



# Willowoods

The official newsletter of the Willowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.

April 2026

## **April 20 Annual Association Meeting**

At 7:30 PM via Zoom, link information below. The primary purpose of this meeting will be to elect two directors to serve on the board. If you are interested in serving your community as a member of the board, please complete and return the Candidate Form included in the meeting's announcement sent to you recently from Residential Realty. This is the time to find out what is happening in your neighborhood and plan for the upcoming year.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89490362300?pwd=tamtK09QLU0j49iCMShzSm6g4cFsSS.1>

Meeting ID: 894 9036 2300

Passcode: 483854

One tap mobile:

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## **Earth Day and Arbor Day**

Keep an eye on our Willowood Facebook private group (\*) to participate in activities in our neighborhood to do some trash pickup and/or a tree planting. We may do that either on Earth Day (Wednesday, April 22), Arbor Day (Friday, April 24), or observe both on Saturday, April 25). Or let the board ([board@willowood.org](mailto:board@willowood.org)) know of your interest so that we keep you informed.

(\*) (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/willowoodsinglehomes>)

## **Community Yard Sale: Saturday, May 23, 8:00 AM – 12 Noon**

Rain date: Saturday, May 30. Our board is planning to post signs on Meadowridge Road (Rt. 103), at both ends of Wesley Lane, starting on Sunday, May 17th, to point traffic to our neighborhood the following Saturday, May 23rd. We encourage neighbors to participate on May 23rd and so make Willowood a top yard sale destination that locals will remember to visit every year. If any of you would like to take on being a coordinator or planner, please let us know at [board@willowood.org](mailto:board@willowood.org). Should the weather look questionable, watch the Willowood website (<https://willowood.org/>) for guidance or rain date decision.

## **Annual Properties Inspection**

Our board plans to do its annual walk-by lot inspections soon to promote our association's community standards of aesthetics, maintenance and upkeep. This is a perfect time for all property owners to take a critical look at their properties and ensure the standards of section 9 of our covenants, "Willowood First Amendment of Declaration of Covenants, Easements, Charges and Liens," available at <https://willowood.org>, are met.

Also, remember that whenever you want to alter the exterior of your home or your lot, such as removing a tree, changing the color of the front door or the shutters, replacing the siding, adding a deck or another permanent structure, an Architectural Review Form must be submitted to the Architectural Committee ("ARC") before the work is started, per sections 8 and 9 of the covenants. You may access the form under the Documents tab of our website as well as in the Request tab of Residential Realty Group's Vantaca portal (<https://portal.rrg-sales.com/community/new-request>).

### A Few Community Maintenance Tips:

Mold or mildew on siding and other exterior surfaces is becoming more common to see around as our properties age, so we encourage your action to wash it off when you notice it spreading appreciably as their impact is not only visual but has potential for health effects inside our homes (and infect others' homes). Other common issues are foundations needing painting or cracks repaired, and very faded window shutters and doors. We ask that you attend to these situations early on.

These responsibilities (below) are sourced from Howard County code or from section 9 of our covenants:

- Sod areas ("tree boxes") along streets, and sidewalks, abutting our private properties - - are the responsibility of the abutting homeowner to upkeep, per county code. Be mindful that parking or driving a vehicle over that sod may damage the sod severely, needing repair which is the homeowner's responsibility.
- Disposal of leaves, fallen tree branches, etc. - - please haul those to the county landfill. Please be mindful that the lot off the Coxwold Drive hill (on the right as one goes uphill), and behind the properties on Woodvale Place and Pennell Court, is private (not county) property, not owned by our HOA.

Reminder: in Howard County, the disposal of any materials, waste, or debris within designated forest conservation areas, public open spaces, or preservation parcels is prohibited. These areas are meant for ecological protection, and unauthorized dumping is considered a violation of conservation easements. The following actions are strictly prohibited in protected forest conservation areas or preservation parcels:

- Dumping: Soil, lawn clippings, trash, refuse, and waste.
- Debris: Abandoned vehicles, appliances, and construction debris.
- Clearing and Landscaping: Clearing vegetation, mowing, or creating formal landscapes.

- Lawns - - must be kept neat and not more than 4 inches tall; front yards shall be kept only as a lawn, and no structures shall be erected on that yard.
- Trash (and recycling) bins - - other than on collection days, they “shall be stored at all other times so that they are not visible from elsewhere within the community.” Keep your trash from blowing away during windy conditions.
- Repair of structures, unsightly items - - all structures shall be kept in good condition and repair, and adequately painted or otherwise finished. “No condition shall be maintained ... so as to render any lot ... unsanitary, unsightly.”
- Animals - - pit bull dogs may not be kept in any lot; other than not more than two cats and dogs, no livestock, poultry or other animal, bird or insect may be raised, bred or kept.

## **Ice Cream Truck Social**

We anticipate doing this friendly community activity again this year as we have done the last two years. We will send plenty of notice via Willowords and our Facebook private group.

## **Message from the Board of Directors**

Dear homeowners:

We on the HOA board take on the position as volunteers with a desire to maintain our community as a desirable place to live for us all and future home owners. We do appreciate you having an eye for detail and maintaining your home to HOA standards and respect for the neighborhood. We all will benefit from these guidelines, assuring that our property values and community appeal continue to increase, keeping our neighborhood desirable. Let’s work together on what is our greatest investment. We thank you all. Regards from your HOA team.

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