

----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@springfield.il.us
217-741-0987 (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.

We have a NEW INTERNET WEB PAGE set up at <http://www.millcreekestateshoa.com> with 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. 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 to millcreekboard@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 2016)

3900s Eagle Wing	_____	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
4000s Guilford	Jim O'Brien	793-4005	3900s Springer	_____
3900s Millstone	_____	4000s Springer	_____	
4000s Millstone	_____	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:

Bruce Bonczyk - President	Peter Van Gieson-Vice President	James O'Brien - Secretary
217/787-9474	217/652-1310	217/793-4005
Eddie Simpson - Treasurer	Mary Beth Cohen - Director	Jill Stoops - Director
217/572-1610	217/546-3784	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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Dear Homeowner,

It has been several years since we set up a Neighborhood Watch alert system. To get our alert database up to date it is time to register again for Neighborhood Watch alerts. If you are interested please complete this page, fold in thirds and mail to the address pre-printed on the reverse. See the attached instructions on how to send a neighborhood watch alert.

- Check if you would like to receive future alerts by email. List your email addresses below.

- Check if you would like to receive future alerts by text to a cell phone. List the ten digit phone number and the service provider (i.e., AT&T, Verizon, T-Mobile, etc.)

- Check if you cannot receive email or text. List a phone number where you can receive voice calls. _____

Of course if you don't respond at all we will assume you are not/no longer interested.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Several neighbors have begun using a free internet/smartphone application service called **Nextdoor.com**. While we don't endorse this service we are looking for feedback from any of you who decide to use it.

Please send comments to millcreekboard@gmail.com. You can also send the above registration information to the same email address if you prefer. Please include all the information requested including your name and address. For additional information see our webpage at <http://www.millcreekestateshoa.com>

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

Mill Creek Homeowners Fall Meeting

2016

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 13 November 2016 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:

---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. Alternatives have been identified and implementing them will be further discussed.

--Downstream of the retention area, on the west side of Meadowbrook Road, the creek bed has become very overgrown. It was cut back this year, but concerns remain.

--Discussion of dead landscaping has been requested.

--Discussion of the tree policy has been requested.

--An update will be presented on the detention pond drainage status.

--After many years of service on the board, Sharon Patterson has moved away and resigned from the board of directors. Thanks Sharon for all your efforts to make Mill Creek such a wonderful place to live.

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

Our neighborhood watch alert system is still in place but very few alerts are been sent using it. That is OK if there are no alarming events. Occasionally we receive calls or email from residents who tell us 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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