



# Willowood

## The Official Newsletter of the Willowood Neighborhood Association

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### President's Message

It's been a while since we have had any communication. I will try to be better about getting the newsletter out in a timely manner. Actually, things have been going well in the neighborhood. Inspections were recently conducted in accordance with our by-laws and those in violation will be notified and given time to correct any infraction. These are done as a courtesy as much as anything. Sometimes it helps to have another point of view; if something looks bad to us, it will also look bad to prospective buyers. Whether it is your house up for sale, or your neighbor's, our goal is to keep property values increasing. I have always felt this was the primary function for this, or any, HOA.

Please remember that there are strict guidelines in place prohibiting the possession of any PIT BULL breed of dog. There have been a few pit bull sightings, but we are uncertain as yet if the dogs' owners are in our HOA. If you ever have questions about the by-laws and covenants, a copy is available on our web site.

We are having issues with respecting other people's property. Please stay off of lawns and grass in the common areas with your vehicles, whether you are at the bus stop or driving to your house on a flag lot. Also, please do not park directly in front of the mailboxes, as this makes mail delivery and pickup much more difficult.

### Zoning News

In November of 2005, the Board of Directors voted to hire Katherine Taylor, a lawyer specializing in zoning matters, to assist us in fighting a rezoning petition filed by the owners of the Braun property, which is located directly across from the northern end of Wesley Lane (the southwest corner of the Route 100/103 interchange). The owners are seeking to change the current residential zoning (RSC) to commercial zoning (a combination of CCT and POR).

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, Katherine (representing both our Willowood Neighborhood Assoc., Inc. and the Pembroke HOA) and representatives from Willowood and other local communities attended a Planning Board meeting about this case (number ZB 1049M). Katherine pointed out to the Planning Board several recent filings made by the Braun family lawyer, and requested a postponement so that we would have enough time to prepare answers to these new petitions. The Planning Board granted the request and rescheduled the hearing for March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

It is very important for us to have a large turnout at this meeting. There is no need to testify at the hearing (unless you want to). Merely having a large number of supporters helps our case. Please be there to show your support for keeping our neighborhood residential!

March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2006  
7:00 p.m.  
Banneker Room

George Howard Building  
3430 Courthouse Drive  
Ellicott City, Maryland

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## Web Site Email List

We have an email list so that we can send out reminders of important dates and web site updates. You can go to the community web site (<http://www.willowood.org>) and enter your email address to be added to the list. The list is only used for community information.

## Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
02 March 2006	7:00 pm	Planning Board meeting for the Braun Horse Farm in the George Howard Building in Ellicott City
06 April 2006	7:30 pm	Annual HOA Meeting in the meeting room at the Elkridge Library
06 May 2006	8 am - 12 pm	Community Yard Sale
13 May 2006	8 am - 12 pm	Rain Date for Yard Sale

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