



Willowwords

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President's Message

As everyone is surely already aware at this point, the HOA board of directors has decided to raise the homeowner's dues this year. This increase was necessary to keep up with the rising costs for landscaping, insurance, and just about everything else the HOA pays for. We held off on this increase for a couple of years by spending money from our reserves, but the time has come to get our budget back in order.

Last autumn's inspection turned up a number of properties which had problems, most of which were minor. Sadly, during a follow-up inspection in December, it was noted that only about half of the problems had been corrected. Since that time, I have noticed a number of other properties that now have paint and/or mildew problems..

With the general aging of the properties in our community, and apparent homeowner apathy, an annual inspection has now become necessary. We have decided that spring is really the best time to conduct the community inspection. So, look forward to another inspection this spring (in May), and each spring from now on. The HOA board members conducting the inspection will especially be looking at:

- Proper care and maintenance of yards and landscaping
- Paint that may be peeling or flaking (on doors, windows, foundations, etc.)
- Mildew or mold on decks, fences, and siding
- General fence and deck condition

I would like to thank Lewis Sarver for agreeing to take over the board position vacated by Doug Kornreich last year. If you would like to become more involved in our community, please consider running for one of the two board positions that are up for election this year.

Lastly, don't forget to attend the upcoming annual meeting on April 5th. I hope to see you there.

Laurie Ramey

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Important Dates

- 05 April 2005 Annual Willowood Neighborhood Association meeting
7:30 pm at the Elkridge Library
- 14 May 2005 Annual community-wide yard sale (rain date: 21 May)
8:00 am until 12:00 pm
- Late May Annual community inspection

Reminders

- Look for the next exciting issue of Willowoods coming in May 2005.
- Visit the community website: <http://www.willowood.org>