



# MillStream

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY SID SIEGEL

### 2024 MCCA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held online on September 25 at 7 pm. The slides presented at the meeting are available to you when you log into your PayHOA account and click on MCCA Documents -> 2024 Annual Meeting. You can also find the draft minutes of the meeting as well as the annual audit in that folder. Please contact the MCCA office if you have any questions.

### 2024/2025 MCCA Board of Directors

The board thanks everyone who took the time to vote. We value your participation! The details of the official results are available on the [MCCA website](#). The board met to determine our officers for this year and here is your MCCA Board of Directors:

**President—Sid Siegel**

**Treasurer—Kristi Zevenbergen**

**Director—Earl Bardin**

**Director—Evert Pretorius**

**Vice President—Angela Darby**

**Secretary—Jill Cheeseman**

**Director—Mel Silver**

We also extend a special thank you to our outgoing board member, **Becky Edy**. Becky's many years of service on the board and ACC is greatly appreciated and our community is better because of her involvement!

### 2024/2025 MCCA Board Meeting Schedule

Starting in November, the MCCA board meetings will be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 4 pm in the MCCA board room. The exception is December, when the board holds its annual planning session on Friday, December 6 at 9:00 am in the Cedar Room at the Mill Creek Country Club.

### MCCA Community Hours—October 24, 5-7pm

**Please join us on October 24, 2024 from 5pm to 7pm at the Mill Creek Country Club** to meet your board members, MCCA staff, fellow residents and to learn more about MCCA and our committees. As most of you know, the Mill Creek Community Association would not be what it is today without our volunteers. If you have ever thought about volunteering on a committee this is a great opportunity to talk to various committee members to find a committee to match your talents and interest. There will be tasty treats from the Country Club and a no-host bar. Please RSVP by clicking this [link](#)!

**CONTACT THE MCCA Office and have us record your EMAIL ADDRESS for the PayHOA System.**

**Stay in touch with your Association** by way of this **MillStream** newsletter, **PayHOA**, 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

### Questions and Answers

The slides, audit materials, draft minutes, and questions and answers from the Annual Meeting are available in the MCCA Documents folder on PayHOA.

### Stormwater Talk with the City

Reece Hobday is the new Surface Water Program Coordinator for the City of Mill Creek and he will be at the MCCA office at 1 pm on Tuesday, November 5 to talk about all things surface water. Reece will talk about the new code updates and teach us about common storm drain contaminants. We will also learn about how to prevent and report storm drain contamination. Please use the link below to RSVP.

RSVP here: <https://stormwatertalkwithcityofm.rsvpify.com>

### Opt-In to Electronic Notifications

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**.



### Important Dates!

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

<b>Oct 16</b>	MCCA Board Meeting at 2:00 PM in Board Room
<b>Oct 19</b>	Kiwanis Shredding Event—City Hall North, 11:00 AM—1:00 PM
<b>Oct 24</b>	MCCA Community Hours—Country Club, 5:00—7:00 PM
<b>Oct 31</b>	Trunk or Treat on Main 6:00—8:00 PM
<b>Nov 1</b>	MCCA Annual Survey emailed to members
<b>Nov 5</b>	General Election Day
<b>Nov 5</b>	Stormwater Talk with City of Mill Creek—MCCA Board Room, 1:00—2:00 PM Please <a href="#">RSVP</a> to save your spot!
<b>Nov 8</b>	Due date to remove elections signs
<b>Nov 11</b>	Veteran's Day Ceremony and Parade
<b>Nov 21</b>	MCCA Board Meeting at 4:00 PM in Board Room
<b>Nov 28/29</b>	MCCA office closed for Thanksgiving
<b>Nov 28</b>	First day of Holiday Lights!
<b>Nov 30</b>	MCCA Annual Survey closes
<b>Dec 6</b>	Board Planning Session—Country Club Cedar Room, 9:00 AM
<b>Dec 11</b>	Elf Awards—Have your lights on by 6 pm!
<b>Dec 25</b>	Christmas Day—MCCA office closed
<b>Jan 1</b>	New Year's Day—MCCA office closed



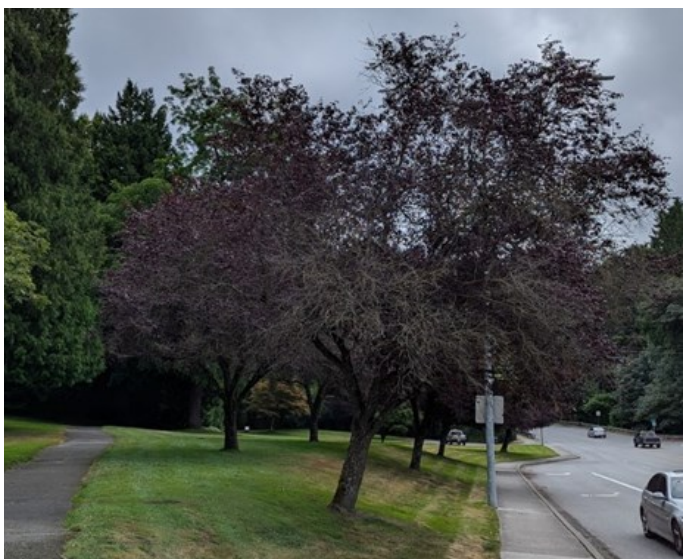
## Plum Tree Removal at Fish Ladder Park

Fish Ladder Park is located at the corner of HWY 527 and Mill Creek Road and serves as the main entrance to MCCA. The park's east side (directly across from The Laurels entrance) was lined with Thundercloud Plum trees that were looking past their prime.

The plum trees had many dead spots. We asked Taylor's Tree Service to examine them to see if they would benefit from hard pruning, but the trees were too old and diseased for this to work well.

According to various online sources, the Thundercloud Plum has a life span of about 20 years, which these trees passed long ago. After a close inspection of the trees, Craig and I noticed that a few of them were leaning toward the street and a few of them had rot issues, as in the pictures below. We have lost a few of these trees in recent years due to wind and snow.

Since these trees were well past their prime and were starting to fail in windstorms and under snow loads, we removed the six Thundercloud Plum trees and will replace them with a line of Armstrong Maples (or similar tree), which are thriving at other locations in MCCA. The new trees are on order and will be planted after we can schedule the stump grinding.



Hilary Bublitz, Association Director  
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## RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the **Spotlight!** We are excited to be shining a light on residents who are doing notable things to help make the MCCA a great place to live. Let's meet our first set of residents that were selected for the Spotlight:

Meet **Stan and Karen Balo**. Residents of Heatherstone for 36 years, Stan and Karen are avid walkers. About 10 years ago they took it upon themselves to do something about the bits of trash they would see while out walking in the MCCA, "We take a walk just about every day. We didn't like seeing trash messing up our beautiful area. Rather than just walking by it, we started carrying a bag and a picker to pick up the trash," says Stan.

**Thank you, Stan and Karen!** Your ongoing commitment to our community makes a difference and is deeply appreciated. You help make MCCA a better place for all of us!

Whether it is an ongoing act like picking up litter, or a one-time thing like stopping your car to help ducklings cross on Village Green Drive, we want to hear about what you and/or your neighbors are doing to better our MCCA community. To share your story or nominate a fellow resident, please send an email to [info@mcca.info](mailto:info@mcca.info) with the following details and we will reach out to get the full scoop:

1. Name(s) of resident(s) being nominated
2. Resident(s) division
3. Noteworthy act

Together, we can continue to make MCCA a great place to live!





## MAINTENANCE UPDATE

If you missed the Annual Meeting, here's a brief recap of what your hard-working Maintenance team has been working on this last fiscal year:

**Bridge Traction Pads** This January, we were able to complete our multi-year project to upgrade our rubberized traction walking pads to all of our wooden bridges. The project was completed by finishing the two wooden bridges in the Chatham Preserve.

**Basketball hoop installation** In April of 2024 Red Cedar Park received a new basketball hoop. This was installed by MCCA maintenance and now provides an opposing hoop for the previously single hooped court.

**Huckleberry wall** In May, Huckleberry's Brick monuments and stone retaining wall were replaced.

**Cherry bridge beam** a faulty beam was discovered at the Vine maple to Huckleberry bridge. Close to failure from rot, we scheduled it to be replaced In June of 2024. MCCA maintenance performed the beam replacement.

**Cherry Pond Project** The Cherry Pond flow control structure, culvert replacement and clean out project is now wrapped up. This project has been in the works since July of 2022 and was projected to be a multi-season project when we discovered that our flow control structure had begun to fail underground and drain the pond below grade. The second phase of this project addressed replacing the failing culverts and broken sidewalks in August of 2024. We finished up the project with turf repairs, stump grinding and general clean-up.

**Clearing Projects /Critter Corridor** Between Huckleberry lots 77 and 78, The planting of specific forage plants that are beneficial to animals are scheduled to be planted this Fall. Having an environmentally themed purpose coupled with our clearing projects is not only good for the environment, but good for our residents who will hopefully experience some memorable wildlife viewings!

**Tree Planting** This fiscal year, MCCA maintenance planted 204 trees with a majority being native species. We also planted 162 native undergrowth plants such as Salal, Sword Fern, Pacific Wax Myrtle, and Snowberry. The "100 Tree Policy" is our goal to purchase and plant 100 native trees every year. This will benefit future generations with an abundance of legacy trees.

**Storm Water** Maintaining our storm water facilities through our quarterly inspections and maintenance, is a critical task for maintaining our infrastructure and protecting the environment. Line trimming of grass, brush removal, tree removal, litter pickup, and repairs to our many stone checks are just a few of the maintenance actions performed to keep our systems in compliance.

**Mail hutches** Our hutch program has been moving along steadily with varying speeds of building and installation depending on seasonal constraints. We are currently at 92% completion of this project. Of the 181 wooden hutches we have, 166 have been repaired or replaced.

The MCCA maintenance department is focused on safety for our residents, staff, and the aesthetics of this community. Thank you for your continued support!



New basketball hoop in Red Cedar



Tree Planting

## SECURITY

Your MCCA Security team has been busy in the last year! You may have noticed some new faces as we've added new part-time drivers to our staff so we're able to better assist you. We are happy to report they are all doing a great job!

Task	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024
Mileage	41534	40277	48633	<b>45143</b>
Vacation Checks	14989	18577	18867	<b>18761</b>
Member Assists	4400	2991	3341	<b>2649</b>
Police Calls	30	28	16	<b>20</b>
Open Garage Doors	446	261	806	<b>828</b>
Package Pick-ups	427	601	694	<b>703</b>
Package Deliveries	428	610	679	<b>723</b>

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

If you plan to be out of town please complete a [Security Request Form](#) so we can keep an eye on your home while you're away and pick up any packages on your behalf. It can give you peace of mind to have your home looked out for while you are away.

Lois, MCCA Security Supervisor

[security@mcca.info](mailto:security@mcca.info)

425-328-0035



## COVENANT COMMITTEE

### Project Submittals

Please remember that MCCA **REQUIRES** residents to apply for **any major exterior changes**. NOT applying can be costly! If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at the MCCA office: [info@mcca.info](mailto:info@mcca.info) or (425) 316-3344. Projects that require approval include but are not limited to fencing, exterior painting, sheds (or any structure), landscaping (including pathways and concrete block or retaining walls), and more. Even if you are replacing existing exterior structures or elements, you must still apply. Please check [here](#) for the appropriate forms you may need for any upcoming projects.

### Political Signage

Election season is upon us! As a reminder, political yard signs are allowed 60 days before and three days following the general election. The sign must be placed a minimum of 10 feet from the street, and the height may not be more than 4 feet above the ground. The total sign area for an individual residence may not exceed 6 square feet. **All political signs must be removed by November 8.**

### Yard and Exterior Maintenance

We understand that keeping up with your landscaping throughout the fall and winter months can be a cold and wet task at times, but it must be done in order to keep your yard looking its best and to ensure that you are compliant per our covenant restrictions. Mowing, edging and weeding is necessary as long as lawn and weeds continue to grow. If you plan to be away during the winter months, please remember to schedule regular yard maintenance in your absence. All members are expected to maintain their property throughout the year!

### Fall Clean-up

While maintaining your property is required all year around, there are a few tasks that should be completed before winter:

- √ Clean roof
- √ Weed beds, deadhead or prune any seasonal plants and dispose of debris
- √ Replant containers with fall/winter plants or store the pots away
- √ Fall lawn restoration/re-seeding and winterizing: The Covenant Committee expects members whose lawns went dormant over the summer to be restored by now. If this is not the case with your lawn, this is a clear violation of the MCCA Restrictive Covenants. If you need advice on lawn care, give us a call!
- √ Fall mulching beds: Mulching your beds is not only beneficial to the health of your plants, but it will help impede the growth of weeds well into Spring!
- √ Moss removal: This is an excellent time to eliminate any moss, mildew, or mold on walkways, roofs, and exterior siding, as it tends to build up over the fall and winter. Over the last two years, I have paid close attention to the moss growth, and in 2022, it didn't start taking off in growth until November. Last year, the moss growth started in October. Once you start seeing green, we suggest applying some baking soda because the moss can resemble a green carpet within just a few months! Not only is this a violation, but it can also rot your roof and siding and be a safety hazard for you, your family, and your friends, especially on your sidewalks and driveways. Please take steps now to remove moss.

## COVENANT COMMITTEE (CONT.)

### Only Rain Down the Drain!

Storm water does not receive any treatment before entering your local waterways, so don't let anything go down the drain except rain. This includes:

- Bark, mulch, or soil (dispose of any yard waste and debris that collects at the curb).
- Trash (if it is yours, pick it up)
- Pet waste (pick up your pet poo!)
- Any waste, paints, fluids, soap or pollution of any kind!

Residents are responsible for ensuring that any service provider or contractor hired does not pollute the storm drain system! Think exterior painting, exterior pressure washing, concrete work, landscape work, etc.

Sediment filter socks are products you or a contractor can use to protect storm drains in front of your home from debris. Here are a couple of options to consider:

[New Pig Over-The-Drain Magnetic Sediment Filter - For Storm Drains 24" x 24" - PMB30049: Amazon.com: Tools & Home Improvement](#)

[New Pig Sediment Filter Sock - for Erosion Control and Storm Drain Protection - Dia. 5" x 5' L - Blue - PMB30046: Amazon.com: Tools & Home Improvement](#)

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers on the MCCA Covenant Committee for their hard work and dedication to working with the residents of Mill Creek Community Association. Also, thank you to all the MCCA members who do a beautiful job of maintaining their homes!

If you are interested in volunteering for the Covenant Committee, please get in touch with me at [joan@mcca.info](mailto:joan@mcca.info).

Fall Sweet Fall!



Joan Sweeney, Compliance Coordinator





## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

### So Long, Lawn!

Here is a great example of what can be established in place of an underperforming lawn. Using hardscape materials and easy to maintain shrubs and plants, **Riley and Lydia King in Swordfern**, have created a beautiful and tidy space. We can't wait to see how this yard matures and transforms throughout the seasons!



Before



After

If you're considering making a change to your landscaping, please complete a [Landscape Application](#) so the ACC can review your plans before you begin your project.

## A MESSAGE FROM TRAIL AMBASSADORS

### Mill Creek Wildlife

**The Great Horned Owl** is probably the most recognizable owl species found in Washington, and it is definitely the largest. The feathery “horns” on its head give the owl its name and distinctive silhouette. The golden-yellow eyes of the Great Horned Owl are another distinguishing characteristic. Primarily feeding on small rodents, these owls will also pursue small birds and snakes. It’s important to note that these owls have been known to pluck unattended cats and small dogs from yards – another great reason not to leave pets unattended and/or off leash!

Residents who frequent the MCCA Nature Preserve are likely familiar with these owls. Residents have reported seeing and hearing these majestic and mysterious birds while out on early morning and early evening walks. And in some cases, walkers have reported owls “dive-bombing” them. Territorial owl behavior is not uncommon, especially in the fall and spring. Generally speaking, waving your arms and making loud noise does the trick to ward off these hooting hooligans.

#### Great Horned Owl Fun Facts:

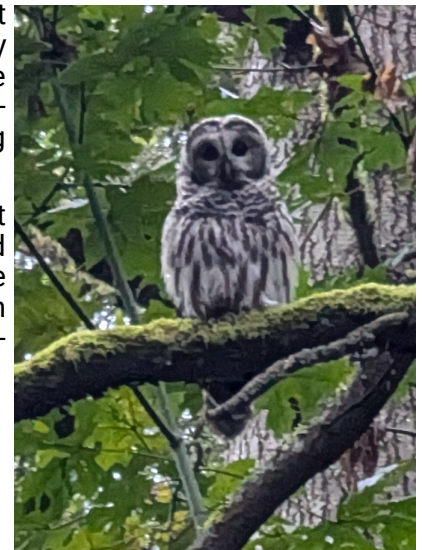
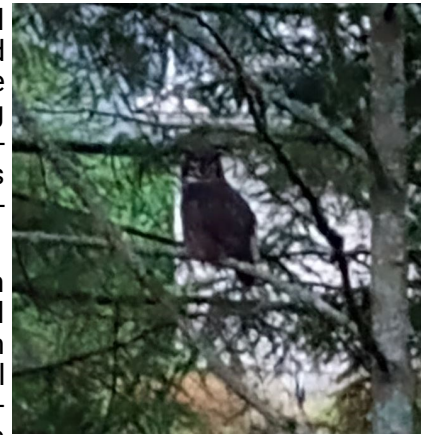
- These owls mate for life.
- The female of the species is larger than the male.
- They can hear a mouse stepping on a twig from 75 feet away.
- They swallow their prey whole and then regurgitate pellets of indigestible material, like bones and fur, 6 to 10 hours later.

**The Barred Owl** is another owl species found in Mill Creek. This owl doesn’t usually like to share habitat with the Great Horned Owl, and will frequently move to a different part of its territory when a Great Horned Owl is nearby. The Barred Owl has round black eyes and a round head. This owl species has recently made the news as their population in Washington seems to be growing at the expense of the Spotted Owl population.

If you walk the Nature Preserve in the early morning hours, you have the best chance of spotting some of our resident Barred Owls. The lighter colored feathers of the Barred Owl can make them easier to spot in the forest. The Barred Owl is less aggressive than the Great Horned Owl, but have been known to dive and swoop at humans who happen to be walking in their territory. Always use caution when sharing space with any wild animal.

#### Barred Owl Fun Facts:

- These owls mate for life.
- The female of the species is larger than the male.
- They can swoop down on prey from their perch, catch their prey mid-air, and wade into shallow water to catch fish and crayfish.
- They enjoy feasting on rats and other small critters and help to keep the rodent population in check.





## NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

### “An Alligator in the Bathtub”

That’s how Leland cypress is described in this short article: <https://www.tree133.com/post/leyland-cypress-an-alligator-in-the-bathtub>.

Inexpensive. Fast growing. Readily available at box stores. Sounds good, right? Not so fast. Because of their potential size and being planted either too close together or too close to walkways, driveways, fences or other structures, the Leland cypress can cause serious damage and can often lead to neighbor disputes. You may think that keeping them pruned to a reasonable size is feasible, but this means frequent and often costly maintenance. Please carefully consider whether this non-native tree is right for your yard and always apply first if you are planning a hedge or planting Leland cypress on your property.



Row of 30-year-old Leland cypress that have outgrown their space

Throughout MCCA, we have noticed many situations where trees of all kinds have either been planted or are volunteers growing in unsuitable locations as shown in the photos below. These trees will soon pose problems for the walkways, driveways and utilities nearby. Remember that trees should be placed at least 10 feet back from walkways, driveways or structures.



Young trees or volunteers growing in unsuitable locations.

### Mulching Your Trees?

Creating a donut of mulch around the tree so that rainwater can collect and soak slowly and deeply into the roots is best. The outer edge of the donut hole should be at the drip line of the tree. A volcano of mulch prevents the rainwater from soaking into the roots, and the tree will suffer and may even die.

The NWC resumed its Monday 9 AM to 12 PM work events on September 16 and began with a fresh of the area on the south side of the MCCA

fice. Consider volunteering whenever you are available on a Monday morning for however long you wish. An e-mail is sent out the previous Thursday with details on the site, the work to be done and parking availability! If you would like to be added to the NWC contact list, email [mccanwc@mcca.info](mailto:mccanwc@mcca.info) or call MCCA at 425-316-3344!



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

**JOIN THE FUN- DECORATE YOUR CAR OR TRUCK!**  
 MORE INFO AT [MILLCREEKWA.GOV/TRUNKORTREAT](http://MILLCREEKWA.GOV/TRUNKORTREAT)

# TRUNK OR TREAT ON MAIN

PRESENTED BY THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31ST - 6 PM - 8 PM**  
 MAIN STREET-MILLCREEK TOWN CENTER



**HUGE THANKS TO OUR 2024 EVENT SPONSORS!**


















# SPILL HOTLINE

## 425-582-6000

None of these belong in  
our storm water!

- AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS & OIL
- PET WASTE
- SOAPS & DETERGENTS
- PAINTS
- YARD WASTE & DEBRIS
- TRASH
- PRESSURE WASHING LIQUID
- COOKING GREASE
- CONSTRUCTION WASTE

If you see any of these in  
ditches, drains, or waterways  
please call the **Spill Hotline**.



ONLY RAIN  
DOWN THE DRAIN





# Community Document Shredding Event!

**Saturday**  
**October 19**  
 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

On-site document shredding at  
 City Hall North

**15720 Main St.**

**First box free**

\$5 suggested donation for  
 each additional box.

**Donations Benefit:**  
**Mill Creek Kiwanis Club**

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



**Kiwanis®**



**MILL CREEK**  
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE







## FREE CLASS

Saturday, October 26  
10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m.  
Heron Park  
2701 155th St. SE  
Mill Creek, Wa



**DOG WALKER  
WATCH** *training*

The Mill Creek Police Department Wants You!  
This class is sponsored by the Dog Walker  
Watch program under the National Association  
of Town Watch (NATW).

Register at [millcreekwa.gov/dww](http://millcreekwa.gov/dww)



## MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

### Home Safety - Fall & Winter Edition

Home fires can happen to anyone, at any time, but they generally increase during the fall and winter months. South County Fire offers the following tips to keep you and your family safe from home fires:

- Have working smoke alarms in every room in the home. Test alarms monthly and replace smoke alarms that are more than 10 years from the manufacture date.
- Plug space heaters directly into an electrical outlet, never into an extension cord, and never leave running while sleeping. Keep at least 3 feet from anything that can burn.
- Have a qualified professional clean and inspect your chimney and vents each year. Burn only clean, dry firewood and follow imposed burn bans when applicable.
- Plan and practice your home fire escape with the whole family.
- During a power outage, avoid using candles. If using a portable generator, keep it outside, away from windows, and as far away from your home as possible.
- Locate the fire hydrant near your home and if needed, clear away overgrown grasses or weeds so firefighters can locate it quickly in a fire.
- Be sure your house numbers are visible from the street.

This time of year, we have the potential for windstorms, excessive rain, snow and ice. The safest thing is to stay home and off the road. Stock up on all necessary food, toiletry items, prescriptions and items for your pets. Less people on the road means less emergencies that our firefighters need to respond to, which keeps them safer, too.

South County Fire offers a free one-hour online training to help you prepare for all types of disasters. To register visit [www.southsnofire.org/classes](http://www.southsnofire.org/classes). If you have any questions about home fire safety email [outreach@southsnofire.org](mailto:outreach@southsnofire.org) or call 425-320-5800.





## MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

**“What is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?”**

**~Poet Mary Oliver**

Mill Creek Garden Club is looking for new members. We're a social club whose activities focus on gardening and friendship. You don't have to be a gardener to join us; if interested in plants, gardening or learning, this group is for you.

Who are we? Some members work and raise children, others are retired empty nesters seeking new interests. Just like flowerpot plants: fillers, thrillers, and spillers, our club seeks all types! Some slowly observe before finding their niche, while others jump in. The fillers help where needed, the spillers inspire new ideas, and thrillers want immediate action. Long-standing members share our club's traditions of service projects and goals.



Mill Creek Garden Club 2024-2025 Officers

For years, the Mill Creek Garden Club has assumed the community-focused responsibility for maintaining the Veterans Monument at Library Park in Mill Creek. The club is honored to preserve this tribute to members of the military who've served our country. The Veterans Day Ceremony begins at 9:00 AM on November 11.

What ELSE do we do? During monthly meetings, we learn from great speakers and enjoy friendship over a delicious lunch.



Veterans Monument at Library Park

September's speaker, Karen Crowley, related leadership lessons to gardening, i.e. valuing down time, noticing small things, and how thrillers, fillers, and spillers create beautiful organizations.

October's speaker, Ladd Smith of In Harmony Sustainable Landscapes, will entertain while speaking about Bonsai Basics.

In November, Tracy Yang, of Jarn Co. Flowers, Monroe, WA will present "Finding Culture & Community Through Cut Flowers."

Take time to enjoy your gardens, because soon enough, fall chores will demand ACTION. Consider joining us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, September-May. The food is great at Shawn O'Donnell's, Everett banquet room. To register, visit [www.millcreekgardenclub.com](http://www.millcreekgardenclub.com). Reservations are required and the cost of lunch is \$28 cash/check.



## MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

### Annual Fundraising Event

This year, the Mill Creek Women's Club selected Esther's Place as their fundraising recipient. Esther's Place is located in Everett, WA and was founded by Judy Hoff. This is the only Day Resource Center in Snohomish County and offers shelter for women who live on the street or in their cars. Those in need can receive two hot meals a day and participate in programs that support a woman's recovery and efforts toward self-sufficiency. Esther's Place also provide showers for the women and children and facility to wash their clothes. Social services, transportation to appointments and support are offered by the small staff. The needs at Esther's Place are great! With winter coming, one of the requests is for waterproof sleeping bags and tarps.

Any consideration that you may have to help, please feel free to contact Pat Lawrence at 425-877-8555 or email [patlawrence@comcast.net](mailto:patlawrence@comcast.net).





## MILL CREEK LIBRARY

### Welcome to our new Executive Director

As we welcome the community back into the Mill Creek Library after repairs, Sno-Isle Libraries will also be welcoming our new Executive Director, Eric Howard, on November 1. Howard joins Sno-Isle Libraries with 11 years of experience in library leadership and administration, most recently serving as the Assistant Director of Libraries at Santa Cruz Public Libraries. His experience in bringing together staff and community perspectives to fuel innovation, advocating for community, and developing programs to empower students and foster digital literacy will bring value to the Library District.

### Teen Volunteer Opportunity

Speaking of students, our Teen Services Librarian, Emily, is recruiting for the Mill Creek Library Teen Advisory Board! The Mill Creek Library Teen Advisory Board meets the first Wednesday of each month from 4:00-5:00 PM. Snacks are provided! Teens in grades 6-12 discuss teen concerns, help develop library programs and talk about books while earning volunteer credit. Additional volunteer opportunities are available throughout the school year. Teens can pick up applications at the first meeting attended!

### Celebrate Diwali

Join us on Wednesday, October 30 from 6:00-8:00 PM for Diwali! Our celebration will include a Storytime from 6:00-6:30 PM, then henna art and craft making from 6:30-8:00 PM. In the Storytime, you will learn about this festival of lights and how we can celebrate the light around us through songs, rhymes, and stories. [Reserve](#) a spot to have a piece of beautiful temporary henna art (also known as mehendi) painted on your hands by local artist Priyanka Kota-



If you have not seen your refreshed library yet, please stop in!



Mill Creek Library / 15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy / 425-337-4822 / [sno-isle.org](http://sno-isle.org)

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Have you heard? The Mill Creek Library has reopened! And it is beautiful! Even though the footprint of the building remains the same, the updated space seems larger, more open, lighter, and brighter. The Friends are so happy to be back, and we thank the library staff who took on the task of reopening within a very small window of time, getting everything ready for the start of the school year. Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

It has been fun exploring the refreshed library and talking with other patrons as they take their first “tour” as well. With the Friends’ sales area being just inside the new double doors, we hear all of the “oohs” and “ahhs” when folks venture in for the first time. Some things have moved and we need to learn their new locations, but the general consensus appears to be positivity and excitement.



Library Patron

With the new configuration of the Friends’ sales area, book donations are handled slightly differently. If you have a small donation (a few books, or a small box or bag or books) please take them to the circulation desk and they will be put aside for the Friends. For larger donations, you can leave your contact information with a librarian and we will make arrangements for pickup. Or, get in touch directly with volunteer Kurt Layman at (425) 577-8214 or [kurtlayman@gmail.com](mailto:kurtlayman@gmail.com).

Book donations have begun pouring in and sales have already been brisk. It appears that you all were just as eager for reopening as we were! We thank you for your continued support of the Friends’ efforts to support and enhance literacy through Mill Creek Library programs and in the community. We hope you’ll visit the library soon and that you’ll stop by and say hello.



## NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

### All About Bats

Attention all ghosts and goblins! The Bat Lady will be at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center at 1:00 PM, Saturday October 12 located in Snohomish County's McCollum Park, 600 128th Street SE, Everett WA 98208. The *Bat Lady* also goes by the name of Barbara Ogaard. She rehabilitates injured bats for the Sarvey Wildlife Center and is a researcher for Bat's Northwest. Pre-register for *All About Bats* by calling 425-316-8592 or go to [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org); \$8 for Adopt A Stream Foundation members, \$10 non-members.



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

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

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

Registration proceeds benefit Sarvey Wildlife Center and the NW Stream Center. Plus, everyone who attends will get to go on an amazing *Nature Trail* before or after the bat show!!

To learn about other great upcoming Streamkeeper Academy events, go to [www.streamkeeper.org](http://www.streamkeeper.org).

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

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

For details on bats of the Pacific Northwest go to the Bats Northwest website [http://www.batsnorthwest.org/meet\\_our\\_bats.html](http://www.batsnorthwest.org/meet_our_bats.html).

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## EVCC STYROFOAM RECYCLING EVENT

EvCC Students for Environmental Action (SEA) Club and Sustainability Department invites you to be an environmental hero! Bring clean styrofoam, packing peanuts in bags or boxes, bubble wrap and plastic film to be recycled--for FREE! If you are bringing styrofoam, please consider bringing a donation for the Marysville Food Bank of non-perishable food or monetary donations. We hope to collect as much styrofoam as possible; help us spread the word to your family, neighbors, and friends.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024**

**Parking Lot F 10am-2pm**

**FREE**

### Materials We Accept for Recycling

#### EPS (Expanded Polystyrene)

Your material must be:

- Clean
- Dry
- Free of all tape and any labels so it does not contaminate the recycle process.
- Please bag your peanuts separately for drop off
- No contaminated material accepted.
- We will accept any amount, large or small. Sorry, no hot tub covers, please.

#### To Identify Your Foam:

- Look for the #6 or EPS inside the recycle symbol
- Bend the material - it should break and snap with loose beads

#### Polystyrene Examples:

- Clean Styrofoam
- Clean Takeout
- Clean Polyethylene
- Clean Shipping Coolers
- Clean Styrofoam Sheets

#### Other Materials We Accept:

- Packing Peanuts (in bags or boxes please)
- Clear bubble wrap
- Clear plastic wrapping (Clean & dry material only)

#### What We Do Not Accept:

- Spray-in Foam
- Insta-pak Foam
- Grey Insta-pak Foam
- Foil-covered Foam
- Pink or Blue Insulation Foam (XPS)
- Hot Tub Covers

SEA Club is all about promoting environmental awareness and having fun while learning about current sustainability initiatives. For more information about this event please contact Laura Wild, Club Advisor at [lwild@everettcc.edu](mailto:lwild@everettcc.edu).

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