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Architecture Committee Update

The GABLES Architecture Committee would like to remind Residents that ANY and ALL revisions to the exterior of GABLES properties should be reviewed and approved by the Committee PRIOR to work being performed. This includes noticeable changes to landscaping, painting and roof work (if color- or style-modifications are involved), erection of fencing, etc. For your reference, the GABLES Architectural Guidelines can be found on our website at

www.thegablesinfo.com *Navigate to homeowners association/ architectural guidelines.pdf*

The form (and instructions) for submitting changes to the Committee can also be downloaded from the website at www.thegablesinfo.com *Navigate to homeowners association/ community forms/gables exterior alteration application form*

Please submit the Change Form at least 2-3 weeks prior to your planned work date, in order to give the Committee sufficient time to review your proposal and get back to you with its approval or suggested adjustments.

The Committee is planning its next Neighborhood Inspection for the October-November timeframe.

Before then, please plan to address the "problem" items that were frequently cited during our last community walk-through:

- **rotted wood and/or peeling paint on fascia boards and other trim areas, including window frames;**
- **mold and algae that needs to be powerwashed off house siding and brickwork;**
- **housing foundation areas that need to be cleaned, or scraped and re-painted.**

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

Community Calendar

(upcoming events)

- ▶ **Neighborhood Dumpsters**
Weekend of October 16th - 17th
- ▶ **General Elections**
Tuesday, November 2nd
- ▶ **"Fall Back" Time Change**
Sunday, November 7th
- ▶ **Annual GABLES Meeting and Voting on By-Law Changes**
Tuesday, November 16th
Location TBD

SPECIAL NOTICE : Please watch your e-mails for a message from the Gables Board regarding changes to our Association By-Laws. Members will need to read and consider the proposed changes prior to voting on them at the November 16th Annual Meeting.

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In this issue of *THE DOCKET*, we introduce a new feature: "IN THE SPOTLIGHT" will describe the community activities of our GABLES residents. Submissions for article consideration may be sent to the GABLES Webmaster via our website.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

Anne Markus

Congratulations to Anne Markus (6205 Latchliff Court) on her recent appointment to the Howard County Library's Board of Trustees as District 1 Representative. Anne applied for the position after hearing of the vacancy (caused by the departure of one of the members) during last November's GABLES HOA meeting, and, after various interviews and meetings with the County Council and Library Board, was granted two 5-year terms. More information about the Howard County Library's Board of Trustees can be found at www.hclibrary.org.

Anne also serves as a Member-At-Large and the Vice-Chair of the Howard County School Health Council, which advises the Superintendent and County Health Commissioner on in-school health, health services, and health education in the county's public schools.

Anne welcomes any helpful comments about the library system or public-school health issues from GABLES residents; she may be reached at jhnmrks@aol.com.

Corner Clean-Up

A sincere GABLES "thanks" to Chris Heinrich and Councilwoman Courtney Watson for prompting the Highways Department to cut away the overgrown bushes and weeds at the southwest corner of Bonnie View Lane and Route 1. We may not LIKE the steady stream of cars coming up Route 1 that blocks our turns, but at least now we can SEE it!

COLUMBIA / ELLICOTT CITY RANKED #2 IN "AMERICA'S BEST PLACES TO LIVE 2010"

Money Magazine rated the Columbia / Ellicott City area as the #2 place to live in the US for 2010. (Eden Prairie, Minnesota, was ranked #1.)

The magazine used factors such as housing availability and affordability, quality of schools, cultural and ethnic diversity, and unemployment rates in making its choices.

For more information, see Howard County Executive Ken Ullman's remarks at

http://www.howardcountymd.gov/News/News_20100712.htm

and the complete article from

Money Magazine at

http://money.cnn.com/magazines/mon_eymag/bplive/2010/

HOWARD COUNTY TIMES SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Our community's free subscription to the Howard County Times (the newspaper that's dropped in our driveways on Thursday mornings) will be discontinued as of September 30th. The publisher has mailed all homeowners a renewal coupon offering a \$35 discount against the regular annual rate of \$44.98. If you wish to receive this local newspaper at the "preferred subscriber" discounted rate of \$9.98, please phone 877 - 886 - 1206 before the offer expires at the end of November.