



# President's Message by Terry Gemmill

# A Vote for Restatement of MCCA Declarations is Coming

The effort made by the Board of Directors in 2020 to introduce modern Rental Restrictions has lead to a total review of the MCCA Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants. Long overdue for revision, our Governing Documents were last recorded on April 21, 1975. Over the years, the laws for community associations, and the needs of our community, have changed significantly. During the last several months the Board has worked to gather feedback from our Administrative staff, MCCA Committee members, individual resident members, sub-association board presidents, and our apartment complex owner-managers, among others, to develop the proposed documents that reflect a compromise to balance the concerns raised by different members of our community. Overall, we believe that the new Governing Documents represent a significant improvement over our current Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants. They include much of our original language, plus all the latest legal requirements to comply with current law and best practices. We could not have completed this project without the help of our legal counsel, the Condominium Law Group. The vote will be held in April.

#### Major Highlights of the Restated Bylaws:

- Allows for Owners to vote by mail or electronically, in addition to in-person or by proxy.
- Includes sections regarding governance issues, and adds a communication policy.
- Adds Board member qualifications, a code of conduct, and allows for remote meetings.

#### Major Highlights of the Restated Restrictive Covenants (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions):

- Revises and clarifies the Definitions section, and removes any references to the developer.
- Clarifies our single-family Lots... only one dwelling for each Lot, and no accessory dwelling units.
- Allows for MCCA electronic notifications to Lot Owners and Board members who give consent.
- Updates our rental language for single-family Lots to exclude boarding houses & short-term rentals.
- Adds a section regarding Owner due process, dispute resolution, and MCCA collection procedures.

Coming very soon for your review via email are links to both of the Restatement documents, and a summary of the changes. MCCA will mail out the proposed Restatement documents and ballot in mid-March. Visit the Announcements section of our website for the Restatement of Declaration: Frequently Asked Questions.

#### CONTACT THE MCCA Office and have us record your EMAIL ADDRESS for 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.

# **ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

# MCCA Opt-In Campaign-Go Digital! Go Green!

Governor Jay Inslee signed SB 5011 into law on May, 10, 2021. This bill gives community associations the ability to hold electronic meetings and to send email notifications to all residents who opt-in to electronic notifications. As stated in the President's Message, we are preparing to vote for a Restatement of our Governing Documents. As part of this, we must mail copies of the proposed Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants to every member. Since these are large documents, the printing and mailing costs are significant, over \$10,000. We want to reduce costs for the Association by encouraging our members to Opt-In to electronic notifications. I have been working with PayHOA to get this function built and soon you will receive an email asking you to click on a link and Opt-In to electronic notifications from MCCA.



What happens when you Opt-In to electronic notifications? Each time we send out a statement, letter, voter packet, etc., you will receive your copy via email using the address you provide in PayHOA. The benefit of this is lower mailing and printing costs for the Association. Electronic notification also reduces our use of paper and reliance on fuel for delivery, which lowers our environmental impact.

#### **Opt-In Drawing!**

Throughout February and March, we will hold a drawing every Friday for a \$25 Town and Country gift card. Every member who chooses to Opt-In will be included in the weekly drawing. The sooner you Opt-In, the more chances you have to win!



# **Governing Document Restatement-Why Now?**

In an effort to stay on top of legislation that effects community associations, I joined the Washington State Community Associations Legislative Action Committee (WSCAI LAC) in 2019. I am now the Vice Chair of the committee and this allows me to stay on top of legislation that could affect our Association, and other Associations within our state.

This year our state legislature has a short session that was initially planned to be in person. The rise of the Omicron variant necessitated a change to an online venue, and greatly compressed the schedules for submitting bills. As a result, things are moving more swiftly than expected. A number of bills have been introduced that could effect Community Associations, particularly in relation to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and zoning. In the past few years, both California and Oregon passed bills to end single-family zoning in their states. We are seeing bills introduced similar to this now in Washington.

The best way to protect our Association from bills similar to those passed in California and Oregon is to have rules within our Restrictive Covenants to preserve the residential character of MCCA before any laws take effect this year. The Board and I believe that passing the proposed Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants in April is the best way to protect our Association. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Between now and the April vote, the Board will hold an extra meeting on the first Wednesday of the month from 4 to 5 pm. The online townhall meeting is March 9 at 7 pm. We look forward to hearing your questions about the proposed Bylaws and Restrictive Covenants. Please submit your questions via email (<a href="https://disabs.com/hilary@mcca.info">hilary@mcca.info</a>) and consider joining these meetings online via the link published in the MCCA Calendar on our website. I will work to update the Frequently Asked Questions document published in the MCCA website as we receive questions from you.

Hilary Bublitz
Association Director, hilary@mcca.info

### SECURITY DEPARTMENT

MCCA Security is looking to hire a part-time fill-in driver. This is a great opportunity for someone who wants to work only a few shifts per month. Please call Lois, the Security Supervisor, at 425-328-0035 if you are interested.

# 5 Steps to a Safer Neighborhood

Safe neighborhoods do not happen by accident. Safe neighborhoods are built by residents who choose to be proactive about safety. <u>ADT Security</u> offers 5 steps to build a safer neighborhood.

#### Step 1 - Get to Know Your Neighbors

- Exchange phone numbers (home, work, cell).
- Learn each other's routines (work schedules, vacation plans, guests' visits, scheduled workers).
- Regularly check on elderly neighbors.
- Volunteer to pick up your neighbor's newspapers when they are gone.
- Organize or join a Neighborhood Watch Group for your block.

#### Step 2 - Don't be a Target

- Have plenty of lighting around your home; use motion sensors, if possible.
- Don't leave windows or doors open, even on a hot day, if you are not home.
- Leave lights on inside your home or use timers when you're gone.
- Lock your car and keep valuables out of sight.
- Secure gates and fences that are easily accessible.
- Have keys ready when coming home; don't fumble around at your door.
- Check your surroundings when approaching your door at night.
- Be wary of solicitors at your door, even in the daytime.

#### Step 3 - Report Suspicious Activity

- Call 911 whenever something looks unusual (strange cars with people in them in front of houses; strangers checking out houses or cars).
- Have a pen and paper handy to write down details that could help police.

#### Step 4 - Get Out and About

- Walk around your neighborhood or sit on your front porch as much as possible.
- Encourage your neighbors to get out with you.

#### **Step 5** - Keep Our Neighborhoods Neat and Clean

- Pick up trash, even if it's not yours or in front of your house.
- Keep yards maintained and looking good.
- Trim hedges that can be used as hiding places.

With just a few simple steps, we can keep our MCCA neighborhoods safe. Thank you for doing your part!

# **IMPORTANT DATES!**

Please go to the MCCA Calendar on the MCCA website for updated information on our meetings and events.

February 8 MCCA Opt-In Campaign begins!

February 21 President's Day—MCCA office closed

March 9 Restatement Town Hall 7 pm online

April 20 Budget Meeting & Restatement Vote

**April 20** VOTE on Restatement of Governing Documents

May 7 MCCA Garage Sale Day

May 12 & 13 Arborist Day

#### **COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR**

# It's Almost Spring!

Moss is a growing problem right now! It is growing throughout MCCA. Please take the time to treat and remove the moss on your driveways, walkways, roofs, retaining walls, as well as any other hard exterior surfaces.

### **2022 Home Improvement Projects**

Don't forget any replacements or exterior changes require approval from the MCCA Architectural Control Committee. Get ready now for your Spring projects. Now is the time to call service providers and get on their schedules for spring and summer:

- Yard Maintenance
- Roof Cleaning
- Exterior Painting
- Fence and Concrete/Cleaning and Treatment
- New fence/roof/driveway/walkways/major landscape

#### PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST APPLY WITH MCCA FOR ALL EXTERIOR CHANGES.

You can find MCCA applications for exterior projects and changes on the <u>Forms page</u> of the MCCA website. When your project is complete, please ensure your vendor removes all their signage from your property.

# **Spring To-Do List**

It is still cold out, but there are a few things you can do on those wonderful days where the sun comes out. Moss looks great on trees, as in the picture to the right, but it is not acceptable on driveways, pathways, siding, or lawn. Start now and get a head start on your spring clean-up!

- Kill moss on your hard surfaces (baking soda is a great way to kill moss on hard surfaces, just sprinkle it on and watch it go brown!)
- Remove dead plants, leaves, and weeds from landscape beds
- Power wash driveways, walkways, fences, siding, and retaining walls
- Start treating moss in the lawn and rake it out once it is dead
- Trim or prune landscape trees and shrubs

# **Volunteering for the Covenant Committee**

If you are interested in volunteering for the Covenant Committee please contact me! I look forward to speaking with you.

Joan Sweeney Compliance Coordinator, <u>joan@mcca.info</u>



Mossy Tree Trunk, by Sam Tjoelker (CCE)

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# **ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

# **Neighbor to Neighbor — Privacy Please!**

Robert Frost wrote "good fences make good neighbors". While not all neighbors subscribe to delineating property lines with fences, there are many who do. Homeowners living in our 20 to 40 year old plus subdivisions are working toward maintaining, creating or re-creating privacy on their lots. You may be looking for privacy for the enjoyment of back yard use, or window and living space sightlines. As our subdivisions age, neighbors are losing privacy in a variety of ways. Overgrown landscapes are being remodeled. Aging trees with dying limbs are being limbed up to reveal what could not be seen prior to removal of lower limbs. Full rows of overgrown firs or other tree varieties originally planted as screening trees are being removed. Dilapidated fences must be torn down which may leave open space between neighboring yards. A stepped-up effort to clean up common areas such as paths, parks and greenspaces may affect homeowner property privacy.

If you are currently enjoying privacy in your yard and home, congratulations! It's a good idea to look at how it's being provided. Is the screening material, green or otherwise, on your property — or is it on neighboring property? As you size up the plantings and fences, you may find that some of your privacy is dependent upon your neighbor or a common area space, and not within your control. Try to visualize what your privacy would be like if a neighbor were to exercise his/her right to remove or trim shrubs, trees (including approved natives) or other hardscapes, such as fences. All that said, the point is that **it is your responsibility as a homeowner to provide for your own privacy.** The following are some considerations and ideas regarding privacy between properties.

#### Fencing, Arbors, and Trellises

The obvious solution to a clean delineation of property line and space is simply to put up a fence. Arbors can be added to fences to achieve a little more height and vines, kept in check, can add even more height for added privacy where certain sight lines are of concern. Well-placed trellises can be constructed to block certain views and here again, vines can work double duty. Don't forget to consider the topography of your land, and the opportunity to visually enhance your property with good a fence design. Please check current guidelines for approved materials and restrictions.

#### **Hedging and Plant Material**

Consider green fences (hedges) which might include plantings of rhododendrons, pieris, laurel, or arborvitae. These are just a few suggestions for plant species that can be kept contained in small to moderate spaces. They are easily pruned to stay within their original planting spaces and should provide for many years of privacy. A single fir or red cedar planted in the right spot can provide some amount of privacy if the yard can take it. Poor choices for green fences would be Leyland cypress or Douglas fir hedges. These varieties will soon become overgrown and deplete the soil of water and nutrients for other plantings and lawn. Although, they may be tempting as quick instantly gratifying privacy, in the not so long term, they will outgrow their spaces quickly with need for replacement and once again, loss of privacy.

# **Neighborly Considerations**

In all cases, please check current guidelines for fences, arbors, and trellises. Best outcomes are served when neighbors in adjoining properties are informed of changes to fencing and landscape. Remember, trees and structures on neighboring properties are **the neighbor's**, **or in the case of common area**, **the MCCA's and they have the right to remove them when MCCA rules are followed**. For best outcomes regarding new fences and fence replacement please talk with your neighbor. Neighbors are not required to share in the cost. MCCA guidelines state that the party building the fence must face the good side toward the neighbor or adjoining property. It is best for our neighborhoods if property owners communicate and work together.

Don't Forget! - Apply for all exterior home and property improvement projects!

# THE WILD SIDE OF MCCA

The many natural areas that surround MCCA make our Association a beautiful place to live. Please keep in mind that we share these natural areas with wildlife. Lynn Weber, from Emerald Heights submitted a great picture of a bobcat that visited his deck recently.

According to the <u>Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife</u>, a male bobcat has a range of 2.5 to six square miles, females travel about half as far. This bobcat may visit all of MCCA!

This is a great reminder to keep your smaller pets in your home. When you do take your pets outside, keep then on a leash.



Visiting Bobcat submitted by Lynn Weber, EH

## **ARBORIST DAY**

Laurel resident Christoph Enderlein signed up for the fall Arborist Day. Christoph had some trees on his property, and in the common area between his home and Village Green Drive, that he wanted our arborist to assess. MCCA arborist, Thomas Boyce, and an Architectural Control Committee member visited Christoph's home in September and found two trees in the common area showing signs of distress, an Alder, and a White Pine tree. While getting bids for the removal of these trees, MCCA and the tree cutters noticed a large nest halfway up the White Pine. Before we could do any tree work, we consulted with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to ensure the nest was not from an eagle or other large bird. Fortunately, the nest was determined to be from the Western Grey Squirrel, which is not protected so we were able to remove the tree without further issue.



White Pine stump with significant rot issues

After the White Pine tree was removed, we noticed that the trunk was almost completely rotten all the way through. Christoph contacted MCCA after the removal to share his thoughts.

"I want to express to you and MCCA our appreciation and gratitude for your efforts and follow through on the tree removal. The amount of rot in the trunk and clearly visible in the cut stump which was almost 3 feet across is stunning. Tylor (the tree cutter) explained the challenges with safely taking it down and said it was remarkable it had not all ready come down even in a light wind. This is also a super positive story of MCCA providing the Arborist Day opportunity to residents. The arborist took a closer look at the white pine and provided a recommendation that fortunately was able to be acted on before a pending failure could take place."

Sponsored by the Architectural Control Committee, May 12 and 13 is the next scheduled Arborist Day. If you have trees you are concerned about, please sign up! Each 25 minute appointment costs \$55. To reserve your spot, send a completed <u>Arborist Day Application</u> and your \$55 payment to the MCCA office.

## **NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE**

As I write this article in mid-January, with the La Niña weather pattern raging, I am wondering, "will we actually be able to get out into our gardens and yards in February, the recommended time to start weed removal and take care of some pruning?"

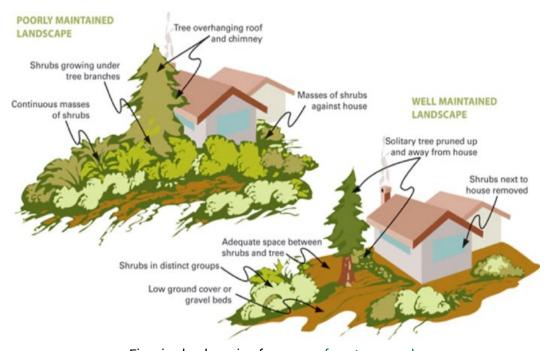
I noticed the shot weed (Cardamine hirsuta), a shallow-rooted annual, began to appear in December! Before it blooms with tiny white flowers and the seeds are "shot" out, time to uproot it by hand or with a hula hoe and dispose of it! A layer of mulch should then deter it.

As for pruning, this is a great time to clean and sharpen your tools, so they are ready to use. There are YouTube videos to watch; explanations on the <u>Lowes website</u>; or you can drop your tools, chain saw, lawnmower blades, and more off at Ace Hardware of Silver Lake (425-224-4273), where they will be picked up for servicing on Monday and returned the following Monday.



Cardamine Hirsuta Shot weed

Also, early spring is a great time to think about firewise landscaping, specifically how overgrown trees and shrubs placed too close to each other or to your house can contribute to fire danger. Remember to rake up leaves and twigs and clean the tree litter from your roofs and gutters. Removal of heavy litter from your yard, such as tree branches or dead shrubs, should NOT be placed or piled in our common areas, as this also creates a fire hazard. And if you are going to undertake any tree removal or major landscape changes, please remember to contact MCCA for guidance and permission!



Firewise landscaping from www.forestry.usu.edu

Better weather is on the way! I know it is!

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

# **NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER**

#### White Birds of Winter

The White Birds of Winter are here! Thousands of Trumpeter and Tundra Swans and Snow Geese have migrated from Alaska and Canada to feed in the farm fields of Washington. On Thursday, February 10 at 7pm, Wildlife Biologist Martha Jordan will *Zoom* entertaining stories and a spectacular slide show about these magnificent birds. Register online through the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Nature Store, <a href="https://www.streamkeeper.org/thenaturestore">www.streamkeeper.org/thenaturestore</a> [3], or call 425-316-8592 to reserve your spot: \$7 general admission; \$5 Adopt A Stream Foundation Members.

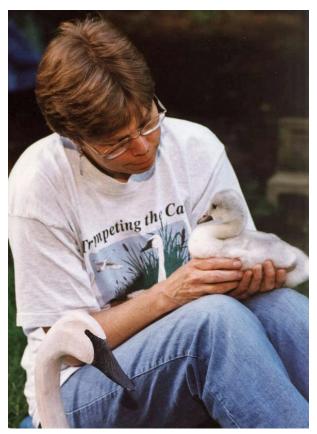
Martha, the Director of the NW Swan Conservation Association (<a href="https://nwswans.org/">https://nwswans.org/</a>), will explain the myths and share the facts about these beautiful birds. During this *Streamkeeper Academy* event, which is geared for middle school students to adults, you will learn about swan and snow geese life history, biology, and some identification tips. You will also learn the best places to view them now in Washington State. Martha will also shed some light on the problems and controversies (including lead poisoning and habitat destruction) migratory birds face on their Washington State wintering grounds. Through her beautiful photographs, Martha will teach you how to tell these birds apart and where you can go to see them now.

Pick up a free Swan & Goose Identification pamphlet at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center (<a href="https://www.streamkeeper.org">www.streamkeeper.org</a> [1]) before your next local bird watching excursion.

Proceeds from *White Birds of Winter* benefit the NW Swan Conservation Society and the Adopt A Stream Foundation's *Streamkeeper Academy*.



**Snow Geese** 



Martha Jordan with cignet

# MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

Thanks to our generous Mill Creek Women's Club (MCWC) members, we had a very successful Fundraiser in November. We have been able to fulfill the wishes of all three of our chosen charities. So far, we have presented a check to Dawson Place that will go toward the purchase of Cribs for Kids and a check to the YWCA Shelter in Lynnwood toward new bunkbeds and mattresses. Domestic Violence Services gave us their wish list full of items that we have had fun purchasing for them. Items include car seats, booster seats, Pack and Play cribs, blankets, coats, clothes for women, clothes and toys for the children, books, art supplies, and more.



Left: Two YWCA volunteers with MCWC members: Pam Brando, Luanne Kunz, Dyann Arthur, Jackie Fields and Kathleen Corbiere, presenting a donation to the YWCA

December Luncheon attendees went above and beyond expectations, bringing bags of clothes, toys, sheets and blankets, books, art supplies, gift cards, and more. All gifts were taken to DVS and Dawson Place before Christmas. We also all enjoyed having the Jackson High School Honors Wind Ensemble led by Lesley Moffat play for us at the December Luncheon.

The MCWC began meeting in person again in September 2021. Due to the increase and fast spread of the Omicron virus, along with breakthrough infections in fully vaccinated and boosted persons, we returned to Zoom Meetings for the luncheon in January. As of publication, the announcement from the Governor says to avoid large gatherings and always stay masked indoors even if fully vaccinated. In view of this, we will be having our meetings and some social events, where possible, on Zoom until further notice.

All social events, including book clubs, craft groups, or other get-togethers, will either be on Zoom or canceled. Our Luncheons resumed on September 15, 2021, at 11:00 AM. We meet at the Hilton Garden Inn, 22600 Bothell-Everett Hwy., Bothell, WA. When not able to meet in person, our Zoom meetings will be at the same time, the third Wednesday of the month from September through May at 11:00 AM. We are hopeful that we will be able to return to in-person meetings soon.

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# MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB (CONT.)

Our meetings for the next two months include the following:

# February 16, 2022

Whether we have a LIVE or ZOOM Program on February 16, we look forward to a performance by the Jackson High School Jazz Choir directed by Craig Schell. The choir performs many concerts and area jazz festivals. They've won the 4A choir division at the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival 2 of the last 3 years. These dedicated and talented students rehearse daily at 6:30 AM. They typically perform with a rhythm section of piano, bass, and drums. The choir travels annually to such places as Disneyland, Vancouver BC, and New York.

#### March 16,2022

MCWC volunteers bring to town the "GETTING TO KNOW YOU FAIR!"

Enjoy a vibrant Circus atmosphere as we stage exhibits "womaned" by Standing Committee members and leaders of special interest groups large and small. There'll be games with an abundance of prizes plus free raffles for visiting the big-top tents! Thrills chills and excitement as you learn about our Club! (Watch out for lions and tigers!). This was planned for a live meeting so the program will be revised if it needs to be on Zoom.

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.

We hope that you will consider joining us for the remainder of the 2021-2022 season (May). The membership fee is \$50 per year. The fee will be discounted for the remaining 2021-2022 months.

Reminder: You must be fully vaccinated and show proof of vaccination to attend any of the in person indoor luncheons and social gatherings. Seating reservations must be made in advance for our 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

# **MCCA PICTURES**

Inspection & Engineering committee member, Sam Tjoelker (Country Club Estates) captured this great picture of frost beard or hair ice in the Nature Preserve on one of our cold winter mornings. These fine

strings of ice are created when freezing water is pushed out of the pores of dead deciduous wood.

Sam shared a few pictures used in this edition of the MillStream. Thank you for sharing the beauty of our Association with us Sam!

If you have a great picture you would like to share, please send it to <a href="mailto:info@mcca.info">info@mcca.info</a>.



Frost Beard by Sam Tjoelker (CCE)

# MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

#### **Drum Roll Please!**

The Mill Creek Garden Tour & Artisan Market is making an applauded comeback after a two-year absence. The big day is Saturday, July 23, 2022. Our tour is a community favorite with enthusiastic attendance, yet the number respects the featured gardens and neighborhoods.

Consider showing your garden by making an appointment now for our Selection Committee to visit both your front and back yards. Email the committee at <a href="mailto:juliej1718@outlook.com">juliej1718@outlook.com</a> for an appointment. Please put "Garden Tour" in the subject line and include your Name, Phone Number, Address, M.C. division, and a brief yard description in your email. Show your garden and rake in tour day compliments!



Sneak Peak Garden Tour

## **An Omicron Adjustment**

We are adaptable! Omicron switched us back to zooming in January with renowned garden speaker Jessi Bloom. Her interesting presentation highlighted her newest book, "Creating Sanctuary." Member Cindy Klett was the lucky January raffle winner with a Little Glimpse of Spring prize. Speakers in the coming months include Lisa Taylor, Karen Chapman, and Marianne Binetti. Amazing programs in person or zooming!

#### Thrive with Us!

Join Mill Creek Garden Club, where friendships, gardening knowledge, and community activities flourish. About us: we meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the Month, September – May at 11 AM. We gather at Shawn O'Donnell's Irish Pub, Everett, or we Zoom from home. Currently, our Annual Dues are \$30, and a delicious buffet lunch is \$20.

Each meeting starts with announcements and a raffle basket perusing, followed by a garden speaker, and then it's lunchtime with lots of socializing. Contact our Membership Chair for inquiries. Email: <a href="mailto:queenbee6742@comcast.net">queenbee6742@comcast.net</a>. Please put "Garden Club Membership" in the subject line. We invite you to make a difference with us!



Cindy Klett, Raffle Winner

Submitted by Lila Johnson, Publicity Chair Photos: Courtesy of Mill Creek Garden Club

# MILL CREEK LIBRARY

The Mill Creek Library is open for customers to browse materials and check out, pick up holds and remote printing, use computers, study, and more! Contact Free Services are still available for customers who would like to use them. To pick up <u>remote print jobs</u> or library holds using our contract-free service, please call (425) 337-4822, and a library staff member will bring your items to the service window in the lobby.

The Friends of the Library Book Sale has returned to the lobby of the library. Come check out a great selection of gently used children's books, cookbooks, fiction, and more! The Friends of the Library are also accepting donations. If you wish to donate more than two boxes or bags of books, please contact the library first. Mill Creek librarians are at the Mill Creek Senior Center from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month to provide help downloading books to e-readers, recommend books, or offer other help.

The library will have limited tax forms this year. Forms and instructions can be downloaded from the <u>IRS.gov</u> website. No Sno-Isle Libraries will offer tax help this year. To find tax help, visit the <u>United Way of Snohomish County.</u>

# **Explore the Library Online**

All of the library programs are online, including <u>book groups</u>, <u>children's storytimes</u>, and <u>online trivia</u>. Find <u>homework help</u>, <u>learn a new language or skill</u>, or <u>get help</u> downloading e-books from the comfort of your home via phone, tablet, or computer. <u>Online storytimes</u> are available in English, <u>Russian</u>, and <u>Spanish</u>.

The library has a new app! Download the <u>Sno-Isle Library app</u> to explore what the library has to offer. Use our <u>catalog</u>, <u>books</u>, and <u>movie</u> pages to browse the 1.6 million items available to you. Then, use your library card to place items on hold or check out available digital resources. When your items are ready, you will receive an automated email and/or phone call. Having trouble finding something to read or watch? <u>Ask a librarian!</u> You can fill out a <u>Library Picks form</u> for library staff to help you find the perfect match.

The <u>Sno-Isle Libraries catalog</u> is available in 6 languages: English, Spanish, Simplified Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Vietnamese. All buttons, labels, and messages are available in the selected language to make finding materials easier. To switch languages on the website, visit any Sno-Isle Libraries catalog page and select a language from the dropdown menu from the top left corner of the screen. The Sno-Isle Libraries app will automatically load in your language of choice based on your smartphone's language settings. If you would like to switch to a new language, update your smartphone's language settings.

Did you know that the library offers you two different free <u>movie streaming services</u>? Your library card will allow you to stream thousands of movies from <u>Kanopy</u> and <u>Hoopla</u>. You can also read graphic novels and comics through <u>Hoopla</u> or <u>Overdrive</u>. Want to browse magazines instead? You can read current and back issues of popular magazines through <u>Overdrive</u> or on the <u>Libby app</u>.

For more information about these and other library services, visit <a href="www.sno-isle.org">www.sno-isle.org</a> or contact the Mill Creek Library at (425) 337-4822. The Mill Creek Library is located at 15429 Bothell-Everett Highway, across the street from Central Market.

# **Library hours**

Monday and Tuesday10:00 am - 8:00 pmWednesday through Saturday10:00 am - 6:00 pmSunday:1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

# MCCA Member Divisions

#### SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

Aspen Sweetwater Ranch Holly

Chatham Park Swordfern Huckleberry Cottonwood Juniper Vine Maple Cypress Laurel Wildflower Park Willow

Douglas Fir Magnolia Evergreen **Red Cedar** Woodfern Fairway Spring Tree Winslow

**Fairway Fountains** Sunrise Heatherstone Sun Rose

#### **TOWNHOMES**

#### CONDOMINIUMS

Amberleigh **Country Club Estates** Parkwood at Mill Creek Belvedere Place Copper Tree Laurels at Mill Creek **Emerald Heights Country Place** The Mill at Mill Creek Apartments

**Fairwood Greens** The Station at Mill Creek Fairway Village I&II

Pembrook Lakewood The Pointe Mill Lane

Mill Run I&II

Miller's Village I&II

St. Moritz

Stratford Greens The Masters Trillium Court

#### **APARTMENTS**

Mill Creek Retirement Community

# 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:

www.mcca.info

TOTAL CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY Security: 425-328-0035

#### 2020-2021 Board of Directors

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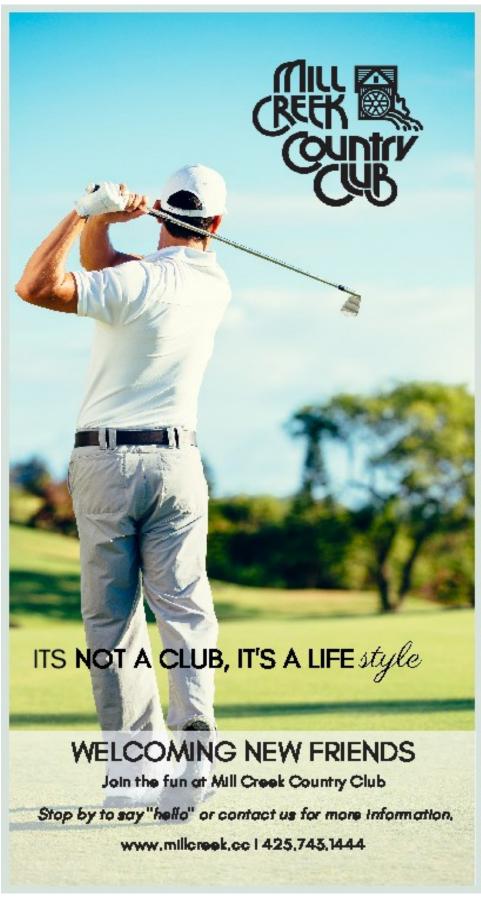


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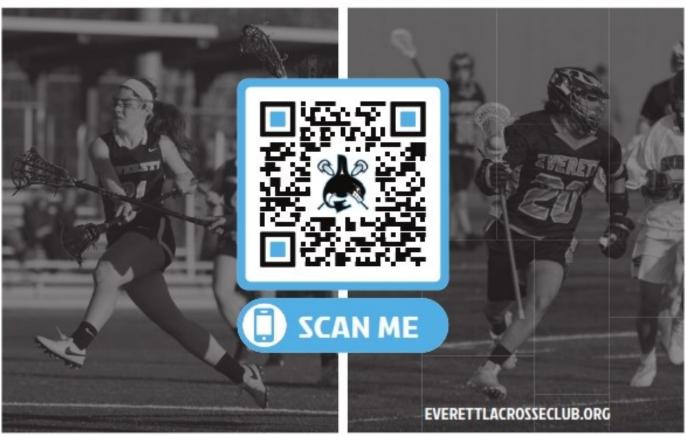
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