



# MillStream

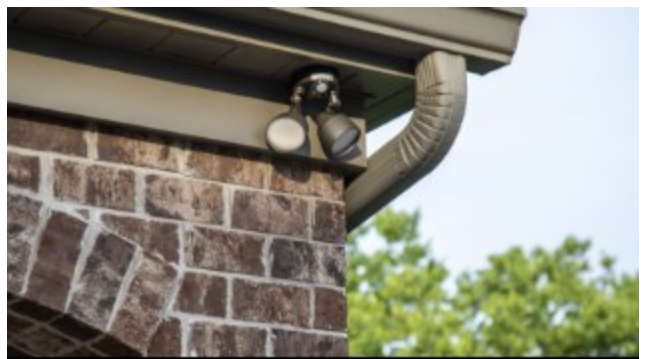
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY SID SIEGEL

Elections are upon us – not only for your national and state leaders but also for your homeowner's association. MCCA Board elections take place each fall. There are four board seats to fill in even numbered years, and three seats to fill in odd numbered years. This year, the Nominating Committee has approved five candidates for the ballot. We have five people running for the four available board seats which means we have a contested election. The four candidates with the most votes will win. Please give thoughtful consideration to the volunteers willing to put their names forward to serve the Association and note that you can vote for four different candidates (cumulative voting is not allowed). Three candidates are returning board members; two are newcomers with previous MCCA experience. Residents may join us at the MCCA office for a **Meet the Candidates open house on Wednesday, August 21, from 4 pm to 5 pm** after our regularly scheduled board meeting. Please vote on or before the MCCA annual meeting on September 25, which will be held online at 7 pm. Please check your email and the MCCA calendar for the link to join. Voting packets will be mailed or emailed out to members later this month.

The board, staff, committee members, and community extend a big "thank you" to Becky Edy, who served many years on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC), and chaired that committee for two years. Becky has served on the board for two years, this last year as secretary, and chaired the Nominating Committee this year. Becky is now moving on to pursue travel and other interests with her husband Bill. We thank Becky for her service to the community and wish her well!

Speaking of the other elections, be sure to observe the guidelines for posting political signs as described in our [Rules and Regulations](#) document on the Resident Resources page of the [MCCA website](#).

Our ACC plays a pivotal role in maintaining the high standards of our neighborhoods. In response to the numerous questions about outdoor lighting, the ACC has thoughtfully updated the [Rules and Regulations](#). These updates address the evolving needs for lighting, both decorative and for security and safety reasons. Extensive discussions with the ACC and Covenant Committee resulted in these updates, which the Board adopted at the June meeting. It will define the standards we will enforce starting at the end of the year, providing residents with time to familiarize themselves with the new rules and come into compliance.



**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](mailto:info@mcca.info)) for help or information.**

## ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

### Opt-In to Electronic Notifications

MCCA will soon mail out the Annual Meeting elections packet. Please help us save on mailing costs and reduce our environmental impact by opting-in to electronic communications. It is now easier than ever!

1. Sign into your PayHOA account by going to: <https://app.payhoa.com/auth/login>
2. Click the **Opt-in Now** button displayed on the left of the screen below the menu (see a picture of this button on the right). *NOTE: You will not see this button if you have already opted-in to electronic communications.*
3. In the Electronic-Only Communications window, click **Update Mail Settings**.
4. When the Consent to Receive Notice by Email window opens, click **I Agree**.



### MCCA Assessment Payments Were Due July 1!

The MCCA Board extends a 30 day grace period for assessment payment in July. Per our [Collections Policy](#), 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 2024/2025 assessment. Thank you for being so prompt!** Invoices were mailed out to all single family home residents in late May. If you have not received your invoice, please contact the MCCA office ([info@mcca.info](mailto: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 separately from their residents.

If it is easier for you to make several smaller payments over the year rather than one large payment, we allow that option. You can always make several smaller payments in advance, and now is a great time to start. You can prepay the 2025/2026 annual assessment with as many smaller payments as you would like. We have many residents who use their bank's bill pay service to set up recurring payments as prepayments to next year's assessment. Please note, you cannot set up regular prepayments in PayHOA.

### Important Dates!

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

<b>August 1</b>	All overdue accounts receive \$25 late payment fee *
<b>August 21</b>	MCCA Board Meeting at 2:00 PM in the board room Meet the Board Candidates! Join us at 4:00 PM in the board room
<b>Late August</b>	Election Ballots mailed and emailed
<b>September 2</b>	Office closed in observance of Labor Day
<b>September 18</b>	MCCA Board Meeting at 2:00 PM in the board room
<b>September 19/20</b>	Arborist Days
<b>September 25</b>	MCCA Annual Meeting at 7:00 PM (online)
<b>October 1</b>	Liens applied to past due accounts *
<b>October 5</b>	Garage Sale
<b>October 17</b>	MCCA Community Hours at Country Club at 5:00 PM

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



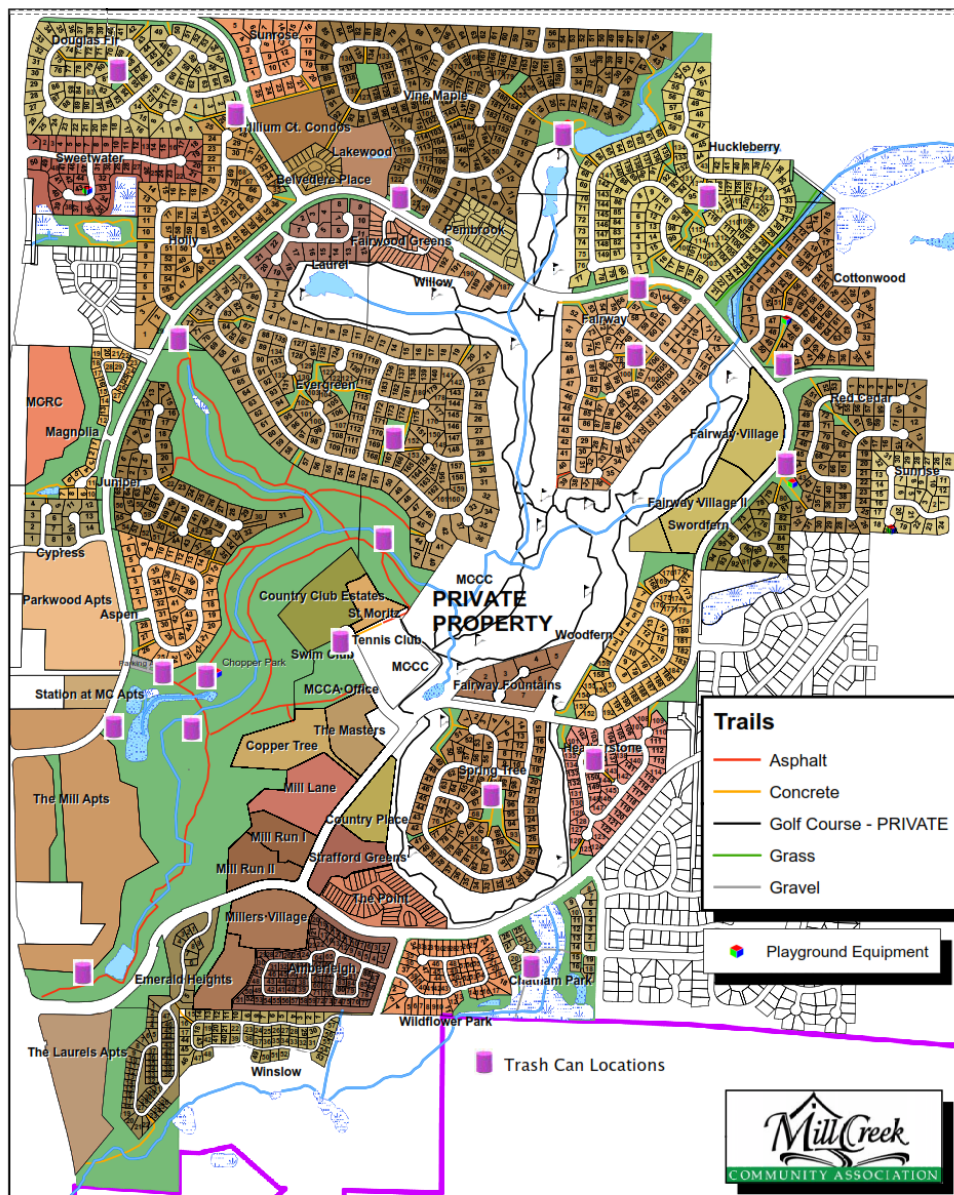
## ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (CONT.)

### Does Mill Creek have a Scoop Law?

Yes! The City of Mill Creek has a Scoop Law as described by [Municipal Code 6.14.010](#). The law requires all persons walking dogs away from their premises to carry a bag of sufficient size to pick up fecal matter deposited by their dog.

Disposing of those bags on the ground as shown in the photo here is not the proper way to dispose of pet waste! Please carry waste bags to nearest trash can. We have 21 handy trash can locations throughout our Association and they are marked in pink on the map below. The locations are dispersed throughout the Association in areas that are easy to use, and easy for our maintenance crew to service.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Mill Creek a beautiful place to live!



MCCA main map

Didrik Voss, September 4, 2020

## Tree Work

MCCA has our arborist, Sal Noeldner, come out to assess trees in the common areas several times during the year. Sal's latest visit in late June has kicked off a few projects we hope to complete in August or September. The first project is the removal of a large Cottonwood tree in North Park, Vine Maple. This tree is surrounded by homes and is starting to lose scaffolding branches. The many holes in the bark show that the sap suckers are hard at work on this tree, which is another sign that the tree is under stress. Sal anticipates more limbs will be lost as the tree is weakening. In a forest situation, it would be acceptable to let nature take its course. When a tree is located in the middle of a group of homes, mitigating risk of damage to property and persons must take priority. Sal has recommended removal of this tree, and the Board voted in June to follow his recommendation.

The second project is at the Juniper entrance, on the left side as you enter from Mill Creek Boulevard. This entrance is symmetrical with a large brick wall and signs on both side. The wall on the left side has sustained damage as the roots of the large trees behind it are pushing it out of alignment. This damage was first noted about three years ago and we tried to ease pressure on the wall by removing the dirt behind it, and adding drainage rock and weep holes to give water built up behind the wall a way to escape. Unfortunately, that did not remedy the issue and the wall continues to move. Sal's observations indicate the large Douglas Fir tree on the left side has a substantial root system that is pushing on the wall. Moving the wall would buy some time, but would not solve the issue, and the expense of removing and rebuilding the wall is substantial.



Large tree behind left Juniper wall



Detail of damage caused by tree

With an eye to keeping costs under control, the board voted to remove this Douglas fir tree. To ensure the root system of the tree does not continue to move the wall, our crews will do some plunge cuts in the stump and pack it with salt to dry it out and ensure the roots stop growing. Once the tree is gone, we will monitor this wall to see if it settles and stops moving.

## Flower Baskets

This year we have had two of our flower baskets stolen. Our maintenance crew will not be removing baskets until mid-September, depending on the weather. If you see someone attempting to take down a basket on the weekends or in the evenings, please call Security immediately (425-328-0035).





## MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Get the latest on all our projects by clicking on the [MCCA Project Updates](#) link under the Announcements section of the website.

### Nature Preserve Drain Work

Drain 8 is located on the trail that backs to the hillside behind Country Club Estates. This drain is clogged and crews are working to get the water flowing again. It is amazing to see how much water comes off the hillside in late July. Crews have managed a temporary fix and we are working on a fix that will keep the water flowing properly all year long.



### Cherry Park: Pipe Replacement Project

Last year, we replaced the leaking catch basin that maintains the pond level at the Cherry Park retention pond and cleared out decades of sediment.

This year, we discovered that the pipes leading from the new catch basin to the golf course pond were also leaking. Understanding the importance of this issue, we have decided to replace them. Both a 12" and 18" pipe lead from the new catch basin to the golf course. As these pipes are the same age and located on top of each other, we are replacing both to the end of our property line, where we will connect them to the pipes that continue to the golf course pond. Currie Construction did an excellent job cleaning out the pond last year and will return to Cherry Park for this crucial project. We need to lower the water level of the retention pond to dry out the ground around the catch basin. The scheduled start date for the project is August 5.

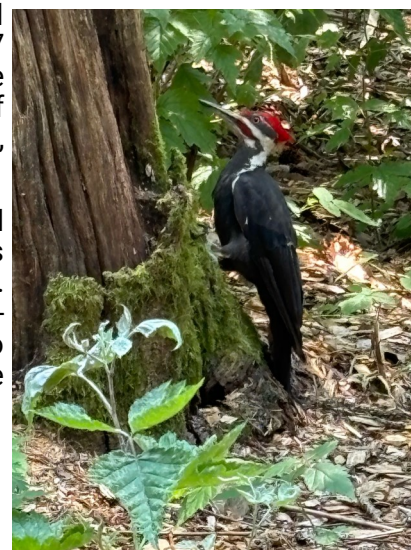
The concrete path from the Huckleberry division between the retention pond and golf course is the main access to the park for all our maintenance tasks. This path sustained some damage last summer when the retention pond was cleaned, and we anticipate some more damage due to the pipe replacement project. When this project is complete, we will work on replacing that section of the path with a concrete path built to withstand better the types of heavy maintenance vehicles occasionally required to enter the park.

### Critter Corridor

As you drive along the north end of Village Green Drive, 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.

The Noxious Weed Committee is busy removing weeds and spreading wood chips. We look forward to planting this area in the fall. Specific forage plants like cascara, red flowering currant, and a Garry oak will be planted in fall 2024. 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!

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



A Pileated woodpecker enjoying a snack of insects from the base of a snag in our Critter Corridor



## MAINTENANCE UPDATE (CONT.)

### MCCA Bridges and Bollards: Repair/Restain

MCCA has eleven bridges in the Nature Preserve, Cherry Park, and over the stream that flows between Huckleberry and Cottonwood. Maintenance has pressure washed the bridges and applied a fresh coat of stain on all the wood handrails and supports. The team is also staining wooden bollards that mark some of our trail entries. This project started mid-July and will run through August as weather and the maintenance schedule allow.

### Huckleberry Wall: Rebuild – Complete

Our project to replace the Huckleberry wall is finished! The original wall was starting to fail due to a lack of drainage behind the wall and tree roots, both causing the rocks to move. We worked with Currie Construction in early May to remove and replace the rock retaining wall. This was a major project as we needed to use large boulders and heavy equipment and shut down a lane of traffic on Village Green Drive for three days. Following the Right of Way permit we received from the City of Mill Creek, our maintenance crew members, who are certified flaggers, staffed a significant traffic control operation.

The new rock retaining wall uses larger rock and was constructed to ensure water drains through a layer of cobble behind the wall into a perforated pipe and away from the wall. Large footings that reach the glacial till layer were poured for the new brick monument to ensure it stands straight for many years. Recently, the brick wall was rebuilt by Powers Chimney & Masonry. Our electrical vendor, Voltech, returned to run the conduit and rewire the lights. The Huckleberry sign was re-installed on June 27. Maintenance installed the new plantings and bark, and this project is complete.





## 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 encouraging our residents to consider running for a board position. In accordance with the Governing Documents of the Mill Creek Community Association, the Nominating Committee has included the following candidates on the ballot: Angela Darby, Sid Siegel, Mel Silver, Wes Watson, and Kristi Zevenbergen. There are five candidates running for the four available board seats.

You can learn about each of these candidates by reading their biographies, presented in alphabetical order, below. Ballots will be mailed or emailed to residents mid-August. Join us in the MCCA board room at 4 pm on August 21 to meet our candidates.

### Angela Darby (Fairwood Greens)



Angela is thrilled to run again for a position on the MCCA board of Directors. Contributing to her community has always been important to Angela, and she looks forward to continuing her service to MCCA. Over the years, Angela has served the Fairwood Greens Community Association as its president and then secretary. While working with the Fairwood Greens Community Association, she enjoyed planning neighborhood events to bring the community together. She also worked to update the Fairwood Greens HOA documents to ensure they keep up with current legislation. As a director and now vice president of the board, she continues her community service in a greater way.

With a robust professional background spanning over 30 years, including stints at Amazon, Microsoft, and GE Aerospace, Angela honed skills in teamwork, communications, and corporate governance. She looks forward to leveraging this wealth of experience for the betterment of the MCCA community.

Angela has lived in MCCA for over 30 years. She and her husband value the well-maintained community, trails, and parks, and cherish many relationships with their fellow residents. They frequently walk the trails and neighborhoods with their Great Dane, Winston. Angela is grateful for the clean and safe neighborhoods within MCCA, and wants to do what she can to ensure that this continues into the future. MCCA is a big part of Angela's life here in Washington State, and she looks forward to giving back to this community and ensuring that it remains a stable and well-maintained oasis for many years to come.

### Sid Siegel (Belvedere Place)



Sid is an active volunteer with numerous roles in Rotary, HOAs, and other community support organizations. His commitment to MCCA is demonstrated in his past roles as Nominating Committee member, and board member, and in his current roles as the chair of the Inspection and Engineering Committee, the president of the Belvedere Place Association, and MCCA Board President. Sid believes a community is stronger when members give back their time, experience, and efforts for the betterment of our neighborhood, and this is exemplified in his life of service. His professional experience is from the technology industry, where he has worked as a software developer, systems and enterprise architect, and managed big data projects in healthcare. He added University of Washington MBA mid-career, giving him an appreciation for the non-tech aspects of business.

Appreciating and integrating multiple perspectives into the decision-making process is critical in an HOA not only to ensure as many insights are gathered as possible, but also to develop a strong team to manage its affairs. An emphasis on collaboration and participation ensures better decisions are made. It is a challenging yet rewarding exercise to bring these viewpoints together and work to get the best outcome within the limitations of the MCCA governing documents.

Sid and his wife Kim have downsized and moved into Belvedere Place, an MCCA sub-association, nine years ago. They enjoy introducing grandkids to the neighborhood and walking canine, George, daily.

## MILL CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD ELECTIONS (CONT.)

### Mel Silver (Fairway Village I)



Mel is a seasoned international sales manager with experience and a passion for building long term executive client relationships, exceeding revenue targets, and delighting customers with excellence. He has been recognized for the ability to develop strong teams of motivated professionals who increase revenues, meet program deadlines, and exceed customer expectations. Mel's specialties include multi-national/global team leadership and program execution; a deep multi-cultural knowledge, experience; and technical savvy. His well honed communications skills will be a benefit to the MCCA board. His experience in both the private sector and non-profit worlds, make him qualified to serve as an MCCA board member.

Mel and his wife Arlene have been Washingtonians since 1993. In 2012, they moved to Mill Creek (Fairway Village I) and have two children and four grandchildren. In 2020-2023, Mel had the honor of serving as Board President of Fairway Village I. Mel looks forward to using his skills to serve the residents of MCCA.

### Wes Watson (Fairway)



Wes and his wife, Joyce, moved to Washington from Michigan in 1983 and purchased a home in Huckleberry. Mill Creek has been a godsend with its amazing amenities, schools, trails and close proximity to cultural and sporting events. Prior to his retirement in 2014, Wes had been a hospital attorney serving as General Counsel and member of the board of directors of a hospital corporation and its subsidiaries. Subsequent to that, he was engaged in private practice for a few years in Seattle representing hospitals.

Shortly after retirement, he volunteered to serve on the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) as co-chair. In addition, he serves as a volunteer at Christmas House and the Woodland Park Zoo. He thoroughly enjoys working on the ACC and plans to continue to do so. Wes and his wife enjoy spending time with friends and family and attending the sporting events of their grandchildren.

### Kristi Zevenbergen (Evergreen)



Kristi has served as the treasurer since joining the MCCA Board of Directors in 2019. Her 42 years of experience as a public accountant has benefited MCCA as Kristi worked with staff to streamline the accounting systems. She looks forward to continuing in her service to the community. Before joining the board, Kristi served for 6 years as a volunteer on the Architectural Control Committee and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. She continues to serve on this committee when needed and is always willing to work with residents on paint color selections, landscape plans, and other matters.

Kristi has lived in Mill Creek since 1991. She lived in the Huckleberry Division for 22 years and moved to the Evergreen division in 2013. During those years she raised children, worked part-time, and volunteered for the PTA, and other clubs.

Kristi intends to continue working as a committee member for MCCA in some capacity for many years to come - whether it be as a board member, committee member, or weed puller. Kristi believes that the beauty and livability of our neighborhoods and surrounding parks and trails is in very large part due to the presence and function of the MCCA.



## SECURITY

### A Note About Bears

As bears begin the process of entering their dens for winter, they go through an active period in the fall where they are foraging for food. Avoid storing pet food outside, always keep garbage cans stored away and tightly closed until collection day. Avoid using bird feeders until winter. These can be a major attraction for hungry bears! Clean up fallen fruit and anything else around your home that could attract hungry animals.

### Garage Door Reminder

In the month of July, we averaged 28 open garage doors per week. This is 28 opportunities for theft! Please remember to check your garage doors before you go to bed. We are here to help keep the community safe, so we will continue to do our best to catch these occurrences and contact homeowner's as needed, but working together is our best chance of preventing theft. This is another great reason to make sure the office has a current phone number on file so we can reach you in situations like this. Please email the office if your phone number needs to be updated on PayHOA. [info@mcca.info](mailto:info@mcca.info).

Remember, if you see something say something. If you feel it is worth reporting to the police, don't hesitate to make that call!

### Package Pick-ups

For our residents who have requested package pick-ups while away, please know we make every effort to pick-up deliveries as promptly as we can. With only one driver on patrol at a time, checking up to fifty homes in one day, it is impossible to pick up packages for everyone on our list the minute they are delivered. If you have a ring camera or were notified from the sender that a package has been delivered, please call or text Security at 425-328-0035 to let us know and we will pick up your package as soon as possible.

### National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month! To raise awareness about this campaign in our community, we are sharing how to best prepare yourself and family for the possibility of being on your own for up to two weeks in the event of a large disaster. [Review these tips and checklists that will help you plan ahead!](#) In addition, The City of Mill Creek offers a free, quarterly workshop on Disaster Preparedness. The next workshop is taking place **August 13, 2024 at 6:30 pm** in Room 201 at City Hall North. Registration is required. Please visit this [link](#) if you're interested in attending.



We are happy to serve the residents of Mill Creek. Have a great and safe summer!

Lois  
MCCA Security Supervisor

## COVENANT COMMITTEE

If you are hoping to avoid attention from the Covenant Committee this season, performing the following tasks on a regular basis will make ongoing yard maintenance manageable.

### Remove Weeds

Make sure garden beds are weed free. As a homeowner, it's important to know about noxious weeds like Herb Robert, Mallow, and Vetch. If found in your yard, remove them promptly to prevent their spread! This proactive approach not only protects your yard but also your community. If you need help identifying these weeds and others, visit the [Washington State Noxious Weed Control Board's](#) website. Don't forget to pull weeds from driveway and sidewalk cracks and along the front curb.

### Lawn Care

If grass is growing into your garden beds, edge the grass for a cleaner look. Here are a couple of how-to videos on different methods of edging your lawn:

Edging by shovel <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5QI9bEVpKt4>

Edging using power edger <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btyTNS91DLI>

In the June issue of the MillStream, the ACC shared an [article](#) on lawn care during drought. This is useful information and provides great ideas on how best to prepare your yard for dry spells. Deep watering once per week should go a long way toward keeping your lawn looking good for the rest of the summer.



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A beautiful example of a well-edged lawn from one of our Beautiful Yard Award winners in Huckleberry

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### Pruning Shrubs and Trees

A very important part of yard maintenance involves pruning shrubs and trees. Not only will regular pruning enhance plant quality and health, but it keeps your yard looking manicured and clean. Identify your shrubs and trees and learn how to care for them. Each one will have different needs when it comes to pruning. Use a plant identification app like [PictureThis](#) to help you discover tips and tricks to keeping your shrubs and trees happy!

Lastly, we understand that landscaping isn't for everyone! If yard work does not appeal to you, we have plenty of landscapers on our [Service Provider](#) list to choose from. Whether you do it yourself or hire someone, by maintaining a tidy yard and your home's exterior, you're contributing to the overall curb appeal of the entire neighborhood!



## COVENANT COMMITTEE (CONT.)

### August and September Checklist

- ☑ Finish exterior projects.
- ☑ Mulch your beds if you have not done so in a while.
- ☑ Dispose of any debris.
- ☑ Dethatch/Overseed in September.
- ☑ Check window weather stripping and replace it if necessary.
- ☑ Clean gutters of debris.
- ☑ Schedule chimney cleaning before the winter season.
- ☑ Store out of season items that are no longer being used.

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

Joan Sweeney  
Compliance Coordinator

## A MESSAGE FROM TRAIL AMBASSADORS

### Mill Creek Wildlife

It's summer in the great Pacific Northwest and for many of us who live near ponds or other bodies of water, summer evenings are synonymous with the sounds of croaking bullfrogs. But did you know that the American Bullfrog is not a native of Washington State or even the West Coast?

Introduced into Washington during the Great Depression (early 1930s) to provide opportunities for frog hunting, food (frog legs), and stock for frog farms – enterprises that rarely succeeded, [Washington State now classifies these amphibians an "exotic," invasive species](#).

The large populations of bullfrogs in the Pacific Northwest have contributed to the decline of native amphibians and reptiles. Adult bullfrogs are "sit and wait" predators, attacking almost any live animal smaller than themselves—insects, frogs, tadpoles, fish, small snakes, turtle hatchlings, newts, salamanders, bats, hummingbirds, and ducklings.

So please remember, under no circumstances should you take/purchase bullfrog tadpoles for your home pond, transfer wild-caught bullfrogs, or in any way encourage them to expand their range. If you are adding plants or water to a small pond, please make sure you are not also adding bullfrog eggs or tadpoles.

Do you love walking throughout MCCA? We are always looking for more trail ambassadors, contact the [MCCA office](#) to ask about volunteering with this committee.



## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

### Arborist Days

Our next Arborist Day event will take place on September 19 and 20. Please let us know if you are interested in participating. Email [info@mcca.info](mailto:info@mcca.info) for more information or complete and return this [application](#) to the office. The cost for a 25-minute appointment is \$65 and payable at the time your application is submitted. You can bring your check and application to the MCCA office. Please make your check payable to MCCA. If you prefer, you can submit your application and make your payment online. To do this, send us your application via email and let us know you want to pay online. We will invoice you through PayHOA so you can log in and make your payment.

### Exterior Lighting Guidelines

Exterior lighting can both improve safety on your property and boost your home's curb appeal. The MCCA recognizes that use of exterior lighting has changed over the years, so we've updated our [Rules and Regulations](#) to ensure we have clear guidelines for the ACC to consider when reviewing homeowner exterior light applications. Please read the complete guidelines on the following page. These rules will take effect on January 1, 2025 to give our homeowners time to make any necessary changes or apply as needed.

If you are considering updating or adding exterior lights to your property, please remember to obtain ACC approval prior to installation. This includes all exterior lighting: house, security, landscape, and string/rope lights; the only exception is holiday light installations. Several factors including, but not limited to, angles, distances, landscaping, and house architecture, can cause the same or similar outdoor lighting configurations to appear differently between residential lots; therefore, the ACC's primary objective will be to ensure that a residential lot's outdoor lighting adheres to the values of the MCCA.

At any time, MCCA may evaluate unduly bright lights that are a nuisance to adjacent homeowners. In applying these lighting restrictions, safety considerations will be balanced against aesthetic/nuisance considerations.





## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (CONT.)

### Exterior Lighting

#### House Lights

House light installations must abide by the following rules:

- Lights attached to the house or garage should be no higher than 10 feet above ground level except when used at a second-story entry.
- Light output should not exceed 800 lumens.
- Only clear or frosted bulbs for house lights (except for holiday décor) are allowed.
- All wires must be out of view.
- String lights may not be used as house lights.
- Flashing or blinking lights are not permitted.
- Sport Court lights must be shielded so as not to shine into neighboring homes.

#### Security Lights

Security light installations must abide by the following rules:

- Maximum brightness of 1300 lumens.
- Lights must be pointed down or shielded so they do not shine into neighboring homes.
- All wires must be neatly tucked away if not hard-wired.
- Use of motion detectors is required; duration setting cannot exceed 5 minutes.
- Installed no higher than 10 feet above the ground.

#### Landscape Lights

Lighting designs should be made to prevent landscape lights from shining into neighboring homes. Only clear or frosted lights will be approved. Colored or multi-colored landscape lights are not permitted.

#### String/Rope Lights

String/rope light installations must abide by the following rules:

- May be installed in the backyard only.
- Must be turned off by 11:00 PM. We encourage residents to use timers.
- Must be clear or frosted. No colored lights are permitted.
- Must be firmly attached to the inside of a structure, such as a gazebo, covered patio, or fence.
- Small clear lights may be used to decorate a small tree (no more than 6 feet tall).
- May NOT be strung between a house, tree, pole, or other structure.
- Are NOT considered lighting for safety or security concerns.
- Flashing or blinking lights are not permitted.
- All cords must be kept in a neat and tidy manner.
- Under-eaves, rigid, white LED lighting is permitted. The colored feature of these lights is permitted for holiday displays only.

#### Holiday Lights

Holiday light displays do not require an application. Residents may start installing winter holiday lights in November but cannot turn them on until Thanksgiving weekend. All winter holiday displays must be removed by January 31. Other holidays during the year may be celebrated with light displays installed two weeks before the holiday and removed two weeks after the holiday.

## NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

The NWC has had some large projects the first half of this year! Come August, the committee will be on hiatus until mid-September, the exceptions being NWC volunteers keeping watch over some of our parks and watering of the newer native plants. By August the dry ground makes it difficult to get the roots of the non-native plants, and the risk of encountering wasps, which were unusually abundant last year, is too great.

Projects included assisting the MCCA Maintenance Team by continuing preparations in the area of the Critter Corridor along Village Green Drive for fall planting, by weeding and spreading wood chips along the path within Huckleberry where multiple Douglas fir trees were removed due to laminated root rot. Most recently the committee has been pruning, weeding and spreading wood chips behind Fairway, along Village Green Drive, another area where multiple Douglas fir trees were removed due to laminated root rot.



Debris Pile at Fairway

## Foxglove in Bloom!

People have asked, "What is that? It's so pretty!" Perhaps you have noticed the displays of foxglove along Mill Creek Boulevard and Trillium Boulevard where in the past the Maintenance Team and the NWC have removed large amounts of blackberries. With these areas now cleared of invasive plants and open to more light, foxglove, with only a rosette its first year and its stalk of flowers the second year, has become quite prominent. It will self-seed and then die after the second year, but thanks to rabbits, squirrels and mountain beavers, the seeds are widely dispersed, making the displays of foxglove larger each year! Remember, however, that though foxglove is perfect for hummingbird pollination, it is toxic to animals and can be problematic for people, to include a rash from the fine hairs on the leaves or an adverse reaction from inhaling the pollen. Please admire from afar!



You can contact the NWC at [mccanwc@mcca.info](mailto:mccanwc@mcca.info) with any questions or to get more information about volunteering!



## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK



# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

**Tuesday, August 6, 2024 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.**  
**Highlands Park 16123 Highlands Blvd. SE**



## Enjoy Free Food, Games, & Activities

Pickleball -Drone Demonstrations - Bike Rodeo - Story Time - Line Dancing, and more! Help “Stuff the Bus” for the Everett School District  
 Bring a canned food donation for Mill Creek Community Food Bank

**Our generous sponsors and community organizations make this free community event possible, thanks to Starbucks, 7-Eleven, ADT, JL Remodeling, Stellar Kids Dentistry, Community Transit, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Town & Country Market, Kiwanis of Mill Creek, Mill Creek Chamber of Commerce, and Huckleberry Corn Company with delicious Kettle Corn.**



Together, we are making communities safer, more caring places to live and work  
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## Mill Creek Hosts National Night Out – A Free Community Building Event

Please join the Mill Creek Police Department (MCPD) in celebrating National Night Out (NNO) at Party in the Parks with our community on Tuesday, August 6th, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Highlands Park (16123 Highlands Blvd. SE). Enjoy a fun evening for all ages filled with free food, drinks, games, and activities including pickleball, cornhole, line dancing, story time, and more.

New this year are drone demonstrations and a Bike Rodeo (ages 3 - 15) with the MCPD. Please remember to bring bikes and helmets. South County Fire can provide a helmet if your child does not have one; however, quantities are limited and only available while they last.

The Mill Creek Community Food Bank will be on hand to collect canned food donations, please consider donating. Also, help us "Stuff the Bus" for children in the Everett School District by bringing school supplies and filling our container at the Police booth.

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A huge thanks to our volunteers, including South County Fire, Mill Creek Youth Advisory Board, Jackson High Key Club, City of Mill Creek staff, Camp Fire of Snohomish County, Department of Emergency Management, Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County, and Providence Intervention Center for Assault and Abuse, Law Enforcement Assisted Division for their tireless community support!

National Night Out, held annually on the first Tuesday in August, provides an excellent opportunity to bring police and neighbors together as a community.

Parking is limited; we encourage walking, biking, and carpooling.

## MESSAGE FROM KIWANIS CLUB OF MILL CREEK

### Thank you, Mill Creek!

After three years, more than 9000 pounds of plastic, and six benches, the Kiwanis Club of Mill Creek is wrapping up its plastic recycling project on September 30. If you've taken your soft plastic film to the recycling bins here at MCCA or at the Mill Creek Library, you prevented thousands of pounds of plastic from going into our landfills and our oceans. All that plastic was made into benches donated to our community.

You're on a roll with a good habit. Please keep recycling your clean and dry soft plastic film. Fred Meyer stores are partnering with Nex-Trex to assure our mutual commitment to keeping plastic film from hurting the environment and for making eco-friendly outdoor products for better living. Look for the grey bins in Fred Meyer store lobbies to continue recycling your soft plastics.

This project would not have achieved its overwhelming success if it were not for the Mill Creek community and that of the Mill Creek Community Association. Thank you one and all!

See if you can find our benches around Mill Creek Town Center and along the fitness trail at the Sanctuary Park near The Farm. We invite you to sit for a spell.

Your Kiwanis Club of Mill Creek

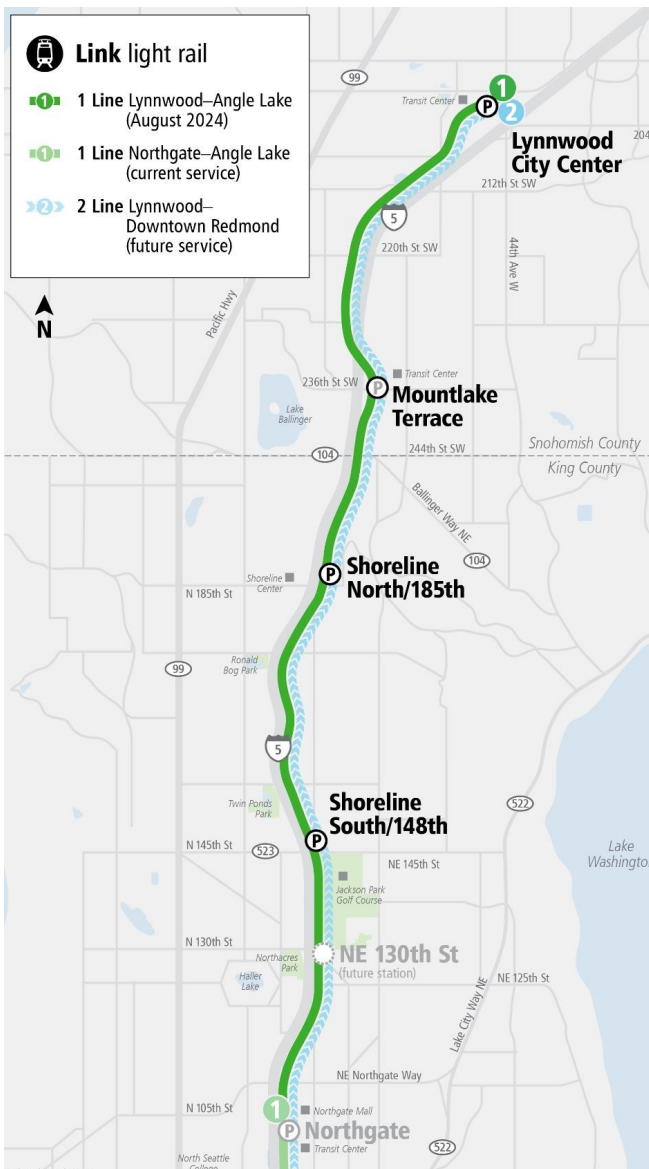
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## SOUND TRANSIT UPDATE



The Lynnwood opening is almost here! The 1 Line extension to Lynnwood City Center opens August 30. This is exciting news for our community—with four new stations across Shoreline, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood, it will be easier than ever to get around. Trips between Lynnwood City Center and Westlake station in downtown Seattle will only take 28 minutes!

For updates and more information, explore the website <https://www.soundtransit.org/snocolink>.

## CONGRATS BRETT MCCLURE: LOCAL OLYMPIAN!



Mill Creek Local and Olympic Coach,  
Brett McClure

Brett McClure, son of Les and Judy MacClure, grew up in the Fairway neighborhood of MCCA. Brett was a silver medalist in the 2004 Olympics. This year, he is the head coach of the U.S.A Men's Gymnastics Olympic Team. We are so excited to share that Brett's team won the bronze medal in the team competition on Monday. This breaks a 16 year medal drought for the team. Replays are available on Peacock or visit this link: <https://www.nbcolympics.com/replays/sport/gymnastics>.

We are so proud of Brett, the team and everyone involved with this amazing accomplishment. GO TEAM USA!!!

## MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

### Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

Fire can spread rapidly through your home, leaving you as little as one or two minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds.

Nationally, three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that are no longer working. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can escape quickly. ([NFPA.org](https://www.nfpa.org))

### Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every room a person sleeps, outside each separate sleeping area (hallway), and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- It is best to use interconnected, hardwired smoke alarms so that when one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound. Battery operated smoke alarms are also a good choice, opt for models with 10-year lithium batteries to eliminate the need for annual battery replacement.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button to be sure the alarm is working. **Replace all smoke alarms when they reach 10 years from the manufacturer's date.** *Applies to both hardwired and battery-operated alarms.*
- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire, increasing your chance of survival. Once you safely escape, do not re-enter your home for any reason. If you cannot escape, because fire or smoke blocks your path, close your bedroom door, call 9-1-1, and inform them of your location inside the house.

We're here to help! South County Fire offers free classes by Zoom. Register at [southsnofire.org/classes](https://southsnofire.org/classes). We also offer free Home Safety Evaluations both in person and by FaceTime. We can evaluate your current smoke alarms, make recommendations for replacement, and will even help you install your new alarms. Request a free visit at [southsnofire.org/homesafety](https://southsnofire.org/homesafety). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 425-320-5800.





# 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.

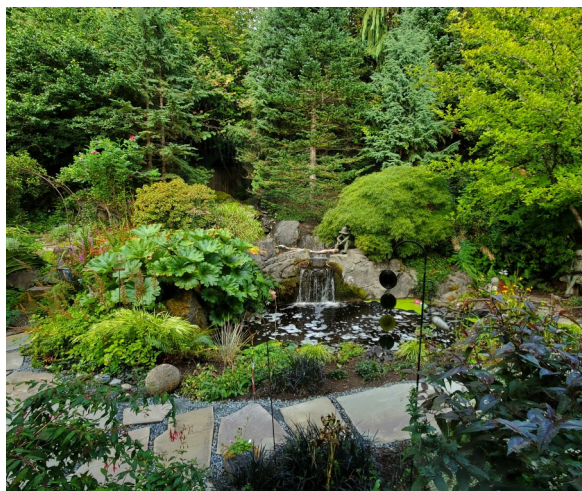
To learn more visit [www.southsnofire.org](http://www.southsnofire.org)

## MILLCREEK GARDEN CLUB

The officers and members of Mill Creek Garden Club extend our sincere appreciation to the businesses and individuals in our area who have supported us this year to present our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Garden Tour & Artisan Market, as it is our only fundraising event of 2024. They showed their support by opening their gardens, advertising donations, training ticket selling staff, displaying our posters, and publishing our articles highlighting the event.

The 20<sup>th</sup> of July was a beautiful PNW day, and while the net proceeds were not yet available at publication, we'd like to take this opportunity to share what we accomplished with the proceeds of our 2023 Tour.

Some may recall that the theme of our Grants program is "Giving Through Gardening." Over the past 7 years, as the annual proceeds from the Tour have increased, we have diligently reached out to find recipients in our community who meet our criteria. Last year, the program expanded so that every age group was positively impacted. Mill Creek Garden Club members recognize that all gardening starts with the planting and cultivation of seeds, whether for food, flowers or beautiful landscapes.



The breakdown is as follows:

- HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS leading to careers in horticulture at Edmonds College\*
- SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY GARDEN CLASSROOM teacher trainings and curriculum development through Farmer Frog
- KINDERGARTEN AND PRESCHOOL GARDEN CLASSROOM program at Kids at the Creek Preschool and Kindergarten
- 18-BED VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY GARDENS at Mill Creek YMCA, growing food for Mill Creek Food Bank
- SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT GARDENS FOR MOMS & KIDS in need at Domestic Violence Services of Snohomish County
- WEEKEND SUPPORT FOR HUNGRY KIDS who experience food insecurity, as identified by teachers and counselors in eight local schools, primarily elementary. Backpacks of Hope, Hope Creek Charitable Foundation\*

\*new recipients this year

Please remember that vetting for next year's gardens starts immediately, while the blooms are in full display. Whether your garden is small or large, newly established or mature, unique or traditional, we want to TALK TO YOU. Please go to our website, click "Garden Tour" then "application."

Marilyn Hanan-hoover, Publicity Chair

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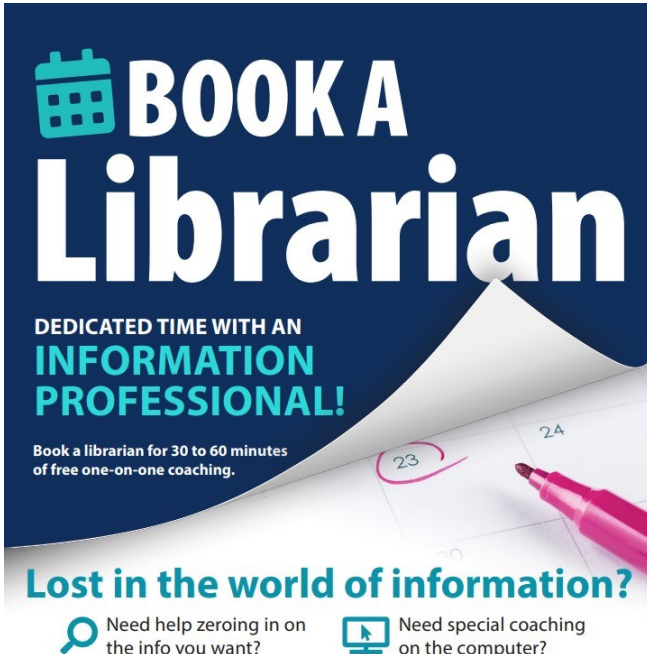
## MILL CREEK LIBRARY

### Miss your Mill Creek Library?

We miss you, too! Please visit us on Monday, **August 5**, or Thursday, **August 29** between **9 am – 12 pm** in the **Library Park Amphitheatre** parking area. Mitra will lead a storytime at 10:30 am with crafts to follow. The bookmobile will be onsite full of books to check out and they can take book returns too!

Work on the new HVAC, new restrooms, and new flooring is progressing. While the library is closed, librarians **Jennifer & Christa** are available to meet with you in person at Mill Creek Town Center, the Mill Creek Senior Center, or other nearby locations. Please let us know if you need one-on-one help via our [Book-A-Librarian form online!](#)

The plan is currently to move back into the library at the end of August, hopefully opening in time to help kids and families prepare for Back to School in early September. We are looking forward to seeing you again, soon!



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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

With another month of library closure behind - and ahead - of us, you might be wondering just what the Friends of the Mill Creek Library are up to. It's a good question!

Just before the library's closure, a group of Friends met to remove our inventory of books from the lobby sales area. In order to bring in some income during the closure (used to help fund library programs such as those mentioned in the previous issue of MillStream), we searched for a temporary alternative sales venue. We maintained a small supply of books for reopening, and we also donated some books for kids and teens to the local Little Free Libraries operated by the Rotary. This is a good time to once again thank Sound Storage Mill Creek for their generous donation of an interior storage unit for our use. We really could not do what we do without that space.

Last week, as many Friends as were available got together for lunch to commiserate over how much we miss our days at the library, interacting with all of you who stop by to shop, donate, or just say hello. We talked quite a lot about what we will do when the library reopens - how we might reorganize our space, the new book bags we would like to get, etc. Since we don't have any more details about reopening than any of you, we are practicing patience and flexibility while we wait.



Clockwise from front left: Sue R., Mary H., Rita R., Pat L., Kurt L., Dave T., Christiane K., Christine W., and Teresa S.

In the meantime, library programs that the Friends support continue online and at various venues nearby. Be sure to check the events calendar to find something interesting.

And if you'd like to give the Friends something to do during this otherwise down time, please get in touch if you have books to donate. As we get closer to reopening, we need to build a fresh, new inventory to stock the lobby sales area. Since donations cannot be dropped off at the library during closure, we are happy to pick up your boxes of books, large or small (or we can meet you at the location of your choice). Please contact our donation pickup volunteer, Kurt Layman, at (425) 577-8214 or [kurtlayman@gmail.com](mailto:kurtlayman@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing all of you again soon! Until then, enjoy summer and find a "cool" book to read.



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## CONTACT US!

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

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