

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

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Fire Department 788-8444

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

CRIME STOPPERS 788-8427

Mill Creek Neighborhood Watch

Use the **Nextdoor** internet application
www.nextdoor.com

Neighborhood Police Officer:
Scott Ligon

scott.ligon@springfield.il.us

for an invitation to the Millcreek
neighborhood pages contact Jill Stoops

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 our best security.

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Our neighborhood watch system now uses the **Nextdoor** Internet application. This change occurred in January of this year. You can decide if you would like to receive emails or texts via your smart phone or on your computer. If you have an event you would like the neighborhood to be aware of: burglary, suspicious activity, etc. Please call the police first if you think it is warranted. Then put the notice out for neighbors to be aware. Please list details of who, where, when, and what happened. If you do not have access to the **Nextdoor** application please let your block captain know, they should be able to keep you informed or post concerns you see.

Some neighbors have signed up, then stopped using the application. They felt there was too much chatter from other neighborhoods. **To reduce this, you can go under your settings and choose only our neighborhood, or neighborhoods you care to hear from. You can also choose to just get crime & safety posts or other specific categories of posts.** Our alderman posts from his neighborhood: Cobblestone. It may be a good one to keep on your notification list in case he reaches out with pertinent information. Sometimes it is good to hear if neighbors have experienced a crime near by, we may be next, or we can be more alert to prevent an event.

If you have not signed up yet, please do! It is a great way to stay in touch with what is going on. We will announce garage sales, biannual meetings and other pertinent things happening in the neighborhood. If you have any questions, or do not have a smart phone or computer and need to be added to our call list, please call me at 217-637-9411. Thanks! Jill Stoops.

We also have an INTERNET WEB PAGE at <http://www.millcreekestateshoa.com> where you can go to get information, maps and documents about homeowner association matters.

List of Mill Creek Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

(October 2017)

3900s Eagle Wing	Norm Stoner	622-9374	4000s Old Mill	Jill Stoops	637-9411
4000s Eagle Wing	Greg Harris	546-9635	3900s Rocky Falls	Margie Bonczyk	787-9474
3900s Guilford	Jim O'Brien	793-4005	4000s Southwoods	Mary Beth Cohen	546-3784
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3900s Millstone	_____		4000s Springer	_____	
4000s Millstone	Liz Egler	971-5701	3900 Stone Bridge	_____	
1500-1530 Old Ivy	Julie Sundquist	787-6402	4000s Stone Bridge	Steve Preckwinkle	836-1678
1531-1600 Old Ivy	Julie Sundquist	787-6402	3900s Surry Place	Diane Rutledge	
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:

Bruce Bonczyk - President 217/787-9474	Peter Van Gieson-Vice President 217/652-1310	James O'Brien - Secretary 217/793-4005
Eddie Simpson - Treasurer 217/572-1601	Jill Stoops - Director 217/637-9411	
Julie Sundquist - Director 217/787-6402		

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

- For general information, announcements, copy of by-laws, maps and covenants see the association web page at <http://www.millcreekestateshoa.com>

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Mill Creek Homeowners Fall Meeting

2017

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 November 11 at 4 PM. If a quorum is not present, I will immediately adjourn the meeting until

**3 PM --Sunday 12 November 2017 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 will have an update on the status of the storm water retention area drainage.
- A discussion has been requested on the role the HOA should play in maintenance of lots not owned by the HOA, but abutting to HOA property.
- The desirability, format, and support for neighborhood get acquainted events.
- A discussion of the Board authority for minor expenditures of emergent nature. [Article III of the covenants.]
- Budget adjustments: webpage update, tree trimming, etc.
- After many years of service, Mary Beth Cohen has resigned from the board of directors. Thanks Mary Beth for all your efforts to make Mill Creek such a wonderful place to live.
- A volunteer is sought to fill the open board position. We currently have six board members and the association by-laws specify that an odd number is preferred (Article III, Section 3).

Updates:

- Our web page is at www.millcreekestates.com --visit it and let us know what you like or dislike.
- Bruce Bonczyk is the point person for MCEHA for complaints or compliments regarding the landscape maintenance contractor for 2017. If you have a complaint we want to know about it immediately, telling us at the end of the season does not allow for corrective measures.
- 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

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
- Be responsible for your pets. Pet feces or excessive barking at inappropriate times is not what neighbors should be expected to tolerate.
- **Trim up and back your trees and bushes** so they do not cause inconvenience or injury to neighbors and children using the sidewalks.
- Please put your **branch trimmings at the curb in front of your own property**. The city has cut back on landscape pickup to only once in the spring and **once in the fall**, so please check the city website for the pickup schedule: <http://www.springfield.il.us/Departments/PublicWorks/branchPickup.aspx>. It appears we are in the SW3 pickup area.

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,
Bruce Bonczyk
President, Mill Creek Estates Homeowners Association, Inc.

Our neighborhood watch alert system now utilizes the Nextdoor.com internet application. Occasionally residents tell us about events that occurred days or weeks ago that would have been good candidates for an alert. The first person aware should post a notice, or if unable contact a block captain. 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.

Please let us know about any other issues you wish to discuss so we can research them prior to the meeting.

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