

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

**Police – Fire – Ambulance . . . .911**

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](mailto: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.

### MILL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

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](mailto: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 2015)

3900s Eagle Wing _____	4000s Old Mill _____
4000s Eagle Wing Greg Harris 546-9635	3900s Rocky Falls _____
3900s Guilford Jim O'Brien 793-4005	4000s Southwoods Mary Beth Cohen 546-3784
4000s Guilford Jim O'Brien 793-4005	3900s Springer _____
3900s Millstone _____	4000s Springer Yvonne Zumstein 793-6156
4000s Millstone Sharon Patterson 793-6286	3900s Stone Bridge _____
1500-1530 Old Ivy Julie Sundquist 787-6402	4000s Stone Bridge _____
1531-1600 Old Ivy Julie Sundquist 787-6402	3900s Surry Place _____
3900s Old Mill Jill Stoops 637-9411	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 217/793-4005	Julie Sundquist-Director 217/787-6402	Sharon Patterson-Secretary 217/793-6286
Mary Beth Cohen - Director 217/546-3784	Jill Stoops –Director 217/637-9411	Bruce Bonczyk - Director 217/787-9474

Preferred means of contact is by email to: [millcreekboard@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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**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

## 2015

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 30 at 4 PM. If a quorum is not present, I will immediately adjourn the meeting until

**1 PM --Sunday 1 November 2015 at the YMCA-Kerasotes  
4550 West Iles Avenue (at junction with Archer Elevator Road)**

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 recently issued a request for proposals to develop a web page for the association. Although we had interest expressed by three potential bidders, only one actually submitted a bid in response to our request. We will discuss this further and request a few volunteers to work with the contractor on the web page.

--The neighborhood watch alert process has not been working well for some time. The answering service does not appear to be able to send the large number of email and text alerts we require. We will discuss alternatives.

--Downstream of the retention area, on the west side of Meadowbrook Road, the creek bed has become very overgrown. Options for remedying that will be discussed.

--The irrigation system at the entranceway has had periodic problems. We will discuss those and seek a committee to review the entranceway landscaping and irrigation system.

--Discussion of an annual fee increase has been requested.

--We will be having elections for **president** and **treasurer** positions at this meeting. Jim Harrington who has served as board member and treasurer is moving to Texas. We also 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. Because of the lack of volunteers to serve as officers and board members the process of hiring a management company will continue. This will most likely result in higher annual fees, but is unavoidable if members are unwilling to actively participate.

--Our city alderman, Ralph Hanauer, has expressed interest in attending the meeting. He will likely want to hear any concerns you have about city services.

--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](mailto:millcreekboard@gmail.com)

### General Matters:

- The covenants specify that alterations, repairs, excavations, fences, awnings, swimming pools, light poles or fixtures, outbuildings (sheds, unattached garages, etc.), porches, building additions, and any other work which alters the exterior of any Lot be submitted to the board for written approval before construction begins. Board policy is to refer non-compliance to our attorney. Submit to [millcreekboard@gmail.com](mailto:millcreekboard@gmail.com)
- Be responsible for your pets. Pet feces or excessive barking at inappropriate times is not what neighbors should be expected to tolerate.
- **Trim back your trees and bushes** so they do not cause inconvenience or injury to neighbors and children using the sidewalks.
- Please put your **landscape waste at the curb in front of your own property**

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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