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City Manager Message

This has been a busy year. Our focus continues to be stewarding the resources for which the City is responsible while providing outstanding service.

One example of this is our work in public safety. We want to ensure we are providing quality services while maintaining fiscal responsibility. To achieve this, we have contracted with the Center for Public Safety Management to provide a comprehensive analysis of both our police and fire services, and to make recommendations about best practices we should implement, levels of staffing, and ways to improve the organizational structure and culture. These studies will help us with our decision making as we look beyond this biennium, and will ensure we are achieving operational

excellence while providing quality public safety services.

Another large project we are undertaking this fall is updating the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The City is 34 years old. We are now at the point where infrastructure improvements are becoming a regular occurrence. This includes storm water pipes, sidewalks, roadways, refreshing our parks and more. We wish we could fix everything the instant an issue arises. Indeed, our Public Works staff has gone above and beyond in providing responsive customer service. But often there are large-scale projects that require capital outlay.

As we plan carefully for the next year, the next five to 10 years, and beyond, we must be very deliberate in prioritizing and funding such projects. In September, we will begin the intense and wide-reaching work of developing the next iteration of our Capital Improvement Plan. This will include broad opportunity for community input to help us identify and sequence the work.

Other long-term work entails collaboration with community partners, such as Everett Public Schools.

Education is a priority in our City and we are fortunate to have tremendous schools. Mill Creek Elementary is one of six schools in the district that received a 2016 Washington Achievement Award for overall excellence and other factors. At the other end of the education spectrum, Jackson High School is crushing the performance charts with a 96.2% four-year graduation rate. This far surpasses the County's rate of 74.8%, and the state's rate of 79.1%.

We will continue to work closely with Everett Public Schools to ensure the needs of our community are met. Some examples of this include partnering on an approach to strengthening early learning, developing internship opportunities for high school students to provide hands-on experience in fields that they are interested in pursuing to help affirm career choices, and continuing to work together on recreational opportunities that reinforce the City's goals on active lifestyles.

We are strongest when we work together. We hope you will join us in strengthening our City.

See you around the City!
Rebecca

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Crime Prevention Starts With You

While in many areas, the City's crime rate has actually decreased, the Mill Creek community is seeing an increase in vehicle prowls. This is due in large part to the proliferation of the heroin epidemic; burglaries for such purposes (as admitted by those arrested) increased 23 percent year-over-year in 2016.

Prevention and reduction of this type of criminal activity take a coordinated effort by both the community and the Mill Creek Police Department.

Mill Creek officers proactively patrol the neighborhoods and business areas, maintaining a vigilant presence to deter and/or intervene in these types of property crimes. When they have the chance to make an

arrest or a case, officers pursue the investigation to its full extent, looking for indications of serial thieves targeting multiple victims. But the best way to guard against such activity is for individuals to use preventative behaviors.

"A thief can open your vehicle and go through your belongings in 15 seconds," says Mill Creek Police Sergeant Bobby Phillips. "However, generally the cases we see involve theft from cars that were not locked."

Basic precautions can prevent such incidents. "Lock the doors to your vehicles and don't leave anything of value in plain sight," he notes. "Also, report suspicious activity; if it doesn't look or feel right, it likely isn't."



Passport Service Hours Expanded

The City of Mill Creek has expanded its passport service hours to provide more convenience to customers. Service hours are now Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. No appointments are required; applicants are served on a first-come basis.



One-stop passport service is available, including photos and passport application processing. Services are also available in Spanish.

The Federally regulated passport fees are \$110 for an adult 10-year passport for those 16 years of age and older, or \$80 for a five-year passport for those under age 16. There also is a \$25 processing fee. Photos cost \$16 and are guaranteed to meet passport requirements. Expedited processing is available.

Another option for people traveling to Canada or Mexico via land or boat is a passport card, which costs \$30 for adults and \$15 for kids, plus the \$25 processing fee.

Get additional passport information online: www.cityofmillcreek.com/passports.

Pedestrian and Crosswalk Safety

With summer underway and fall just around the corner, there continues to be high pedestrian traffic in and around Mill Creek roadways. The Mill Creek Traffic Safety Unit would like to remind drivers to not only watch for children close to roadways, but also for pedestrians using crosswalks within the City. Some of our crosswalks have bright orange flags while others have flashing lights, warning drivers of a pedestrian wanting to cross the road.

Under Washington State law (<https://app.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=46.61.235>) a driver shall stop and remain stopped to allow the pedestrian to cross the roadway safely. Too many times, Mill Creek Police observe vehicles that stop, but then creep forward while the pedestrian is crossing. This is illegal.

When a driver is attempting to make a turn onto a roadway, the turning vehicle must yield to pedestrians in the crosswalk. The driver must wait for the pedestrian

By Officer Chris White



to cross out of the lane(s) of travel before proceeding.

Pedestrians must not suddenly step off of the curb in front of vehicles; they must allow sufficient time for the vehicle to slow and come to a stop.



City of Mill Creek Designates Purple Heart Parking for Combat-Wounded Veterans

Combat-wounded veterans will have an easier time parking at the City of Mill Creek. Two combat-wounded parking spots designated at City Hall were unveiled in May.

The designated parking stalls are identified with purple signs and purple lines, and sit next to the disabled parking spots in front of each building at the municipal campus. Purple Heart recipients and other combat-wounded military personnel are eligible to use the parking stalls.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration.

"Councilmember Vince Cavaleri approached me with the idea of designating certain parking spaces around the City for combat-wounded veterans, and we whole-heartedly embraced the idea," said City Manager Rebecca Polizzotto. "It is our honor to show these members of the military some gesture of appreciation."



Councilmember Vince Cavaleri

The City hopes that other businesses will now follow suit in recognizing the commitment and sacrifice of combat-wounded veterans in their private parking lots.

Wounded Warriors Family Support, an organization that provides support to the families of those who have been wounded, will provide combat-wounded parking signs free of charge to businesses as a way of honoring and recognizing these veterans. Business can apply online at www.wwfs.org/mobility-is-freedom/combat-wounded-parking-signs.

City Seeks Parade Entrants for Veterans Day

The annual Veterans Day Parade will take place Saturday, November 11, at 11 a.m. to honor those who have served or still are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The City of Mill Creek is seeking entrants for the nearly half-mile parade through Mill Creek Town Center. Military support organizations, musical ensembles or entertainment acts, youth and civic groups, and businesses supporting veterans are invited to participate. Parade participants are encouraged to promote this year's theme: "Better Together."

Applications must be received by Friday, Oct. 13, 2017. There is no fee for participation. Apply online at www.cityofmillcreek.com/veteransday.



VETERANS DAY

November 11, 2017

Please join us at the following two events to celebrate veterans and active service members in our community.

- ★ 9:00 a.m. Veterans Monument Gathering ★
Mill Creek Veterans Monument (15429 Bothell-Everett Hwy, Mill Creek)
- ★ 11:00 a.m. Parade on Main Street in Mill Creek ★
Between LA Fitness & City Hall North Parking Lot Heading South

Cracking the Code: Municipal Code Tips

Mill Creek's vibrancy is a direct reflection of its neighborhoods. The City is home to a number of homeowners associations throughout Mill Creek, which have specific neighborhood rules to preserve the look and feel of our beautiful city.

The City also has land use codes that promote safety and livability, and help residents maintain property values. These codes are especially important in areas without active homeowner associations because they help create and maintain our community's identity.

However, people are often unaware of the code and create situations that are unpleasant for neighbors. As a means to be responsive to current code complaints, City Manager Rebecca Polizzotto recently asked the Department of Community and Economic Development to bring a renewed focus to code enforcement with an emphasis on community education and engagement and voluntary compliance.

Following are some tips about common code violations to help residents be great public citizens.



• **Landscaping and General Property Upkeep:** Remove or trim back overgrown vegetation and dispose of all garbage and debris.

Piles of cut brush can harbor rats and other animals, which may impact the health of residents and pets. Property owners are required to adequately maintain fencing, remove noxious weeds, tow away junk vehicles, paint over or remove graffiti, and keep the structures on their property in good repair.

• **Sidewalks:** Property owners are responsible for the sidewalks and planting strips adjacent to their property. Sidewalks must be clear of vegetation, litter, ice, snow and other hazards that block the pathway or interfere with safe pedestrian use. Vegetation must be maintained so that trees, plants and shrubs do not overhang any portion of the sidewalk (7 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above the road), or do not obscure any traffic control device. Vegetation within three feet of a fire hydrant cannot be over six inches in height.



• **Vehicle Parking:** All passenger vehicles, including pickup trucks, must be parked in a paved or gravel driveway, parking space, carport or garage. No RV, boat, trailer or inoperable vehicle is allowed to be parked or stored in any front yard or front yard setback area, including the driveway. An RV may be stored in a side or rear yard if it can be fully

screened from view from any public right-of-way.

• **Large Vehicles Restricted:** Commercial vehicles may not be parked on any lot in a residential zone, including the driveway. In addition, large vehicles may not be parked on any street between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m. unless the owner notifies the Police Department in advance and obtains a permit for such parking. A vehicle parking permit may be requested in person at 15728 Main Street or by phone at 425-745-6175. Extended parking permits are limited to either four permits per month (each for a maximum of a 24-hour period) or one permit per month for a 96-hour period.

If the City is notified of a code violation, such as those listed above, it will notify the property owner and set a time period for the issue to be corrected.

"As part of our new approach, we are providing information to the property owner to help them understand the issue," said Sherrie Ringstad, Mill Creek planning specialist. "We are focusing on education first to help people understand their responsibilities."

If a property owner fails to correct a violation within the specific correction period, they will be issued a \$100 fine. If the code violation is still not corrected, a \$250 fine will be issued, with fines accruing at \$250 per day for every day the violation remains uncorrected.

"We truly prefer to resolve violations voluntarily without the need to proceed to code enforcement," said Sherrie. "Therefore, we are trying to work with property owners to abate the violation."

Information about common code complaints is online at www.cityofmillcreek.com/codeenforcement.






Walk-in &
Urgent Care

Hi neighbor, nice to meet you!

EvergreenHealth is delighted to be your trusted neighborhood health care partner with the opening of our newest Urgent Care location.

Now Open
EvergreenHealth Urgent Care
4220 132nd St. SE, Mill Creek

Urgent and walk-in care for all ages
Open 7 days a week
No appointment necessary
Online reservations and wait times

evergreenhealth.com/urgent-care



EvergreenHealth

Hospital in Kirkland - Mercer | Home Care & Hospice | 24-hour Emergency Care in Kirkland - Mercer - Bellevue | Urgent Care in Mill Creek - Bellevue - West Seattle
 Primary Care in Bothell - Canyon Park - Decell - Everett - Kirkland - Mercer - Bellevue - Sammamish - Seattle - Tukwila - West Seattle

Calendar of Events

For details, visit www.cityofmillcreek.com/events

AUGUST

- Aug. 9 Children's Concert
- Aug. 9 Town Center Concert
- Aug. 10 Art Walk
- Aug. 16 Town Center Concert
- Aug. 19 Town Center Pet Festival
- Aug. 23 Town Center Concert
- Aug. 30 Town Center Concert

SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 6 Town Center Concert
- Sept. 13 Town Center Concert
- Sept. 16 Run with Heart
- Sept. 20 Town Center Concert
- Sept. 21 Town Center Art Walk
- Sept. 27 Town Center Concert

OCTOBER

- Oct. 31 Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 11 Veterans Day Parade

DECEMBER

- Dec. 2 Tree Lighting at City Hall



Vintage Housing to Open Late Fall

Vintage Housing is now accepting wait list applications for its 216-unit apartment home complex for seniors ages 55 and older, which will open in December in the East Gateway area of Mill Creek. The complex includes one- and two-bedroom options. Amenities include spacious community rooms, a fitness center, a movie theater, a game room with a billiards table, an art and craft room, and an outdoor plaza area. In addition, a 2,400-square-foot senior center will be located on the property. A grand opening event likely will take place in January. Learn more at www.vintagehousing.com.

Capital Improvement Plan Work Begins This Fall

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Be Social!

Follow the City on social media for current City news, event details, citizen alerts and opportunities to provide feedback.



[Facebook.com/MillCreekWA](https://www.facebook.com/MillCreekWA)



[Twitter.com/MillCreekWA](https://twitter.com/MillCreekWA)



[Instagram.com/CityofMillCreek](https://www.instagram.com/CityofMillCreek)



City of Mill Creek Council*

**Elected for four-year terms. Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem selected for a two-year term.*



Pam Pruitt
Mayor
Position 3
Term expires 12/31/17



Brian Holtzclaw
Mayor Pro Tem
Position 4
Term expires 12/31/17



Sean Kelly
Position 1
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Donna Michelson
Position 2
Term expires 12/31/17



Vince Cavaleri
Position 5
Term expires 12/31/19



Mike Todd
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Important City Phone Numbers

City Hall Offices (15728 Main Street)
For Passports, Executive, Finance,
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Phone Number: 425-745-1891
Fax Number: 425-745-9650

Annex Building Offices
(15720 Main Street)
For Planning, Engineering, Building,
Parks and Recreation
Phone Number: 425-551-7254

Police Department
Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: 425-775-3000
Phone Number: 425-745-6175
Fax Number: 425-745-4680



Business Roundup

The City of Mill Creek is pleased to announce several new businesses that have recently opened.

- **ATI Physical Therapy** opened this summer at 16310 Bothell-Everett Hwy, Suite C. ATI is a nationally-recognized rehabilitation provider, specializing in research-based physical therapy, workers' compensation rehab, employer worksite solutions, sports medicine, home health, and a variety of specialty therapies. www.atipt.com

- **Brooklyn Bros. Pizzeria** is moving into Town Center at 15121 Main St. The New York-style pizza chain features pizzas baked in a stone oven to create a light, airy crust. High-quality ingredients, including fresh whole milk mozzarella cheese, San Marzano tomatoes imported from Italy, handmade sausage and fresh vegetables, ensure that each pizza has intense flavor. <http://bbpmenu.com>

- **Delizioso Wine and Gelato**, which offers wine and gelato plus espresso, beer and "small bites" such as soups, salads, and Panini sandwiches, opened in July in Town Center at 15111 Main St., #A105. www.facebook.com/DeliziosoWineGelato

- **EvergreenHealth** opened a walk-in urgent care facility on July 13 at 4220 132nd St. SE (the Gateway Building). The facility is part of an integrated two-hospital healthcare system offering a breadth of services and programs in south Snohomish and north King counties. www.evergreenhealth.com/urgent-care

- **Expedia CruiseShipCenter**, a new 1,122-square-foot travel shop, is located in Town Center at 15415 Main St., #104. The organization is a full-service travel agency offering cruise vacations, flights, hotels, tours and resort packages at Expedia prices. www.cruiseshipcenters.com/en-US/MillCreek/home

- **Ideal Wellness Weight Loss Clinic** is a weight loss and wellness center committed to helping people achieve the ideal image inside and out. The clinic opened this spring at 15603 Main St., #106. They provide the Ideal Protein Protocol and a personal weight loss and weight maintenance coach for the weight-loss journey at no additional charge. They also offer LipoMelt to help achieve a faster, permanent weight loss solution to pair with weight loss or to touch up "problem" areas. www.idealwellnesswa.com

- **Magic Mirror Comics** opened in late spring at 15118 Main Street, Ste. 500, in Mill Creek Town Center. The shop name comes from Neverending Story, in which the Magic Mirror Gate is one of the trials Atreyu must pass in order to reach the Southern Oracle. The Magic Mirror shows a would-be hero his/her/their true self. Reflecting this, the shop is a safe space where individuals can be their true selves and find the heroes who best resonate with them. www.magicmirrorcomics.com



- **Newsroom** opened in May in Creekside Place at 800 164th SE, Suite N. The shop caters to the sweet-toothed and the conversational, and offers a wide selection of high-quality gelato flavors, various baked goods



and light desserts, sweet and savory wines, and select craft and choice beers. <https://newsroomgelato.com>

- **Sugared Beauty Lounge** opened at 15021 Main St., Ste. J. The salon provides hair removal with an all-natural sugaring technique. sugaredbeautylounge.com

- In addition to businesses that have recently opened, **Sprouts Farmers Market**, a high-end natural grocery store, has submitted plans for a store in Mill Creek and plans to open in mid-2018. The store will be located in the Gateway Shopping Center at 13314 Bothell-Everett Highway in Mill Creek, between 132nd Street SE and Dumas Road. The store will offer fresh, natural and organic groceries at incredible prices and in an approachable setting that feels like an old-fashioned farmers market. Shoppers will find fresh fruits and vegetables, barrels of wholesome grains, nuts and sweets, full-service deli, meat and seafood counters, fresh baked goods, tasty and ready-to-eat meals, gourmet cheeses, gluten-free products, sensibly-priced vitamins and supplements, and thousands of natural and organic groceries.