



MillStream

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY SID SIEGEL

Thank You for Your Feedback!

Thank you to all residents who took time in November to respond to our annual survey. This survey serves two important functions: assessing our team's performance in managing the Association's affairs and guiding our planning and budgeting for the upcoming fiscal year starting in July. Generally speaking our residents continue to be happy with the job being done as shown by our 87% satisfied or very satisfied ranking. For that we owe a great debt of gratitude to Hilary and the fine team managing our administrative, security and maintenance functions.

Budgeting for the Future

In the next two months, we'll be diving into the budget, refining it, and presenting it to you for approval. As a board member and a resident who also pays the annual assessment, I take great responsibility in ensuring the financial operation of the Association is sound. Your strong positive feedback reassures us that we're on the right track, and we'll continue to keep our budgets tight.

Addressing Common Questions

We've received thoughtful questions from the survey, like "Why can't our assessments go down?" and "Why are assessments going up more than inflation?" These are excellent points that have sparked great discussions among the Board. Two major drivers of our Association expenses are labor costs and insurance. The CPI and inflation metrics cover a broad basket of goods including food, alcohol, education and housing not directly comparable to our specific expenses. We have a great team working for our Association and we strive to keep wages competitive yet reasonable. Replacing staff can be very expensive and difficult job finding a good fit for the team. Insurance costs have been problematic nationwide as I have personally seen 70-300% increases for my auto and homeowners' insurance with no claims. Fortunately, thanks to Hilary and our broker, HUB, we managed a small year over year decrease in insurance costs for the Association. Reducing assessments would mean cutting essential parts of our budget, which would negatively impact the quality of our services, the value of our homes, and livability of our neighborhoods.

In short, as long as our residents are happy and our association continues to thrive, we will continue to tightly manage our financials and consider our assessments as money well spent.

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

Alongside my MCCA duties, I chair the Washington State Community Association Legislative Action Committee (WSCAI LAC). This year, we’re tackling several bills impacting community associations. Below are key bills for you to review:

- [SB 5129](#) Concerning common interest communities (WUCIOA for All trailer bill).
- [HB 1096](#) Increasing housing options through lot splitting.
- [HB 1004](#) Increasing the personal property tax exemption.
- [HB 1175](#) Allowing small business establishments in residential zones.
- [HB 1108](#) Creating a task force on housing cost driver analysis.
- [HB 1061](#) Providing additional parking flexibility in residential neighborhoods.
- [HB 1500](#) Related to resale certificates.
- [HB 1501](#) Relating to inquiries into association governance or operations by unit owners.

These bills primarily focus on expanding housing supply, which is a key theme this legislative session. We’re also anticipating bills on foreclosure, board training, and potentially pet regulations in community associations.

For weekly updates, sign up for the [Monday Morning Minute email](#). If you have questions or concerns, feel free to reach out. The WSCAI LAC supports state regulations that protect community association homeowners, board members, and the overall community.

Rotary Book Drive

For the month of February, MCCA is once again partnering with Rotary Club of Mill Creek in collecting children’s books for Little Free Libraries throughout Snohomish County. Please consider donating new or gently used children’s books of all subjects, fiction and non-fiction. Books can be dropped off at MCCA Monday-Friday, anytime between the hours of 8:00 AM–4:00 PM.

Examples of books requested:

- Baby board books
- Beginning readers for grades K–3
- Chapter books for grades 4–6
- Books for grades 7–12
(No graphic or inappropriate content.)

Chat with Chief White

I recently had the chance to sit down with Chief White of the Mill Creek Police Department to talk about a top concern among our residents—speeding on our roads. MCPD listened and took action!

Thanks to MCPD’s efforts, traffic stops have significantly increased. In 2023, there were 3,177 traffic contacts (which include all stops, whether a ticket was issued or not). In 2024, that number jumped to 5,583—a remarkable **76% increase!**

In addition, MCPD stepped up enforcement in 2024 by issuing more traffic citations (including DUIs and suspended licenses), infractions (such as speeding, failure to yield, and expired tabs), and parking tickets.

Traffic Incidents	2023	2024	% Chg
Citations	311	373	↑20%
Infractions	1131	2512	↑122%
Parking	262	290	↑11%

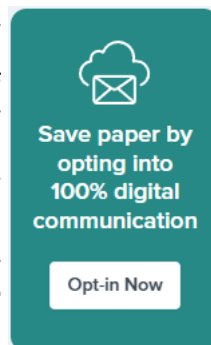
Most importantly, these efforts are making a real difference—**collisions in our city dropped from 482 in 2023 to just 265 in 2024, a 45% decrease!**

MCPD’s dedication to keeping our roads safe is paying off, and we appreciate their hard work in making Mill Creek a safer place for everyone.

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 not 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**.



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:

Jack Bolton—Huckleberry

Jack lives with his family in Huckleberry, is a sophomore at Jackson High School, and is also working to obtain Eagle rank in the Boy Scouts.

Jack is being recognized for his ongoing commitment to improving the natural surroundings of our community, while consistently demonstrating leadership and teamwork. An active member of the Noxious Weed Committee, he is now undertaking a major landscaping project along Village Green Drive to revitalize an area overgrown with English ivy.

Working with 10-12 volunteers, Jack is planning and leading all aspects of the project and is on track to complete the effort in March.

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

Resident Spotlight Nominations

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!

Dawn Rosenthal
Board Director and Trail Ambassador Chair

“I’ve always liked working outdoors and am proud to help make our community better – and I get to work on building my project management and leadership skills in the process.”
-Jack Bolton



Eagle Scout, Jack Bolton (on left)

MAINTENANCE UPDATE

Meet the MCCA Maintenance Team



From L to R: Jamie, Ryan, Greg, Craig, Mike, Chaba, Chris and Cam

Watch Your Step!

You may have noticed the maintenance team has been working throughout the Association to identify and repair trip hazards on trails throughout our neighborhoods. Using a concrete grinder, our team grinded about 50 potential trip hazards to ensure the safety of all our residents. We do our best to clear any noticeable obstructions, but we ask that you take caution as you enjoy our trails and pathways. Uneven terrain, tree roots, pinecones, and wet or icy surfaces can create potentially hazardous conditions. If you notice areas that need our attention, please reach out to the office so we can address them.



Ryan grinding a potential trip hazard on the trail in Vine Maple

Emerald Heights Hillside

The hillside behind Emerald Heights has long been filled with alders near their end of life. We have replaced the failing alders with evergreens including Western red cedar, Noble fir, Douglas fir and Sitka spruce.

Critter Corridor Complete

Our team completed planting in the Critter Corridor and spread wood chips throughout the area. What was once overgrown with blackberries, invasive plants, dumped debris and garbage, will now be a safe forage for birds, squirrels and pollinators. Take a look at these before and after photos!



Critter Corridor Before



Critter Corridor After

SECURITY

Parking Reminder and Sidewalk Safety



Did you know that parking a vehicle on the street for longer than 24 hours is prohibited by the City of Mill Creek?

For the safety and consideration of neighbors and to allow the City's street sweeper to access the streets for cleaning, we encourage you to observe this ordinance and park in your driveway. The streets should be used for occasional parking only as needed. If you or a guest must park on the street, do not block or park on the sidewalk. Property owners are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of any obstructions that might interfere with safe pedestrian use—this includes, vegetation, litter, ice, and snow.

A reminder for those who live in divisions without sidewalks, please avoid parking on the side of the street with raised pavement markers.

The daylight hours are still short. Make yourself visible if you are walking in the early morning, evening or at night. Be sure to wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight.

Preventing Conflict with Coyotes

In the December MillStream, we shared an article on coyotes and how they continue to be a common sight in Mill Creek. To minimize and prevent conflict with a coyote, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife shares these tips:

- Never run away from a coyote. Make loud noises, wave a stick or squirt with a hose or throw something at it.
- Don't leave pets or small children unattended where coyotes are frequently seen or heard.
- Never leave food out for wildlife!
- Keep garbage can lids on tight.

Mailbox Reminder

Mail theft is a constant issue. If you haven't done so already, consider purchasing a [locking mailbox](#) to prevent theft. Use the link provided to select an MCCA-approved mailbox. We have approved these models as we are sure they will fit on the mail hutch throughout our Association. Once your pre-approved mailbox arrives, bring it to the MCCA Office and we will schedule the installation with our Maintenance team. Please note, MCCA Maintenance will only install MCCA-approved mailboxes.

There are a few other precautions you can take to ensure you are less likely to be a victim of mail theft.

- Pick up your mail promptly each day.
- Hold your mail if you plan to be away for an extended period of time. Use the [USPS website](#) to place your hold.



We are Hiring!

MCCA Security is looking for a fill-in driver for day or evening shifts. If you are interested, or if you know someone who is interested, please contact the MCCA office (info@mcca.info or 425-316-3344). This is a great opportunity to learn more about your community and earn some extra money at the same time!



Lois Dawkins

MCCA Security Supervisor
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Important Dates!

Please go to the [MCCA Calendar](#) on the MCCA website for updated information on our meetings and events. You can also find links to join our online meetings by clicking on the calendar item.

- Feb 6** Presentation at MCCA: Exterior Painting (Full class—no longer taking RSVP's)
- Feb 8** Noxious Weed Committee: Red Cedar 10:00 am
- Feb 20** MCCA Board Meeting—MCCA Boardroom at 4:00 pm
- Mar 19** City Chat—MCCA Boardroom at 6:30 pm
- Mar 20** MCCA Board Meeting—MCCA Boardroom at 4:00 pm
- Apr 26** Noxious Weed Committee: Earth Day Event—Red Cedar at 10:00 am

COVENANT COMMITTEE

Keep Your Home Moss-Free and Magnificent!

Why did the moss break up with the algae? It needed some space to grow on its own.

Now that we we've shared a laugh, here's your reminder that roofs and driveways are especially susceptible to moss growth this time of year—more so if under the shade of trees and shrubs. Take steps now to prevent a covenant violation in the future. Visit our [Service Provider](#) list for a directory of contractors able to assist you with cleaning and preserving your property.



The moss on this roof has taken hold and spread quickly!



Remove moss from driveways for safety and to prevent cracks and potholes!

Here's a quick review from our Governing Documents:

Rules & Regulations:

Paved surfaces must be maintained and kept clear of debris, weeds, grasses, moss, and mildew growth.

MCCA Restrictive Covenants:

7.2 Each Property Owner shall, at their sole expense, have the right and the duty to keep their Property and its equipment, structures, and appurtenances in good order, condition and repair and in a clean and sanitary condition, and shall do all redecorating, painting, and finishing which may at any time be necessary to maintain the good appearance and condition of their Property.

7.2.1 All structures upon a Property shall at all times be maintained in good condition and repair and be properly painted, stained or otherwise finished.

Trash, Yard Waste, and Recycling Containers

The committee would like to remind everyone to store all waste and recycle containers in an area not directly in view from the street and neighboring properties.

Exterior Lighting Reminder

If you haven't done so already, please be sure to review the new [Rules and Regulations](#) for exterior lighting (page 3/4). These rules took effect on 1/31/2025 and pertain to the following installations:

- House Lights
- Security Lights
- Landscape Lights
- String/Rope Lights
- Holiday Lights

If your existing lighting does not fall within the guidelines stated, please complete an application after the fact so the ACC can review.

Holiday Lighting Reminder

We've received some feedback expressing concerns about the fairness of the Holiday Lights rule. This rule has been in place for many years and allows winter and Christmas lights to stay up for over two months. For all other holidays, lights can be put up two weeks before and should be removed within two weeks after the holiday. MCCA recognizes and respects all holidays—Chinese Lunar New Year, for example, begins on February 10!

For residents who celebrate multiple holidays, you might consider [Trim Lights](#), which are professionally installed under eaves and can be programmed for different occasions. Just be sure to submit an application before installation!

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

Joan Sweeney

Compliance Coordinator

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ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Tips for a Thriving Yard!

February in the Pacific Northwest means it's time to tackle moss, weeds, and pruning before spring arrives in full force. Taking care of these tasks now will set your lawn and garden up for a healthier and more vibrant growing season!

Moss Control—Start Early for a Healthy Lawn

February is “moss month” in our region. Moss thrives in our damp climate, often overtaking lawns and making it harder for grass to grow. The key to managing moss is early action!

Apply a moss killer: Choose from liquid, granular, or organic products. Once applied, the moss will turn black, signaling that it's dying.

Rake or thatch: After the moss dies, rake or use a thatcher to remove and give your grass room to breath.

Prepare for new growth: As temperatures warm to 55°F and above, aerate the soil, apply fertilizer, and overseed to encourage healthy grass to take over.

If this sounds like more work than you'd like to tackle, consider hiring a lawn care professional from our [Service Provider](#) list.

Winter Weeding—Rain Can Work in Your Favor

While pulling weeds in the rain may not sound appealing, it's actually one of the best times to do it. Wet soil makes it easier to remove weeds, roots and all. By weeding now, you prevent them from taking root and spreading in spring. A little effort now will mean fewer weeds to battle when you're ready to enjoy your yard later!



Prune for Healthy Growth

Trees and Shrubs: Remove dead or crossing branches while dormant.

Ornamental Grasses: Cut back before new growth starts.

Roses and Fruit Trees: Trim to shape and improve airflow

Hydrangeas: Prune smooth and panicle types now; wait on mopheads.

Happy gardening!

We are Here to Help You!

If exterior projects are in your plan for 2025, please review all of the applications available on the [Forms](#) page of our website. If you have any questions about what is and isn't approvable or need guidance through the application process, we are here to help you! Give us a call at 206-316-3344 or email info@mcca.info.

NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE

Recent Clean-up

Perhaps you've seen the NWC out along Seattle Hill Road, Trillium Boulevard or Village Green Drive the past couple months as the NWC focus has been on "spruce-ups" more visible to our MCCA residents!

The entrance to Chatham West got a refresh with English ivy, blackberry and deadwood removal. Chatham East was cleaned up after suffering damage from the wind storms, with additional sword ferns planted and pruning done to encourage continued healthy recovery of the tall Oregon grape in that area.

An area south of the Douglas Fir entrance along Trillium Boulevard had blackberries and deadwood removed, sword ferns split and transplanted and some sheet mulching done. Behind our Swordfern division, along Village Green Drive, deadwood, dead salmonberry and blackberries were removed and some sheet mulching done to discourage herb Robert and yellow archangel.

Trillium Boulevard Before and After



Earth Day Event

The NWC will celebrate **Earth Day** this year on **Saturday, April 26**, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the **Red Cedar** division with planting and spreading wood chips in the area recently cleared of English ivy! T-shirts will be given out, and there will be a drawing with giveaways for those volunteering!

Interested in Helping?

You can learn what the NWC is doing on Monday mornings between 9 and 12 by requesting your email be added to our contact list! An email is sent out the Thursday prior outlining our plans for the following Monday! Email mccanwc@mcca.info with your request!

Village Green Drive Before and After



NOXIOUS WEED COMMITTEE (CONT.)

Thank You, Volunteers!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us to remove English ivy from the interior trail in Red Cedar on a sunny but chilly day! Your hard work and dedication are making a real difference in restoring the health of our trees and native plants.

Despite the cold, we had a great turnout, and the results are visible—less ivy means healthier trees and a stronger ecosystem. We appreciate your time, effort, and commitment to keeping our community green and thriving.

Great job, everyone!

Next Event 2/8/25—All Are Welcome!

We will continue work in this Red Cedar area on Saturday, February 8, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. These are family friendly events! If you are interested in helping, please join us. A water bottle, gloves and any tool that helps with English ivy removal are all you need! Email mccanwc@mcca.info for more information.



TRAIL AMBASSADORS

Help us Keep our Community Clean!

We love to see residents out and about with their furry friends enjoying the sunny days and all that our community has to offer, but lately we are hearing about “messes” that are left behind by pet owners. Picking up poop isn’t glamorous, but please be a good neighbor and clean up after your pet. Carry bags on every walk and dispose of waste properly, using the many mut stations we have conveniently located throughout the association. Remember, the City of Mill Creek has a [Scoop Law!](#)

Thank you for helping to keep our community beautiful, safe and clean! Together, we can make our neighborhood the best place to live—for humans and our four-legged friends.



Barred Owl— Photo by Martin McKee, MCCA resident

Dive-bombing Owls!

Don’t let these sweet faces fool you! We have received reports of residents who have been dive-bombed by owls in the Nature Preserve in the last month. Owls are territorial especially in the spring and fall or in response to a perceived disturbance near their nesting sites. If this occurs, cover your head and try to move quickly, waving your arms to deter the bird. Or, consider walking with an umbrella for protection.



Great Horned Owl—Photo by Martin McKee, MCCA resident

ARBORIST INSIGHTS

Proactive Tree Assessment

Unfortunately for many people, if a tree is not assessed by a certified tree professional before it fails, this is often considered an “Act of God” and damage is paid for by the individual who is negatively affected. In reality, the tree may have had an easily visible and understood structural deficiency. If you feel a tree is acting weird, looks unhealthy, or just doesn’t feel “right”, it behooves you to act and hire a certified tree professional to look at the tree. They can inform you about current tree health and help guide any needed mitigation.



Be observant of changes in any tree within a 1x height distance of something valuable. Residents in the MCCA use Arborist Days to their benefit. MCCA organizes Arborist Days to provide residents with an economical way to consult with an arborist on any trees that cause concern.

Ivy Issues

Keep ivy from growing up trees or vertically anywhere else. You do this by cutting the vine every two years at ground level, allowing the vertical parts to wither, die, and fall off. Only when ivy is able to grow upwards will it mature and start to set seed (except sterile varieties) creating exponential growth across the landscape; otherwise growth is linear and more easily mitigated. Any type of ivy will kill a tree through:

- Girdling,
- Added weight/ wind load, and/or
- Competition for resources.

Parts of older towns such as Seattle, Olympia, and Bellingham are overrun by ivy and forest/ wilderness lands are not faring much better. Birds can carry ivy seeds for many miles. It is important to understand that ivy supports rodent colonies and suppresses native plant growth, also its flowers draw swarms of hornets, wasps, and yellowjackets, NOT honeybees, supporting the growth and increase of the former across the landscape.

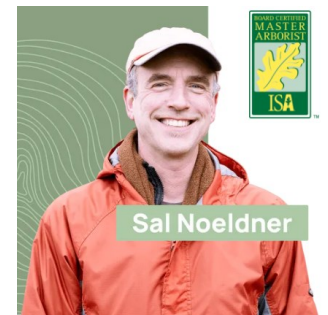
In terms of public safety, a tree-borne, mature ivy plant will increase the risk of tree failure at any time; this increase in failure potential increases as the plant grows larger and as the strength of load event

(wind, ice, precipitation, snow) increases. An advanced, aerial ivy infestation is a sign of poor tree management. Ivy sales should be banned!



Regular tree assessments and ivy control are essential for maintaining a healthy, safe environment. If you notice ivy climbing a tree or a tree showing signs of distress, take action before it becomes a serious hazard.

Yours-In-Trees,
Sal Noeldner



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

MESSAGE FROM SOUTH COUNTY FIRE

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

In response to the devastating wildfires in California, South County firefighters joined the efforts of hundreds of firefighters from across the United States to provide critical assistance, working 24-hour shifts to combat the blazes. All deployed South County firefighters are certified to respond to wildland fires and volunteer for deployment. South County Fire will be reimbursed for costs associated with personnel and apparatus. We look forward to their safe return!



South County Firefighters Deployed to California

Keep an Eye on What You Fry

Cooking is a wonderful way to bring family and friends together, but it also comes with risks. Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and fire-related injuries, with unattended cooking being the primary culprit. While most fires occur during frying, grilling, broiling, or boiling, they can also start in ovens and microwaves.

Fire prevention should always be the top priority. Here are essential tips to keep your kitchen safe:

Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stove. If a fire starts in a pan, carefully slide a lid over the flames, turn off the burner, and leave the pan covered until it has completely cooled. Never move a burning pan—doing so increases the risk of burns and spreading the fire.

Use a timer when baking or roasting. This ensures you don't lose track of time and reduces the risk of an oven fire.

Keep an eye on your grill. If a fire starts, close the lid and turn off the heat—the fire should suffocate on its own.

Know what to do if an oven or microwave fire starts. Keep the door closed and turn off the appliance. The fire should burn itself out safely inside.

Even with the best precautions, fires can still occur. If a fire does not go out on its own or you feel unsafe, follow these steps:

- **Get everyone out of the house immediately.**
- **Call 911 from a safe location.**
- **Never go back inside for any reason, including to retrieve pets.**

Fire Extinguishers: Use with Caution

Portable fire extinguishers can save lives and property but have limitations. They should only be used for small, contained fires, such as those in a wastebasket. Many people struggle to operate fire extinguishers effectively under stress, so the safest approach is often to evacuate and call for help.

Fire Blankets: Proceed with Caution

Fire blankets have gained popularity, but they have not passed essential safety tests. Using them may worsen the fire or increase the risk of burns. Instead, rely on proven fire safety techniques.

The Importance of Smoke Alarms

Working smoke alarms save lives. Test your alarms regularly, replace batteries as needed, and replace any alarm older than 10 years from the manufacturer's date.

By staying vigilant and prepared, you can protect yourself and your loved ones from the dangers of kitchen fires. Remember: Stay alert, stay safe, and always keep an eye on what you fry!

We're here to help! South County Fire offers free classes by Zoom and in person by request. Register at southsnofire.org/classes. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at outreach@southsnofire.org or call us at 425-320-5800.



MILL CREEK GARDEN CLUB

Happy New Year!

Our mild weather is already giving us a glimpse of this coming spring's potential beauty. The fall blooms yet spent and the formation of new buds on trees, shrubs, and perennials gives inspiration. My norm is to delay putting away the Christmas décor, as it brings me much joy. But I may accomplish this task earlier than normal, due to the previously mentioned hints of spring.



Viburnum buds

Club members have sharing how we get ready for spring gardening. Some attend the upcoming Northwest Flower & Garden Festival, others visit garden stores and nurseries, and many pull out catalogues to help with their personal planning. Those members who participate in the planning stages of the upcoming **9th Annual Garden Tour & Artisan Market** find additional encouragement by being involved.

Save the Date

The **9th Annual Garden Tour & Artisan Market** is taking place on Saturday, July 19. Five Mill Creek Gardens will be featured along with numerous artisans.

Giving Back to the Community

We are proud to report that in December about 60 club members gathered more than 300 toys, gifts, and \$405 in cash to support *Everett's Christmas House*. In November, members also donated 913 pounds and \$1,050 to the *Mill Creek Community Food Bank* run by the Hope Creek Charitable Foundation. We enjoy giving back to those in our community who need a helping hand through the holidays.

Special Guest Speakers

Award-winning garden designer, writer, and speaker [Sue Goetz](#) addressed our January luncheon to present "Garden Makeovers for a Climate of Change." She reminded us that "Soil is the Soul of the Garden." Her suggestions were very thought-provoking.

Richard Fairfield, of [Rhody Ridge Foundation](#), will present "Memoirs of a Rhodoholic" and his path to hybridizing rhododendrons, at our February meeting.

We Welcome New Members

Mill Creek Garden Club welcomes new members. 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. Interested? Send us a message at www.millcreekgardenclub.com.

Wishing you all a wonderful 2025 and Happy Valentines Day!

Marilyn Hanan-hoover
MCGC Publicity Chair



Wild geranium in bloom

MILL CREEK WOMEN’S CLUB

The Mill Creek Women’s Club has had a productive and enjoyable few months!

November Fundraiser

In November our evening fundraiser at the Mill Creek Country Club was well attended. We were able to donate \$20,000 from personal donations, raffles, and auctions to Esther’s Place, which provides meals, showers, and a safe place to stay for women experiencing homelessness in Snohomish County.



Raffle Prizes

December Comedic Hypnotist – Jim Kellner

December’s meeting featured comedic hypnotist Jim Kellner, who demonstrated his skill with hilarious results. We collected hats, gloves, and scarves for the clients of Esther’s Place. The red and green decorations at the Country Club were beautiful and the buffet lunch was delicious!

January—Detective Chris White

Detective Chris White from the Mill Creek Police Department spoke to us during our January meeting about how to avoid scams and protect ourselves from predators. Many of our members shared personal experiences of times they or their loved ones have been targeted. Takeaways from her talk included: do not give personal information over the phone, don’t click on e-mails that claim to be from your bank or say you have won a prize requiring bank information, don’t comply with any call that says a loved one is in trouble with instructions not to call parents or police, or anyone who wants you to send them a gift card or cashier’s check to settle a financial dispute. Advice was given to call the police if you have been a target of a scam.

We continue to enjoy the fabulous food at Shawn O’Donnell’s, the lovely flower arrangements from Stadium Flowers, and raffles to help support the YWCA’s Women’s Working Wardrobe.

Members continue to enjoy the variety of clubs and socials within our organization, which deepens friendships. We recently had a tour of the Schack Art Center followed by lunch at Lombardi’s in Everett. Our next outing is to explore specialty food markets in Lynnwood and Mount Lake Terrace. Events continue to be for members and their guests only. For more information or to join please email membership-mcwc@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!



Det. Chris White, MCPD

NORTHWEST STREAM CENTER

The White Birds of Winter with Martha Jordan

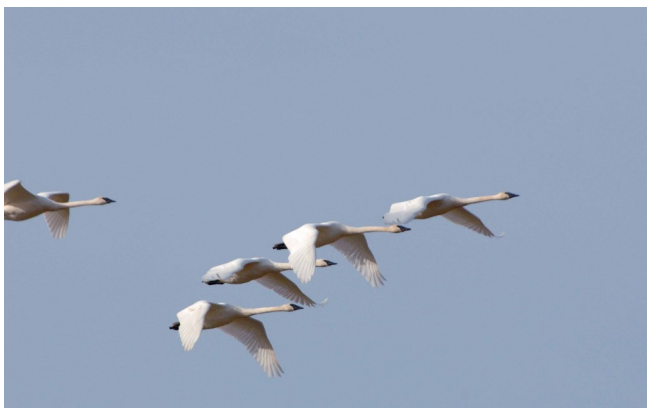
The White Birds of Winter are here! Thousands of Trumpeter and Tundra Swans and Snow Geese have migrated from Alaska and Canada to feed in the farm fields of Washington. On Thursday, February 6th at 7pm, Wildlife Biologist Martha Jordan will share entertaining stories and a spectacular slide show about these magnificent birds.



Martha Jordan with a Cygnet

Register online through the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Nature Store, www.streamkeeper.org/thenaturestore, or call 425-316-8592 to reserve your spot: \$10 general admission; \$8 Adopt A Stream Foundation Members.

Martha, the Director of the NW Swan Conservation Association (<https://nswans.org/>), will explain the myths and share the facts about these beautiful birds. During this Streamkeeper Academy event, which is geared for middle school students to adults, you will learn about swan and snow geese life history, biology, and some identification tips.



Flight of Trumpeter Swans by G. Plowman

You will also learn the best places to view them now in Washington State. Martha will also shed some light on the problems and controversies (including lead poisoning and habitat destruction) migratory birds face on their Washington State wintering grounds. Through her beautiful photographs, Martha will teach you how to tell these birds apart and where you can go to see them now. Pick up a free Swan & Goose Identification pamphlet at the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Northwest Stream Center (www.streamkeeper.org) before your next local bird watching excursion.



Snow Geese by G. Plowman

Proceeds from White Birds of Winter benefit NW Swan Conservation Society and the Adopt A Stream Foundation's Streamkeeper Academy.

MILL CREEK LIBRARY

Sweet Stuff In Store

[Oscar nominations are out!](#) During February, movie-loving Mill Creek Library customers can grab a ballot and predict who will win in major award categories. The two customers with the most accurate ballot on Oscar Day (March 10) will be Academy Award winners—they'll get free movie tickets, thanks to the Friends of the Mill Creek Library.

Also during February, our library staff members, Cindy & Hong, display a celebration of the [Lunar New Year](#). This year we welcome the Year of the Dragon, which will begin on February 10.

For Teens & Tweens

[Teen Nights](#) (an after-hours program where teens take over the library!) on Fridays, February 9th & March 8th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

[Fun with Physics](#) program on Saturday, February 17th from 1-2:00 PM with the Jackson Highschool AP Physics Club.

Finally, our annual [Holi Storytime](#) has become quite a community family event. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday, March 20 in the library for a storytime and craft from 6-8:00 PM.

Embracing diversity, fostering inclusivity, and dedicated to accessibility—our library is a place where everyone is welcome and belongs. Come visit us or grab your library card and start exploring today at the [Mill Creek Library!](#)



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Hospice of Seattle: 2811 S. 102nd St. Suite 220, Tukwila, WA 98168
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