



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY SID SIEGEL

Annual Survey

A huge thank you to the over 500 residents who took the time to respond to our Annual Survey this year! Your responses help the Board and staff assess priorities for budgeting and improvements. In a broad-brush assessment, 87% of our residents are happy with the operation of MCCA. That doesn't mean there aren't any improvements or great suggestions to consider. I will discuss these in my message throughout the year.

Board News

Angela Darby has resigned as Vice President due to unforeseen circumstances. Earl Bardin will serve as Vice President. The Board has appointed Dawn Rosenthal (Winslow) to fill the Board seat for the remainder of Angela's term, which expires in September 2026. Dawn is committed to ensuring that the MCCA continues to be a highly desirable place for current and future residents. She is a member of both the Trail Ambassadors and Covenant Committee. When not volunteering with MCCA or walking in the Nature Preserve with her beloved Pomeranians, she lends her time and skills to the DECA organization, which offers innovative career development resources for high school and college students. Professionally, Dawn has 25+ years working in communications and operational excellence for organizations such as T-Mobile, Liberty Mutual Insurance, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Dawn and her husband have lived in Winslow since 2009.



Dawn Rosenthal

Elf Awards!

Although the days are getting darker, we look forward to the Elf Awards on December 11th, which will light up the night at MCCA. Many thanks to all our volunteer judges and amazing residents who keep the holiday lights shining bright throughout the holiday season. If you are out and about enjoying the holiday lights

As a reminder, the MCCA office will be closed Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas Day and Wednesday, January 1 for New Year's Day. Please stay safe and enjoy the holidays!

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

Questions and Answers

Thank you to all who responded to our annual survey. We value your opinion and will use this information as we prepare the 2025/2026 budget. Like last year, we will continue to use the MillStream to highlight some of the questions submitted by residents in the short answer portion of the survey. The results of the multiple choice questions are provided in the next pages of this edition of the MillStream. Please contact the MCCA office if you have any questions! The first question of the year is below.

Q: Why doesn’t MCCA keep cars off the streets in our subdivision? People should park in their garage or driveway.

A: We understand that cars parked in the roadway can quickly clog up a neighborhood. We highly recommend that residents be respectful of their neighbors and adhere to city parking regulations. MCCA does not have any restrictions over the streets or street parking. Street parking is regulated by the City of Mill Creek Municipal Code and enforced by the Mill Creek Police Department.

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**.



MCCA Book Drive for Rotary—January & February

February is National Library Lover’s Month. To celebrate, the MCCA will host a book drive in January and February for the Mill Creek Rotary. The Rotary works year round to maintain and stock little libraries in various mobile home communities around our city. They ask for new or gently used books suitable for children ages newborn through 8th grade. You can drop off your books at the MCCA office in January and February during business hours (M–F, 8 am to 4 pm). We thank you in advance for your generosity!

Important Dates!

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

Dec 7	Santa Parade and Tree Lighting on Main Street 3:30–6:30 PM
Dec 11	Elf Awards—Have your lights on by 6 pm!
Dec 25	Christmas Day—MCCA office closed
Jan 1	New Year’s Day—MCCA office closed
Jan/Feb	MCCA Book Drive for Rotary
Jan 16	MCCA Board Meeting—MCCA Boardroom at 4:00 PM
Jan 31	All holiday lights and decorations must be taken down and stored out of view
Feb 6	Presentation at MCCA: Exterior Painting https://exteriorpaintpresentation.rsvpify.com

MCCA ANNUAL SURVEY RESULTS

593 Responses 08:09 Average time to complete Active Status

1. Enter the PIN you were emailed by Voteegrity below:

593
Responses

Latest Responses

"aznguu"

"p8gvzz"

"srvu8c"

2. I live in a(n):

● Apartment	0
● Condo	94
● Townhome	60
● Single-Family Home	439



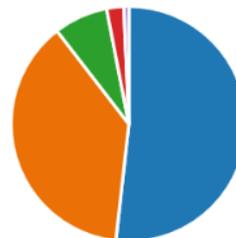
3. I have lived in MCCA for:

● 0-1 years	26
● 2-5 years	111
● 5-10 years	108
● 10-20 years	124
● 20+ years	224



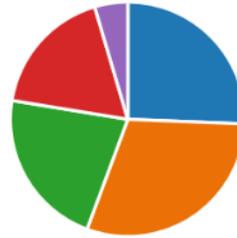
4. Currently, MCCA Security patrols seven days per week, 20 hours per day, and provides member assistance, vacation checks, package pickup, and delivery. In addition, Security notifies members of open garage doors, jump-starts dead car batteries, and reports suspicious activity to local police. I am comfortable with the hours of Security that MCCA currently provides.

● Strongly Agree	307
● Agree	224
● Neutral	44
● Disagree	14
● Strongly Disagree	4



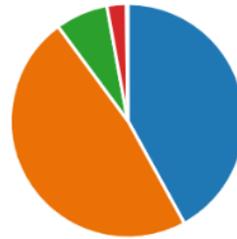
5. How often do you use MCCA trails, parks, and/or playground equipment? Pick one.

● Daily	152
● A few times a week	178
● A few times a month	130
● Rarely (less than once per mo...	106
● Never	27



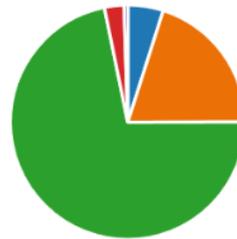
6. I am satisfied with the overall maintenance of MCCA common areas, including the trails, sidewalks, parks, playgrounds, division entrances, and the Nature Preserve.

● Strongly Agree	249
● Agree	284
● Neutral	43
● Disagree	16
● Strongly Disagree	1



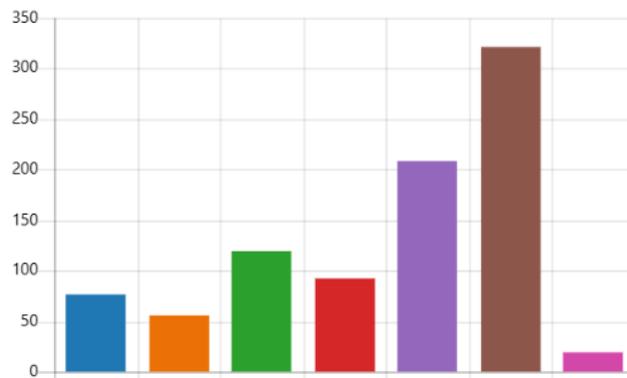
7. I support a change in the current level of landscaping maintenance which includes mowing, blowing, weed removal, pruning, tree trimming, tree management, cleanup, etc.

● Much more maintenance	29
● Slightly more maintenance	119
● Keep maintenance the same	426
● Slightly less maintenance	16
● Much less maintenance	3



8. I support an increase in maintenance performed by the MCCA in the following area(s). Pick up to 3.

● Park areas	77
● Playgrounds	56
● Entrances	119
● Nature Preserve	93
● Trails, paths, and walkways	209
● None, I do not support an incr...	321
● Other	19



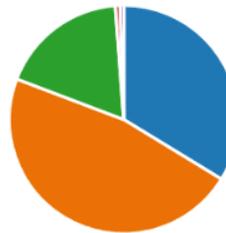
9. I am satisfied with how the MCCA administration manages homeowner architectural control and covenant compliance issues.

● Strongly Agree	102
● Agree	262
● Neutral	162
● Disagree	52
● Strongly Disagree	15



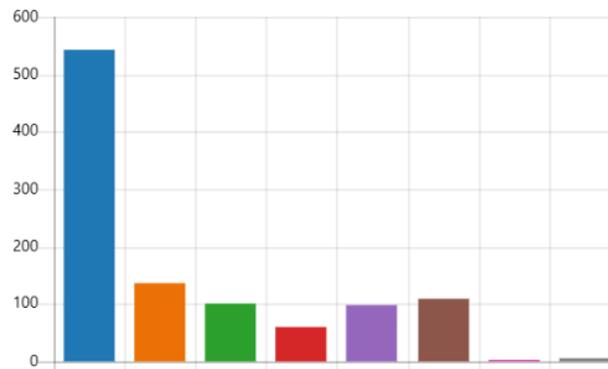
10. I am satisfied with how MCCA communicates with residents via PayHOA, the MillStream, and the MCCA website.

● Strongly Agree	200
● Agree	279
● Neutral	107
● Disagree	4
● Strongly Disagree	3



11. I prefer to communicate with MCCA in the following manner. Pick the top 2.

● Email	542
● PayHOA	137
● Phone	100
● Mail	59
● Text	97
● In-Person (office visit)	108
● Facebook	3
● Other	6



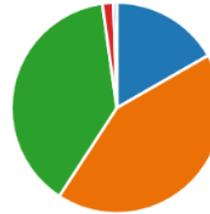
12. I am more likely to participate in MCCA meetings, including the annual meeting, the budget meeting, committee meetings, and regular board meetings if they are held online.

● Strongly Agree	100
● Agree	192
● Neutral	244
● Disagree	44
● Strongly Disagree	13



13. I support having an MCCA Community Hours event for residents attended by both the Association Director and the Board of Directors at least once a year.

● Strongly Agree	99
● Agree	252
● Neutral	229
● Disagree	10
● Strongly Disagree	3



14. I am satisfied with how MCCA administers the affairs of our Association, which includes all employees and volunteer committees.

● Strongly Agree	135
● Agree	262
● Neutral	174
● Disagree	20
● Strongly Disagree	2



15. Overall, how satisfied are you with MCCA?

● Highly satisfied	219
● Satisfied	296
● Neutral	59
● Unsatisfied	17
● Highly unsatisfied	2



16. What does MCCA do best?

378
Responses

Latest Responses
 "Maintenance is great."
 "maintenance of our common areas and security patrols"

17. What should we work on to improve MCCA?

335
Responses

Latest Responses
 "Get rid of that awful rocket style leaf blower on the cart that is used i..."

18. What question(s) did we forget to ask in this year's survey?

182
Responses

Latest Responses

MCCA ELF AWARD COMMUNITY GUIDELINES



MCCA hosts the Elf Awards each December. Generally, the contest is held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. This year, Elf Awards will take place on Wednesday, December 11. An award is given to the best decorated home in each single-family home and townhome division. **This is entirely up to the volunteer judge's taste and preference.** Awards are also given for the best condominium and townhome entries. The elves also judge the best decorated door at the Cogir Retirement Community.

Volunteer elves stop by the MCCA office to pick up their assignments for the night. Judging begins at 6 pm, so be sure to have your lights shining bright by then!

Generally, the volunteer judges are the winner's from prior years. Occasionally, the office needs extra judges so please let us know if you are willing to help. The rules are simple, each elf drives through their assigned division(s) and looks for the house they deem to be the best decorated home in the neighborhood. We ask our elves to do their best to avoid selecting the same home that won the prior year.

The Elf Award winners receive a small gift to commemorate their achievement, and have the coveted Elf Award sign displayed in their yard until the New Year. The one house in all of MCCA that is over the top, is awarded the prestigious **Santa Award**. This award includes a Santa Award gift and the Santa Award sign that is displayed in their yard until the New Year. The winners are listed in a special edition of the MillStream.

We encourage all MCCA residents to deck their halls and participate in this fun event. Do not hesitate to contact the MCCA office (info@mcca.info) if you have any questions.



2023 Santa Award— The Henrikson Family in Fairway

RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Welcome to the **Spotlight** – a place where we shine a light on residents doing notable things to help make the MCCA a great place to live.

Meet this month's featured resident: **Wayne Kuehl!** Wayne and his wife CeCe are proud residents of Fairwood Green. Wayne was recognized by his neighbors for taking care of the area around the mailboxes and keeping up the landscaping along the path to Village Green from their neighborhood cul-de-sac.

Wayne says he is inspired to give back to the community because his neighbors have been there for him and CeCe when they needed it most.

"CeCe had a fall and broke her knee and at the same time my mom needed my help back in Iowa. Without asking, our neighbors were there to help CeCe in my absence."

"The work I do in the neighborhood is my way of saying thank you to my neighbors and friends as well as my way of saying how much I value and appreciate this beautiful place where we all live."

Thank you, Wayne! Your 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.com with the following information and we will reach out to get the full scoop:

- Name(s) of resident(s) being nominated
- Subdivision they reside in
- The noteworthy act

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

Submitted by:

Dawn Rosenthal
Trail Ambassador Chair



Fairwood Green Resident, Wayne Kuehl

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Fall Planting Has Begun!

MCCA Maintenance recently planted a line of Red Rocket Maples in Fish Ladder Park near the intersection of Hwy 527 and Mill Creek Road. Red Rocket maples have all the characteristics of the red maple but with a slender, conical shape. They produce large clusters of red flowers that look like little fireworks popping out in the early spring followed by big, green leaves throughout the summer. In the fall, we can expect a burst of brilliant red color. They typically grow to a height of 30-35 feet with a spread of around 15-20 feet at maturity.



Our Maintenance team hard at work planting row of Red Rocket Maples to replace the Thundercloud Plums that were in decline and removed in early October.



Red Rocket Maples
Showing their Fall Color!

Division Entries: Holiday Lighting

We love that residents get into the holiday spirit, take pride in their neighborhood, and decorate in celebration of the season. As we prepare for the holidays, there are several things residents should keep in mind when they decorate division entries for the holidays:

- Do not unplug any plug that is already in the outlet. This is the power for MCCA entry lighting.
- Do not use old worn out lights as they tend to trip the GFCI outlet which will also shut down the entry lights as they are on the same circuit.
- Do not change or tamper with MCCA timers on the back of the walls. If lights need timers, residents need to provide a timer for their lights.
- Lights, timers, extension cords, and surge protectors need to be exterior rated for the safety of our residents and so they don't trip the GFCI or breaker.
- Do not leave MCCA outlets that have weather covers open or overload the outlet so the cover cannot shut.
- For the safety of all, any lights that impair the proper functioning of the entry lights or circuitry, or cause an electrical hazard, will be removed by maintenance.

SECURITY

Winter Storm Safety

Be prepared this winter! The [Red Cross](#) has tips on how to stay safe during cold spells:

Tis the Season for Car Prowlers!

We have had reports of car break-ins recently so we're sharing these general tips on prevention:

- Lock your car doors
- Do not leave valuables in plain sight
- Remove or hide anything that a car prowler might mistake as something worth stealing
- Audible alarms or other theft-deterrents can be effective
- Do not leave remote controls for garages in your car
- If you can't park in your garage, increase visibility of your driveway by trimming back trees or shrubs
- If you're parking in a public lot, don't put packages or purse in trunk, then walk away

Safety at Your Residence

- If most of your holiday shopping is done online, consider having packages delivered to your place of work or have a neighbor pick-up for you in your absence.
- Remember to check your front porch before bed. Many deliveries are now made late in the evening.
- If leaving town, fill out a vacation house check request. Have security or someone check your house daily while you are away. Use timers to keep lights on in the evening and consider parking a car in your driveway.
- Cut back shrubs and make sure home exterior lights are on and in working order—consider updating with motion sensor.
- Always be sure windows and garage doors are closed and locked before bedtime.



Speed Limit Reminder and Pedestrian Safety

It is that time of year again when it is both dark in the morning and at night. Please remember to drive the speed limit and consider reducing your speed even lower. If you're walking in the dark, consider wearing reflective clothing for yourself, your children, and pets. Wearing a headlamp is a great way to light your path, while keeping your hands free. Stay on the sidewalks when available. Stay alert and aware of your surroundings.

As always, if you see something out of the ordinary, please observe and report. Security staff can be reached directly at **425-328-0035**.

Happy Holidays from your Security Team!

Lois Dawkins
MCCA Security Supervisor
securitysup@mcca.info

COVENANT COMMITTEE

Political Signage

By now, all political signage should be removed from your property. Many thanks to our residents for getting those signs stowed away shortly after the election.

The Holiday Season is here!

Please remember that MCCA does allow lights for other holidays, not just Christmas. The following rule applies to all holidays:

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.

Moss

While moss can be a beautiful addition to your landscape, having many benefits to the environment, it can also harm building materials. Moss can weigh down roofs, displace shingles, and lead to rot. Expansion of moss on driveways can cause stress on concrete, leading to cracking and deterioration. The committee is seeing many homes where moss is beginning to take hold and spread. Be proactive by using baking soda! Baking soda is a powerful and natural cleaner that we use at the MCCA for a fast and safe solution for moss removal. Simply sprinkle the baking soda over your entire driveway, walkways, and decks and let nature take its course. Regularly sweeping and blowing debris from your pavement and deck can also help prevent mossy buildup. You may want to consider having your roof professionally cleaned.

Storm Drains

The fall rains have begun. Please check the storm drains near your home. If they are clogged with debris, take a moment to scoop the debris and put it in your yard waste. The heavy rains we have had lately quickly overwhelm clogged drains.

Have Extra Yard Waste?

After a big wind storm, you might find yourself with more yard waste than will fit in your green bin. Did you know that Waste Management will pick-up any extra yard trimmings beyond your basic service? Visit [Waste Management](#) for more details on allowable containers, weight restrictions and any additional fees.



Reminder List of Winter Tasks

- Yard cleanup
- Store all empty pots, yard tools, and other seasonal items out of view from the street and neighboring properties
- Leaf, debris, and moss removal from sidewalks and driveways
- Gutter cleaning
- Cover outdoor faucets to prevent freezing & detach all hoses
- Lawn moss prevention with lime application

Are you interested in volunteering your time with the Covenant Committee to help keep our community looking its best? Send me an email or call the office for more information.

Joan Sweeney, Compliance Coordinator, joan@mcca.info

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Tree Trimming Etiquette

With blustery fall days upon us, our yards can become littered with debris from fallen branches, pine needles, leaves, etc. Some of this debris may be coming from a neighbor's tree. Over time, branches from neighboring trees can grow beyond the property line into your yard. You can trim encroaching tree branches up to your property line as long as you do not kill or irreparably harm the tree. If this is the route you wish to take, we encourage you to speak with your neighbor BEFORE having any branches trimmed to make sure there is a clear understanding of the work to be done. To be on the safe side, consider consulting a licensed arborist to ensure that your trimming will not harm the tree. Once the trimming is complete, plan to put all debris in your yard waste bin. Do not throw the cuttings over the fence into your neighbor's yard or the common area.

Exterior Lighting

As a reminder, our lighting [Rules and Regulations](#) go into effect January 31, 2025. Please be considerate of your neighbors when planning the lightscape for your yard and position your lights to avoid shining them into your neighbor's windows.

Tips for Choosing Exterior Paint Colors

Finding the perfect paint palette for the exterior of your home can be a big task! If you're considering an exterior paint project in the Spring or Summer, this presentation is for you!

Shane Schulze from Performance Painting will be here along with a representative from Sherwin-Williams to discuss 2025 paint trends and how to select the best colors and sheens that will provide a fresh look while enhancing your home's architecture.

Please use this link to RSVP and save your spot! <https://exteriorpaintpresentation.rsvpify.com>



A MESSAGE FROM TRAIL AMBASSADORS

Mill Creek Wildlife

Coyotes are a common sight throughout Snohomish County, including Mill Creek. These adaptable canines have increasingly moved into our residential areas as their natural habitats shrink and human development expands. Coyotes are opportunistic feeders, able to survive on a diet ranging from small mammals like rabbits and rodents to fruit, bird eggs, and even food scraps and garbage. Their ability to thrive in diverse habitats has made them a fixture in the local wildlife population, even as they coexist with humans.

Coyotes are typically more active at dawn and dusk, although they are seen at all times of day. They are solitary or travel in small family groups, and their distinctive yips, howls, and barks can be heard echoing across some of our neighborhoods. While they rarely pose a direct threat to humans, coyotes can be a threat to pets, especially small dogs and cats. To minimize conflict, experts recommend securing trash bins and keeping pets indoors or on a leash when outside. Despite being considered a nuisance by some, coyotes play an important ecological role by controlling rodent populations and maintaining balance in our local ecosystems.



Dawn Rosenthal
Chair, Trail Ambassadors

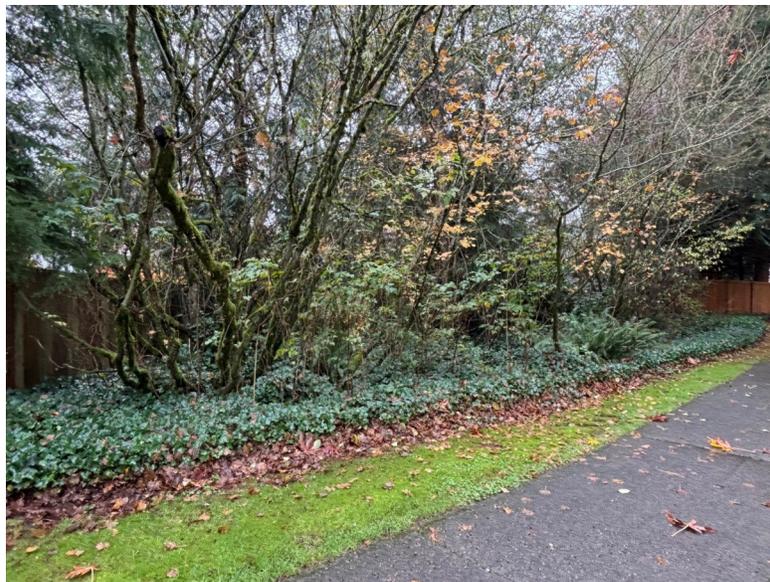
NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

Fall Refresh

The NWC has been focused on refreshing some of the MCCA playground and park areas this fall, to include Douglas Fir Park, Huckleberry Park, Red Cedar Park and Wildwood Park in Spring Tree. Any regrowth of invasive species was removed, and in some areas fresh wood chips were applied. A similar cleanup was done in the area of the MCCA office. In our common areas, the NWC has enjoyed the return of the rain, making it much easier to remove Himalayan blackberries!

Winter Cleanup Opportunities

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, January 25, and Saturday, February 8, when the NWC will be hosting work events from 10 to 12 noon in Red Cedar along both sides of the walkway that runs between 29th Drive SE and 30th Drive SE! As you can see, there is a lot of English ivy to remove, and the rainy season is the perfect time to do it! A fun family event!



Walkway within Red Cedar

Earth Day

If you missed past Earth Day events with the NWC, plans are being made for Earth Day in April again this year! Look for the specifics in the February MillStream!

Interested in Volunteering?

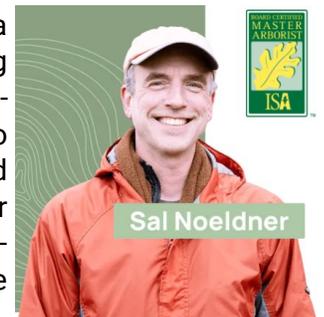
Are you curious about what the NWC is doing next? Is there an area of concern you would like to share with the NWC? You can request your email be placed on the NWC contact list by sending an email to: mccanwc@mcca.info! An email is sent out each Thursday with the information for the following Monday, 9 to 12 noon, location! New volunteers are always welcome!

The NWC wishes Happy Holidays to all and thanks everyone for their kind words of encouragement and compliments as you come upon volunteers of the NWC hard at work!

ARBORIST INSIGHTS—SAL NOELDNER

A good day to you, Mill Creek Community Association member!

It is my great pleasure to be asked to share my thoughts on the challenges facing a healthy, partially forested landscape both in the city of Mill Creek and surrounding areas. As both a long-time Western Washington resident and tree-appreciating professional, I find the current decline of many tall trees, although saddening, can also be considered a drawn-out change that behooves us to act proactively to protect and support resiliency in current trees within our landscape, as much as possible, into our future. Complexing our efforts, unqualified tree service salespeople, layers of development, climate extremes, a growing homeless population, pathogens, and invasive plants are tree issues of concern that I will detail here over the upcoming months, including some simple modifications to tree-focused protocol for readers with the ability to act.



Sal is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist who lives and works locally.

Often, I am called for a second opinion on a tree issue of concern, the client telling me about predatory tree service salespeople who have knocked on the residence door, soliciting some sort of tree work such as removal, “windsailing”, spraying for insects, and “lifting” the tree canopy. So far, every time I have been called for a second opinion, I have found the former salespeople lacking in general decency and much like snake-oil salesmen trying to sell elixirs of miracle health at a country fair. The recommended tree removals for safety because of various, mis-diagnosed stressor(s), “windsailing” pruning (which means reoccurring work for the salesperson as response growth makes the area thicker in growth eventually and changes how the tree reacts to wind loading), spraying for insects (without either adding preventative care or identifying exactly how the insect use of the tree deviates from normal), and canopy “lifting” have not really been needed, create fear/anxiety where there was little or none, and often decrease locally the quality of life for both tree and human. In contrast to unqualified sales marketing, an ISA Certified Arborist is invested with a Duty of Care and must tell you of an imminent chance of significant to severe damage if one is seen (I have only done this once in my career).

If you are looking for a qualified opinion of tree health or hazard potential, please go to [Find an Arborist](#) at ISA online and search for Certified Arborist in your area. An unqualified tree work salesperson will often say they are an “arborist” during introduction although no work is required to gain this definition. Either way, ask them for their ISA certification number, taking a photo of it when presented. If their concern is not framed in the manner I have said (there is an imminent likelihood of both tree failure and subsequent serious damage/injury), and/or certification is not presented, it might behoove you as a responsible person to ask them to leave your property, because they are not really concerned for your safety, just concerned about earning a buck. At best, their recommended action might be innocuous for the tree and just cost money; at worst, you will lose your trees and the great many benefits they offer. If you find tree service salespeople lacking in decency or try to hard sell you something, PLEASE report any such “tree care” people to the Better Business Bureau (www.bbb.org). Let’s see if we can rein in these unqualified doomsayers and get them to stop preying on the general populace, causing an even faster-decreasing canopy cover. Will you help me?

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

**FROM
SANTA'S
OFFICE**



Hello to all my Mill Creek Friends!

I've heard you've been very good this year! I would like to personally invite you to celebrate the holidays with my friends and me on Saturday, December 7th, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Mill Creek Town Center.

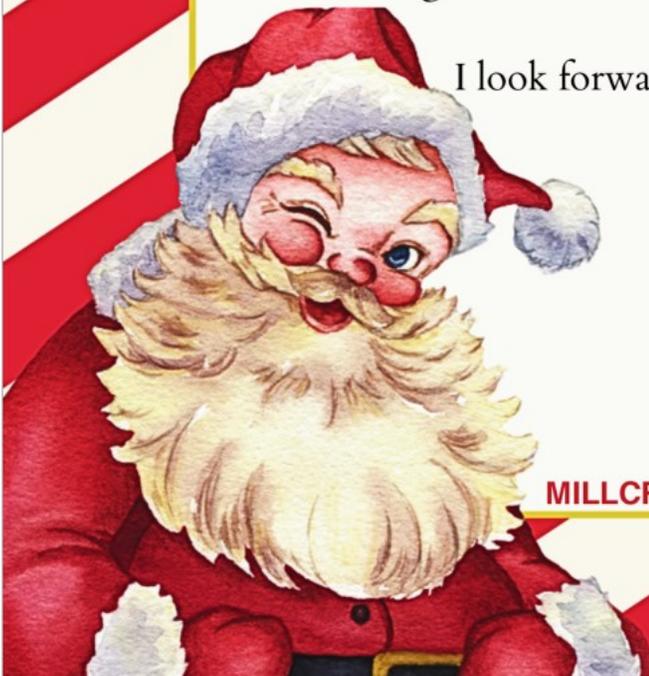
First, I'll parade down Main Street with my elves starting at 3:30 p.m. After the parade, we'll visit my workshop to listen to carolers sing, collect our holiday bingo cards, and enjoy vendor treats and fun activities in Santa's Village at City Hall North. Just after 5:00 p.m., we'll light up the huge tree at City Hall, and then you can come and take pictures with me until 6:30 p.m. in Santa's Village.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Ho! Ho! Ho!

Santa Claus

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

HEROES' CAFE

GIVING TREE
& SOCK DRIVE

GIVE A GIFT TO A VETERAN
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Visit Mill Creek City Hall (15728 Main St.) and select a gift tag from the tree. Return your unwrapped gift by Monday, December 16th, and Heroes' Café volunteers will deliver it in time for the holidays.

Thank you!



DETAILS AT MILLCREEKWA.GOV/VETERANSDAY

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF MILL CREEK

Scholarships for student leaders! 2025

The AWC Center for Quality Communities is awarding up to **three \$3,000 scholarships** to civic-minded Washington student leaders.

- Check with your city to find out when applications are due.
- Your city will review applications and select a student to nominate.
- Scholarship recipients will be announced in Spring 2025.
- Apply now! Scan the QR code for more information.



Submit your application, letter of recommendation, and photo to the City of Mill Creek at communications@millcreekwa.gov by December 31, 2024.



What is AWC?

Founded in 1933, the Association of Washington Cities (AWC) is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan corporation that represents Washington's cities. AWC's mission is to serve our members through advocacy, education, and services.

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MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

Lithium-Ion Battery Fires – An Emerging Trend

Lithium-ion batteries are found in devices that we use on a daily basis. These batteries are an effective source of power however they can pose an increased fire risk due to the likelihood of overheating, catching fire, and even leading to explosions.

Fires caused by lithium-ion batteries are used to power micromobility devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters, smaller electronics such as cell phones and laptops, toys and electric vehicles.

The [National Fire Protection Association](#)® and South County Fire recommend these tips when buying, charging, storing, and using lithium-ion batteries to help prevent fires:

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Use charging equipment that is only compatible with your device. To be safe, use only the charging equipment that is supplied with your device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions. Many home improvement stores will accept these batteries.
- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage, such as an unusual odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or change in color.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.

“South County Fire encourages residents to learn more about the hazards of lithium-ion batteries,” said Deputy Fire Marshal, Jaret Vosburgh. “By better understanding how lithium-ion battery fires start, people can take the necessary steps to minimize associated risks and safely use their electronics and other devices powered by these batteries.”

Learn more about the “Charge into Fire Safety” campaign and download free safety tip sheets at nfpa.org/lithiumionsafety.

We’re here to help! If you have any questions or concerns about your risk, contact us at outreach@southsnofire.org or call 425-320-5800.



MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

The beauty of autumn is a fading memory as we prepare for winter. The festivities of Halloween, Veterans’ Day and Thanksgiving are sweet memories. We’re replacing those memories with the anticipation of the December holiday season.

The hustle and bustle of landscape preparation for the winter is hopefully done, now to be replaced with special activities like gathering with friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors. Food and refreshments are generally involved, but most important is expressing our compassion, concern or affection for one another. That defines the members of Mill Creek Garden Club. One

must only listen to the decibel level of conversations during our Christmas party to realize how much we enjoy each other’s company. You too can be involved with the camaraderie, by becoming a member. To get more information about joining us, go to www.millcreekgardenclub.com, and leave a message.

How will you be filling the void after the holidays? Perhaps a good book, a craft, jigsaw puzzle or perusing garden catalogues. Some enjoy a hot drink in front of a fireplace, others want to be outside enjoying the elements. Your interests will determine how you spend your winter months. Members of our Club start ramping up our joint activities for the *upcoming Ninth Annual Mill Creek Garden Tour and Artisan Market*.

December’s luncheon will be a party with no guest speaker, but with special surprise activities, decorations, menu items, and donated toys and clothes to support Everett’s Christmas House for Snohomish County’s children.

In January, we look forward to learning from Garden Designer, Consultant, Speaker, and Author Sue Goetz about “Garden Designs for a Climate of Change.”

Our luncheons are held on the second Tuesday of each month, September-May, at Shawn O’Donnell’s Irish Pub and Grill, Everett, in the banquet room. Reservations are required and the luncheon cost is \$28 for guests.

Marilyn Hanan-hoover
MCGC Publicity Chair



Veteran Monument at Library Park



Maple tree with ornamental heart



Coleus and geranium plants

MILL CREEK WOMEN'S CLUB

41 Years and Going Strong!

As winter approaches, the Mill Creek Women's Club has resumed its monthly meetings where we share our commitment to friendship, philanthropy, volunteering and fun! Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month and take place at the Mill Creek Country Club and Shawn O'Donnell's, both lovely venues. Our yearly dues are \$75 with tickets to the luncheons \$35 for members and \$38 for non-members.

We have a selection of interesting entertainment and speakers at our luncheons and a raffle table with items that appeal to a variety of tastes and interests. The cheers ring out as each winning number is called. The proceeds from the raffle go to support The Working Wardrobe where many of our members volunteer.

This is my 8th year as a member. I was impressed with the hospitality of the organization which offers to pair up new members with a "friend" who shows them the ropes, introducing them to other members and the variety of special interest groups available including bunco, canasta, book clubs, mahjong, and cooking. Friendly greeters are at the door to assist with direction and answer questions. Our Social Committee creates events outside of meetings so our members can get to know each other better, try something new, and especially have fun!

In September, we were entertained by the talented singing group, Memphis Bells, with a 1940's swing style presenting Autum in New York. October brought us an informative presentation by Carrie Van Dyck who with her husband, Ron Zimmerman, turned a farm garage into the amazing Herbfarm Restaurant. Many of us are the proud new owners of her husband's cookbook.

Our November fundraiser supported our theme this year "Women Supporting Women." Esther's Place was our designated charity, the only Day Resource Center in Snohomish County. Esther's Place offers a warm safe place to rest, food, showers, critical resources, and community for homeless women. This evening event featured light hors d'oeuvres, a buffet dinner and wine. We had many fabulous live and silent auction items, a special raffle and wine grab bags. We enjoyed a presentation by Judy Hoff, the founder and, through generous donations, we were able to make a significant contribution to our cause!



Judy Hoff, Founder
Esther's Place

Upcoming Events

December's general membership meeting features the comedic hypnotist, Jim Kellner, who has entertained audiences as an actor, comedian, motivational speaker, and comedy stage hypnotist for over 25 years.

In January, Detective Chris White with the Mill Creek Police Department will speak on scams and what we can do to protect ourselves.

Our February meeting will feature Sandy Stamato, Founder of Limb Dweller Transitional Coaching—for women in the second half of their lives. She is compassionate, funny and doesn't hold back in her coaching, podcast and speaking engagements.

All events are for members and guests only. If you're looking to meet women who will become friends, want to have fun, and engage in worthwhile activities, the Mill Creek Women's Club is for you. If you would like more information, email membershipmccwc@gmail.com.

Pat Hooper
MCWC Publicity Chair

MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Happy Holidays from the Mill Creek Library!



We enjoy welcoming the Mill Creek community back into their library after last summer's closure! If you haven't seen the new carpeting and more open spaces, please stop by and say "hi". We'll give you a tour of changes, show you where to find books on hold, and help you get a library card if you don't already have one or want to change your card design.

Stay cozy and connected this season with [online events](#) for all ages! From storytimes to craft and chats to the history of avalanche awareness – there is something for everyone. If you're thinking of making homemade gifts, use [Creativebug](#) for high-quality arts and crafts instructional videos designed for artists and makers of all levels. Topics include drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, baking, and more, with downloadable patterns, templates, and recipes. All classes are taught by experts, with new classes added weekly.

Is the weather too bad to leave home? The library has you covered with instant checkout bestsellers from our [Express collection in CloudLibrary](#). Or grab your popcorn and find your next movie night pick from thousands of films from independent filmmakers and popular producers with [Kanopy](#).

Our gift to you is [Sno-Isle Libraries Staff Favorites list of 2024!](#) Check out our top picks for can't-miss stories and unforgettable moments in the best reads and movies of the year!

Have a wonderful winter from your library!

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FRIENDS OF THE MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Local Siblings Inspire Giving!

Siblings Vivaan (14) and Kaira (8) Rajan have always been avid readers, which means that over the years they have accumulated quite a collection of books. When mom, Kaveri, started a cleaning spree, the kids decided to go through their books. They found many favorites that have been read multiple times but that they have outgrown. Thinking about donating their own books sparked the idea that other kids might have outgrown some of their books as well, so they created a flyer for their mom to share in neighborhood group chats.

Even though they started with the idea of collecting kids' books, after hearing of their neighbors' enthusiasm for adding to the donation, the siblings expanded to include books for all age groups and from all genres. They chose a two day collection period and decided their only criteria would be that the books be in good condition. Mom did the driving, but the kids did all the collecting, then together they organized their haul. In the end they gathered up 272 books!

Recognizing that not everyone has money to buy books, Vivaan and Kaira knew they wanted to make their books available to other kids. To our good fortune, these two big hearted young people chose to donate the books they collected to the Friends of the Mill Creek Library.

The Friends are a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Mill Creek Library and local literacy efforts. We do that by raising funds, mainly through sales of used (and new) books that have been donated to us by members of the community. If you have been to the Mill Creek Library, you have likely seen the sales shelves in the lobby full of all kinds of books, from adult fiction and nonfiction to board books for the littlest readers, and everything in between. All of the books we sell are donated, so the selection varies widely and changes by the day.

While we are tremendously grateful for each and every donation, we have to acknowledge just how special this particular donation is. Vivaan and Kaira, we cannot thank you enough for helping the Friends reach our goals. You inspire us with your generosity and commitment to your community!



Vivaan and Kaira Rajan



Just a few of the 272 books collected!

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

Holiday Trees for Salmon

Greetings! The holiday season has arrived! To help with coming celebrations, the Adopt A Stream Foundation is kicking off the season with its annual **Holidays Trees for Salmon** event Saturday December 7 & Sunday December 8, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Northwest Stream Center, 600 -128th Street SE, Everett WA 98208 (driving directions: <https://www.streamkeeper.org/contact-us>). **Holiday Trees for Salmon** will be available afterwards Tuesdays through Saturdays through Dec. 24.

Holiday Trees for Salmon are special!

"There will be a great selection of live two to six foot-high (\$20, \$40, \$60, \$100) Sitka Spruce, Western Red Cedar, Western Hemlock, Shore Pine, Grand Fir and Douglas Fir trees that are in pots. "After the holidays, plant your tree and you will help out the planet for hundreds of years," says Adopt A Stream Foundation Director Tom Murdoch. "Or bring your tree back to the Northwest Stream Center after the holidays and Adopt A Stream Foundation's *Stream Team* will plant your tree next to a salmon stream in the spring where it will help out salmon for hundreds of years! Both options will provide a great holiday memory."

This fun event includes an *Artisan Bazar* on Saturday December 7 that feature crafts by local artisans. As a holiday bonus, there is **free admission to the Northwest Stream Center Nature Trail throughout the month of December**. There, you will be able to wander past a *Trout Stream Exhibit* onto an *Elevated Forest and Wetland Walk*. It winds through 25-acres next to North Creek, 3-feet above the forest floor and surrounding wetlands...it's a beautiful place to be.

You can also get all of your holiday shopping done in the *Nature Store* where proceeds benefit environmental education and salmon stream restoration.

Another Holiday bonus! Everyone who purchases a **Holiday Tree for Salmon** will receive a 2025 Adopt A Stream Foundation membership as a holiday gift. Benefits include free entry to the Northwest Stream Center *Nature Trail* for 2025, discounts to 2025 *Streamkeeper Academy* events, and 10% discounts on purchases at the Northwest Stream Center *Nature Store*.

Proceeds from **Holiday Trees for Salmon** sales benefit the Adopt A Stream Foundation's environmental education and salmon stream restoration programs. For more information call 425-316-8592 or go to www.streamkeeper.org.



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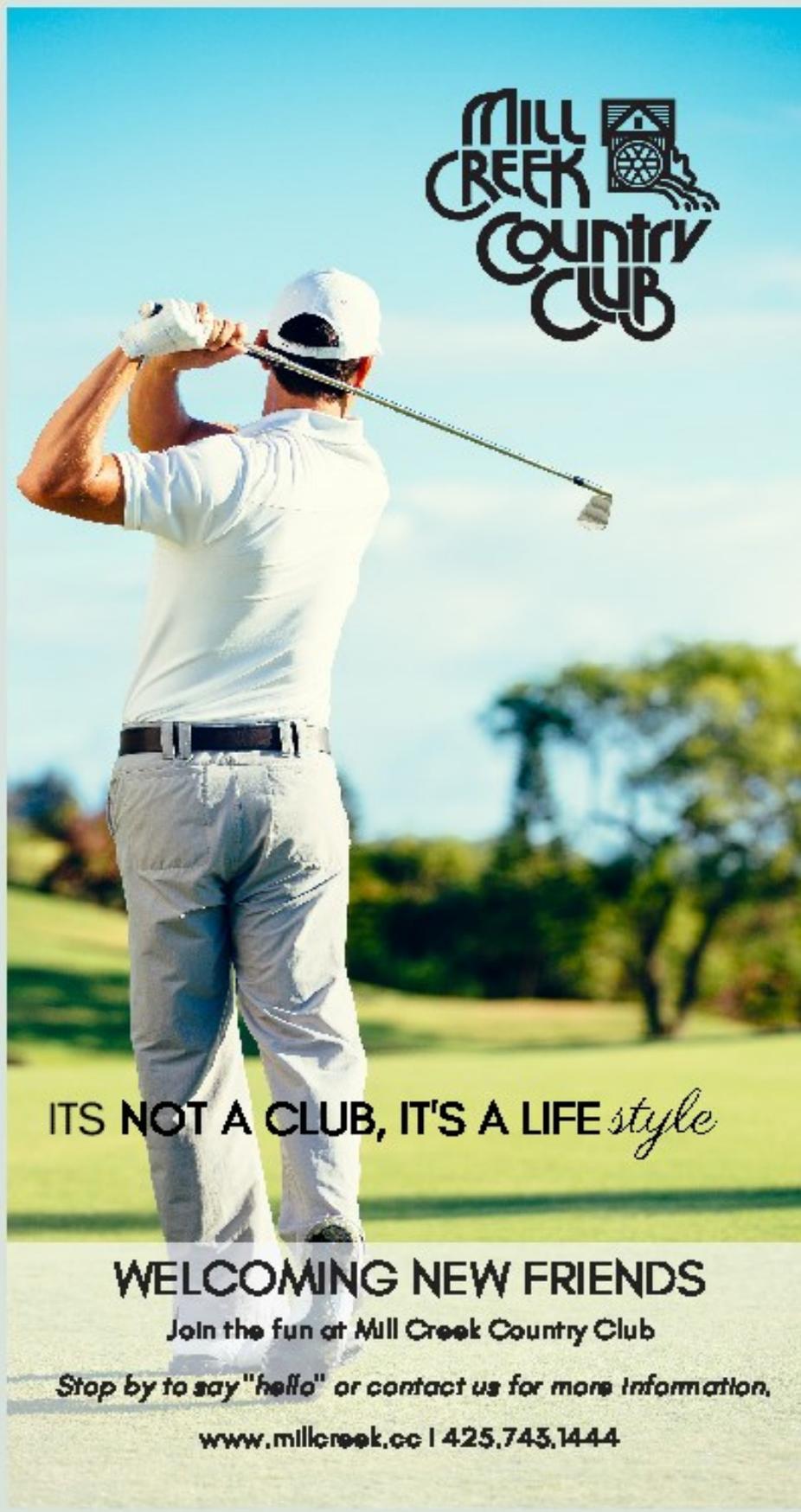
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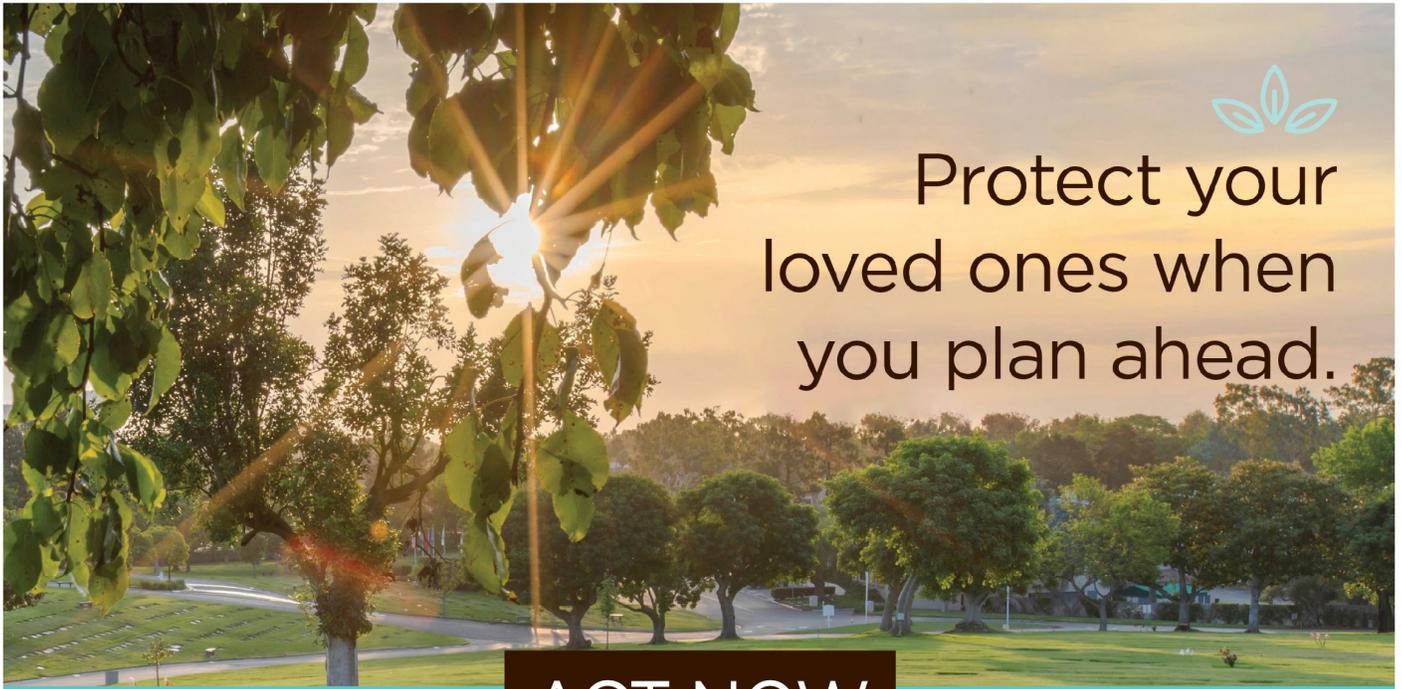


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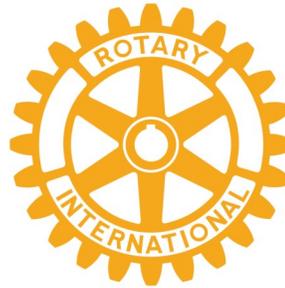
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