

# Mirrormont News

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



## Coming Soon:

January 29

MCA Board Meeting

March 28

Park Work Party

April 4

Easter Egg Hunt



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## MIRRORMONT ROADS FEEL COUNTY PINCH

By Maryfrances Lignana

Road maintenance revenue for unincorporated King County has dropped dramatically in recent years. This has been due to the annexation of unincorporated areas and the recession. In 2013 it was down from \$128 million to \$85 million. In response King County developed a tiered system for road maintenance.

In Mirrormont, only the main roads get maintenance or snowplowing and even our main roads are in the second and third tiers of four tiers.

We've seen this over the past few years during snowstorms and that will continue this winter.

The County is still looking for funds to maintain their roads and has proposals ready for the 2015 legislative session.

Also, the MCA meeting is set for January 29 at 7 p.m.. Please attend and voice your thoughts and concerns on the roads situation in our neighborhood.

The County has not

abandoned us. Beyond the care of the main roads, they will respond to specific requests and are especially responsive when safety is involved.

When there are multiple calls on an issue, it shows both our concern and the seriousness of the issue and will usually get a quicker response. In 2015 they will be working to improve the worst of our drainage ditches.

Who to call:

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## Meet Your Neighbors: The Boyntons

They hear the call of the great outdoors

By Griffin Cole

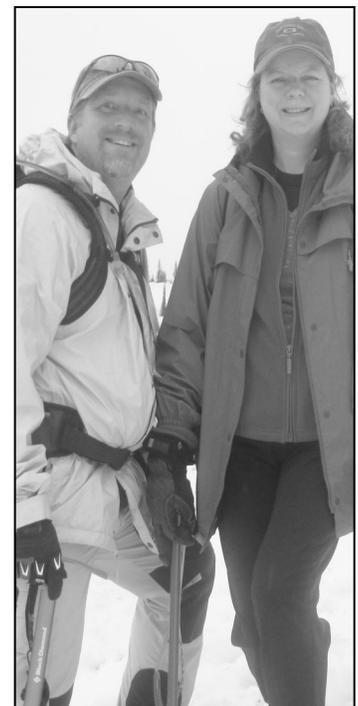
*Phil and Lisa, thanks for answering a few questions. How long you have lived here?*

We have lived in Mirrormont since 2003. We chose this area because of the proximity to work, the Cascades, and Tiger Mountain. The neighborhood itself appealed to us with the varied styles of the houses and the large lots in the woods. We absolutely love the wildlife that comes through our backyard!

*I know you folks have been taking advantage of the great outdoors. You've done a lot of hiking, what other activities have you participated in?*

Both of us have been involved in Boy Scouts - Philip recently retired from 37 years of Scouting, his last position as the District Chairman of the local King County area. Lisa was a Boy Scout leader and adult trainer for a number of years. We were both involved with our daughter in Girl Scouts and the 4-H Club that meets at the Mirrormont Country Club.

Another major adventure for us was ownership of Ravens Books in Gilman Village for a couple of years. Now we are focusing on our music lessons **See Boyntons, Page 8**



Phil and Lisa Boynton

**Meet the Nominee:  
MCA President**



**LINDA SHEPHERD**

I have loved living in Mirrormont since 1988, and I care a great deal about this unique community. I first became actively involved with the MCA when I volunteered to deliver a few Welcome Bags to new homeowners in 2008, then suddenly found myself leading the Welcome Committee.

In 2009, I submitted a proposal to the Board to build Mirrormont Pea Patch, wrote a grant to fund it, and have been actively involved on the Board since then.

I became a Master Gardener in 2012 so I could better coordinate our Pea Patch, and offer Growing Groceries Clinics to everyone in Mirrormont. For Mirrormont's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, I took on the role of historian.

In 2013, I initiated a project, along with Janet Horton, Meg Wade, and Maryfrances Lignana, to create signage and a guidebook for forty native plants in Mirrormont Park.

Professionally, I have a Ph.D. in biochemistry, published *Lifting the Veil: The Feminine Face of Science*, and now teach for an online doctoral program at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

**Making Mirrormont a better place to live**

**By Linda Shepherd**

My main goal as MCA President is to foster community through social events and bringing in speakers, as well as to support all other MCA services and responsibilities. A strong, interactive community makes Mirrormont safer, more pleasant, and helps increase property values. I recently gave a Welcome Bag to a new homeowner who said that the community activities and amenities (such as the Park and Pea Patch) reflected on the website, were a major reason they chose Mirrormont.

What talks would you like in 2015? In 2014, the MCA sponsored:

- \* **Living with Wildlife** — Sgt. Kim Chandler from Washington Fish & Wildlife Dept. (Jan.)
- \* **Firefighters** — Rus Gawler, Lead Volunteer at Fire Station 76, Chris Quinn, and other volunteers (May)
- \* **Growing Groceries, bimonthly during the growing season** — Master Gardeners Linda Shepherd & Jessica Klein DiStefano (June through Sept)
- \* **Living with Large Trees** — Alan Haywood, Issaquah City Arborist (April)
- \* **Rail & Logging History of Mirrormont** — Lee Marsh, Mirrormont resident (July)
- \* **Native Plants of Mirrormont Park tours & picnic** — Linda Shepherd (Sept)
- \* **Crime & Safety** — Deputy Matt Tighe & Captain Greg Thomas from KC Sheriff's Office (Nov)

Please contact me at [President@mirrormont.org](mailto:President@mirrormont.org) with your ideas, and if you'd like **Please see Involve, Page 8**

**Prior to Mirrormont, rail key to logging the area**

**By Lee Marsh**

Have you ever wondered about those huge stumps in your yard? Have you ever hiked or biked one of the many trails on Tiger Mountain that have been repurposed from railroad right-of-ways (e.g. Caroline Mine, Iverson, or NW Timber)?

In the 1920s, Mirrormont was logged, and rail was the mode of transport to move logs to Wood and Iverson's saw mill, which was located southwest of the current SR18/Hobart Road interchange. Wood and Iverson bought the land that would become Mirrormont from Frederick Weyehaeuser, who had acquired land granted by the U.S. government to the Northern Pacific Railway in 1864.

After purchasing the property, Wood and Iverson soon began construction of railroad right-of-way (ROW) from the mill northward into the Mirrormont area. Their rail line entered our subdivision near the southeast corner then traversed northward to the vicinity of the tennis courts, crossed what is now the park and continued north, where 255<sup>th</sup> Ave SE occupies the original railroad ROW. From there the line continued northeast, crossing Tiger



Mountain Road and extending past what today is the 15-Mile Creek Trailhead.

Additional rail lines branched out from the main line to access log loading areas both east and west of the main line that ran through Mirrormont. The exact locations of those ROW have not been found, but artifacts from the logging era can still be seen. The timber cut from the Mirrormont plateau helped build Seattle and quite likely helped build the two large wood-stave water lines that still provide Seattle's water from the Cedar River watershed. The rail logging era in Mirrormont extended from about 1920 to the early 1930s.

For more information, a longer article, and photo, please visit [Mirrormont.org](http://Mirrormont.org)'s website. If you have questions or think you might have some vestiges of rail ROW in your yard that you would like to share, send an email to [Marsh-HouseWest@msn.com](mailto:Marsh-HouseWest@msn.com).

# Do you remember...

By Linda Shepherd

What was going on here 10 years ago? I looked back over past issues of *Mirrmont News* to see what the big news items were, as our 580-home community has grown to what it is today. Here are snapshots taken at 10-year intervals:

**2005** — Mirrmont Park becomes a reality. Grant agreement for funding of the development of Mirrmont Park is secured, and a ground-breaking ceremony held on July 19th.

**1995** — MCA proposes to turn Elder Field into a park before Issaquah School District sells property to a developer. The Board begins effort to make this a reality. The MCA advocates for Mirrmont residents for an update to our power grid by Puget Power to reduce the number of power outages. 503 total houses in Mirrmont.

**1994** — The first Mirrmont Garage Sale held and quickly becomes one of the most popular events in the community.

**1985** — Initial foray into creating Mirrmont Park is tabled after a questionnaire showed 57 percent in favor of the park but some residents were adamantly opposed. 447 total houses in Mirrmont.

**1984** — MCA advocacy brings All Points Cable TV to Mirrmont, charging \$9.95/  
**See History, Page 6**

## For Your Information

Here is a list of phone numbers for local agencies. Keep this list handy for reference. Always check [www.mirrmont.org](http://www.mirrmont.org) for neighborhood events and more contact info.

### Frequently Requested Contact Information

#### Crime/Traffic Issues/Abandoned Vehicles

KC Sheriff non-emergency: 206-296-3311

#### Burn Ban Information

Questions & permits, Eastside Fire & Rescue: 425-392-3433

Status: <http://waburnbans.net/recent-burn-bans/category/king/>

#### Wild Animal Issues

Washington State Wildlife Dept: 425-775-1311

#### Tree Issues

Cutting or Permitting: 206-296-6600

#### Domestic Animal Issues

Regional Animal Services (licenses, etc.): 206-296-7387

## Meet the Nominee: MCA Treasurer



**MARY NELSON**

I have been a resident of Mirrmont since 2003. I have three daughters, with the youngest in high school. My husband, Karl, works for Boeing. I am a proud fourth-generation Washingtonian, and WSU grad.

I like to volunteer for the MCA in events that center around food and fun; planning the Halloween Parties and Easter Egg Hunts for many years. I look forward to taking on the Treasurer position, and learning a new aspect of the MCA.

I also belong to the Mirrmont Country Club, and am the Pool Manager there. If you are walking by on a summer morning, say hello!

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**YOUR TIME IS NOW.**

**Meet the Nominee:  
MCA VP Membership**



**LISA LUX**

My family and I moved to Mirrormont in 2000 from Houston, Texas. We joined the MCA then and have been members ever since. It wasn't until 2014 that I joined the MCA Board as VP of Membership. This past year I have been working on updating and improving MCA's database. I graduated

from Florida State University with a degree in engineering. This is also where I met my husband. We have two daughters, a sixth grader and a senior in high school.

I enjoy getting out to walk the dog, play tennis and hike in the mountains. I also enjoy skiing with my family, a sport I've learned since moving here.

# Elegance in Country Living

Do you have a story to tell about Mirrormont, past or present? Share your memories with us for the upcoming *Elegance in Country Living: A History of Mirrormont*. Or maybe we'll call it *Above the Fog, Beyond the Smog*.

These titles are based on the tag lines on 1960s brochures for Mirrormont. Which title do you prefer? If you'd like to vote on the title, or write up your memories or share them verbally, contact [President@mirrormont.org](mailto:President@mirrormont.org).

## Mirrormont Community Association

### ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held at the Clubhouse, 25500 Mirrormont Drive  
On Thursday, January 29, 2015  
At 7 PM

Refreshments will be served!

Come hear what the MCA Board has been doing for Mirrormont over the past year, contribute to plans for 2015, elect your 2015 Board, and view historical displays about Mirrormont's history.

**Speaker:** Chad Magendanz, our 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative District House Representative, is also our neighbor, shares a career at Microsoft with many Mirrormont residents, and was president of the Issaquah School Board. As a reader of Nextdoor Mirrormont, he knows about our issues and concerns. He'll be dashing here from Olympia after a House Appropriations Committee meeting to bring us the latest news about what the county and state can do for us in Mirrormont in this current political and financial climate.

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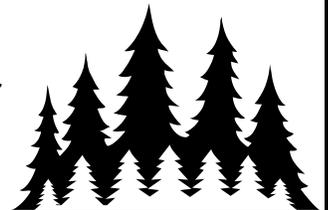
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## Win a \$50 Gift Certificate to the Restaurant of Your Choice

How can you win? Just pay your dues by the annual MCA meeting on Thursday, January 29th, 2015

We'll draw a winner at the meeting. If you're the lucky winner, dinner in Issaquah is on us.



And remember — at the meeting you get refreshments, good company, and Mirrormont news updates.

Pay your dues by check with the invoice on the back of this newsletter or on the website with PayPal.  
MCA Board and Newsletter Committee not eligible

**Meet the Nominee:  
MCA Secretary**



**LAUREL REDECKER**

My husband and I moved to Mirrormont in April of 2001. I loved the area because it reminded me of my childhood home in Lake Forest Park, where I had lovely big fir trees outside my bedroom window.

I joined MCA and started going to meetings as soon as possible because I wanted to meet people, and to be part of and contribute to, our new community. I became Secretary near the end of that year when the then Secretary had to leave. I have served off and on since then. I am also Events Co-Chair, and want to encourage new residents, especially those with younger children, to become involved in providing the wonderful events put on by MCA. Your ideas are always welcome!

Personally, I have 3 children, 8 grandchildren, plus 5 foster kids from Africa, and 2 great-grandchildren, with another expected in May.

**NEXTDOOR KEEPS MIRRORMONT CLOSE**

**By Griffin Cole**

Thanks to Sheldon Esteb and the internet, getting to meet and know your neighbors in Mirrormont has gotten just a bit easier in the last year. It was in September 2013, shortly after moving here from Klahanie, that Sheldon discovered Nextdoor.com and created the Mirrormont community on the site.

He was visiting family in the San Francisco Bay area when his brother-in-law shared that the neighborhood networked through the Nextdoor.com web site. "It sounded very effective and I saw it as a great option for our community," Sheldon wrote in an email exchange. Upon returning home, in just a matter of minutes, he created the Mirrormont community on the site. This involved registering, drawing up the boundaries and starting the process of inviting neighbors.

Growth of the site has been fast, since it is a breeze to register, easy to learn to use, and provides a quick way for folks to communicate on just about any subject desired. In addition, with Mirrormont folks being a bit more isolated because of the large lots, multitude of trees, and overall country feel, Nexdoor.com is a wonderful way to make the



Photo by Renee Jackson  
**A visitor caught on film shared on Nextdoor.**

neighborhood just a little bit smaller.

"Nextdoor Mirrormont is important because we are still a community with common issues, concerns, and needs," Sheldon wrote. "I think the service is important for enhancing and maintaining our collective sense of community by providing a forum for us to network and exchange valuable

information. The more residents in Mirrormont that join the site, the better and more useful it becomes for all."

Mirrormont appears to agree. The Mirrormont neighborhood on Nextdoor.com has 427 folks signed up and it continues to grow. It provides a strong addition to [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org), which has a lot of important information about our community, environment, and events.

Neighbors use Nextdoor for many different things, but some of the most common are finding out about service providers such as babysitters, pet sitters, plumbers and electricians; the classified ads for selling/buying/trading; and discussion of hot topics including crime and safety, and the latest and greatest, mail delivery.

"There have been a lot of great posts over the last 18 months or so since the service has been active," Sheldon shared. "My favorite is the dog that was lost, found and re-  
**See Nextdoor, Page 7**



**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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**Meet the Nominee:  
MCA VP of Parks**



**MEG WADE**

My husband Chas and I moved from Chicago to Mirrormont in 1976 and raised our two sons here. Over the years, I've served as a director on the MCA board and became involved with the Park Committee in 1999. Since 2010, I've been VP of Parks and liaison between MCA and King County Parks regarding our grant agreement and park improvements. Park Committee stewards organize volunteer work parties twice a year. Seeing you enjoy our park keeps me supporting it with you.

I'm also involved with the Welcome Committee, Pea Patch, and the Road Concerns Committee.

Last year, I enjoyed working with others to create the native plant signs in the park, and contributed watercolor sketches to *Walk on the Wild Side: Native Plants of Mirrormont Park*.

As a Montessori teacher, I have had the pleasure of teaching the children of many Mirrormont families at Mountainside School, then at Sequoia Pre-School in our home. Starting creative ideas has always been my love, especially with such fun families.

Dazzling Northwest landscapes pull me outside to paint watercolors *en plein air*. Hiking, swimming, skiing and traveling are my other creative interests.

**Mirrormont Park a treasure; take advantage**

**By Meg Wade**

Why is Mirrormont Park so important? Please take a walk in our King County park and find out. As a passive use park, it promotes our well-being, preserves the "naturalness" of the environment — and gives us pride in our neighborhood.

The MCA Park Committee members are stewards of our park. The Park Committee makes decisions each year on how to improve and enhance our use of our park with grant money left from the original park construction of meadow, trails, benches, and tables. Past improvements have included doggie bag stations, the kiosk donated by the Boy Scouts and native plant signage created by residents, which was the result of a grant from the Washington Native Plant Society.

King County provides maintenance with mowing, clearing trails of branches, and garbage removal. During seasonal work parties, Mirrormont volunteers remove invasive plants, weed the islands around the meadow, plant native plants, and

spread wood chips on the trails.

As we head into 2015, the question arises of what areas do we need to improve and how many volunteer hours will be required? Among the ideas for improvements are:

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**Annual cleanup a big hit**

**By Cathy Bruckner**

Spring Clean-up 2014 continued to show a strong trend of growth in participation. Our annual Spring Clean-up is the MCA's biggest community service that takes about a third of our annual budget. On May 31, a huge turnout of 115 families filled up four dumpsters. Of that total, 92 families came to the dumpsters while a truck driven by Mark Fredrickson picked up from an additional 23

homes. Furniture was also collected from the Country Club. The metal recycler did a great job and took away four more full truck/trailer loads.

In addition to Mark, there were almost 20 other volunteers who helped with the clean-up and a dozen more who participated in Adopt-a-Road and cleaned up most of Mirrormont.

Last year there were a total of 109 families that participated, and in 2012 the number was 94.

**History**

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month for basic cable.

**1975** — The MCA effort begins for better TV reception in Mirrormont centering on Channel 9 for viewing of Sesame Street. The four-year effort includes securing funding, land leases, easements, environmental impacts, and more. Three lawsuits are filed that PBS and KCTS are "a danger to the minds of our children." Eventually, Community TV translators are built. 179 total houses in Mirrormont.

**1976** — Tennis courts are added to the Country Club at their current location and MCA takes over management of Elder Field, where baseball teams play.

**1965** — 45 houses exist

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**Meet the Nominee:  
MCA VP Architecture**



**MITRA MOHANDESSI**  
My family and I have lived in Mirrormont for over 20 years. We have enjoyed the natural beauty of Mirrormont and the serenity of this neighborhood. Although, over time, I have formed valuable friendships with many of our neighbors, my first involvement with the community started about four years ago when I became a part of Mirrormont Pea Patch. Through associations with PeaPatchers, many of whom are also a part of the MCA, I became active on the Board in 2013. I serve as one of the VP's of Architecture; we respond to questions raised by existing residents and newcomers.

I am an architect and work from my home office on residential projects. I love my work; however social justice is a subject very close to my heart. I serve on several organizations whose mission is to achieve social equity for all, such as Imagine Housing, which provides affordable housing for low income and homeless people. I am also a cooking instructor and I look forward to serving another year on the MCA Board.

**Keep covenants in mind**

June Schuck and Mitra Mohandessi have been serving as Vice Presidents of Architecture for the Mirrormont Community Association (MCA) since 2013. Mike Paulson still serves as consultant after many years of serving as VP of Architecture. The committee's purpose is three fold: to allow for the consistent application of the Covenants, participate in the Architectural Review process, and be a resource for responding to questions regarding architecture and Covenants.

Whether newcomer or old-timer, we have all chosen to reside here. We want to continue to enjoy this beautiful neighbor-

hood, feel safe with our neighbors, take leisurely walks, run around in Mirrormont Park, visit the herb garden and the Pea Patch, and be a part of many groups and activities that are organized and tended through MCA.

We would like to use this opportunity to encourage everyone to continue caring for our community by respecting Mirrormont Covenants, the privacy of our neighbors, keeping the Bridle Trails clear, and contributing to making our neighborhood a desirable place to live.

Please contact the Architectural Committee at [Architecture@mirrormont.org](mailto:Architecture@mirrormont.org) with your inquiries.

**Improvement ideas for Park**

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- ◆ **The "Discovery Area"** sand box and log frames are in need of replacement and a new plan within passive use restrictions. We need some ideas and help from parents of youngsters and grandparents.
- ◆ **The dirt trails** along Mirrormont Place have been used by mountain bikers practicing their skills. Our youth have used this area at the foot of our tallest trees for the last 30 years, staying on the trails, respecting the plants and trees, and enjoying the banks and bumps.
- ◆ **Meadow uses:** A flat acre of grass for everyone to play on, dawn to dusk. Dog walkers and ball throwers use the meadow as a destination for their exercise. I have seen the majority of owners keep control of their dogs by voice or by leash over the last 10 years. They have also been careful to use the doggie bags and the garbage cans provided. Would anyone like to be involved in a dog obedience class or a dog show? If anyone would like to use the meadow for neighborhood kids games/classes, organized laser tag, paint ball or any gun games they need to get permission from the Park Committee. No guns, explosives, or fireworks are allowed.

Let's get using our park soon — maybe for the biggest snowball ever if we are lucky enough to get snow! And come join us on Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for Park Spring Clean-up Day.

**Meet the Nominee:  
MCA VP Architecture**



**JUNE SCHUCK**

My husband and I and two girls have lived in Mirrormont for over 22 years and really enjoy the unique lifestyle it offers. We are past members of Mirrormont Country Club and currently gardening at the Pea Patch.

Since 2013, I have been on the MCA Board, serving as a VP of Architecture. I have spent the last 13 years working as a realtor with John L. Scott, specializing in Residential Real Estate in Seattle and the Eastside. In addition to cooking and photography, I love to hike and kayak.

My favorite trekking tour was in Patagonia and I would like go back someday.

**Nextdoor a hit**

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turned in about 30 minutes because of great neighbors using Nextdoor."

To join Nextdoor, simply go to <https://nextdoor.com/>, provide your email address, street address, and zip code. Then click Get Started. You will automatically be directed to the Mirrormont neighborhood site. If you have been invited by a neighbor through email, accept the invitation.

# Involve yourself in the betterment of Mirrormont

## From Page 2

to give a presentation of interest to your neighbors, as Matt Tighe, Chris Quinn and Lee Marsh did.

I commend Sheldon Esteb for taking the initiative to start Nextdoor Mirrormont. Independent of the MCA, it provides easy

communication between everyone in our community, and does things our website cannot. But don't forget to check [www.mirrormont.org](http://www.mirrormont.org) periodically for information on events and aspects of our community. It's the go-to place for MCA membership

and benefits, Covenants, Mirrormont history, Mirrormont Park and Pea Patch, contact information for services and the MCA Board, forest practices, safety, and maps of Mirrormont.

Please, take the initiative and become involved with your community as Shel-

don did. Thanks go to all those who volunteer their valuable time to organize and host our Mirrormont events and support MCA-sponsored services such as the Spring Clean-up.

It takes all of us to make Mirrormont an even better place to live!

# Boyntons find Pacific Crest Trail exploration to their liking

## From Page 1

at Kaleidoscope School of Music in Issaquah (guitar for Philip and clarinet for Lisa).

*What are some of your favorite spots in the local area?*

We are thrilled that we have a huge trail system right in our backyard up on Tiger Mountain. In Spring and Summer, we often walk right out our front door and head to the trailhead off Tiger Mtn. Rd. We like to hike up the Middle Tiger Trail to the Middle Peak of Tiger Mountain with a return loop hike on the Hobart-Middle Tiger RR Grade trail. Lisa recently did a solo hike from High Point off I-90, to our house via Poo Poo Point! Our goal is to hike or bike all the trails on Tiger Mountain.

The other trails we enjoy are off I-90/Snoqualmie Pass in the Common-

wealth and Gold Creek areas. We seem to find ourselves on these trails in all conditions – in our shorts in the sunshine, or with snowshoes in the winter.

*You recently did a section of the Pacific Crest Trail. What activity did you do and what part of the trail?*

We have been exploring

lot, across the ski slopes and into the woods to Lodge Lake where we had a picnic lunch.

*We've had a request to ask, are there sections of the PCT that are an easy hike?*

Our recommendations for a summer hike, or a short snowshoe hike, would be the section that is on the north side of I-90,

with friends. One favorite spot is a level hike around Gold Creek Pond. We wear headlamps to see our way and bring snacks and our camp stove to make hot drinks. This is a fun hike that is great for relaxing after a long day at the office.

We are in the process of planning a four to five day hike on the PCT this summer. We're gathering up a few friends and family and will all hike from Snoqualmie along the PCT, then it is onto the trail that leads to Cooper Lake right outside of Salmon la Sac Campground north of Roslyn.

*Lastly, what would be your ultimate hike?*

Lisa's ultimate hike would be the entire Pacific Crest Trail — Mexico to Canada. Philip doesn't really have an ultimate hike but would really like to meet up with Bigfoot on one of his hikes!

**Philip doesn't really have an ultimate hike but would really like to meet up with Bigfoot on one of his hikes!**

small sections of the PCT over the last couple of months, focusing on the areas near I-90. We recently hiked the portion of the PCT that crosses the ski runs at The Summit at Snoqualmie. Since there was very little snow, we walked from the parking

across from the West Summit ski area at Snoqualmie. This is a beautiful walk through the woods with views of Guye Peak.

*What exciting adventures do you have planned for the future?*

This winter we are planning night snowshoe hikes

# Opportunities open to help with Mirrormont social events

Over the past 20-some years Mirrormont residents have opened their gardens to us — from formal gardens to shade, native, medicinal, artsy, perennial, and vegetable gardens. It's

a fun way to get to know your neighbors and learn what's possible to grow in Mirrormont that the slugs or deer won't eat. If you're interested in helping to organize the tour or want to

share your garden with us, contact [President@mirrormont.org](mailto:President@mirrormont.org)

Would you like to organize an event so we can meet Mirrormont artists and give them an oppor-

tunity to share their talents? Are you a Mirrormont painter, musician, or other artist who want to share your talents? If you are interested, please contact [President@mirrormont.org](mailto:President@mirrormont.org).

# Mirrormont Community Association

## Household Annual Dues Notice \$50 — Due January, 2015

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 make Mirrormont a better place? (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
- Four Creeks Liaison
- Blockwatch
- Roads Committee
- Garage Sales
- Forest Practices
- MCA Board Member at-Large

## Roads info available for residents

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**King County 24/7 Road Helpline** – 206-296-8100

**Reagan Dunn’s Office** - <http://www.kingcounty.gov/Dunn.aspx> for phone and email

Some examples of when or why to call:

**Corner visibility and view obstruction** – bushes, plants, etc.

**Debris** – e.g. the chair left by the front kiosk

**Potholes, depressions**

**Crumbling asphalt**

One thing the county advises us not to do is calling about side road snow plowing. Also, you shouldn’t do it yourself as that may result in you taking on the liability for any accidents or claims. If possible, work from home when the roads are poor.

Thanks go to Meg Wade and to the MCA Ad-hoc Roads Concern Committee for their ongoing work with the County on our roads. If you’re interested in working on a newly formed Ad-Hoc Roads Committee, contact [President@mirrormont.org](mailto:President@mirrormont.org).

A reminder, there are traffic cams that King County maintains for Issaquah-Hobart Road at both Cedar Grove and May Valley Roads. It’s on the King County – My Commute Traffic Cameras – South-end Cameras web site. When you get there you have to hunt for our cameras but they’re there. Here’s a direct link, <http://info.kingcounty.gov/transportation/kcdot/Roads/TrafficCameras/AllCameras/default.aspx?area=south>.



Mirrormont roads can be difficult to navigate in the winter when the snow falls.

**MIRRORMONT NEWS**

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**2015 Mirrmont Community Association Events Calendar**

<i>Annual Meeting</i>	<i>Thursday, January 29</i>	<i>7 p.m.</i>
<i>Park Work Party</i>	<i>Saturday, March 28</i>	<i>9 - 1 p.m.</i>
<i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>	<i>Saturday, April 4</i>	<i>10 - 11 a.m.</i>
<i>Spring Clean-up/Adopt-a-Road</i>	<i>Saturday, May 16</i>	<i>(tentative)</i>
<i>Pea Patch Plant Sale</i>	<i>Saturday, May 16</i>	<i>(tentative)</i>
<i>Garage Sales</i>	<i>Friday, June 5 &amp; Saturday, June 6</i>	<i>9 - 4 p.m. 9 - 2 p.m.</i>
<i>MCA-MCC Picnic</i>	<i>Saturday, July 11</i>	<i>12 - 4 p.m.</i>
<i>Halloween for middle-schoolers</i>	<i>Friday, October 23,</i>	<i>7- 10 p.m.</i>
<i>Halloween for ages 0- 4<sup>th</sup> grade</i>	<i>Saturday, October 24</i>	<i>3 - 5 p.m.</i>
<i>Holiday Party/Adult Social</i>	<i>Friday, December 11</i>	<i>7- 11 p.m.</i>

For details, go to [www.mirrmont.org](http://www.mirrmont.org)