



# ASPENWOOD TIMES

Quarterly Newsletter

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## Special Assessment

The Special Assessment that the Aspenwood Board of Directors proposed was not passed by the community. Subsequently, the Board is limited in its ability to address the asphalt and concrete repair needs in Aspenwood. However, it is still unwise to ignore the sink hole potential and rapid deterioration that exists in sections of the community. Subsequently, the Board will obtain a short-term loan to address a portion of the asphalt repair / resurfacing and concrete work needed in the community. There are three areas of the community where asphalt damage / deterioration is major. Those three areas that will be addressed are:

- ◆ *Upper court, Aspenwood Way*
- ◆ *Large parking lot, Rosewood Way*
- ◆ *Upper court, Willowwood Way*

In each case, the top level condition shows evidence that the lower level is now deteriorating and creating the risk of sink holes. Though concrete / asphalt work is needed throughout the community, **no other section will be addressed anytime in the near future.**

The first stage of the concrete and asphalt work is tentatively **scheduled for August 6—10, 2007.** Weather will determine the actual start date of the work, and length of time. The second stage of the work will begin approximately 2—3 weeks later. During **Stage One** of the work, **no one is permitted to park in the specified lots from 7:30 AM to 7:00 PM.** For **Stage Two**, **parking will not be permitted for approximately 36 hours, beginning at 7:30 AM.** Flyers will be distributed with specific details for affected sections of the community. Please move your cars at the specified times, and honor the required time lengths, so as to avoid costly towing.

## Mr. or Ms. Dog Owner....

Please don't let your dog poop on the grass in the neighborhood where the kids play. The poop is really gross.

- Sofia, age 6



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## Community Tip

To ensure changes do not violate the *Aspenwood Architectural Guidelines*, be sure to submit an **ARC Request Form** and get approval **before** doing work to your home's exterior.



## JOIN TOWER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

### The Benefits of Tower Membership

As an Aspenwood Townhouse Association member, you are eligible to become a member of Tower Federal Credit Union. Tower exists to provide its members with a safe and convenient place to save at higher rates and to borrow at lower rates. How is this possible? Tower is a non-profit, member-owned cooperative. There are no stockholders to pay. Earnings are returned to members in lower rates for auto, mortgage and consumer loans and higher dividends for Share Certificates (CDs), Money Market and savings accounts.

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### Become a Member Today

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## Mandatory Outdoor Water Restrictions in Howard County



Effective May 18, 2007, all entities, including private residences, served by Howard County's public water system are required to refrain from using water for outdoor purposes during restricted times.

Hours of restriction are Friday, 6:00 PM through Sunday, Midnight, and all day on holidays. During these restricted times:

### You May...

- ◆ Water your garden and house plants/shrubs with buckets, watering cans, or a handheld hose with automatic shutoff type nozzle.
- ◆ Have your car washed at a commercial car wash.

### You May Not...

- ◆ Water your lawns or plants with sprinklers or free running hoses.
  - ◆ Wash (including power washing) paved or outdoor surfaces and structures such as streets, sidewalks, driveways, decks, patios, parking areas, or vehicles.
  - ◆ Fill or top off home pools, fountains, or artificial waterfalls.
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## ALPHA RIDGE LANDFILL

Have an old sofa that is ready for the trash? Get a new desk and need to dispose of the old one. Hot water heater nothing but trash now? What should you do with all those large trash items that will not be picked up with the weekly trash? Well all residents of Howard County can dispose of trash and recycling items at the Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Road. Residents using the landfill are required to show their drivers license as proof of residence in Howard County each time they enter the landfill.

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Saturday, 8 AM to 4:00 PM (residential)

Monday - Saturday, 8 AM to 3:30 PM (commercial)

Sundays - Closed

Phone: 410-313-6444

**Directions:** From Route 29 north, take Interstate 70 west to exit 83. Turn right onto Marriottsville Road. The landfill entrance is on the left.

**NOTE:** Though dumpsters are placed in the community two times per year, dumping occurs in Aspenwood year round. The frequent dumping **costs the community hundreds, sometimes thousands, of dollars** each year. Please use the landfill when dumpsters are not available or are filled to capacity. Remember, it is **FREE** to Howard County residents.



## TMGA Corner



### *Toys and Play Equipment*

Please be considerate of your neighbors and pick up after your children. When children are not playing with balls, bikes, plastic slides, et cetera, please do not leave items outside the front of your house. Toys should be kept inside your home or in your rear yard only. Items left in your front yard, on sidewalks, or on common areas violate the Architectural guidelines.

### *Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting will be held Thursday, **October 11, 2007 at 7 PM**. We are several months away, but hope you mark your calendars and attend the October meeting. If unable to attend, please complete and return the proxy that you will receive in September. It costs the community several hundred wasted dollars if the 52 homeowner quorum is not met at the first meeting. **By law, a second meeting must be scheduled** and additional costs incurred. *See you in October!*

## Don't Be a Victim

With warm Spring and Summer weather incidences of vandalism increase. To avoid being a victim, be sure to:

- ◆ Lock your vehicle when it is parked.
- ◆ Keep doors and windows locked when you are not home.
- ◆ Never leave your front door open while you are in your back yard or vice versa.
- ◆ Leave your outside light on at night.
- ◆ Never leave valuables visible in vehicles.

## Want to Contribute?

Do you have knowledge in an area of interest to homeowners? Have the perfect article for *Aspenwood Times*? Do you have a suggestion for a newsletter topic of interest to you? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the Board would like to hear from you. Please go to: **[www.aspenwoodtownhomes.org](http://www.aspenwoodtownhomes.org)** then click **Contact**. Enter your suggestion or article in the *message* section.



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