



# The Docket



## 2012 BOARD OFFICERS NAMED

Following a brief search to appoint a replacement to fill an open position on the Board, the following changes have been made to the Board and Officer positions for this year:

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Chris Heinrich
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	Brian Kelly
<b>TREASURER</b>	Laura Johnson
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Brenda Schweiger
<b>MEMBER-AT-LARGE</b>	Lance Johnson

The minutes of the January 30<sup>th</sup> Board meeting have been posted on the GABLES website [www.thegablesinfo.com](http://www.thegablesinfo.com). Navigate to the **Gables HOA** tab, then scroll down through **HOA Meeting Minutes** to **January 30, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes**.



**US DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

begins on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2AM.

**Remember to set your clocks FORWARD by one hour !**

**The 2012  
Income Tax  
filing deadline is :**

**Tuesday  
April 17<sup>th</sup>**

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### H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

<b>President:</b>	<b>Chris Heinrich</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>Brian Kelly</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Laura Johnson</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Brenda Schweiger</b>
<b>Member-At-Large:</b>	<b>Lance Johnson</b>

A current listing of all HOA Board members and all GALH Committees and members is available on the Gables website [www.thegablesinfo.com](http://www.thegablesinfo.com). Navigate to: **Gables HOA/Board and Committees**. Contact information for all GALH groups can also be found on the website at the **Contact Us** tab.

### Community Calendar (& upcoming GABLES events)

Yard trim recycling  
begins again *April 1*  
(see article on Page 2)

## WELCOME COMMITTEE START-UP

The GABLES' new Welcome Committee held its first meeting on Wednesday February 29<sup>th</sup>. Gail Hoffer, current Chair of the Committee, would like to thank the Committee Members for their efforts during this start-up phase:

**Kristy Mumma, Karen Munter, Jennifer Resnick, and Laurie Tarsia.**

If you have any suggestions for activities that the Committee might pursue to assist with new-neighbor orientation, please contact

[Welcome\\_Comm@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:Welcome_Comm@thegablesinfo.com)

## Howard County Recycling



Following its usual schedule, Howard County ceased its general Yard-Trim recycling pickups for this winter season on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

Yard-Trim recycling will resume in our community on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

***SPECIAL NOTE to those families who are participating in HoCo's pilot Food-Scrap recycling program:***

Acceptable materials placed in the special green bins will continue to be collected all winter long on our normal Tuesday schedule.



## Architecture & Landscape Committee Updates

### Architecture News

- The results of the Annual Property Inspections (conducted in October 2011) were e-mailed to all homeowners at the end of January. If you have not seen your review, or if you have comments or suggestions regarding the findings or the process, please send an e-mail to

*Arch\_Comm@thegablesinfo.com*

To see a summary overview of the community's results, please visit the Gables website

*www.thegablesinfo.com* Go to the *Gables HOA* tab, and then navigate to:

*HOA Meeting Minutes...December 1, 2011 Annual Meeting* (scroll to Page 11).

- The GABLES' Architecture Committee will soon begin the process of reviewing our current Architectural Guidelines, with the intention of re-writing them for greater clarity and to reflect changes in construction styles and materials. In addition, the Committee hopes to make it easier for Homeowners to identify when an *Exterior Alteration Application Form* must be submitted for Committee review and approval prior to the commencement of any outdoor property or landscaping changes.

The current Architectural Guidelines, which form part of our Community Covenant and By-Laws, may be found on our Community website under the *Gables HOA* tab.

Navigate to *Official Documents...Architectural Guidelines*

If you have any comments or suggestions for the Committee to consider, please e-mail them before the end of March to:

*Arch\_Comm@thegablesinfo.com*

### Landscape News

- Members of the Landscape Committee have been patrolling Summer Home Terrace to remove improperly-posted real estate development signs for Claremont Overlook. The Committee has been in contact with the Claremont Sales Office several times by e-mail and in person to advise them that the lawn and wooded areas along Summer Home Terrace are "private property" owned either by individual homeowners or by the GALH Association, and that they should obtain permission before posting their signs. If you see any such signs, please e-mail the Landscape Committee so that we can continue to monitor and manage this problem.
- We are still in discussion with various Howard County departments about repairs to our sidewalks and remediations to the retention basins at the intersections of Lawyers' Hill Road & Summer Home Terrace and Latchlift Court & Summer Home Terrace.
- The Committee is reviewing the possible need to cut down a few more fallen trees and large tree-limbs from some of the common-property wooded areas. If you are aware of a fallen or leaning tree that may be "threatening" your fence, yard, or house, or if you would like to obtain a quote for tree-trimming or stump-removal work on your property, please contact the Landscape Committee by the end of March.

**Landscaping questions or concerns can be e-mailed to:** *Arch\_Comm@thegablesinfo.com*

IN ADDITION TO COMMUNICATING THIS INFO TO ALL GABLES RESIDENTS BY INCLUDING IT IN THIS EDITION OF THE DOCKET, THIS FLYER WAS PRINTED AND HAND-DELIVERED TO NEARBY HOMES ON BONNIE VIEW LANE, SUMMER HOME TERRACE, ASSEMBLY ROOM COURT, AND LAWYERS' HILL ROAD.  
MANY THANKS To welcome committee members for their DISTRIBUTION EFFORTS !

## PLEASE JOIN THE GABLES COMMUNITY IN OUR **WAR AGAINST "WASTE"**

As the Spring weather invites us outdoors again, it is lovely to be able to stroll through our neighborhood and enjoy the grass, the flowers, and —

**OOPS! YECCHH !! POOP !!!**

Gables residents are once again "up in arms" about the unsightly, smelly, and unsanitary volumes of dog waste that are accumulating along our community sidewalks, especially the walkways on Summer Home Terrace and the path to the schoolyard.

While the problems are most severe in our common-property areas, individual homeowners' yards are also being wrongfully impacted.

This is a hazard to people and pets alike, and we need to stop it.

*Out of respect and courtesy to your neighbors, please :*

- *control your pet with a leash when it is off your property,*
- *carry some plastic bags with you during your walk,*
- ***pick up after your pet,***
- *and deposit the waste into your own trash bins.*

Howard County animal control laws (section 17.300) carefully describe *RESPONSIBLE* pet-owner behaviors, and levy fines and impose other penalties for violations.

For more detailed information about these requirements, including how to report offenses and violations, please visit

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments.aspx?ID=700>

or

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/animalcontrol.htm>

(navigate to the bottom of the web-page for a link to "Learn about Animal Control Laws")

Residents who witness offenses are asked to join in our efforts by :

- ▶ having a polite conversation with the offender(s) and encouraging their co-operation, and
- ▶ calling Animal Control at 410-313-2780 (option "0") to report strays.

It will take ALL of us working together to solve this problem, and everyone will benefit from your help!

*Thank you!*