

# *The Village at Pilot Mill*

## GoogleGroup Posting Guidelines

### **Intent**

The purpose of the Pilot Mill GoogleGroup is to provide a forum for open discussion of ideas and issues related to our community or community events and is intended for sharing of information and/or requests that will be of interest to the majority of the neighborhood. You must be a member of the GoogleGroup to post. Members are asked to help keep posts concise and to the point, refrain from advertising, and keep "threads" to a minimum length.

Please remember this is an extremely public forum with over 100 subscribers from throughout the neighborhood; as such, this GoogleGroup is not the appropriate venue for discussions of a personal or limited interest nature. Furthermore, it is not to be used for advertising, soliciting or marketing (requests for referrals and/or experiences with contractors or local businesses are encouraged).

### **Group Administrators**

The Google Group is monitored by the Village at Pilot Mill Communications Committee. They are responsible for verifying and accepting new members, monitoring posting activity of the group, and enforcing the posting guidelines.

The Pilot Mill Google Group is a moderated group meaning that posts are screened before they appear. It is very rare for a posting to be blocked. If a moderator feels a posting is in one of the categories below, he/she should block it.

- Negatively directed at a individual or group of individuals,
- Was intended to respond directly to one individual,
- A form of advertising versus a recommendation,
- Of political or religious nature,
- Was sent in error,
- Or otherwise inappropriate for the Group.

When a posting is blocked, a message is usually sent to the author of the posting informing them that it was blocked with an explanation. Our ultimate goal is to provide a spam free, community information site that minimizes the number of emails added to our IN BOXES on a daily basis.

These are a sampling of posts that are encouraged/discouraged. Use these examples and common sense to act as a guide in posting.

### **Encouraged**

- Missing pet reports
- Requests for recommendation for service provider such as electrician or plumber, etc.
- Announcement of free items placed at front curb or otherwise available
- Suspicious activity on your street or in your neighborhood
- Impromptu or planned neighborhood gatherings
- Opening announcement for businesses within our area

### **Discouraged**

- Advertising versus recommendations.
- Religious or political based announcements. General announcements of a fund-raising or "meet and greet" events are fine. However, the announcement itself should be worded to avoid a strong political, religious, or philosophical message.
- Off the wall, rude, or unfriendly comments
- Long ongoing threads or philosophical discussions