



Willowood

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Ice Cream Social



The Willowood Ice Cream Social will be here soon! Come out and meet your neighbors while eating delicious ice cream served by the members of your Board of Directors. This year we'll once again set up at the corner of Wesley Lane and Greenmount Drive on Saturday, September 14th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.

Construction Update

The owners of the property located next to Route 100 and across Route 103 from Wesley Lane will be holding a pre-submission meeting to discuss the apartments they will be building. The meeting will take place September 12th at 6:00pm at the Elkridge Volunteer Fire Department located at 6275 Old Washington Blvd., Elkridge.

School Redistricting News

The Howard County Public School System is currently building a new middle school, which will open for the 2014-2015 school year. During the last couple of meetings of the Attendance Area Committee, discussions were held about redistricting our neighborhood from Mayfield Woods Middle School to this new middle school. If this move is implemented, it would have negative effects for the children in our community, such as:

- Separating our children from most of the friends they have made in elementary school, as only two of the communities feeding Bellows Spring would move to the new middle school
- Isolating us geographically from other neighborhoods attending the new school
- A much longer bus ride, as the new school is considerably farther away than Mayfield Woods

More information about this can be found on the School System website at:

<http://www.hcpss.org/schoolplanning/notes.shtml> (specifically in the notes from the July 30th and August 6th meetings). Our HOA is in polygon 298 and polygon 1298 is the other half of Willowood. Traditionally, polygons 82 and 2082 have always been redistricted with our neighborhood.

Hearings will be held on this proposal at 7:30 pm on September 10th at Howard High School and September 11th at Centennial High School. If you are interested in attending either of these meetings, you must register via the link on the above website. In addition, you can fill out an online survey to provide feedback to the Board of Education about the redistricting plans via that same website.

Upcoming Events:

10 September, 2013	7:30 pm	HCPSS Regional Attendance Area meeting
11 September, 2013	7:30 pm	HCPSS Regional Attendance Area meeting
12 September, 2013	6 pm	Apartments Pre-submission Meeting
14 September, 2013	2 pm - 4 pm	Ice Cream Social

Tips and Reminders

Please 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.

Technology Update

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