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H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

President:	John Markus
Vice-President:	Bob Vanhoorebeck
Treasurer:	Mike Oehler
Secretary:	Chris Heinrich
Member-At-Large:	Brian Kelly

Community Calendar (upcoming GABLES events)

▶ Annual HOA Member meeting

WHEN:

Thursday December 1ST

7:00 pm

WHERE:

Daniel's Restaurant

Light refreshments will be available starting at 6:30pm.

OFFICIAL (2ND) NOTICE : ANNUAL H.O.A. MEMBER MEETING

As previously announced in the September issue of The Docket, the Annual Member Meeting for the Gables at Lawyers' Hill Association, Inc. will be held

- on Thursday, December 1st
 - starting at 7:00 pm
 - at Daniel's Restaurant and Bar, just up the road on Route 1 (at 5854 Washington Boulevard). (Restaurant parking is in the rear of the building.)
- Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:30pm.

A summary agenda is shown below. Please note that A 2/3 quorum of property owners is required to be present to vote on some of the agenda issues, so ***YOUR ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION are critically needed, and will be much appreciated !***

PRELIMINARY AGENDA : 2011 ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING

- Annual Financial Report (2011 status, 2012 proposed budget)
- Committee summary reports
 - Architecture & Landscape Committee
 - Website Committee
 - Welcome Committee
- Proposals for membership voting
 - Plan to increase annual dues to cover current expenses / replenish capital funds
 - Timetable for late-payment penalty fees and liens
 - By-Laws revisions
- Elections of new Board members
- Community updates (GECA, etc.)

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Pending Board Member Changes

The terms of two H.O.A. Board officers (President John Markus and Treasurer Mike Dehler) are due to expire at the end of 2011. Per our By-Laws, we will elect new Board members at our Annual H.O.A. Meeting in December, and the Board will then meet in January to agree among themselves on a new slate of officers. (If you want additional information, the details of this process and summaries of each officer's responsibilities can be found in the By-Laws document on our Gables website: www.thegablesinfo.com)

BOARD MEMBER NOMINATIONS (as of 11/11/11)

Thus far, two homeowners have expressed a willingness to run for the open Board positions:

LAURA JOHNSON (6241 Latchlift Court)
and
LANCE JOHNSON (6216 Latchlift Court)

As always, Board-member nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the Meeting, and self-nominations are welcome.

Please consider serving on our H.O.A. Board. The commitment of time and energy is small, and the benefits to our community can be HUGE.

Wildlife Watch

The continuing construction of the Overlook and Claremont housing developments along Lawyers' Hill Road is causing the clear-out of significant areas of woodlands in the area.

As a result of this disruption, many animals are looking for new "homes" in as-yet-undisturbed locations... including the woods around our community. Gables homeowners are already seeing more deer, foxes, raccoons, possums, groundhogs, rabbits, turtles, and snakes in the area.

Please be aware of this influx of new "neighbors", and be sure to secure your trash containers, watch out for damage to your landscaping plants, and be careful when driving along our community roadways.

FOOTNOTE: Vehicular traffic along Summer Home Terrace is also increasing. - adding yet another reason for extra caution when you are driving or walking through The Gables.



RE-FRESHED GABLES' WEBSITE SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED

The official website for The Gables at Lawyers' Hill Association, Inc. has a brand new "look" and "feel". Chartered with the goals of creating a new operating system that would

- lower annual operating costs,
- provide new e-mail capabilities for the Gables' Board and Committees, and

be more user-friendly, the Website Committee re-opened

<http://www.thegablesinfo.com>

on November 7th with a broadcast e-mail message to all Gables residents containing new log-on information. Internet-connected laptops will be available during the Annual Meeting for anyone who would like help with their log-on or a walk-through of the new website.

On behalf of the entire Gables community, the Board wishes to thank all of the members of the Website Committee who volunteered their services for many long hours to bring us this new, very professional-looking website:

Sheri German, Gail Hoffer, Kathy McCrory, Kristy Mumma, and Brenda Schweiger.

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“In The Spotlight” Redux

- ❖ As indicated “In the Spotlight” in the September Docket, local Scout Troop 1111 is continuing with its fund-raising efforts to send members to Scout Ranch Philmont in New Mexico.

On Sunday, November 13th, if you dine at the VICTORIA GASTRO PUB at 8201 Snowden River Parkway anytime between 10am – 2am, the restaurant will donate a portion of its proceeds to the Scouts’ travel fund.

Contact Scott Smith at 410-379-5496 for a Fundraising Tracking Form, or be sure to fill one out at the restaurant so that your meal value can be credited to the Scouts’ program.

- ❖ Howard Johnson (GECA) will be informing Gables H.O.A. Annual Meeting attendees on the status of the CSX Intermodal Service development plan.

Please visit the GECA website www.geca-elkridge.org for more information on this topic.

Internet-connected laptops will be available during the Annual Meeting for anyone who wishes to “sign” the electronic petition objecting to this proposed construction.

NEW GROCERY STORE AT ELKRIDGE CORNERS

Remember the song words “You don’t know what you’ve got till it’s gone”?

Well, to those of us who have been sorely missing the convenience of having a fully-stocked grocery store right around the corner, there’s great news!

Green Valley Marketplace will open its doors for business at **7AM on Wednesday, November 16th** at the former site of the SuperFresh store at the corner of Montgomery Rd and Washington Blvd.

An independent grocery store owned by a Baltimore company (B. Green Wholesale) which has been in business since 1915, this store is being designed to cater to the Elkridge community. With an on-site bakery for bread, muffins, and cakes, freshly prepared foods (including steamed crabs!), organic items, and competitive pricing, it should be a welcome addition to our community.

The old grocery store space at Elkridge Corners shopping center is being fully renovated with a new floor, all new shelving, and a new facade on the front of the building. The store has created more than 100 jobs for Elkridge.

The owners of the store have expressed to Councilwoman Courtney Watson that they want to be part of our community, and they welcome feedback from Elkridge residents.

One way to be kept informed of the store's progress is to view their website

<http://greenvalleymarketplace.com>

which will expand with more information as they get closer to the expected opening date. You can even sign up for their email list to receive updated information.



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HALLOWEEN 2011

It seems that all the “kids” (big and small!) enjoyed themselves at The Gables’ Halloween Hospitality Table this year.

(More photos are available at www.thegablesinfo.com -> community -> community pictures.
Additional photos are welcome--- just e-mail them to webmasters@thegablesinfo.com)



A community “thank you” to Brenda Schweiger and Lorri Harle (6230 Latchlift Ct) for hosting this year’s event.