



# Willowood

## The Official Newsletter of the Willowood Neighborhood Association

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### Zoning News

In March the County Council passed a zoning legislation bill known as 'Comp Lite'. Amongst others, the affected properties include the former Braun horse farm, located directly across from the northern end of Wesley Lane (the southwest corner of the RT 100/103 interchange). This property was re-zoned from residential to a combination of POR and CCT. These two zoning designations allow various commercial buildings to be built on the property (e.g. office buildings). The Willowood HOA board of directors opposed this change in zoning, preferring to keep the land zoned residential, in keeping with the surrounding properties.

Because of widespread discontent with the entire 'Comp Lite' process, some county residents launched a successful petition drive to get the entire "Comp Lite" re-zoning bill put on hold until the next election in November 2006. At that time, there will be a referendum on the ballot and all residents of the county can vote to support the re-zoning that the County Council put in place, or to nullify the entire legislation.

The owner of the Braun property does not wish to wait for the outcome of the referendum, and has submitted a zoning change request to the county which would have the same end result as the 'Comp Lite' legislation (i.e. the zoning would be changed from residential to commercial).

The Willowood HOA Board of directors, acting on behalf of the community, continues to oppose this change and is joining with other nearby HOA's and interested individuals to hire a lawyer to help fight this zoning change.

To be successful, we need to get high community attendance at the various county Planning/Zoning Board hearings. Even if people don't want to actually testify, their presence in the audience will still help our cause. The first hearing is currently scheduled for October 6, 2005 at 7:00p.m. Please check the Willowood website for updates.

### Board Election Results

At the annual meeting held on April 5th, Javier Armendariz was elected to the HOA board of directors. Don Tarwater was also re-elected to the board. The current officers are:

President	Chuck Casey	Secretary	Javier Armendariz
Vice President	Laurie Ramey	At Large	Frank Kippenbrock
Treasurer	Don Tarwater		

### Pet Stations

Two new dog waste stations have been erected along Wesley Lane. One is next to the playground, and the other is near the corner of Greenmount Drive. Those of you with dogs should feel free to use the stations while walking your pets. Please help keep our community looking great!

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## **Speed Bumps**

Speeding on Wesley Lane continues to be a problem. Several homeowners in our community, in conjunction with the other HOA's located along Wesley Lane, have been working on a solution to this problem. Their recommendation is that we ask Howard County to install speed bumps along the entire length of Wesley Lane. This idea was unanimously agreed upon at the recent annual meeting.

## **Website Email List**

We are starting an email list so that we can send out reminders of important dates and website updates. When this feature is operational, you can go to the Community website and enter your email address to be added to the list. We hope to have this feature up and running soon. So make sure to check [www.willowood.org](http://www.willowood.org) to sign up.

## **Important Dates**

6 Oct 2005	7:00 p.m.	Planning Board meeting about Braun Horse Farm in the George Howard Building in Ellicott City
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