



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JAY HIESTER

The updated **Rules and Regulations** and the **Fine Schedule/Due Process** documents were adopted by the Board on November 16, 2022 and were recently made available and distributed to our members via mail or email. The updates were based on our recently passed Declaration of Restrictive Covenants. The Rules and Regulations document makes it easy for new and existing residents to learn about the major rules and processes in our Association. Unlike the legalese necessary in the Covenant Restrictions, the Rules and Regulations provide our residents with an easy-to-read version of our policies and procedures.

After 40 years, our fine schedule was out of date. With the input of committee members and our attorney, we wrote our Covenant Fines and Due Process document to help us protect our Association and homeowners. If you have not had a chance to review the new documents, they may be found on our MCCA website, www.mcca.info. Look under **Resident Resources**, then click on either **Rules & Regulations** or **Covenant Fines and Due Process**. You can also find these documents on PayHOA, just log in and go to Documents -> MCCA Documents.

Our administrative staff is also working on encouraging more of our members to opt-in to electronic communication. If you opt-in you will receive voting packets for the budget and annual meeting, our annual billing and other communications via email. The benefits to opting-in are:

- It reduces costs for the Association as postal rates just increased again.
- It reduces administrative time spent tracking paper.
- It reduces the environmental impact of the regular postal system.
- It increases the speed of information transmission. You get our information faster and we get your response faster.

The Budget Packet will be mailed out to members in mid-March. Please help us keep costs down by opting-in to electronic communications. You can find the opt-in instructions on page 2 of this MillStream.

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**, 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

Opt-In to Electronic Notifications

Thank you for helping us save on mailing costs and reduce our environmental impact. You can change your opt-in selection by following the steps below:

1. Sign into your PayHOA account by going to: <https://app.payhoa.com/auth/login>
2. In the top right corner click the circular 'Person' icon.
3. In the menu that opens, select My Account.
4. When the Account page opens, select "Notifications" from the options along the top of the page.
5. On the Notifications window, select "Change my settings" if you have not opted-in before, or "Update mail settings" if you have already opted-in and wish to make a change.
6. Click the 'I Agree' blue button.
7. If you wish, you can select "Print my opt-in agreement" to get a paper copy of your opt-in agreement.



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 April MillStream for the next installment of questions and answers!

Q: What is the Association doing about the median plantings?

A: The roads throughout MCCA are owned and maintained by the City of Mill Creek. The medians in Village Green Drive, Mill Creek Boulevard, and in some of our subdivision entrances are located in the middle of the road so they are also owned and maintained by the City of Mill Creek. The Association cannot work on property it does not own. Any changes made to these medians must go through the City of Mill Creek. Residents can send their comments to the city through the [Citizen Support Center](#) on the city website.

Q: What has MCCA done so far about rental homes? Has MCCA pressured them to ensure they follow all rules and their tenants are registered?

A: After we passed the updated Restrictive Covenants, the MCCA office sent a letter to all the owners of tenant-occupied homes asking them to complete and file a Tenant Information form for their unit. Most homeowners complied quickly. If an owner refuses to comply, we give them the opportunity to be heard at a Covenant Hearing Board (CHB) meeting. At the meeting, the CHB gives the resident an opportunity to provide information on why they did not complete the Tenant Form. The CHB will consider the matter and can assess a fine of up to \$250. Fortunately, the majority of our homeowners comply with our request for the Tenant Information form. When a rental home or tenant violates our covenants, our Compliance Coordinator sends a violation letter to the homeowner. The homeowner is given the opportunity to gain compliance or request a hearing with the CHB. The CHB will listen to the resident, consider the matter, then possibly assess a fine according to our published fine schedule.

Q: Where are our HOA dues going?

A: MCCA strives to be open about how we spend assessments. Every March we mail out our budget packet which includes the Budget Newsletter and our projected expenses for the year. At the April Budget Meeting we prepare a slide presentation that details how the money is allocated. In September we have the Annual Meeting where we again make a presentation of the major projects completed and anticipated. The Treasurer also presents the annual audit. If you cannot make the meeting, you can view the slides on PayHOA by going to Documents -> MCCA Documents where you will find folders for the last few Budget Meetings and Annual Meetings. Audit documents are saved in the Annual Meeting folders. If you have any trouble locating these documents, please contact the MCCA office so we can assist you.

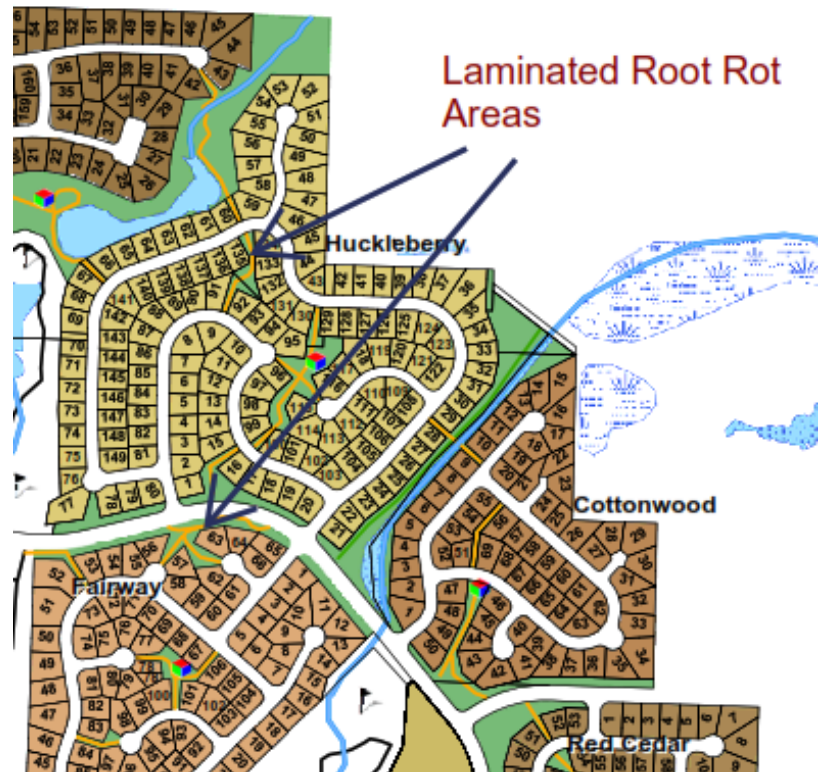
Planned Tree Work—Laminated Root Rot Mitigation

We had several trees fall during the November 2022 wind storm. After the storm, I went out with arborist Sal Noeldner (ISA Certified and TRAQ Certified) to determine why these trees failed. Sal took root samples and sent them to a lab at Oregon State University for analysis. The test results indicated that two Douglas Fir trees, in two different areas were infected with Laminated Root Rot (LRR) which caused them to fail in the wind storm. Unfortunately, Douglas Fir trees are highly susceptible to LRR. The disease spreads from tree to tree through root to root contact and is able to remain in an area for decades where there are host trees and stumps (DecAID. (n.d.) Laminated Root Rot. https://apps.fs.usda.gov/r6_decaid/views/laminated_root_rot.html). LRR increases the potential for tree failure, and in areas surrounded by homes and paths, this is a safety issue.

To save other trees in the area and to prevent the further spread of LRR, MCCA will follow the mitigation plan presented by Sal Noeldner. We will start removing trees within a 50 foot radius of trees infected with LRR. This will be a huge project and will for a long time change the look of some of our forested areas.

The two areas with tree failure due to LRR are shown with arrows on the picture below. MCCA will work on mitigation projects in both these areas. The mitigation steps our arborist has prescribed are:

1. Mark off the 50 foot cut radius.
2. Get bids for removal of fir trees within the 50 foot cut radius (Douglas Fir, Hemlock, Spruce, Grand Fir, Noble Fir, etc.). Western Red Cedars growing in the area may remain as their strong outer wall makes them less susceptible to heart rot decay.
3. Remove trees and debris but leave stumps. Removing stumps and roots would disturb too much of the forest floor destroying any remaining vegetation.
4. Have the arborist inspect stumps within a week of tree removal.
5. If more LRR stumps are found, broaden cut radius.
6. In fall, begin replanting cut area. Suggested trees include Western Red Cedar, Shore Pine, Juniper, Pacific Dogwood, Maples, Madrona, Oregon White Oak, California Laurel.



7. Arborist returns at 6 month intervals to monitor area for signs of LRR infection.

The trees selected for replanting were recommended by our arborist because they are not good hosts for LRR. With the arborists guidance, we may also include some non-natives as many of our native trees are struggling with our hotter, drier summers. Our plan is to remove the trees this spring, and then return to the area to plant in the fall.

Mitigating LRR will be costly, time consuming, and a huge visual change for MCCA. However, we must take these steps to give the rest of our forested areas the best chance for survival.

Hilary Bublitz
Association Director, hilary@mcca.info

SECURITY DEPARTMENT

I am always amazed at the new things bad actors come up with in this day and age. We are now seeing entire locking mailboxes being pried off the mail hutches and stolen. Please be sure your box is secured with long enough bolts. Our maintenance department suggests using 3" bolts. Bringing in your mail daily is another great way to keep yourself from being a target for mail theft. Also, consider signing up for the free [Informed Delivery](#) service provided by USPS.

Lois Dawkins
MCCA Security Supervisor, security@mcca.info

MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT

Mail Hutch Replacements

Maintenance continues to work on replacing the old wooden mail hutches that are in many of the single family home divisions within our Association. We are now 65% complete. Thank you to all the residents who work with the MCCA office and security folks to bring us mail keys so we can uninstall locking mail boxes from the old hutches, and then reinstall them on the new hutches.

Our new hutches are built with pressure treated wood and a 50-year composite roof. Our maintenance team custom builds the footings with special brackets that use two bolts to attach to the legs. This is an improvement over the old footings with only one bolt which caused the mail hutch to lean over time. The teamwork between the office staff, security, maintenance, and our residents helps each install project go smoothly.



New Mail Hutch

Litter Patrol

One of the many reasons MCCA looks so clean and inviting, is that our maintenance team does road runs several times a week to pick up trash left on our roadsides, parks, and the Nature Preserve. The team picks up the tossed doggy waste bags, soda cans, bottles, wrappers, fast food packaging, and other items to ensure that MCCA stays looking its best. Recently, the crew came across a large amount of mylar confetti tossed along a trail in the Nature Preserve. After 22 crew hours, the mess was finally contained.



Mylar Confetti

Plastic, metallic, foil, or mylar confetti takes a long time to decompose, perhaps more than our lifetime, and it isn't good for animals to ingest. Please take care when celebrating special moments and keep party debris contained in your yard where you can clean it up.

IMPORTANT DATES!

February 15

MCCA Board of Directors meeting 4 pm in MCCA board room

February 20

President's Day—MCCA office closed

March

Budget packet mailed out mid month

March 15

MCCA Board of Directors meeting 4 pm in MCCA board room

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City Chat 6:30 in MCCA board room

April 19

MCCA Budget Meeting

May 6

MCCA Garage Sale Day

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

COMPLIANCE COORDINATOR

Covenant Committee Focus February/March

Committee members are looking at the following in February and March:

- Holiday decorations and lights—everything should be down and put away.
- Debris in driveways, yards, beds, blown out into streets.
- Siding with mold and mildew—Many homes need their siding thoroughly cleaned and repainted. If your house needs new paint you may want to get this scheduled now for the spring or early summer. Please apply with MCCA and receive approval prior to painting.
- Waste and recycle containers in view—It is against MCCA Covenant Restrictions to store or keep any of your waste or recycle containers in view. These containers should be stored after garbage pickup either behind your fence or in the garage. If you need to apply for a fence, please apply with MCCA and receive approval prior to installation.
- Overgrown landscape encroaching into right of way (ROW)—If you have shrubs or ground cover growing outside of your property lines then you need to trim it back, whether it would be growing into a sidewalk, street, common areas, or other private property.
- Fences in need of repair or replacement—If your fence is in need of repair or has declined past repair, this is a time to start thinking getting your project scheduled. Please remember to submit an application to the ACC for approval.

Additional Committee Recommendations

- Take care of broken tree limbs on trees, especially those facing the street and trails.
- Scoop up leaves and debris from curb and place them in your yard waste so the stormwater can freely flow to the storm drain.
- Consider moss treatment in early spring on the driveway, roof, sidewalks, and lawn, as the grass starts to grow again.
- January through March is a good time to plant bare root trees or shrubs.
- April is a great time to get your roof blown. Consider calling your vendor to get on their schedule now before things get busy.

Updated Rules and Regulations and Covenant Fines and Due Process Documents

The new Rules and Regulations and Covenant Fines and Due Process documents were recently mailed or emailed to residents and went into effect January 30, 2023. You can find both of these documents posted on the [MCCA website](#). Click on the [Resident Resources](#) tab and you will find the links to the [Rules and Regulations](#) and [Covenant Fines and Due Process](#) documents.

The [Rules and Regulations](#) document makes it easy for new and existing residents to learn about the major rules and processes in our Association. Unlike the legalese necessary in the Covenant Restrictions, the Rules and Regulations provide our residents with an easy-to-read version of our policies and procedures. We have included information on Association Communication, Assessments and Due Dates, Pet Rules, Rental Rules, and so much more.

In our former documents, our fines were sprinkled throughout the Covenant Committee Guidelines, hard to find, and out of date. With the input of committee members and our attorney, we wrote our [Covenant Fines and Due Process](#) document to help us protect our Association and homeowners. The fines are easy to find and appropriate for the times.

***** PLEASE REMEMBER YOU MUST APPLY WITH MCCA FOR ALL EXTERIOR CHANGES & RECEIVE APPROVAL PRIOR TO ANY CHANGES. *****

Joan Sweeney
Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

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. The best way to control the privacy of your lot is to install the screening structure or plantings within your property lines. 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. MCCA guidelines state that the party building the fence must face the good side toward the neighbor or adjoining property. Please check current guidelines for approved materials and restrictions. **Remember the property owner, is responsible for determining all property lines, locations and related easements. You must receive approval from MCCA and apply for a city fence permit. It is also your responsibility to remove any and ALL debris from Common Area that may result from demo and construction.**

Hedging and Plant Material

Consider green fences (hedges) which might include plantings of rhododendrons, pieris, laurel, or arborvitae. These are just a few suggestions of 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 a quick fix for privacy, they will eventually outgrow their space and need to be removed.

Baby, it's Cold Outside

Despite being in the midst of winter, we are seeing an increasing number of applications for air-conditioning units and heat-pump installations. Summers in the Pacific Northwest aren't what they once were and we understand the need for air-conditioning as we experience excessive heat in the summer months. If you're considering taking the leap to air-conditioning, please remember to obtain written approval from the ACC prior to installation. Consider that any exterior mechanical equipment must be strategically placed to minimize noise impacts to neighbors and screened from view.

Neighborly Considerations

Whether it's a fence, hedge, or air-conditioning unit, if you're making an exterior change that will impact your neighbor, consider discussing with them first. Best outcomes are served when neighbors are informed of changes that may affect them. It is best for our neighborhoods if property owners communicate and work together!

All applications are available on the [Forms](#) page of the MCCA website, or in the ACC Applications folder in the Documents section in PayHOA. Residents can also find applications at the MCCA office.

Noxious Weed Committee

The NWC has begun work in Central Park in Evergreen, targeting areas for an MCCA family friendly planting event on **Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, from 10 to 12!** [Click here to register for the Earth Day event.](#)

Besides removing introduced weeds and preparing for the planting, the NWC has focused on removing larger downed and dried debris that would present a fire hazard to the houses surrounding Central Park. The committee is also doing some pruning for better sight lines to increase the safety of MCCA residents as they walk through Central Park.

At our Saturday, January 21 event, some amazing volunteers achieved the goal of spreading the wood chips that had been delivered by the MCCA Maintenance Team and removing the targeted English ivy in one hour! Thank you to all who volunteered!



The NWC will be hosting two more Saturday events in Central Park to continue spreading wood chips and removing English ivy. **Come out for some fresh air, exercise and a good time on Saturday, February 18, and/or Saturday, March 18, from 10 to 12.** Minors do need to be accompanied by an adult.

Bring your water bottle and gloves! Expect to get dirty! Extra shovels are needed to load the wood chips into the wheel barrows and 5 gallon buckets. A hand tool, such as a trowel or hori hori, will help with removing English ivy.



If you have any questions, contact Jill at mccanwc@outlook.com.

INSPECTIONS & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Observations About Mill Creek History—Darrell Sorenson

I have used a book by Virginia Garhart Peterson as the major source of the details in this article about the history of our development. The book is, "Discover Mill Creek History from 1890 – 2015". Virginia wrote a book about her early family history on the farm she grew up on that became the current Mill Creek.

This story and the book begins by tracing the deeds for the area back to 1891 which is just after the land in our area became part of the new State of Washington on November 11, 1889. The original change of ownership from the US Government was through the Homestead Act in 1890. A little less than 150 acres was sold to Frederic Shaw from the US Government, and our current Mill Creek community is part of that purchase. To start, the land was covered with old growth timber. The merchantable timber was selectively logged and some was cleared to become Lake Dell Farm. The Garhart family became the third owners and the original farm eventually became 800 acres before it was sold



Lake Dell Farm

Photo courtesy of Garhart Family Foundation Archives

to the United Development Company in 1968. The family history book discusses some key points that are now part of what we use as the community association assets. The purpose of this article for the Mill Creek Community Association is so that you can see what is here now and a little history about our property.

The farm included much of the land around Penny Creek and North and West of Seattle Hill Road. The original road, before development, was part of Seattle Hill Road and extended South and West down the hill to the Bothell Everett Highway (where Mill Creek Road is located) at the 164th intersection. The development relocated the Seattle Hill Road.

The Lake Dell Farm was owned by Dr. Garhart in Seattle who had 5 children. After the depression, they spent their summers on the farm. They had a typical farm house, barn, horses, other animals and a garden. There were a few cleared fields to start with and, according to the book, the children learned how to grow fruit and vegetables and raise animals. I had a friend in Friday Harbor who told me she rode a horse at the farm up into the hills and on the Seattle City Light transmission line right of way.

Penny Creek ran through the farm and crossed the Bothell Everett Highway into North Creek. In 1934, Dr. Garhart applied for and got a permit to build a dam across Penny Creek. He hired the Civil Engineering Department of the University of Washington to design and construct the dam and prepare the ground for the pond. The dam had a concrete core surrounded by a dirt fill. The pond area was cleared by the construction crew from the university. According to the book, the original intent was to have irrigation water for the farm and raise trout in the pond. A steel tank was purchased in Seattle and hauled to the area at night on a truck because of the width. Because of it's size, the authorities cleared traffic off of 164th (Martha Lake Road then) to have safe travel.

Then they used ropes to move the tank up the hill to the top of the ridge. The water was pumped to the tank by a hydraulic ram pump that used water pressure from the pond to operate a pump designed for use on a farm. The pump used common plumbing parts to pressurize the water using the water from the pond to move the irrigation water up the hill to the tank. The tank supplied irrigation water to their farm located in the valley. The dam required the construction of the fish ladder so that migrating fish could move up stream.

Observations About Mill Creek History (cont.)

During the time I have lived here I have not seen any fish using the fish ladder, but one can hope. The stream bed is not a nice clean gravel bed that the salmon like to lay their eggs in and return to year after year. I have comments from Tom Murdock at Adopt-a-Stream, and he said that, historically, Penny Creek had migrating Coho Salmon, Steelhead trout and Cut-throat trout.

The current fish ladder had some repair in 1998, but during the daylight you will probably not see many migrating fish. I understand that before the development of Mill Creek there was regular winter migration of Coho Salmon. The current situation is that it has been reported that people have seen fish and eels in the creek. There are still fish in the water but they are hard to spot. The big ones move mostly in the winter high water and at night. If we are to encourage fish in Penny Creek, we need to avoid chemicals and fertilizer on our yards that drain into the stream. Also, plant native plants along the banks to provide shade and enhance the habitat. For more information on this, contact the [Adopt-a-Stream Foundation](#).

The original intent for the pond was to use water on the farm and to raise rainbow trout in the farm pond and earn some revenue from that resource. However, the tannin from the upstream watershed, which has a peat bog, wetland, and Thomas Lake at the head of penny creek (near 35th) caused the trout to turn brown and were, thus, not saleable. The family did use the pond for swimming and rowing a boat around.



Penny Creek before the dam- Photo courtesy of Garhart Family Foundation Archives



Garhart Dam Construction, 1934
Photo courtesy of Garhart Family Foundation Archives

What we see throughout MCCA today is a mix of trees that were left as understory trees when the big fir trees were logged in the 1890's, because they were the merchantable trees. The unlogged trees that were left were hemlock, cedar and smaller fir trees. The fir and other trees that we see now are all second growth. Now we see the older second growth that grew up after 1900 scattered in the subdivisions and in the Nature Preserve. There was an old logging contract in 1900 to harvest the cedar that was suitable for making shingles. The big old cedar trees with lots of knots, we see in the Nature Preserve, survived because the tree was not suitable - so they remain today.

Most of the alder trees in the Nature Preserve are past their prime and are left to die, and when they fall remain in the forest. Many of the old maple trees are the result of multiple stump sprouts on the roots of old maple trees.

Submitted by Darrel Sorenson
Inspection & Engineering Committee member

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

Arts and Beautification Board Openings

The City of Mill Creek is seeking volunteers to fill three vacancies on the Art & Beautification Board. One position was vacated and two terms expired on Oct. 31, 2022. Board members serve for three years and new terms will expire (1) on Oct. 31, 2023 and (2) on Oct. 31, 2026. Art & Beautification Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. via Zoom and/or in person at City Hall South in Council Chambers. The Art and Beautification Board serves as an advisory board to the City Council on matters regarding:

- Design of landscaping for city rights of way, medians, entrances, and other public facilities and city-owned properties.
- Special events and projects to enhance the aesthetics and beauty within and business areas of the city.
- Utilization of the Municipal Art Fund.
- Selection and acquisition of artwork obtained for the city and for all municipal buildings.
- Construction projects; to the extent feasible, the board should be active during preliminary design or construction phases of municipal project to assure orderly integration of artwork into the City.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Art & Beautification Board, please complete the application found at millcreekwa.gov/boards/art_and_beautification_board or request an application by emailing your request to cityclerk@millcreekwa.gov.

Once completed, please email to cityclerk@millcreekwa.gov or deliver to the address below no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, February 10, 2023.

City of Mill Creek
Attn: City Clerk
15728 Main Street
Mill Creek, Washington 98012



Art & Beautification Board Seeking Volunteers



City Chat

Wednesday, March 15th from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. in the MCCA board room.

Join Mayor Brian Holtzclaw and Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Vignal for City Chat in-person – an excellent opportunity to talk openly with city leaders, share suggestions, and learn more about what is happening in the City of Mill Creek.

Important City Dates

February 22	Open House, Meet your Chief of Police, 5:30–7pm, City Hall
March 9	Coffee with a Cop 8:30–11:00 a.m. at Starbucks on 164th in Mill Creek Square
March 15	City Chat 6:30 pm–7:30 pm at the MCCA board room
April 8	Eggstravaganza 10:30 am–12:00 pm at Heatherwood Middle School track

For more information on these and other events visit Millcreekwa.gov/calendar.

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK (CONT.)



Meet Your Chief of Police

Open House

Wednesday, Feb. 22nd
5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Join us for refreshments and
the opportunity to talk with
Chief Stan White.

City Hall South

15728 Main Street
Mill Creek, WA 98012

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

White Birds of Winter

White Birds of Winter have migrated here from Alaska and Canada! Thousands of Trumpeter and Tundra Swans and Snow Geese have flown from the far north to Washington State and further south. On Thursday, February 2 at 7 PM, Northwest Swan Conservation Association (<https://nwswans.org>) Founder and Executive Director Martha Jordon will present a spectacular slide show about these magnificent birds at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's *Northwest Stream Center* in Snohomish County's McCollum Park (600 – 128th Street SE, Everett, WA 98208).

Advance reservations are required by calling 425-316-8592 or going on-line to www.streamkeeper.org. Admission is \$5 for Adopt A Stream Foundation members, \$7 for non-members. Space is limited to no more than 100 and face masks are required in the *Chinook Room* auditorium.

Martha will teach you the myths and facts about these beautiful birds. During this event that is geared for middle school to adult audiences, you will learn about swan and snow geese life history, biology, some the problems and controversies migratory birds face on their wintering grounds here, and what is needed to insure their future.

You will also learn the best places to view these beautiful birds now in Washington State. Through her incredible photographs and videos, Martha will teach you how to tell these birds apart. You can also pick up a free *Swan & Goose Identification Pamphlet* that will be useful on your next *White Birds of Winter* watching excursion!

Photos courtesy of G. Plowman



Snow Goose on Final Approach for Landing



Martha Jordon with a cygnet

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

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.

The MCWC holds meetings every month where our members and their guests enjoy programs and speakers and, of course, lunch! Our Christmas lunch in December included a fun and festive fashion show put on by our MCWC models at the Mill Creek Country Club. These volunteers got a chance to strut their stuff on the cat walk with clothes from J.Jill.

We plan eventful programs and speakers for the enjoyment of our members and guests. 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? There are cooking classes being offered that are some of our most popular gatherings. A club favorite this December was a tea party put on by our Philanthropy committee. Members and their guests enjoyed amazing food, great company and, of course, a hot cup of tea!

February 16

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 is the recipient of 11 Emmys along with several other national awards. Bryan is a born and bred Seattleite. He currently lives in Seattle with his wife and two teenagers and one large goldendoodle. 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.

March 16

Trevor Cameron, the general manager of Sunnyside Nursery in Marysville, will be sharing his wealth of knowledge about everything to do with gardening just in time for spring. Trevor was the Nursery Manager and plant buyer for Wight's nursery in Lynnwood for 20 years. His favorite parts of his job at Sunnyside Nursery are choosing the plants that the nursery carries, stocking garden products with an emphasis on organics, and passing on his love of gardening to his customers. He loves to help customers solve problems or find that perfect plant for their yard. Trevor says that the best part of his job is teaching. He speaks to numerous garden clubs and groups each year and conducts free Saturday classes at the nursery. He will be answering questions so come with yours! This program will be held at Shawn O'Donnell's from 11-1 with doors opening at 10:30.



Trevor Cameron

April 20

This meeting will be at the Mill Creek Country Club from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Morning coffee and pastries will be served. Kari Hovde of the Backstage Foundation will bring students to perform dances they have been working on at her studio. The Backstage Foundation is a non-profit that offers scholarships to young dancers and funds opportunities for them to build their talent and character while fulfilling their dreams and inspiring others. They maintain a simple and clear system of Values: Experience, Community and Opportunity. We look forward to seeing you there!

We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2023-2024 season. The membership fee is \$65 per 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

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

A Stroll Through the Gardens Gives a Helping Hand

Whether you're passionate about gardening, or you just enjoy other people's gardens, the Garden Tour is a great way to have fun and give back. With the success of our 2022 Tour in the books, we were able to fill an urgent need for the Mill Creek Community Food Bank. Heavy usage and weather took a toll on the ramps leading to the food pods. A request for \$3,210 was awarded for repairing the ramp, which covered the cost of treated plywood and a non-slip surface. The food bank recruited qualified volunteers to tackle this renovation which was completed in January. Gathering around the Christmas tree, MCGC President Judy Morrier, Grant Chair Kathi Zehner and officers Nancy Hedges, Kathy Thomas and Connie Hannam gifted our check to appreciative Darlene Whitney and Jennifer Boyington.



Super volunteers repairing the ramp



MCGC board members present the check for garden refurbishing at the DVS confidential shelter

The Garden Club, hoping to get children involved in gardening, supported a heartfelt project with Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County. A \$1,000 grant was awarded for the DVS confidential shelter to refurbish their three raised bed gardens and a blueberry patch for kids, as well as six large, raised bed gardens for adults. The shelter averages 13 Moms and 35 Children seeking haven daily. The funds will be used to purchase 5 yards of compost and manure, child and adult size garden gloves and tools, vegetable seeds and starts, plus fertilizer for the season. Gratefully receiving our check was Lauren Stiger, Special Events and Volunteer Coordinator for DVS. As most gardeners know, digging in the soil is good for the soul. We hope these families discover the joy of gardening.

Getting to the Root of it!

Our grant program is fully funded by our annual garden tour, which requires 30 -35 MCGC members to spend countless hours searching for gardens, designing the tour guide, finding ticket selling locations, procuring sponsors, and welcoming attendees in the gardens on tour day.

Our 7th Annual Mill Creek Garden Tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 22, 2023, stroll along with us. Every garden has a story; tour and help the Garden Club write the book on granting wishes.

MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Spring into Fun Library Events

As winter ends, you are invited to join fun activities with your library. There is something for the whole community to enjoy!

For Kids

Have you picked up your new kids' library card yet? Bring whimsy, excitement, and ownership to visiting the library! Plus, kids can check out our new picture books that talk - kids can simply press play and read along with their favorite books! While you are visiting, explore the Children's area to inspire a love for reading with our **interactive bulletin board**, February will bring **Read Your Heart Out** and March **Spring Into Reading!**



For Movie Buffs

The **Mill Creek Library Oscars Contest** begins on **February 1** and runs until the Academy Awards on **March 13**. Customers can pick up a free Oscars Ballot and fill it out with their predictions of who will win in the big six categories: Best Picture, Best Director, Best Actor, Best Actress, Best Supporting Actor, and Best Supporting Actress. The customer(s) whose prediction is closest will win a gift card from the Friends of the Mill Creek Library for movie tickets to the Anderson School Theater in Bothell.

Library Trivia Night

Grab your cleverest friends and come down to The Northern Public House for **Brains & Brews Pub Trivia**, brought to you by the librarians at the Mill Creek Library. Teams of up to five people will compete for the chance to win glory—and maybe a prize! Trivia starts at 7 pm every first Tuesday of the month. No registration is required, but we recommend you arrive early to secure a table.

For Teens

The Mill Creek Library **Teen Advisory Board** meets the first Wednesday of each month from 4-5 pm. Teens in grades six through twelve discuss age-related concerns, help develop library programs, and talk about books—all while earning volunteer credit. Teens can earn more hours each month by volunteering at library programs, creating bulletin board displays, and writing book recommendations. Snacks included!

We will host an **Anti-Valentine's Day Party for teens** on Friday, **Feb. 10** from 7-9 pm. Don't have a Valentine? Don't worry! There are no hateful hearts here. Join your friends for a night of games, cupcake decorating contest, candy crafts, and more! Pizza, crafts, and cupcakes provided by Friends of the Mill Creek Library. Teens only!

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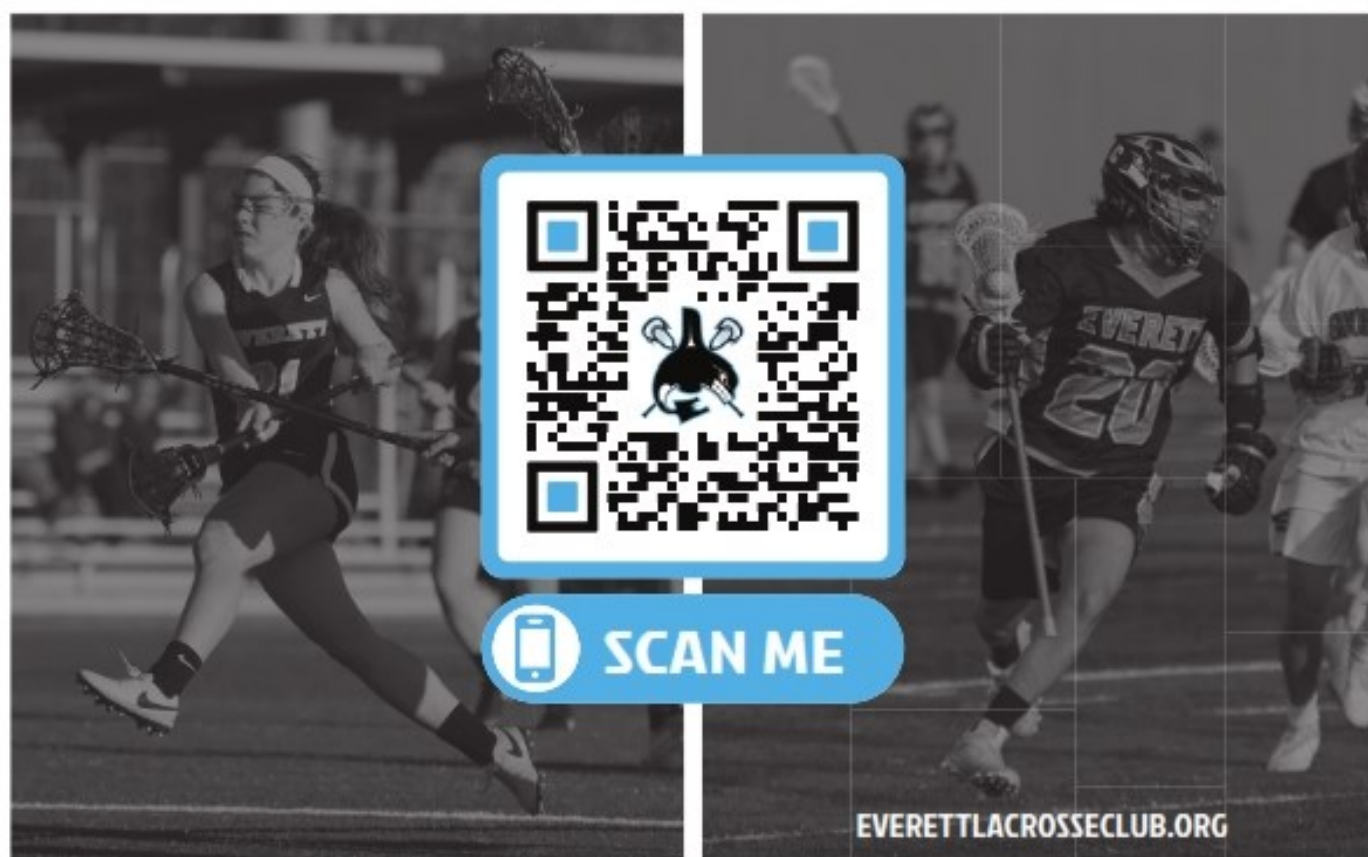
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