



Fall 2007 Newsletter

Are you interested in being a part of a Neighborhood Watch program?

Although Mill Creek is a relatively safe neighborhood several of our neighbors have experienced thefts, acts of vandalism, and break-ins. One way we can limit and protect ourselves from crime is through a Neighborhood Watch crime prevention program. The Neighborhood Watch program suggests that you:

- Get to know your neighbors and become familiar with their routines.
- Look after your neighbor's house when they are away and ask them to look after yours
- Be suspicious. Report unusual or suspicious behavior to the police.
- Write down descriptions of people and vehicles. Always try to get the license plate number.
- A community Relations Coordinator from the police department will help us set up a program. Please contact Barb Mann, bjm2r@virginia or 923-0411, if you are interested.

A Reminder from the Architectural Review Committee:

When considering additions or any changes/alterations to the existing exterior of your home, including paint color, it is necessary to submit your plans, in writing, for approval by the Architectural Review Committee and the Board of Directors. Most projects will be reviewed and approved promptly. And remember, upkeep, upgrades, and timely maintenance of our Mill Creek homes are good for the entire neighborhood.

Reminders from the Grounds Committee:

- Before cutting down any live tree with a trunk greater than 3 inches in diameter you must get permission from the Grounds Committee. If you're not sure, please ask before cutting.
- No sign can be displayed on your lot or the common areas. This includes "for sale" and "for rent" signs, and those of contractors working on your house.
- As a courtesy to your neighbors and all residents of Mill Creek, **PLEASE** pick up after your dog. There are refuse containers with bags at three locations in the neighborhood (two on Mill Creek Dr and one on Gristmill at the entrance to the fire road). Also remember that dogs must be kept on a leash.

If you ever smell Natural gas call 911 immediately!

Those homeowners who have heat pumps may not be aware that there is a gas line that runs through our neighborhood. Recently, thanks to a good nose, one of our neighbors averted a potentially serious situation by reporting to 911 a gas smell outside her home. The appropriate response team was dispatched and the leak repaired. If you ever smell gas inside or outside your home call 911 immediately!

Random Notes:

Thanks to Rose Van Epp for organizing a very successful neighborhood block party!

If you would like to be included in the Mill Creek email list please send your email address to bjm2r@virginia.edu

Support our local elementary School!

There are many different ways you can support Cale Elementary, our neighborhood's elementary school. Cale collects Box Tops for Education, Tyson A+ labels, Campbell labels and caps, and they recycle used printer cartridges and old cell phones. You can also link your Food Lion, Giant, and Harris Teeter grocery cards and your Target Visa to Cale and they will earn a percentage each time you shop at these stores.

You can drop off any items for Cale to Rose Van Epp at 1271 Quail Crossing. If you have any questions, her telephone number is 971-7832, and her email address is StamperRose@embarqmail.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS MEETING!

Our annual homeowners meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, 7:30 pm at Cale Elementary School Cafeteria. Please come to show support and learn about issues that could affect our neighborhood.

For information about Mill Creek check out our website: www.millcreekhomeowners.org

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**When you are making out your Holiday card list
this year, please include the following:**

**A Recovering American soldier
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