



# MillStream

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JAY HIESTER

### 2022 Annual Survey Conclusions

This year 651 residents completed the Annual Membership Survey. Thank you to those who responded! The purpose of the survey is to let the MCCA Board and Administration know what the members feel the Board and Administration are doing right and conversely, what areas need improvement. The areas that were addressed in the survey included security, maintenance, communications and ACC and covenant compliance issues. Even though the details of the survey are available in this edition of the Millstream I would like to highlight a few areas that I feel are of importance.

- ⇒ **Security**—87% are comfortable with the hours of Security that MCCA currently provides.
- ⇒ **Satisfaction of the overall maintenance of MCCA common areas**—87% agreed with the overall maintenance of the MCCA common areas.
- ⇒ **Support a change in the current level of landscaping maintenance which includes mowing, blowing, weed removal, pruning, tree trimming, tree management, cleanup, etc.**—68% of responding residents were for keeping maintenance the same and 29% wanted more maintenance.
- ⇒ **Satisfaction of how MCCA administration manages homeowner architectural control and covenant compliance issues**—57% agreed, 32% were neutral and 10% disagreed.
- ⇒ **Satisfaction of how MCCA administers the affairs of our Association, which includes all employees and volunteer committees**—62% agreed and 36% were neutral.
- ⇒ **Overall, how satisfied are you with MCCA?**—88% were satisfied and 10% were neutral.

In general, I feel that the survey casts a good light on your Board, MCCA Administration, and staff. The members indicated that they are satisfied with the level of Security, however, 29% would like an increase in maintenance in the parks and playgrounds, the entrances and the trails, paths, and walkways. Obviously, this will be one of our goals in the coming year.

### Other Areas of Business

Your Administration, staff, committee members and your Board have been working on putting the finishing touches on the Rules and Regulations and the Covenant Fine/Dues documents. These documents should be finalized and mailed to residents very soon.

The Board would like to recognize the work done by all our volunteers. Without our volunteers, MCCA would not be the place that it is today. If you are interested in joining one of our committees, please talk to a committee member or contact the staff at the MCCA office. Volunteering your time to improve our community can be very rewarding and a great way to meet new people.

### A Safety Reminder: The Speed Limit is 25 MPH within MCCA

**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**, 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](mailto:info@mcca.info)) for help or information.**

ADMINISTRATION

MCCA Annual Survey Results

Thank you to all who completed the 2022 MCCA Annual Survey. We appreciate the time you spent to give us feedback. The MCCA Board, and staff will use this information to prepare the budget and programs for the next fiscal year. The first survey question was the PIN assigned to the resident, this ensures that only residents have the opportunity to participate in the survey. We start the results with question 2.

2. I live in a(n):

Apartment	2
Condo	100
Townhome	61
Single-Family Home	488



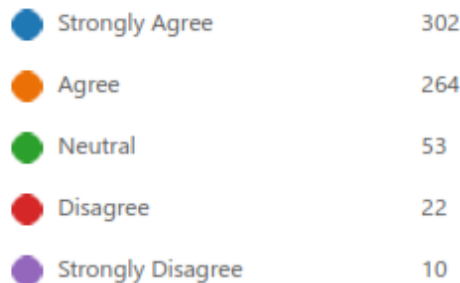
3. I have lived in MCCA for:

0-1 years	55
2-5 years	125
5-10 years	115
10-20 years	136
20+ years	220

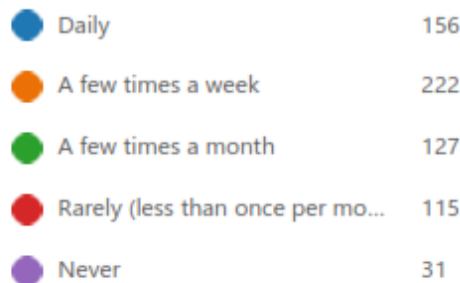


## MCCA Annual Survey Results (cont.)

4. Currently, MCCA Security patrols seven days per week, 20 hours per day, and provides member assistance, vacation checks, package pickup, and delivery. In addition, Security also notifies members of open garage doors, jump starts dead car batteries and reports suspicious activity to local police. I am comfortable with the hours of Security that MCCA currently provides.



5. How often do you use MCCA trails, parks, and/or playground equipment (pick one)?



6. I am satisfied with the overall maintenance of MCCA common areas, including the trails, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, division entrances, and the Nature Preserve.



## MCCA Annual Survey Results (cont.)

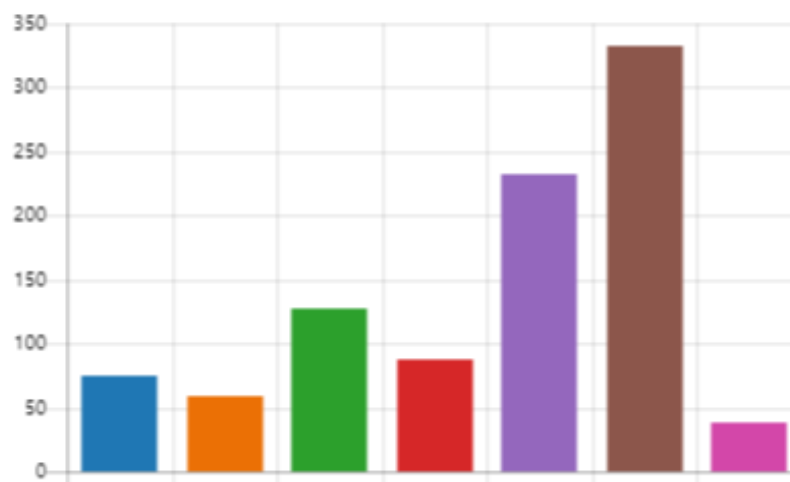
7. I support a change in the current level of landscaping maintenance which includes mowing, blowing, weed removal, pruning, tree trimming, tree management, cleanup, etc.

Much more maintenance	26
Slightly more maintenance	166
Keep maintenance the same	443
Slightly less maintenance	13
Much less maintenance	3



8. I support an increase in maintenance performed by the MCCA in the following area(s) (pick up to 3):

Park areas	75
Playgrounds	59
Entrances	128
Nature Preserve	87
Trails, paths, and walkways	233
None, I do not support an incr...	332
Other	38

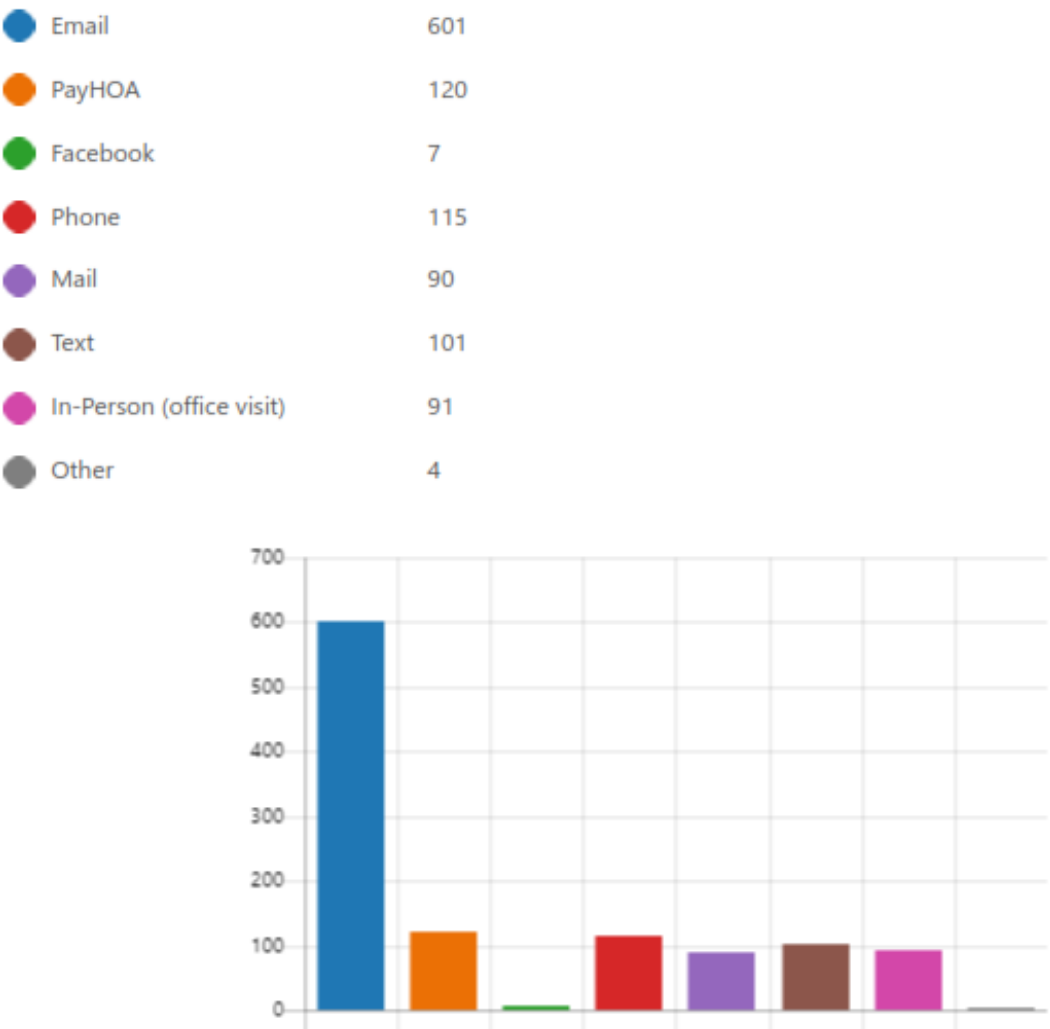


MCCA Annual Survey Results (cont.)

9. I am satisfied with how MCCA communicates with residents via PayHOA, the MillStream, and the MCCA website.



10. I prefer to communicate with MCCA in the following manner (pick the top 2):



## MCCA Annual Survey Results (cont.)

11. I am more likely to participate in MCCA meetings, including the annual meeting, the budget meeting, committee meetings, and regular board meetings if they are held online.

Strongly Agree	119
Agree	223
Neutral	249
Disagree	39
Strongly Disagree	21



12. I support MCCA hosting an MCCA Community Hours event at least annually so residents can meet the Board of Directors, Association Director, staff members, committee members and other residents.

Strongly Agree	118
Agree	277
Neutral	245
Disagree	8
Strongly Disagree	3



13. I am satisfied with how MCCA administration manages homeowner architectural control and covenant compliance issues.

Strongly Agree	79
Agree	296
Neutral	211
Disagree	52
Strongly Disagree	13



MCCA Annual Survey Results (cont.)

14. I am satisfied with how MCCA administers the affairs of our Association, which includes all employees and volunteer committees.

Strongly Agree	79
Agree	328
Neutral	233
Disagree	8
Strongly Disagree	3



15. Overall, how satisfied are you with MCCA?

Highly satisfied	197
Satisfied	375
Neutral	63
Unsatisfied	10
Highly unsatisfied	6





## Annual Survey Questions and Answers

Every year we receive some great questions in the short answer response sections of our survey. The Board and I will use the MillStream to highlight some of these questions and provide a response. Look in the February MillStream for the next installment of questions and answers!

**Q:** Semi-annual yard sales: what happened to the Goodwill trailers in the MCCA parking lot?

**A:** Great question! During COVID many donations places reduced their hours due to staffing shortages. The folks at Goodwill informed us in 2021 that they no longer had enough staff to bring their trailers onsite for our garage sale days. MCCA has worked to inform residents about alternative drop off places via email, a flyer posted in the parking lot during the garage sale weekend, and we published alternatives in the April 2022 MillStream.

**Q:** Should votes be based on assessed value rather than by type of residence? Do rentals in the apartments vote, or just the apartment company?

**A:** MCCA Governing Documents have always stated that votes are based on the amount of assessment paid by each type of residence. Single family homes pay 100% of the assessment, so they get 1 vote per unit. Townhomes pay 75% of the single family home assessment per unit, so they get .75 of a vote per unit. Condominiums and apartment units pay 50% of the single family home assessment per unit, so they get .50 of a vote per unit.

The second question asks who in the apartment gets to vote, the renter of each unit or the owner of the building. Only owners are entitled to a vote so the person who owns the apartment building, or a representative of the company who owns the building, casts one vote for all the units it owns in that building.

## Roads, Speed Limits, and Traffic Signs

We received many comments in the survey about road maintenance, speed limits, and traffic signs. We will definitely pass those comments on to the folks at the City of Mill Creek. With the exception of some roads that are owned by and maintained by condo and townhome sub-associations, all the roads within MCCA are owned and maintained by the City of Mill Creek. Road maintenance includes snow removal, parking signs, the raised pavement markers that designate walking paths along the street, asphalt repair, street sweeping, and more.

State traffic laws regulate the speed limits for all roads. [RCW 46.61.400](#) states that 25 miles per hour is the limit for all city and town streets within Washington. The Mill Creek Municipal code affirms that the state law applies to all city streets with certain exceptions where the posted speed limit is higher than 25 miles per hour. You can read more about that in [Chapter 10.08](#) of the Mill Creek Municipal Code.

## McClure and Sons and The Mill Creek Country Club Projects

Many residents have noticed the projects at the McClure and Sons building and the Mill Creek Country Club along Country Club Boulevard. These businesses are not part of MCCA and are not bound by our covenants. McClure and Sons underwent a major landscape refresh this summer. The golf course is working on a major project to increase the volume of water stored in the irrigation pond by the clubhouse and upgrade the irrigation system throughout the golf course. Like any neighbor, MCCA looks on these projects with interest, but we do not have any power to regulate properties outside MCCA. We wish our neighbors well in their efforts and enjoy watching their progress.

Hilary Bublitz  
Association Director, [hilary@mcca.info](mailto:hilary@mcca.info)



## SECURITY

### Winter Safety Tips

As Winter approaches, it's getting darker earlier. Turning on your porch lights after dark is advised by law enforcement. Not only does it give visibility to any late deliveries, but it is generally safer. If you are concerned about light pollution at night, put in dimmer bulbs, use one at front door and one above garage.

Remember, any new exterior light installation must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee. We also remind you to be a good neighbor and ensure that your security lights do not shine into your neighbor's home.

When walking outside in the evenings, please remember to wear a high visibility vest or other reflective clothing. It is very difficult for drivers to see dark-clothed pedestrians at night so keep yourself safe by making yourself visible!

### Reporting Street Light Problems

If you notice a street light that is out, please report it to Snohomish PUD, you can use their [online form](#) or call customer service at 425-783-1000. You will need to know the location of the streetlight (for example: 30 yards north of 123 Main Street in Mill Creek) and the S or A Number of the light. S or A numbers are found in large letters on the decal by the lens of the light. You can see them when you stand below the light and look up.

### Potential Scam

A resident recently reported that a potential scammer approached him at home and claimed to be affiliated with PUD. He said he was surveying homeowners about solar panels. PUD was contacted and they confirmed they do not use third party contractors. Please refer to the [Consumer's Guide to Imposter Utility Scams](#) for more information on how you can protect yourself.

The AARP has a [Fraud Watch Network](#) if you suspect or would like to report a scam.

### Door Reminder

Remember to keep your garage doors closed, lock your car doors, keep your house windows and doors locked and stay safe. Working together, we can keep our community safe!

### Vacation Checks

Security is happy to keep an eye on your home while you are away. We can check the backyard after windstorms to make sure your home has not sustained any damage, pick up those packages delivered while you are gone, and so much more. To request a security check, you must complete our [Security Check Request Form](#) and send it to [security@mcca.info](mailto:security@mcca.info) or hand it to the MCCA office staff. The form is also hanging on a clipboard by the office front door, you can find it on the Forms page of the MCCA website ([www.mcca.info](http://www.mcca.info)) or you can ask us to email or bring you a paper copy. We cannot check your home if you do not send us a completed Security Form.

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MCCA Security Supervisor, [security@mcca.info](mailto:security@mcca.info)

## MAINTENANCE

### Windy Weather

We have weathered a number of wind storms at MCCA so far this year. Please do not walk in the Nature Preserve during windstorms. We have had several trees come down in the high winds. This tree that fell in the Nature Preserve broke a trash can, which we were able to swap out.

### Resident Entries: Holiday Lighting

We love that residents get into the holiday spirit, take pride in their neighborhood, and decorate in celebration of the season. As we prepare for the holidays, there are several things residents should keep in mind when they decorate division entries for the holidays:

- Do not unplug any plug that is already in the outlet. This is the power for MCCA entry lighting.
- Do not use old worn out lights as they tend to trip the GFCI outlet which will also shut down the entry lights as they are on the same circuit.
- Do not change or tamper with MCCA timers on the back of the walls. If lights need timers, residents need to provide a timer for their lights.
- Lights, timers, extension cords, and surge protectors need to be exterior rated for the safety of our residents and so they don't trip the GFCI or breaker.
- Do not leave MCCA outlets that have weather covers open or overload the outlet so the cover cannot shut.
- For the safety of all, any lights that impair the proper functioning of the entry lights or circuitry, or cause an electrical hazard, will be removed by maintenance.



Nature Preserve after November storm

## IMPORTANT DATES!

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

<b>Dec 2</b>	Board Planning Session 9am to 3 pm @ Mill Creek Country Club
<b>Dec 14</b>	Elf Awards—Have your lights on by 6 pm!
<b>Dec 26</b>	MCCA office closed—Christmas Day observed
<b>Jan 2</b>	MCCA office closed—New Year's Day observed
<b>Jan 31</b>	Due date for putting away holiday lights and decor

## ELF AWARDS

The MCCA elves will be out and about on **December 14, 2022!** Our merry elves start awarding prizes for the best displays in each neighborhood starting at **6 pm** that night. We will post the list of winners on our website on Friday, December 16 and email everyone with a link to the webpage.



Generally, the judges for this year are the winners from last year's Elf Awards. These elves roam the neighborhood to see the lights and do their best to avoid giving the award to the same person who won last year. The coveted Santa Award goes to the best decorated home in all of MCCA. We also judge the best decorated door at Cogir, Mill Creek where some very festive residents do a great job decking the halls!

Look for a special edition of the Mill Stream in mid-December where we will share pictures of some of the fantastic holiday displays in our neighborhoods.

## COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

### Reminder

If you are having tree trimming done, please call the office and check if you need to apply first and if not have us make a note in your file . This will help us provide a quick response when residents call to verify. Once a big truck and chain saws come out people start asking, "are they cutting trees, did they get a permit?" We're just a call away (425)316-3344, or email us at [info@mcca.info](mailto:info@mcca.info) .

### Fall Debris

Fall is here and the winter season is close behind. We would like to thank all members who have helped clean up after the storms and to the MCCA Maintenance staff for all their hard work cleaning up storm debris. If you haven't done so already, now is the time to get out and clean the debris from the last storm. Please remember it is a homeowner's responsibility to clean up debris that falls in your yard. When cleaning up your yard debris please note, it is a city code violation to place debris piles on the road. If the City of Mill Creek hasn't come through your division to street sweep, then consider cleaning the debris along the gutter of the street. This helps keep our storm drains from clogging and prevents water backing up over the road.

Here are some maintenance tasks to complete before winter arrives:

- Blowing leaves and debris from lawns, driveways, walkways, etc.
- Cleaning out landscaped beds of dead plants, weeds and debris
- Either replanting pots with fall/winter plants or greenery or storing the pots away
- Removing any moss, mildew or mold from walkways and roofs, as it is sure to build up over the winter with our Washington rains

### Political Signage

All political signs should be down. If you have any concerns, please email me.

### 2023 Home Improvement Projects

Get ready now for your Spring projects. Now is the time to call service providers and get on their schedules for next year:

- 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. \*\*\***

If you are interested in volunteering for the Covenant Committee, please get in touch with me at [joan@mcca.info](mailto:joan@mcca.info).

*Happy Holidays!*

Joan Sweeney,  
Compliance Coordinator, [joan@mcca.info](mailto:joan@mcca.info)



## NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

### 2023 Goal: Restoration of Central Park in Evergreen!

The NWC will be hosting family friendly work events at Central Park in Evergreen, on **Saturday, January 21, and Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM**. We will remove yellow archangel, English ivy and spread wood chips. No experience is necessary.

The NWC will provide wheelbarrows and 5 gallon buckets. Residents will need to bring shovels for loading the wood chips into the wheelbarrows and the 5 gallon buckets. Bring your pruners, a trowel, or a hori hori to help remove the yellow archangel and English ivy. Both the yellow archangel and English ivy should be fairly easy to pull since the ground in January and February will be damp.

These work events begin the preparation of Central Park for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, when MCCA, with the help of our Maintenance Team and the NWC, will host a community planting event. We will plant trees and other native plants. The NWC needs your help to get Central Park ready!

Because Central Park is a large park, this will be a multi-year project. You can find Central Park in Evergreen by continuing through the stop sign on 16th Avenue SE and looking for the bollard and path on your left. Check it out! And mark your calendars for January 21 and February 18!

Please do keep in mind anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

From the volunteers of the NWC, Happy Holidays to everyone!

Jill Cheeseman,  
Noxious Weed Committee Chair, [mccanwc@outlook.com](mailto:mccanwc@outlook.com)



Areas identified for restoration work



## Fairway Village Entry

The Fairway Village (FV) entry has a new look! The renovation started in the Spring after we had an arborist assess the space. It was recommended that we remove three large trees that had outgrown the planting median at the entrance. We are excited to share this project with you.



Entrance Before



Planter Before

**Step 1:** We removed the overgrown trees.

**Step 2:** We removed all other overgrown and unhealthy shrubs and plants.

**Step 3:** The entire area was rototilled to remove all remaining roots.

**Step 4:** We removed six giant rocks that were buried under the dirt (we moved them to other locations close to the entry) and placed the remaining seven giant rocks in better locations for aesthetics. Excavating and hauling these rocks was a huge and unexpected undertaking.

**Step 5:** We were now ready to design this entry and planter, so we could obtain approval from the MCAA. At this point, we knew we wanted a design with a Pacific Northwest aesthetic.



Entrance During Construction



## Fairway Village Entry (cont.)

**Step 6:** Selecting and buying the plants was the fun part! Transporting the plants in two SUV's was a sight!

**Step 7:** We fixed the irrigation system to ensure all our new plants get water.

**Step 8:** A layer of mulch was the finishing touch!



Ready to Plant!



Entrance After (view from back)



Entrance After

A next step is to add lighting, but that project can happen at a later date. This was a 6 month project that was coordinated by FV I Mel Silver and Bob Grieve, and FV II Jim Alt, Ken Freed, and Dawn Sabin. Most of the heavy, dirty work and lifting was done by the FV landscapers, EC Gardens.

With so many differing opinions, we had to make compromises, but we all agree— the final result is beautiful!

It takes a 'Fairway' Village!

Submitted by Dawn Sabin, Fairway Village II resident

## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

### Have You Met Mill Creek's Chief of Police?

With 27 years in law enforcement and 19 with the City of Mill Creek, most recently as Acting Police Chief since Dec. 2021, Chief Stan White is well-known in our community and uniquely qualified to lead the Mill Creek Police Department (MCPD) well into the future.

White has been preparing for this opportunity since (MCPD) hired him in 2003. Since then, he was promoted through the ranks from field training officer to detective, then sergeant, and on to Investigations and Community Engagement Sergeant in 2016. The Community Engagement role allowed White to work with nearly every department within the City and with local organizations to provide fun and safe outreach events such as National Night Out, Coffee with a Cop, and one of his favorite programs, the all-volunteer Citizens Patrol.

"I have lived in the Mill Creek area for 25 years; this is where my wife and I raised our family", said White. "I care about our community, this department, and the people we serve! I intend to be here for my team, to listen, and help build this community's trust in our agency. Mill Creek is where I plan to finish my career," said Chief White.



Chief Stan White

The City is planning on a "Meet the Chief" event in January and details will be available soon. Click this link, then provide your name and email address. The City will contact you directly once they have the details: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MeettheChief>. Or, you can use the QR code and be directed to the link.



### Join Us for the Festival of Trees—A New Holiday Event for All!

We're excited to see the return of the Santa Parade beginning at 3:30 PM on Dec. 3rd along Main Street, hosted by the Mill Creek Town Center Association (MCTC). Following the parade, the City's Tree Lighting Ceremony will begin outside City Hall South at 4:00 p.m.

In addition, you may have noticed something NEW has been added to the holiday lineup, the Festival of Trees. The City partnered with MCTC to form a holiday committee, including Kiwanis of Mill Creek and the City's Art & Beautification Board, to develop new ways to help unite the community throughout the holidays and Festival of Trees was born.

Volunteers and committee members decorated windows along Main Street with snowy tree scenes and created a unique contest with prizes. **Now, cute woodland creatures are hiding among the trees for all to find through January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Folks will use the QR code on the coloring page and enter to win prizes by recording where they see each critter. Contest details are available at [millcreek-wa.gov/festivaloftrees](http://millcreek-wa.gov/festivaloftrees).

Many volunteers spent countless hours creating and installing the snowy scenes, including the holiday committee, Kiwanis of Mill Creek Key Club, and Mill Creek Youth Advisory Board members. Thank you all!



# Festival of Trees

Nov. 25 - Jan. 2, 2023

Thanks  
to our  
Sponsors!



MILL CREEK  
TOWN CENTER

Kiwanis  
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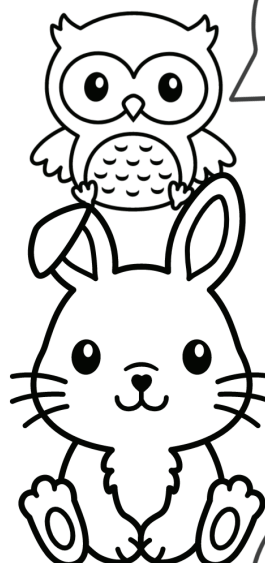
## ENTER TO WIN!

1. Go on a hunt along Main Street in Mill Creek Town Center to find these cute woodland creatures hidden among the white trees on shop windows.
2. Once you find all four, write down the locations and use the QR Code below to enter for a chance to win the grand prize. Winner announced on Jan. 3rd.
3. For info, clues, contest rules & prizes, or to download a pdf of this coloring page, go to [millcreekwa.gov/festivaloftrees](http://millcreekwa.gov/festivaloftrees)

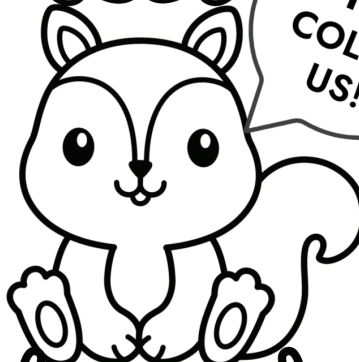
Santa Parade &  
Tree Lighting  
Saturday, Dec. 3



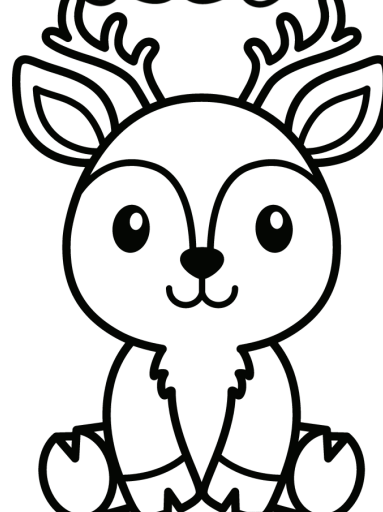
Info at [millcreekwa.gov/festivaloftrees](http://millcreekwa.gov/festivaloftrees)



WHOO  
WILL FIND  
ME?



GO NUTS!  
COLOR  
US!



## MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

The MCWC started meeting this fall on September 15 at Shawn O'donnells. Our September and October meetings were a big hit with members and their guests with Shawn O'Donnell's providing a fabulous lunch. Members enjoyed the Celtic sounds of Magical Strings in September. In October we were entertained by Debbie Dimitre's historical presentation of Bertha Knight Landes, the first female mayor of Seattle.

The Mill Creek Women's Club is a community of women from Mill Creek and surrounding areas. We are committed to enhancing our community through friendship and philanthropy. We provide many opportunities to come together to socialize and participate in philanthropic activities.

We have been planning eventful programs and speakers for your enjoyment. The MCWC offers many ways to connect with other members. We have in person socials, Bunco, Book Clubs, Craft Groups, Card Game Groups, and other specialty groups. Love to entertain or cook? A club favorite this October was a cooking class at Whippoorwill Grazing Co. Members had a great time learning how to make a beautiful and tasty charcuterie board. They even got to take one home!

### November 17, 2022

Our annual fundraiser this year took place at the Mill Creek Country Club. The theme was a Gather for Giving Happy Hour. Thanks to the dedication of our Philanthropy committee, led by Margaret Durkee, and the generosity of our member's this year's fundraiser was a huge success. Many items were raffled off and one member won the actioned item which was a 3 night stay in a condo in Chelan. This year our fundraiser supported two charities. Cocoon House, a resource for homeless teens and Homage, a place for seniors. Speakers from both agencies shared what their organization does for the community and we learned how our donations make a difference. Over 66 members and their guests attended and helped make this a wonderful event.

Our meetings for the next 3 months include the following:

### December 15, 2022

Our December meeting is a club favorite with our own volunteer members modeling festive and fashionable attire from J.Jill. This is a great opportunity to see clothes from a nearby boutique. This popular fashion show will have winter attire and possibly a sampling of spring clothes. Catalogs will be available to all in attendance so you can easily find the fashions you would like to purchase. This program will be held at the Mill Creek Country Club from 11-1 with doors opening at 10:30.

### January 19, 2023

The January meeting will be a presentation by two speakers. Marcelle Allen, co-founder of LAF Tech and Linda Deppa, a certified professional organizer and founding member of Uncluttered. There will be humor interspersed with suggestions for bringing order and calm to your home. A great way to start the new year. We're calling this "Calming your Chaos with Comic Relief". It should be lots of fun as well as practical. This program will be held at Shawn O'Donnell's from 11-1 with doors opening at 10:30.



Marcelle Allen

### February 16, 2023

Local author Bryan Johnston will talk about "Deep in the Woods", the true story of the kidnapping of George Weyerhaeuser at age 9. Bryan is the author of several books set in the Northwest and has been a television and video writer/producer. He has been the recipient of 11 Emmys along with several other national awards. Bryan is a born and bred Seattleite and lives there still with his wife and two teenagers and one large golden-doodle. Michelle Bear from Edmonds Bookshop will have Bryan's books for sale. This program will be held at Shawn O'Donnell's from 11-1 with doors opening at 10:30.

**We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2022-2023 season. The membership fee is \$65 per year or \$33 for ½ year. We hope to meet you in person.**

Reminder: You must be fully vaccinated to attend any of the indoor luncheons and social gatherings. If you would like more information about the Mill Creek Women's Club, email [membershipmcwc@gmail.com](mailto:membershipmcwc@gmail.com)

Debra Lowry, MCWC Publicity Chair

## MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

### Tender-Hearted Gardeners

We revealed our caring side by organizing a food drive for the Mill Creek Community Food Bank ([www.hopecreekcf.org](http://www.hopecreekcf.org)). Members brought non-perishable items to the MCGC November meeting where they were greeted by volunteers who loaded the bags of donations into 1<sup>st</sup> VP Kathy Thomas' truck. We filled her truck and dropped off a total of 649 pounds of food and \$350 to the food bank. Fantastic job all!



MCGC Volunteers Julie Jacobson and Sandy Somers



Jeff Jacobson helping load the truck

### The Designer

Garden Club welcomed Jon Throne, AIFD, from Countryside Floral & Garden to our November meeting. Known for his quick wit and creative floral designs, Jon displayed beautiful holiday arrangements and shared tips on how to create both autumn and Christmas centerpieces. As an added surprise, he graciously raffled his arrangements. Jon's delightful presentation was followed by our traditional favorite, Shawn O'Donnell's turkey dinner buffet.



Lyndal Kennedy, Jon Throne and Judy Morrier

### "It's the Best Time of the Year!"

Christmas décor, appetizers galore, a cup of cheer, holiday games, a Christmas sock gift exchange, donations to Christmas House ([www.Christmas-house.org](http://www.Christmas-house.org)), and a delicious seasonal lunch! That is the Garden Club Christmas Party! This year the Committee selected "Holly Jolly Christmas" as the theme, and it is indeed, "....the best time of the year!"

### What a Line Up!

Winter MCGC speakers are sure to please: January features Lisa Taylor's foot-stomping presentation, "Gardening Undercover." The humorous and knowledgeable Ladd Smith of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes pays us a visit in February. Pacific NW "Garden Guru," Ciscoe Morris is our March headliner. Springtime brings Joe Seals, author of "Selecting Plants for Pacific NW Gardens," to our April meeting. You too may become a MCGC member; email our Second VP [conniehannam@hotmail.com](mailto:conniehannam@hotmail.com) for information.

**Mill Creek Garden Club wishes you a joyful year of gardening!**

Submitted by Lila Johnson, MCGC Publicity Chair  
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## NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

### Holiday Trees for Salmon

Greetings, the holiday season has arrived! To help with coming celebrations, the Adopt A Stream Foundation is kicking off the season with its annual Holidays Trees for Salmon event Saturday December 3 and Sunday December 4, 10am to 4pm at the Northwest Stream Center, 600 -128<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Everett WA 98208 (driving directions:<https://www.streamkeeper.org/contact-us>).

Holiday Trees for Salmon are special! "There will be a great selection of live & wild 3 to 5 foot-high (\$40, \$60, \$100) Sitka Spruce, Western Red Cedar, and Douglas Fir trees that are in pots," says Adopt A Stream Foundation Director Tom Murdoch. "After the holidays, all trees returned to the Northwest Stream Center will be planted next to local salmon streams. And everyone will get the good feeling that comes with knowing their Holiday Tree for Salmon will be doing great things for the Northwest environment long into the future...a wonderful memory of this holiday season."

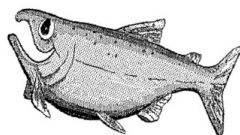
This fun event, that includes an Artisan Bazar on Saturday December 3 only, will continue the following Tuesdays through Saturdays until December 23. As a holiday bonus, there is **Free Admission** to the **Elevated Forest and Wetland Walk** through the month of December. You can also get all of your holiday shopping done at the Nature Store where proceeds benefit environmental education and salmon stream restoration.

To make sure that you have a safe & healthy holiday, reservations are required by going to <https://www.picktime.com/NWSCReservations>. Reservations open on a weekly basis and are made available on Monday afternoons. Walk-ins will be accommodated on a space available basis.

Another Holiday Bonus! Everyone who purchases a Holiday Tree for Salmon will receive a 2023 Adopt A Stream Foundation membership as a holiday gift. Benefits include free entry to the Northwest Stream Center *Nature Trail* for 2023, discounts to 2023 Streamkeeper Academy events, and 10% discounts on purchases at the Northwest Stream Center *Nature Store*.

Proceeds from Holiday Trees for Salmon sales benefit the Adopt A Stream Foundation's environmental education and salmon stream restoration programs.

For more information call 425-316-8592 or go to [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org).



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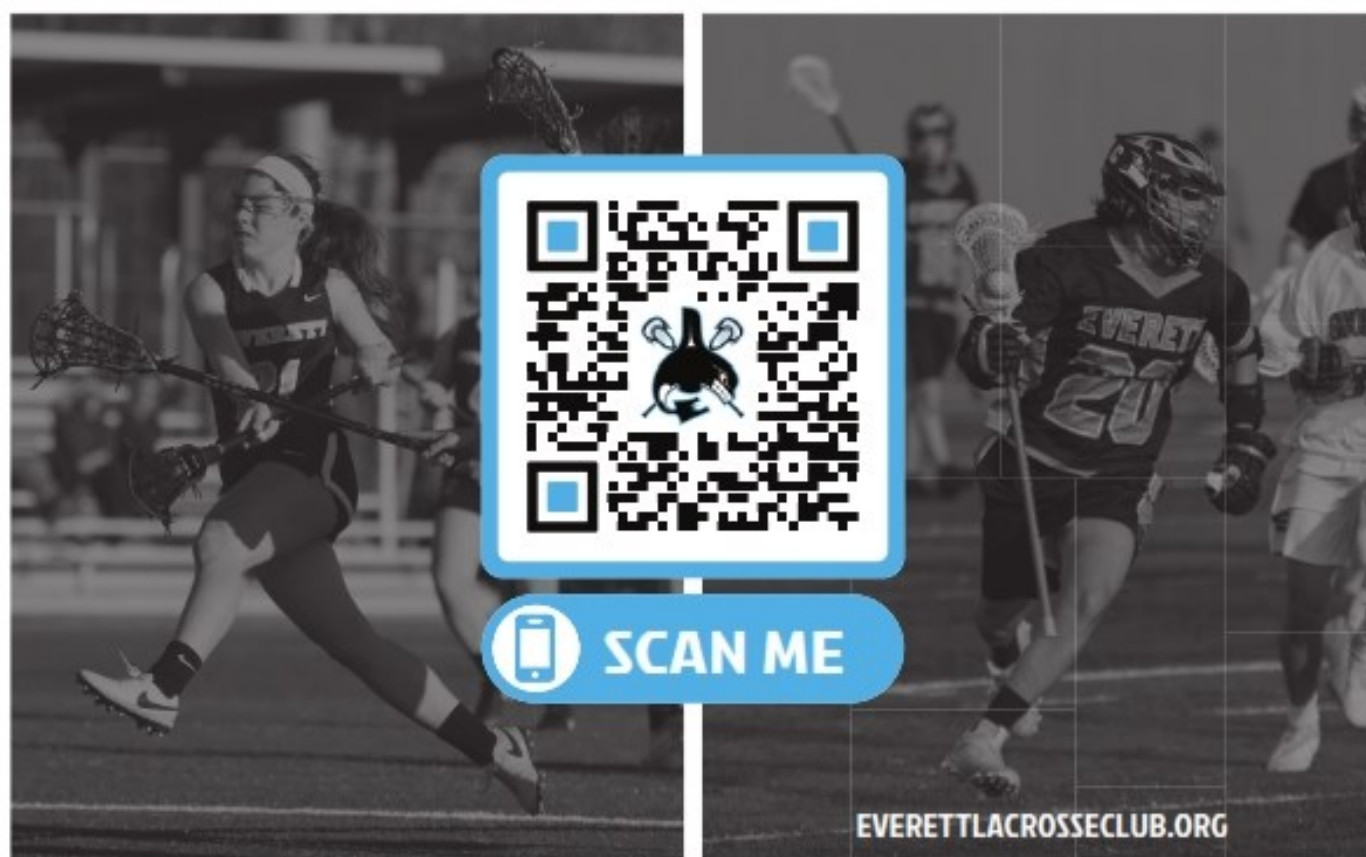
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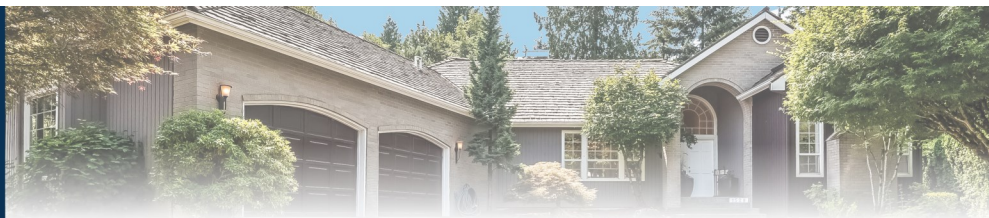


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