



# Willowood

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## President's Message

**H**ello homeowners. This year has started off well for the HOA. The neighborhood is maturing nicely and the HOA is financially stable in this recovering economy. As such, we were able to budget for our expenses without raising the monthly fees. We can't guarantee this will be the case next year, but we will always strive to minimize the cost to the HOA without sacrificing the aesthetics of our community. Many of you may not realize it, but some of the homes in our HOA are nearing 18 years old. With the beautiful maturing trees comes worn shingles and siding. As these materials come to the end of their life span, please consider replacing your roof or siding instead of patching. It is nearly impossible to match the sun beaten color of the original material and your home will not only look new again, but will function better with the updated materials.

This is a friendly reminder that we will be conducting community inspections during the month of June. Some of the items we look for are:

**Mold** – usually growing on the north side of the home and can be taken care of with a good power washing,

**Foundation** – usually needs to be painted every two to three years as a result of fading and the ground settling,

**Trim and shutters** – these need to be painted as wood exterior trim flakes and shutters fade with age,

**Overgrown foliage** – trimming is needed year round depending on the type of foliage you have growing in your yard.

You can be proactive by addressing some of these cosmetic items on your home as soon as possible. If you elect to do any exterior painting and want to change the color from the original, you must submit an architectural request first. Forms are available on the Willowood website at "<http://www.willowood.org>". An architectural request is also required for all changes to the exterior of your home, including such things as adding a deck or shed.

In closing, I'd like to remind you that in accordance with our bylaws Pit Bull dogs are not allowed on any lot and there are no exceptions made for mixes. Please respect your neighbors and the HOA in these matters.

Wishing you a great 2013,  
Javier Armendáriz

## Upcoming Events:

June, 2013		Community Inspections
8 June, 2013	8 am - 12 pm	Community Yard Sale
14 September, 2013	2 pm - 4 pm	Ice Cream Social

## Tips and Reminders

**P**lease be courteous to your neighbors by cleaning up after your dog(s). If you don't want it in your yard, your neighbors don't want it in their yards and we don't want it in our common areas. We have 3 pet stations that we maintain for your convenience.

Any change(s) to the exterior of your house must be approved by the Architectural committee **prior** to starting work on the change.

As the weather warms up, more children are playing outside, so please be especially mindful and obey the posted speed limits while driving through our neighborhood.

Pit bull dogs in any mix are prohibited in the neighborhood. No exceptions.

## Election News

**A**t the Annual Meeting held on April 10<sup>th</sup>, there being no other nominations from those in attendance, Laurie Ramey was reelected for a three year term. Current board positions are:

President:	Javier Armendariz
Vice President:	Scott Habicht
Treasurer:	Laurie Ramey
Secretary:	Gloria Kesee
At Large:	Olga Butler

## Technology Update

**A**s well as our website <http://www.willowood.org>, we are now also on Facebook at "elkridgewillowood". Check us out.