

The Daily Grind

October, 2015



Millstone Annual Meeting

Millstone Village Association, Inc. will be holding its annual association Meeting this year on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. It will be held at the Wallen Baptist Church on Wallen Road at 7:00pm. We have several topics that we will be discussing this year at the association meeting.

We will be holding our annual elections to the board. If you wish to seek a position on the association board, please submit your name to us in writing at millstonevillagehoa@gmail.com no later than November 2, 2015 at 5:00pm.

Our annual dues assessment will be discussed. Millstone is considering an increase of the dues from the current \$118 per year to \$127 per year. With increasing costs, we have been forced to raise dues to keep up the costs of the daily upkeep of the neighborhood. We have been fortunate to have made many updates the past few years, such as the updated entrance signs and street signs, the removal of over 100 dead ash trees throughout the neighborhood, and a new

fountain for one of our ponds. All of these updates have been very costly to our association and have consumed our monetary reserves.

There are several upcoming projects that we would like to pursue in the coming year. We would like to update some of our playground equipment and fix the erosion and sidewalk near the pond on Oak Bay Run. We currently do not have money in our budget to do these things without raising the dues. We would like to avoid having to impose any costly special assessments to simply maintain the neighborhood.

We value the input of our residents and hope that you will consider attending our annual meeting. You are always welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year as well. Our meetings occur every month on the second Tuesday at Wallen Baptist Church at 7:00pm. We hope to see you there!

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Fort Wayne Fire Dept. Drone

The Millstone Neighborhood Board met with the Fort Wayne Fire Dept. last month to discuss their new drone unit. The unit is called MERV: Mini Emergency Response Vehicle. It includes a basic ambulance kit and is used to assist people

with emergencies in hard-to-get-to locations, such as our neighborhood trails. The FWFD has been using it to train on our trail systems and hopes to raise awareness to the residents about its use.





2016 Meeting Dates

Our 2016 meetings will be held at Wallen Baptist Church on the following dates at 7:00pm:

- ◆ January 12, 2016
- ◆ February 9, 2016
- ◆ March 8, 2016
- ◆ April 12, 2016
- ◆ May 10, 2016
- ◆ June 14, 2016
- ◆ July 12, 2016

- ◆ August 9, 2016
- ◆ September 13, 2016
- ◆ October 11, 2016
- ◆ November 8, 2016—Annual Meeting



Annual Dues Notices

Millstone Village will again be sending your annual dues notices on blue postcards. Sending them out on postcards saves the association money. We will be sending these to homeowners in mid-November. Dues are due to the association on January 1, 2016. We will post a reminder sign at the entrances once

that date draws near.

The association is sending out notices to the addresses that are listed with the Allen County Assessor's Office. This address is also the address that your taxes are mailed to. If you would like them sent to another address, you will have to

file that address with the Assessor's Office. If the address listed is good enough for your taxes, it's good enough for Millstone Village Community Association to send your annual dues assessment. We cannot be responsible for tracking down homeowners who live at a different residence all or part of the year.

Winter Weather is Coming



The winter weather is coming and Millstone has a few reminders to share with you. Please remember to always park your cars in the driveway when we are expecting snow. Our snow plows have a difficult job to do and unfortunately, when they have to travel around cars,

those cars get snowed in. Millstone cannot be responsible when your car gets snowed in due to street parking.

Also understand that all the snow that is removed from the streets from the plows has to have somewhere to go. If you live at the end of a cul-de-sac,

there is a chance that snow could be piled in your lawn. We do our best to pile snow in the most convenient places. Some snow from the plows ends up at the end of driveways as they pass houses. These are all situations that we cannot control.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider volunteering for a position with the Millstone Village Community Association Board. We have been operating as a very small group of 5 volunteers. Millstone has District positions that have been unfilled since at least 2005. We would love to have more input at the meetings. Each resident holds personal talents that could greatly benefit the neighborhood. We are in need of people to head up doing the newsletters, cre-

ating social events, helping to come up with improvements to our neighborhood, ways to save money, and much more. Consider coming to a few meetings and checking things out.



Calling 311

Many of your neighborhood concerns may be addressed by simply making a call to 311. Although Millstone Village will gladly make phone calls to 311, we would appreciate your help in addressing these issues yourself and saving the board time. In an effort to save the association time and money, we uti-

lize 311 and neighborhood code to enforce city violations. Often times, the board is unaware of all of the background information you may have. You can call 311 if you have concerns over a neighbors trash can location, neighborhood lights that are out (these have a number on them that you will

need to have when you call), weeds that are too high, sidewalks that have not been shoveled in the winter, even roofs that are in disrepair. There is a wealth of information on the Fort Wayne City Website that addresses all of these issues and many more.

Holiday Decorations

There are several holidays that will be coming up soon. Millstone Village has several requests when considering your holiday decorations. Please make sure that decorations come down in a timely manner, within two weeks from the event. Christmas lights

and yard art should be taken down within two weeks of the holiday. We understand that sometimes the winter snow prevents this. However, we do expect that they be taken down no later than January 31st.






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