

Keene Mill Village IV

The Village Voice

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Don't Miss our November 4 Annual Meeting

Keene Mill Elementary School
6310 Bardu Avenue in Springfield
6:30 PM

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In a typical year, only a fraction of homeowners and renters attend the Keene Mill Village IV Annual Meeting. This year, let's hear every voice!

- You can have a say in who represents you on the homeowner association board ...only if you attend the meeting.
- You can learn about implementing a neighborhood crime watch program ...only if you attend the meeting.

In 2003, the KMV4 board had one member, and he resigned at the annual meeting. How can a community govern itself if no one wants to get involved? Four women, who

attended the meeting a year ago, agreed to be nominated and were subsequently elected to the KMV4 board. One position has yet to be filled. Please consider running.

Officer Rex Pagiere of the Springfield District Crime Prevention Unit will tell us how to start a neighborhood watch program. Don't miss this opportunity.

Do you wonder why we don't have block parties like other neighborhoods? It takes people to plan a party. Volunteer to head up a committee to plan a block party, or to welcome new neighbors, or to do architectural reviews.

Let's get involved!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

The Keene Mill Village IV Board of Directors extends a heartfelt thank you to all the homeowners who complied with the Architectural Review requirements. We've seen you paint white lattice work to match the neutral fence color, clean up landscaping, set out trash

cans instead of plastic bags, put away trash cans on the same day as trash pickup, replace deteriorating fences, and remove lawn ornaments. We've also seen pooper scoopers and litter pick-it-uppers.

Keep up the great work!

A safe neighborhood is a well-lit neighborhood.
Please keep your porch lights on at night!

Annual Meeting Agenda

- I. **General Business**
 - a. Call to Order / Verification of Quorum
 - b. Proof of Notice
 - c. Approval of Minutes (Prior to Annual Meeting)
 - d. Board of Directors Introductions
- II. **President's Report**
 - a. VDOT Speed Bump Study
 - b. Update on Parking Issues on Fieldmaster
 - c. Plans for the Future
- III. **Election**
 - a. Introduction of Candidates
 - b. Election of Director to Fill Empty Position
 - c. Results of Election
- IV. **Neighborhood Watch**
- V. **Formation of Committees**
 - a. Architectural
 - b. Landscape
 - c. Safety
 - d. Social
 - e. Welcoming
- VI. **KMV Survey Results**
- VII. **Question / Answer Period**
- VIII. **Adjournment**

Residents Welcome at Board Meetings

KMV4 residents are invited to attend Board of Directors meetings, typically held once a month. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Associations Management (CAM), 6035 Burke Center Parkway, Suite 200, in Burke. For more information, call CAM at 703-250-7394.

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Disposal of Yard Debris

Five Star Haulers will pick up yard debris if it is placed in trash cans or in biodegradable bags or tied in bundles. Brush must be cut into 4-foot lengths with limbs no longer than 6 inches in diameter. Bundles must be no larger than 2 inches in diameter. Place yard debris at the curb on either of our trash collection days.

Since Thanksgiving is on a regular trash day, Five Star will pick up trash on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving.

Plum Tree Struck in Half

You couldn't have missed the plum tree split down the middle at the corner of Fieldmaster and Blarney Stone. The Virginia Department of Transportation trimmed the branches that fell into the street because the tree interfered with the vehicle right-of-way.

Unfortunately for KMV4, the tree was damaged too badly to be rescued and posed a hazard to pedestrians and vehicles. The board hired Affordable Tree Care to remove the tree at a cost of \$585.

Fall Lawn Tip

Fertilize in Fall, Fertilize in Fall, Fertilize in Fall. Fall is when the roots that will sustain the plants through the following summer are actively growing.

Spring fertilizing encourages leaf growth at the expense of root development. It also feeds weed species and can lead to disease and insect problems later in the season. In addition, you will have to mow the lawn more frequently.

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