



MillStream

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE BY SID SIEGEL

The critical issue before the Association this month is to ratify our budget for the coming fiscal year of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. We offer voting options via paper ballot as well as online through Voteegrity to make voting as accessible as possible for our residents. We continue to work hard to keep expenses in check and minimize increases in your annual assessment. You can access the [Budget Newsletter](#) and proposed budget on our website. Ballots have already been sent via email to everyone who has opted-in to electronic notifications. Paper ballots should hit mailboxes next week. **Please vote YES to ratify our budget.**

We are very fortunate to live in beautiful neighborhoods with a lush tree canopy. Due to age or disease, this suburban forest can become a threat to our safety and require our ongoing vigilance and occasionally action to mitigate that risk. You don’t have to look very deep in the news to find numerous unfortunate tree/human interactions this month due to the storms we had. Fortunately, we had none of these in our neighborhoods, however we had a number of trees fall and hit sidewalks and streets as well as the maintenance shop here at MCCA. Fortunately, our amazing maintenance team was able to clean up the debris and with the help of Taylor’s Snohomish Tree Service late in the night of the storm we were able to remove the large Douglas fir from the roof of our shop. Unfortunately, the damage at the shop was significant and the restoration work will likely continue until the end of the summer.

Our maintenance team has long been involved with the replanting of trees all over the Association. We replant to reforest an area where disease has required the removal of trees or to replant areas where natural falls have occurred. We are fortunate to have access to ISA certified TRAQ arborist Sal Noeldner to guide us on our decisions of which trees to remove, and what and where to plant. In an effort to not only align with best practices for large associations like ours as well as formalize our efforts to keep our neighborhoods beautiful, the Board has adopted a [Tree Policy](#) that is now available on our web site.



Barred Owl in North Park
photo by Hope Chatfield (Vine Maple)

City of Mill Creek Eggstravaganza – if you have young ones around, be sure to enjoy the City’s egg hunt on Saturday, March 30 10:30AM at the Heatherwood Middle School track.

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**, our [Website](#) 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

Annual Survey Questions and Answers

Every year we receive some great questions in the short answer response sections of our survey. The Board and I will use the MillStream to highlight some of these questions and provide a response. Look in the June MillStream for the next installment of questions and answers!

Q: What can the Association do to control the newspapers and unsolicited materials we are receiving?

A: Unfortunately, the Association is not able to regulate outside companies and people. Our rules cover the privately owned property within our planned residential development. If you are receiving mail you do not want, you can look at some tips USPS has posted on their website regarding [unwanted mail](#). Alternatively, the publication may have a subscription email address that you might be able to contact to stop the mailings. If you find a method to stop unwanted mail that works well, please let the MCCA office know so we can share it with others.

Q: What can MCCA do to control costs?

A: This year's budget challenges include rising inflation, a tight labor market, and increased insurance costs. MCCA insures 12 vehicles and three trailers used by our Maintenance and Security teams. Insurance costs (included in the Administration portion of the budget) have risen throughout the industry; the 11% increase in our commercial and auto insurance this year is on the smaller side compared to rate increases experienced by other associations. We continue to work on reducing our fleet insurance costs by providing driver training to employees and operating telematics systems in our company vehicles. Healthcare costs also increased by about 20%. The Board of Directors continues to focus most of the MCCA budget on maintenance tasks while doing everything possible to stretch your assessment dollars. In spite of the cost increases we are facing with the budget, the proposed assessment increase is 6%. The proposed assessment payment for single family homes is \$712, townhomes is \$534, and Condo and Apartments is \$356.

Budget Packet and Vote

Residents who have opted-in to electronic notifications should have received their budget packets via email. All other residents should receive their packets in the mail in the first week of April. If you feel you have missed your packet, please contact the MCCA office or visit our website to view the [Budget Newsletter](#).

Upcoming Projects—Huckleberry Wall Repairs

We have a major refresh scheduled for the east Huckleberry entry. The rock wall is starting to fail due to the tree roots from the large Douglas firs located behind the wall which is also causing the brick monument to lean. Our arborist, Sal Noeldner has recommended removal of the large Douglas firs due to laminated root rot issues in the area and the fact that the roots are causing the retaining wall to fail. Before the project starts, we will work to remove the sign and smaller plantings, some of which will be reused in this location, or elsewhere in the Association.

The Board has contracted with Currie Construction to repair the rock wall. Once that project is complete, All Design Masonry will rebuild the brick wall and we will re-attach the entry sign. The 40 year old electrical system will also be replaced as part of this project.



MCCA will work with the City of Mill Creek to obtain a Right of Way permit for this project. You can expect some traffic delays as our contractor works in the area. Our plan is to start this project in early May.

ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR’S MESSAGE (CONT.)

MCCA Tree Policy

The MCCA Covenant Restrictions Article IV section 4.5.1 (a) give the Board the authority to, “adopt and amend the Rules and Regulations.” After much discussion and consultation with the association attorney, the MCCA Board of Directors adopted the [MCCA Tree Policy](#) at the February board meeting. This policy is built on the rules, regulations, and procedures used by the Association in the past and state law. The Board gathered all this information into one document to help direct the actions of the Board, staff, and residents now and in the future.

The MCCA Tree Policy clearly states MCCA’s responsibility for common area trees, as well as the responsibilities each homeowner has for trees on their property. The policy also provides guidance for the actions people need to take when trees fall on their property.

The most exciting part of the new tree policy, is our commitment to purchase and plant 100 trees in the Association every year. Living in a suburban forest involves managing the risk involved in living under large trees. While we do have to remove trees in order to reduce risk to structures and people, we are also committed to replanting. So far this fiscal year, MCCA maintenance has planted over 200 trees. Be sure to attend our annual meeting in September where we will give a full report of all our tree activities. The cycle of harvesting and planting ensures we can enjoy our tree canopy now and in the future.

Upcoming Concrete Work

Our vendor, Rainier Concrete and Asphalt will be replacing sidewalk panels damaged during the removal of trees in the Fairway laminated root rot zone along Village Green Drive (see area marked in red). This project is scheduled for the beginning of April. We will be rerouting pedestrian traffic to the sidewalk on the Huckleberry side of Village Green Drive (see area marked in yellow). Rainier will also replace some old concrete pathway in the Heatherstone division.



Need a Notary?

Did you know we have a commissioned notary public on staff ready to help you with your personal documents? If you are in need of these services, please call or email our office to make an appointment with Joan (425)316-3344 or info@mcca.info.

MCCA Garage Sale—May 4

MCCA has two days per year when garage sales and their associated signage are allowed: the first Saturday in May and the first Saturday in October. **This spring, Garage Sale Day is Saturday, May 4.** Generally, residents open their sales around 8 or 9 am and close them up by 3 pm. MCCA advertises the garage sale day in local journals such as The Mill Creek Living magazine.

Residents are responsible for putting up and removing their own signs and holding the sale in their driveway or garage. Residents who live in a sub-association without a garage, should contact their sub-association board to determine where they can hold their sale.

Below is a list of local drop-off sites where you can donate your unsold items:

Goodwill Donation Center 710 164th St SW, Lynnwood WA

Helping Hands 19213 Bothell-Everett Hwy. Bothell, WA

St. Vincent De Paul 6424 Broadway Everett, WA

IMPORTANT DATES!

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

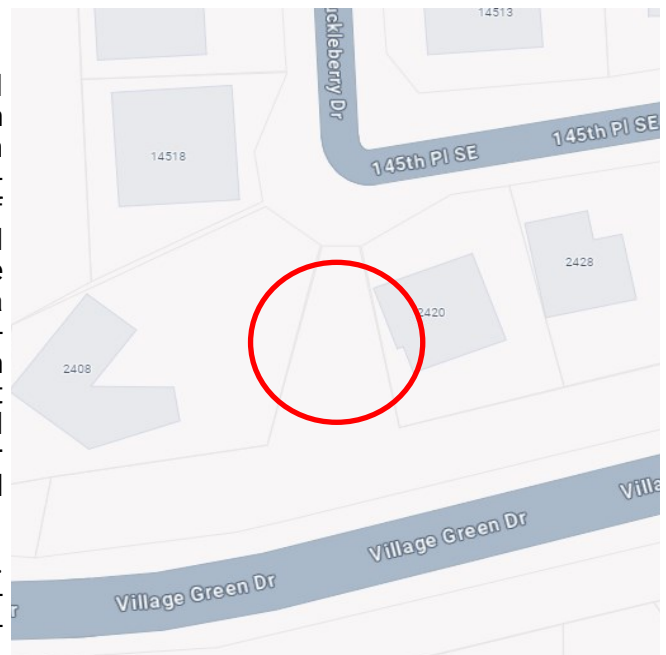
- March 30** City of Mill Creek [Eggstravaganza](#) at 10:30 am—Heatherwood Middle School
- April 10** City of Mill Creek Open House at 6-7:30 pm—City Hall North, Room 130
- April 17** MCCA Board Meeting at 4 pm in MCCA board room
- April 20** Earth Day Event at Central Park in Evergreen 10-12 pm
- April 24** MCCA Budget Meeting at 7 pm in MCCA board room
- April 25** Master Gardener Presentation at 3 pm in MCCA board room
- May 4** MCCA Garage Sale Day
- May 9 and 10** Arborist Day
- May 14** Neighborhood Disaster Preparedness at 6:30-8:00 pm—City Hall North, Room 201
- May 15** MCCA Board Meeting at 2 pm in MCCA board room
- May 15** City Chat 6:30-7:30 pm—City Hall North
- May 27** Memorial Day, MCCA office closed
- May 30** MCCA Sub-Association Meeting 6:30-8:00 pm—Mill Creek Country Club
- June 1** National Trail Day! Scavenger Hunt in the Nature Preserve 10-1 pm

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Critter Corridor Project

If you live in Huckleberry division, you may have noticed we've begun clearing the large triangle-shaped common area between lots 77 and 78. This space was overgrown with Himalayan blackberries, invasive plants, dumped landscape debris and garbage. Our goal is to clear the area of brush and debris and provide a safe forage area for small critters like birds, squirrels, and pollinators. Specific forage plants like cascara and red flowering currant along with a Garry oak will be planted next fall. Having an environmentally themed purpose that's beneficial to animals, coupled with our clearing projects is not only good for the environment but also good for our residents and their children, who will hopefully experience some memorable wildlife sightings or take a few pictures of happy wildlife stopping to feed and rest at our critter corridor.

As a reminder, please do not feed wildlife in our community. These critters are healthiest when left to rely on their natural food sources that will be provided in this space. Introducing human food to wildlife will only attract rats, raccoons and other undesirable animals to the neighborhood.



Location of the Critter Corridor Project in Huckleberry

Help Prevent Littering!

Every day our Maintenance Team is hard at work, picking up trash that has been left behind in our trails, parks and common areas. Please make an extra effort to place your trash in the nearest trash bin. Show you care for your community and inspire others by picking up litter that doesn't belong to you. We will continue to do our part!

SECURITY

Ding Dong Ditching and Egging: Harmless Mischief or Criminal Behavior?

No matter your opinion on these types of pranks, we want to raise awareness of both as we are hearing of more residents falling victim to these trends.

Ding Dong Ditching may seem like a harmless prank. This is when a person rings a doorbell or knocks on a door, then runs away before it is answered. Many residents, especially our elderly residents are very scared by this. Egging a home is an act of vandalism that can cause permanent damage to a house or car and can result in possible criminal charges.

If you witness either of these pranks taking place, please contact the City of Mill Creek Police Department and let Security know so we are aware of these incidents. We will continue to observe and report. Security cameras can help to act as a deterrent!

Are you ready for the 'Big One'?

The City of Mill Creek provides training on the Map Your Neighborhood program. If a massive disaster strikes, you and your family's best chance of survival is with your neighbors helping neighbors. The next workshop will take place **May 14, 2024 at 6:30–8:00 pm** in room 201 at City Hall North, 15720 Main Street. Follow this [link](#) to learn more and register if you plan to attend.

Emergency Contact Information

If you are one of our many residents who live alone, please consider having an emergency contact on file with our office. If there is an emergency that might affect you or your property and we are unable to reach you, it is important that we have contact information for a family member or friend that might be able to assist.

Packages

As part of our service to our residents, we will check your front porch while you're away and collect any packages that might be arriving in your absence. For us to provide this service, please complete a [Security Check Request](#) and return it to us a week prior to your trip. While we are happy to pick up packages on your behalf, we do have limited storage space to accommodate the many parcels we've been amassing these last couple of months. Keep in mind, if you think you might be expecting more than 2-3 packages while away, it might be a good idea to coordinate with a neighbor or friend and ask that they stow deliveries for you until you return.

Security Metrics

Our Security Team works 20 hours per day, 7 days per week. As of March 20, this fiscal year the team has :

- logged 33,292 miles driving,
- completed 13,909 vacation checks,
- assisted 1,829 members,
- called the police 15 times to report suspicious activity,
- notified 599 residents about opened garage doors and
- picked up and returned over 500 parcels.

We are happy to serve the residents of Mill Creek!



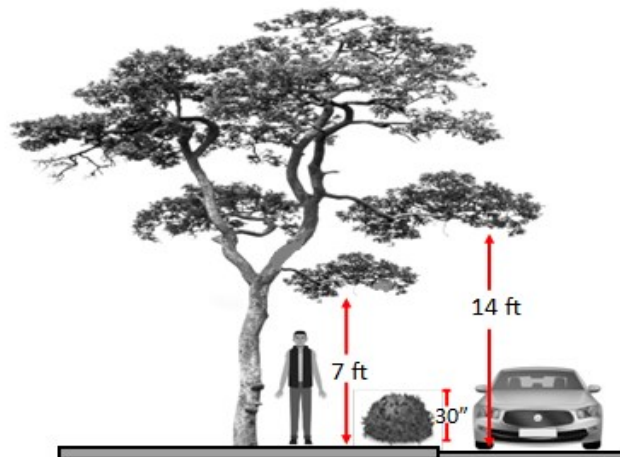
COVENANT COMMITTEE

Survey results from last fall indicate that some residents are disappointed in the lack of yard maintenance and covenant enforcement throughout the Association. Landscape maintenance and enforcement has been a challenge for the committee but they are determined to resolve any outstanding issues. Last fall, a letter was sent out to many homes regarding lawns that were left to die or go dormant over the summer months. This spring, the committee will be expecting those homeowners to repair or replace their lawns as requested in the letter, or relandscape as needed.

This spring, we are focusing on right-of-way (ROW) maintenance. The City of Mill Creek has re-paving scheduled in the Spring Tree and Cottonwood divisions. A letter has gone out to all residents of those divisions, and more divisions will be getting a similar letter explaining that allowing landscaping to grow out into the road or over the curb is considered improper maintenance. MCCA Restrictive Covenants state:

7.2.2.1 Yard Maintenance

- improperly maintained yards, including lack of mowing, fertilizing, watering, edging, and weeding (to include all areas within the property line).
- failure to maintain trees and shrubs, including lack of trimming and watering necessary to maintain a landscaped appearance.
- failure to remove weeds, errant grass, dead vegetation, etc., from landscaping.
- failure to remove dead trees.
- failure to remove tree stumps, except for tree stumps aesthetically incorporated into landscaping plans.



City of Mill Creek Shrub/Tree Trimming Guidelines

The City of Mill Creek also has [municipal code](#) regarding landscape maintenance. The city has guidelines for trimming shrubs and trees back and up from the public right-of-way (17.22.020 Landscaping). Shrubs and trees should be trimmed back from the right-of-way (ROW), as well as up 7' above sidewalks and walking paths and 14' above roads. There are also restrictions on planting hedges within the ROW that are parallel to the road. Those hedges cannot be higher than 30" and should not be allowed to grow out into the road.

Note: these are the general guidelines. For safety reasons, the city may require more trimming to ensure clear sightlines.

We all must do our part to keep our city safe and beautiful. Please look at your lot and trim all your landscaping back from the curb and ensure your trees and shrubs are trimmed to conform with the city's guidelines.

Spring Checklist

- ✓ Treat and remove moss from driveways, walkways, and retaining walls.
- ✓ Thatching, aerating and reseeding should be completed this month. If you are planning a new lawn or re-landscaping, [apply](#) now.
- ✓ Clean gutters.
- ✓ Clean exterior siding.
- ✓ Prune trees and shrubs. Pay attention to any vegetation growing over the curb into public Right of way (ROW).
- ✓ Clean and repair fencing as needed.
- ✓ Plan ahead as you consider exterior changes or painting. Be sure you apply with MCCA and check out the [Service Provider](#) list to start getting bids.

Yard Signs

MCCA and your committees understand that many residents are proud parents who wish to display graduation signs or voters who want to participate in the process by posting a political sign. Please do so while following the MCCA sign restrictions and keep your signs 10 feet back from the curb. If you are posting any vendor signage, the same rule of 10' back applies. You may post vendor signs only while the vendor is on your property performing the work. Once the project is completed, the signs must go.

If you have any questions regarding the [MCCA Rules & Regulations](#) or the [MCCA Restrictive Covenants](#), feel free to email me at joan@mcca.info

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

Joan Sweeney
Compliance Coordinator

MCCA WILDLIFE

An MCCA resident recently captured this picture of a bobcat in a tree near their home. This serves as a great reminder that we have lots of wildlife living within MCCA. Please do not leave food outside for the squirrels or ducks as:

1. Human food is not good for wildlife.
2. Any food you leave outside also feeds the rats and can attract predators, like the bobcats, coyotes, and bears, to your area.

While out walking, especially in the early morning and evening hours, be aware of your surroundings. Read the [Living with Wildlife](#) post on the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife website so you know what to do if you encounter wild animals while on your daily walk. Always keep your pets on a leash while outside. Wild animals are opportunists and can harm or run off with your pet before you have a chance to react.



Bobcat photo by B. Alberda, Aspen resident

SCAVENGER HUNT



TO CELEBRATE

National Trails Day

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR A SCAVENGER HUNT
IN THE NATURE PRESERVE. FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Saturday, June 1, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Check-in will be available at our booth in Chopper Park.

[Chopper Park Map](#)



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

For more information, contact info@mcca.info or 425-316-3344

A MESSAGE FROM TRAIL AMBASSADORS

Trail Etiquette

We look forward to celebrating National Trail Day with you at the Scavenger Hunt event in Chopper Park on June 1. With the arrival of spring weather, more and more residents will be out enjoying our nature preserve trails. Please keep the following trail etiquette in mind to ensure our extensive trail system remains safe and enjoyable for all.

Dog walkers: We love your furry friends and enjoy seeing you out on the trail with them. Please remember, **all dogs should be on a leash** when on the trail and in parks. Also, it's common courtesy to ask before allowing your dog to approach other pedestrians and their dogs. Part of what makes our trails and parks so wonderful is keeping them free of garbage and pet waste. Please, please pick up your dog's waste! No one wants a "surprise" on the bottom of their shoe. Our Maintenance Team keeps Mutt Mitt stations well stocked, so feel free to take advantage of them and always deposit dog waste bags in the nearest garbage bin.

Walkers: Please be aware of your surroundings. When walking in groups, fall into a single line so that others can pass by comfortably. Be aware of your belongings. When reaching into pockets, be sure to look for and pick up anything that may have fallen out of your pocket: tissues, wallets, keys, masks, etc. We have found all kinds of things along the trail and have a growing Lost and Found basket at the office. If you think you might have lost an item on the trail, please contact the office at (425)316-3344.

Scooter, bicycle, skate and golf cart users: Pedestrians always have the right of way and must be yielded to if you're on wheels. It can be very dangerous for both walkers and riders if there is a collision! If you're on wheels, give an audible, clear warning when passing pedestrians – for instance, "on your left", if passing on the left. Slow down and be ready to dismount and walk your bike or scooter if it appears the pedestrian did not hear you and is still in the roadway. Golf cart drivers, please slow down as you pass pedestrians, and remember that golf carts must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

Golf Cart Registration Reminder

If you own a golf cart and drive it on any of the paths or trails within the Association's common areas, it must be registered with the MCCA office. There is no cost. You will be given a MCCA decal to display on your cart. Always be mindful of your cart speed and be considerate when you encounter other Association members. Please email your completed [Golf Cart Permit Application](#) to info@mcca.info.



ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Arborist Days are here!

Thursday, May 9 and Friday, May 10: If you would like to reserve your 25-minute appointment, please complete an [Arborist Day Application](#) and return it to our office with payment of \$65. Maintaining the health of your trees is an essential part of home ownership and this is a great opportunity to have certified arborist, Sal Noeldner, assess your trees at a greatly reduced rate.

Don't forget to apply.

As a reminder, residents must obtain written approval from the ACC for any significant landscaping or architectural changes **in both the front and back** of the property. This includes, but is not limited to, lawn removal, tree removal, patio or deck installation or replacement (even if using the existing footprint), driveway replacement, exterior paint, window or door replacement, exterior mechanical equipment, and fence installation. All applications are available on the [Forms](#) page of the MCCA website, or you can pick up an application at the MCCA office.

Are you ready to say “goodbye” to your lawn?

Join us for a presentation from Master Gardener, LaDawn Rawlins, who will discuss “Lawn Replacement and Native Plants.” LaDawn has 15 years of experience as a Master Gardener, focusing on healing the earth by removing invasive vegetation and replacing it with native plants that thrive in the Pacific Northwest. She will share how to remove unwanted lawns and replace them with drought-tolerant alternatives, many of which are native to our area.

Lawn Replacement and Native Plants, Thursday, April 25 at 3:00–4:00 pm in the MCCA board room

Topics covered will include how to:

- Assess your site (sun, soil, water)
- Plan your landscape
- Select suitable plants and give them the best chance of success
- Care for your new landscape (watering, pruning, weeding)

We have two \$25 gift cards from McAuliffe's Nursery to raffle off at this event. You must be present to win! Space is limited. To register for this event, please use this link: <https://mccalawnpresentation.rsvpify.com>.



NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

Spring is here, and various native plants are showing off their blooms as you can see by the pictures interspersed throughout this NWC article!

The NWC will be adding some native plants to our parks and common areas this spring, with the biggest planting done in **Central Park in Evergreen on Saturday, April 20, from 10 to 12, to celebrate Earth Day!** There will be fringe cup, bald hip roses, snowberry, and LOTS of sword ferns to plant and some wood chips to spread!

Registration is necessary to ensure you'll receive a T-shirt and to be entered into a raffle! This is a family friendly event. You need only to bring some gloves, a shovel, and a water bottle. Expect to have some fun and to get dirty! To RSVP, [click here to register](#) or use this QR Code!



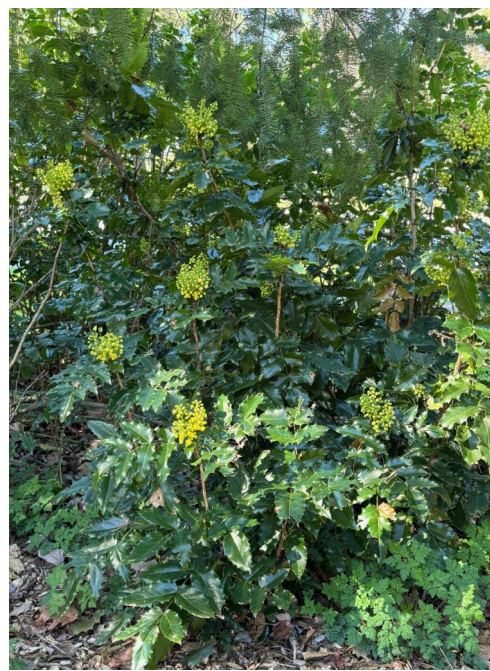
Flowering red currant

In a visit throughout MCCA with arborist, Sal Noeldner, he pointed out the danger of using landscape fabric, commonly used in garden beds as a weed suppressant. Landscape fabric can impede airflow and jeopardize the roots and ultimate health of trees and shrubs. Before considering this type of product for weed control, Sal recommends homeowners read this short but informative article on landscape fabric written by Linda Chalker-Scott, Ph.D., with WSU: <https://s3.wp.wsu.edu/uploads/sites/403/2015/03/landscape-fabric.pdf>.

Going forward, the NWC will be using a new email address through MCCA: mccanwc@mcca.info. Let the NWC know if you'd like to be added to the NWC contact list to be notified when and where the NWC will be working. Stop by to see what we're doing or stop by to help out! Volunteers are needed not only for our work events but for help with upcoming summer watering!



Osoberry



Oregon grape

Rotary Club of Mill Creek Thanks Book Donors

Throughout the month of February, generous donors from our community have been delivering children’s books to the Mill Creek Community Association office. About 500 books were donated! They are beautiful, and the Literacy Project of the Mill Creek Rotary Club is grateful for each one.

Judy Cromwell picked up the books, delivering to the Mill Creek Food Bank. The Food Bank Director said: “We really appreciate these books, and it brings a smile to all our faces as the kids carry their books with excitement.”

In addition to the food bank, we took 300 books to the Everett Boys and Girls Club on President’s Day to replenish the shelves we installed last year. We will soon also be supplying books you donated to the Cascade Boys and Girls Club and the South Everett/Mukilteo Club, two fairly new clubs that serve more than 95% low-income children.

Thank you to the board of the Mill Creek Community Association—led by President, Sid Siegel—for initiating, advertising, and making this book drive happen. And a huge thank you to each person who responded by bringing books to the association’s office so that low-income children in our area can have access to quality children’s books!



MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

PRESERVING STREETS IN GOOD CONDITION TODAY...

COMING SUMMER 2024

PAVEMENT PRESERVATION PROJECT

DO YOU LIVE IN MILL CREEK?

WILL UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURES AFFECT YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

IF YES, COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
MILL CREEK CITY HALL NORTH
15720 MAIN STREET, SUITE 130

PROPOSED ROADWAYS IMPACTED:

- 136TH PL SE (OFF 23RD AVE SE)
- 25TH AVE SE
- 136TH PL SE (OFF 29TH AVE SE)
- 28TH DR SE
- COUNTRY CLUB DR
- SPRINGTREE DR S
- 23RD LN SE
- 27TH DR SE (BETWEEN 161ST ST SE & 158TH PL SE)
- 158TH PL SE
- 24TH DR SE
- HIGHLANDS BLVD SE
- SEATTLE HILL RD



...SAVES MONEY TOMORROW



CITY OF Mill Creek WASHINGTON

THE CITY OF MILL CREEK
ALONG WITH THEIR SPONSORS
PRESENT

Eggstravaganza EGG HUNTS

FREE EGG HUNT FOR FAMILIES

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024
Heatherwood Middle School
HEATHERWOOD TRACK • 1419 TRILLIUM BLVD SE

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

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

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EVENT SPONSORS





State Of the City Luncheon

with

Mayor Pro Tem Stephanie Vignal
& Mayor Brian Holtzclaw

Join us

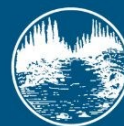
Wednesday, April 24

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

LUNCH PROVIDED

The Forum
15121 Main Street, Mill Creek

For more information visit
millcreekwa.gov/events



MILL CREEK
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

Spring Into Safety

Spring is a perfect time to clear the dust and clutter from your home. It's also a great time to check your home for potential hazards including fire.

- Declutter your home by getting rid of things you no longer need.
- Check your smoke alarms, replacing those older than years.
- Clean your dryer vents.
- Install window locks for windows above the first floor, especially in places where kids sleep.
- Clear dead vegetation from around your home, including leaves, branches, and other yard debris.
- Unclog your drains and downspouts to make room for spring showers.
- Clean your outdoor grill and lock up lighters and matches when not in use.
- Know the rules when it comes to outdoor burning www.southsnofire.org/outdoorburning.

To learn more about how to prepare and care for your family in all types of emergencies visit www.southsnofire.org/classes or call 425-320-5800.



MILLCREEK GARDEN CLUB

We happily celebrated our Club's 40th ANNIVERSARY on March 15, 2024; and are pleased to show our appreciation of the Mill Creek Community, its businesses, and our sponsors with the blooming daffodil displays at the MCCA entrance on Bothell-Everett Highway and 164th St SE and Veterans Monument at Library Park.



Daffodils in bloom brought to you by Mill Creek Garden Club

We had a grand time at our March luncheon where attendees received a historical booklet about the club. Twenty-four members of 10+ years were recognized with a red rose, and an anniversary cake was shared by about 50 members.



Anniversary cake

Our guest speaker Martha Clatterbaugh educated us on "Bugs - The Good, Bad and Beautiful". The celebration will continue for the next two months before our summer break. In true gardener's fashion, we will have a plant swap at our April meeting and Debbie Teashon, Freelance Garden Writer and Award-Winning Photographer, will speak on "The Four Season Fragrant Garden". In May, you will find members wearing hats they have designed or created in hopes of winning one of the several "Best of" coveted awards. One might also find some members attired in their favorite "gardening outfits". The new 2024/2025 officers will be installed, and all will enjoy a celebratory meal, including a special beverage and dessert.

Have you noticed that the collective mood of the PNW has been reinvigorated since our several days of temperatures over 50 degrees? The birds and blooms have called many into the great outdoors. What did you do? Sit in a chair and absorb Vitamin D naturally or warmth for weary bones? Or start your garden renewal by deadheading, pruning, raking leaves, or planting new plant starts? Some may have seen their first bees emerge. However you enjoyed your days, it was the right way.

Our Club's tradition of "Beautification of our City" will continue. During the past 40 years, we have raised more than \$55,000 for grants and scholarships. In addition to a park bench, the club has donated a Kwanzan Cherry Tree, 15 azaleas, 10 rhododendrons, and more than 3,000 various bulbs, around the Mill Creek Community.

Potential members are always welcome to join us on the 2nd Tuesday of each month through May 2024 at Shawn O'Donnell's Everett Conference Room. Visit our [website](#) and request to register. Reservations are required. Check-in opens at 10:45.

Marilyn Hanan-hoover, MCGC Publicity Chair



The Garden Club celebrates 40th Anniversary at March luncheon

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

Annual Fundraiser

Our annual fundraiser this year was a success. It is great to see the positive impact it will have on the community. The theme "Gather for Giving" encapsulates the spirit of the event perfectly, bringing people together for a noble cause. The substantial amount of \$24,500 raised is a testament to the dedication and generosity of the Mill Creek Women's Club members. It's inspiring to see such proactive efforts in supporting vital charities like Cocoon House and Domestic Violence Services, which provide crucial services to those in need. The donations to the Mill Creek Food Bank and Dawson Place further demonstrate the club's commitment to addressing various community needs comprehensively. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a significant difference in improving the lives of those facing hardship. Kudos to Margaret Durkee, the philanthropy chair, and all those involved in organizing and participating in the fundraiser. Your collective efforts have undoubtedly made a meaningful impact, and your generosity will be felt by many in the community.

About the Women's Club

The Mill Creek Women's Club is committed to enhancing the community through friendship and philanthropy. Creating opportunities for women to come together, socialize, and engage in philanthropic activities is a wonderful way to strengthen community bonds and make a positive impact. If there's anything specific you'd like to know or discuss about the Mill Creek Women's Club, feel free to let us know! The MCWC holds meetings every month where our members and their guests enjoy programs and speakers and, of course, lunch! Our Christmas lunch in December featured the Memphis Belles. The Memphis Belles is a female vocal group that sing and dance to iconic music. We were treated to a seasonal show that featured our favorite Christmas tunes. We plan eventful programs and speakers for the enjoyment of our members and guests. The MCWC offers many ways to connect with other members. We have in-person socials, Bunco, Book Clubs, Craft Groups, Card Game Groups, and other specialty groups. Love to entertain or cook? There are cooking classes being offered that are some of our most popular gatherings.

Spring Meetings

April 18th

The April program will be a fun morning when Chicco representatives present clothing from their Spring and Summer collections. Clothing will be modeled by some of our members!

May 16th

In May, we are excited to welcome Nate Jester, a Seattle magician and mentalist known for his specialization in magic, illusion, and comedy. His performances aim to provide a thought-provoking experience for a sophisticated audience, delivering unforgettable moments. Nate Jester has entertained crowds of various sizes in different countries, including China, Ukraine, Hungary, Las Vegas, and across the United States. Additionally, his appearances on America's Got Talent, Bravo, Netflix, and Oprah's The Life You Want Tour suggest a broad recognition of his talents.



Nate Jester, Magician and Mentalist

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.

Debra Lowry, MCWC Publicity Chair

MILL CREEK LIBRARY



Sno-Isle Reads Together!

Sno-Isle Libraries launched its inaugural community reading program, Sno-Isle Reads Together, in early March. "Hollow Kingdom" is a quirky, humorous, and heroic tale following a local (Mill Creek makes an appearance!) crow in the apocalypse.

[Events for Sno-Isle Reads Together](#), including three author talks, throughout May. These programs are designed to pair with "Hollow Kingdom," but can also be enjoyed regardless of reading the book.

Sno-Isle Libraries would like to thank the [Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation](#) for their generous support. "Hollow Kingdom," by Kira Jane Buxton is available at local libraries as a no-wait eBook, audiobook (digital and CDs), and physical copies. [Join the conversation, start reading \(or listening\) today!](#)

Library Hours

Monday –Thursday:	10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday and Saturday:	10:00 AM – 6:00 PM
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NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

Lawn to Native Plant Landscape

Want more free time and a healthier ecosystem? Want to save money, conserve water, fight climate change, and help out your local salmon stream? Convert your lawn to a native plant landscape!

Find out how at a **Lawn to Native Plant Landscape** training event conducted by *Washington Native Plant Society's* Julie O'Donald at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center (600-128th Street SE, Everett WA 98208), Saturday March 30, from 1pm to 3pm. Make a reservation at www.streamkeeper.org or by calling 425-316-8592; \$5 Adopt A Stream Foundation members, \$7 non-members.



Lawn conversion to native plants at Julie's home

After the workshop, you are invited to enjoy seeing a native plant pollinator garden resurrected from a parking lot and maintained by Julie and several volunteers at the Northwest Stream Center. And take a stroll on a universally accessible ½-mile-long *Elevated Forest and Wetland Walk* where you will see budding and blooming native plants along the entire route. A great way to spend the afternoon!

Presenter Julie O'Donald: Julie's personal certified wildlife habitat garden contains over 200 species of native plants and has been successfully attracting birds, butterflies, pollinators, and beneficial insects for more than 25 years. It has been featured in *Pacific Horticulture* and *The Butterfly Gardener* magazines, as well as the book, *Butterfly Gardening: The North American Butterfly Association Guide*, 2018 <https://mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=46000&i=500615&p=4&ver=html5>. She volunteers at the Northwest Stream Center leading a dedicated group of volunteers who help AASF manage and nurture the *Native Wetland Plant Pollinator Meadow* that replaced a former gravel parking lot. Julie is also an active volunteer with the [Washington Native Plant Society](#), the [Washington Butterfly Association](#), [Kruckeberg Botanic Garden](#), and the [National Wildlife Federation](#)...and a great speaker.



Julie O'Donald's pollinator garden

Economic and Ecosystem Benefits of Native Plant Landscapes:

There are many listed by the EPA <https://archive.epa.gov/greenacres/web/html/chap2.html>.



Swamp Lanterns will be in full bloom

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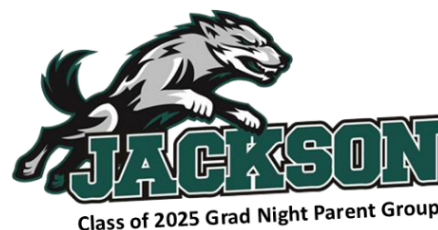
Household Textiles

bedding, comforters, blankets, sheets, towels, linen, tablecloths, curtains, pillows, etc.

Small Household Goods

kitchen items (such as pots/pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, serving pieces and hand-held appliances), home decorative items, knick-knacks, toys, games, and small electronics

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