

Mirrormont News

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Your Dues Being Used

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En Garde in Mirrormont!

By Lynnette Eastlake

A little research shows that sword fighting has been around at least since 1100 BC (carvings depict fencers in a temple near Luxor). Fencing moved from military training to a sport around the 14th or 15th century (both Italy and Germany lay claim to its origins). Fencing was included for the first time in the 1896 Olympic games in Athens. Today, women and men compete using three types of weapons: the foil, the epee and the sabre (if you do crossword puzzles, you'll know that the word 'epee' is a frequent answer to a clue). The sabre is for thrusting and cutting with both the cutting



Mirrormont resident Mark Lundborg captured gold at the 2019 Veteran World Fencing Championships held in Cairo, Egypt.

edge and the back of the blade, unlike the other two weapons where you score using the point of the blade.

So maybe you knew some of that...but have you heard that we have our **very own** fencing champion right here in Mirrormont?

If you missed the front page news of the *Issaquah Reporter*, you missed a great article on **Mark Lundborg** – local resident who won Gold in the men's individual sabre at the 2019 Veteran Fencing

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Celebration! Mirrormont Park turns 15

By Mary Nelson



In 2005, King County Parks broke ground on a new community park in the Mirrormont neighborhood. It was the first park established in a partnership between King County and a community. Fifteen years later, it's an asset to the neighborhood, a place for picnics, peaceful walks with or without furry friends, education from the native plant signs throughout the park, and a huge field for fun and imagination for the kids. Every day people enjoy the park in ones and twos, but we would like to bring the whole neighborhood together for a special day.

If you're an "old timer" in Mirrormont you'll no doubt remember when our King County Park was a baseball diamond/soccer field called Elder

Field. Or maybe your memories are of an overgrown blackberry patch—fun—but maybe a little scary to take the kids on an adventure through. It's hard to believe that it's been fifteen years since the groundbreaking for our park as we know it today. The MCA Board decided that fifteen years is a great reason to have a party! **July 19, 2020** will be the day of the celebration, exactly 15 years from the groundbreaking. It then took another four years of work by volunteers—for permitting, stump removal, grading, planting of the meadow, creating trails, planting native plants—before the Grand Opening Community Picnic in the Park in 2008. See <https://mirrormont.org/park-history/>

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MCA Board Candidates

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Profiles and photos of incumbents at www.mirrormont.org.

Please consider volunteering for one of the open positions. Contact president@mirrormont.org.



Help Requested for Pair of MCA Board Positions

Safety/Community Preparedness

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.

The MCA is seeking a **Safety Director** to lead residents in preparing for emergencies, including planning CPR trainings for residents, evangelizing the Map Your

Neighborhood program, and becoming a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) – not required but highly encouraged.

This role will help residents understand the key steps to follow after a disaster so that we're all prepared for what may happen in the weeks or months after a major incident. Given our remote location in Mirrormont, we may be on our own for a week or longer — it's recommended that we stock 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! This role will also help build community even if we don't have an emergency, so it's never a wasted effort.

Contact president@mirrormont.org if you are interested.

The previous Safety Director will be happy to bring you up to speed on how this role can make a real impact in our community!



VP Park

In 2005 the Mirrormont Park became a reality on an 11-acre site owned by King County thanks to local volunteers and the MCA. Mirrormont residents have been dedicated ever since to the preservation of this important open space which contains a meadow for recreation

and trails perfect for reflective walks. The MCA is seeking a new Mirrormont Park VP for 2020. The Mirrormont Park VP, elected each January at the MCA Annual Meeting, chairs the Park Committee and acts as liaison between King County Parks and the MCA. Specifically, this role leads the development of park plans in

the King County agreement, heads a committee that organizes work parties to keep up the park, and coordinates park maintenance with King County. We estimate an average of 2 hours per week for this role.

If interested, please contact president@mirrormont.org.



Pay Your Annual MCA Dues!

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Missions Accomplished During Mirrormont Year

By Amin Kees

Another year has passed...and 2019 flew by! We had another busy year for the MCA and your membership dues/volunteer support helped to accomplish key activities that make our community a great place to live.

I think the beginning of 2019 will be remembered by all as SNOPOCALYPSE! **February** was uncommonly cold. It was heartening seeing neighbors help each other in times of need with icy roads in abundance and multiple limbs and trees down in yards. Later in the month brought merrier times with a Wine and Paint night event where everyone captured a beautiful forest painting. We have some amazing artists in Mirrormont! We were lucky to get the MCC clubhouse plowed before the event (thank you Mary Nelson and Lisa Lux).

In **March** Issaquah Mayor Mary Lou Pauly spoke at our Speaker series. It was a good talk with information on condo growth, traffic issues and roads.

May is always a **busy** month for the MCA with lots of planning for our annual Spring

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Mitra Mohandessi and Amin Kees take a quick break from working one of the goodies tables at the annual Bake Sale held in conjunction with the Spring Clean-up. One of the more popular Mirrormont events held, Spring Clean-up has expanded through the years to multiple events.

Annual Meeting

Of the Mirrormont Community Association

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 — 7:00 PM — Happy Hour starts at 6:30 PM!

At the MCC Clubhouse, 25500 Mirrormont Drive

Come learn what your MCA Board, local neighbors and volunteers accomplished in 2019 to make Mirrormont an even better place to live. We'll also review plans for 2020. We hope you'll contribute your ideas and vote for your 2020 MCA Board.

Special Presentation: John Taylor, Department of Local Services

In January 2019, John Taylor became the first director of the Department of Local Services whose mission is to improve the coordination and delivery of services in unincorporated areas of King County. The Department of Local Services consists of a Permitting Division for development permit review, code enforcement, and subarea planning; a Road Services Division responsible for 1,500 miles of roads and 182 bridges; and the Community Service Areas program.



John Taylor

John is excited to come back to talk to us about department updates and answer your questions about on-going projects.

All Mirrormont residents are welcome and refreshments will be served!





A Special Person

Maryfrances Lignana Keystone is remembered for friendships and activities throughout Mirrormont

By Loretta Jancoski

April 4, 2019, was a sad day. Maryfrances Lignana Keystone, one of our most beloved Mirrormont friends, died that day. Neighborhoods like Mirrormont are rarely home to someone so wise, so interesting, so talented, so involved, so loved. We thought we knew her but as time passes we learn that we hadn't even scratched the surface of her personality and character.

We knew Maryfrances as the PeaPatcher whose love for gardening showed in three raised beds of her own as well as in the tending of several others if she saw a need. But did you know she had that many raised beds at home as well? We knew her as a conversationalist able and willing to talk with or comfort anyone. But did you know that she was an introvert who needed time alone, who could devour a mystery novel in one day, and yet spend six months trying to fathom a single book like Thomas Berry's *Dream of the Earth*?

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Maryfrances Lignana Keystone's knowledge and interests ran far and wide. Mirrormont was the center of much of her attention. Involvement in the neighborhood ranged from the Pea Patch to starting the Plant Sale to the Park Committee. When the Mirrormont Newsletter started up again, there was Maryfrances. She sold ads so it could be printed, wrote stories, convinced others to contribute, and shared ideas at meetings. When it was all done, she was the first to smile and say, "Well Done."

Fencing Champion Will Chase More Titles in Sport He Loves

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World Championship in Cairo, Egypt. While he's won several national medals, this was his first World Championship win. Mark is the CFO of Issaquah's Washington Fencing Academy (WFA) and he, along with two other WFA members, represented the USA in Cairo.

Mark has lived in the Issaquah area for more than 20 years but moved to Mirrormont in 2018. He lives with his partner Julie Hvitfeldtsen and both joined the MCA in that same year. We have them both to thank for spearheading (no pun intended) the Parks Committee in 2019.

Mark started fencing when he was 22 years old because, well... it's sword fighting! One of his favorite memories is watching his son get his first win in an elimination match at the National Championships in 2009. He says he really didn't expect to win the Championship but was "in the zone" that day! Those are great days to have!

Mark says he's going to keep at the sport – he loves it and wants to see if there's another win in his future. He also really enjoys seeing kids take up the sport. He says it's great for all ages and you get to travel, stay fit and have a great time! There is a free intro lesson offered by Washington Fencing Academy if you're interested.

Congratulations Mark!

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Ten-year Challenge: Mirrormont Pea Patch Sees Growth

By Linda Shepherd

By 2008, I'd lived in Mirrormont for 20 years and felt like a failure as a farmer. Finally, I accepted that my property didn't have enough sun. I needed to look elsewhere. So, I put out a call in the *Mirrormont News* for similarly frustrated farmers. We met and planned.

Before we could put our first seed into the ground, we had to find a sunny location, secure a \$10,000 grant from King County Community Partnerships and Grants, clear and level the land, install a French drain, deer fence, and rodent fencing, build raised beds and an irrigation system, and assemble the 1100-lb shed that arrived on a pallet!

In 2009, the Mirrormont Country Club kindly agreed to lease the 6,800-ft plot behind the tennis courts to us for \$1/year. It was a thorny tangle of Himalayan blackberries trellised by alders. We considered hiring gluttonous goats to chow down on the thorny monsters, but the herd was expensive.

So, on a drizzly April 11th in 2009, some of the 14 valiant founding gardeners and our supporters tackled the blackberries with leather gloves, loppers, pick-axes, and shovels—our first “ground-breaking” event! While dreaming of growing Cosmic Purple Carrots, we felt like pioneers clearing the land. It took weekly work parties over the next year before we could plant those carrot seeds. See <https://mirrormont.org/pea-patch-photo-history/> for a photo history of our Pea Patch.

2020 marks the 10th anniversary of that first growing season. Of the 22 original families who gardened at Mirrormont Pea Patch in 2010, only Yvette Cardozo, Peggy Moe, Jan & Rick Quandt, and I remain doing so. However, we now have 26 families



Where it all began. The Mirrormont Pea Patch space as it looked at the start.

growing organic vegetables and flowers there. And in the spirit of a growing community, we have four to six pot-lucks each year to share our food, learn from each other's successes and failures, and coordinate garden projects.

After one of our founding PeaPatchers died, we dedicated her 8'x 16' plot to growing fresh organic food for Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank. Organized first by Janet Horton, then by Carol Homanics, this program is now managed by Amin Kees—always with much help from a team of PeaPatchers. Over the past seven years, gardeners have donated 3,304 pounds of food from this dedicated plot along with veggies from their own raised beds!

The Pea Patch is a self-sustaining program of the MCA. Dues of \$25/year for a 4'x 8' plot cover water usage. Projects and materials are funded by our annual plant sale and the garden is maintained by an annual commitment of gardeners of at least 8-hours toward common projects. Gardeners must be MCA members to be eligible.

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Pea Patch Is Something Big These Days

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Please visit the Pea Patch to enjoy the peace of the garden, the beauty of vegetables and to learn what is possible to grow in Mirrormont — and *please close the gate immediately!* Rabbits lurk outside awaiting entry to the ultimate bunny buffet. Rabbit rodeos aren't as much fun as they used to be. Also, please don't nibble on what the gardeners have been eagerly anticipating as the perfect moment to harvest—that shimmering red strawberry or Sungold tomato at peak taste.

Over the past ten years, 64 families have gardened at our Mirrormont Pea Patch. Each year, everyone on the waiting list has received a plot.



Ten years later, the Mirrormont Pea Patch has blossomed into something big! If you'd like to join us, read the garden rules at <https://mirrormont.org/pea-patch/pea-patch-garden-rules/>, then contact Linda Shepherd at peapatch@mirrormont.org to get on the waiting list.

Good Neighbors Hide Fences

Best approaches to fence design in Mirrormont



By Arch. Review Committee

There is an old adage, referenced by the poet Robert Frost, that "*good fences make good neighbors.*" But in Mirrormont, the spirit of our architectural covenants calls for the preservation of the natural wooded landscape. Many people move here for the scenic environment in what some consider to be a neighborhood representing the epitome of the typical nature-loving Pacific Northwest. The intention behind the covenants is to keep the street views feeling like you are within the forest. So when considering adding a fence, think about the design with a slight twist on the adage - *hidden fences make good*

neighbors.

If you're looking to keep your pets contained within your yard, one option is a wireless electric fence. These are quick to install and can be set at the perimeter of your property. Once pets are trained (and training is required) the fence is truly invisible.

If you're concerned about keeping pets contained, and keeping wildlife out, look for options for

black metal fencing. Metal is durable, and the color black is part of the spectrum of the colors of the forest. Shade and shadow bring forward the

green of plants and trees. The same is true of a black fence: with natural screening planted

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Heather and Adam Bradley created a waterfall and pond on the secret hillside garden behind their house. Heather fearlessly experiments with unusual plant species and whimsical garden art.

Garden Tour Offers Inspiration

By Martha Pinsky

A good time was had by all who participated in the Mirrormont Garden Tour on July 27th. About 30 neighbors and friends toured the gardens. A big round of thanks goes to the gardeners who generously agreed to be on the tour: Sara Kimmett and Al Fudge, Brenda and Brian Shea, Robin and Chuck Bien, Heather and Adam Bradley, Bruce Konigsberg, and Martha and Adam Pinsky.

The tour first began at the Mirrormont Pea Patch where Linda Shepherd showed folks around and answered questions about our wonderful community garden. Carpools then formed and we made our way to six gardens, each with its own unique style and design. From professionally landscaped to whimsical to beauty in simplicity, the gardens offered many ideas and solutions for gardening in our wooded and distinctive Mirrormont neighborhood. The tour culminated with a reception at the home of Adam and Martha Pinsky.

Consider opening your garden (it doesn't have to be fancy or pristine!) for the next tour and share your inspiration and the fruits of your labors with your neighbors! And if you need more inspiration, you can *purchase Walk on the Wild Side: Native Plants of Mirrormont Park* from our website (in the merchandise area).



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 for pickup.

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Bring Native Color to Your Beautiful Yard

By Linda Shepherd

A superb landscape plant, red-flowering currant is considered a specimen plant throughout North America and Europe. Look for it at Mirrormont Park in the berm at the north end of the meadow.

At the bleak end of winter, its flurry of pink-red blossoms act like horticultural Prozac, assuring us that spring is nearly here. Hummingbirds depend on these early profuse flowers for nectar.

When David Douglas, the mercurial and dauntless Pacific Northwest plant explorer (think Douglas fir), sent seeds of red-flowering currant to London in 1825, the plant became all the rage.

The Royal Horticultural Society recouped its investment in Douglas's 3-year expedition from this plant introduction alone.

It remains one of the most popular flowering shrubs in England.



Washington Native Plant Society

Red-Flowering Currant *Ribes sanguineum*

Supported by a generous grant from the Central Puget Sound Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society.

Deciduous



Pink-red flowers hang in clusters.



Berries have fine hairs, and are blue-black with a white powder.

A deciduous shrub that grows 3'-10' tall.



PNW Native Plant
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Leaves have five lobes and toothed edges.



Smooth to hairy stems are reddish brown.



Leaves turn color in fall.

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Tree

Shrub

Ground cover

Forbs/Grass

Forest

Prairie Meadow

Wetland Riparian

Plant identification cards from Washington Native Plant Society's Starflower Foundation collection are used with their permission in *Walk on the Wild Side: Native Plants of Mirromont Park*.

Surprising Uses Abound for Stinging Nettles

Competitors at the Stinging Nettle Championship in the UK vie to eat the most raw leaves in an hour. Called "Indian spinach," the nutritious young leaves are 40% protein by dry weight and high in plant-digestible iron.

Boiled leaves can be substituted for spinach in recipes; fibers in the stem were used to make twine for snares, nets and fishing lines. People have whipped their bare skin with nettles to bring relief from rheumatic pains.

Fences: Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

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on either side, the black metal will recede into the background, effectively becoming invisible.

The covenants suggest that fencing be considered an extension of your home and hidden from the immediate street view. Picture the fence design as an extension of the building, part of the home architecture. At most, it should travel from the house to the back of the lot, respecting property setbacks.

If you've moved into a home that has an existing fence, think about the fence's appearance with these concepts in mind. Taking down an old fence that is visible from the street will help us restore and retain the unique character of Mirrormont.

The Mirrormont Architectural Committee reviews fence layouts and materials for compliance with the covenants.

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Year in Review: Mirrormont a Busy Place

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Clean-up. Wendy Apitow was again amazing in planning this large event. We kicked it off with a two-day garage sale led by Sheldon Esteb and Michelle Naglee, helping to alleviate what went into the landfill. For the Clean-Up, some changes were made to make the traffic flow easier, which proved to be highly successful!

Here are the numbers for spring Clean-up:

- 122 families used the service (compared to 128 last year)
- 9.85 tons of junk sent to the landfill
- Goodwill came with a 17-ft truck for usable items (better to re-use than throw away!)
- Electronic recycling: 1735 pounds
- Metal recycling: Over 4 truckloads of scrap metal
- Shredding: 1000 pounds of paper were shredded!
- Liberty Choir textile drive was included and they happily filled up their truck.

On the same day as the Spring Clean-up, the Mirrormont Pea Patch held their annual plant sale and bake sale. Organic vegetable starts, herbs, native plants, and horticultural varieties of perennials were sold, as well as some delicious baked goods and crafts from our fellow PeaPatchers. All proceeds went to the Pea Patch for projects and garden maintenance.

June was another busy month for our neighborhood. We started with a fun wine-tasting event with our very own local winery, Twin Cedars on Tiger Mountain Road. Everyone enjoyed tasting their wines, making new friends, and talking with their neighbors. We then had a very informative talk on Neighborhood Safety with our Crime prevention officer and local Sheriff for our neighborhood. They gave us great ideas to keep our neighborhood safer.

Martha Pinsky and Linda Shepherd organized a garden tour in **July**. We saw beautiful fern gardens, fanciful horticultural gardens, and got amazing ideas for beautifying Mirrormont gardens.

The MCA-MCC picnic in **August** was planned with the help of Lynnette Eastlake, Wendy Antipow and Michelle Steffin. We had kids enjoying the Mirrormont Country Club pool and

games, a great cookout, an appetizer and dessert contest, a bit of a Hawaiian theme and an 1980s playlist!

Wayne Elson and Lisa Lux managed our Chipper Days in **October**, our 2nd biggest event in the neighborhood. Participating houses had to pay \$20 for the event, which covered chipping of a 4-ft x 8-ft pile of branches. We are considered a Firewise Community and must have a yearly event to continue this status as well as devote at least \$2 per capita to local Firewise actions, which can include time we spent pruning, removing debris and cleaning our roof. This year, before our Chipper Days, we had Matt Axe come talk to us about how to prepare your property for Firewise safety. He assesses houses and gives ideas on how to keep your house safer in the event of a fire. We will be planning a Firewise Neighborhood Tour in the Spring in an effort to help people see what a Firewise safe yard looks like.

Mary Nelson continued to help with our social events for the children in our neighborhood, including the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Halloween party. She is hoping to have new volunteers take over for her soon!

In **November** we had another fun wine party! This time we got to paint holiday wine glasses. Once again, I am amazed (but not surprised), by the artists in our community!



Heading into **December**, Mary got some great volunteers again for the Holiday Social who decorated the MCC clubhouse beautifully! Keigh Flack once again organized the Shoeboxes of Joy event and volunteers filled 126 boxes to be distributed to low income, and isolated elderly and disabled adults in King County.

Connie Harris and Jane Ulrich welcomed 42 **new homeowners** with Welcome Bags containing information about Mirrormont and the Issaquah area, maps, MCA newsletters, Mirrormont decals, license plate holders and dish towels. Lisa Lux reported that MCA membership reached 293 in 2019. **MCA Membership** is critical to providing neighborhood services. Last year MCA dues paid for Stempson's Solstice Landscaping to maintain our front entrance, fund Welcome Bags, the Spring Clean-up, Chipper Days, the Speaker Program, and socials such as the Halloween Party, the Easter Egg Hunt, and the Adult Holiday Social. Further, the Architectural Review Committee, led by Rachel Wright and Kevin Price, advised homeowners on compliance with Mirrormont covenants and reminded community members with boats and RVs that "After you Play, Put it Away".

We are already planning for activities next year! Remember that all of our events in the neighborhood rely on our wonderful volunteers! To keep all these activities going, we need the help of all our neighbors. Please help to keep our programs and events successful! Contact president@mirrormont.org if you can help volunteer even 1 hour of your time!

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Wide Knowledge, Interests; Maryfrances Was Special

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We witnessed her taking over the Park Committee when Meg Wade needed time off and helping to organize whatever needed organizing. She just called a meeting and the organizing happened. But did you know that she had a master's degree in library science and neatly organized her clothes and dishes, and labeled piles of birthday cards years ahead of time with each person's name on just the right card? Besides that, she knew all the Latin names of plants and sought out technical books about such things as soil and microbes.

You could not have missed the fact that she started and organized the yearly Pea Patch plant sales to the point where she said, "Here are the notes; it can pretty much run itself." The year before she became ill, she agreed to be a precinct Captain for one of the three Mirrormont precincts; she canvassed for political women and men who shared her values,

donated to political causes, and made phone calls. If you talked to her for any length of time, you could not ignore the fact that she had limitless curiosity. But did you know that her curiosity extended to opera and eco-spirituality and world travel? At age 67 she flew to Nepal and climbed to the base camp with Sherpas on their way to the top of Mount Everest. She delighted in trips to Italy, Portugal and Paris. And, of course, she arranged for her stepdaughters and grandchildren to go with her husband Robb to Paris when she was too sick and dying to go herself.

Many of you know that Maryfrances and I were best friends. We were. She and I did all the things best friends do together: like confide our secrets, complain, listen to music, attend lectures, serve on the same not-for-profit Boards, and pursue sources of spiritual growth. But the truth is

she had at least half a dozen best friends who did the same things with her. Each, however, also brought something unique that the others did not share. She had her travel friends, her opera friends, nature-loving friends and animal rights friends. But most importantly she had her best friend and husband Robb. It was Maryfrances who helped Robb re-establish his now loving and comforting relationships with his two daughters and grandchildren. In fact, bringing people together, healing hurting relationships, and humbly sharing the wisdom that was integral to who she was—these are her crowning gifts to all of us.



Linda Shepherd talks with a potential customer about sun chokes during the annually Pea Patch Plant Sale held in May. Organic vegetable starts, herbs, native plants, and horticultural varieties of perennials were sold, as well as some delicious baked goods and crafts from our fellow Pea Patchers.

Pay your Annual MCA Dues!

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AFTER YOU PLAY PUT IT AWAY

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Socials

- ☐ Easter Egg Hunt
- ☐ Halloween Parties
- ☐ Adult Holiday Social
- ☐ Mirrormont Park Party
- ☐ Speaker Program
- ☐ Tour of Homes
- ☐ Tour of Gardens
- ☐ Welcome Committee

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Park Success to Bring Community Together for Celebration

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for more on the history of Mirrormont Park.

The MCA submitted a King County Community Service Area (CSA) grant in November seeking funds to host a celebration in our park. King County will award grants in March. We have asked for funds to help us host a big celebration with fun for all ages. We would like to celebrate the on-going success of the park and also bring the community together for a special day. The amount awarded will impact the activities we can host, but we hope to potentially include live music, a barbeque (catered by a local restaurant), fun activities with possibly a petting zoo, bouncy house and face-painting for the kids, and native plant walks.



We hope the celebration will engage the local residents in a fun community event and we hope to increase community spirit and goodwill by inviting the 600-plus households in Mirrormont. Residents may meet new neighbors! We will have educational material available for native plant walks in the park, with a focus on the benefits of native plants in landscapes, and information on our Firewise Community status to encourage more households to protect their property from wildfires.

Hopefully, this anniversary celebration will spark interest in continuing (on a smaller basis) a community-wide park picnic as an annual event. We want to promote community participation in park work parties, and inspire residents to use native plants in their landscaping. We also want to celebrate all of the wonderful volunteers who have devoted their time and energy to maintaining and beautifying our park — at work parties and on their own.

Over the past five years, work parties have included an on-going restoration project to remove invasive plants: English ivy (95% complete), Himalayan blackberries (75% complete), English holly (75% complete), yellow archangel (most big patches removed once; eternal vigilance required!), creeping yellow buttercup (daunting; just starting), and bindweed (even more daunting and on the upswing). The most recent work party in October drew seventeen dedicated Mirrormont residents who focused on removal of Himalayan blackberries. Those areas are being replanted with a diversity of native plants.

We would love your help and input for the celebration. If you would like to join the planning committee, we will begin meeting in March. Send your name and contact info to treasurer@mirrormont.org.

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2020 Mirrormont Community Association Calendar

Tuesday, January 28	Annual MCA Meeting	7 PM*
Friday, February 28	Wine Social (Host Kelli Batali)	7 PM
Sunday, March 22	Mirrormont Park Work Party	10 to 2 PM
Sunday, April 5	Ooh La La Gardening Talk with Ciscoe Morris	1 PM
Saturday, April 11	Easter Egg Hunt	10 to 2 PM
Friday, May 8	Garage Sales	9 to 4 PM
Saturday, May 9	Garage Sales	9 to 2 PM
Saturday, May 16	Spring Clean-up/ Adopt-a-Road	9 to 2 PM
Saturday, May 16	Pea Patch Plant Sale	9 to 2 PM
Sunday, July 12	Mirrormont Park Work Party	10 to 2 PM
Sunday, July 19	Mirrormont Park 15 Year Party	2 to 6 PM
Sunday, September 27	Tour of Homes	1 to 4 PM
TBD, October	Mirrormont Park Work Party	TBD
Saturday, October 24	Halloween Party	10 to 12 PM
TBD, October	Chipper Days	TBD
TBD, November	Shoeboxes of Joy	TBD
Friday, December 4	Holiday Party/Adult Social	7 to 11 PM

*Join us before the MCA and Speaker Programs 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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