

## Neighborhood Watch Program- What is it and HOW to get involved!



### Mill Creek Parents and Community:

It is a fact of life that relationships in many of today's communities have become less personal than they were years ago. Families are more transient, children have more activities that take them and their parents away from home, and there are more families with both parents working. The once-familiar sight of families visiting with each other on front porches while keeping a watchful eye on children and activities in the neighborhood is a rarity in most communities today. However, Mill Creek Community is a model community of the "neighborhood community" we were familiar with years ago and with pride we share that Mill Creek has had a formal Neighborhood Watch Program for several years along with extensive email lists to inform residents of community issues in the Mill Creek Community.

### Did You Know??

In coordination with the Kane County Sheriff's Office, Mill Creek has several neighborhoods that have become a template in Kane County of what Neighborhood Watch Program should look like? As a result of our Program and the additional "detail" that is provided by our SSA we have helped to catch and prevent some significant crimes in our own community!

That being said, we do not have all of our "neighborhoods" represented by Coordinators and Block Captains and are on a mission to engage ALL of Mill Creek to be fully represented.

### Neighborhood Watch **IS NOT**:

Citizens armed patrol.

Vigilante groups.

Encouraging residents to take risks to prevent crimes.

A program that guarantees that a crime will not occur in a neighborhood.

A political group.

A neighborhood association or neighborhood organization.

A law enforcement entity

## Neighborhood Watch **IS:**

A community –police crime prevention partnership  
Neighbors coming together to help each other not become victims of crime.  
Neighbors coming together to address community issues.  
Learning and practicing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design –  
Surveying and upgrading, if necessary, your home security and lighting.  
Learning to identify suspicious activity and reporting the activity to other  
Neighbors and the police.  
Members all live on the same street or within line of sight, generally 5-25  
Homes per group.

### **By participating in the Mill Creek Neighborhood Watch Program you will receive:**

The benefit of being informed of community issues in a timely manner.  
Neighborhood Watch Signs posted in your “area”.  
Getting to know your neighbors and develop meaningful and long-lasting  
Relationships.  
Encouragement that our police department is partnering with us on  
Matters that are important to us as Mill Creek residents.

### **How to Sign up or get more information:**

**Location: Mill Creek Market 39W250 Herrington Blvd, 630-232-0002**

**Sponsored by: Kane County Sheriff's Department, Mill Creek Coordinators Chris/Marc  
Propheter, Teri Wankat, Mill Creek SSA & Mill Creek Market.**



**Look for us on FaceBook! We are partnered with Mill Creek Neighbors Geneva - Files  
are available for viewing and updated monthly.**

To sign up for a "Watch" in your neighborhood or for more information on which neighborhoods  
need representation; being a Coordinator, Communicator or participating in the Mill Creek  
Neighborhood Watch Program contact:

Mill Creek Market - drop your form off

Marc/Chris Propheter at [cpropheter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cpropheter@sbcglobal.net); 630-208-6750;

Teri Wankat at [wankat46@yahoo.com](mailto:wankat46@yahoo.com)

Mill Creek SSA website <http://countyofkane.org/Pages/millcreek.aspx>

Kane County Sheriff - <http://kanesheriff.com/communityPolicing/default.aspx>