



MillStream

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE BY JAY HIESTER

One of the Maintenance Department’s projects this summer was to drain Cherry Pond in order to replace the damaged catch basin which drains excess pond water into the golf course pond. When the pond was built, there was a drain valve which, when opened would drain the pond. However, after thirty plus years, the valve was frozen shut and would not work. So, the pond had to be drained by portable water pumps which took a while as Cherry Pond holds approximately 1 ½ to 2 million gallons of water. The pond has been drained and the old catch will be replaced. Interestingly, once the pond was drained, another drain culvert was discovered draining into the pond from Huckleberry. Another surprise was the amount of sediment in the pond. There was more sediment than anticipated and to prevent further problems in the future, the sediment must be removed. Bids were obtained and the sediment will be taken away. Once everything is done, the pond should be good for another twenty years before it needs to be drained again.

Save the Date! The MCCA annual meeting will be held online on September 27th beginning at 7:00 pm. Please visit our website (www.mcca.info) for complete information regarding the meeting. Check your mail and inbox for more information in late August. The Board of Directors urges every MCCA member to vote to ensure a quorum.

Important Dates!

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

- August 1** All overdue accounts receive \$25 late payment fee (recurring monthly)*
- August 23** MCCA Board of Directors Meeting 4 pm @ MCCA office
- Late August** MCCA Election Ballots mailed and emailed
- September 4** Labor Day, MCCA office closed
- September 21-22** Arborist Days
- September 27** MCCA Annual Meeting 7 pm
- October 1** Liens applied to past due accounts*
- October 7** MCCA Garage Sale Day

*Note to our condo and townhome residents, your annual assessment is paid by the board of your sub-association.

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).

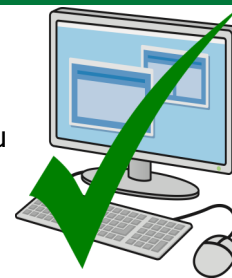
You may reach us by phone (425-316-3344) or email (info@mcca.info) for help or information.

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 Were Due July 1!

The MCCA board extends a 30 day grace period in July, but a late fee of \$25 is assessed to accounts with outstanding balances on August 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.

Annual Survey Questions and Answers

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

Q: What can be done to reduce administrative costs?

A: First let's discuss the MCCA administrative team's responsibilities. The administrative staff processes all the Architectural Control Committee applications and coordinates with committee members to ensure our residents receive a timely turnaround on all requests. Our team also coordinates all compliance activities including inspections, violation letters and documentation, member questions and consultations, compliance plans, and Covenant Hearing Board meetings. The MCCA office staff works to secure the association insurance, pay the utility bills, vendor bills, manage projects, and answer resident questions. We consult with the HOA attorney when needed, and facilitate all committee and board meetings. We liaison with Mill Creek city staff to ensure we are both working for the best interests of our residents, and with the state legislature to influence legislation that protects and strengthens community associations. The Association Director is responsible for all personnel, payroll, and HR matters, as well as overseeing the association finances and providing reports for the Board of Directors, and presentations for the community.

Working through covenant issues is one of the most time-consuming tasks we have in the MCCA office. By the time a covenant issue goes through the two letter process and is escalated to the Covenant Hearing Board, office staff and Covenant Committee volunteers have invested many hours of time documenting the issue, communicating with residents, checking legal issues (if applicable), sending letters, working on plans to achieve compliance and then following up on the plans to ensure they are completed. One way you can help us save administrative time is to follow the MCCA covenants. Another way to help save money is to opt-in to electronic notifications which reduces the amount of paper mail the office must process. Email communication is far more timely and saves on postage and processing costs.

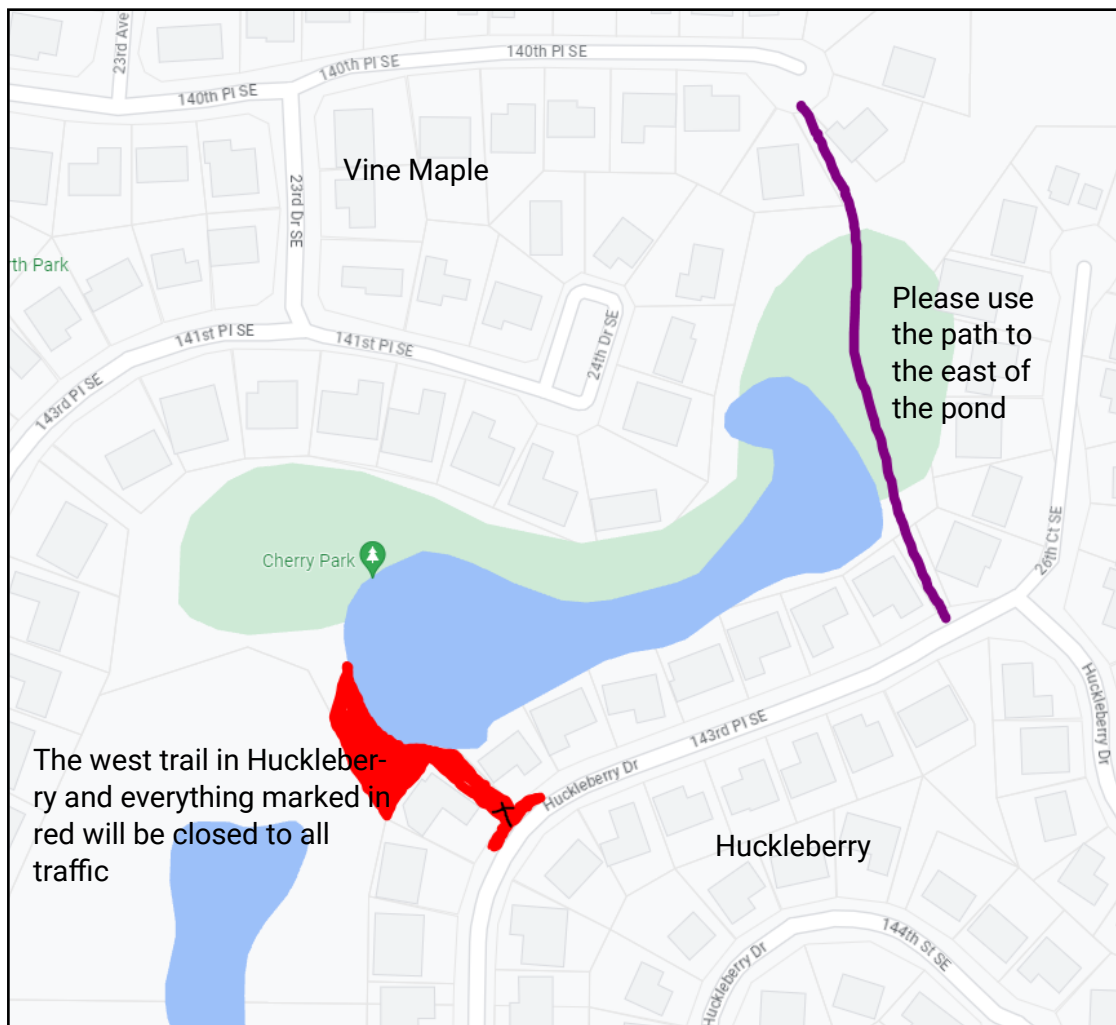
If you have questions about anything within MCCA, please do not hesitate to contact the office. We are here to help our residents.

Cherry Pond Catch Basin Project Update

Please read the [June MillStream](#) for the background information on the Cherry Pond catch basin project. The pond was drained and has had time to dry out. As the pond dried, the Board of Directors realized that we had an excellent opportunity to remove some of the sediment that has accumulated in the pond over the last forty years. We worked with our vendor, Currie Construction, to increase the scope of the project to include the removal of approximately 2600 truck cubic yards (TCY) of sediment. Because we have increased the project scope, Currie Construction needs to wrap up some other projects to free up equipment before they can begin their work at Cherry Pond. We anticipate breaking ground the middle of August.

In preparation for the project, the crew has cut back vegetation along the west Huckleberry path to provide access for the trucks and diggers needed for this project. You will see this trail marked with an X in the map below. The dump trucks will be parked and filled at this trailhead, so this pathway to the park will be closed to all traffic for the duration of the project. The area of the park marked in red will be closed to all traffic, but the playground will remain open. To walk from Huckleberry to Vine Maple you will need to use the east path which is marked in purple.

We received a right of way permit from the City of Mill Creek and you will see our crew flagging at 143rd PI SE in Huckleberry during the project. Our flaggers will help vehicles and pedestrians navigate the road safely but we ask that you avoid driving by this area if possible. Our flaggers will help direct residents who live in the construction zone as they need to leave their homes while the project is underway.



Cherry Pond Catch Basin Project Update (cont.)

As we wait for the project to begin, our maintenance crew will take advantage of the improved access the dry pond provides and do some maintenance along the banks of the pond. The invasive Yellow Flag iris and cattails will be cut down. We removed some of the small deciduous trees that have sprouted along the north bank of the pond and clean out the dead branches from the evergreen trees.

Allowing the pond to dry out has compacted the sediment which helps reduce the amount of debris we must pay our vendor to remove. In preparation for the project, our vendor will cover the access trail with wood chips and steel plates to protect our path, the nearby tree roots, and water meters.

Once the project begins and the big equipment appears, things will get loud and dirty. If you come to watch, please keep a safe distance from the crew and do not cross the orange safety fence we will put up around the work zone. As with many maintenance projects, we need to make a mess before things start to look better. The construction crew will be working as safely and quickly as they can, but we expect to deal with noise, and dust while the job is underway.

The last part of the project involves regrading the pond and once that is done, we can start refilling the pond. The well that feeds the pond in the summer has a two inch pipe and we can only run the well for 12 hours per day to ensure we do not run it dry. It will take weeks if not months to fill the pond. My guess is that we will not be able to completely fill the pond until we receive significant rainfall.

After the project and as the pond fills, things may look rough for a while. It takes time for the grass and shrubs to grow back, but they will. Once we complete this project, we will put this maintenance task in the reserve plan for 2043.



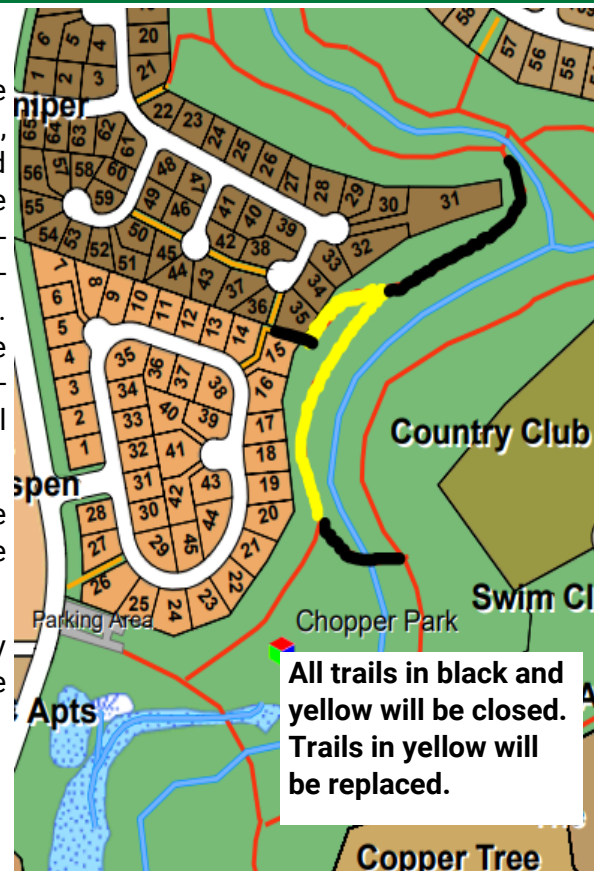
Cherry Pond—Dry and Ready for the Catch Basin and Clean Out Project

Nature Preserve Trail Repairs—Mid-September

In September we will continue replacing sections of trails in the Nature Preserve. Once again, our contractor, Benjamin Asphalt, will stage their equipment at the north end of Chopper Park and replace trails from the Aspen/Juniper trail all the way to the north entrance of Chopper Park. They will also replace the section of trail that leads down from Aspen and Juniper into the Preserve. I have marked the repair area on the map below in yellow. The trails marked in black will be closed for the duration of the project to give our vendor the space it need to work and to ensure the safety of our residents. Please take notice of these trail closures and plan your route accordingly.

Chopper Park will stay open during this project. We will place signs requesting that people stay out of the north part of the field.

Construction schedules are dependent on weather so things may change, but right now we anticipate a September 11 start date and expect that this project will be complete by September 18.



Right of Way Maintenance

As our Association gets older, we need to turn our attention to pruning and editing shrubs, trees, and ground cover planted in the right of way (ROW). The right of way is generally the first five feet of property adjacent to the road. You can see this if you pull up a SCOPI (Snohomish County Online Property Information) map. The orange lines in the map to the right are the property lines. Notice how the property line begins well behind the curb. The area between the property line and the curb is the ROW. The adjacent property owner is responsible for maintaining the area, however, the city has the right to use the area for signage and can require the property owner to keep it clean and maintained.

Please look at the ROW on your property. Do you have tree limbs blocking road sign? Do you have shrubs growing over the curb? Are your bushes getting so high that they block the line of sight causing a hazard for vehicles and pedestrians? Please help us keep our city safe by taking some time to trim back vegetation in the ROW.

Hilary Bublitz
 Association Director, hilary@mcca.info



MILL CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee, appointed by the Board President, is committed to a transparent election process. They advertised for potential candidates in the June MillStream newsletter. They also contacted MCCA committee members in June to encourage them to run for the Board. In accordance with the Governing Documents of the Mill Creek Community Association, the Nominating Committee has included the following candidates on the ballot: Jill Cheeseman (Vine Maple), Earl Bardin (Evergreen), and Evert Pretorius (Sweetwater Ranch), You can learn about each of these candidates by reading their biographies below. Ballots will be mailed or emailed to residents mid-August.

Jill Cheeseman (Vine Maple)



Jill has lived in Vine Maple since 1995. She was self-employed as a Registered Professional Reporter and Certified Court Reporter for just shy of 40 years when her love of hiking, backpacking and snowshoeing the PNW mountains overcame her passion for work! Before retiring and since, Jill has volunteered with the Mountaineers, Washington Trails Association, Green Everett Partnership and began the MCCA Noxious Weed Committee in January of 2018.

After living in HOAs in other states, Jill truly appreciates the beauty of the MCCA with its tree-lined streets and greatly respects the efforts of the MCCA employees and volunteers. Jill hopes by becoming a board member she can contribute to all of this!

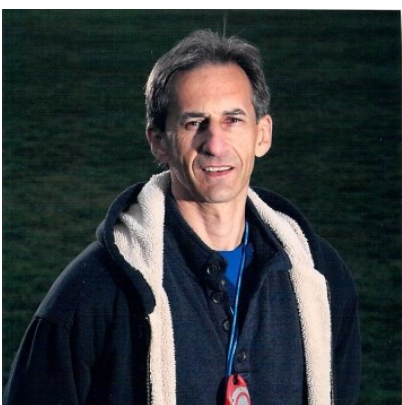
Earl Bardin (Evergreen)



Earl and his wife, Barbara, have lived in Mill Creek since 1987, in both the Sunrose and Evergreen divisions. They raised three daughters, experiencing the benefits of a supporting and safe community. Earl's family appreciated the well planned and academically strong educational system from elementary to high school. His children experienced the freedom and safety, enjoying a community where they knew their neighbors and felt safe walking, riding their bikes and enjoying the neighborhood parks and recreational facilities.

As a retired physician, Earl spends time helping others enjoy the neighborhood and works to insure a stable, evolving, and continually improving neighborhood. Earl hopes to provide a thoughtful, informed and energetic addition to the MCCA board.

Evert Pretorius (Sweetwater Ranch)



Evert and his family moved into the Sweetwater Ranch neighborhood in late 2002. A career in the financial services industry spanning 40 years led to a life of travel to many interesting places worldwide. But it was the Pacific Northwest and Mill Creek especially that had his family lay down roots in this wonderful green place. An active lifestyle and love of sports has naturally led Evert to a path of volunteering in the community as a coach, instructor, and mentor to many youths.

Evert is passionate about the fact that as a community we have to work together to protect our beautiful Nature Preserves, wildlife, and natural resources. In this regard he has served as an MCCA Trail Ambassador for the last 3 years. Evert looks forward to expanding his service by joining the MCCA Board of Directors.

SECURITY

We are HIRING!!

MCCA Security is looking for a fill-in driver for our day shift. **We need someone who can take two or three shifts per week for the next few weeks to cover a medical leave on our team.** If you are interested, or if you know someone who is interested, please contact the MCCA office (info@mcca.info or 425-316-3344). Our rate is \$20 per hour. This is a great way to learn more about your community and earn some extra money at the same time!



Security House Checks: Why and When

If we have a signed [Security Request Form](#) on record for your home, we can prevent unexpected deliveries, business cards and letters from piling up on your porch while you are out of town. This form gives our Security Staff written permission to pick up the above items and hold them for you in our secure office until you return. We notice doors and windows that were left ajar before leaving the house. With this form—when filled out correctly—gives security a local contact person for broken water lines, broken windows, burglary etc. It allows us to call the police and give them accurate information in your behalf. It is important to have a form on file when you are out of town to prepare for unexpected occurrences while you're away. It also helps in the event the office needs to reach you. It can give you peace of mind to have your home looked out for while you are away.

Start Me Up!

Did you know that security can also jump start most vehicles? If you are not sure how or if security can help, give us a call. We will do our best to get you help or at least a phone number of who can be of the most help with your issue.

When to Use the Non-Emergency Number or Online Reports and When to Call 911

File online police reports for non-emergency situations, or when you notice the crime after the fact. You can report online or call the police non-emergency number (425-407-3999) to report issues like car break-ins, graffiti, property destruction, lost property, identity theft, stolen property, barking dogs, noise complaints, or illegally parked cars.

Always call 911 in the event of police, fire or medical emergencies when there is a situation that could, or does pose a danger to life, property, or both. Call 911 when you notice suspicious activity involving a person or vehicle that appears to have criminal intent. Any situation that requires immediate dispatch of an officer. To report a serious crimes such as robbery, burglary, prowling, domestic violence or sexual assault, hit and run or serious car accidents always call 911.

As always let Security know about any of the calls made to police so we can stay in the loop and help keep our area safe. Extra patrols and a presence in the area does make a difference.

Garage Door Reminder

Security has noticed an increase in open garage doors in the late evening. We do our best to catch them all, but we ask that you help us keep MCCA safe by remembering to check that your garage doors are closed and secure. Please keep the office updated with your current phone number so we can contact you when we notice that your garage door is open.

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COVENANT COMMITTEE

With fall on the horizon, this is a great time to wrap up any lingering summer projects on the exterior of your home or in your yard. As a resident of the MCCA, you are required to maintain the exterior of your home and your yard. Regular maintenance keeps your home looking good and goes a long way in preventing problems in the future:

- Clean gutters
- Clean exterior brick on home
- Consider exterior painting and siding repairs if needed
- Clean concrete
- Clean, repair or replace fence

August and September are great months to clean up your yard before cool weather approaches:

- Deadhead spent flowers
- Cut back any perennials that have finished blooming
- Aerate and fertilize your lawn

Tasks that need to be done on a regular basis:

- Weed beds
- Mow and edge lawn
- Trim shrubs, hedges and trees

Does This Roof Look Familiar?

We live in a heavily treed and wet region. Keeping your roof clear of leaves, debris and dirt can go a long way in protecting the life of it! If your roof looks like this in the winter, regular inspection and cleaning NOW can help prevent this type of moss and algae buildup. This buildup not only looks unsightly, but can threaten the structural integrity of roof tiles.



Store Waste and Recycling Containers Out of View

Containers for storage of trash, yard waste and recycling are to be stored in an area not directly in view from streets and neighboring properties

- Containers need to be returned to storage site within 24 hours of pickup and stored out of view between pickup days
- Containers are to be emptied on a routine basis to avoid health and safety concerns

Remember to Apply Before Starting a Project

For any major exterior changes to your home, please remember to apply prior to starting your project. It can be costly mistake if you have not received approval for projects. You can find our applications [here](#).

Recreational Vehicles

We understand that this is a busy time of year for families planning camping trips before the end of summer. Please remember that parking recreational vehicles is permitted 24 hours before and 24 hours after a trip, for loading and unloading purposes and on an occasional basis. You need a permit from the City of Mill Creek to park a large recreational vehicle on the street.

Thank you for making Mill Creek Community Association a beautiful place to live!

Joan Sweeney
Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

My Neighbor's Trees are Growing onto my Property. What can I do?

Tree branches do grow across property lines. Did you know you are able to cut back branches that encroach onto your property to your property line as long as it doesn't harm the tree? It is always a good idea to talk to your neighbor before cutting! They may not be aware of the issue. Remember to dump any debris in your own yard waste container. It is not okay to dump debris from cuttings onto your neighbor's property.

If you are one of the hundreds of homes that is adjacent to MCCA common areas, we do not have the resources to trim every tree branch that encroaches into resident's yards. Please contact the office and we can give you permission to cut encroaching branches. If you notice a dangerous tree in an MCCA common area, please take a picture and email it to us (info@mcca.info) so we can assess the tree and consider it for our next round of removals.

Beautiful Yard Awards

Thank you to our volunteer judges who picked the winners and to all our residents who do such a great job maintaining their yards. The 2023 Beautiful Yard Awards list has been published on our website. You can view the list and pictures of some of our winners in the special [Beautiful Yard Award edition of the Millstream](#).

Arborist Days

Our next scheduled Arborist Day event will take place on September 21st and 22nd. Please let us know if you are interested in participating. Email info@mcca.info for more information.



MCCA Arborist, Sal Noeldner Inspects a Tree Stump

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

The NWC would like you to know that during the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the NWC planted 40 trees and 126 shrubs throughout the MCCA parks and common areas! Plans are being made for additional fall plantings, but...

You should know: Common horsetail is being found throughout our area, not just in our Nature Preserve. Though it is a native plant, it is troublesome due to its extensive, creeping rhizome system and release of spores. It becomes extremely invasive and extremely difficult to eliminate. It should be removed when first seen. These pictures show its progression.



You should know: Dumping in our parks and common areas is NOT okay! The Maintenance Team and NWC remove debris and deadwood when clearing an area for fire prevention and in preparation for restoration. When you dump, that's a re-do that slows the progress of our restoration plans; and the dried vegetation becomes a fire ladder that can allow a fire to climb up from the ground to tree canopies or structures. Dumping in common areas can result in a fine of \$500 and doubles for each occurrence thereafter up to \$2,000 maximum per occurrence, plus any costs associated with the cleanup.



Bricks, Branches, and Laurel



Tree Trimmings Dumped in a Park



Dirt, Rocks, Concrete

You should know: If you back up to a park or common area, your landscaper, tree cutter or fence/roof contractor may be dumping! It is important for you to monitor that area during your project. Make sure they agree to haul everything away. Concrete footings, old fencing, large branches, dead arborvitaes, trimmings of laurel and rhododendrons are most commonly found.

You should know: The benefits of more trees—October is a great time to plant!
<https://www.bhg.com/benefits-of-more-trees-7547751>

INSPECTIONS & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

All the water that runs over grass, driveways, roofs, etc. ends up in our water systems. We are conducting a major clean-up in Cherry Pond, so this is a great time to remind all our residents to think about how the chemicals, fertilizers, soaps, etc. that we use frequently end up in our water system. Sometimes foam, seen in the picture below taken in the Nature Preserve this past June, appears in our stream system. This foam can occur naturally from the breakdown of organic debris. It can also come from man-made sources such as pesticides, motor oils, cleaning products, etc.



Please think twice before hosing things down to the street. When you pressure wash your driveway, scoop up the debris and place it in your trash or yard waste container rather than washing it into the storm drain. Avoid washing your car in your driveway, as all the soapy water runs into the storm drain. Instead, consider going to a car wash facility where the waste water is reclaimed and cleaned.

MCCA maintains several storm ponds in our Association and much of the water that runs from our yards and streets goes into the storm ponds and then into our streams. Storm ponds are created to trap sediment and contaminants so only clean water enters the stream. Storm ponds require regular maintenance to ensure that it can hold excess water during heavy rain events, give the water a chance to drop its sediment, and meter the flow of water into streams. The fact that we have sediment to remove in Cherry Pond shows how well the pond keeps sediment out of the stream.

Please help us maintain the health of our water systems. A little effort from all of us ensures the continued diversity and stability of our beautiful forests and waterways.

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

There is still time to give feedback to the City of Mill Creek on their second annual [City Performance Survey](#). Please use the link or the QR code below to access the survey.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Second Annual City Performance Survey

Rate City services, facilities, communication, etc. Your participation will help shape the future of Mill Creek.

Access this and other surveys in the Resident portal: millcreekwa.gov/resident

MILL CREEK Resident Portal

Introducing the Mill Creek RESIDENT PORTAL

The **NEW** Resident Portal offers easy access to the City's most requested information.

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS

MILL CREEK Resident Portal

millcreekwa.gov/resident

Go to the Resident Portal for information on:

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

Important Dates!

For more information on these events, please refer to the [City Calendar](#).

- August 31** Party in the Parks & Board Bash @ Mill Creek Sports Park
- October 31** Trunk or Treat @ Mill Creek Town Center
- November 10** Veteran’s Day Commemorative Ceremony & Parade @ Library Park

MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

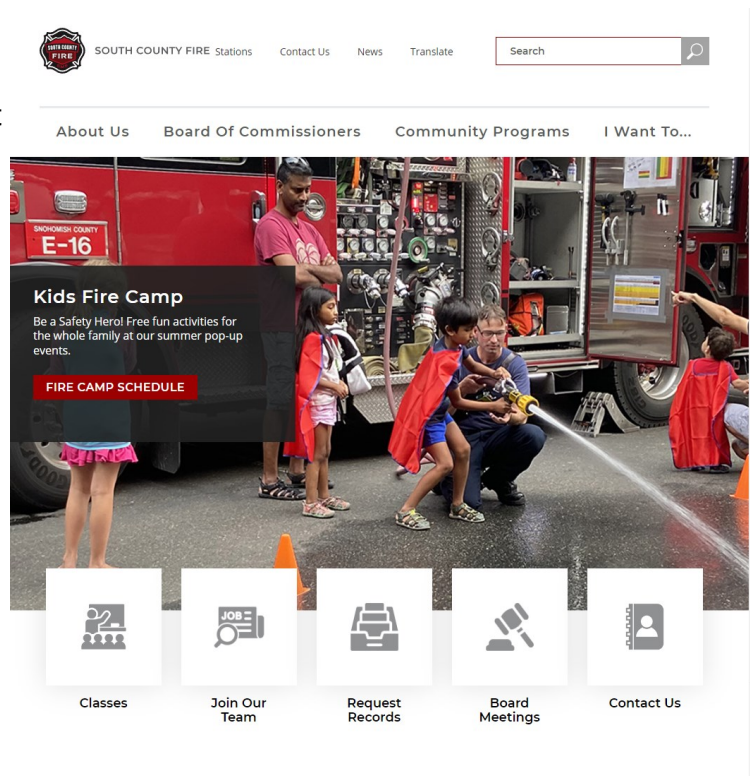
Outdoor Fire Risks

There are many fire risks outside the home right in your own backyard. In the summer months, that risk increases due to very dry and hot conditions. Here are some ways you can keep your home safer from outside fire.

Yard Maintenance	Grilling
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean roofs and gutters of dead leaves and other debris • Trim trees, shrubs and branches and remove any dead vegetation • Use crushed stone or gravel instead of bark when able • Keep your lawn mowed to 4" or less and water regularly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Move your grill at least 10 feet from vegetation, your home or other structure • Stay with the grill the entire time you're cooking • Keep your grill clean so leftover grease and fat won't catch fire • For charcoal grills, dispose of ashes once completely cooled and douse with water
Backyard Fire Pits	Other Safety Tips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check local burn ban rules at www.southsnofire.org • Recreational fires must be 25 feet from any combustible materials (homes, trees) • Recreational fires must be contained and no more than 3 feet wide by 2 feet tall. If the smoke bothers your neighbors, you must extinguish the fire. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep lighters, matches and fireworks out of the hands of children and teens. • Avoid using propane torches or weed burners • Burning yard waste or garbage and discharging fireworks is always illegal in South County Fire's service area.

Learn More!

Stay in touch with South County Fire and learn about the classes they offer by visiting their [webpage!](#)



LEARN BEFORE YOU BURN



What is allowed and not allowed?

ALLOWED:

- BARBEQUES, CHARCOAL, & GRILLS
- SEASONED, CLEAN AND DRY FIREWOOD



NOT ALLOWED:

- BURNING GARBAGE OR YARD DEBRIS
- FIREWORKS DISCHARGE



Small Recreational Fires

Recreational fires are allowed for cooking, ceremony or pleasure purposes.

- Fire should be small. Limit to 3 feet wide by 2 feet high and must be contained (example: fire pit).
- Fires and discarded fire materials must be at least 25 feet away from any structure or combustible material.
- A water source must be readily available (example: charged water hose or a 5-gallon bucket).
- Never leave a fire unattended. Fully extinguish the fire with water to drown all the embers then stir with a shovel.
- Recreational fires may also be banned during countywide burn bans issued by the county fire marshal.

Be a Good Neighbor

If smoke from your fire bothers your neighbors, you must extinguish the fire immediately.

Irritants in the smoke can be especially dangerous for kids, older adults and those suffering from respiratory issues.

- Call 911 for immediate threat to life or property.
- Call the non-emergency number for issues that are not an immediate threat to life or property 425-407-3999.
- File a complaint with Puget Sound Clean Air Agency at 800-552-3565.

Dangerous Outdoor Burning

LARGE OUTDOOR FIRES ARE PROHIBITED YEAR-ROUND

Outdoor burning is prohibited at all times in the South County Fire service area including unincorporated communities in Snohomish County starting in south Everett and extending to the urban growth areas through to the county line. South County Fire also serves the cities of Mill Creek, Brier, Edmonds, Lynnwood, and Mountlake Terrace.

Burn bans and regulations include:

- Burning debris, such as yard waste and scrap wood, is not allowed.
- Burning garbage is not allowed.
- Fireworks discharge is not allowed and is banned year-round.

To learn more visit www.southsnofire.org

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

Northwest Stream Center Nature Trail & Salmon Migration Barrier Removal

If you have not been to the Adopt A Stream Foundation's *Northwest Stream Center* located in Snohomish County's McCollum Park, at 600-128th Street SE, Everett WA 98208, you should visit and take a stroll on the 1/2 mile-long universally accessible *Nature Trail*. It goes past a *Trout Stream Exhibit* with viewing windows onto an *Elevated Forest and Wetland Walk*. There, you will wind through 25+ acres, 3-feet above the forest floor and surrounding wetlands next to North Creek. Good idea to make reservations. Sorry, no dogs, bicycles, or skateboards, and kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Admissions: Adults \$7, Seniors, \$6, Students \$5, EBT card holders \$3. You can make reservations by calling 425-316-8592 or going to www.streamkeeper.org.

The bear on the Nature Trail, in the image to the right came early on Sunday, July 16 as it knows that the *Northwest Stream Center* is open to people Tuesdays through Saturday's 10am to 4pm, with the last admission on the Nature Trail at 3pm. The Nature Trail opens back up for bears after 4pm.

Some great news!

The late July traffic tie-up on 128th Street SE happened because the Washington State Department of Transportation (WDOT) replaced a culvert that was fish migration barrier under the road with, from a salmon's perspective, a wonderful wide bridge! As you might imagine, the Adopt A Stream Foundation (AASF) is very pleased to see this happen. That barrier to salmon migration was identified by the Adopt A Stream Foundation during a 5-year survey of fish barriers in several watersheds culminating in 2005.



Back then, using Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife fish barrier protocols, AASF surveyed 678 stream crossing located in the following watersheds:

- Quilceda and Allen creeks near Marysville that drain to the Snohomish River
- Bear Creek that flows past Redmond, Littler Bear Creek that flows past Woodinville, North Creek that flows from Everett through Mill Creek and Bothell, Swamp Creek that flows from Everett past Lynwood and Briar and Kenmore to the Sammamish River
- Lyon Creek that flows from Mountlake Terrace past Lake Forest Park Town Center and MacAleer Creek that flows from Edmond past Lake Forest Park Town Center to Lake Washington.

Of the culverts analyzed, 391 were barriers to salmon migration. Most, 191, were on private property, however the rest were owned by City, County, and Tribal governments + the Washington State Department of Transportation. "The barriers located by AASF on City, County and Tribal property have all been removed," says AASF Director Tom Murdoch. "WDOT's fish barriers have been more complex as most were under several lanes of roadways." According to Murdoch, WDOT did a wonderful job replacing a piped section of Lyon Creek next to Lake Forest Park's Town Center with an open stream channel and have plans to remove all of the other barriers identified by AASF. The salmon migration barrier on North Creek at 600 128th Street SE is just upstream from the Northwest Stream Center-great news for salmon that migrate upstream in North Creek this fall.

Additional background on AASF's fish barrier survey can be viewed from the following 2005 Seattle Times article: <https://archive.seattletimes.com/archive/?date=20050615&slug=culverts15n>.

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

The 7th Annual Mill Creek Garden Tour and Artisan Market 2023 concluded July 22nd to raving reviews by attendees and all contributors alike. What a perfect day as guests enjoyed the variety and creativity of each garden and artwork. The joyful sharing of gardening tips, food preservation ideas and general admiration was heard in conversations all around.

Mill Creek Garden Club wants to express its gratitude to the community, sponsors, garden hosts, artisans, ticket vendors, volunteers, and enthusiastic attendees for your participation. Your support allows us to help others through our "Giving Through Gardening" Grants Program. Stay tuned while we tabulate this year's net proceeds. Selection of next year's gardens started on July 24th and continues through the summer. Go to our website to fill out an application or to suggest a worthy candidate garden near you.

The Club meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, September-May, at Shawn O'Donnell's Conference Room, Everett. A brief meeting is followed by a guest speaker and buffet lunch. Annual dues are \$40; Member's lunch \$25, Guests \$28. Reservations are required. To apply for membership, please visit our [website](#). Meetings start promptly at 11:00. Check-in opens at 10:30.

Our new officers were installed in May and are busy planning for next year's activities. They are 2nd Vice President Jackie Fields, President Judy Morrier, 1st Vice President Debby Cox, Secretary Linda Myers, and Treasurer Nancy Hedges.



2023-2024 Officers

September's speaker will be Sara Christopherson of Sunnyside Nursery, sharing tips on 'Planting Fall Pots'. ISA Certified Arborist Bess Bronstein will present 'How to Successfully Prune Any Shrub' at the October meeting.

Celebration of our 40th anniversary begins in September with loads of fun and reminiscing anticipated all year long!

Marilyn Hanan-Hoover, Publicity Chair
 Photos: Courtesy of Mill Creek Garden Club
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MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

New Officers

The Mill Creek Women's Club would like to introduce our Officers for the 2023-2024 Year. They include the following: President-Jeannette Bliss (front), Vice President-Sue Kerber (middle), Treasurer-Barb Bardin (right) and Secretary-Pam Watson (left).



Mill Creek Women's Club Celebrates Our 40th Year Anniversary!

When the club was first established in 1983 our objective was to meet new people in our community and enjoy their friendship. We wanted a place where we could create friendships and social bonds and contribute through volunteering and philanthropy within our community. While so much has changed from when we first started 40 years ago the same principles of the club are still true today. There are many ways for a club member to be involved. Besides the meetings and socials, there are book clubs, craft groups, bunko, mahjong, cooking groups and many other ways to meet other club members. Our club has something for everyone. We currently have 114+ members and are going strong.

The MCWC holds meetings every month where our members and their guests enjoy programs and speakers, and, of course, lunch! Our club is a community of women from Mill Creek and surrounding areas. We are committed to enhancing our community through friendship and philanthropy.

The MCWC has been taking a break to enjoy the summer season. We look forward to starting our meetings this fall. Our meetings are shared between the Mill Creek Country Club and Shawn O'Donnell's. Doors open at 10:30. Below is a schedule of dates and locations for the upcoming year.

September 21	11am-1pm	Mill Creek Country Club
October 19	11am-1pm	Shawn O'Donnell's
November 16	4pm-6pm	Mill Creek Country Club
December 14	11am-1pm	Mill Creek Country Club
January 18	11am-1pm	Shawn O'Donnell's
February 15	11am-1pm	Shawn O'Donnell's
March 21	11am-1pm	Shawn O'Donnell's
April 18	10am-12pm	Mill Creek Country Club

Fall Luncheon Programs

September 21: Our first meeting of the year will feature John Robert Throne, owner of the Countryside Floral and Garden. John is one of our most popular and entertaining speakers. John will regale members with his sense of humor, and flowery tales while he displays his beautiful floral arrangements for the pleasure of the attendees!

October 19: A fun filled Halloween celebration is planned! Members wearing their favorite Halloween costume will be eligible for prizes. Fun Halloween trivia games will be played, including Monster Match Halloween bingo is planned. It will be a Spooktacular Halloween luncheon for all.

November 16: "Gather for Giving" Happy Hour is our annual fundraiser. Come socialize with friends and hear about the charities we will be featuring. Your chance to make a difference in our community.

December 14: Our Christmas program will feature the Memphis Belles, a local female trio of young women inspired by the Andrew Sisters. The Belles will entertain and delight with Christmas and holiday songs while grooving to the music.

We hope that you will consider joining us for the 2022-2023 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.

Submitted by Debra Lowry, MCWC Publicity Chair

MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Explore Summer!

Summertime at the Mill Creek Library is time for kids! Our Summer Reading program, Explore Summer, continues into September. Not only are children earning prizes by reading books, they're also invited to all kinds of group activities: arts and crafts, story times, LEGO afternoons, and more! Reading, crafting, and interactive play all contribute to children's language and literacy skills. That's one of Sno-Isle Libraries' most important missions, so in the warm months, our libraries are abuzz with young people. Plus it's fun!



If you're not interested in kid stuff, remember that the Mill Creek Library also offers plenty of services and programs for adults. All are invited to the Library's lively monthly book discussion groups. And if you've always wanted to write a novel or a memoir, Mill Creek Library also offers writing workshops every first Saturday through October.

Find it all on the Sno-Isle Libraries web site, <https://sno-isle.bibliocommons.com/events>, or just call the Library at 425-337-4822.

Library Hours

Monday – Thursday:	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
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