



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JAY HIESTER

Finally, Spring Has Sprung!

As I drive around our Mill Creek neighborhoods, it is refreshing to see people working in their yards getting them ready for summer. In conjunction with yards, the Association Office has received numerous requests to allow artificial turf in front yards. Up until now, artificial turf was only allowed in back and side yards with approval of the ACC. However, after much deliberation and research the Board has approved the use of artificial turf in front yards. NOTE: ACC approval is required for any installation of artificial turf in either the front, side, or back yard. For information on artificial turf, please refer to the MCCA [Rules & Regulations](#) document posted on the [Resident Resources](#) page of our website and then scroll to "Artificial Turf."

Volunteer Opportunities

The Association is looking for volunteers to serve on our Architectural Control, Covenant, Noxious Weed, Trail Ambassador and Inspection & Engineering committees. You can learn more about our committees on the [Committees](#) page of our website. If you are interested in serving on the board in the future, we recommend prior committee experience so please consider joining one of our committees. If you are already on a committee and are interested in serving on the MCCA Board of Directors, please contact Hilary (hilary@mcca.info) by June 21 so she can send you the board application packet. Remember, without our volunteers Mill Creek would not be the beautiful place that it is today. Volunteering is also a great way to meet new and interesting people, some of whom may be your neighbors.

Important Dates!

Please visit the MCCA Calendar on the MCCA website for updated information regarding our meetings and events.

June 19–23	Beautiful Yard Awards
June 21	Last day to request Board Member Interest Forms
July 1	Annual assessment due paid in full
July 4	MCCA office closed
August 1	All overdue accounts receive \$25 late payment fee

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 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.



MCCA Assessment Payments—Due July 1!

We thank the many members who have already paid the 2023/2024 assessment. Thank you for being so prompt! Per our [Collections Policy](#), the assessment is due paid in full by July 1. Invoices were mailed out to all single family home residents in late May. If you haven't received your invoice, please contact the MCCA office (info@mcca.info) and we are happy to send you a copy. For our townhome and condominium residents, your sub-association board receives the invoice and pays your annual MCCA assessment on your behalf. Some sub-association boards include the MCCA assessment in the monthly dues, other boards collect the MCCA assessment annually from their residents.

Please be prepared and do not leave your payment until the last minute. The MCCA board extends a 30 day grace period in July, but a late fee of \$25 will be assessed to accounts with outstanding balances on August 1. If you choose to rely on the mail, please pay well in advance to ensure your payment reaches us by July 31.

Annual Survey Questions and Answers

Look in the August MillStream for the next installment of questions and answers!

Q: Parking and sidewalks: I notice that many no parking signs are covered with moss/mildew so badly that you can't even read them. The dots outlining the sidewalks are missing in many places too.

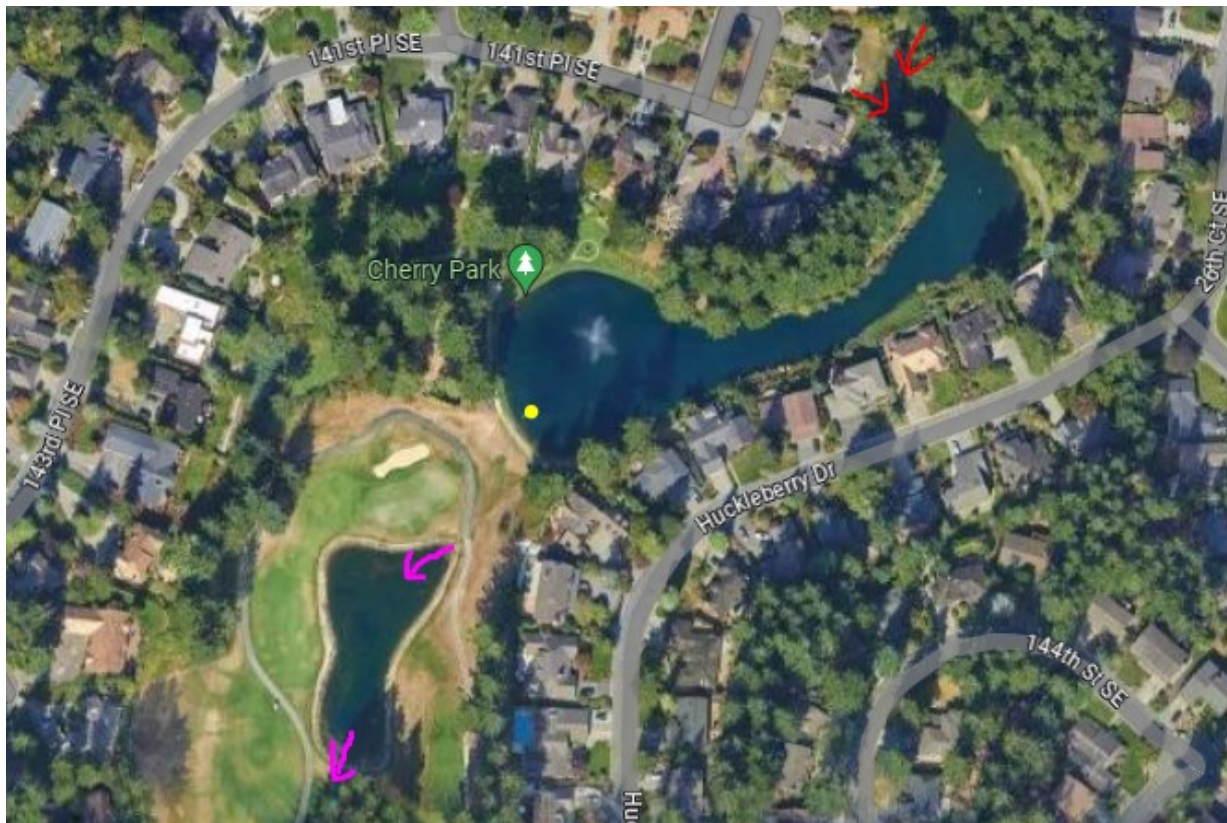
A: Street parking, signage and the raised pavement markers (RPMs) that designate the walking path along many roads are all owned and maintained by the city of Mill Creek, not the Mill Creek Community Association. The city has completed several phases of RPM replacement in various divisions over the last few years. If you have a city sign on your property that is obscured by branches or algae, please trim trees and shrubs or give the sign a quick scrub. Keeping these signs visible is a responsibility we all share and just a little bit of work can make a huge difference in the safety of our community.

Q: Why can't residents file an anonymous compliance complaint?

A: The first reason is that we will only work on complaints submitted by another MCCA member so we must verify that the person submitting the complaint is an MCCA resident. The second reason is that state statutes, and our federal legal system, operate on the pretext that a person has the right to know their accuser. MCCA is careful to abide by the law so we do not have to put time and money towards a legal suit. We understand a resident's desire not to have their name involved in a complaint, and will make every effort not to broadcast the name of a complainant. There are situations, like noise or backyard issues, where it is very difficult to pursue the matter and not have a resident figure out the origin of the complaint. When an issue arises, the best course of action is always to talk with your neighbor first, then contact the MCCA office if you cannot achieve a satisfactory resolution. We frequently find a resident is unaware of the issue and they are willing to change their actions to alleviate the situation.

Upcoming Cherry Pond Catch Basin Project

Cherry Pond is one of the many stormwater ponds maintained by MCCA. The pond is located between Huckleberry and Vine Maple and takes stormwater from those divisions as well as areas outside of MCCA. The water then flows through a catch basin, which operates as a flow control structure, located on the playground side of the pond into the golf course pond and from there into Penny Creek. In the picture below, the red arrows in the top right corner shows the major points where storm water enters Cherry Pond. The yellow circle is the location of the catch basin, and the pink arrows show where water from Cherry Pond flows into the golf course pond and then out to the creek.

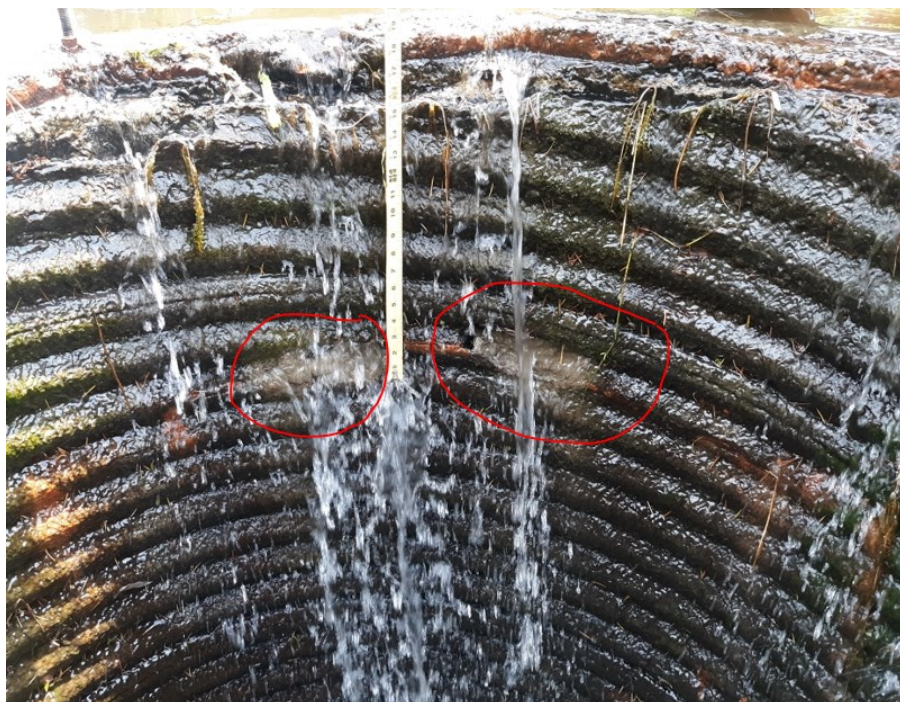


The 48" corrugated steel catch basin is the large structure near the playground, topped with a grate. This structure ensures that excess water from the pond flows into the golf course pond and then into Penny Creek. You can see the top of the catch basin below:



Upcoming Cherry Pond Catch Basin Project (cont.)

In May 2022, our maintenance manager, Craig Williams, noticed that the pond level was unusually low and found that the corrugated steel culvert used in the catch basin had rusted through and was leaking below the water line in several places. Fortunately, Craig was able to temporarily patch the larger holes, but the culvert is rusted in many areas and requires replacement. Two of these patched holes are circled in red in the picture below:



We first consulted with the City of Mill Creek who permitted our project. We then considered bids from several vendors. The Board accepted the bid from Currie Construction to replace the old 48" corrugated steel catch basin with a 48" concrete type-2 catch basin. Once this new basin is installed, we will not have to worry about rust again.

Replacing the catch basin is a lengthy project which starts with dewatering the pond. After July 4th, MCCA will turn off the well that keeps the pond full in the summer and start the slow process of pumping water into the golf course pond. We will make an effort to rehome any fish we find. Because we do not have any information regarding previous efforts to drain the pond, we are not sure how long it will take. Since the overflow from Cherry Pond fills the golf course pond, you may notice a lower water level in that pond as well. We need to start the dewatering process in July to give the bottom of Cherry Pond time to dry out so our contractor can dig up and replace the catch basin in August.

If July is dry, as is usual for our climate, we hope to start the catch basin replacement project in early August. During the project we will close a large portion of the path to give our contractor room to work with their heavy equipment. We will provide a safety corridor through the grassy area between the golf course and trail along Cherry Pond so people can safely walk through the west side of Cherry Park from Vine Maple to Huckleberry. Please use caution as you travel through the park and obey all signs and construction personnel in the area.

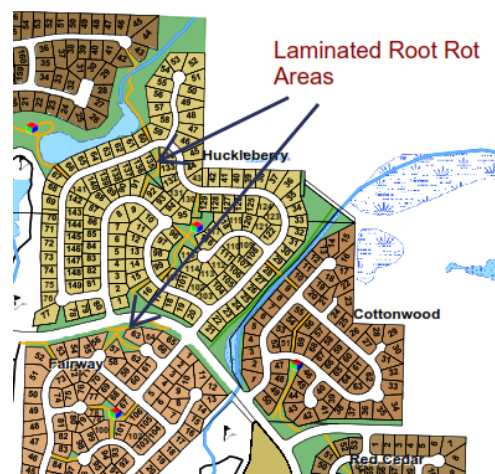
Once the construction is complete, we will turn on the well and refill the pond. Again, we are not certain how long it will take for the pond to refill. While this project is a new one for us, Currie Construction is very familiar with this type of project so we are in good hands and trust that everything will progress smoothly. The process of draining and then refilling the pond will likely take much longer than the work to replace the catch basin. Read the August issue of the MillStream for an update on this project.

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.

Sal Noeldner took three more samples and sent them to the lab for examination. We are very happy to report that all three samples tested negative for LRR so the cutting phase of this project is complete.

As a reminder we will return to these areas to plant in the fall when the rains resume, October is our target. We will replant with trees and understory plantings that are resistant to LRR.



MCCA Bunnies and Birds

We are well into spring and the bunnies are everywhere. If you are having trouble keeping your flowers and shrubs safe from hungry rabbits, consider installing a hardware cloth shield around your prized plants. The Noxious Weed Committee regularly uses this strategy in our common areas to protect young plants from hungry wildlife such as bunnies and mountain beavers. Simply cut a length of hardware cloth and use zip ties to keep it circled around your plant.

The photo on the right was taken by Britt Brouwer, an Aspen resident. Recently MCCA had to remove a tree behind her home. Instead of completely removing the tree, we asked the tree cutter to leave a snag. Trees left as snags provide habitat for wildlife. You can read more about the benefits of snags on the [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website](#). Britt reports that the snag we left behind her home has provided her with a wonderful view of squirrels and pileated woodpeckers.



Pileated woodpecker enjoying a snag—Photo by

Artificial Turf

We have noticed several resident asking about artificial turf over the past few years. Last year the ACC revised our artificial turf guidelines for the backyard. We have heard your concerns about water usage, our hot summers, and the board took some time to revisit the subject of artificial turf this past winter. This year, the board voted to extend the use of artificial turf and has approved it (with specific parameters) for use in the front yard. Please note: if you want to install artificial turf, you need to submit a landscape application and obtain approval from the ACC. The ACC will approve premium, high quality products that appear to be real grass. **A minimum weight per square of 80 ounces and a minimum blade length of 1.5 inches is required.** Residents are required to follow a proper installation process as recommended by the manufacturer and the turf must remain flat and firmly anchored to the ground. **Like real grass, turf must be maintained by removing leaves, debris, weeds, and moss as necessary.** Read about all the artificial turf guidelines in the [Rules and Regulations](#) document.

Hilary Bublitz
Association Director, hilary@mcca.info

A MESSAGE FROM MAINTENANCE

Parks in the MCCA

As the weather warms up and family trips to the park become frequent, please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the parks available in the MCCA and appropriate usage-age for each. We are consistently working to bring each park into compliance to reduce the risk of injuries. If you happen to notice park equipment in need of repair or debris in our parks, please contact the office at info@mcca.info so we can take immediate action to resolve the issue.

PARK	EQUIPMENT	AGE
Big Rock	Tot swing and regular swing	2-12
Cherry	Regular swing	2-12
Chopper	Tot swing and regular swing	2-12
Cottonwood	No swing	5-12
Douglas Fir	No swing	2-12
Fairway	Tire swing	5-12
Holly	Regular swing	2-12
Huckleberry	Regular swing	5-12
Red Cedar	Tot swing and regular swing	2-12
Wildwood (Spring Tree)	Tot swing and regular swing	2-12
Sunrise	No swing	2-12
Sweetwater	No swing	5-12

Playground Safety Tips

Remove Drawstrings

Hoodies with neck drawstrings or scarves can get caught on slides or other equipment. Please remove these before your children play on the playground.

Check for Hot Surfaces

Playground equipment in direct sunlight can reach temperatures high enough to cause serious burn or injury. Use your hand to check the temperature of slides and other surfaces before your children use the equipment.

Remove Helmets

Wearing a helmet while using playground equipment is not recommended. The straps on a helmet become a hazard and can get caught on equipment. Please remind your children to remove their bike helmets while playing on the playground.

MCCA Maintenance

SECURITY

Security House Checks: Why and When

If you have never utilized our Security services before, you may wonder what it is we do. We provide house checks while you're away, keep watch for any unusual activity around your home, and pick up packages from your porch. A lot can happen when you leave a house unattended! This service is available to all of our members for no extra charge.

As you plan your summer vacations, please turn in a [Security Request Form](#). Perhaps your house is for sale and vacant, or you have recently bought a house and have not moved in yet. We will patrol your property. Even if you have neighbors or house sitters, it's a great idea to add Security patrols to your list. Unexpected things happen all the time! Please use the newest security form from our website or pick up a hard copy just outside our office front door. It doesn't take long to complete but will give you peace of mind while you're away.

Car Thefts and Break-ins

If you read the City of Mill Creek police blotter, you will see car theft and burglary reports have increased significantly.

Steps you can take to avoid being an easy target for car thieves:

- Park in your garage.
- Lock your vehicle—even in the daytime. Theft happens 24/7.
- Never leave anything of value in your vehicle. Even an empty bag can be enough to get your window broken.
- Use a steering wheel locking device. Be consistent and always use it.
- Don't hang your vehicle keys just inside the garage door.
- Close your garage door even during the day.
- Park in well-lit areas.

Everyone should feel safe in their own homes. Here are some ways you can keep your home safe:

- Motion detector lights or security cameras are a great deterrent.
- Trim your shrubs for visibility.
- Don't open your door to strangers.
- Install keypad locks or another type of lock on your gate for more protection.
- Fix windows or doors that do not lock or close properly.
- Exchange contact information with your neighbors and get to know what vehicles should be in your neighborhood. Communicate with your neighbors and the police if you see something out of the ordinary.

First and foremost, call the police when you observe suspicious activity. The police cannot act on calls they do not receive. If not urgent, call the Mill Creek Police Department non-emergency line at 425-745-6175. When calling in a suspicious person, note their behavior, clothing, location. The police need as much detail as possible. They also want firsthand information from witnesses, so please call the police first and then let our Security staff know so we can be aware.

Security Driver Position—We are Hiring!

We have an opening for a part-time fill-in driver who is willing to work a 10 hour shift. This part-time security position is an excellent opportunity for someone who has extra time and wants to work only a few shifts per month. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact securitysup@mcca.info or call Lois at 425-328-0035. As this is fill-in work there is not a set schedule, and flexibility is necessary. We are looking for someone who can cover the morning or evening shift as needed.

Lois
MCCA Security Supervisor, securitysup@mcca.info

COVENANT COMMITTEE

Compliance

April started out cold and wet – we even saw some snow! By the end of April, we finally got to enjoy a couple of much needed warm days which, hopefully, a sign of what's to come this summer. No matter the season, the Compliance Committee works hard all year long to ensure properties in the MCCA look their best. A few things to note:

- Store items such as waste and recycling containers, children's toys, tools, and clutter out of view. These items should be stored behind a fence, in the garage or in a shed.
- Maintain your lawns, beds, and the exterior of your home. If you have projects that require a trailer, storage container, or dumpster, please submit an [application](#).

Remember to Apply Before Starting a Project

Mill Creek Community Association is fortunate to have rules and regulations that act as a guide in keeping our neighborhoods a beautiful and desirable place to live. The Committee's purpose is to assist our members with covenant clarification and enforcement in keeping with MCCA's purpose, which is to maintain and enhance property values. Projects that do not receive ACC approval before beginning, are considered in violation. If the matter is brought before the Covenant Hearing Board, it can result in fines as stated in the most recent Fine Schedule. *For example:*

- \$100 for changing doors, garage doors, or windows without approval
- \$500 for unapproved structures (shed, gazebo, play structure, fences)
- \$500 for painting without approval
- \$1,000 for unapproved major construction projects (roofing, additions, pool, patio, deck, driveway)

Do Not Dump in MCCA Common Areas!

Dumping in common areas can result in a \$500 fine which doubles for each occurrence thereafter up to \$2,000 maximum per occurrence plus costs associated with clean-up. Not only are we finding trash dumped along the roadsides, we are also finding a lot of yard debris dumped over fences into our common areas. The MCCA office will send out violation notices when we find yard debris dumped behind homes into the common area. Please use your yard debris bin to dispose of all yard waste.



Dumping in the Preserve and Trash Collected along Village Green Drive

Speak With Your Neighbors

Let your neighbors know if they have questions about MCCA they can call the office or check out our website. The MillStream is available to read on the [website](#) by clicking on the MillStream link in the top right corner. We appreciate your help connecting our residents with our office and MCCA information.

COVENANT COMMITTEE (CONT.)

2023 Home Improvement Projects

Please call or email the office if you have any questions regarding your upcoming projects. We are always here to answer your questions. 425-316-3344 info@mcca.info

Now is the time to call service providers and get on their schedules for this year. Find our applications on the [Forms](#) page of our website:

- Roof cleaning (this 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 & show on the application how the unit will be screened out of view)

Wildflower Park Before and After

Recently, I reached out to Chris and Briget to see if they had work planned for their front yard and asked if I could help them with any information or processes. They let me know that they wanted improve their yard, but were unsure where to start, so I put them in touch with a long-time resident of Wildflower Park and Architectural Control Committee volunteer. Briget and Chris were able to get valuable suggestions and a clear direction for their yard. Below are pictures of the before and after.



Before



After

Congratulations, Chris and Briget, on this beautiful transformation! A job well done by [Figueroa Landscaping](#). If you find yourself in a similar situation, please call our office. We have a list of [service providers](#) available and our volunteers are always happy to share their knowledge.

COVENANT COMMITTEE (CONT.)

Right-of-Way Maintenance—We are All Responsible

Mill Creek City Maintenance was out this last month trimming up trees in the right-of-way (ROW) along the arterials such as Mill Creek Blvd and Village Green Drive along the back of private properties and the City of Mill Creek's ROWs. To partner with the City in their efforts, please be sure all your vegetation is trimmed back from the curb and street and that trees are trimmed up 14' above the road or 7' above a sidewalk. The Covenant Committee is noticing many homes that are allowing their landscape to protrude over the curbs and sidewalks. The City of Mill Creek states that property owners are responsible for the sidewalks and planting strips adjacent to their property. Sidewalks must be kept clear of vegetation, litter, ice, snow and other hazards that block the pathway or interfere with safe pedestrian use. Vegetation must be maintained so that trees, plants and shrubs do not crowd the sidewalk and do not obscure any traffic control device or sign. Vegetation within three feet of a fire hydrant cannot be over six inches in height.



MCCA Restrictive Covenants

All the matters addressed in this article are stated in the 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 www.mcca.info. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with me at joan@mcca.info.

The Covenant Committee is looking for more volunteers. Please contact me if you or someone you know might be interested in learning more.

We want to thank you for making Mill Creek Community Association a beautiful place to live. Have a fun & safe summer!

Joan Sweeney
Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Arborist Days

As a resident of Mill Creek, you know that trees are a vital part of our community. They provide homes for wildlife, purify our air, and provide much needed shade in those warmer months. Studies have shown that living among the trees can reduce stress and anxiety! Understanding and maintaining the trees on your property is an important responsibility that comes with home ownership. Twice a year, we offer residents the opportunity to spend time with an ISA certified arborist at a discounted price to assess trees on your property. This spring, we hosted another successful event—our spots filled up in record time. Our next scheduled Arborist Day event will take place on **September 21st and 22nd**. We already have a waitlist started, but we still have room for more. Please let us know if you are interested in participating.

This year, we contracted ISA and TRAQ Certified Arborist, Sal Noeldner. Our ACC Volunteers joined Sal at each home visit while he evaluated and assessed resident's trees.



Certified Arborist, Sal Noeldner

Beautiful Yard Awards

Don't miss out on your opportunity to win the prestigious MCCA Beautiful Yard Award. Every year in June our ACC members and other volunteers go through each neighborhood to determine who has the most beautiful yard of all! This year the judging will take place June 19 through 23rd. The winner receives a sign to display in their front yard and bragging rights for an entire year. Our judges make every effort to avoid giving the award to the same resident two years in a row. We will post the list of winners on our website the last week in June.

Volunteer Opportunity

If volunteering for this type of event interests you, please consider volunteering for our Architectural Control Committee. The ACC's primary role is to review nearly all applications for exterior projects. We also help homeowners with decisions and planning that can sometimes be difficult to make – like selecting plants for your front yard or choosing a paint color. This is an excellent opportunity to meet your neighbors and take part in the overall shape of our community.

Call 425-316-3344 or email info@mcca.info for more information.

Noxious Weed Committee

As an update on Central Park in Evergreen where the NWC and other volunteers have been working since the beginning of the year, the progress has been amazing! The English ivy that remains will be removed once the rainy season returns.



Before



After



Before



After

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE (CONT.)

Since beginning the work, the NWC has planted sitka spruce, vine maples, cascaras, snowberry, flowering currant and sword ferns; and on Earth Day, April 22, a group of 12 volunteers added an additional 38 plants consisting of snowberry, flowering currant and sword ferns!



Earth Day Volunteers!

The NWC hosted Saturday work events in January, February and March that prepped the areas for the Earth Day planting, and the NWC thanks all those volunteers from the Saturday events and from Earth Day without which our lofty goals could not have been accomplished! We hope you will volunteer again with the NWC: **Howard Bornstein with grandson Harvey, Renee Boulac, Dario DePaolis, Joe and Barb Eichhorn, Tumiko Kasuya, Jeff Kosman, Larry Landin, Marie Lenox, Miki Morrison and son George, Thelma and Hema Rodriguez with son Ryan and daughter Reese, Jeannie Schiedler-Brown and Mario Taylor!**

For Central Park there is additional planting planned for the fall and next spring, but we are busy throughout the year within the areas of MCCA! The NWC maintains an email contact list for the once-a-week email sent out that lets residents know where the NWC will be working the following week if you would like to follow along! Email mccanwc@outlook.com and request your email be added!

Jill Cheeseman,
Chair, Noxious Weed Committee

INSPECTIONS & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

If you have knowledge in construction, trades, engineering, landscaping, or just have a keen eye for detail, please consider joining the Inspections & Engineering Committee. This committee checks each of our common area spaces annually. They look for and document trip hazards, dangerous trees, playground equipment in need of repair, retention pond maintenance issues, etc.

Chair Sid Siegel and Vice Chair Sam Tjoelker hold the Inspections & Engineering Committee meetings on the first Tuesday of each month at 5 pm. The commitment level includes the monthly meeting (less than one hour) and completing about one inspection per month. If you have questions about joining this committee, please contact Hilary at the MCCA office (hilary@mcca.info). Joining this committee is a great way to get to know other residents, contribute to the MCCA community, and learn more about the MCCA common areas.



I&E Committee Members (L-R) Di Voss, Sid Siegel, Sam Tjoelker, Greg Elwin

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK



PROUDLY CELEBRATING

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
2023

POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



**MILL CREEK POLICE
DEPARTMENT ALONG WITH
SOUTH COUNTY FIRE**



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2023

AUGUST 1, 2023 5:00 - 8:00 P.M.

BUFFALO PARK
13401 44th Ave SE

GAMES & ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- BOCCE BALL
- CHILDREN'S STORY TIME
- LINE DANCING
- FREE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING COMMUNITIES
SAFER, MORE CARING PLACES TO LIVE AND WORK

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK (CONT.)

Introducing the Mill Creek RESIDENT PORTAL

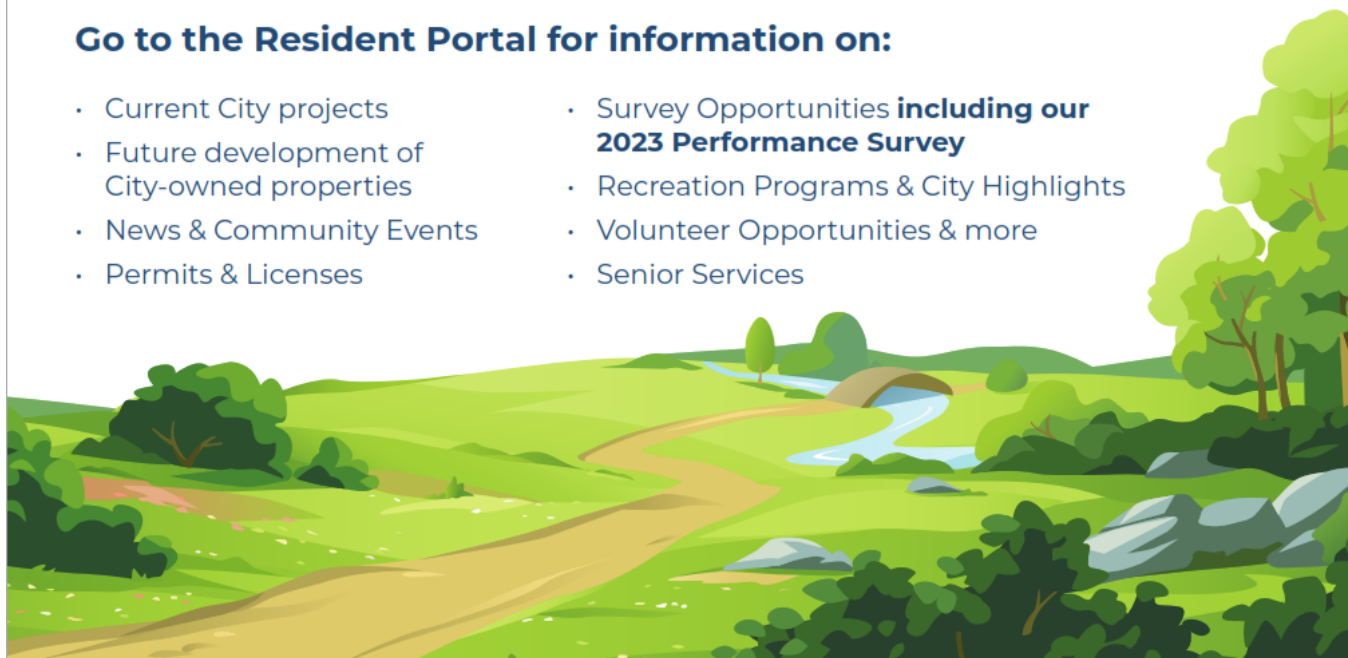


The NEW Resident Portal offers easy access to the City's most requested information. With this one-stop resource, we aim to engage our community and meet our residents' needs for information on City services, projects, initiatives, events, and more.



Go to the Resident Portal for information on:

- Current City projects
- Future development of City-owned properties
- News & Community Events
- Permits & Licenses
- Survey Opportunities **including our 2023 Performance Survey**
- Recreation Programs & City Highlights
- Volunteer Opportunities & more
- Senior Services



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Use the QR code or go to **millcreekwa.gov/resident**

MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

Getting to know our neighbors can be beneficial for not only social interaction but knowing when someone is in crisis and may need more help. This is why it's important for us to find ways to look out for one another.

Here are a few signs that indicate you may need to check on your neighbor:

- Visible sign of physical or mental decline
- Newspaper, mail and packages are piling up
- Trash is overflowing or hasn't been taken out for pick up
- Vehicle has not moved from their parking space
- Lights are on or off for 24 hours at a time with no change

GOOD NEIGHBOR

Safety Plan for Older Adults & Vulnerable Residents

Signs that you may need to check on your neighbor:

- Decline physical or mental health
- Mail or newspapers are piling up
- Trash overflowing or not put out for pick up
- Vehicle remains unmoved in driveway
- Lights stay on or off in the home for 24 hours



If you have concerns about your neighbor:

- If you feel comfortable, knock on their door
- If you don't feel comfortable, call the non-emergency number 425-407-3999 or 911 for a welfare check



425-320-5800
outreach@southsnofire.org
www.SouthSnoFire.org

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

Nature Talk from Puget Sound to Crows and Ravens Aloft

NW Stream Center \$1.5 million Sustainable Infrastructure Campaign takes flight

On Saturday, June 10 between 2pm and 4pm, go to the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center and hear *Nature Talk* through Tony Angell and John Marzluff. Admission is \$30 benefitting the Northwest Stream Center Sustainable Infrastructure Campaign. Space is limited to 150. For reservations go to www.streamkeeper.org or call 425- 316-8592. The Northwest Stream Center is located at the south end of Snohomish County's McCollum Park, 600-128th Street SE, Everett WA, 98208.



All the critters from Puget Sound to the “tricksters” flying above are talking about humans and the need for conservation and sustainability. For several decades, two humans have been listening and translating nature’s chatter into many enjoyable works that you can see, enjoy, understand, and love.

Tony Angell is a wonderful nature artist, author, illustrator, and educator. His works range from the nationally acclaimed K-12 curriculum *Clean Water, Streams, and Fish: A Holistic View of Watersheds*, to *Puget Sound through the Artist's Eye*, to *The House of Owls*, to amazing wildlife sculptures in public places around the Pacific Northwest (<http://www.tonyangell.net/>).

John Marzluff is a professor of wildlife science and an internationally acclaimed crow and raven researcher from the University of Washington who famously documented that crows can recognize individual people and understand human actions. He has also published research on wolves, pileated woodpeckers, grizzly bears, songbirds, and cougars. (<https://www.researchgate.net/profile/John-Marzluff> or <https://sites.uw.edu/sefsacl/>).

While each has authored several nature books independently, John and Tony teamed up as co-authors of *Gifts of the Crow* and *In Company of Crows and Ravens*. These two books, beautifully illustrated by Tony, make you appreciate the remarkably curious and intelligent aerial observers of human impacts on our ecosystem.



Attend *Nature Talk* and enjoy two great story tellers connecting wildlife and human awareness to conservation. With stunning images by Tony in the background, these two “tricksters” may delight you by mimicking some of their subjects. You will not only have fun listening to Tony and John’s *Nature Talk*, but your urge to make planet earth sustainable will be reenforced at the same time!

After *Nature Talk*, Tony Angell and John Marzluff will be on hand to chat with you and autograph books. Also, a few of Tony’s signed illustrations will be available with proceeds benefitting the Adopt A Stream Foundation’s *Northwest Stream Center Sustainable Infrastructure Campaign*.

A bonus for attending this event is that before or afterwards you will get to enjoy an outdoor adventure on an incredible a 1/2-mile-long universally accessible *Nature Trail*. See into a *Trout Stream* through viewing windows and stroll on an *Elevated Forest and Wetland Walk* that winds through beautiful forests next to a salmon stream three feet above the forest floor and surrounding wetlands! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T55zEuM3FXo>.

Make reservations now for this special event at www.streamkeeper.org or by calling 425-316-8592. Admission is \$30 and the doors will open at 1:00 pm.

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

Philanthropic Efforts

The MCWC continues to actively contribute to the well-being of the community. This past year the MCWC's fundraising efforts have been very successful. Through our fundraisers and monthly philanthropic events we were able to raise over \$26,000. We are pleased to announce that we recently presented the Mill Creek Food Bank with a check for \$2,000. Other charities that we have supported this year are Homage, a nonprofit that provides services to Seniors and those with disabilities and Cocoon House, a nonprofit that helps support homeless youth. Support is also provided to YWCA Pathways for Women, YWCA Working Wardrobe, Domestic Violence Services and area schools.



We held our last luncheon for the year in May and will be taking a break for the summer. Specialty groups will still be meeting over the summer. We look forward to meeting again September 21, 2023. Our first meeting will be held at the Mill Creek Country Club from 11-1 with doors opening at 10:30.

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.

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

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

Gardens are a “Work of Heart”

They allow us to plant as we please, learn as we go and then enjoy our masterpiece. Join Mill Creek Garden Club on Saturday, July 22 to peek behind the garden gates at our 7th Annual Mill Creek Garden Tour & Artisan Market. The self-guided tour features six beautiful gardens open 11 AM – 4 PM with artisans selling their crafts in each garden. Advance tickets: \$20, day of tour tickets: \$25.

Tickets go on sale Friday, June 16 at Town & Country Market (Mill Creek Town Center), ACE Hardware of Silver Lake (Everett), McAuliffe’s Valley Nursery (Snohomish), Molbak’s Garden + Home (Woodinville), Sky Nursery (Shoreline), and Sunnyside Nursery, (Marysville). All ticket sales and a percentage of artisan sales fully fund our Grants Program. This year we awarded a total of \$8,500 to Farmer Frog, the Mill Creek Community Food Bank and Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County.

It may be a “first” that all six gardens are in Mill Creek. You may buy a ticket and enter the gardens without having to leave the city. Read on for a descriptive jaunt through the picturesque gardens.

Journey to River Crossing for Two Gardens



Howell Garden

The Howell’s Garden (left) is where kiddos testing their campfire building skills is a thing of the past, but the firepit is still a family and friends’ favorite! Marvel at the tropical colored flowers and the recently added outdoor kitchen that keeps those college age daughters returning.

The Row’s Garden (right) is a source of exercise and tranquility. These gardeners work hard without it appearing so. Containers of bright flowers placed around the landscape add color and set the stage for entertaining family and friends. Listen for the babbling of the small fountain or the swish of a hummingbird in flight.



Row Garden

Sashay to a Little Heaven in Sun Rose

The Arkells sold outdoor kiddie toys, hired a landscaper, and created their own masterpiece for relaxation. The back garden is private under a green belt with a winding pathway through the trees. Add a large deck, waterfall, sound system and a TV and this is a perfect spot to gather.

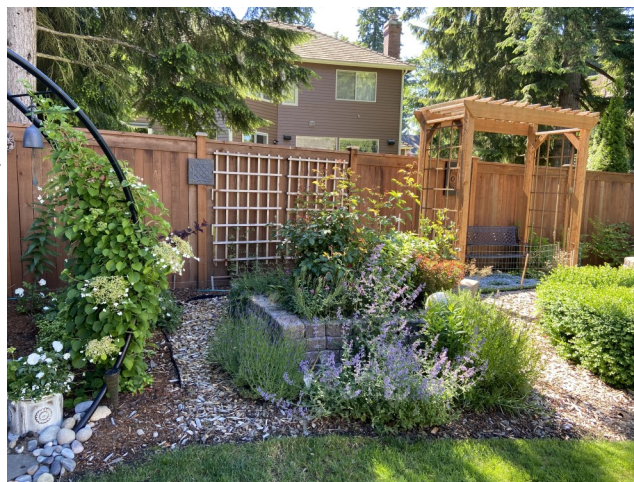


Arkell Garden

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB (CONT.)

Track the Paw Prints to Parkside

The Van Deusen-Nevens Garden is a playground for the owners' French Bulldogs, but Flora, the Roman goddess of flowers, also makes her home here. This couple has used a broad brush to create English garden borders, a Moon Garden and raised garden beds where they enjoy experimenting with plants.



Van Deusen-Neven Garden



Fletcher Garden

Waltz Your Way to the Parks

The Fletchers laced up their "do-it-yourself" shoes to complete their garden makeover in time for a large wedding rehearsal dinner party in their home. They overcame numerous obstacles and then added underground lighting, a creek bed, a small grape arbor, colorful shrubs, and pathways leading to seating areas here and there.

Frolic to the Scent of Roses in Heatherwood West

A third of an acre, sixteen years of work and the Dickman garden reflects the owner's love for nature and dare we say, of roses—50 of them to be exact! They have kept much of the natural look of a forest amongst the cedars, but their garden abounds with hydrangeas, flowering trees, peonies, and a newly renovated backyard shed.

These are but a few of the delights awaiting you in each garden. Tour, shop, socialize; it is the perfect way to spend the day in Mill Creek! Our amazing garden owners and MCGC volunteers will be there to greet you.

Lila Johnson
MCGC Publicity Chair



Dickman Garden

MILL CREEK LIBRARY



Summer Reading and the Outdoors at the Library!

Come to the library and stock up on books to fill the long summer days. Keep your kids entertained all summer long with Summer Reading at the library! Kids and teens who read (or are read to) for ten hours will get a prize book. Reading over the summer helps students maintain and improve on reading skills gained during the school year. Plus, there will be fun, engaging events and activities for the whole family to enjoy all summer long!

Are you planning to hit the trails this summer? Sno-Isle Libraries can connect you with the great outdoors. **Discover Passes** can be checked out from the library to visit Washington's state parks or wildlife areas.

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

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