



The Docket



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2009 Annual Meeting Notes

The official Meeting Minutes from our 2009 Annual HOA meeting (held in December), along with the Annual Financial Report, will soon be posted on our community website (www.thegablesinfo.com). The meeting was well-attended, and everyone seemed to enjoy the pizza and sodas! Board executive roles were re-aligned, with Jim McCrory moving into a new role as the HOA Vice-President. Barb Otten retired from the Board, and Brian Kelly was voted in as the new Member-at-Large. Several topics generated some lively discussions, and a new By-Law Review Committee was chartered.



UPDATED

H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

President:

John Markus

Vice-President:

Jim McCrory

Treasurer:

Mike Oehler

Secretary:

Chris Heinrich

Member-At-Large:

Brian Kelly

Contact information for all HOA Board Members is available on the Gables website:
www.thegablesinfo.com

New By-Law Review Committee Seeks Active Members

The Board has chartered a new By-Law Review Committee to help with the process of updating our Gables By-Laws. Brian Kelly has already reformatted and re-sectioned the document to make it more readable, but the Board has received several requests for updates that the Committee will draft and submit to our membership for voting. Among the new items are proposals for

...authorizing electronic communications

...placing controls on property rentals

...adding more "teeth" to the Board's options for managing non-compliant Homeowners

The Committee will be chaired by Gail Hoffer. Gail is seeking other homeowners who want to participate in the drafting and review process. Most of the work will be conducted by e-mail and phone calls, and may require weekly responses during February – June.

If you want to participate, please contact Gail by January 22nd at

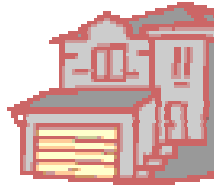
410-379-5525, or via e-mail at ghoffer@juno.com



The Board wishes to thank Barb Otten for her services to the GABLES HOA over the years. We wish her well with her plans to move South.

Improve Your Home's Appearance and Save \$\$\$ at the Same Time!

Nearly 1/3 of the homeowners in The Gables have already replaced their old garage doors.



For the rest of us, we are running a losing battle against the elements, and the weather damage to our 15+-year-old doors is beyond the help of simple caulking and painting. Now, thanks to the efforts of the Gables Architecture Committee, we can enjoy a limited-time discount (12-18%) on replacement steel doors that are "pre-approved" to meet Gables Architectural Guidelines. In addition, you may also be able to take advantage of the 2010 Federal Energy Tax Credit, to save even more! Discounted doors come from two respected manufacturers (Garaga and Clopay) with good local installation and repair services, and range in price from \$750 to \$2180, depending on size and style. Homeowners who take advantage of this program now will "fast-tracked" for Architecture Committee approval; no Proposal Change Form will be needed. For more information about this offer, please contact Gail Hoffer at ghoffer@juno.com, or 443-756-2600 (cell).

Community Calendar (upcoming events)

- ▶ **Howard County Yardwaste Collections Stop**
January 21st
- ▶ **Collections Resume**
April 1st
- ▶ **Replacement garage door discounts expire**
January 28th and March 31st
- ▶ **Community Spring Clean-Up**
Saturday, March 20th
(rain date: March 27th)
- ▶ **Community Dumpsters**
Weekend of April 24-25
- ▶ **Drafts of By-Law Change Proposals out to Members**
June 30th (tentative)

Notes from the Architecture & Website Committees

- ▶ Power-washing (aluminum siding, soffits, foundations) to remove accumulated dirt and mold is a common need across many of the homes in our community, and was a frequently-cited problem when the Committee performed its last neighborhood inspection in the Autumn of 2008. If anyone wants to recommend a reliable and careful power-washing company, please send a memo with company details to Gail Hoffer at ghoffer@juno.com and Gail will be sure that it is posted in the COMMUNITY CLASSIFIED tab of the Gables website.
- ▶ Any homeowner with a recommendation for household services (painting, landscaping, roofing, cleaning, etc.) is invited to send in information, so that our entire Community can benefit from your prior good experiences.
- ▶ Any homeowner interested in additional group discounts that might be negotiated for work done across our community (similar to the driveway re-paving, tree-removal, and garage-door-replacement programs already offered), please contact Gail with ideas.



Trash and Recycle Schedule Changes

In 2009, Howard County moved to a "Holiday Slide Schedule". When a major holiday falls on a weekday, ALL trash, recycle, and yardwaste collections after that day will slide to the next day in the week. For 2010, that means that our normal Tuesday/Friday pick-ups will change for the following holidays:

Memorial Day	Wednesday	June 2 nd
	Saturday	June 5 th
Labor Day	Wednesday	Sep 8 th
	Saturday	Sep 11 th
Thanksgiving	Saturday	Nov 27 th

For more info, visit
www.co.ho.md.us/DPW/holiday_schedule