

# KMV IV A Community Newsletter — Spring 1996

## President's Message

**W**inter is over and the green foliage and flowers which are so much a part of KMV IV are quickly returning. I've taken great pride in the compliments that friends have given me since 1982 for picking such a great neighborhood in which to live. They've highlighted the obvious pride our neighborhood takes in maintaining our homes and our common areas. We'll get a chance to display that pride again this May 18th when our annual Spring clean up takes place. The clean up is a chance to get out and meet the folks in the neighborhood, especially if you are new to KMV IV.

The Homeowner's Association is another area where your assistance is desperately needed. Two key positions — Treasurer and President — have or will become vacant shortly. Steve Odendahl, who has done an excellent job as our Treasurer, has had to resign to other commitments. We need to fill this position now! Unfortunately, I will be resigning in June due to my upcoming reassignment to the Republic of Korea. Both of these positions are an excellent opportunity to give something back to your community — a chance to make a difference.

Don't have the time? Too much responsibility! These are the standard answers I hear when people tell me why they don't want to volunteer to serve on the board. If you can spare one to two hours a week, you have the time to fill a board position. And as for responsibility, you already have that as a member of the Homeowners Association. Please give this some serious thought. We need your participation. Still not motivated? Don't forget that some of our employers take great pride in knowing that their employees are leaders in the local community — what about your employer? If you would like to discuss either position, please give Steve Odendahl (644-4591) or me, Steve Cantrell, 569-2674, a call.

### Annual Meeting

The Annual Homeowners meeting will be held Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at Keene Mill Elementary School. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the School Library. We encourage both homeowners and renters to attend, although only the former can vote. If you would like to propose an agenda topic, please contact a member of the Board.

### Spring Clean Up

It has been a long hard Winter, and the grounds are badly in need of care. On Saturday, May 18th, Mike Weilmunster will be organizing activities as early as 8 a.m. - for

early birds - at the basketball court. But, you can join in at anytime. Rake, trim, sweep, - everyone can pitch in. Bring your tools and your kids, who can help with the litter patrol. Our lawn service is a mow-and-go outfit. This is one of the reasons that our Association dues are the lowest in the area. Residents are responsible for keeping areas adjacent to their homes free of litter. We ask each homeowner to fertilize and seed beyond their property line when they renew their own yards.

### Bulk Pickup

Here is your chance to dump those bulky

items and get more storage space in your basement. Before noon on May 18th, take unwanted items to the curb at areas designated points (marked by signs) for free removal. This excludes batteries, telephone books, and paints. These items may be taken to recycling bins behind Kmart on Burke Center Parkway. Lawnmowers, garbage cans, tricycles, or lawn tools are not allowed to be stored in front yards or on common grounds. Get rid of what you can not put away.

### **Common areas**

Dumping of organic or other materials in the woods has become an unsightly problem. With the exception of properly composted material that is regularly recycled back into you yard, lumber, patio blocks, dead bushes, or lawn debris may not be dumped in the woods.

### **Doggone Dog Do**

If your dog messes on the common ground, **You** are responsible for cleaning it up! We are tired of stepping in it and seeing the greenery, marked with targets of dead grass with bulls-eye poop!

### **Crime**

Residents are asked to leave their front porch lights on all night to increase safety and to reduce vandalism. The increased cost of electricity and bulbs is minuscule compared with the cost of someone falling or with theft from your car. There are all kinds of automatic devices available at the hardware store to turn porch lights on and off at specified times. The Board is considering the installation of additional street lights in some area. Call Steve with your suggestions, as the Board would like some feedback on this proposal.

### **Parking**

You may **NOT** park a third car behind two others in your assigned parking spaces. This is a violation and could result in insurance problems for our Association. If you do not follow parking regulations, your car may be ticketed and towed. It is expensive! Don't complain, just comply! Direct inquiries to Beltway Towing, 703-451-8213.

### **Window Repairs**

Replacement spring balances are available from Blaine's Window Repair, 5410 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA, 703-823-2900. Bring the broken part to Blaine's for the correct size. Replace both balances on your window, as it may bind with one old and one new. Board members are trying to find a convenient source for window grids.

### **Swimming Pool**

Last year, the Shannon Station Swimming Pool had extra family memberships available at very reasonable rates. We do not know when or if they will have extra memberships available this year. However, if they do, they will announce it on a sign at the entrance to the pool. Note: Last year the number listed to call was 202-928-1024.

### **Tennis Anyone?**

The tennis courts at the entrance to Fieldmaster are available for your use. The only requirement is a \$10 key deposit. For more information, please contact John Kelly, at 644-9440.

### **Good Neighbors**

Thanks go to those who beautify common ground areas; like Manny Jackson, who has planted tulip beds, rhododendron, and azaleas around the trees. He rakes and fertilizes the lawn between Tiffany Park Court and Chaney Court, that adjoins his property.