

KEENE MILL VILLAGE HOMEOWNERS ASSOC. IV

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NEWSLETTER, APRIL 14, 1990

Dear Keene Mill Village IV Residents and Homeowners,

Thanks to many of you, your assistance and enthusiasm for our homeowners' association is keeping us strong. We have some information and upcoming community projects we'd like to share with you in this newsletter. We look forward to your participation in these activities. Our community recycling effort is something we hope to have maximum participation in because of its benefits to the future of our land and children. Many of you may be wondering what's happening to our community yard sale. I apologize for the late notice on this and hope all the people who wanted to participate will still have a chance to do so. Remember, together, we can make it and have FUN doing it!

Sincerely,



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SPRING CLEANUP

Spring cleanup was rained out on Saturday morning, April 21. However, we did manage to get rid of some of the large dead branches our good neighbors cleared from around the basketball court and Chaney Park areas. We know everyone's schedules are tight, so rather than schedule another cleanup day, we encourage all of you to take a minute to pick up any litter you may come across when you walk your dog, take a stroll around the neighborhood, or on your short walk to or from your car and house. If everyone pitches in, we can keep unsightly garbage out.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Unfortunately, we may be quickly reaching the point where we are running out of places to put our trash. Just like people in communities all over America, we in Fairfax County are facing a garbage crisis. Recycling has been getting a lot of press lately and for good reason! The Lorton landfill is expected to reach capacity by 1994 at current rates. And then what will we do? The Virginia government has set a goal to reduce its waste stream by 25% by the year 1995 through recycling. Whether we want to help out the government or just help ourselves and the future of our children, we can help by recycling certain parts of our garbage that we would otherwise throw away. And recycling has other positive benefits by returning discards to productive use, reducing disposal costs, saving energy and preserving our natural resources.

Most of us should already be recycling our newspapers. But recycling doesn't have to end here. Here's what else we can do:

Glass Bottles: Rinse out any food residue and remove caps and lids. Here's the good news: you can leave the labels and metal rings on the bottles. Take to the recycling center and separate by color (clear, green, and brown).

UNACCEPTABLE: Dishes, plate and window glass, pottery, and light bulbs.

ECO-BIT: Every glass bottle recycled saves enough energy to light a 100-watt bulb for FOUR hours.

Aluminum Beverage Cans: Rinse all cans.

UNACCEPTABLE: Food containers, scrap metal, steel beverage cans, foil, pie plates, aluminum scrap, pots and pans, cardboard or plastic beverage containers.

ECO-BIT: A recycled aluminum can is back on the supermarket shelf in six weeks and saves the equivalent of one cup of gasoline in energy costs.

Here's some reminders on our newspaper recycling effort:

UNACCEPTABLE: Colored and slick inserts, magazines, telephone books, junk mail.

ECO-BIT: If the U.S. recycled just half of the newsprint it consumes every year, it would divert SIX MILLION tons of material from landfills--enough to fill up 3,200 GARBAGE TRUCKS a day!

Making paper from scrap instead of wood pulp cuts energy and water use by 50%!

Each four-foot stack of newspaper recycled saves the equivalent of a 40-foot pine tree!

RECYCLING CENTERS:

Wakefield Park, 8100 Braddock Rd, Annandale (This is the closest to our community and accepts glass bottles, aluminum cans and newspapers.)

1-66 Transfer Station, 4618 West Ox Rd, Fairfax

1-95 Landfill, 9850 Furnace Rd, Lorton

Some of us are already recycling cans and bottles. We encourage all of you to do so, because it doesn't make sense not to, given the little work required and the costs and benefits involved. To make things even easier, Lili Mann has offered to organize our community recycling effort. What she will do is compile a list of people to act as drop-off points, their addresses and phone numbers, and the dates they will take bottles and cans to the recycling center. To participate, call her and let her know if you will volunteer as a drop-off point. She will distribute the schedule in the next newsletter. Call her at work 7:30 am - 5:00 pm Mon - Fri, 355-8251/2; or at home before 9 pm, 866-0329.

YARD CARE

Yard care is available through Colonial Farms by the season. For details, contact Chris Marino, 455-6974, or leave a message on his answering machine if you are interested.

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Here's an arrangement the neighbors on Fieldmaster started which we thought you might find interesting. It might even inspire you to start a similar idea with your neighbors. What the Fieldmaster neighbors do is simple. Whoever is mowing their front lawn mows the front yards of their neighbors at the same time. As a result, all the front lawns of the row of homes get mowed, it looks nice, and saves time for everyone because the work is shared. Simple.

WINDOW REPLACEMENTS

Window replacements parts are now available. Contact Dean Caldwell, 451-3081 about details.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Get cash for those white elephants in your closet. A community yard sale for KMVHOA IV is scheduled for Saturday, June 9, 8 am to 1 pm at the basketball court by Chaney and Tiffany Park Courts. This is your chance to clean out your closets and storage rooms (so you can buy new stuff)! Our homeowners association is providing free advertisement in the local Journal or Connection, so all you have to do is bring a table and your valuable items to sell. The more people that set up, the more customers we'll attract.

Each person is asked to bring his/her own table(s). The rain date is set for June 10th, same time and place. To guarantee your space and to get more information, please call Jody or Melody at 451-7372 after 6:00 pm.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

The Social Committee has come up with some fun ways for us to meet our neighbors and get involved with our association. They are listed as follows by season...be sure to put them on your calendar!

SUMMER

Community Yard Sale (See above article.)

FALL

A "Block Party" for our association will be scheduled for a Saturday in September. We'll keep you posted.

A "Haunted House" and Halloween party were discussed at the last Social Committee meeting - start dreaming up those costumes!

WINTER

During the holiday months, carolling and a "Cookie Exchange Party" will be festive and fun. We hope you'll join us.

SOON

An "Athletic Club" designed for our neighbors who enjoy participating in group sports will be set up soon. Activities will include bowling, hiking, walleyball, and any other suggestions you may have. Let's have a ball!!!

WELCOME, NEW NEIGHBOR

The KMVHOA IV would like to begin a welcome wagon program. Since we may not always know when someone new moves in, we would appreciate your calling Sally Schneider, 455-4451, to let us know of someone new moving into your area.

FLY YOUR FLAG

We hope you had a great Memorial Day weekend - there were a number of flags flying, commemorating that day. Let your "spirit" show with our beautiful red, white and blue again on Flag Day (June 14th) and the Fourth of July!

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PLEASE CONTACT RICHARD WARDE IF YOU SELL YOUR HOUSE!!