



# MillStream

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JAY HIESTER

### April 19<sup>th</sup> Online Budget Meeting at 5:30 pm

By now, members of the Association should have received the MCCA Budget Newsletter and ballot. This annually produced report to the membership outlines the Board of Director's vision for the coming fiscal year that runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. Please keep in mind that the Association's primary purpose is to maintain property values by providing for the maintenance, preservation, and operation of the common properties. In order to achieve this goal, the board and the Association Director use information gathered from residents via the annual survey, committee reports, reserve study, and staff to determine the budget needs for the upcoming year. **The meeting to approve the 2023/2024 proposed budget will be held online on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.** In order to log onto the online meeting, click on the link in the [MCCA calendar](#) on the MCCA website.

The reserve study shows that MCCA is adequately funded for 2023/2024. If you have any questions regarding what is involved in the study, log into your [PayHOA account](#), select the Documents tab, select the Reserve Study folder, and open the MCCA Reserve Study 2023 Final.pdf file.

### Laminated Root Rot

Recently Hilary Bublitz, our Association Director, was interviewed by KIRO 7 regarding the "laminated root rot" problem that has affected many of our trees in the Association. KIRO 7 did a good job of identifying the problem and reporting that effected trees need to be removed to stop other healthy trees from becoming infected. However, they did not clearly report that we will replace the affected trees with trees that are resistant to laminated root rot. Our maintenance team plans to plant replacement trees in October when the fall rains begin.

### Volunteer Opportunities

The Mill Creek Community Association relies on volunteers who donate their time making the Mill Creek Community Association a great place to live. If you have ever thought about how you can help your community and would like to find out more about what committees are available, please contact a committee member or stop in and ask one of the staff members at the MCCA office. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and make new friends.

**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](mailto: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 opt-in to electronic notifications instead of traditional mail by following these steps:



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 use the MillStream to highlight some of these questions and provide a response. Look in the June MillStream for the next installment of questions and answers!

#### **Q: Where does MCCA get the flower baskets?**

**A:** Many of our residents love our flower baskets . The baskets come from the Snohomish Garden Center and they do make some extras which they sell to the public. Each basket is filled with two different colors of petunias and a splash of chartreuse sweet potato vine. We fertilize our baskets with Jack's Petunia FeED fertilizer. Weather permitting, our goal is to hang the flower baskets in time for Mother's Day.

#### **Q: Do you like sending your annual fees to a faceless person in Las Vegas instead of dropping them off at the local office? Is the present process cost effective? It is certainly impersonal.**

**A:** We are always happy to take your annual assessment payment at the office. Our bank, Alliance Bank, does not charge MCCA for receiving the payments mailed to their fulfillment center in Las Vegas. When residents mail their checks directly to Alliance Bank, it frees up MCCA office staff to work on the ACC applications, covenant issues, and other customer service tasks that directly effect our residents. Mailing your check to Alliance Bank or making your payment online through PayHOA are the most cost effective ways to make your annual assessment payment. The least cost-effective way to pay your assessments is to bring cash to the MCCA office. This type of transaction means someone has to physically go to the bank to deposit the money so that one payment requires about 30 minutes of staff time to process. Last year 55% of our residents paid with a paper check (either sent to our office or mailed directly to Alliance Bank), 29% of our residents paid via their Bank Account through PayHOA, 16% paid by credit card through PayHOA, and 1% paid by cash.

#### **Q: Are their consequences for people who walk their dogs without leashes and don't clean up after their dogs? Also throwing the filled green bags all over the place.**

**A:** MCCA Covenants and Mill Creek Municipal Code both have rules about off-leash dogs and pet waste disposal. The challenge is that MCCA can only levy fines against a homeowner. If you can give us the address of the MCCA resident who has an off-leash dog or who is throwing waste into common areas, we will send them a violation letter and invite them to a Covenant Hearing Board meeting where they may be fined up to \$50 for an off-leash dog and \$500 for dumping in common areas. The hard part is finding out which homeowner is responsible. If you have a covenant complaint against a resident, please contact [joan@mcca.info](mailto:joan@mcca.info). The City of Mill Creek has an [Animal Control Regulations brochure](#) that is very informative and tells you how to contact Police Support Officer Larissa Pigott when you run into an animal issue. Unlike MCCA covenants which are only applicable to MCCA residents, Officer Pigott can hold all people who break the pet laws in Mill Creek accountable, so she is a great resource.

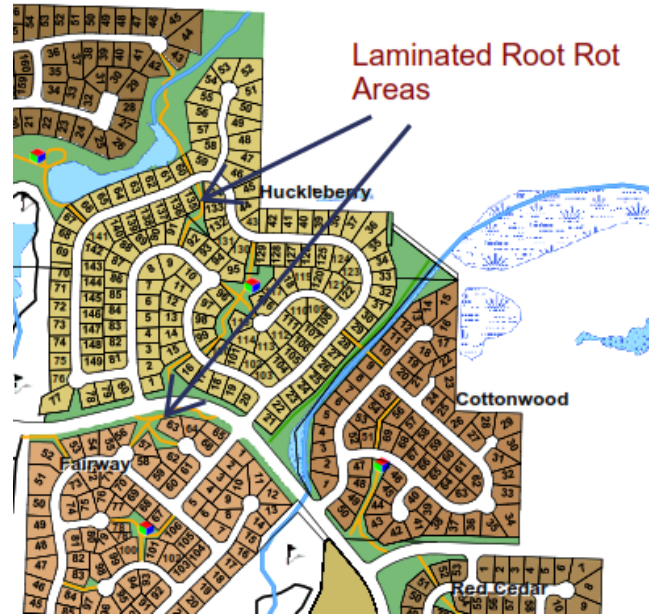


## Laminated Root Rot Mitigation—Update

Please read the [February 2023 MillStream](#) for information on the laminated root rot (LRR) mitigation projects we are working on in MCCA.

We completed removal work in the Huckleberry LRR area and on April 10 we plan to begin work on the Fairway LRR area. The sidewalk on the south side of Village Green drive, west of the Fairway entrance, will be closed for a week. We will re-route foot traffic to the sidewalk on the north side of Village Green Drive which runs along Huckleberry. We will have signs and flaggers in the area while crews are working, please follow their instructions.

As a reminder, our plan is to remove LRR affected trees this spring, and then return to the area to plant in the fall when the rains resume and we hope the rains return in October. We will replant with trees that are resistant to LRR and are working with our arborist, Sal Noeldner, ISA and TRAQ certified, on tree selections.



## MCCA Wildlife

Jason, one of our MCCA Security drivers, has a great eye for detail. He was able to capture a photo of this owl near the Winslow entrance in late March. We are fortunate to be able to see so much wildlife here in Mill Creek!

Please remember that it is always best to leave the wild animals alone and give them a wide buffer. They are unpredictable and may feel that you are provoking them as you move in to get a closer look.

**It is also a good idea to avoid feeding wild animals.** Our squirrels, ducks, geese, etc. do not do well with human food. Plus, any food you leave for these animals will also attract rats and other undesirable critters to your neighborhood. The MCCA office staff have heard many stories of residents who are forced to spend lots of money to repair chewed wires and insulation when squirrels and rats have entered their homes.



Let's all do our part to keep our wildlife healthy and ensure we do not attract rats and squirrels to the area by not feeding the wildlife, no matter how well-meaning we are. Our wildlife will stay healthiest when left to eat their normal diet.

## MCCA Garage Sale – May 6

MCCA has two days per year when garage sales and their associated signage are allowed, they are the first Saturday in May, and the first Saturday in October. **This Spring, the garage sale day is Saturday, May 6.** Generally, residents open their sales around 8 or 9 am, and close them up by 3 pm. MCCA advertises the garage sale day in local publications such as The Mill Creek Living magazine and on the city calendar. Residents are responsible for putting up and removing their own signs, and holding the sale in their driveway or garage. There is no need to sign up for this event. Residents who live in a sub-association without a garage, should contact their sub-association board to determine where they can hold their sale.

Leaving unsold items at the end of your driveway or dropping them on the curb is a violation of MCCA covenants. Please dispose of your unsold items at one of the donation centers listed below. Before you visit, please call ahead or go to their website to learn about their donation guidelines.

**Goodwill Donation Center:** 710 164th St SW, Lynnwood WA 98087

**Helping Hands:** 19213 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Bothell, WA 98012

**St. Vincent De Paul:** 6424 Broadway Everett, WA . Drop off hours 10-2

Hilary Bublitz

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

## IMPORTANT DATES!

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

<b>April 19</b>	MCCA Board of Directors meeting 4 pm in MCCA board room
<b>April 19</b>	MCCA Budget Meeting 5:30 pm (see the <a href="#">MCCA Calendar</a> for link to online meeting)
<b>April 22</b>	Earth Day Event—Central Park in Evergreen
<b>May 6</b>	MCCA Garage Sale Day
<b>May 11 and 12</b>	Arborist Days
<b>May 17</b>	MCCA Board of Directors meeting 4 pm in MCCA board room

## SECURITY DEPARTMENT

It is officially Spring and with longer days we are seeing more people, pets and new drivers out and about. Wearing reflective items of clothing really does help keep pedestrians and pets safe! We are also noticing a lot of garage doors left open. Security will call after 10:00 PM if we see your garage door open. Please be sure to have a current phone number on file with the office so we can contact you if necessary.

I am encouraging everyone to please pay attention to your speed while driving in our community. The speed limit is 25 MPH on most of the roads within MCCA. Some sub-association roads may have a lower speed limit.

**Mill Creek has a Leash Law which is applicable on MCCA trails and parks. The law states that it is unlawful for an owner to allow a dog to run loose.** When off the owner's premises, a dog must be leashed and in the physical control of a person. This law protects your pet as well as others. If you're having a problem with an unleashed dog, contact Animal Control at 425-745-6175. Please remember that Chopper Park is not an off-leash dog park. You can find a list of off-leash dog parks in our area at [BringFido.com](http://BringFido.com).

Please remember that we lock Chopper Park at 9:00 pm. If your car is still there at 9:00 pm the gate will be locked with your car inside. You can retrieve your car when we unlock the park around 7 am each morning.

Lois Dawkins

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



## COVENANT COMMITTEE

### Tree Responsibility

We experienced a few extreme storms this past fall and winter! As a result, some trees are showing signs of stress, some need to be trimmed, and dangerous branches need to be removed. It is your responsibility as a homeowner to maintain your trees and remove dead trees from your property.

If neighboring trees are encroaching on your property, state law allows you to trim back any overhanging branches to your property line, so long as you do not kill or damage the tree. We encourage you to communicate with your neighbor prior to doing any work to a tree that does not belong to you.

Per MCCA Restrictive Covenants, MCCA homeowners must:

- maintain trees and shrubs, including trimming and watering necessary to maintain a landscaped appearance.
- remove dead trees.
- remove tree stumps, except for tree stumps aesthetically incorporated into landscaping plans.

First and foremost, residents must receive approval from the MCCA Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before starting any tree removal or extensive trimming work. If you have concerns regarding any trees on your property, MCCA recommends having an arborist assess your trees. We host Arborist Days twice a year for this purpose. Our May event is already full, but you are welcome to add your name to the fall waitlist. If you don't want to wait, you can find arborist recommendations on the [Service Provider List](#) available on our website.

### Don't Forget to Apply for Exterior Changes!

Last year a few homeowners had to repaint their homes because they had the work done without prior MCCA ACC approval and their color selections were not approvable. Starting a project without MCCA approval can be costly! If you make any exterior changes to your home and those changes are not approvable, you may be fined and asked to remove or replace the exterior change that you made. The fine for completing work without prior approval can range from \$100 to \$1,000. The approval process is easy! Applications can be found on our [website](#) or at the MCCA office. Our ACC volunteers work hard to review applications in a timely manner. The MCCA office staff are here to assist you and welcome your questions!

### Moss Season

The Covenant Committee is happy to see that people are starting to get out and do spring cleaning. We have a few tips about mossy driveways and roofs. Living in the Northwest has its challenges when it comes to moss and it's growing quickly right now. You can get a jump on this problem with baking soda! Yes, baking soda is a powerful and natural moss remover that we use at the MCCA for a fast and safe solution for moss removal. Simply sprinkle the baking soda over your entire driveway, walkways, and decks and let nature take its course. The photos below show the first (left), second (center), and third day (right) after baking soda was applied on the MCCA parking lot. Once the moss dies, it is much easier to remove with a stiff broom or power washer.



## COVENANT COMMITTEE (CONT.)

The Covenant Committee is also noticing a substantial number of residents that are allowing their landscape plants to protrude over the curbs and sidewalks and obscure road signs. If you have ground cover, shrubs, or trees growing over the curb into the street or sidewalks, whether it be in the front or back of your property, know that the City of Mill Creek's Municipal Code requires that property owners must maintain their landscaping to the curb. The city says that all right of ways must be clear of vegetation and other hazards that block the pathway or interfere with safe pedestrian use. Vegetation must be maintained so it does not overhang any portion of the curb; that includes 7 feet above the city sidewalk and 14 feet above the road, and does not obscure any traffic control device or signage. Please take a few moments to look at your property and remove or trim vegetation that is growing out into the road or blocking signage.

### 2023 Home Improvement Projects

Now is the time to call service providers and get on their schedules for this year. Here are a few of the projects you should consider submitting an ACC application and calling vendors about now:

- Roof cleaning (April is a good time to consider blowing debris off the roof.)
- Exterior painting
- Fence and concrete/cleaning and treatment
- New fence/roof/driveway/walkways/major landscape
- A/C & heat pump installations (you must apply first and show how the unit will be screened from view)

If you have questions regarding an upcoming project feel free to call (425-316-3344) or email ([info@mcca.info](mailto:info@mcca.info)) us at the MCCA office. We are always here to answer your questions.

### MCCA Restrictive Covenants

All of the projects that have been addressed in this article are to be complied with as stated in the [Amended and Restated Mill Creek Declaration of Restrictive Covenants](#). You can find this document as well as the [Rules and Regulations](#) and [Covenant Fine Schedule](#), on the MCCA [website](#).

If working with the Covenant Committee is something that interests you, we are always looking for more volunteers. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

The Covenant Committee and I want to thank you for making Mill Creek Community Association a beautiful place to live! Happy Spring!

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

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

### Awnings and Gazebos/Sun Shelters

As we approach warmer temperatures, you may be considering ways to minimize the heat in your home while maximizing your outdoor space. A few popular additions to homes are retractable awnings or ready-to-assemble gazebos/sun shelters. As with other exterior changes to your home, these items will require approval prior to installation. Please use the [Additions Application](#), available on the Forms page of our [website](#).

Gaining approval for your awning or gazebo/sun shelter installation largely relies on specific requirements. **For awnings, all rails, housings, and other components must blend into the structure's color to which it is attached.**

Here are the basic pieces of information that we would like to see on your application:

- Dimensions of the window, patio, or porch you wish to modify
- Photos of the area where the awning or gazebo/sun shelter would be installed
- Color, fabric, and pattern of the awning
- Dimensions and photo of gazebo/sun shelter you are proposing

If you mistakenly assume that you don't need permission, you may be required to dismantle your fixture at your cost. As always, with any major exterior changes, it is a good idea to advise your neighbors of projects that may affect them.

### Sunscreens for Windows

If you're strictly looking to reduce the heat in your home, a solution to consider that does not require approval would be *interior* solar shades. These are readily available through various window covering providers. Interior solar shades can reduce heat by blocking the amount of sunlight coming into a space, without sacrificing your view. **Sunscreens for windows are permitted on the inside of the window only.**

### Call 811 Before You Dig!

As you consider adding new plantings to your yard this spring, please remember that underground utilities, including electric and natural gas lines, should be considered prior to planting. The depth of underground utilities can vary, so it is important to plant smaller growing shrubs and ground cover within five feet on each side of the natural gas line, PUD, cable, water or utility box. To find out where underground facilities are located before planting, **call 811 before you dig**. In addition, utility companies are permitted to access private property within their easements to conduct any work to their lines or junction boxes. In some cases, this means disturbing established landscaping, which they are not required to replace. Great things to keep in mind as you plan your landscaping!

The Architectural Control Committee



## NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

If you have walked through Central Park in Evergreen recently, you will notice the progress being made by the Noxious Weed Committee with the help of the MCCA Maintenance Team! Two areas are now ready to be planted with trees, snowberry, and sword ferns. If you are interested in being part of this event, please join us on **Earth Day, Saturday, April 22**, from 10:00 AM–12:00 PM! **Registration is necessary to ensure your T-shirt is ordered and to enter your name into a prize drawing.** You can [click here to register!](#)

This will be a family friendly event. You need only to bring some gloves, a shovel, and a water bottle. We will have snacks for everyone. Expect to get dirty!

Treasures, good and bad, are uncovered in the process of English ivy removal! This process in Central Park will be put on hold once the weather warms up and the soil dries out, due to the inability to get more of the roots and the risk of encountering hornets. Once the rains returns, work will continue; and over time native plants will be introduced.

**Please remember, do not dump your yard waste or throw out your old potted plants into MCCA common areas.** Grass clippings are not benign, and potted plants may still have roots that are alive. So many of our non-native species are introduced in this way. The wind blows the waste around and critters traipse through and spread the unwanted species further (to include creeping yellow buttercup, yellow archangel, English ivy, and periwinkle). The NWC, along with our Maintenance Team, needs your cooperation in helping to restore our common areas to native plants.

Contact Jill if you have any questions at [mccanwc@outlook.com](mailto:mccanwc@outlook.com).



Jill Cheeseman,  
Chair, Noxious Weed Committee



## INSPECTIONS & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

### Chemoautotrophs in the Nature Preserve

As you walk through the nature preserve, you might stumble upon a most hideous sight near the basketball court at Chopper Park: an oozing, sometimes smelly, orange sludge. Have no fear though, this sludge is just our friendly neighborhood chemoautotroph, or for all us non-scientists, bacteria that feeds on iron.

This bacteria just needs a few things to live: iron, oxygen, and light. Ferrous iron is found in low-oxygen places and is dissolved in water deep within our water table. This iron bubbles up through natural springs in the earth and is deposited near the Chopper Park basketball court. The bacteria eat this and produce ferric iron, which cannot be dissolved in water. That orange color you see in the nature preserve is ferric iron combined with a few other byproducts from the bacteria, and can look slimy or stringy.

One of the other byproducts is hydrogen sulfide, which smells like rotten eggs. Depending on the species of active bacteria, you might not always encounter this smell. Lastly, you might see what looks like an oil spill on the water. This is actually dead bacteria floating in what is called a biofilm. You can tell the difference between this and petrochemicals by breaking up the film with a stick. If there is a fracture where your stick was, it is a biofilm. If the film comes back together entirely, it is most likely an oil or gas spill.

Some of you may be wondering how to get rid of the goop, as there is no way something that shape and color is safe. Thankfully, you don't have to worry. The water and bacteria that live in it are non-toxic for animals (including us humans). The only time it poses a problem for us is when it is present in a well and that's only because it clogs up the filters, not because it is dangerous.

Next time you go for a walk and see the slime, let yourself marvel at the many ways nature feeds itself. Perhaps you'll start to see it as you would a nurse log with a myriad of green shoots growing out of it, or a stump covered in all manner of moss and lichen.

### Beard Frost

Final fun fact, this beard frost (or hair ice) pictured below grows specifically from dead wood broken down by fungus. It is another phenomenon we are lucky enough to experience in our nature preserve during winter.



Sam Tjoelker,  
Vice Chair, Inspections & Engineering Committee

## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

### Easter Eggstravaganza!

Join the City of Mill Creek on Saturday, April 8, for our annual Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt. Enjoy games and other family-friendly activities fueled by sugar and Starbucks coffee from 10:30 a.m. to Noon at Heatherwood Middle School track (1419 Trillium Blvd. SE, Mill Creek).

Our generous event sponsors include Stellar Kids Dentistry, Town & Country Market, Starbucks, Code Ninjas, Xfinity, Elevated Sportz, State Farm - Chris Jones, and Waste Management (WM), who make this free community event possible - thank you!

A huge thanks to our volunteers, including the Mill Creek Police Department & Citizens Patrol, South County Fire, Mill Creek Rotary, North Creek Rotary, Mill Creek Youth Advisory Board, Mill Creek YMCA, North Creek Kiwanis Key Club, Mill Creek Community Food Bank, Boy Scout Troop 35, and many more!

Parking is limited; we encourage you to walk, bike, or carpool.

Please bring a canned food donation to help support the Mill Creek Community Food Bank.

### City Chat

On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm MCCA residents met with City Manager Yamamoto and Deputy City Manager Brock in the MCCA board room. MCCA residents enjoyed a lively discussion about issues effecting our city.



**The next City Chat is scheduled for Wednesday, May 17 from 6–7 pm in the Jackson High School Library (1508 136th St SE, Mill Creek, WA). We look forward to seeing you there.**

### Dog Walker Watch

The Mill Creek Police Department wants you to join the Dog Walker Watch! The Mill Creek Police Department is hosting a FREE one day class to provide resources for neighbors to help keep our neighborhoods safe. The class is sponsored by the Dog Walker Watch program, under NATW (National Association of Town Watch). Learn how to effectively observe and report suspicious activity while out walking your dog. The class is a half hour in-class training. All are welcome (children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). Please register [online](#).

### Police Citizens Academy

Facebook event page: <https://fb.me/e/GwVZQ98V>

The Mill Creek Police Department is offering a 5-week Police Citizens Academy for anyone who is interested in learning more about police operations and procedures. Participants will get a first-hand look at the work of Mill Creek Police and the ways they serve our community. Learn more and apply [online](#). Applications accepted until May 1, 2023.



MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK (CONT.)

CITY OF MillCreek WASHINGTON

THE CITY OF MILL CREEK  
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*Eggstravaganza*  
**EGG HUNTS**

FREE EGG HUNT FOR FAMILIES

**SATURDAY, APRIL 8 2023**

*Heatherwood Middle School*  
HEATHERWOOD TRACK • 1419 TRILLIUM BLVD SE

**EVENT BEGINS ♦ 10:30 AM**  
EGG HUNT (AGE 1-4) ♦ 11:00 AM  
EGG HUNT (GRADES K-5) ♦ 11:45 AM

PLEASE BRING A CANNED FOOD DONATION FOR  
THE MILL CREEK FOOD BANK AND A BAG OR A  
BASKET TO COLLECT EGGS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE MILL CREEK POLICE DEPARTMENT

### Gift Card Scams Continue

The Mill Creek Police Department would like to remind citizens of gift card scams that continue to affect our region. Please educate yourself to help prevent this from happening to you and your loved ones.

Ransomware is a popular scam that is a type of malicious software, or malware, that prevents you from accessing your computer files and demands you pay a ransom for their return. Pressure scams focus on issues such as your family or bank accounts. Once the victim feels threatened, the scammer demands the purchase of large amounts of gift cards to remedy the "issue." The [Federal Trade Commission](#) (FTC) says Amazon is now the top brand used for impersonation, recently surpassing Social Security Administration and Publishers Clearing House.

The FTC recently said in a news release, "If you find yourself heading to the store to buy gift cards because someone on the phone told you so, stop." No government entity, tech support, or utilities will ever ask you for payment in the form of a gift card. If the caller threatens you or your family, hang up immediately and call your local police department. These scams are also targeting the elderly, so it is important to have conversations with your loved ones regarding these scams.

If you or any of your family has been a victim of a gift card scam, report it to your local police department and the [Federal Trade Commission](#).

## MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

### Trauma Season is Just Around the Corner

Spring traditionally signals the start of "trauma season" which refers to an upturn in injuries that require emergency care. Here are some tips to keep you and your family safe this season:

- Test your smoke alarms and replace alarms that are older than 10 years.
- Test your Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms and replace per manufactures instructions.
- Plan and practice a home fire escape plan with the whole family.
- Stay in the kitchen when frying or broiling or while grilling.
- Keep matches and lighters out of reach of children.
- Learn CPR and know where to find the nearest AED.
- Be prepared and know what you will do in an emergency.

South County Fire is dedicated to preserving life and property for those we serve. One way we do that is through public education. We are proud to offer free classes and presentations, online or in person, in a variety of topics. Visit our website to learn more: [www.southsnofire.org/community-programs](http://www.southsnofire.org/community-programs).

# SPRING SAFETY CHECKLIST



## Smoke Alarms

- Replace smoke alarms older than 10 years (pertains to battery and wired alarms).
- Test alarms monthly.
- Install smoke alarms in all sleeping areas, outside each sleeping area and every floor level.

## Carbon Monoxide (CO)

- Install CO alarms outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.
- Go outside and call 9-1-1:
  - If the alarm is beeping continuously.
  - You feel sudden dizziness, headache, vomiting or flu like symptoms.

## Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home showing all exits.
- Can't escape? Stay in place, call 911
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed.

## Smoking Safety

- Only smoke outside, in approved areas.
- Do not discard cigarettes in vegetation such as mulch, potted plants or landscaping. Only use a deep, metal, sturdy ashtray.
- Keep matches & lighters away from children.

## Clean Dryer

- Clean the lint filter after each load of laundry.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of clutter.

## Electrical Cords

- Don't overload extension cords and outlets.
- Do not run cords under carpets or across doorways -- causing a tripping hazard.
- Plug major appliances directly into wall sockets.

## Clean Cooking Equipment

- Clean cooking equipment after each use. Remove food particles and grease residue.
- Keep your stovetop clear of anything that can catch fire like paper towels, food packaging, etc.
- Always stay in the kitchen when you are cooking.

## Outdoor Fire Safety

- Follow apartment regulations for grill use.
- Lock up lighters/matches when not in use.
- Move any flammable material away from wall.

## Window Safety

- Use window stops to prevent a child from falling.
- Only open windows less than 4 inches
- Move furniture away from windows.

## Other Safety

- Learn CPR.
- See something dangerous? Say something.
- Be prepared and know what you will do in an emergency.



Visit us at [www.southsnofire.org/communityprograms](http://www.southsnofire.org/communityprograms) or call 425-320-5800





MILL CREEK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



MILL CREEK TOWN CENTER  
*Spring*  
**Wine Walk**  
*Additional beer and cider options*



**Saturday, May 6**  
**4pm – 7pm**

**\$25 Advance/\$ 35 Door**  
[tinyurl.com/MillCreekSpring](http://tinyurl.com/MillCreekSpring)





**Wineries**

- Bacovino
- Category 5 Cellars
- Cavelero Hill Cellars
- Cedergreen Cellars
- Drum Roll Wine
- Elevation Cellars
- Martedi Winery
- Michael Florentino
- Nachess Heights Vineyard
- Red Earth / WineHunter
- Sin Banderas Wines
- Structure Cellars

**Cider / Beer**

- Republic of Cider
- Greenwood Cider
- Barley POP! Brewing
- Watts Brewing Company
- Independent Perry

**Enjoy food, shopping, music  
 and art as you stroll the  
 Mill Creek Town Center  
 and sample the Northwest’s finest  
 boutique wines, cider and beer.**

**Tickets available online at :  
[www.tinyurl.com/millcreekspring](http://www.tinyurl.com/millcreekspring)**

**Cost includes 10 tastings and souvenir glass.**



Additional tastings available for purchase at event.



MILL CREEK TOWN CENTER

**Participating Merchants**

- Kate’s Gifts
- Artisan Custom Framing
- China City
- Lilac and Lemon
- Brooklyn Brothers Pizza
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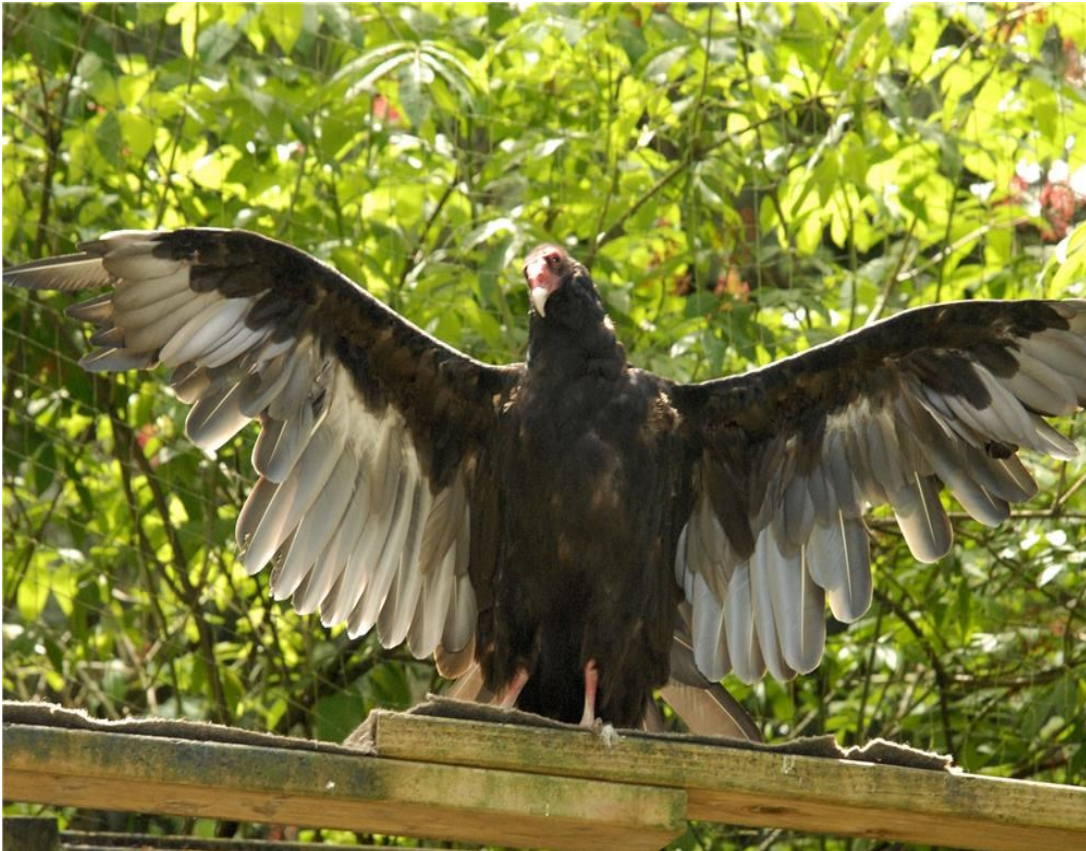
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## NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

### The Ghastly Gourmet—All About Turkey Vultures!

The Adopt A Stream Foundation's (AASF) *Streamkeeper Academy* presents the *Ghastly Gourmet* – a lively show about Turkey Vultures, 1pm Saturday April 1st, at AASF's Northwest Stream Center located in Snohomish County's McCollum Park, 600 -128<sup>th</sup> Street SE, Everett WA 98208. Purchase tickets online ([www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org)) or by calling 425-315-8592.

\$5 AASF members; \$7 non-members. *Ghastly Gourmet* is geared for first graders to old grey beards!



Aura, the turkey vulture

The star of the show is *Aura* shown above, who will be on the arm of the *Vulture Lady*, Barbara Ogaard from the Sarvey Wildlife Care Center. Ogaard, who's other pseudonym is the *Bat Lady*, will entertain and, just maybe, gross you out with all kinds of "must know vulture facts." Not just their choice of foods, how their digestive system works, how they cool themselves off while walking around, but ghastly tidbits about turkey vulture family life as well. The *Vulture Lady* and *Aura* will reveal the life history of turkey vultures and a lot of cool science about these highflyers that have been observed by airline pilots cruising above 20,000 feet!

"*Aura* developed a feather problem that prevented her from flying," says Sarvey's Barbara Ogaard. "She was found by the side of a road quite emaciated. We were able to get her eating, and now, I think she is quite lovely." Unfortunately, her feather problems could not be fixed, and she could not be returned to the wild. *Aura* now spends her time teaching people about natural waste management!

Attend this event, and you will gain a great appreciation for this bird whose scientific name is *Cathartes aura*: Latin for "cleansing breeze."

## 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! 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!

### 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!

### May 18<sup>th</sup>

We will be entertained in an interactive show by Last Leaf Productions, a non-profit touring theater company based in Monroe. Last Leaf's mission is to produce and perform educational and entertaining touring theater for communities and families in Washington State with an emphasis on rural or under-served areas. This will likely be a murder mystery! This meeting will be at the Mill Creek Country Club from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM. Doors open at 10:30 AM.

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](mailto:membershipmcwc@gmail.com)



## MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

### Oh, La, La - A Cisco Surprise

The room is electric when garden guru Ciscoe Morris is booked to speak. At our March meeting many members greeted him with “Oh La La!” t-shirts (his trademark expression) and waving paddle signs when he was introduced. The signs featured some of his most well-known expressions like, “Eat your Brussels Sprouts.” Ciscoe was almost speechless, but he carried on in his indubitable style.

Lila Johnson, MCGC Publicity Chair



Where's Ciscoe? He's surrounded by some of our enthusiastic members!

### Garden-based Learning Goes to Schools



MCGC members handover the check to Hallie Sykes

As gardens are springing to life, the Mill Creek Garden Club is excited to award a grant to Farmer Frog for its newest initiative! We have partnered with them before in bringing garden-based learning to Olivia Park and Discovery Elementary Schools, but this is the first opportunity since the lockdowns!

We are providing funding for two Urban Farmer Educators who are trained School Garden Coordinators and Environmental Educators. They will work with the lead teachers in each school to align garden-based activities with curriculum standards. They will also provide planning and training to enable teachers to move seamlessly into the garden with hands-on activities for their students along with the support of the Urban Farmer Educators.

This initiative includes a Teacher Externship, a two week teacher workshop at Farmer Frog HQ, Woodinville. After completing the workshop, each teacher will receive a \$500 stipend. These dedicated teachers, Fred Collins and Heather Smith, have already committed to being the lead liaison for the programs in their school.

Garden Club will be providing seeds, compost, totes and kid’s garden gloves, clipboards, magnifying lenses, trays and indoor grow sets for classes who can’t get outside. This program is part of a larger Farmer Frog initiative focused on empowering teachers by creating a calendar of cross grade level activities which also includes engaging families in community-building gardening events. The Mill Creek Garden Club is very excited to be supporting this new and meaningful program.

This completes our grant awards for the 2022-23 year, having been given a total of \$8,500; thanks to the amazing supporters of our Mill Creek Garden Tour!

Kathi Zehner, MCGC Grants Chair



## MILL CREEK LIBRARY

### Think Green at the Library this Spring

Sno-Isle Libraries has something for green thumbs of all levels! Explore articles and handbooks on Gardening and Horticulture with Gale\_One File. Check out books about native gardening to beekeeping to orchids, our staff are here to help you find the right book for your green thumb! Find out more with a visit to the Mill Creek Library!

Do you have elementary-aged children who will need something to do for **Spring Break** (April 3 to 7 and April 10 to 14)? Stop by between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM to create nature-inspired crafts, learn about our native trees and bees and more! For ages 5 to 12 years old. No registration required.



**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** is back! Join us for a storytime on Saturday, April 29 at 5:00 PM. After we share stories and create a craft, we will say goodnight to the stuffies. On Sunday, pick up your stuffy and see what they got up to! For ages 2 to 12 years. No registration required.

### 日本語 ファミリーストーリータイム!

**Japanese Storytime** will be held April 22, May 13, and May 27 from 9:30–10:30 AM. Families can enjoy stories, song, and creative activities together in Japanese to prepare for the wonder of reading.

Do you know teens with a community service graduation requirement? We have **Drop-In Volunteering for Teens** on Saturdays April 15 and May 20 from 10:00–11:00 AM. Meet other teens in your community while you help us prepare storytime crafts, cut shapes, sort puzzle pieces, and more. Plus, you can ask questions and learn more about our Teen Advisory Board and other teen programs. Bring a friend! For ages 12 to 18, or grades 6 to 12.

Teens are also invited to come to **Teen Game Night** on Friday April 21 and May 12 from 7:00–9:00 PM. Enjoy after-hours with teens-only for a night filled with games, snacks, and hanging out. For ages 12 to 18, or grades 6 to 12.

April is **National Poetry Month**, an occasion that celebrates poets' integral role in our culture and reminds us poetry matters. You will find displays and collections including a broad range of writings by national and international poets at the library. Make sure to see our interactive bulletin board in the children's area!

Take the library with you! Download the [Sno-Isle Libraries app](#) to explore our catalog, books, and movie pages to browse the almost 2 million items available to you!

### Library Hours

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

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