



Willowood

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Yard Sale Date Change!

Unfortunately, we have had to change the dates for the annual Community Yard Sale. The yard sale will now be held on May 13th, with a rain date of May 20th. Please update your calendar accordingly.

Zoning News about the Braun/Cavey Farm

At the Planning Board hearing on March 2nd, the Planning Board voted unanimously (in a non-binding recommendation) against the petitioner's request to rezone the property located directly across from the northern end of Wesley Lane (the southwest corner of the Route 100/103 interchange) from residential zoning (RSC) to commercial zoning (a combination of CCT and POR).

At the Zoning Board hearing on April 19, 2006 the petitioner's lawyers presented most of their case. Because there was not enough time for them to finish or for those of us in opposition to testify, the case has been continued to May 3, 2006 at 7:00 pm.

The Zoning Board's decision is the final, and binding decision on this matter. It is extremely 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. If you do not want to testify, all you have to do is sign in on the "opposing" sheet. Even if you cannot stay for the entire hearing, coming by to sign in is a great help. Please be there to show your support for keeping our neighborhood residential!

May 3rd, 2006
7:00 p.m.
Banneker Room

George Howard Building
3430 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, Maryland

Mandatory Outdoor Water Restrictions

All of Howard County will be under mandatory water restrictions on outdoor water use from May 1, 2006 through September 1, 2006 while major water main repairs are underway.

Residents with an EVEN numbered street addresses will be allowed to use water for outdoor purposes on even numbered calendar days ONLY. Correspondingly, ODD numbered street addresses will be allowed to use water for outdoor purposes on odd numbered calendar days ONLY.

More information can be found on the county web site at: http://www.co.ho.md.us/news/News_20060418.htm. Complaints regarding outdoor water use that are inconsistent with the odd/even restrictions may be reported by calling 410-313-2200.

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Board of Directors News

At the annual HOA meeting held at the beginning of April, Chuck Casey and Frank Kippenbrock were reelected to serve on the Board of Directors.

The board is seeking volunteers to be on the Architectural Committee. The committee handles Architectural Review Form submissions and performs resale inspections. The time commitment is minimal. If interested, please call Residential Realty or email the board members via the web site.

Residential Realty Agent

We have a new agent at Residential Realty handling our community. He can be reached at:

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Spring Cleanup Tips

01. Trim the small saplings from the bottom of hardwood trees; trim branches below 6.5 feet from the ground
02. Replace/refresh mulch and edge grass around trees and gardens
03. Plant spring flowers
04. Clean and paint exterior trim and foundations
05. Clean mildew from steps and siding using a stiff brush or power washer
06. Power wash decks and fences
07. Stain or seal decks and fences
08. Top dress and seed lawns then cover with straw or peat moss
09. Cut grass at 3-4 inches to promote drought tolerance
10. Trim grass at foundation of house
11. Repair/replace rotten wooden trim

With your help we can keep our neighborhood beautiful!

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
03 May 2006	7:00 pm	Zoning Board meeting for the Braun Horse Farm in the George Howard Building in Ellicott City
13 May 2006	8 am - 12 pm	Community Yard Sale (Revised!)
20 May 2006	8 am - 12 pm	Rain Date for Yard Sale (Revised!)
31 May 2006		Deadline to correct violations if you received a violation letter dated in February