



Willowood

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President's Message

I'm very excited about our new big blue recycling cans with lids! It's great to see so many people using their new bins, but it's important to remember that Howard County law 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 and that your HOA requires that recycling bins and trash cans be stored out of sight from our streets. Hopefully the lids on our new bins will keep our neighborhood from looking so messy on windy recycling days. Since the county delivered our new bins, they have greatly increased the number of things they will accept for recycling. Check out: www.howardcountyrecycles.org for a complete list of what is acceptable. The county also accepts a number of things at the Alpha Ridge Landfill, such as used motor and cooking oils, that are not accepted for curbside recycling.

We have our annual membership meeting coming up on the 6th of 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. Our long serving Treasurer, Don Tarwater, has had to resign from the Board as he will soon be moving out of Willowood. If anyone is interested in serving out the remaining two years of his term, please contact me through our website, www.willowood.org, or by leaving a message with our Property Manager, Kate Cornell at Residential Realty 410-654-4444.

The fourth grade team at Bellows Spring Elementary School is working on a project to paint the storm drains in our neighborhood with "Don't Dump - Chesapeake Bay Drainage". They would love to have volunteers with the community help them with their project. As of now, the painting will be on April 25th with a rain date of May 2nd. Participants will meet at the school at 8am. Please contact Ms. Beach at KRISTEN_BEACH@hcpss.org if you have any questions.

We are having an issue with people driving and parking 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 so please do not park on the grass.

Important Dates

Date	Time	Event
06 April 2009	7:30 pm	Annual HOA Meeting in the meeting room at the ElkrIDGE Library
25 April 2009	8 am	Bellows Spring Elementary Storm Drain Painting Day
30 May 2009	8 am - 12 pm	Community Yard Sale
06 June 2009	8 am - 12 pm	Rain Date for Yard Sale

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Tips and Reminders

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 3 pet stations that we maintain for your convenience.

Howard County Code requires all homeowners to remove snow from sidewalks adjoining their property within 48 hours after a snow fall.

Please look for your trash cans/lids 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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