

# Mirrmont News

A beautiful community nestled in the trees of Tiger Mountain's southwestern foothills



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## Mirrmont becomes firewise

By Linda Shepherd

In view of last spring's predictions for drought, Mirrmont resident Doug Navetski suggested that one of his King County co-workers give a Firewise seminar as part of our speakers program. Linda Vane, who manages the Firewise community wildfire safety program within King County's Forestry Program, spoke on June 4<sup>th</sup> about how to create a "survivable space"—a lean, clean and green safety zone of wildfire defense around our homes.



King County Crew chips away at one of 114 piles of fallen limbs and tree trimmings from Mirrmont residents in October.

While we rarely think of wildfires as an issue west of the Cascades, this year felt different and I saw a number of burned areas along highways such as Route 18. Our proximity to Tiger Mountain forest makes us vulnerable in the event of lightning strikes, tossed cigarettes, or illegal campfires. Forecasts for 2016 indicate another dry spring and summer. **See Firewise, Page 8**

## Covenants reminder for our residents

By June Shuck and Mitra Mohandessi

The MCA survey indicated that some homeowners were unaware of the Mirrmont Covenants or the function of the Architectural Committee, so here is a brief overview.

### Mission Statement from the Architectural Review Committee:

*The Mirrmont Covenants, the Architectural Committee, and the Architectural Plan Review process seek to serve the Mirrmont Community in the*

*following ways: to allow for consistent application of the covenants in order to maintain, protect, and enhance the value, desirability, attractiveness, and unique character of the Mirrmont community; to assist each individual property owner within the community to properly plan for their construction process or site improvements; to assist property owners in dealing with situations in the community that may be deemed as non-conforming to the Covenants. The Committee endeavor*

*ors to assist all Mirrmont residents on these issues, while also advocating a degree of community responsibility and involvement. We encourage the community to take ownership in the process of enforcing the Covenants within our community.*

We ask you to be proactive in contacting the architectural committee **before** planning any significant changes to your home or property. We do not intend to be the neighborhood police and would prefer a **See Covenants, Page 9**

# About Your MCA Board

## MCA Board Candidates

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**\*New profiles for 2016**

Profiles and photos of incumbents are on our website.  
Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions—contact president@mirrormont.org

## Meet the new MCA candidates

### Barbara Bergenty

My husband Don and I moved here in February 2014. We have moved ten times in over 30 years. Believe it or not, we have enjoyed every move!

My past community experiences have involved being President of the Canton Homeowners Association and also President of the Mettetal Airport Advisory Committee in Canton, Michigan.

I have also had a career in retail for over thirty years and recently decided to go in a completely different direction. I became a certified Zumba instructor and have also started my own business, Whispering Elements, which focuses on decluttering and Feng Shui design.

Don and I are current members of the Mirrormont Com-

munity Association and MCC and gardeners at the Pea Patch.

We are enjoying the Pacific Northwest for its breathtaking landscapes and diverse culinary experiences.

We love to travel and enjoy the many wine regions of the world. It has been great having world-class wines in our own backyard!

We also have two beautiful daughters who live in opposite ends of the country. And we just welcomed our first grandchild!



### Lynnette Eastlake

It's hard to believe we have lived in Mirrormont for 15 years. All our neighbors still look so young! My husband Jon and I are both from the Midwest. He is from Erie, Pennsylvania and I'm from Chicago, Illinois.

Our son is Gui, who is originally from Brazil is now almost 31-years-old and living on his own. We also have a Great Pyrenees named Teemis who is hard to miss. I work at Microsoft and Jon works at the Experience Music Project.

I look forward to helping members of the Mirrormont Com-



munity Association as the Safety Director. I plan to take the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training in March of this year. If anyone else is interested let me know! You can reach me on the Nextdoor site at <https://mirrormont.nextdoor.com>.

# President's Note: Thanks to all Mirrormont volunteers

**By Linda Shepherd**

My goals as President include creating more community, as well as inspiring and empowering residents to help make Mirrormont an even better place to live. I believe that a strong community makes us safer, increases property values, and makes all of our lives more pleasant. Thanks go to those who have stepped up to initiate and/or lead MCA-sponsored projects:

**Connie Harris** proposed custom Mirrormont license plate frames to help alleviate concerns about some suspicious cars cruising the neighborhood—as well as be a point of pride in our community, such as with our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts and ball caps. By the end of 2015, about 60 residents chose to buy custom frames for \$5 each, and a frame is included in each Welcome Bag given to new homeowners. They are still available at MCA events or by contacting Connie at [harris4913@comcast.net](mailto:harris4913@comcast.net).

**Debbie Bartlett** chaired our Firewise

Committee. In 2015, she submitted an application for us to become an official Firewise Community, worked with Firewise Consultant Jeff Madden to put together a Firewise Community Prevention Plan, and organized Chipper Week—along with committee members Wayne Elson, Maryfrances Lignana and me.

**MCA Presentations:**

**Doug Navetski** connected me with Firewise speaker Linda Vane.

**Claudia Clemens** shared her love and knowledge about beekeeping.



**Mirrormont Pride!**

**Jennifer Syrowitz** spoke about How to Help our Feathered Friends.

**Wayne Elson** initiated and organized the DNR presentation.

**Cheryl Reilly** attempted to organize an Arts & Crafts Show, but it was cancelled due to an insufficient number of vendors.

**Kristin Gopal** replaced the stolen No Soliciting signs at our entrances.

**Griffin Cole and Maryfrances Lignana** produced the annual newsletter with me.

**Lisa Lux** investigated the feasibility of adding a stop sign at the corner of 256<sup>th</sup> & 154<sup>th</sup>—need 4000 vehicles/day to qualify.

**Mary Nelson** initiated a Bus Stop Decorating Competition and a Halloween Party for middle-schoolers, and posted MCA events on our entrance signs.

**Heidi Kayler** organized charitable contributions for a Homeless Youth Shelter and Tent City 4.

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## Mirrormont Community Association

### Annual Meeting

**Tuesday, January 19, 2016 – 7:00 PM**  
**At the Clubhouse, 25500 Mirrormont Drive**

Come hear what the MCA Board has been doing over the past year. Contribute to plans for 2016. And vote for your 2016 MCA Board.

At the meeting you'll have the opportunity to: learn about the history of Mirrormont through pictures and commentary, catch up with friends, have an "in-the-body" experience with folks who post on Nextdoor, and meet new neighbors.

**Speakers for the Evening:** Lorna & Darrell Smith from Western Wildlife Outreach's "Bear Smart King County" program.

Given all of the Nextdoor attention to bears and questions about hibernation, we invited biologists Lorna & Darrell Smith to present information on how we, as residents of this wonderfully wildlife-rich area, can successfully coexist with our wildlife neighbors.



When it comes to bears, it's all about food and food waste attractant management. WWO will provide tips on how best to remove all such bear goodies. Also, the natural history of some of our wildlife neighbors—cougars, bears and coyotes—will be explained, along with safety precautions for living, working and recreating around wildlife.

**All Mirrormont residents are welcome and refreshments will be served!**

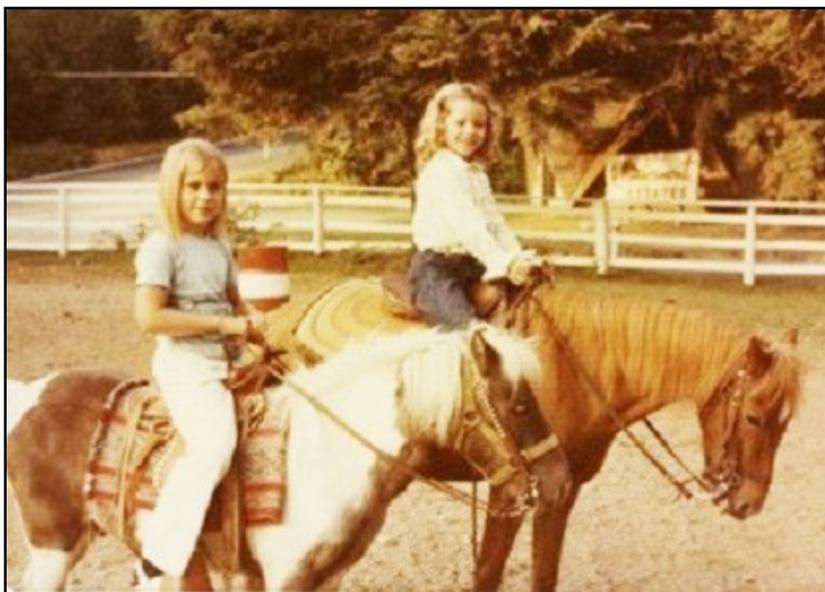
# Mirrormont Stables provide memories

By Heidi Kayler

When I was a girl growing up in Mirrormont, I had the good fortune of enjoying Mirrormont Stables in its “hay” day. For horse aficionados, it was quite a hub in the sixties and seventies. Beautiful horses and ponies of all kinds were boarded there (including, for a time, my pony Tarowyn). Lessons were offered in the main corral—English style? Western? Your choice. I took English-style lessons with the enthusiastic Jen and my stepsister, Stephanie, took Western lessons on her pony, Velvet, pictured with the original Mirrormont sales chalet in the background. The grounds were pretty amazing, too. A quick ride southeast of the main barn revealed a vast and beautiful meadow with rolling hills, trails, and an open invitation to gallop!

Vern, a rough and tumble cowboy with a mischievous gleam in his eye, managed the stables during this time. Always bedecked in cowboy hat, boots and bolo, he was the jovial yet commanding force behind the stables. His office was directly above the main barn—you can still see the office window overlooking the corral today through which he would keep watch.

On summer evenings, you’d often find people sitting around a roaring campfire, telling stories or singing with a guitar.



**Heidi Kayler and her stepsister Stephanie stop to pose for a picture during a riding lesson at Mirrormont Stables in the 1970s. Pictured in the background is the original Mirrormont sales chalet.**

Rustic and authentic, Mirrormont Stables really captured the rural spirit on which our area was founded and faithfully served many people (and horses!) in our region. The next time you see the Stables, picture what it must have looked like when it was thriving. As I like to say, the façade may have changed, but all the memories are still there.

For more on the history of Mirrormont Stables, please see [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org).

## MCA survey responses drive Mirrormont action plans

The MCA sent a 20-question survey to the 450 residents in our database as well as to all of those on Nextdoor. Since then, the Board has been reviewing, digesting your responses — and developing action plans. We are grateful to the 128

people who took the time to respond, and we posted survey feedback on our website and Nextdoor (search for “MCA survey response”). The MCA Board members read and considered every comment you wrote.

As a result of the survey, we decided to create Mirrormont license plate frames, issue this annual newsletter, and become a Firewise Community with Chipper Week as our first event. We continue to be guided by your survey responses.

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### Mirrormont Specialist!

Mirrormont is one of the most unique neighborhoods on the entire Eastside. Where else can you find a beautiful community of distinct homes on large shy acre lots? Developed in 1962, Mirrormont properties allow for privacy in the trees or Northwest views. Community features such as the clubhouse, tennis courts and 11 acre park also add to the appeal! I love this area, and my enthusiasm translates into being the top realtor in the neighborhood. If you are thinking of selling, I'm happy to walk through your home to give you a comparable market analysis for free, and if needed, let you know of any suggested projects so you can get top price.

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# Local teen flies high with technology

Nick Bartholet enjoys working and playing with his drones

By Mary Nelson

Drones have been in the news quite a bit lately. With many questions about safety and privacy, I talked to one Mirrormont resident who is on the cutting edge of this technology. Nick Bartholet, 16-years-old, was the perfect person to interview—his passions are building and flying drones.

“The main difference between drones and radio-controlled (RC) aircraft, is that drones can be flown without line-of-sight,” said Nick, and this requires a camera on the drone. Nick’s hexacopter drone, which he built from Home Depot and Hobby King supplies, has a GoPro camera for shooting videos, a RC live-video feed, and GPS, but is lacking an optical avoidance system. With this valuable hardware, Nick keeps a close eye on his drone. About a year ago there were not too many rules from the FAA but they have been reviewing those rules. Nick follows the rules for a recreational flyer, set by the Academy of Model Aeronautics. On Dec. 14th, the FAA announced that hobbyists must register drones weighing 0.55—55 pounds by Feb. 19, 2016.

Nick has used his drone to film the Liberty High School property and then produced a video for the Liberty School Network. He has been contacted by the Liberty football coach to film the team. A local real estate agent contacted him to produce home-sales videos. With the FAA increasing drone regulations, being compensated for a commercial venture would place his hobby in a different category and require him to become a “registered pilot.” Nick showed amazing, professional-quality videos from a similar drone capturing the sunset at Tacoma Narrows Bridge.

Nick doesn’t believe we’ll see the possibility of Amazon using drones any time in the near future. For one thing, the current battery technology limits the range of drones. Nick’s largest drone has a maximum range of about 1.5 miles and adding a payload further shortens that distance. Also needed would be near-perfect optical avoidance software so as not to crash on cars, people, etc. A two to three-pound drone plus payload could cause a devastating crash.

Nick’s hobby has given him real-life experience in physics, manufacturing, and government bureaucracy. He’ll keep on building and flying his drones and who knows, maybe one day he’ll figure out for Amazon just how to deliver us a package via a drone.



**Nick Barholet and his hexacopter drone that he has used in a variety of projects including films of the Liberty High property and football team.**



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## Mirrormont by the numbers

2015 real estate data from Kellie Batali, Windermere Real Estate:

- 587 — number of homes in Mirrormont
- 2,866 square feet — average size of a Mirrormont home
- 27 — homes sold thru Nov.
- \$578,804 — average sale price of the 27 homes sold in 2015

2010 census data:

- 1584 residents with an average age of 51
- 92% — homeowners
- \$81,387 — neighborhood median income
- 40% — households with children
- 78% — married residents

# Street address signs: more than just for pizza delivery

By Linda Shepherd

On the way to a Firewise meeting in Mirrormont I went up and down SE 245<sup>th</sup> St three times before I found the right house. I'd been there several times before, but it was 7 p.m. and dark. I couldn't see anyone's address to orient me. As part of the Welcome Committee, I give new homeowners a Welcome Bag. Even in the daylight I struggle to find the right house. Thank goodness these are not life-and-death situations.

Many Mirrormont homes don't have an easily seen address by their driveway. I was guilty of that for years, as forsythia overgrew my street numbers, until I finally got my act together. While many of

us have our address on our house, the numbers are not visible from the street, obscured by trees and long driveways. Many homeowners only have small address numbers on their mailboxes, which cannot easily be seen from both directions, or in the dark.

Since all of the mailboxes are on one side of the street, or in a group of locked mailboxes, it is often difficult to tell which house the mailbox



address signifies.

In Mirrormont's Firewise Community Protection Plan, our Firewise consultant Jeff Madden identified a lack of clear address signs as a deficiency.

Not only does a properly marked address assist emergency personnel in finding people when they need help, it also assists friends, family, law enforcement, utility services such as water, phone, cable and power, and delivery companies. No one wants cold pizza.

Jeff Madden suggested that I apply for a Community Service Area Grant from King County to fund our next Firewise project—purchasing and installing two-sided reflective

street address signs. I submitted the grant for \$5000 in November and we are waiting to see if we will be awarded funding. If so, up to 300 address signs will be free to MCA members on a first come, first served basis. An Eastside Fire and Rescue firefighter or volunteer will help you install the sign by your driveway.

Then emergency personnel will be able to find the right house in a crisis. I won't disturb someone in pajamas while looking for a Firewise meeting, or when I go to give a new homeowner a Welcome Bag.

And you can be assured of pizza delivered while it's still hot.

## Mirrormont playgroup searches for new admin

By Mary Nelson

After an eventful summer, the Mirrormont playgroup, which is coordinated through a Facebook page (Mirrormont Mamas, a closed group) has slowed down. Darci White, originated the Facebook group, and has the administrative responsibilities, but is in need of a replacement. "We've got 25 to 30 moms and dads on there," said Darci White. "I'd love for someone to take the reins on it and get it going again soon."

The playgroup consists of children up to 5 years old. During the summer, they met at the park, had picnics, some in-home play-dates, and even three well-earned "Mom's Nights Out." This group is for everyone, stay-at-home and working moms and dads. In the past, a playgroup met at

the Mirrormont Country Club clubhouse, and if a member would like to host the play dates, this could be an option also; it's a large space, and one person wouldn't have to worry about getting ready for a big group of children and parents in their home.

Mirrormont community has seen an influx of new families in the past few years, averaging about 20 to 30 home sales per year. The demographics seem to point to young families moving in, and continuing the playgroup would be a great benefit to all. Please contact Darci White either through the Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1582411075358296/> or e-mail [sunshy321@aol.com](mailto:sunshy321@aol.com) if you would like to join the playgroup, or become the administrator.

The MCA website is currently undergoing repairs. We will announce its revival on the entrance kiosk signs.

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# Mirrmont has gone to the dogs

By Liz Villa

No doubt, Mirrmont residents love their dogs. You can't leave your house and not run into a resident walking with their canine family member down one of our many winding streets. Whether they are fluffy, tall, short, skinny or chubby, they are part of the Mirrmont community and their owners take great care of them.

We often focus on the dogs that misbehave and run free without supervision, or the owners that don't clean up after their dog. It can lead to negative feelings about our furry friends.

Most residents are responsible and pick up after their dogs and keep them under control. This gives us a great opportunity to meet the dogs and owners under good circumstances.

I often talk to the dog's owners (or human family mem-

bers) and find out their own unique stories on how they became part of the family. I automatically stoop down and pet the dog before I even make eye contact with the human on the other end of the leash. I find the same with people looking at my dog Oscar and they take one look at him and the questions start pouring out "How old is your dog? What kind of dog is he? Where did he come from?" My honest answer is "I don't know." I think he is 13 but beyond that, I don't have any other info. I love to say "He's a Heinz 57." I get a lot of funny looks and laughs because he really is a "mixed breed."

There you have it, the ice has been broken between two strangers. This is often a great conversation starter with neighbors who would



**Bella and her human companion Marnie Web out for a walk.**

often just pass by without speaking to each other.

In reality dogs can start friendships and good neighborly relationships that otherwise would have been missed because we are too busy to stop and say hello.

Sometimes it's easier to talk to a dog than to a person at

first. Whether or not you bought or adopted your dog, they are purebred or mixed, they are part of the family and most dog parents love gushing about them. Their faces light up and soften when sharing their stories. It's like we are in a common club that rewards us every day. Membership does have its privileges.

The dogs I see frequently have responsible and caring owners. These dogs are socialized and a joy to pet and talk to. They have waggy tails, love to fetch balls, and even have Facebook pages.

Next time you are walking around the neighborhood, stop and say hello to the dog and their human. You may make a new friend along the way. What better way to build a closer community than to start a simple conversation with your neighbor and his human at the other end of the leash.

## Help with emergency preparedness

By Linda Shepherd

Over the past month, I know of two trees that fell on houses. In the first case, a neighbor had contact info for the homeowner, who was in Hawaii, and the tree was removed expeditiously. In the second case, the neighbor had no contact info, and the homeowners were not in the MCA database or on Nextdoor. We had no idea whether they were gone for the holidays or just at work.

As part of our 2016 Safety/Emergency Preparedness project led by Lynnette Eastlake, I'd like to encourage you to participate on our Emergency Preparedness Committee.

Issaquah Citizen Corps Council also sponsors a program called Map Your Neighborhood (MYN), which provides a format for neighbors to gather, get to know each other, exchange contact information, learn the steps to follow after a disaster, and create a resource list of skills and equipment within their neighborhood. For each neighborhood, we need someone to organize a meeting of 10 to 15 households. To get involved, please contact me at [President@mirrmont.org](mailto:President@mirrmont.org).

These programs will help us prepare for incidents such as trees falling on a neighbor's roof—or The Big One.



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# Q & A: Learning about our Fire Station 76

**By Linda Shepherd**

Members of the newsletter committee had questions about the fire station at the foot of SE 152<sup>nd</sup> Street. So we thought you might, too. To get the answers, I met with Anita Sandall, a Volunteer Firefighter (VFF)/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT). Anita lives near Mirrormont and has been volunteering with Eastside Fire & Rescue (EFR) and Station 76 for the past 14 years. Anita's replies to my questions follow.

*What are the differences between "our" Station 76 on Tiger Mountain Road and the new fire station on May Valley Road?*

"Our" Station 76 is staffed by volunteers, whereas Station 78 on May Valley Road is staffed by three career professionals 24/7 plus community volunteers. This new station, which houses a fire en-

gine, an aid car and a wildland fire engine, was built by funds from the \$5.5 million Fire Station Bond approved in 2012; the same bond will be financing safety upgrades to our Station 76. Our station houses a fire engine and an aid vehicle.

*What does the new Fire Station 78 on May Valley Rd have to do with Mirrormont?*

When volunteers from Station 76 are deployed to Mirrormont, career professionals from Station 78 are not far behind. In the past, personnel from Issaquah's Sunset Way Station 71 responded. The new station on May Valley Road significantly improves the response times to Mirrormont. Of course, many stations are deployed when required, and Mirrormont-based volunteers serve with other EFR stations.

*What is Fire District 10 and*

*how does it relate to Eastside Fire & Rescue (EFR)?*

Fire District 10, which was formed in 1941, covers 110 square miles of unincorporated King County, including stations in Preston, Bellevue, Tiger Mountain, Maple Hills, Coalfield, Carnation, and Lake Joy. Out of a total of 14 fire stations, 5 are volunteer-only. In 1999, Fire District 10 combined with the City of Issaquah to form Eastside Fire & Rescue. Since then, stations in North Bend, Sammamish, and Fire District 38 have joined the EFR partnership to serve 190 square miles and 120,000 residents.

*Is it hard for EFR to find addresses in Mirrormont? Would more visible street address signs help you do your job better here? (I told Anita about the grant I was writing to fund 300 reflective street address signs.)*

"I love that! One night, I got a call about a CPR-in-progress and was the only one available to respond. Usually we have one person to drive, one to navigate, and one to spotlight addresses. That night, I had to do it all. I had to guess which of four steep goat-hill driveways went to the right house. All the addresses were on mailboxes on one side of the street. None of the driveways were clearly marked. If I guessed wrong, would I be able to turn around my big rig or would I have to back down? A life was at stake. Time was critical. Clear address signs by each driveway would help us enormously."

The MCA, and I'm sure all of us, extend our thanks to Anita and the other volunteers who serve here: Mirrormont resident Chris Quinn and Lead VFF/EMT Russ Gawler. **See Station 76, Page 10**

## Firewise: Plan is submitted

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After Linda Vane's talk, she came for a site visit and I learned that if we became a Firewise Community we would be eligible for federal grant money to sponsor events such as a Chipper Day. I brought the proposal to the MCA Board, and we decided to survey the community to assess interest.

In the 2015 MCA survey, 84 percent of the respondents showed interest in making Mirrormont a Firewise Community. Several people who took part in the survey didn't know what the MCA did and saw no benefit to paying annual dues. We decided that a Chipper Day would be a tangible example of one of the many benefits of

being an MCA member and 36 people did join in October.

Becoming a Firewise Community entailed forming a committee, coordinating with King County Forestry to obtain a wildfire risk assessment, creating an action, conducting a "Firewise Day" event, investing a minimum of \$2 per capita in local Firewise actions, and submitting an application. Once we have Firewise recognition, we will be eligible to apply for grant money to fund other Firewise projects.

Mirrormont's Community Wildfire Protection Plan has been approved, and the application for recognition as a Firewise Community has been submitted.

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# Welcome Program has been staple of community

By Linda Sheperd

The origins of the Welcome Program are a bit hazy.

As far as I can make out, it began in the 1990s, lapsed periodically, but has been continuous since March 2007.

Welcome Bags are a gift from the MCA to new homeowners, and include an introductory newsletter about Mirror-mont and MCA activities, *Issaquah Press* articles about Mirrormont, a member-

New Home Sales	
2008	— 13
2009	— 10
2010	— 17
2011	— 10
2012	— 22
2013	— 30
2014	— 43
2015	— 27

and fliers on local attractions and hikes, Mirrormont stickers and license plate

ship invita-tion, emer-gency and non-emergency contact numbers, brochures

frame, and a kitchen towel.

Over the years, I've met many fasci-nating people, including a classical pia-nist from Uzbekistan, a mime for Cirque du Soleil, and a Homeland Security officer. An excited transplant from Austin exclaimed, "I can be *outside* in the sum-mer!"

Kellie Batali, a Mirrormont resident and realtor, provides names and addresses for new home sales.

## Covenants: Changes? Architectural Committee can help

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collaboration that meets the goals of all parties. We will promptly answer ques-tions and arrange site visits as necessary and requested.

### Common reasons to contact the Archi-tectural Committee:

1. Contact the architectural committee **before** completing architectural plans for a new home or addition. We are particularly concerned with visual harmony, setbacks, and land-scaping buffers.
2. Contact the architectural committee **before** installing a new fence or sig-nificantly altering landscaping that may impact your buffer. Chain link or

wire mesh fences are not allowed in locations that are visible from the street.

3. Contact us with any setback ques-tions pertaining to your home, addi-tions, garages, patios, or other land-scaping features.

### Common reasons you may be contacted by the Architectural Committee:

1. Unscreened RV's or boats and trail-ers – If reasonably visible from the street, you may be asked to enhance the screening of your RV or boat and trailers.
2. Temporary garages/tent structures – You may be asked to remove these from your property.
3. Heavy Equipment – You may be contacted if we receive a com-plaint for visible heavy equipment that is not in use for a current pro-ject.
4. Livestock and Poul-try – If we notice live-stock or receive a com-plaint about poultry,

you will be asked to remove animals from your property.

5. Tree cutting – Please be respectful of your neighbors and consider the im-pact to their property prior to taking down trees since the removal of trees on your property could directly impact your neighbor's trees causing the trees to be more vulnerable to wind resulting in downed trees or limb damage.
6. King County has restrictions about cutting trees, please refer to their website to avoid any fines: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/property/permits/FAQ/PermitReq.aspx>
7. Unsightly unkempt yards, general trash, inoperable vehicles, and stor-ing of numerous junked vehicles/ trailers.

Please refer to the Mirrormont cove-nants on the Mirrormont website.

Thank you for doing your part to main-tain our community.

For further information, contact June Schuck or Mitra Mohandessi of the Archi-tectural Committee at [architecture@mirrormont.org](mailto:architecture@mirrormont.org).



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# Chipper Week is instant hit with community

By Linda Shepherd

Mirrormont's first Firewise event was the most successful MCA project this year—overwhelmingly successful, with an emphasis on *overwhelming* for those who organized and implemented it. I'm grateful to everyone who participated in making Mirrormont safer by reducing debris build-up in our woods.

Debbie Bartlett volunteered to chair our Firewise Committee consisting of Wayne Elson, Maryfrances Lignana and me. In cooperation with Duane Evans from King Coun-

ty Parks and Linda Vane from King County Forestry, we planned and organized.

As interest grew, Chipper Day became Chipper Week and a total of 114 MCA members participated. King County Parks crews chipped 55 piles of "Firewise" debris and tree trimmings over 5 days during the last week of October. But the job was only half done, and it seemed more than Debbie had signed up for. So I scrambled. There ensued phone calls, emails, negotiations, bids, and tours of the neighborhood to assess what

still needed doing. Brian Olson of Olson's Outdoor Improvements became my hero; he and his crew completed the job, chipping 68 piles over a 7-day period.

Linda Vane obtained federal grant money to cover the remaining chipping after the Parks Division's resources were exhausted. The U.S. Congress allocated funding to the Forest Service to support projects like this. She said, "Mirrormont is the first community in King County, and perhaps western Washington, to organize not just a day but

*an entire week of community clean-up to reduce wildfire risk. Congratulations on having completed the biggest community clean-up and chipper event in King County history. Over 100 households. All I can say is, 'Wow!'"*

Overall, about 210 cubic yards of wood chips were produced. As a community, you invested over 1600 hours, which King County calculates as worth \$3200 toward our matching grant. Without the support of King County, Chipper Week would have cost our community over \$10,000.

## President's Note: Thanks volunteers

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**René Yoshino** ran the Garage Sales.

**Pea Patch Gardeners** donated 520 pounds of fresh organic produce to the Issaquah Food Bank.

Thanks also go to Mary & Katie Nelson, Laurel & Vern Redecker, Lisa & Heidi Lux, Lisa & Kylie van Brero, Cathy Bruckner, Guyla Fitch, Debbie Bartlett, Meg Wade, Kris Thomas, Mady Fischer, Cole Zulauf and Gary Reum who made the Easter Egg Hunt, Halloween Parties, and Holiday Adult Social happen—and all of those who worked to maintain our lovely park.

**Special thanks go to Cathy Bruckner** for managing our Spring Clean-up and Adopt-a-Road programs for the past 7 years. The MCA devotes about 20% of its annual budget to the Spring Clean-up. For many years, it has been our most popular mem-

ber benefit.

A total of 92 families participated in 2015. Most brought junk to dumpsters stationed by the tennis courts, while the truck driven by Mark Fredrickson picked up stuff from 28 homes. We filled four 40-cubic yard dumpsters to capacity, and sent over 11 tons to the dump.

This doesn't count the four huge trailer-loads of appliances, grills and other metal items that were recycled, or the many serviceable items that changed hands during the day. In all, 17 volunteers helped with the dumpsters or rode in the truck, and 14 people volunteered for Adopt-a-Road.

**Most of all, I want to thank our devoted MCA Board members** who volunteered their time for the community. I've felt blessed to work with such a cooperative, pleasant, and dedicated team.

### Station 76: Local residents involved

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"lives in" at Station 76 from 7 PM to 5 AM—a "sleeper shift." In addition to his regular job, Russ pulls at least 10 sleeper shifts/month. Any approved volunteer from EFR can sign up for a sleeper shift. Mirrormont resident, Michael Cram, is training to become a volunteer.

More volunteers are needed!

To explore possibilities to serve, contact: VFF/EMT: ESF-R.ORG or Anita Sandall, asandall@ESF-R.ORG Service Support Volunteer & Ham Radio operator: Jon Bromberg JBromberg@ESF-R.ORG CERT: Bruce Wendt bwendt573@gmail.com.



### Walk on the Wild Side

#### Native Plants of Mirrormont Park

This field guide features 40 native plants in King County's Mirrormont Park. Each plant profile features four or more color photos and descriptions of the flowers, leaves, fruits, and whole plant, along with fun facts, ethnobotany, value to wildlife and landscape value. Cost is \$15. Email [president@mirrormont.org](mailto:president@mirrormont.org) for pickup.

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# Mirrormont Community Association

## Household Annual Dues Notice \$50 — Due January, 2016

Please clip this notice and submit with payment to:

Treasurer, MCA, P.O. Box 476, Issaquah, WA 98027

New member: \_\_\_\_ Renewing: \_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in volunteering to keep Mirrormont a wonderful place to live? (Indicate below)

**Socials**

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween Party
- Adult Holiday Social
- Community Picnic and Swim
- Tour of Gardens
- Welcome Committee
- Charitable Endeavors

**Services**

- Spring Clean-up
- Adopt-a-Road
- Park Committee
- Park Work Parties
- Website
- Safety/Emergency Prep
- Map your neighborhood
- Blockwatch
- Roads Committee
- Garage Sales
- Forest Practices
- MCA Board Member at-Large
- Firewise Committee

In response to the MCA Survey, we shifted MCA Board meetings to the 1st Tuesday of the month. Come join us!

## Mirrormont Country Club: 40 years of hosting fun

**By Lisa Roberts, MCC President**

The Mirrormont Country Club (MCC) was incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in the state of Washington on March 8, 1976 to promote social, athletic, and civic activities for its member residents of Mirrormont Estates.

The MCC was formed as a private country club rather than a homeowner's association community club because when Mirrormont Estates was developed, some residents did not want to contribute toward the building and maintenance of a recreational facility in Mirrormont. Therefore, the country club was established with membership optional, and the clubhouse, pool and tennis courts were built with the assistance of

the developer who donated the land and assisted in construction.

The MCC offers general memberships, tennis-only memberships and social memberships. Social memberships include current members of at least five years who no longer have minor children, and include use of the clubhouse, limited pool rights, and tennis court rights.

The MCC general memberships are limited to a quantity of 95 families. The MCC currently has a waiting list of 7 families, and operates on a first-come, first-served basis.

The initiation fee for a general membership is \$1,000 and may be refunded upon disassociation provided the club's

membership is at 100 percent. Membership dues are currently \$700 annually with an additional \$100 maintenance fee. Tennis memberships are \$100; social memberships are \$200. MCC memberships may not be sold or transferred.

The MCC Pool generally operates from late May to mid-September dependent upon the weather. The clubhouse and tennis courts are open year round. Rental use of the clubhouse and pool is exclusive to members only.

To be added to the MCC waiting list, please contact the MCC Membership Trustee. Officer and Trustee contact information can be found on the MCC website at [www.mirrormontcountryclub.org](http://www.mirrormontcountryclub.org).

## Chris Gunderson: Look for website improvement in 2016

I have been a resident in Mirrormont since 1987. I moved to California a few times but always found myself wanting to be back in Washington. I love the dichotomies of living out here: the solitude and

the people, the privacy and the community, and the relative safety and the freedom. I work on the website and all it entails. It has been a difficult year with the website but I'm sure 2016 will be

better. I'm a bit of a home-body, though I take the occasional class to occupy myself.

I love to make, build, and program. I'm looking forward to the new Maker club.



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### 2016 Mirrormont Community Association Events Calendar

<i>Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Tuesday, January 19</i>	<i>7 p.m.</i>
<i>Park Work Party</i>	<i>Saturday, March 19</i>	<i>9 - 1 p.m.</i>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	<i>Saturday, March 26</i>	<i>10 - 11 a.m.</i>
<i>Spring Clean-up/Adopt-a-Road</i>	<i>Saturday, May 14</i>	<i>Tentative</i>
<i>Pea Patch Plant Sale</i>	<i>Saturday, May 14</i>	<i>Tentative</i>
<i>Garage Sales</i>	<i>Friday, June 10 &amp; Saturday, June 11</i>	<i>9 - 4 p.m. 9 - 2 p.m.</i>
<i>MCA-MCC Picnic</i>	<i>Saturday, Aug. 13</i>	<i>12 - 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Chipper Day</i>	<i>To be determined</i>	
<i>Halloween for 0-4th graders</i>	<i>Saturday, October 29</i>	<i>2 - 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Halloween for middle-schoolers</i>	<i>Saturday, October 29</i>	<i>7 - 10 p.m.</i>
<i>Holiday Party/Adult Social</i>	<i>Friday, December 9</i>	<i>7- 11 p.m.</i>