sample outside, complete the Exterior Paint Application form and email or drop it by the MCCA office. The paint sample must be outside before submitting the application, as our volunteers will sometimes go out the same day as the application is received.

Our volunteers will do their best to give you a quick response to your request, but even volunteers take vacations! **Please allow us at least two weeks to process your application**, although most are processed in less time. Thank you for helping our volunteers by following this process. Thank you also to all the homeowners taking the time to beautify their homes – our neighborhoods are looking great!

The Architectural Control Committee

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

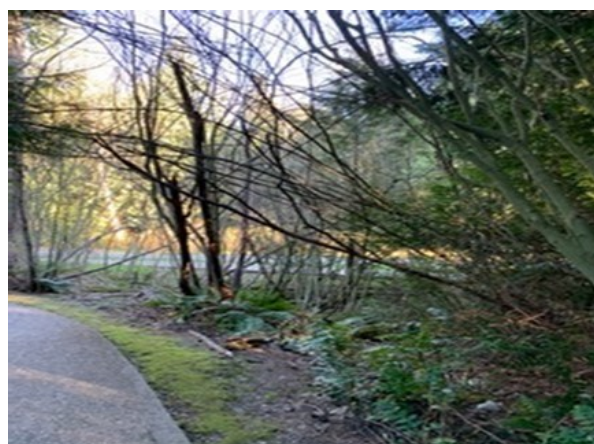
It has been an explosive season for noxious weeds invading our area! While the Noxious Weed Committee (NWC) has some larger project areas underway, the committee routinely returns to previously worked areas for maintenance, an essential part of making sure our native plants can continue to thrive. Watering is a big part of that. We make sure any new plantings are adequately watered by hand for two years.

So though the committee is officially on hiatus during July and August, volunteers will be doing some minor removal of noxious weeds and watering in areas where it is safe to do so. Care must be taken from now until approximately October to avoid any run-ins with wasps and hornets (which are a type of wasp) that may be nesting in the ground or decaying wood.

Our experience has proven they particularly like nesting at the base of our evergreen trees under the dried needles! If you decide to work in an area dense with plants, it is best to use a cultivator rake or similar rake to "test" the area first by lightly moving things around with the rake. Remember, hornets can sting repeatedly!

Come fall, when Mill Creek Elementary students head back to school, there will be improved visibility for their safety in the area of Village Green Drive and 148th Street SE where the NWC and MCCA Maintenance have worked to improve sight lines to the sidewalk. Below are before and after pictures of work done by the NWC on the path through Cottonwood Park as it approaches 148th Street SE.

Jill Cheeseman
Chair, Noxious Weed Committee, mccanwc@outlook.com



Before

After

BEAUTIFUL YARD AWARDS

A big thank you to the ACC and NWC members and previous winners who handed out the Beautiful Yard Awards this year. You can still find the list of winners on the [website](#), and in this edition of the MillStream. Congratulations to all the winners and thank you for keeping MCCA looking fabulous!

MCCA Beautiful Yard Award Winners 2021

DIVISION	2021 WINNER ADDRESS
Aspen	15316 14th Dr SE
Chatham Park (E&W)	2316 162nd St SE
Cottonwood	14511 28th Dr SE
Cypress	15226 12th Dr SE
Douglas Fir	14113 14th Dr SE
Evergreen	2017 151st Ct SE
Evergreen	1513 148th Pl SE
Fairway	14903 26th Ave SE
Fairway Fountains	15624 Fairway Fountain Ct
Heatherstone	15726 24th Dr SE
Holly	1402 145 th Pl SE
Huckleberry	14330 24th Ave SE
Huckleberry	2612 143rd Pl SE
Juniper	15024 14th Ave SE
Laurel	1718 145th Pl SE
Magnolia	15107 12th Dr SE
Red Cedar	3021 149th St SE
Spring Tree	15911 23rd Lane SE
Sun Rose	1721 142nd St SE
Sunrise	3109 150th Pl SE
Sweetwater Ranch	1424 144th St SE
Swordfern	2726 152nd Pl SE
Vine Maple	2227 140th Pl SE
Vine Maple	2008 144th St SE
Willow	14516 Willow Lane SE
Wildflower Park	2031 162nd Pl SE
Winslow	16419 18th Dr SE
Woodfern	15506 25th Dr SE
Fairway Village I	15000 Village Green Drive, #27
Country Place	15825 Village Green Drive, #5
Copper Tree	15800 Village Green DR #33



From top: Aspen, Sweetwater Ranch, and Fairway winners

Photo credits: ACC & NWC members

BEAUTIFUL YARD AWARDS (CONT.)



Clockwise from top left: Cypress, Fairway Fountains, Magnolia, Willow, Chatham, Evergreen, and Sunrise winners

COGIR

A PLACE FOR US – FOUND!

By Tina Marzec-Rackley

*There's a place for us. Somewhere a place for us.
And here we are, 60 years later.*

The young tough guys of the rival gangs are now wise men who value peace;
the feisty adolescent gals have become responsible, gentle and caring women.

Peace and quiet and open air wait for us.

No longer a dream for the future, but a current pleasant lifestyle.
We are not tolerating life in the over-crowded dirty city of New York's West Side,
but rather thriving in the spacious semi-rural quaint village of Mill Creek on Seattle's East Side.

Somewhere there's a time for us. Someday a time for us.
The place? Here, of course! When? Now, the first day of the rest of your life!

Time together with like-minded seniors *with time to spare*.
Select from the menu chef-prepared meals, transportation to appointments and site-seeing activities.

With time to spare. No routine chores to do – no grocery shopping, no meal preparation,
no clean-up, no housekeeping, no yard maintenance, nothing! Spend time as you wish.

Time to look, to appreciate living in the beautiful evergreen state. Stroll along the shaded pathways
with other residents, your furry companion, and enjoy the semi-wildlife; squirrels, ducks, and birds.

Wander through the quaint Mill Creek Village that offers a myriad of services,
from restaurants to specialty stores and medical services.

Time to care for friends, family and well-trained indoor pets.

*Someday, somewhere, we'll find a new way of living
We'll find a way of forgiving
Somewhere there's a place for us*

Yes, we have found what the words promise ... This is your new place, your new way of living.

Somewhere lyrics by Nami Nixon from the West Side Story

Referenced and adapted by Tina Marzec-Rackley, who has found this new place and enjoys her *new way of living* at the retirement residence of Cogir at Mill Creek. 8 July 2021

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MILL CREEK SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS BAND TOGETHER

The Mill Creek Rotary Club, The Kiwanis Club of Mill Creek and the Mill Creek Women's Club have joined forces to collect recycled plastic and turn it into brand new Trex Benches for Mill Creek. For every 500 pounds of recycled plastic, Trex will donate a Trex bench to Mill Creek.

The newest collection box is now in place at the MCCA office outside the front door. Please take your appropriate plastics to the recycle bin and let's not only save the earth but enhance our city as well! Here are the details:



RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!

FROM THE STORE

- ✓ Produce bags
- ✓ Store bags
- ✓ Ice bags

FROM YOUR PANTRY

- ✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags
- ✓ Cereal box liners
- ✓ Case overwrap
- ✓ Bread bags

FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR

- ✓ Newspaper sleeves
- ✓ Dry cleaning bags
- ✓ Bubble wrap
- ✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue

RECYCLED IN AMERICA

NexTrex

trex.com/recycling 1-800-Buy-Trex

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

The MCWC has been taking a break for the summer but will be able to come together again in the fall at our first meeting after the summer break on September 15, 2021, at 10:30 AM. We will resume luncheon meetings at the Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Bothell, WA. It will be so wonderful to see each other again in person. As of publication, the announcements from the Governor allow meetings indoors for vaccinated persons. We will be flexible and follow the Governor's directives. In view of this, we require all those who wish to attend our luncheons or other indoor social events to be fully vaccinated. We have been planning eventful programs and speakers for your enjoyment. We are resuming in-person socials, Bunco, Book Clubs, Craft Groups, Card Game Groups, and other specialty groups. COVID-19 protocols will be followed per the Governor's orders.

The MCWC continues to actively contribute to the well-being of the community through its philanthropic efforts. The MCWC supports Snohomish County Domestic Violence Services, Dawson Place Child Advocacy Center, Mill Creek Food Bank, YWCA Pathways for Women, and YWCA Working Wardrobe.

Marcie Sillman

Our first "in person" program for the upcoming 2021-2022 season will feature none other than "Seattle's Art Maven" Marcie Sillman.

Marcie just retired from a 35-year career as an award-winning journalist with NPR station KUOW, the Puget Sound region's #1 radio station for independent nonprofit news, award-winning stories, podcasts, and events. Marcie was a program host, news director, and senior arts and culture reporter, covering hundreds of stories for both local and national audiences.

In 2019 Marcie's body of work was honored by the City of Seattle and awarded the Mayor's Art Award. She's also a rower, knitter, baker, and author of *Out There: Jonathan Porretta's Life in Dance*.



Marcie Sillman

The Arts—Post Pandemic

Our September program, entitled "The Arts—Post Pandemic" is a uniquely centered and influential take on today's quest for cultural survival. Marcie told "Seattle Now" that starting up live performance is complicated and initially limited. Seattle Opera and Pacific Ballet will be returning come September and November but will only be for subscribers. McCaw Hall's HVAC system has been professionally cleaned to hospital grade standards.



We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2021-2022 season. The membership fee is \$50 per year. We hope to meet you in person for lunches beginning in September 2021.

Reminder: You must be fully vaccinated to attend any of the indoor luncheons and social gatherings. Seating reservations must be made by September 3 for the Sep. 15th General Meeting, Luncheon & Program.

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

Cyndy Gallacher, MCWC Publicity Chair,
Photos: Courtesy of MCWC

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

August – Frivolity Abounds

Excitement builds for the early-August “Party in the Gardens” for current Garden Club members. Six members graciously volunteered to open their gardens for this impromptu gathering, including a party in the final garden. The group will tour two made-over landscapes, one with a modernized front yard and the other with a dry river bed and a new stone patio. We will see a glorious “floriferous” garden, a beautifully shady yard with wonderful greenery, a garden of unusual plants with a greenhouse and outdoor kitchen, and a large, park-like garden with an outdoor room for entertaining. This will be the first face-to-face MCGC gathering in over a year, and what better place to meet than in a garden—six of them!



Educational and Entertaining

Here is just a hint of some of the interesting guest speakers planned for the upcoming year: we will learn about Bonsai from Bill Schnall; the Snohomish Master Gardeners will send a knowledgeable garden speaker on a subject of our choice; Lisa Taylor of Molbak's Garden + Home will talk about growing veggies; our favorite Brit, Karen Chapman returns as does the always delightful Marianne Binetti. It is a winning lineup!



Go Green – An Irish Pub and Gardens are a Natural!

Garden Club is currently open to New Members. Join us to learn more about gardening and meet the friendliest group of women with a passion for gardens.

We meet on the Second Tuesday of the Month, September – May. Our meetings feature an informative guest speaker, a brief business meeting followed by a delicious lunch in the Conference Room at Shawn O'Donnell's Grill & Irish Pub, and we start promptly at 11:00 A.M. Annual Dues are \$30.

Contact our 2nd VP, Connie Hannam, for more information: conniehannam@hotmail.com. Be a part of our great green team!

Lila Johnson, MCGC Publicity Chair
Photos: Courtesy of MCGC



MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Contact Free Hours

Monday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm **Friday:** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Tuesday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm **Saturday:** 10:00 am – 6:00 pm
Wednesday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm **Sunday:** 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Thursday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

For the most up-to-date information regarding changes to library hours, services, and safety guidelines, please visit sno-isle.org.

Reserve Library Materials

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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 the library. The Mill Creek Library pickup number is (360) 651-7189.
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's 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!

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All library programs are online, including [book groups](#), [children's story times](#), and [online trivia](#). Find [homework help](#), [learn a new language or skill](#), or [get help](#) downloading e-books from the comfort of your home via phone, tablet, or computer. For more information about these and other library services, visit www.sno-isle.org or contact the Mill Creek Library at (425)337-4822.

Summer Reading

The Summer Reading Program will begin on Monday, June 21, and end on Sunday, September 12. Youth 0-18 who read and log ten hours during this period can earn one prize book. All programs will be online, and you can find a list of activities and programs on our [events calendar](#).



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CONTACT Us!

You can find nearly everything you need to know about MCCA, including office hours, contact information, forms, and governing documents, on our website:





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1. Replace air filters every 3 months for those that are 1" thick or every 6 months for 4" thick.
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3. Consider air quality improvements such as filters, purifiers and more now to combat allergens and prepare for environmental smoke events in advance for clean air inside your home.
4. Disconnect outside hoses and cover outdoor faucets and keep your heat on when you go on vacation in the winter months.
5. Check the age of your water heater and plan to replace those 8 years or older in the near future.
6. Only put foods down garbage disposals that you would consider "safe to give a baby" and plan for replacements every 10 years.
7. "To flush or not to flush" – that is the question...answer is... only toilet paper in addition to the obvious and check for signs of leaks regularly.
8. Replace batteries in smoke/carbon monoxide detectors annually, test them monthly and plan replacements every 10 years.
9. Clean out interior dryer vents as well as the outside vents annually.
10. Check exterior drains, gutters and downspouts and clear away leaves & needles.

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