

# Keene Mill Village IV

## The Village Voice

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### Trash and Recycling

Rodents have been spotted in the neighborhood! Please dispose of trash and recyclables properly. DO NOT put trash out on Friday or Saturday for Monday pickup. Put trash out the night before and in bins with a lid.

Our trash company, Five Star Hauling, has reported that some of our residents are putting trash in the recycling bins. Please don't do that. If you miss trash pickup, bring your

trash back to your property and then set it out the night before the next scheduled pickup.

Five Star is now charging for pickup of white goods/appliances. Residents must call to schedule a pickup. The number is 703-794-8888.

Recyclable items accepted curbside are glass, aluminum, metal food cans, newspapers, and magazines.

### Minding Our Pets

The KMV4 Board has received complaints about dogs peeing and pooping in the grass. Of course that is what dogs are supposed to do! It's the dog owners that might need a reminder of their responsibilities.

Scoop the poop and bag it with your household trash or flush it down the toilet. Don't throw the poop down a storm drain

or into the woods.

If your dog pees in the same spot every day and you notice that the grass is dying, bring along a bottle of water on your walks, and dilute the urine so it isn't so toxic to the grass. Your neighbors will thank you.

In the heat of the summer, please don't leave your pets in the car.

### Drivers, Slow Down!

Speed bumps soon may be coming to our neighborhood. To protect the children (and adults) who walk, bike, scoot, skate, and play in the KMV4 area, the Virginia Department of Transportation will be assessing the need for speed bumps on Fieldmaster. Similarly, the KMV4 board will consider placing speed bumps along Tiffany Park Court.

Please drive slowly when entering and exiting our community.

### Save Our Tot Lots!

Please remind your children to respect the playground equipment and the trees that provide shade to the area. Ask them to clean up their food and drink items before they leave. Teach them not to be litterbugs.

The rocking duck was ripped out of the tot lot on Tiffany Park Court. The KMV4 board determined that it is not economically feasible to replace damaged or stolen playground equipment at this time.

# Architectural Reviews

The KMV4 Architectural Committee conducted a community-wide inspection in June to make sure that all owners/residents are in compliance with the architectural guidelines and procedures of the KMV4 Homeowners Association.

After the inspection, each homeowner received a checklist of items that did not meet the standards and the expected time frame for those items to be addressed by the owner/resident.

A hearty thank you goes to everyone who complied with the architectural standards and guidelines. Everyone benefits when our community looks better. If you have not addressed the items on the checklist, please do so as

soon as possible. Our management company will be issuing violation notices to those who have not complied.

**ALL** exterior changes, additions or deletions to the side, front, and rear of the house and the surrounding grounds and buildings must meet architectural standards.

Please send in the Architectural Review Form before the changes are made.

All material exterior changes must have **prior approval** by the Architectural Committee. Please note that this includes trees. Residents cannot chop down trees without notice. You must replace any tree that is removed.

The Architectural Review Form and the Architectural Standards and Guidelines are on the web at [www.keenemillvillage.org](http://www.keenemillvillage.org)

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A well-lit community is a safer community.  
Please keep your porch lights on at night.

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## Fight the Bite

If mosquitoes are a problem where you live, make sure that you are not providing breeding sites in your own yard. Most mosquitoes are poor fliers. If you are being bitten, they are probably breeding around your home.

Mosquitoes prefer to breed in all sorts of still water held in artificial containers. They need only a few tablespoons of water to breed.

### Check the following:

- **Roof gutters** — Clean out leaves and debris frequently to ensure water flows freely and does not accumulate.
- **Flexible plastic pipes for downspout**

**drainage**—Grooves in plastic pipes can hold enough water to breed mosquitoes. Treat with a larvicide such as Mosquito Dunks.

- **Buckets, watering cans, drinking glasses, plastic cups, bottle caps, or any trash that can hold water**—Store indoors or turn over. If it's trash, recycle or throw it away.
- **Cans and containers**—Throw away, store indoors, turn upside down, drill holes in the bottom, or empty after rain showers.
- **Puddles and wet, soggy areas**—Drain the water or fill with dirt or other landscaping material. Treat the area with a larvicide such as Mosquito Dunks.

Please use the website to find forms and to report your concerns:

[www.keenemillvillage.org](http://www.keenemillvillage.org)