

# Keene Mill Village IV Homeowners Association

## Spring 1998 Newsletter

### President's Message

Spring is just around the corner! I would like to thank all the Board Members and volunteers that have helped in keeping our community safe and clean. Just to recap the accomplishments last year: Road resurfacing, clean-up on top of Tiffany Park Court, curb painting, Spring clean-up of the common grounds, playground remodeling, community activities (yard sale, group parties, etc.) I have probably forgotten something and if I did remind me and I will issue it in the next newsletter. This year we are going to concentrate on the playground on Tiffany Park Court and general maintenance. Please remember that this community will only be what each of you make it. The Board Members can only do a small part. Everyone needs to participate in the upkeep of our community.

### Volunteers

We are always looking for volunteers to give just an hour or two of your time to help in decisions that affect our community. As you can see from the list of Board Members, we have two vacancies. Social chairman is vacant, as is Architectural. If you are interested in contributing to your community, please call one of the Board Members and we will be happy to discuss the responsibilities of the positions with you.

### Annual Meeting

It is time again for our Annual Meeting. It will be held May 13, 1998, 7:30 pm at Keene Mill Elementary School. All homeowners will have an opportunity to participate in discussions concerning upcoming changes, and to talk about ways to improve the community (street lights, individual lamps, etc.) There will be a vote on the Annual Budget, changes in the By-Laws, and the direction of traffic on Tiffany Park Court. It is also a time to meet your neighbors in the area. Spring is just around the corner and everyone is antsy to get outside to do yard work, visit the playground, or socialize with old and new neighbors.

### Street Lighting

Thanks to all who responded to the lighting survey. The results of the survey are listed below. There were several valuable comments made, and one offer of help is very much appreciated. One resident said that his/her car was broken into twice - during daylight hours. Another felt that lighting the playground would encourage loitering by non-residents, which has been a problem in the past. Many responded that they did not understand why residents do not leave their porch lights on.

Since the beginning of Keene Mill Village IV, residents have been repeatedly asked to leave their lights on all night. Most do not! Perhaps they feel it too much trouble to remember to manually turn them on at night and then off in the morning. Residents have been asked to install an automatic switch. Few have. But a few have installed motion lights. The lamp posts we are proposing to install will be photocell operated, not manual

### Survey Results

Would like streetlights installed	23
Would like individual lamp post	9
Would like either one or other	1
Would like both	8
Would not like either	28
Not clear response	1
Total	70

Assuming that those who did not respond at all would not like either, there are not enough votes to support street lights. If we add those who would like individual lamp posts, we have 18, enough to arrange for a company to install of these at one time at a discount. If you are interested, please attend the Annual Meeting where brochures and pricing will be available. Call Sally Schneider for more details.

### Dog Signs

If you have not noticed, the KMVIV community has posted approved Fairfax County Approved Animal Control Law signs. This law entails that all dogs must be on a leash and wear a license. Owners are required to clean up after pets. Please walk your dogs new the woods and avoid plants and areas where children play and residents walk.

## **Community Yard Sale**

Anyone who is interested in a community yard sale, please call Missy at (703) 866-3509.

## **Late Association Dues**

This has become a serious issue in our Association. In January, 1998, our first bill for dues, we have instituted a late fee and procedures will be enforced. In the Fairfax County area, this Association has the cheapest dues, ask around and find out for yourself. We should be thankful that we have volunteers who will handle all aspects of maintaining the community. If you have questions concerning this issue, please contact Steve Schwartz, Treasurer. If you have billing questions or a change of address, please call Bill Smith, Bookkeeper.

## **Parking**

I sound like a broken record, and I'm sure that the Board Members feel the same way. PARKING is always an issue and it will continue to be an issue unless all homeowners abide by the rules that have been established since the community was first built. Only park in your two assigned spaces. (Park commercial vehicles on Fieldmaster.) Warn your visitors that parking along fire lanes (yellow curb) will result in towing. White curbs are reserved for visitors and are not available for resident's parking. Just a serious warning, all Board members have the right to call the towing company and ask for a random check of the community. If your tire is remotely on the yellow portion when you park and random towing is enforced, YOU WILL BE TOWED. (Trust me. It happened to me.) It is expensive, \$115.00, approximately a year ago, and they do not treat your vehicle with care. This will be an issue that will be discussed at the Annual Meeting.

## **Board Members**

*President* - Melissa Longo, 9062 Tiffany Park Court, 866-3509  
*Vice President* - Mike Weilmunster, 9075 Tiffany Park Court, 569-7363  
*Grounds* - Mike Weilmunster  
*Social* - (Vacant)  
*Treasurer* - Steve Schwartz, 9087 Tiffany Park Court, 455-0365  
*Secretary* - Sally Schneider, 6406 Chaney Court, 455-4451  
*Architectural* - (Vacant)  
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*Playgrounds* - Dawn Helbick, 6509 Fieldmaster, 912-4785  
*Bookkeeper* - Bill Smith 6501 Fieldmaster, 451-4433  
(Change of address and billing questions only)  
*Volunteer* - Jill Barney, 9002 Alexis Court, 913-7113  
(She helps with everything!)