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## **GABLES H.O.A.**

### **Annual Meeting Summary**

21 households attended the GABLES H.O.A. Annual Meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Elkridge Furnace Inn.

Business conducted included

- Election of new Board members
- Revisions to the HOA By-Laws
- Agreement for the 2011 proposed budget

Detailed Meeting Minutes, 2011 budget details, and specific By-Law changes (including new language to permit the use of e-mails and website updates as "approved" methods for HOA communications) are documented on the GABLES website at [www.thegablesinfo.com](http://www.thegablesinfo.com).

### **GABLES H.O.A. Board Changes**

The Board wishes to thank outgoing member Jim McCrory for his two years of service as Vice-President. The Board welcomes Bob Vanhoorebeck (6234 Latchlift Ct.) as a new Member.

HOA Officers for 2011 were determined by vote at the Board meeting held January 24<sup>th</sup>. The 2011 Officers' slate is shown on the left.

The terms of two Board members (John Markus and Mike Oehler) are due to expire in 2011. Please consider now if you would be willing to volunteer for Board or Committee activity; elections will be held at the Annual Meeting in November 2011.

**SPECIAL NOTICE :** By now, you should have received The Gables' annual notice of HOA fee collections in your home mail. Fees for 2011 remain stable at \$250 per household, and are due for payment by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Remittances (by check) should be mailed to:

**The Gables at Lawyers Hill Association, Inc.**  
**Attn: Treasurer**  
**P.O. Box 8023**  
**Elkridge, MD 21075**

Next year's dues notices will be sent electronically.

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### H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President:</b>	<b>John Markus</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Bob Vanhoorebeck</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Mike Oehler</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Chris Heinrich</b>
<b>Members-At-Large:</b>	<b>Brian Kelly</b>

Contact information for all HOA Board Members is available on the Gables website: [www.thegablesinfo.com](http://www.thegablesinfo.com)

### Community Calendar (upcoming events)

- ▶ **Last Day for Seasonal Yard Waste Collection**  
Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
(Collections resume April 4<sup>th</sup>)
- ▶ **Spring dumpster weekend**  
April 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>
- ▶ **Autumn dumpster weekend**  
October 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

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## "IN THE SPOTLIGHT"

will describe the community activities of our GABLES residents. Submissions for profile consideration may be sent to the GABLES Webmaster via our website.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

### Kathy McCrory

Kathy McCrory (6221 Latchlift Court) recently celebrated her debut as a "Director" of a locally-produced play entitled "Almost Vermillion". Kathy, a retired schoolteacher, has been actively involved in community theater activities for the past 12 years. She has participated with a number of local companies, including Fells Point Corner, Spotlighters, and The Reisterstown Theatre Project, holding a variety of roles such as actress, prop manager, stage manager, and back-stage crew member. Kathy's recent direction of "Almost Vermillion" has given her the opportunity to leverage her past experience, and she loved the excitement of seeing "her" play come to the stage. At the present, she is stage-managing the play "Mauritius", which will run on weekends at the Fells Point Corner Theater until February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Local theater companies are always looking for new talent, whether it be on the stage or behind the scenes. If you are interested in exploring your creative possibilities, Kathy would love to talk with you- Please feel welcome to contact her at 443-803-4049.

## Community THANKS

The HOA Board and Architecture & Landscape Committee wish to say "THANK YOU !" to Mike Oehler for making repairs to the stone sitting bench at the corner of Summer Home Terrace and Latchlift Court. The bench supports had been bent some time ago in a vehicle accident at the corner, and needed to be straightened and re-set.

## Architecture & Landscape Committee Update

### ARCHITECTURAL NEWS

Detailed October property-inspection results were e-mailed to individual homeowners in November, 2010.

Common neighborhood problems include:

- Trash and recycle cans visible at the front of the house
- Debris accumulating in side and rear yards, including wooded areas
- Renovations to properties that were made without prior Committee review and approval
- Aluminum siding, gutters, etc. are moldy and in need of powerwashing
- Foundation brickwork is peeling and fading
- Wooden trimwork (around windows, along soffits, etc.) is rotting and/or peeling
- Exposed drainpipes on lawn surfaces

If you received a red-highlighted e-mail notice, please remember that you need to respond to the Committee by March 31, 2011 with a "plan of action" that will correct the problem areas before the September/October 2011 inspection cycle.

Responses should be e-mailed to Gail Hoffer at [ghoffer@juno.com](mailto:ghoffer@juno.com)

### LANDSCAPING NEWS

At the request of the HOA Board, the committee's work has expanded to include overseeing the common-property landscaping. Committee members are currently obtaining new quotes for our annual service contracts, with the hope that they can improve the appearance of the common-area lawns and flower beds.

Meanwhile, after prompting from the Committee, Verizon has already replaced two bent, rusted, and broken utility boxes and a cover-plate in the community, and BGE has promised to examine their utility poles for repair/re-painting in the Springtime.

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## Wintertime Neighborhood Care Tips

With snow and ice creating hazardous conditions during the winter months, neighbors are asked to pay special attention to the following:

- ✓ When snow is in the forecast, please move your cars into your driveways. This simple courtesy will enable the plows to navigate through our development more easily, and do a better job of cleaning the streets. (Also, lifting your windshield wipers off the glass before the snowfall will help to make it easier to clean and scrape your windshield!)
- ✓ Please clear an area in front of your mailboxes for the Postal Service to drive up to your mailbox.
- ✓ Our By-Laws state that individual homeowners are responsible for clearing their sidewalks after a snowfall. Howard County ordinances specify that sidewalks be cleared within 48 hours after snow has fallen, regardless of accumulation. Snow-clearing paid for by the HOA will be limited to common-area sidewalks for any accumulation of 2-3 inches. The HOA will also pay for snow clearing from private-household sidewalks for snowfalls of 6 inches or more.
- ✓ Howard County has equipped its snow removal and salting vehicles with locator devices, and maintains a website where you can track street and highway snow removal activity. Maps are updated every 15 minutes. For details, go to

<http://howardcountymdpublic.eroadtrack.com/>

## CALL FOR COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

The various Gables HOA Committees are a vital arm of our community, conducting much of the work that keeps our By-Laws enforced and our HOA “alive” for Residents throughout the year.

With recent homeowner turnovers, many of our Committees are in need of new members. Please consider lending your support, and joining one of our groups. All that’s needed is about 1 hour of your time each month, and your willingness to think about Community issues.

### Current Committees:

The Architecture and Landscape Committee  
&

The Gables Website Committee

Contact: *Gail L. Hoffer*

[ghoffer@juno.com](mailto:ghoffer@juno.com)

### Under Development:

The New-Resident Welcoming Committee

## Trash Pick-Up “Slider Schedule” for 2011

Howard County’s trash, recycling, and yard waste pick-ups that will be affected by 2011 holidays . INSTEAD OF THE GABLES USUAL TUESDAY AND FRIDAY COLLECTIONS, dates will shift as follows:

<u>HOLIDAY</u>	<u>RECYCLE &amp; YARDWASTE</u>	<u>TRASH</u>
Memorial Day	Wednesday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Saturday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	Wednesday, September 7 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, September 10 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving	NO CHANGE (Tuesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> )	Saturday, November 26 <sup>th</sup>
Christmas Day	Wednesday, December 28 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>
New Year’s Day	Wednesday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday, January 7 <sup>th</sup>

For more info, visit [http://www.co.ho.md.us/DPW/holiday\\_schedule\\_inclement\\_weather.htm](http://www.co.ho.md.us/DPW/holiday_schedule_inclement_weather.htm)