



MillStream

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE BY SID SIEGEL

2023 MCCA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held online on September 27 at 7 pm. The slides presented at the meeting are available to you when you log into your PayHOA account and click on MCCA Documents -> 2023 Annual Meeting. You can also find the minutes of the meeting as well as the annual audit in that folder. Please contact the MCCA office if you have any questions.

2023/2024 MCCA Board of Directors

The board thanks everyone who took the time to vote. We value your participation! The board has met to determine our officers for this year and here is your MCCA Board:

President—Sid Siegel
Treasurer—Kristy Zevenbergen
Director—Earl Bardin
Director—Evert Pretorius

Vice President—Angela Darby
Secretary—Becky Edy
Director—Jill Cheeseman

We also extend a special thank you to our outgoing board members Jay Hiester, Judy Cromwell, and Terry Gemmill. Their many years of service on the board and MCCA committees are greatly appreciated and our community is better because of their involvement.

MCCA Community Hours—October 12, 5-7pm

Please join us on October 12, 2023 from 5pm to 7pm at the Mill Creek Country Club to meet your board members, MCCA staff, fellow residents and to learn more about MCCA and our committees. As most of you know, the Mill Creek Community Association would not be what it is today without our volunteers. If you have ever thought about volunteering on a committee this is a great opportunity to talk to various committee members to find a committee to match your talents and interest. There will be tasty treats from the Country Club and a no-host bar. Please call the office to RSVP, or use this [link](#).

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

Important Dates!

Please visit the MCCA Calendar on the MCCA website (www.mcca.info) for updated information on our meetings and events.

October 1	Liens applied to past due accounts*
October 7	MCCA Garage Sale Day
Oct 12	MCCA Community Hours, 5-7 pm @ Mill Creek Country Club. Please RSVP
Nov 1	MCCA Annual Survey emailed to all residents
Nov 23 and 24	Thanksgiving—MCCA office closed
Nov 24	First day of Holiday lights!
Nov 30	MCCA Survey closes
Dec 13	Elf Awards—Have your lights on by 6 pm!
Dec 25	Christmas Day—MCCA office closed
Jan 1	New Year's Day—MCCA office closed

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

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.



MCPD on Patrol on Village Green Drive!

We want to extend our thanks to the Mill Creek Police Department for sending two officers to Village Green Drive on Thursday, September 21st. The officers watched for speeders and MCCA staff noticed that several motorists were stopped that morning.

The roads around Mill Creek Community Association all have a speed limit of 25 MPH. Be sure to watch your speed!



ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Questions and Answers

Look in the December MillStream for the next installment of questions and answers! We have included questions we have been fielding at the office and the Q&A from the Annual Meeting. Thank you to everyone for contacting us with your questions and giving us the opportunity to share this important information.

Q: Why do you have the Annual Meeting and Budget Meeting online?

A: In our 2022 Annual Survey we asked members if they were more likely to participate in MCCA meetings, including the annual meeting, the budget meeting, committee meetings, and regular board meetings if they are held online. We had 651 residents respond. 52.5% agreed or strongly agreed with online meetings. 38% of residents were neutral, and 9% disagreed or strongly disagreed with online meetings. We are working towards what the majority preferred. When our survey goes out again in November, please let us know how you think about online meetings.

Q: How can we protect our communities from the Middle Housing Bill (HB 1110)?

A: In May 2022, the MCCA Board of Directors proposed, and the residents of MCCA voted to approve, our new Covenants and Restrictions. Among other things, these new restrictions defined a lot within MCCA as for the use of a single family home only. We added this language because we could see how things were progressing in Olympia and wanted to be sure we did everything we could to preserve MCCA as our association was originally planned. HB 1110 gives existing community associations with existing restrictions on lot development an exemption from the middle housing bill. Since we did our homework the year prior, MCCA is exempt. I chair the [Washington State Community Association Legislative Action Committee](#) which is comprised of homeowners, association managers, and HOA attorneys. We are committed to lobbying for legislation that protects community associations and their residents. The MCCA Board and I will continue to keep a close eye on bills in Olympia that could impact our community association. If you hear of something that concerns you, please send me an email. We are all responsible for taking action to create the type of community we want to call home.

Q: Will you clean out sediment from the pond by the fish ladder? George Vernon, Douglas Fir.

A: The pond upstream from the fish ladder and dam was created when the Garhart family dammed the river decades ago. In 2021 I toured that area with the Frank Reinart, when he was the city engineer and discussed the area with Tom Murdoch, Executive Director of the Northwest Stream Center. Both experts shared that the area is becoming a wetland and as such provides significant habitat for wildlife. At this point, we do not have any plans to remove the sediment from this area and are content to allow the pond area to once again revert to the stream that was there before the dam was built.

Q: I appreciated the coordination between MCCA and our Fire District. Will you continue this collaboration and ensure we are aware of burn bans? Hope Chatfield, Vine Maple.

A: The South County Fire District has been wonderful to work with and their communications team has provides pamphlets and signs which make it very easy to notify residents of burn bans, fireworks bans, etc. I intend to continue this collaboration. We had the Mill Creek Deputy Fire Marshall tour some of our common areas this year to ensure that we are mitigating our fire risk as much as possible and I can see that becoming an annual event. Security team members and some Trail Ambassadors took a first aid course from South County Fire and we all learned so much. We look forward to working closely with the great people from South County Fire.

Q: I heard the city is changing who is responsible for trimming trees along the roadway. Rick Norby, The Masters.

A: The city has been working on some much needed right of way (ROW) trimming along the main roads. We appreciate all the work Keegan Pocinwong and his crew are doing to keep our city looking its best. Property owners are still responsible for keeping their vegetation out of the ROW. We ask our residents to trim their trees and shrubs that are growing into or over the ROW of our streets. Keeping the vegetation in check creates better sight lines for traffic and pedestrians, keeps street signs visible, and makes Mill Creek safer for everyone.

Q: Where can I find a volunteer interest form? Robin Aldrich, Huckleberry.

A: Great question! You can always email the office to request a form (info@mcca.info), and we have now posted the [Volunteer Interest Form](#) on the Forms page of the website. Look under "Other MCCA Forms."

Cherry Pond Project Update

Please read the [June MillStream](#) and [August MillStream](#) for the background information on the Cherry Pond catch basin project. The construction portion of this project is complete. We filled up the pond and monitored the new catch basin for issues. We found a small leak which meant we needed to drain the water a bit in order to make repairs and give them time to dry. With the help of the heavy rains we have had lately, the pond will refill in no time.

Tree Plans

I met with our arborist, Sal Noeldner, in September to discuss tree selections for Cherry Park and our laminated root rot areas. Sal has suggested a mix of Shore Pine, Garry Oak, Vine Maples, and Cascara. We will mix in a few Armstrong Maples and Street Spire Oaks which have root systems that work well near trails.

Sal also toured Huckleberry Park with me and one of our ACC volunteers, Rick Zalupski. We found a few double trunk Douglas Firs that the arborist suggested we remove since he has observed signs of rot in the joint of the trees. You will see these trees marked with an orange dot and we have asked our tree cutter for bids. This tree work is scheduled for October.



Sal Noeldner, ISA Board Certified Master Arborist TRAQ, and Rick Zalupski, ACC Volunteer

Storm Drains

The fall rains have begun. We are finally getting some rain which is great for our thirsty trees and plants. Please check the storm drains near your home. If they are clogged with debris, take a moment to scoop the debris and put it in your yard waste. The heavy rains we have had lately quickly overwhelm clogged drains.



Volunteering with MCCA

MCCA Board candidates are pulled from various MCCA committees. Now that the 2023 election is done, we need more committee members so we have candidates to pull from next year. Our three new board members already have donated hundreds of hours to our community and we are fortunate that they are willing to volunteer more of their time on the MCCA Board of Directors. If you value our community, please consider volunteering your time and talents on one of our committees. You can learn more about each committee on our website's [Committee](#) page. We have five options for you to consider:

- **Architectural Control Committee (ACC):** meets the 1st Monday of each month at 4 pm
- **Covenant Committee:** meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4 pm
- **Inspections & Engineering Committee:** meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5 pm
- **Noxious Weed Committee:** has work-parties on Mondays, contact mccanwc@outlook.com to be added to their contact list.
- **Trail Ambassadors:** quarterly meetings, patrol schedule is flexible.

It takes people of all types of talents, backgrounds, ages, and abilities to keep our Association running smoothly. Please contact me if you have any questions about our volunteer opportunities. If you already know what you would like to do, please complete our [Volunteer Form](#) and email it to me so we can discuss which committee best fits your schedule and interests and get you started!

Hilary Bublitz
Association Director, hilary@mcca.info



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



We Are Recruiting New Volunteers!

MCCA is always looking for volunteers to serve on the following committees:

- ⇒ Inspections & Engineering
- ⇒ Architectural Control
- ⇒ Covenant
- ⇒ Trail Ambassador
- ⇒ Noxious Weed

Joining one of these committees is a great way to serve your community and meet other residents. Find more information on the

Committees page of our website (www.mcca.info) or contact the MCCA office.

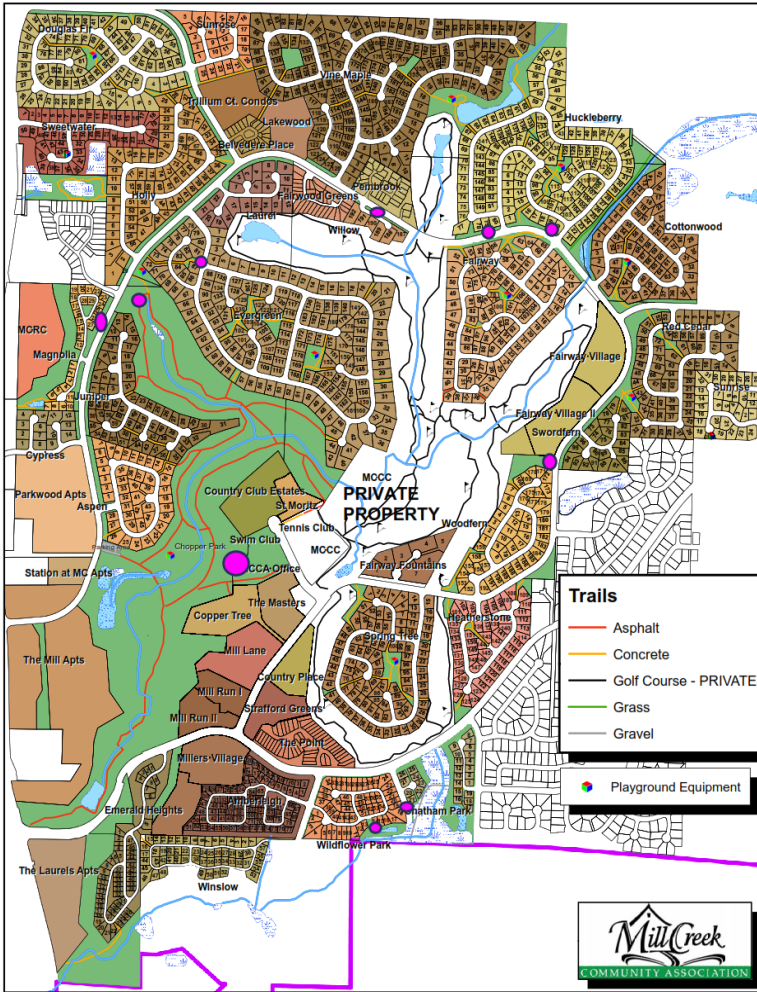
- Ph: 425-316-3344
- Email: info@mcca.info

We look forward to talking with you!



MAINTENANCE UPDATE

This fiscal year, MCCA maintenance planted 96 trees with a majority being native species. We also planted 110 native undergrowth plants such as Salal, Sword fern, Rhododendron, and Snowberry. Our goal is to continue these restoration plantings to keep MCCA green and beautiful. Here you see a map of our main planting locations—big and small—that we encourage you to visit to see the positive impact our association is having with managing our suburban forest.



MCCA main map

Didrik Voss, September 4, 2020

Pink circles show main planting locations



MCCA nursery at our shop that includes native species of trees, understory plants and shrubs

"I find there is a marked effort by the MCCA to proactively manage for both human safety AND sustainable canopy cover. I would feel that my health and well being are being cared for, especially when large, shade-giving trees are such a valued part of the landscape. Holding many sub-developments, each with many residences, the MCCA has a large amount of edges surrounding each remnant of forest species trees, but thankfully, there are a relatively large amount of greenspaces and treed paths which amount to shaded connectivity for a healthy underground soil structure, a number of lower plants, and a varied animal community."

Sal Noeldner
ISA Board Certified Master Arborist TRAQ

Erin Fraser
Administrative Assistant, info@mcca.info

SECURITY UPDATE

You may have noticed a few new faces on our Security team. In the past couple of months, we have added new part-time drivers to our staff and we are happy to report they are all doing a great job!

At the request of residents, the security hours were changed effective July 1, 2022 allowing our team 20 hours of coverage per day. With this increase in our schedule, we have had an additional 12,000 plus miles in patrolling and 500 more open garage doors were identified. With a little over 300 more member assists in the year with more package pick-ups, our time is well spent as you can see from the metrics below!

Task	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Mileage	38959	41534	40277	52902
Vacation Checks	12662	14989	18577	18867
Member Assists	3621	4400	2991	3341
Police Calls	25	30	28	16
Open Garage Door	247	446	261	806
Package Pick-up	401	427	601	694
Package Delivery	394	428	610	679

Please note that we have updated our [Security Request Form](#) to include that we are unable to store perishable items. We do not have the equipment required for refrigerated storage. We've also limited the size of packages that we can pick up to not exceed 30 pounds and/or 2' x 2'. We have limited storage space in our office and with an average of 50 houses per day, it doesn't take long to fill up our small area. Please recycle any older forms you may have and begin using the new form for all your vacation check needs.

Security can be reached between 5:30 AM and 2:00 AM seven days a week. If calling outside of these hours, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as we can.

Thank you for all you do for the security team!

Lois
 MCCA Security Supervisor
security@mcca.info

COVENANT COMMITTEE

A Friendly Reminder

We occasionally like to share with our residents our Rules and Regulations for yard maintenance. As a friendly reminder, residents are required to:

1. *Maintain lawns by keeping them mowed, edged, and reasonably free of weeds and moss. Lawns must be reasonably green except in times of water rationing decreed by the Washington Department of Ecology.*
2. *Trim trees and shrubs to prevent them from becoming unreasonably overgrown.*
3. *Remove dead, dying, or diseased trees and shrubs.*
4. *Trim and maintain hedges at a maximum height of eight (8) feet unless otherwise approved by the Architectural Control Committee.*
5. *Keep planting beds reasonably free of weeds and dead vegetation.*
6. *Refrain from using invasive plants that will spread beyond their property lines into neighboring properties or common areas.*
7. *Remove tree stumps, except for tree stumps aesthetically incorporated into landscaping plans.*

This is a great time to clean up your yard before cool weather approaches! Deadhead spent flowers, cut back any perennials that have finished blooming and weed beds. Be sure to take the time to put away any unused containers and pots from your front yard. Now is the time to collect any summer toys and store out of view.

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.

Holiday Lights

The holidays are fast approaching! We know it's tempting to get ahead of the game and get your lights put up, but please remember that holiday decorations and lights may be installed no earlier than Thanksgiving weekend and must be removed by January 31.

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 a costly mistake if you have not received approval for projects. You can find our applications [here](#).

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

Joan Sweeney

Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Over the past few summers, MCCA staff & committees have noticed an uptick in degrading lawns. MCCA must identify homes not in compliance with upkeep of lawn and landscaping. During the last year, the board approved the use of artificial turf for use in front yards, to give homeowners one alternative to keeping a maintained appearance. As our summers continue to be long and dry, we recognize the frustration of homeowners, who may have given up on their dying lawns.

If your yard includes lawn areas, those areas must be mowed, edged and maintained year round. Zero watering and fertilizing over multiple years will cause the lawn to die out and show spotty areas of bare ground that will not be revivable without extensive rehabilitation. The best practice to preserve the long-term health and appearance of your lawn is to water it evenly and regularly. Limited watering schedules may be necessary due to cost and water restrictions, but no water or maintenance are not options if your landscape includes lawn. Some browning of lawns may be understandable, but dead and unrevivable lawns will call attention to your yard and will be considered non-compliant.

Tips On Maintaining Your Lawn All Year



Fall

Thatch and aerate thoroughly. Heavily re-seed bare areas. Lightly over-seed the whole lawn. Spread lawn soil over the lawn – at least ¼ inch and water daily until rains take over. Seed should sprout within a week.



Winter

Avoid piling snow on turf. Avoid walking on frozen grass. Gently remove debris as needed.



Spring

When temperatures rise above 40 degrees revisit your lawn and repeat what you did in the fall. If the lawn had time to revive in the fall, you may not need to be as aggressive in spring as you were in the fall. Aeration and overseed is always recommended. This is a great time to treat for moss and fertilize. Mow weekly.



Summer

Continue with moss treatment and weed removal, mow as needed and edge for a tidy appearance. Water, at least on a limited basis. Pay attention to watering results to determine your overall minimum watering plan.

Alternatives To Lawn—Choose What's Right For You

The best plan for your yard is one that is realistic for your lifestyle. There is no joy or satisfaction in overburdening your family with unwanted chores. Additionally, some plans are more cost efficient than others. Although alternative water-efficient landscape plans are gaining in popularity, no yard is without routine maintenance. Every yard should include a minimum of water, weed control and pruning. TIP: Drip Lines & soaker hoses are an effective way to water beds. Mulching with bark or other organic materials can help with weed control, but be prepared to manually remove errant weeds. If you need to seek a trusted professional to help keep you on track throughout the year, please refer to our [Service Provider](#) list for recommendations of landscapers in our area.

Remember To Apply

If you are considering renovating your landscape, the ACC requests that specific details of your plan be included with your application. If you are uncertain if your project requires approval, please contact the MCCA office. All applications can be found on our [website](#).

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

The Noxious Weed Committee welcomes the return of fall! Weekly work events have begun once again on Monday mornings from 9 to 12 for whatever length of time a volunteer can attend.

As a reminder, an email is sent the preceding Wednesday or Thursday to let the volunteers know where the NWC will be working and the goal of the project. So for those who don't want to jump into blackberry removal, there is no need to worry. Choose a Monday when a general park cleanup is being done or a Monday of English ivy removal or deadwood removal. There are also Mondays when wood chips that have been delivered by our Maintenance Team are spread. Volunteering one hour a month truly makes a difference.

Because of the help the NWC received from residents in **Central Park within Evergreen** removing English ivy, followed by spreading wood chips, there is another area ready for planting. Getting the native plants in during October gives them time to be established come next summer!.

Consider volunteering on **Saturday, October 28, from 10 to 12**, for the fall planting. The event is open to all residents within MCCA. Bring a water bottle and snack along with gloves and a shovel. Wear some sturdy shoes, and expect to get dirty. Enjoy the reward of helping with ongoing MCCA native plant restoration in our parks and common areas!



Wildwood Park—November 2022



Wildwood Park—September 2023



Central Park—September 2022



Central Park—September 2023

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

Important Dates!

- October 4 [Coffee with a Cop](#)
- October 21 [Community Shredding Event \(Kiwanis\)](#)
- October 31 [Trunk or Treat at Mill Creek Town Center](#)
- November 10 [Veterans Day Commemorative Ceremony](#)
- November 10 [Vererans Day Parade](#)
- November 15 City Chat (Cogir Senior Living)
- November 24 Festival of Trees (until 1/1)

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

★ THE CITY OF MILL CREEK PRESENTS ★

TRUNK OR TREAT ON MAIN

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 - 6:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

MILL CREEK TOWN CENTER · 15310 MAIN ST

CITY OF
MillCreek
WASHINGTON
40th ANNIVERSARY

Join us for an evening of trunk or treating along Main Street between Boston's Pizza and Town & Country Market.

Bring a canned food item as a suggested donation to benefit the Mill Creek Food Bank.

millcreekwa.gov/trunkortreat

THANK YOU TO OUR 2023 EVENT SPONORS



Community Document Shredding Event!

Saturday
October 21
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

On-site document shredding at
City Hall North

15720 Main St.

First box free

\$5 suggested donation for
each additional box.

Donations Benefit:
Mill Creek Kiwanis Club

Shred any unwanted documents with
personal information securely. Staples or
paperclips do not need to be removed!



Kiwanis



millcreekwa.gov



MILL CREEK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

Are You Prepared for a Disaster?

National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen to anyone, at any time.

Disasters include extreme weather events, fire, earthquakes, and more. Being prepared can reduce fear, anxiety, and lessen impacts for you and your loved ones.

Prepare to care for your family by:

- Knowing what disasters and hazards could affect you and how to get emergency alerts.
- Making sure your family has a plan, understands the plan, and practices it often.
- Preparing supplies for your specific daily living needs and keeping in mind every member of the family, including pets.
- Double check your insurance coverage to make sure you're covered in a disaster.

For downloadable checklists, guides, and videos visit www.ready.gov

South County Fire offers a free one-hour online training to help you prepare for disasters. To register visit www.southsnofire.org/classes. Join us on Saturday, November 4 from 11-2pm for our Emergency Preparedness Expo. Learn more at www.southsnofire.org/prepare.



Are you **PREPARED?**

Emergency Preparedness EXPO

Saturday, November 4th from 11am - 2pm

Northwest Church, 19820 Scriber Lake Road, Lynnwood

FREE EVENT

Prize drawings for attendees!

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES:

- Learn how to prepare and care for your family in different types of emergencies.
- Get your questions answered from professionals across the county.
- Tour a fire engine and other emergency vehicles.
- Learn lifesaving skills, and more.



EVENT IN PARTNERSHIP:

- SOUTH COUNTY FIRE • CITY OF BRIER • CITY OF EDMONDS
- CITY OF LYNNWOOD • CITY OF MILL CREEK • CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

Learn more: www.southsnofire.org | outreach@southsnofire.org | 425-320-5800

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

All About Cougars, Mountain Lions, Pumas & Panthers

Fall is here and hiking season is still with us! Remember, when you are out in the deep forest, you are in cougar country. More than likely, you won't see our native mountain lions, but they will see you! To get you ready for your next excursion into the forest, the Adopt A Stream Foundation presents "**All About Cougars**" featuring WA State Fish and Wildlife *Cougar Scientist* Brian Kerston, 7pm Wednesday, October 5 at the Northwest Stream Center, 600 – 128th Street SE, Everett WA 98208, a fun show geared for 6th graders to old-timers.

To reserve a space, go to www.streamkeeper.org or call 425-316-8592; \$5 for Adopt A Stream Foundation members and \$7 for non-members. Proceeds benefit Adopt A Stream Foundation's environmental education program *Streamkeeper Academy*.



Brian Kerston with cougar cub

Brian Kerston will be conducting an entertaining and informative discussion on cougar ecology, behavior, and management. Attend and you will learn how to identify cougar signs in the woods and the keys to co-existing with cougars where you live and recreate. Brian is a wildlife scientist who really gets up close and personal with cougars (see attached image)! After earning his Ph.D. with the Washington Cooperative Fish & Wildlife

Research Unit at the University of Washington, Brian was recruited by the Idaho Fish and Game Department. Then, the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife drafted him back to Washington. Now, Brian has 18-years' experience conducting intensive, field-based cougar research in the Cascade Mountains. His current research examines the potential influences of expanding housing developments on cougar-human interaction in western Washington.

Cougars, *Puma concolor*, are the apex predator of the Pacific NW forests. Solitary and secretive, these big cats are often shrouded in mystery, mythology, and misinformation. Brian will dispel all the myths that you may have heard about this very athletic feline. You will learn everything you ever wanted to know about cougars: how big they get, how many kittens they have, how long they live in the wild, favorite foods, habitat requirements, do they really move around in the suburbs....and much more.

Also, you will also get to test out your powers of observation. Brian will present several "deep forest" photos and you will be asked to "find the cougar." It is really tough to do! But it will be fun! Register now by going to www.streamkeeper.org or calling 425-316-8592.

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER (CONT.)

The “Bat Lady” Wings to the Northwest Stream Center

ALL ABOUT BATS

Attention all ghosts and goblins! The *Bat Lady* will be at the Adopt A Stream Foundation’s Northwest Stream Center 7pm, Friday October 20 located in Snohomish County’s McCollum Park 600 128th Street SE, Everett WA 98208. The *Bat Lady* also goes by the name of Barbara Ogaard. She rehabilitates injured bats for the Sarvey Wildlife Center and is a researcher for Bat’s Northwest. Pre-register for *All About Bats* by calling 425-316-8592 or go to www.streamkeeper.org; \$5 for Adopt A Stream Foundation members, \$7 non-members.



Big Brown Bat

“The Bat Lady puts on quite a show,” says Adopt A Stream Foundation Director Tom Murdoch. “Barbara has this unique ability to engage little kids and old gray beards at the same time.” Live bats will be part of the presentation along with incredible photo images of bats from around the world and some very cool bat puppets. Murdoch advises that this is a very entertaining event!

Attend this show and you will learn that bats are beneficial in many ways. “One of my favorite foods is bananas” says Murdoch. “After learning from the *Bat Lady* that Fruit Bats pollinate banana trees, I became a big bat fan.” They also pollinate breadfruit, avocados, dates, figs, peaches, and mangoes. In the tropics, bats spread seeds for trees that are essential for the rain forests. In North America bats control insects...a single Mouse Eared bat can eat up to 600 mosquitoes in an hour!

The whole family will learn that we really don’t need to be worried about vampire bats. Real vampires are only found in the tropics, and they don’t care for human blood...sorry Dracula, there are no vampires in Transylvania...and vampire saliva is being used in the development of a new medicine for people with heart disease! At the bat show you will see that while many bats are scary to look at, others are very beautiful, and some are so cute that they will bring a big smile to your face!

Registration proceeds benefit Sarvey Wildlife Center and the NW Stream Center. To learn about other great upcoming Streamkeeper Academy events, go to www.streamkeeper.org.

Attention: ALL GHOSTS AND GOBLINS WHO WEAR A COSTUME WILL RECEIVE A FREE SALMON POSTER FROM THE ADOPT A STREAM FOUNDATION! This event is conducted by the Adopt A Stream Foundation in partnership with the Snohomish County Parks and Recreation Department.

Attention Media: White Nose Syndrome refers to a fungus that has killed an estimated 5.7 to 6.7 million bats. Bats have been affected by the fungus from the East coast to the Rockies and has just hit Washington State. Imagine the insect problem that will occur without bats! Contact Barbara Ogaard for more details – she will provide you with a great interview.

For details on bats of the Pacific Northwest go to the Bats Northwest website:

<https://www.batsnorthwest.org/meet-washingtons-bats>

MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB



Mill Creek Community Food Bank's rebuilt ramps

Ahhh! The fresh air of fall is upon us, and a gardener's mind starts to turn to the activities of Autumn; all the while, resisting to release the bountiful abundance of summer. As the annuals start to fade, one reflects on the beauty that surrounded us a mere 45-60 days ago, but we eagerly anticipate the change into an Autumn palette of yellows, rusts, golds, reds and oranges.

Mill Creek Garden Club (MCGC) is grateful for the community's support of our 7th Annual Garden Tour which raised \$10,000 to benefit our "Giving Through Gardening" Grants Program. Mill Creek Community Food Bank was one of last year's recipients. Our grant provided funds to replace their ramps. We anticipate the expansion of our Grants Program this year.

This fiscal year's first luncheon was held in September. Everyone was excited to gather again and catch up. Guest Speaker, Sara Christopherson of Sunnyside Nursery, helped move our collective minds into Autumn container gardening. Her designs were thought-provoking, and this member could hardly wait to visit the nursery!

We look forward to learning in October, "How to Successfully Prune Any Shrub," from Bess Bronstein, ISA Certified Arborist. At the November luncheon, Trevor Cameron, General Manager of Sunnyside Nursery, will present "Lighting Up Our Winter Months."



Sara Christopherson, Sunnyside



September meeting at Shawn O'Donnell's

Join us at our monthly meetings 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, and Guests \$28. Reservations are required. Go to our website to apply for membership. Meetings start promptly at 11:00 with check-in at 10:30.

The celebration of our 40th anniversary began in September. Four members opened their gardens to all members to tour, and a potluck dinner followed at the home of 1st VP, Debby Cox. Keep your eyes on the lookout for our members planting spring bulbs around the Mill Creek Community. Also, you may have noticed that the Veteran's Monument at Library Park has been refreshed by our Garden Projects Committee Members. Visit it in November in remembrance of our Veterans.

Marilyn Hanan-hoover, MCGC Publicity Chair

www.millcreekgardenclub.com

Facebook: [Mill Creek Garden Tour & Artisan Market](#)



Debby Cox & Dinner Plate Dahlias

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

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, mah-jong, 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 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:

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

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 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.

Submitted by Debra Lowry,

MCWC Publicity Chair



Our Board Members from L-R back row: Debra Lowry, Marlene Kurpiewski, Pam Watson, Margaret Durkee, Mike Hooks, Sue Marchand, Kathleen Corbiere, Nancy Knox and Jackie Fields. L-R front row: Barb Bardin, Jeannette Bliss, Sue Kerber and Debbie Cox

MILL CREEK LIBRARY



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As we head into this fall, take the library with you! Learners of all ages can use their library card to research specific subjects, use printers and scanners, borrow laptops and Wi-Fi hotspots, and more. After homework is done, relax with books, eBooks, digital audiobooks, graphic novels, and movies the whole family will enjoy.

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

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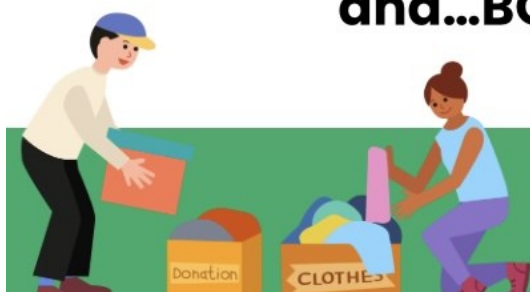
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