

# Mirrormont News

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## Your Dues Being Used

JANUARY 2018

## MCA Needs a New Shepherd

By Linda Shepherd

My fourth year as MCA President is ending. While I'm willing to serve again in 2018, this will be my final year—unless someone wants to stage a coup first.



Linda Shepherd

I am seeking someone to step up to apprentice as President Pro-Tem—to come to Board meetings, learn about what we do and why, and help with Board projects. President Pro-Tempore may also preside in the absence of the President. Please consider getting involved!

The position of MCA President involves:

- Creating an agenda and presiding over monthly Board meetings;
- Fielding queries from residents and others outside Mirrormont;
- Advocating for Mirrormont's interests. For

example, in 2017, I researched illuminating the kiosk and front entrance signs, and investigated the Hughes development on Cedar Grove Rd to determine its impact on Mirrormont, particularly on our water system.

We also need volunteers to be Directors-at-Large on the MCA Board in 2018 to take over parts of what I've been doing, and make the role of President less daunting.

**Speaker Program:** Brainstorm ideas with the MCA Board; contact potential speaker; coordinate a date with the speaker, Board, and MCC clubhouse; arrive at 6 PM and set up the room for the presentation; arrange Happy Hour refreshments; introduce the speaker; clean up after the event; thank the speaker.

**Firewise:** Hold at least one Firewise event per year, such as Chipper Days, pruning

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## Mirrormont is Home for a Firry Sasquatch

By Kristin Bartholet

In the fall of 2014, it became necessary to take out a giant Cedar tree, which was leaning precariously toward our house by the edge of our driveway. Sadly, right next to it, stood a 170' Douglas Fir. Although in seemingly good health, it would not be safe standing alone after removing its supporting Cedar "friend." The fir tree was big and strong and straight, and the tree climber that eventually ascended it proclaimed it to be the tallest tree around.

We were distraught at the thought of taking out this beauty, which had probably stood for over 100 years. How could we honor it? Two things came to mind. Dry the wood, mill it and

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Douglas Firry won't hide from anybody!

# MCA Board Candidates

President  
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## Directors-At Large

Social Events  
Website  
Safety  
Spring Clean-up  
Welcome  
Architectural Review  
Speaker Program  
Firewise  
Grant-writing  
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Profiles and photos of incumbents at [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org).

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions. Contact [president@mirrormont.org](mailto:president@mirrormont.org).



## Lignana Sees Treasure in Mirrormont Park

By Maryfrances Lignana

Robb Keystone and I were building our home when we were welcomed to Mirrormont by the “1992 Inauguration Day Storm.” Wow! I’d only lived in the Northwest a year or so and although I moved from the Midwest, who knew winds were that strong and trees that big.



Maryfrances Lignana

While an exciting start, it didn’t even slow us down finishing the house and moving in. We’ve loved living here. Living in an

urban forest is all but magical.

Over these years, between us, we’ve worked at Amazon, Microsoft, and Zillow—matching the growth of “Seattle” as a tech center, and we got married along the way.

We’ve enjoyed the changes in Mirrormont—the development and launch of our King County Park and the creation of the Pea Patch. Veteran dog people, we’ve walked all round the community and been through the Park trails countless times. Retirement gives me more time to walk the dog and be active in

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## President’s Note: Search For New Leadership

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workshop, street address sign project, or Firewise presentation. Submit a report after each event to National Fire Protection Association to maintain us as a Firewise Community USA in good standing, which makes us eligible for grant funding.

**Grant writing:** Look for grant opportunities to enable the MCA to better serve our community. Write grants for funding; interact with people such as Linda Vane with King County Forestry, Jarret Griesemer at King Conservation District, Andy Tate at Department of Natural Resources, Marissa Alegria with King County Community Service Area.

**Newsletter reporter:** For MCA events and accomplishments—Coordinate with the newsletter committee: Griffin Cole, Maryfrances Lignana, and Lynnette Eastlake

**Website contributor:** Post MCA events, reports, and Mirrormont

newsletter articles on our website.

**Welcome bags:** Connie Harris has stepped up to continue this program.

I will continue to coordinate the **Tour of Homes** with Kellie Batali and the **Tour of Gardens** with Martha Pinsky, as well as be **Mirrormont Historian**, **Pea Patch Coordinator**, and a **Park Committee member**.

The MCA Board is always looking for people with exciting ideas, new perspectives, fresh energy, enthusiasm, and initiative. Directors-at-Large can sit on the Board and gradually take on a role as others rotate off. Wendy Antipow has already apprenticed to run the **Spring Clean-up** and agreed to become a Director-at-Large.

Please team up with us! Contact [president@mirrormont.org](mailto:president@mirrormont.org) and/or attend a MCA Board meeting on the first Tuesday of the month 7:00 PM at the MCC clubhouse.



# Mirrmont Entrance: History and Controversy

By Linda Shepherd

Did you know that your MCA dues keep our entrance to Mirrmont looking attractive? Did you know that controversy swirled around making it what it is today? The entry area is important to all of us. Its

appearance reflects the image of our entire community. If it looks unkempt, it impacts our property values, neighborhood appeal, and salability.

As our face to the world, the front entrance to Mirrmont has been a source

of pride and dilemma over the decades. Debates simmered over the decaying sales chalet, parked vehicles for sale, and landscaping.

**Chalet:**

The south side of the front entry began as the site of Seaboard Realty's sales chalet in 1962. Prospective buyers left their cars in the gravel lot while exploring lots and homes with realtors.

By the 1990s, the chalet had become dilapidated. King County Code Enforcement directed its owner, John Temcov of Seaboard Realty, to bring the building up to code—or else. A 1992 Mirrmont Newsletter featured an article, "Save the Chalet?" All loyal Mirrmontians were urged by Temcov to favor restoration, "Set in the shadows of giant evergreens, it has architectural appeal and is part of the Story of Mirrmont. In addition to its artistic merits the chalet enhances the image of values in this Residential Paradise." In the end, Ray Skoff took responsibility for removing it.

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## Help Plan the Party of the Year

By Mary Nelson and Lynnette Eastlake

Nothing beats the feeling than when an event comes to life as planned! The MCA is looking for some energetic volunteers to help with of our long-standing and much appreciated events that bring the community together!

We're in need of a variety of people. If you have skills in organization, communication, creativity or just lots of energy and are committed to seeing things through, we could use your help!

You don't necessarily need to "own" the event, but your help in assisting with planning and perhaps even coming up with ideas to design new experiences for attendees would be appreciated!

Our premier events include:

- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt (March 31)
- ◆ MCA/MCC Community Picnic (July 21)
- ◆ Halloween Parties (Little Kids & Middle School) (October 27)
- ◆ Holiday Adult Social (December 7)

We estimate a time commitment of 2-8 hours for any event.

Contact Mary Nelson at [maryjij@comcast.net](mailto:maryjij@comcast.net) for more information!

# Annual Meeting

*Sponsored By Mirrmont Community Association*

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 — 7:00 PM — Happy Hour starts at 6:30 PM!

At the MCC Clubhouse, 25500 Mirrmont Drive

Come learn what your MCA Board has accomplished in 2017 to make Mirrmont an even better place to live—and what plans are in the works for 2018. Contribute your ideas and vote for your 2018 MCA Board.

Arrive early to view displays about Mirrmont's history. Our annual meeting is a wonderful opportunity to connect with people who post on Nextdoor, meet new neighbors, and catch up with friends.



## Special Presentation: Issaquah-Hobart Road Traffic Study

Issaquah City Councilmember Bill Ramos will discuss the December 2017 results of the Front St/Issaquah-Hobart Rd. Corridor Study. Co-funded by Issaquah and King County, the study collected data, inventoried the infrastructure, identified issues, evaluated a project list, and proposed recommendations.

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





Travel photographer Yvette Cardozo joins families in Mirrormont Park watching the solar eclipse with inverted binoculars, cereal box pinhole projectors, and eclipse glasses.

## New Projects Slated for Our King County Park

By Maryfrances Lignana



We call [Mirrormont Park](#) “our park.” In fact, the park is a King County Park—akin to Cougar Mountain, Marymoor, and Duthie Hill Parks. While one of the smallest King County’s parks, “our” park gets [LOTS](#) of love and use. Sometimes though, we forget its King County status and we forget the rules around using a King County Park. Rules around motorized vehicles (not allowed), dog walking (on leash), removing plants or digging dirt (nope), bicycles (on trails and share-the-road). In 2018, we’ll update and add signage in the park to freshen our awareness of park use good behavior.

Maintenance and changes to the park are a collaborative effort and we’re fortunate that our neighbors who established the park also created a great working relationship with the County. Through the years, this relationship has continued to be strong. The County does the heavy-lifting—taking down

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## Virtual Village Concept Topic of Speaker Program

By Margaret Austin

Life is good on Tiger Mountain. In Mirrormont it is enhanced by our volunteers. Many enjoy the Mirrormont Park and Mirrormont Pea Patch; take advantage of Chipper Days, Spring Clean-up, and social events. We benefit from the First Aid and CPR classes. We swim. We hike with our pets. The list goes on.

But country living can have its limitations, especially as we get older.

We wonder about what comes next; about how long we will live. We wonder about whether we’ll be vulnerable or strong when losses and changes come. We wonder about our life-style; do we push the limits or relax?

We wonder...where should we live?

The question comes up time and again. When we retire, are widowed, have a bout of illness, or become very old; should I stay put or should I move? My arrangements work now, but will they in the future?

One response to these vexing questions took place in Boston around the turn of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, and is spreading across the country. It is the Elder Village, also called the Virtual Village. There are now over 200 villages across the country, with 150 more in development. Further information is available at <http://vtvnetwork.org>.

These villages are not places you *move to*, but an organization you *join*. Dues provide member benefits, including services and social activities designed to help you age in place. Young and old volunteer and benefit. Examples of services include chicken soup when recovering from a ski accident, transportation, computer help, and referrals for medical assistance in your home.

To find out about the Village Concept and explore how we might adapt it, come to the Speaker Program at 7 PM on February 21<sup>st</sup> at Mirrormont Country Club, 25500 SE Mirrormont

Drive. Better yet, come at 6:30 p.m. for Happy Hour. Our speaker, Ellen Berg, has taught about villages and is a member of one in Seattle. She will lead a discussion on what a village is, how it gets organized, how it works, how it is paid for, and what are the benefits.

Come and find a way to stay longer on Tiger Mountain! Phone Margaret and Barrie Austin at 425-922-0540 or email [margaret.austin@comcast.net](mailto:margaret.austin@comcast.net) if you would like a ride on February 21st.



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# It's Important to Put It Away After You Play

By Architectural Review Committee

When you think of the MCA, it's likely volunteer-powered events from Halloween parties to Chipper Week that come to mind.

If you've served on the MCA Board, you may know the other side: quite frequently it's the Complaint Department. It's true, Mirrormont residents turn to the MCA and the Architectural Review Committee for help with neighbor disputes and concerns about the community.



## NUMBER ONE COMPLAINT

### Increase in RVs visible from the street.

The underlying concern is that neighbors are not aware of the [Covenants \(Rules\)](#), which have specific provisions regarding what can and cannot be done

on your property. These rules are attached to the title of each individual property. The MCA Architectural Review Committee is charged with maintaining consistency and educating the community about the Covenants, and what is and isn't allowed on the property.

After a visual survey of our neighborhood, about 10% of residents are not complying with the Covenants, and have RVs, trailers, boats or temporary structures visible from the street.

### For those with complaints/concerns: We hear you.

Our goal is to raise awareness about our Covenants through friendly reminder campaigns like this so that people with RVs (and people thinking about buying one) know the rules and can plan accordingly.

### For those with RVs that have built garages, added screening and follow the rules: Thank you.

We appreciate your diligence and commitment to following

the Covenants and maintaining the character of Mirrormont.

### For those without garages and screening for RVs: Let's start on a plan.

Please take the time to consider your neighbors. Check to see whether your vehicle is in view from the street or your neighbor's house. Consider moving it to a location that is less visible. Then think about a plan: whether it is a fence, natural screening, or a garage addition. Tarps are not acceptable forms of screening the RV, and temporary structures are not allowed. You may be asked to remove them. Let's work together to preserve the character of Mirrormont. If you would like help with planning and compliance, contact the Architecture Review Committee at [architecture@mirrormont.org](mailto:architecture@mirrormont.org).

## Did You Know? Walking Distances

By Tom Cole

One of the main walking routes, at least for those living at the "top" of Mirrormont, is the boot (aka "sock"). This loop runs from the corner of 152<sup>nd</sup> and 263<sup>rd</sup>, down 263<sup>rd</sup>, around the curves and back up 260<sup>th</sup> to 152<sup>nd</sup> again. This is almost exactly 1.5 miles, although it seems longer.

Another asked for distance is the "horseshoe loop" up 258<sup>th</sup> from the corner of 152<sup>nd</sup> and back around and down to 152<sup>nd</sup> again. That's 1/2 mile.



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# AFTER YOU PLAY PUT IT AWAY

REMEMBER: MIRRORMONT HAS RULES ON STORING RV'S & BOATS KEEP THEM SAFE & SCREENED FROM STREET VIEW & YOUR NEIGHBORS

## SCREENING GUIDELINES

PARK IN GARAGE



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# Grants, Programs Highlight Big 2017 in Mirrormont

By Linda Shepherd

The MCA offered more benefits than ever in 2017, thanks to your dedicated MCA Board and community volunteers. Several significant accomplishments are covered in articles throughout this newsletter, as well as below. Remember that the MCA is staffed by volunteers, and your dues fund most of what we do. Please take this opportunity to submit your dues ([see p. 15](#))!



To better serve our community, I applied for the following grants. Mirrormont was awarded a total of \$13,301 in 2017, which enabled us to do projects that otherwise would not have happened:

- \$4877** from King Conservation District (KCD) for the Firewise Project on SE 146<sup>th</sup> St
- \$2644** from KCD for homeowner Firewise cost-share reimbursement on SE 146<sup>th</sup> St
- \$1314** from WA DNR for homeowner Firewise project on SE 146<sup>th</sup> St
- \$2466** from KCD for Chipper Days 2017, which funded chipping for 46 MCA members
- \$2000** from King County's Community Service Area (CSA) grant for our Expanded Spring Clean-up

For 2018, we have applied for a \$5000 CSA grant to illuminate the front Mirrormont signs, art-wrap a utility box at the front entrance, relocate the kiosk near the Tiger Mtn Rd entrance to a more visible spot, and subsidize CPR-First Aid classes. We will

know in mid-February if the MCA is awarded any funding. Unfortunately, DNR will not be offering the Firewise grant that we'd hoped would fund Chipper Days 2018.

**Firewise:** After KCD Forester Jarret Griesemer identified SE 146<sup>th</sup> St as the highest wild fire hazard area in Mirrormont due to eight vacant lots and its proximity to Tiger Mtn State Forest, we mounted a major project to "firewise" the properties on that street.

The project launched in February with a Speaker Program "Firewise: Make Mirrormont Safer" given by Eastside Fire & Rescue (EF&R) Deputy Chief Tryon, Jarret Griesemer (KCD Forestry), and Linda Vane (KC Forestry). Over 35 residents learned how to be Firewise in high hazard areas.

After a pruning workshop in March, Firewise assessments of 18 residents' properties, and much work by individual homeowners, the project culminated with a fuels-reduction work party on April 15<sup>th</sup>. EF&R volunteers Russ Gawler and Michael Cram, two of Brian Olson's crew, Jarret Griesemer, and 14 Mirrormont residents pruned and hauled branches from 9— 2:00. Those piles were later chipped.

Thanks go to Sheila and Doug Nast for helping to organize the project and reach out to their neighbors on 146<sup>th</sup>, to Jarret and the generous KCD Firewise grants—and to the volunteers who worked to make Mirrormont more Firewise for all of us.

**Social events:** We were pleased to host the core MCA community-building functions:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- MCA-MCC Picnic & Swim

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## TREE SERVICE

- CHIPPING
- PRUNING
- REMOVALS
- STUMP GRINDING



## FENCE EXPERTS

- CEDAR FENCING
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# Expanded Spring Clean-up, MCA's Biggest Event

By Linda Shepherd 

[Spring Clean-up](#) began in the 1980s to help residents rid their property of unwanted and difficult to dispose of items. Last year, a \$2000 King County Community Service Area grant enabled us to expand our services to include electronics recycling, shredding, and a Goodwill truck, which carried off useful stuff to people in need.

This time, we emphasized Reuse & Recycle, beginning with Barbara Bergenty's "Declutter to Energize Your Space!" talk as part of MCA's Speaker Program. We encouraged people to find new homes for good items using Nextdoor Mirror-mont, BuyNothing, Craigslist and our MCA website.

To further this theme, Sheldon Esteb and Michelle Naglee moved the Garage Sales to the week prior to the Spring Clean-up. By posting widely on Craigslist and social media, they even lured a couple from Walla Walla to buy stuff at our 29-home sale! Packets given to Garage Sale hosts included a Reuse/Recycling flyer to help them recycle unsold stuff.

Thanks go to the 40 volunteers who helped organize, publicize, set up tables, provide canopies, pick up large items curbside, load dumpsters, and check in participants—logging in over 200 hours. Volunteers were rewarded with muffins, bagels, coffee, Tuscan Stone pizza, and mini-bundt cakes. Thanks also go to the MCC for allowing us to use Club parking lots and tables.

Without dedicated volunteers and MCA dues, none of the following would have happened:

- 130 families dropped off stuff at the



**Connie Harris took requests for curbside pickups and entered pickup locations onto a map for the Expanded Spring Clean-up. Howard Harris and Bill Homanics rented and drove a 26-foot flatbed truck, while seven volunteers rode in the back of the truck and loaded curbside items.**

dumpsters, asked for curbside pickup, or brought items for the electronics recycler and/or the shredder truck.

- PlanetUSA filled their truck with electronics from 53 families.
- Confidential Data Disposal (CCD) shredded paper for 23 families.
- Buckwheat Enterprises recycled 7 trailers full of metals.
- Volunteers set aside serviceable stuff and hung a banner on the tennis court fence announcing, "Free—Good Stuff Up for Grabs!"
- 9.73 tons of junk totally filled the dumpsters and went to the landfill.
- 15 volunteers filled over 11 Adopt-A-Road bags with trash collected from roadsides.

• Goodwill arrived at the end of the event and took a full truckload of leftover good stuff.

Cost: \$3215.

We've come a long way since April 1990, when Spring Clean-up consisted of four volunteers with pickup

trucks. By 1991, the number of volunteers had doubled to eight, with two residents using their vehicles to haul 13 tons to the dump, taking 22 trips over two full days, at a cost of \$700.

But there always seems to be more junk!

In 1993, two dumpsters helped improve efficiencies and the Adopt-A-Road program was added. Cathy Bruckner, who diligently ran the Spring Clean-up for many years, brought in a metals recycler, which dramatically reduced our costs. We pay by the pound, and metals are heavy.

It is a mark of success that the tonnage sent to the landfill significantly decreased—from 11 tons in 2016 to 9.73 tons in 2017. That's the good news.

But we need your help.

We needed more volunteers in the afternoon to help load the dumpster (the morning crew heroically stayed all day!). It was disheartening that several people did "after-hours dumping": piling two couches on top of a dumpster; tossing cardboard atop (with a name on it—busted!) that could have gone into recycling; opening a dumpster, resulting in

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## Entrance to Mirrormont Has a History

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### Parking lot:

The area by the sales chalet provided parking for emergencies such as snowstorms. But it became a struggle to keep it from being blighted by increasing numbers of cars, trucks, and boats for sale. Repeated appeals failed to avoid the used-car look. Years of frustrations and debates ensued. Some folks still regret this area is unavailable for snowstorm parking.

### Landscaping:

After Seaboard Realty abandoned the sales chalet, it was up to volunteers to mow the grass and keep the entry neat and clipped. Residents donated spring annuals and bedding plants—and picked up litter. The property owners generously donated water via hoses laid through the woods to water the plants. A progression of volunteers handled upkeep. Finally, the MCA provided funds for Jesse Saylor Landscaping to give a professional facelift to the parking lot area in 2005. He installed rocks, shrubs and perennials.

Since 2006, Mirrormont resident Bryan Stempson, owner of



**Realtor John Temcov counted more than 2500 visitors in Mirrormont on the opening day of the annual Parade of Homes. He said, "They drove through our wooded hillsides, inspected our two Parade models and discussed our large full-acre sites." The bear in the "Everybody Love Mirrormont" sign referred to the best-selling book, *Mister Bear* by Irving Petite, who wrote about his experiences living on Tiger Mtn Rd. Photo from *The Seattle Times* 9/15/63.**

Solstice Landscaping, has maintained the landscaping. He said, "I like to keep it looking tidy because it makes me feel better when I enter the neighborhood—and it sets an example of what residents can do in their own yards."

Even so, volunteers continue to play a role: This summer, Martha Pinsky also hauled water to help keep the plants alive. Gary Reum and I removed graffiti on the north side sign; Don Bergenty repainted it; and the three of us spread

20 cubic yards of wood chips around the plantings.

For more than ten years, Bryan Stempson, paid by your MCA dues, has kept our front entrance consistently attractive, thus helping us maintain property values and pride in where we live. Please give him your thanks—and know your dues are going to good use!

See [Front Entrance](#) for a complete version of this story.

## New Mirrormont Website is Place to Go for Info

Looking for a history of Mirrormont? Or the latest calendar of Events? Check out [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org) where you can find just about everything there is to know about Mirrormont. The site offers an easy way to find information about our local King County Park, the Pea Patch or the Mirrormont Covenants, as well as great photos! You can also go to [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org) to get MCA membership and merchandise offerings. Enormous thanks to a talented and valued volunteer for offering her personal time to create and launch this new site!



**Pay your Annual MCA Dues!**

**Information on how, what, and when on [Page 15](#)**

## Future is Bright for Mirrormont Park with Community Involved

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the community.

Our Park is a treasure and a real gift from both the Mirrormont folks who worked to make it

happen and from the County. I look forward to being a good steward of the Park along with all the members of the Park Committee.



### 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 for many years. 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 for your property.

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**YOUR TIME IS NOW.**

## Pea Patch Produces Local Food Bank Benefits from the Bountiful Harvest in 2017

By Janet Horton, Carol Homanics, Linda Shepherd

"Thanks SO much for the donations of your produce! It is the highest quality fresh food that we receive from anyone!" we frequently hear upon delivering our weekly harvests from [Mirrormont Pea Patch](#) to the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank.

For the past five years, our team of 15 gardeners has planted, tended, and harvested organic veggies in four to six raised beds dedicated to the Food Bank. Other Pea Patch growers also contributed some of the abundance from their personal plots. In all, we've donated 2438 pounds, including 459 pounds in 2017!

Have you heard about our rabbit rodeos? Despite our best efforts at quickly closing the garden gates when we enter and exit, lurking bunnies bound in if we're not careful. Once inside, they're incredibly difficult to catch, and we look quite ridiculous chasing them down. Havaheart traps caught nary a rabbit. What can we use as bait once they've entered the ultimate buffet? In the past two years, we evicted nine bunnies—and fortified our rodent fencing.

To learn about how our community garden was created in 2009 from a \$10,000 King County Community Partnership Grant, see [mirrormont.org/creating-our-pea-patch/](http://mirrormont.org/creating-our-pea-patch/). Each year, 22 to 24 families garden together and hold bimonthly potlucks. It's a wonderful place to meet your neighbors! Our annual dues of \$25 for a 4' x 8' raised bed, plus proceeds from our annual plant sale, make the garden a self-sustaining project of the MCA.

The carrots, bok choy, cucumbers, green beans, kale, lettuce, mint, mustard greens, oregano, rhubarb, Swiss chard, tomatillos, tomatoes, and zucchini we've donated to Issaquah Food Bank are just a sampling of what we can grow in Mirrormont. Contact [peapatch@mirrormont.org](mailto:peapatch@mirrormont.org) by February 1<sup>st</sup> to get on the waiting list for a Pea Patch plot in 2018.

Everyone is invited to come visit our marvelous Pea Patch garden; all we ask is to restrain yourself from nibbling—and close those gates quickly!



Photo by Gretchen Nerlin

Fortunately, deer fencing has been effective in excluding Ms Gimpy and her foiled fawns from the Mirrormont Pea Patch.

## Sasquatch Finds a Home

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create furniture or a small structure, or leave a good amount of the base intact, to be carved. We chose the latter.

In March of the following year, after interviewing several carvers, we settled on Mr. Alex Precob, an artist (paintings mostly) and former tree cutter, originally from Moldova. We love bears, but that was too common. Sea creatures are cool but out of place in the woods. My thought was a fairy house with windows and wired with real lights. When Sasquatch was mentioned, Alex's eyes lit up. Big Foot it would be!

A couple of weeks later, Alex arrived in his big red truck with scaffolding, an assortment of chainsaws, precise carving tools, wood burner and his dad as help and support. Except for a few requests like a happy face, and six-pack abs, we gave Alex, the expert, artistic license. Up went the scaffolding and three days later, Doug was born!

At nearly 12' off the ground, a sheepish grin on a charmingly happy face, true Sasquatch features such as long arms, narrow shoulders, huge feet and toenails, and one amazing six-pack, he is a thing of beauty. Doug greets all who enter our property, sometimes adorned with festive holiday embellishments. Through sun and rain, snow and wind, Doug is always there. We love the guy, and hope you do, too. Come by 14930 251st Pl SE, shake Doug's hand, snap a pic and just plain enjoy! We sure do!

See <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mBjk8AxKDOY> for the time-lapse video of Douglas being carved.

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Martha Pinsky pauses to point out plants that do well in the shade of her Walk in the Woods garden.

## Tour of Gardens Proves a Success

By Linda Shepherd 

“WOW!” wrote Maryfrances Lignana, “Who knew we had such lovely and thoughtfully created gardens in our neighborhood? What a nice day! Kudos to the planners and preparers.”

Indeed, it was a delightful afternoon of Beauty and community building, organized by two Mirrormont Master Gardeners—Martha Pinsky and me. For many years, I’ve wanted to revive the garden tours. Carol Walker originally started the event in 1990, but they lapsed after she moved away. So, I was thrilled when Martha said she’d love to help me revive the Tour of Gardens.

Tourists met on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pea Patch to tour

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## Being Prepared Critical with Area so Remote

By Lynnette Spanola Eastlake 

Washington State is a beautiful place to live, work and play, but like most areas, it’s not immune to major disasters. In fact, our region ranks number one in the country in terms of number of hazards we face, whether it’s winter storms, landslides, flooding, or earthquakes.

Let’s be frank, if a large disaster occurs, the things you rely on everyday will be significantly affected. Transportation may be severely disrupted due to damaged roads, collapsed bridges, or lack of electricity for gas pumps. Stores may quickly run out of supplies and may accept only cash. Utilities such as electricity, water, phone, and internet service may be unavailable. It’s also critical to understand that in the event of a natural disaster emergency services will be overwhelmed and probably won’t be available to help. Did you know that if there was a widespread, significant event only 3 firefighters stationed in May Valley would be available to support our general area?

While we have several volunteers in the general vicinity, their response would depend on the impacts of the event on their families.

Given our remote location in Mirrormont, we may be on our own for a week or longer. In fact, Governor Inslee recommends stocking enough supplies for at least two weeks. This includes food, one gallon of water, per day per person, first aid supplies and of course pet supplies!

In a nationwide survey, almost 50% of people say they will rely on neighbors in the event of a natural disaster. And only 53% of people say they are confident they will know how to respond during a natural disaster. Ask yourself, “How will my family and I survive?” “Is my current emergency plan and emergency kit sufficient to be on my own for more than a few days?” “Am I ready for both minor and major impacts to supplies and services I need on a regular basis?” “Do my loved

ones know what to do if we are separated during a crisis?” Prepare now to make it through – you’ll be glad you did.

One of the ways we are trying to ensure everyone in Mirrormont is prepared is by conducting Map Your Neighborhood workshops. Ninety minutes in length, you will learn the nine steps to take immediately following a disaster to ensure the best outcome possible. You will also produce a Skills & Equipment Inventory for neighbors on your street, create a map that identifies their locations of gas and propane shut off valves and produce a neighborhood contact list that also identifies people in the neighborhood who might need extra help in the event of a disaster.

We will also host CPR and First Aid training classes in 2018. The two classes we held last year were at capacity. Check [www.Mirrormont.org](http://www.Mirrormont.org) or [NextDoor Mirrormont](#) for class dates, which will be held at the Mirrormont Country Club.

Neighbors who are prepared for emergencies can save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and potentially reduce property damage. Contact [Safety@Mirrormont.org](mailto:Safety@Mirrormont.org) for more information on Map Your Neighborhood workshops or for the CPR/First Aid training.

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## Abundance of Activities Kept Mirrormont Residents Busy

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- Halloween Parties
- Holiday Adult Social

**Speaker Program:** Aside from speakers, workshops, and tours mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter, presentations included:

- [Master Gardener Hints for Growing Vegetables](#) in Mirrormont: Jessica Klein DiStefano and I
- Vet Talk—Safe Pets & Fun Facts: Keeping Pets Safe in Mirrormont: Jennifer Schori and Ian Parker discussed heartworm and ticks.
- [Nice Native or Nasty Noxious Weed?](#) What's Growing on Your Property and What Can You Do about It: Sasha Shaw, KC noxious weed expert ([See slides](#))

Mary Nelson initiated a Happy Hour before our monthly speaker programs to encourage more community building.

**As Mirrormont Historian,** I've been working with Dustin Cryer, who has been digitizing and restoring historical Mirrormont documents, including the original sales brochures from the 1960s—70s that announced the opening of each Division. These contain cool information about Mirrormont, and will soon be available for purchase on [www.mirrormont.org/shop/](http://www.mirrormont.org/shop/).

Did you know that:

- The first Division was “the boot” (aka “the sock,” looping around 260<sup>th</sup> to 263<sup>rd</sup>)?
- Mirrormont once had streets named SE Squire Lane (SE 159<sup>th</sup> St), Hillside Dr. (SE Mirrormont Blvd.—the portion parallel to Mirrormont Dr.) and SE Forest Dr. (SE 146<sup>th</sup> St.)?

**Historic Homes Tour:** Organized by Kellie Batali and me, the tour started at the MCC clubhouse with historical displays about Mirrormont. Six homeowners graciously shared their homes with 24 tourists, plus we stopped outside the first two promo homes: [The House that KIRO Built](#), and The Mediterranean. A wine and cheese social at the MCC clubhouse ended the fun day. The 2018 tour will feature different architectural styles over the past 55 years that make Mirrormont unique.

**Welcome Committee:** Connie Harris and I officially welcomed 34 new homeowners to Mirrormont with bags full of information and gifts, based on Kellie Batali's real estate updates.

### **Charitable Endeavors:**

- Heidi Kayler organized a Tent City drive and generous donors responded with a truckload of food and supplies, plus



**Volunteers get organized for the Firewise project on SE 146th St. For more information, visit the “[Firewise Page](#)” at the new [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org).**

\$500 in monetary donations.

- Katie Nelson brought Bloodworks Northwest to Mirrormont, where 25 big-hearted donors gave blood.
- Keigh Flack and Mary Nelson organized our [Shoeboxes of Joy](#) charitable event, to which kind residents donated items to fill 62 shoeboxes, wrapped by 16 volunteers. These gift boxes went to elderly and disabled people who may be isolated from family and friends during the holiday season. It is often the only gift they receive.

### **Thanks to Other Community Contributors:**

- Lisa DeVogel revived the Gift & Craft Show. Sponsored by the MCC at the clubhouse, Lisa brought in 13 local vendors, including three from Mirrormont and two from Tiger Mtn Rd., and created a festive atmosphere for shopping and visiting with neighbors.
- Ryan Zulauf sighted a new invasive, [Rough Chervil](#), along Mirrormont Dr. Since it's a poisonous plant, Ryan and his son, Meg and Chas Wade, and I filled 10 yard-waste bags to remove it before it spread further.
- Don Bergenty repainted the north front entrance sign, which had been defaced by graffiti, and other concerned residents restored order and beauty after spates of vandalism.
- Mirrormont Country Club has generously allowed the MCA to use the clubhouse for community activities.

## Did You Know? Mirrormont Buildings

By Tom Cole

A baseball field was where the tennis courts are now. Our young team practiced and played other teams in the area. The field had a big backstop fence—and a large tree in the middle of center field. Hitting past the tree qualified as a home run. The bleachers were one big log with a 2x6 board on top for a seat. The field also served as a neighborhood July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration center.

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## Mirrmont Country Club: Serving Us Since 1976

Community gatherings, pool time, playground, tennis...that is just a taste of what happens when someone joins the [Mirrmont Country Club \(MCC\)](#). The MCC was established in [March of 1976](#) and has been a staple of the community ever since.

When the MCC was first established, there were many activities that were hosted, like progressive dinners, tennis tournaments, rummage sales and sock hops. It was a vital component in creating a tight-knit community. As time has passed and life gets busier for the average person, the MCC wants to bring back the sense of inclusion, involvement and community.

Last Summer, the MCC had pool party nights hosted by members. The Kick-Off party had a DJ, watermelon races, and can-

non ball contest. There was also Glow Night, a 4th of July Party and the ever-popular, 80s theme night. Movies were always showing inside the clubhouse on the projector screen, which was the place to be for the kids during adult swim! Swim lessons and water aerobics are also available to members. This has been a catalyst for new neighbors to meet each other and forge lasting relationships!

The club prides itself on being a volunteer-managed club. All members of the MCC have an opportunity to use volunteer hours to clean up the pool area, maintain the clubhouse, plant flowers and keep the tennis court in tip-top shape. This creates

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## Variety is Spice of Life in Tour of Gardens

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our community garden, then carpooled to six gardens:

- Doug & Susan Navetski's **Haven for Privacy, Fragrance, and Edibles**.
- Vicki & Chris Renne's **Discovery Garden** with a calming Zen waterfall, 26 varieties of Japanese maples, and an exuberant climbing hydrangea.
- Janet & Paul Horton's **Wildlife Sanctuary** with ponds, stream, waterfall, and plants to attract wildlife.
- Heather & Adam Bradley's **Plant Hoarder's Garden** with rare and unusual plants, whimsical glass art, 15-ft lilies, and a stumpery.
- Tom Hurley's **Lazy Man's Garden Cave** with dahlias on steroids!
- Martha & Adam Pinsky's **Walk in the Park**, a Master Gardener's expression of the pleasures of shade gardening.

Next year, we hope to see Lori and Ted Irwin's **Never Say 'No' Collection**, which had been on the tour before deer ate the collection.

"It's always great to know what works specifically in our little neighborhood," said Devon Williams. The gardens provided marvelous ideas for what we can do in our own. I found them inspiring—and sometimes daunting. I sniffed aromatic roses and thought, *Nope, deer ate mine*. But fencing allows roses to thrive. Those lovely blue-tinted hostas? *Slug lunch*, I groused. But spreading Sluggo in March results in fewer slugs the rest of the year. Carex 'Evergold' is a sedge that adds color to shady areas. *Rabbits ate mine*, I sighed. But bird netting or black vinyl-coated wire cages can protect vulnerable plants until they can afford to lose a few leaves. At least whimsical garden art survives unmolested!

Native plants, one of my passions, were featured in many of the gardens. Alas, we often take them for granted. But just think, sword ferns sell for \$95 each in Amsterdam! Red-flowering currant became such a rage in London that plant explorer David Douglas (of Douglas fir and Douglas Squirrel fame) recouped The Royal Horticultural Society's investment in his 1824 expedition from this plant introduction alone.

To learn more about how native plants add value to wildlife

and landscaping, check out the 40 signs posted in Mirrmont Park or purchase [Walk on the Wild Side: Native Plants of Mirrmont Park](#) from our newly designed website, [www.mirrmont.org](http://www.mirrmont.org).

The afternoon ended on Martha's back deck enjoying wine, snacks, chitchat—and more words of wisdom from our unpretentious gardeners about the joys of gardening.

I fully appreciate what's involved in creating the beautiful gardens we toured, and we are grateful for all the planting, weeding, design wisdom, and love of plants that made them. Thanks to those who generously shared their gardens with us!

Please let us know if you have a garden you'd like to share with your neighbors, or if you have seen a garden you particularly admire.

Contact [president@mirrmont.org](mailto:president@mirrmont.org).



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### Walk on the Wild Side Native Plants of Mirrmont Park

This field guide features 40 native plants in King County's Mirrmont 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@mirrmont.org](mailto:president@mirrmont.org) for pickup.

## Did You Know... Some Fun Notes About Mirrormont

By Tom Cole

Because over 180 new families moved into Mirrormont during the past five years, and haven't been able to view the [historical documents](#) frequently displayed at the Mirrormont Country Club, we've put together what we hope are some interesting items about our area, including some distance measurements that are the topic of some current conversations.

### Did you know?

Mirrormont was begun by [Rod Loveless](#) and Glenn Nordlie in 1962 with the purchase of 680 acres that were subdivided into 586 plots. Shortly thereafter, Boeing lost a big Bomarc contract (to build a missile) and property values all over the area fell. They had a hard time getting this development off the ground. Back then, houses here were selling for about \$30,000 or less and our shy-acre lots for \$2,950.

In the mid-60s, most of the roads were still [gravel](#), except for the main entrance road, Mirrormont Blvd, which becomes 245<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE. Because of the steep slope, it was paved up to where it turned right onto SE Mirrormont Dr., but remained gravel from thereon.

In the beginning, all the homes had the same type of [oil](#) furnace, which was hooked into a central distribution system just like the water system. However, after a few years, the lines corroded, oil leaked into the ground, and the system had to be abandoned. In 1970, 138 residents suddenly had to convert to heat pumps, electric, or buy their own oil tank, as natural gas

## MCC: There's Plenty to Do

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a community that cares about their surroundings and is a great way to meet your amazing neighbors.

When the pool closes for the summer, what else is there to do, you may ask. The use of the Clubhouse is very popular! With a large gathering room, full kitchen and supplies, and a projector screen, any event can be hosted in the Clubhouse from baby showers to birthdays to large sit-down dinners. In fact, an MCC member hosted a fabulous Holiday Gift & Craft Show that was very popular amongst the neighborhood!

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**Washington Water Service Company painted our water hydrants this summer. Remember, it's the property owner's responsibility to keep the area clear at least 3-ft around the hydrant and to the street. Check out the new [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org) and search for "water" for more on Mirrormont's water system in the early days and in the 21st century.**

didn't come to Mirrormont until 1990.

Mirrormont had one well and one [water](#) tower, at the top of 152<sup>nd</sup>. There are three there now. Glenn Nordlie managed the water system then. For several years for a few dollars, resident Tim Cole, as a young teenager, read both the water and oil meters weekly for Nordlie.

### Longest resident

It is believed the longest-time resident of Mirrormont is Frances Walton on 263<sup>rd</sup>. Fran, Roger, and their three children moved into her present home in August 1964, just over 53 years ago. At that time, there were only about 20 families here. You can actually google "Frances Walton, Mirrormont" or

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## Spring Clean-up Smashing Success Thanks to Volunteers

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stuff falling out and a door that then couldn't be closed; strewing jewelry and nail polish on the grass, which could have gone into their weekly trash. Bone-tired volunteers spent Sunday sawing the couches and exposing themselves to danger by repacking and tamping down junk to below the top of the dumpsters. We're hoping to avoid this next year!

Huge kudos and thanks go to all the volunteers who made our Expanded Spring Clean-up such a success! Special appreciation will be given at the MCA Annual Meeting.

Wendy Antipow apprenticed with me to learn the ropes, and I'm thrilled to say she has agreed to run the event in 2018! Please give Wendy Antipow your full support for Spring Clean-up 2018!

# Did You Know: Lure of Mirrormont is Strong

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go to [www.cello.org/Newsletter/Articles/walton.htm](http://www.cello.org/Newsletter/Articles/walton.htm) to learn about your neighbor, famous in the music world, or read the Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> *Seattle Times* article.

The second-longest residents are believed to be Tom and Dianne Cole, also on 263<sup>rd</sup>, having moved into their (then smaller) A-frame in February 1965. Neil and Marilyn Householder, corner of 152nd and 260<sup>th</sup> come in third, having been residents since 1966. William and Mary Sibley moved into Mirrormont in 1967. Mary still lives in their home across the street from Mirrormont Country Club with her daughter Debbie.

Of course, Mirrormont had earlier "settlers" in late 1962 through early 1964, but we don't know of any still here. If this is wrong, please let Linda Shepherd know.

As an aside to that, down at the end of 266<sup>th</sup>, bordering on the Mirrormont boundary, live Jan and Rick Quandt, there since 1961. Rick said that since there was no Mirrormont then, the kids had to walk all the way down to Hobart Road to catch the school bus. So, although they weren't actually part of Mirrormont, they've been there longer than anybody. And yes, back then, folks used to hunt deer and elk here.

## Who Came Back?

The lure of Mirrormont is strong. Some who grew up either in or near Mirrormont realized a good thing and came back:

Heidi Kayler, daughter of Phil and Pauline Hanson who lived here from 1969 to 1985, now manages the Snowy's Little Free Library by her home at the corner of 263<sup>rd</sup> and 156<sup>th</sup> Pl.

Chris Gunderson is just 30, but after being gone for a few years, he returned to his family home on 256<sup>th</sup> across from the tennis courts. He said, "I couldn't help myself, I like it here."

Toni Nielsen pointed out, "Technically, I am not "in" Mirrormont but have to drive into Mirrormont to get to and from home. My folks bought the property I now own back in '59 or '60. I have been coming to "the property" since the mid-60s for picnics, wood cutting and the like. We put our house on it in '85. Now my dad came back last year to live in a tiny-house in the back corner near me. It's come full circle." Toni lives on 260<sup>th</sup> toward Tiger Mountain Road but can't get through to TMR.

Steve Hoffman shared: I was born in 1950 in Issaquah and grew up on Lake McDonald when I was young, I used to ride my bike to Issaquah to go to the movie theater. Back then, my father was the meat manager at the old Thriftway grocery store, which became Front Street Market years ago, and then he was the meat manager at the old Hi Lo grocery store.

My parents moved to Renton when I was 13 years old, so I went to Renton High School but moved back to Issaquah in 1978 and built the house here in Mirrormont.

Kyra Stewart (daughter of Bob and Jane Ulrich, who had moved here in 1973) moved back in 2006 for 10 years to a home on SE Mirrormont Blvd., although she

and her family recently moved to nearby Maple Hills.

Dawn Porter lives on 263rd with husband Mike and two children. She grew up on 160th St. off the Tiger Mountain Road near where the power lines cross.

Christine Sample, nee Emswiler, lives in on 154<sup>th</sup> with her husband and daughter in one of the original A-Frames. She grew up on Tiger Mountain Road about one-half mile north of the fire station. They moved back in 2013.

Rozana Knutson grew up on 262<sup>nd</sup> in a home built in 1970 by her father, Don Hindman, just outside of the Mirrormont boundary. After college and military duties as an Army paratrooper, she and her husband, Bret, first lived on Tiger Mountain Road near the power line crossing, then 13 years ago moved back to 262<sup>nd</sup> into a new house beside her childhood home, where her father still lives with his wife, Lynda.

Melinda Codling was at UW in 1966 when she and her friends rented horses from Mirrormont Stables. They rode up into what is now Mirrormont. At that time, it was just trails. Later, when she moved here, she used to exercise a horse that was boarded at the stables by riding up into Mirrormont. Today, she has horses and rides around here occasionally. Some things never change!

Please let Linda Shepherd know of any other returnees.

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- Easter Egg Hunt
- Halloween Parties
- Adult Holiday Social
- Community Picnic and Swim
- Speaker Program
- Variety Show
- Tour of Homes
- Tour of Gardens
- Welcome Committee

### Services

- Spring Clean-up
- Electronics Recycling
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- Park Committee
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- Pea Patch
- Plant Sale
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## Volunteers Key to Mirromont Park Staying Beautiful

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dead trees, removing fallen trees, mowing the meadow, and maintaining the gravel walkway. And the County is willing to work with us on new projects. Our part of the deal is fulfilled by your neighbor volunteers.

Ever since a core of residents met in 1999 to explore the possibility of creating a park, and the MCA obtained funding and held a Ground-breaking Ceremony in 2005, the park has continued to be a major project of the MCA. It took several years to obtain permits, clear, grade, and seed the meadow, then add trails and benches. It may be hard to believe, but 2018 marks only the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Opening Picnic in the Park.

For more on how Mirromont Park came to be, see [mirromont.org/park-history/](http://mirromont.org/park-history/). In 2018, we'll continue the Volunteer

Work Crew Park TLC Days. Many thanks go to the 2017 crews— young, old, and in-between, who came out for the park. The trails have been kept well maintained with fresh supplies of chips—and not just last year but every year. And in our never-ending “War of the Weeds,” volunteer efforts have tamed English ivy and made a huge dent in Himalayan blackberries and yellow archangel. We think we can manage them going forward. The next focus involves eliminating creeping yellow buttercup and bindweed (aka morning glory), which is an even harder job.

2018 will also be a year for launching some new projects. There's been continued interest in having play structures in the park. The County is willing to support this addition and we are seeking volunteers to form a sub-committee to start investigating options, issues, and desirability. The same approach will be used for adding a picnic shelter—another idea that has popped up over the years. For both, the County has plans and examples of structures that withstand loved-a-lot heavy use.

Watch for MCA emails and Nextdoor posts that invite you to Park Committee meetings. Or, even better, join the Park Committee (email [park@mirromont.org](mailto:park@mirromont.org)!) Also, be sure to attend the MCA Annual Meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. First and foremost, get out and enjoy our park!

### Did You Know? Mirromont Buildings

By Tom Cole

Six bus shelters were built around 1966 by six volunteers and spread around Mirromont.

One, now heavily remodeled, is still in use at the corner of SE 162<sup>nd</sup> Pl. and 266<sup>th</sup> Ave. SE with the sign Bus Shelter No. 1.

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## Mirrmont Community Association 2018 Dues Notice Inside

### 2018 Mirrmont Community Association Calendar

<b>Tuesday, January 23</b>	Annual MCA Meeting	7 to 8:30 PM
<b>Thursday, February 21</b>	Speaker: Village Concept	7 PM*
<b>Tuesday, March 20</b>	Speaker: Neighborhood Lawyer	7 PM*
<b>Saturday, March 31</b>	Easter Egg Hunt	10 to 11 AM
<b>Friday, May 11</b>	Garage Sales	9 to 4 PM
<b>Saturday, May 12</b>	Garage Sales	9 to 2 PM
<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	Spring Clean-up/ Adopt-a-Road	9 to 2 PM
<b>Saturday, May 19</b>	Pea Patch Plant Sale	9 to 2 PM
<b>TBD July</b>	Tour of Gardens	
<b>Saturday, July 21</b>	MCA-MCC Picnic	4 to 7 PM
<b>Saturday, September 29</b>	Tour of Homes	
<b>Saturday, October 27</b>	Halloween, 0-4 <sup>th</sup> grade	10 to Noon
<b>Saturday, October 27</b>	Halloween, middle schoolers	7 to 9 PM
<b>Friday, December 7</b>	Holiday Party/Adult Social	7 to 11 PM

\*Join us before the Speaker Program for Happy Hour at 6:30 PM  
MCA Board meetings: First Tuesday of every month, 7:00 PM at the MCC clubhouse

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