

*The Willows at  
Kelleytown Ridge*

*Henry County, GA*

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## 'The Willows at Kelleytown Ridge' is Now Online!

**Our neighborhood has a new Web site!** Our new Web site includes information about The Willows at Kelleytown Ridge, an online newsletter, a list of the local schools in our neighborhood, and community pages about issues and events that affect our neighborhood. Links to city government officials and services, including the police, make it a great communication channel. Our new Web site is not just an information source, but also a place for all neighbors to be connected on the Internet.

Want to tell people about an upcoming meeting, garage sale, babysitting service, your business, or a lost pet? Then post a notice in the "**Community Calendar**".

Want your own personal Web page? Then create your very own in just a few

minutes in the "**Meet Your Neighbors**" section - tell people about yourself, your family, your hobbies, or your interests.

Concerned about a neighborhood issue? Talk to your neighbors - solicit new viewpoints. Go to the "**Talk About It**" section and create a new discussion.

This is *our* Web site - anyone can use it - and it's easy to use! You don't need any special computer skills to post information to the site - simply fill out easy forms and the information is posted! All you need is Internet access - everything is in an extremely user-friendly format. So check it out!



Our new Web site can be found at:  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/mcdonough/twkr](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mcdonough/twkr)

## Architectural Control Committee Member Needed

Your help is needed! The Board members need to appoint one volunteer to serve on the architectural control committee (ACC). The purpose of the Architectural Control Committee is to assure that any installation, construction or alteration of any Structure on any lot shall be submitted to the Architectural Control Commit-

tee for approval. It will then determine its: compliance with the design standards (i.e. covenants); harmony with surrounding structures; and consistency with the general quality standard of our neighborhood. Finally, the ACC will either approve or disapprove the request in writing to the homeowner making the request. For

complete details on the responsibilities of the ACC, please see the 'declaration of covenants' link found at:  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/mcdonough/twkr](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mcdonough/twkr)

If interested, please contact Wayne Wright or Ronnie Garrett. See webpage for contact info.

## New Board Members Elected at March 5, 2006 Meeting

On March 5, 2006, a new Homeowners association board was elected at the annual meeting. They consist of Vinny Butera, Darby Mirocha, John Newsome, Tyler Smith, and Wayne Wright. After the meeting, the board briefly met and assigned board positions. They are:

- President, Darby Mirocha
- Vice President, Tyler Smith
- Treasurer, Vinny Butera

- Board Member, John Newsome
- Board Member, Wayne Wright

The new board looks forward to serving this community. Contact information for each can be found at the Willows homepage at: [www.neighborhoodlink.com/mcdonough/twkr](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/mcdonough/twkr)



## Neighborhood Pine Straw Delivery Date Set for April 5th

A bulk delivery of pine straw at the rate of \$2.90/bale has been arranged for April 5th. If enough straw is requested, the price will drop.

The straw truck will be delivering straw to the neighborhood around 5pm on April 5th. If in-

terested, please contact Darby Mirocha via email (webpage) or phone at 678-758-5141 by April 3rd. He will collect a list of names and addresses of interested customers to deliver to which will result in a knock on the door from the straw delivery man unless prepayment has been arranged.

If space in the truck is available, the straw man will have extra bales available for residents who stop him on delivery day.

**Henry County, GA is ranked 7th in the United States for growth in 2005. Population has increased by 40% since the year 2000. -US Census**

## Yard of the Month Award Starting in April

According to the National Association of Realtors, a major factor in home value is curb appeal or exterior appearance. Most home shoppers will decide to give a home an inside look or to take it seriously based solely on how it looks from the outside.

A spiffy home landscaping design can add about 15% to the value of your home. Let's put that into perspective, For a home valued at \$200,000,

we're talking about an increase of \$30,000 in value. Will simple improvements cost you that much? Not a chance.

The HOA board has established a Yard of the Month contest for the 44 homes in The Willows. If your yard is selected, you will receive a \$20 gift certificate to Home Depot!

Yards will be judged on appearance, design, upkeep,

and overall attractiveness.

To submit a nomination for Yard of the Month, go to The Willows website and click the link to "Yard of the Month nomination" under the [Community Pages](#) heading.





## Landscaping Tips—When can I plant annuals?

You've brought a lot of beautiful annuals home from the garden center, and you've watered them well. Now it's time to put them in the ground. Or is it?

If the plants are sun-lovers and you bought them from an open-air market or garden center where they've received full sun, you can plant them as soon as you bring them home.

Before you plant greenhouse-grown annuals in full sun, however, they need to adjust to the increased light and to their new environment. This acclimation process is called "hardening off" and takes about a week.

### To harden off annuals:

- Put the plants--still in their pots or cell packs--outdoors in a spot sheltered from strong winds and direct sun. Water as needed.
- Move the sun-loving plants to a more exposed location every day or two.

(Keep shade-loving plants such as impatiens and bugleweed in the shade.)

- Continue to water as needed, and bring them inside if frost is forecast.

### Planting instructions:

- Water plants well.
- If you want to plant the annuals in an already established bed, loosen the soil at each planting spot. If you're creating a new bed, till the soil.
- To prevent stressing the transplants, plant in the late afternoon when the sun is less intense or on an overcast day.
- Gently slip the plants out of their pots; avoid pulling on the stems as this can damage the plants.
- Carefully untangle any circling roots.
- Plant the annuals at the same depth they were growing in the pot.
- Stagger them, positioning them in diamond or

triangle shapes; avoid planting in rows.

- Don't space them too close together; it may look good at first but as the plants mature, they'll be overcrowded.
- When backfilling a planting hole, do it carefully and evenly to avoid excessively large air pockets that can damage roots.
- Water transplants generously with a water-soluble plant food. To make your own, mix two tablespoons of complete-analysis granular fertilizer, such as a 10-10-10, per gallon of water until dissolved.

Mulch well, and make sure your annuals receive one inch of water each week.

Source: [www.hgtv.com](http://www.hgtv.com)



Untangling roots helps transplants become established in the ground.

**The average  
last day of  
freeze in Henry  
County is  
April 1st.  
Average Last  
Frost is  
April 10th.  
-NOAA**

## Advertise your Business Here for FREE!

This is our newsletter. As such, this space can hold advertisements for businesses owned by our homeowners for free!

Contact Darby Mirocha (see webpage for contact info) for more details.



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## **The Willows at Kelleytown Ridge needs Volunteers!**

**The Willows at Kelleytown Ridge Needs Volunteers for several committees. They are:**

- **Architectural Control Committee**
  - One Volunteer Needed.
- **Yard of the Month Committee**
  - Three Volunteers Needed.
- **Social Committee (Bunko, Poker, Block Parties, etc.)**
  - Three Volunteers Needed.

**Contact Darby Mirocha (see webpage for contact info)**



**Speed Limit in the  
Willows is  
25 MPH!**

**Please Slow Down!**



## **World (of The Willows, anyway) Series of Poker Set for Friday, April 14th**

Any men (sorry ladies) interested in getting together for a friendly game of Texas Hold'Em or other poker variety should contact Darby Mirocha. It will be a completely above board game with absolutely no drinking, cigar smoking, or vulgar language whatsoever! (If you

believe that, I have some land at 1137 Sequoia Trail that I will sell you cheap!)

Let's not let the ladies have all the fun! By the way, does anyone know what really goes on at those bunko parties?!?