

# Keene Mill Village IV

# The Village Voice

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## Board Meeting

Tuesday,  
December 13  
Kings Park Library  
7-9 p.m.



## Henry's Towing

703-698-8900

If a visitor or resident parks a vehicle in your parking spot without your permission, call Henry's Towing to have the car removed. If you see anyone parked in a fire lane, call Henry's immediately.

## Please Use a Trash Can

Plastic garbage bags are prohibited, according to the KMV4 rules. In addition, they are unattractive and attract critters. Please use a trash can with a secure lid.

Lowes has 45-gallon wheeled trash cans for \$20.

## Social Committee News

Thank you to everyone who came out for our pumpkin carving event on the 30<sup>th</sup>. We had a great time chatting, eating delicious treats, and getting our hands covered in pumpkin gook! Congratulations to our winners!



## Interested in going caroling around the neighborhood?

Meet us at Shelby Yeakley's, 9055 Tiffany Park Court, on December 11 at 5:30 pm. We will sing carols for our fellow neighbors, then end the evening with some hot chocolate and holiday cookies. You don't have to have a Broadway-quality singing voice; this is just for fun!

If you would like more information on social committee events, or would like to join the social committee, call Sarah DiGioia at 703-569-1623.



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## Neighborhood Watch News

If you would like to receive the West Springfield Shield, a free monthly newsletter produced by the Fairfax County Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit, send an e-mail to: [wspnewsletter@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:wspnewsletter@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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

## The Right Stuff for College

The Fairfax County Office of Partnerships' Project Discovery program invites Fairfax County students to its sixth annual conference on Saturday, Jan. 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Falls Church High School, 7521 Jaguar Trail, Falls Church. The theme of the conference is the college-career connection. The conference will feature workshops on colleges and careers, including how to get financial aid, choosing a major in college, becoming a student/athlete and leadership training. Students also will have the opportunity to "link" with current professionals in a wide variety of jobs to find out more about possible career paths. There is no charge to attend the conference.

Project Discovery encourages students to achieve educational excellence and pursue a college education. These youth, from underserved families, are provided the tools to excel in their studies and become well-rounded students and are often the first in their families to attend college. One hundred percent of Project Discovery graduates attended college last year. For more information about how to register for the conference, Project Discovery or how you can help make a difference in a high school student's life, contact Swaim Pessaud at 703-324-5216, or e-mail [swaim.pessaud@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:swaim.pessaud@fairfaxcounty.gov).

KMV4 newsletters and documents can be found on our website:  
[www.keenemillvillage.org](http://www.keenemillvillage.org)

## Portable Heaters (or Hazards?)

With winter drawing near, this is the time you may look for those extra, economical ways to provide warmth in your home. Portable heaters are often seen as the answer, but they can lead to tragedy if they are not used properly. Here are a few tips for safety with portable heaters:

- Use only appliances that cut off automatically if tipped over.
- Use only models that have been approved by a nationally recognized testing agency (UL or Factory Mutual).
- Keep combustible materials at least three feet away from space heaters.
- If using an electric model, make sure the cord is not frayed or worn. Never use an extension cord with a portable heater.
- Keep children and pets away from portable heaters. It only takes a second for curiosity to lead to a serious burn.
- Turn heaters off when you leave home or go to bed. It doesn't make sense to lose your possessions or your life while trying to save energy.
- If you are using a kerosene heater, use only IK kerosene as a fuel. Never use gasoline or any other flammable liquid in a kerosene heater. Follow all the manufacturer's instructions.



If you have any questions about the safe use of portable heaters, contact your local fire and rescue station or the Fire and Rescue Department's Public Information and Life Safety Education Section at 703-246 3801, TTY 703-385-4419.

# Freezing Pipes and Plumbing

Fairfax Water encourages residents to take the following preventative actions to protect home plumbing:

- Locate and mark the main water cut-off valve for your home. This cutoff valve is usually found near where the waterline comes into your house. Damage from running water can be minimized if you can turn off this valve quickly.



- Make sure the waterline to outside faucets is turned off and the line is drained. Consider wrapping or insulating your water pipes, especially those pipes near outside walls, un-

der the house or in the attic. Insulation supplies are available at local home improvement or hardware stores.

- Eliminate drafts. Check around the home for areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas and take measures to prevent the flow of cold air in these areas. Look

in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated. A hot water supply line can freeze just as a cold water supply line can if water is not running through the pipe and the water temperature becomes cold.

- If your water pipes freeze, never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch. You can use a hair dryer or portable heater, but always be careful of the potential for electric shock in and around standing water.
- If you will be away from your home, keep the thermostat at a reasonable temperature to make sure all areas with water pipes are kept above freezing.

## KMV4 Board Expands

At the KMV4 Annual Meeting held on November 7, 2005, the members of the association voted to expand the number of board members from five to seven.

Current board members Rachel Van Tassel and Andi Ceisler were re-elected, and Bernie Ward and Sheila Meyer were elected to the newly formed positions.

### Board of Directors

Svenja Leyden, President  
Rachel Van Tassel, Vice Pres.  
Andi Ceisler, Secretary  
Alia Carbone, Treasurer  
Eva Wagner, Member  
Bernie Ward, Member  
Sheila Meyer, Member

If you suspect you have a frozen water meter, call Fairfax Water for help. Service crews are available 24 hours a day and will respond as soon as possible. You can reach Fairfax Water's Customer Service Department at 703-698-5800, TTY 711. After hours, the emergency number is 703-698-5613, TTY 711. Additional information can be found at [www.fairfaxwater.org](http://www.fairfaxwater.org).

Come early, stay late!

**Holiday Open House**  
**December 10, 7am - ?**

9058 Tiffany Park Court (Carol and Bernie's)

**Brunch  
in the morning!**

**Wine and Cheese  
in the afternoon!**

**BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE.**

Call Carol for details: 703-913-7711.