

# Keene Mill Village IV

## The Village Voice

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### 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 ugly and attract critters. Please use a trash can with a secure lid.

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

### Thank You...

...to the good neighbor who chain-sawed into tiny pieces a tree that had fallen on Tiffany Park Court in January. The tree was blocking the street.

### Special Assessment to Pave our Streets and Parking Spaces

#### Vote on March 29

Every KMV4 owner has received a formal notice by mail of a second meeting to vote on the special assessment for paving.

Please plan to attend the meeting on March 29, 2006, from 7:30 - 9:00 pm at the Pohick Library. If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail in the proxy that was included in the notice. The proxy counts as your attendance at the meeting. You may vote either in person or by proxy.

Please note: If you turned in a proxy for the meeting on February 28, you do not need to turn in another one.

Your proxy will still be valid for the March 29 meeting. If you are not sure if you have voted, send in the proxy, and we will make sure that there was no duplicate vote.

For the vote to count, we need 33 owners in person or proxy. To pass the special assessment, 22 owners need to vote YES.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call our community manager Kristine Caraway at 703-961-0270, ext.102.

#### What is a proxy?

The definition of proxy is "a person who stands in the place of another." In the context of our HOA meeting, voting by proxy means that you have delegated to someone attending the meeting the power to cast a vote in accordance with your instructions. In our case, that someone is the secretary of the Board of Directors.

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Our community management company will be doing a spring walk-through of the neighborhood to make sure everyone is in compliance with the HOA architectural rules. Last year we saw significant progress in maintenance and upkeep from our residents. Let's keep up the good work by again showing pride in our property and neighborhood!

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# KMV4 Residents Can Expand Their Recycling

Our trash and recycling company is now collecting more recyclable items because Fairfax County is accepting more items from curbside collections.

It is easy to recycle right—just place these materials at the curb in your bin along with other recyclables.

- Mixed paper, which is all

clean paper without food residue, such as newspapers and inserts, magazines and catalogues, envelopes, office paper, junk mail, food boxes such as cereal and cracker boxes, household product boxes, paperback books and phone books.

- All plastic containers with

necks that are smaller than the body of the bottle.

- Flattened cardboard.

You will be surprised at how much less trash is made when mixed paper, plastic bottles and jugs, and flattened cardboard are added to recyclables collected at the curb.

**Recycling YES**

**IN THE BIN**

- Plastic bottles & jugs ONLY: Check for the neck!
- Metal food containers
- Pill bottles
- Glass bottles and jars
- Soda bottles & cans

**IN BIN, BAG OR CONTAINER**

- Junk mail, magazines, mixed paper and catalogs
- Flattened cardboard
- Newspapers
- Phone books
- Cereal and cracker boxes

**YES AT THE CURB**

- Grass
- Leaves
- Brush

**Recycling NO**

**NO AT THE CURB**

- Yogurt, dairy tubs
- Plastic bags
- Styrofoam packaging
- Plastic food boxes or trays
- Aluminum foil & trays
- Foam take-out containers
- Pizza boxes
- Hard back books
- Paper plates & napkins
- Lids, caps, tops
- Ceramics
- Lightbulbs
- Prescription vials
- Pots & pans
- Alkaline batteries
- Propane Tanks
- Rocks
- Bricks
- Logs over 6 inches

# Visitor Parking

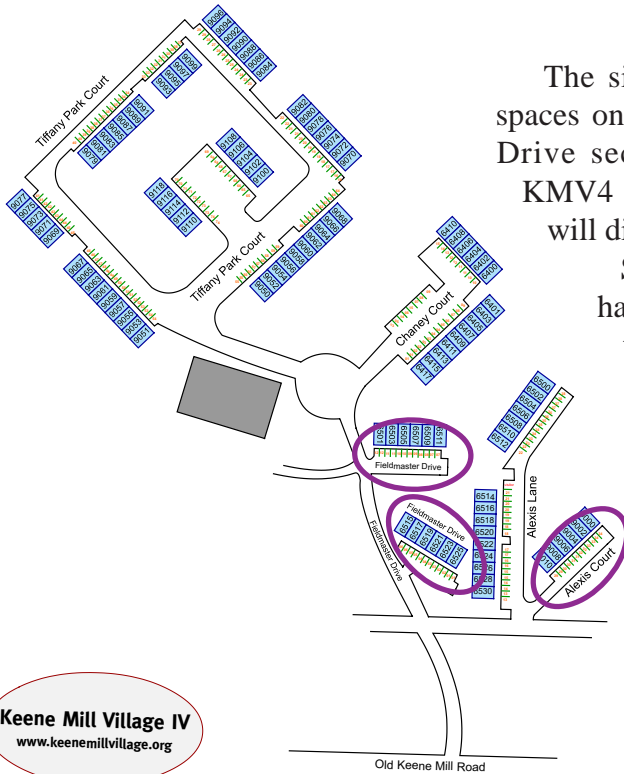
The single visitor parking spaces on the two Fieldmaster Drive sections belonging to KMV4 and on Alexis Court will disappear in April.

Several homeowners have complained about the misuse of the spaces by other residents.

The spaces were intended for short-term visitors, not for residents in need of a third park-

ing space. Also, the location of the spots, adjacent to the fire lanes, impedes the maneuverability of other cars.

Once the spaces are painted yellow to indicate fire-lane status, any car parked in any of the former spaces will be subject to towing.



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## Tips for Time Management

### 1. Maintain Balance

Spend a sufficient quantity and quality of time balancing the important areas of your life, including health, family, finances, intellect, social, professional, and spiritual. Balance does not mean equal amounts of time; rather, it means establishing priorities and sticking to them.



### 2. Write it Down

Get into the habit of writing down things to do using one tool (a calendar, pad of paper, Palm Pilot, etc.) Let your mind work on the big picture, but manage the details with a pen.

### 3. Do Daily Planning

Plan your work and then work your plan each day. Write up a To Do list with all your “have to’s” and all of your “want to’s” for your next day.

### 4. Prioritize It

Prioritize your To Do list each night. Put a #1 next to the most important item on your list. Place a #2 next to the second

most important item on your list, and so on. Then tackle the items on your list in order of their importance. You may not get everything done on your list, but you will get the most important things done.

### 5. Control Procrastination

To get going on something you have been putting off, create in your mind enough pain for not doing it or enough pleasure to do it. Work with one thing in front of you at a time so other things won’t distract you. Break it down into little bite-sized, manageable pieces. Get it started, take the first step, and you will likely continue it to completion.

## Calling for Help

<b>Emergency Police, Fire, Ambulance</b> .....	911, TTY 911
<b>Non-emergency</b> .....	703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264
<b>Animal Control</b> .....	703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264
<b>Fairfax County Government Emergency Information Line</b> .....	703-817-7771, TTY 711
<b>Basic Needs (Coordinated Services Planning)</b> .....	703-222-0880, TTY 703-803-7914; 703-631-3366 Español
<b>Flooding</b> .....	703-691-2131, TTY 703-204-2264
<b>Poison Control</b> .....	202-625-3333, TTY 202-362-8563
<b>Sewer Line Breaks or Emergencies</b> .....	703-323-1211, TTY 703-239-8498
<b>Suicide Prevention</b> .....	703-527-4077, TTY 711
<b>Voter Registration Information</b> .....	703-222-0776, TTY 711
<b>Virginia Courts</b> .....	703-691-7320

**Eric got his car by stealing it.**

**Janet got her car by reporting Eric.**

**HEAT**  
HELP ELIMINATE AUTO THEFT

**Up to \$10,000 for auto theft tips. Call 1-800-947-HEAT**

## Crime Prevention Tips

- Ensure doors and windows are locked at all times, even when you are home.
- Use timers on lights to give the appearance that you are home when you are not.
- Carry keys, cash and credit cards separate from each other, and constantly pay attention to your surroundings.
- If you have to carry a purse, carry it close to your body, and always zipped or snapped.
- Keep all vehicles locked.
- Turn your porch lights on at dusk, and leave them on until morning.

If you would like to receive the *West Springfield Shield*, a free monthly newsletter produced by the Crime Prevention Unit, please send your e-mail address to:

wspnewsletter@  
fairfaxcounty.gov

# Keep an Eye on Your Children

A few residents have complained that children playing in the streets and parking areas with balls, bats, and other sports and recreation equipment are not taking care to avoid hitting parked cars and nearby homes.

There are no restrictions as to where children can play in our neighborhoods...nor should there be. The streets and common areas are open to all. However, if a child causes damage to private property, whether accidentally or intentionally, the parents of that child are responsible for the damage.



**The KMV4 Board is not responsible for issuing citations or collecting damages. Nor is our management company.** If you believe your home or car has been damaged by a child, you should bring the matter to the attention of the parents to resolve it. If that does not work, or if you are uncomfortable confronting the parents, then call the police department's non-emergency number, 703-691-2131.



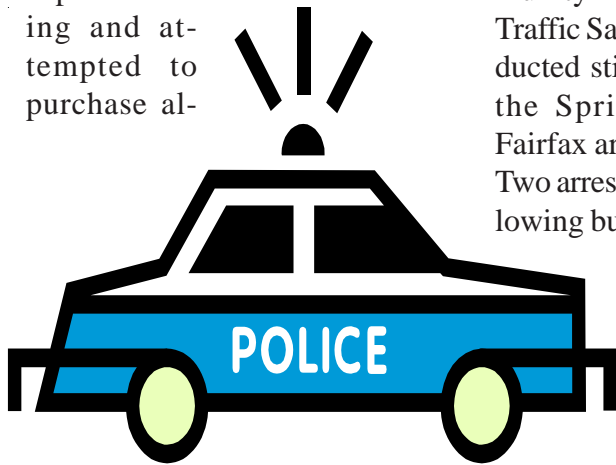
# Underage Drinking

Fairfax County police conducted an alcohol sting as part of the ongoing Safe December campaign. Fairfax County Police cadets entered several businesses in plain clothing and attempted to purchase al-

cohol. Officers charged clerks who sold alcoholic beverages to the cadets.

In one night, members of the West Springfield District Community Policing Unit and the Traffic Safety Services Unit conducted stings at 29 locations in the Springfield, Burke and Fairfax areas of Fairfax County. Two arrests were made at the following businesses:

- CVS Pharmacy, 8930 Burke Lake Road in Springfield
- Giant Food, 10653 Braddock Road in Fairfax



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

# **KMV4 Community Cleanup**

**Sunday, April 2  
9 a.m. - noon**

Spring is right around the corner!  
Grab your workboots, gloves, and shovels  
and join us for a cleanup of our common areas,  
stream valley, and streets.

Trash bags will be available in the  
Fieldmaster parking circle.



Due to the prohibitive cost, we will not have a dumpster for this event. If you have large household items that you want to dispose, please call American Disposal at 703-368-0500 to make arrangements for a free special pickup, which will always be scheduled for a Thursday.