

----MILL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH---- EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Police – Fire – Ambulance911

Fire Department 788-8444

Police Non-Emergency . . . **788-8311**

CRIME STOPPERS 788-8427

Mill Creek Neighborhood Watch

To send an alert **788-7882**

Neighborhood Police Officer:

Ed Higginson

(The alert number is for alerts only. Contact the neighborhood association officers for all other issues)

edward.higginson@cwlp.com

741-0987 (cell)

How to Detect Suspicious Activity

You are additional **EYES and EARS for the Police and your Neighbors!** Detecting and reporting suspicious activity requires you to make a judgment call. Use your intuition, your gut feeling! If you think or feel something is wrong or suspicious, it probably is – **CALL & REPORT to the Police.**

Remember to get a license plate number, vehicle description (make, model, year) or suspect description (race, sex, height, weight, clothing) if possible. A GOOD NEIGHBOR is the best security.

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Our neighborhood watch system uses a commercial answering service to send out email and text message alerts. Text messages have a 160 character limit, so they will try to help you condense the alert to as few words as possible. For location of the activity use the hundred block and street name, do not put phone numbers or addresses in messages. Remember to call the police first.

For follow up we have an internet web page set up as a blog that all alerts will be posted to and anyone can add a comment to. Usually, you should post follow up information here and not as another alert message. The blog address is <http://www.millcreekneighborhoodwatch.blogspot.com> If you have follow up information but do not have internet access please pass the information along to your block captain.

You may receive the alert messages by email or by text message on your cell phone. To be added or deleted from the alert list email millcreekneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com or send a letter to the association president with your name address, email and text capable phone number (and cell carrier). To receive a voice alert, talk to your block captain.

List of Mill Creek Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

(October 2014)

3900s Eagle Wing	_____	4000s Old Mill	<u>Jill Stoops 637-9411</u>
4000s Eagle Wing	<u>Greg Harris 546-9635</u>	3900s Rocky Falls	_____
3900s Guilford	<u>Jim O'Brien 793-4005</u>	4000s Southwoods	<u>Mary Beth Cohen 546-3784</u>
4000s Guilford	<u>Jim O'Brien 793-4005</u>	3900s Springer	_____
3900s Millstone	_____	4000s Springer	<u>Yvonne Zumstein 793-6156</u>
4000s Millstone	<u>Sharon Patterson 793-6286</u>	3900s Stone Bridge	_____
1500-1530 Old Ivy	<u>Julie Sundquist 787-6402</u>	4000s Stone Bridge	_____
1531-1600 Old Ivy	<u>Julie Sundquist 787-6402</u>	3900s Surry Place	_____
3900s Old Mill	<u>Jill Stoops 637-9411</u>	4000s Surry Place	Margaret Sartore 546-3079

---Meadowbrook – 1500s with Rock Falls, 1420 with 3900 Mill Stone, 1423 with 4000 Mill Stone---
If your block does not have a block captain you might consider volunteering.

List of Mill Creek Estates Homeowners Association Board Members:

James O'Brien-Vice-President	Julie Sundquist-Director	Sharon Patterson-Secretary
217/793-4005	217/787-6402	217/793-6286
Jim Harrington - Treasurer	Jill Stoops –Director	Mary Beth Cohen - Director
217/726-7535	217/637-9411	217/546-3784

Preferred means of contact is by email to: millcreekboard@gmail.com

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Dear Homeowner,

Recent biannual meetings of the association have resulted in attendance by less than ten percent of members. Lack of a quorum (42 members or proxies) prevents attendees from voting on any measures. Consequently all decisions are actually made by the Board of Directors. If you would provide a proxy then we might well have a quorum and those members who take the time to come to meetings would be able to participate more meaningfully.

PERPETUAL PROXY

MILL CREEK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Undersigned, as member of the Mill Creek Estates Homeowners Association, Inc. (Phase I) hereby appoints said Association's Board of Directors as proxy to vote in any biannual meetings of said Association when the member is not present. Such votes will include but not be limited to the Association budget, assessments and election of Directors to which the Undersigned is entitled to vote at those meetings with all power which the Undersigned would possess if personally present, upon all matters properly coming before such meeting or adjournment. The Undersigned stipulates that at any such properly called meetings the Board Directors present will receive an equal number of proxies assigned to the Board to vote; with any remaining proxies that cannot be equally distributed to be voted by the President of the Board.

Nothing in this document shall be construed to prevent a member from voting in person, from rescinding this proxy in writing or from appointing in writing an agent to vote on their behalf at all or specific meetings. All proxies or rescissions must be filed with the Board Secretary prior to commencement of any meeting in which they are voted.

DATED: _____

Signature of member

Printed name of member

Address of member

Signature of receiver or witness

Printed name of receiver or witness

Mill Creek Estates Homeowners Association
c/o James O'Brien
3950 Guilford Dr.
Springfield, IL 62711-8054

Mill Creek Homeowners Fall Meeting

2014

Dear Neighbors,

It is nearly time for our semi-annual association meeting. This fall the first official meeting will be on my front porch on October 26 at 4 PM. If a quorum is not present, I will immediately adjourn the meeting until

7 PM --Wednesday 29 October 2014 at

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2200 South Meadowbrook Rd (near junction with Isles Rd.)

At which time only 21 members will be needed to constitute a quorum pursuant to Sections 5 and 6 of the Association Bylaws. Each meeting a small number of members attend, but often not enough for a quorum of 42 voting members. Thus, the expected adjournment and rescheduling to lower the quorum quota. We believe that those of you who take the time to attend the meeting should be able to vote.

Agenda Items:

--We will be having elections for president and vacant board positions at this meeting. We currently do not have a president. Any HOA member wishing to run for office or serve on the board is requested, but not required, to contact us in advance of the meeting.

--Jim Harrington will provide a status report on the work to improve drainage in the retention area.

--The fall subdivision-wide garage sale and plans for future sales will be discussed.

--A proposal to plant trees at a specific location on common property will be considered.

--Policy on late fees and attorney's fees to collect late assessments will be reviewed.

--We are still looking for a volunteer to develop a simple web page for the HOA where documents like the covenants, by-laws and policies can be viewed and downloaded.

--Please let us know about any other issues you wish to discuss so we can research them prior to the meeting. We can be contacted at millcreekboard@gmail.com

Reminders:

-- The covenants specify that fences, outbuildings (sheds, unattached garages, etc.), porches and building additions be submitted to the board for approval before construction begins. Board policy is to refer non-compliance to our attorney. Submit to millcreekboard@gmail.com

--Sharon Patterson is the point person for MCEHA for complaints or compliments regarding the landscape maintenance contractor. If you have a complaint we want to know about it immediately, telling us at the end of the season does no good at all.

--Our **neighborhood watch alert system** will continue to be supported by the HOA.

General Matters:

- Please put your **landscape waste at the curb in front of your own property.**
- **Trim back your trees and bushes** so they do not cause inconvenience or injury to neighbors and children using the sidewalks. City code regarding this is as follows:

§ 99.20. Trimming; nuisance.

(a) Any limbs and foliage of **trees** planted on any premises that abuts any street, alley, or sidewalk that is not trimmed at least ten feet above the ground of a sidewalk and 15 feet above any street or alley, or any similarly planted vegetation that hinders, obstructs, or endangers the passage of persons or vehicles along any street, alley, or sidewalk so as to obstruct the view of any traffic control sign or electronic device or the illumination of any public street light by any person traversing any street, alley, or sidewalk is declared to be a nuisance.

(b) Any owner, occupant, or person having control over any premises that abuts any street, alley, or sidewalk that is in the condition described in subsection (a) shall trim the same. Any owner, occupant, or person having control that does not trim may be served with a health violation ticket as provided for in [Chapter 95](#) of this Code.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of this subchapter shall be liable to the city and to private persons or entities for any injury or damage arising therefrom. (Ord. No. 545-09-03, § 1, 9-16-03)

- Be responsible for your pets. Pet feces or excessive barking at inappropriate times is not what neighbors should be expected to tolerate.

We both mailed and emailed this notice. If you did not receive it by email please send us your email address so we can save on postage in the future. We are required to send this meeting notice by mail but we send the meeting minutes by email and only mail paper versions on request.

Regards,
James O'Brien
Vice-President, Mill Creek Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.

Our neighborhood watch alert system is still in place but very few alerts have been sent using it. Occasionally I receive calls or email from residents who tell me about events that occurred days or weeks ago that would have been good candidates for an alert. The first person aware should call it in. Don't put any personal identifiers or specific addresses in the alerts. Typical alerts might be; "Loud noises and a person running 3900 block Old Mill Lane," or "Person in dark clothes lurking in bushes 8:10pm 4000 block Guilford". If neighbors receiving alerts look out and turn on their lights, perpetrators will be caught or discouraged.

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