



# Willowood

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### President's Message

We have our annual membership meeting coming up on 12 April, at 7:30, at the Elkridge Library. If you cannot attend, please send a proxy ballot with a neighbor or board member so we can reach a quorum and make the meeting official.

There are a few issues we all need to tighten up on to keep our neighborhood looking sharp. We need to remember that a Howard County ordinance requires that trash and recycle bins be put out only after 6pm the night before a trash or recycle day, and be put away by 6pm on the day of pick up.

We all need to do a better job of securing trash and recycled material on pick up days. It always seems to be windy on Wednesdays and Fridays, making the neighborhood look like a trash truck exploded. If you don't have a lid for you trash can, please consider buying a new can with a lid attached on hinges.

We are also having an issue with vandals driving on the grass in common areas. It is our HOA funds which keep these areas looking good and we pay collectively when they need to be repaired. I know that some of the ruts in the grass are unintentional, but there have been specific intentional episodes occurring on Wednesday nights which are vandalism. If you have any information on this matter, please contact me, and I will follow up on it.

It has also come to my attention that people are using the dog waste stations for trash. These containers are there for dog waste only. They are not meant to be used as community waste cans.

If we take a little more care of our neighborhood, we will all reap the benefits.

Chuck Casey  
President

### Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
12 April 2007	7:30 pm	Annual HOA Meeting in the meeting room at the Elkridge Library
02 June 2007	8 am - 12 pm	Community Yard Sale
16 June 2007	8 am - 12 pm	Rain Date for Yard Sale

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## **Tips and Reminders**

Please walk down the sidewalk adjoining your property. If you are running into tree limbs or bushes, it means others are too! Please trim any vegetation that is hanging over the sidewalks.

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 2 pet stations that we maintain for your convenience.

Pit bull dogs in any mix are prohibited from the neighborhood. No exceptions.

Please look for your trash cans/lids and recycling bins if they are missing. Too many remain unclaimed or end up in the pond areas.

Please pick up the free newspapers delivered to the end of your driveway. They are an eyesore and clog the snowblowers.

Any exterior change to your house must be approved by the Architectural committee prior to the change.

## **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.

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