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The official newsletter of the Willowood Neighborhood Association, Inc.

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Community Wide **Yard Sale** ... Saturday, May 23, 8:00 AM - 12 noon

Take advantage of this opportunity to sell non-needed items as we attract traffic from Meadowridge Rd. with large yellow signs posted at both ends of Wesley Ln. In case of doubt regarding the weather, check out our website, willowood.org. Rain date would be the following Saturday, May 30. **We would welcome a volunteer** to post other signs (provided) to direct traffic to our streets off Wesley Ln. If interested please contact us at board@willowood.org.

New Board of Directors and HOA Officers

At our home owners association's annual meeting of last April 20, one new director was elected to the board, Rod, and one director was re-elected, Roz. Our president for about 16 years, Javi, did not run for re-election, and so he now leaves that role with our high appreciation for his great leadership, work and care over so long. Our association's finances are strong and our management practices have proven wise and well tested thanks to him. (There even was a time years ago when our monthly assessment went down!) Our board of directors, with five members, reconstituted this way: Jaime as president, Javier as vice president, Rod as treasurer, Isaiah as secretary, and Roz as at-large. Our individual Willowood e-mail addresses have been updated: president@willowood.org, vicepresident@willowood.org, treasurer@willowood.org, secretary@willowood.org, and atlarge@willowood.org. You always can reach the complete board at board@willowood.org. We have two other officers (not board directors) who were reappointed to a new one year term by the board to serve in the architectural committee, with Rodney as the chair.

New President's Message

With deep thanks to Javi for serving as president so well and for so long, I am pleased to assume the presidency of our association in great part due to a desire to contribute and give back in this way to our residential community which has so well served us as home to my family and me for 30 years (yes, we moved in here in 1996!). I am thankful for your trust first for our association's homeowners electing me to the board two terms in a row, and now to our board for choosing me as president. I am also motivated by knowing so many neighbors, by having developed a good understanding of our community's rhythms and management having now served on the board for three years as at-large and a year as vice president, and by now being

retired for a few years, affording me time and energy. This spring, while strolling around performing our board's annual properties inspection, I was so pleased about how well our neighborhood looks after 30 years. I appreciated that most (14 of 15) of the properties that last year had some maintenance item that deserved attention, all those items were fixed (and that out of our total of 183 detached home properties!). Our fellow home owners around here are caring well for their properties, and observe respect and regard for their surrounding neighbors. Surely selling prices also have demonstrated the value and desirability of our community!

Some things I'm thinking of or am concerned about include these: (1) a desire to see increased participation in our annual (in April) and budget (in December) meetings and in gardening projects, (2) speeding on our streets, (3) eliminating the water puddling on the east Wesley Lane sidewalk near the hill garden, which is both an annoyance and a real safety risk when one needs to walk on the road to avoid the puddled or even iced sidewalk and mucky ground on both sides of it, and (4) whether a new groundskeeping contract (our current three-year contract with Greenskeeper expires this November) would necessitate an increase in our annual property assessment in order to balance the next budget. I would love it for our community to have a social committee to plan social activities (ice cream social, yard sale, pot lucks, etc.) If you know of other things that the board and I should consider to improve our community, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@willowood.org, or the complete board at board@willowood.org. Our private Facebook group promotes the sharing of items of common concern.

Ice Cream Social (“Free”) ... Saturday, July 11, 7-8 PM

Please come to enjoy the Mr. Smooth ice cream truck and chatting with neighbors at the open field at the Wesley-Greenmount corner. The truck offers a wide range of ice cream and dessert treats. You will not have to pay at the event as this is being paid for by our association's social activities budget. Please monitor our website (willowood.org) should the weather become a concern, where we would inform of a rain date if needed.



A Few Upkeeping Items

- **Trash and recycling bins** - - Please keep the bins at least not in the front of your house except on collection days. (Covenants 9.2.4 puts it this way, “not visible from elsewhere within the community,” but we know that is not entirely possible in every lot.)
- **Exterior changes** on your property (e.g., a new or changing a structure, painting on a new color, adding a storm door, etc.) requires the approval of the architectural committee (covenants 8.2). Please submit an architectural request through Residential Realty Group's Vantaca portal (Requests => ARC Request).