



The Docket

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2012 Annual Members Meeting

The Gables HOA Annual Members meeting was held as announced on December 4, 2012 at the Elkridge Fire hall.

HOA meeting minutes have been posted on our community website [//thegablesinfo.com](http://thegablesinfo.com) and under the tab for Gables HOA. The 2012 Financial Report has also been posted on the website in the "Gables HOA/Financials" section.

H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

President: Chris Heinrich
Vice-President: Brian Kelly
Treasurer: Laura Johnson
Secretary: Brenda Schweiger
Member-at Large (1) Lance Johnson
Member at Large (2) John Bassolino



Welcome New Board Member, John Bassolino

Board members named:

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Important Emails

Webmaster- webmasters@thegablesinfo.com
HOA Board- hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com
Architecture- arch_comm@thegables.com

The Board would like to form two new committees Calling all neighbors:

- 1)** The Board decided to commission a Capital Reserve Committee to evaluate the cost to replace the fence- fencing vs. trees vs. alternate materials and define other appropriate uses for Capital monies (fence, sign, sidewalks and others). We would like some members to be from areas that the fence affects.
- 2)** The Board decided to form a Nominating Committee, as required by the By-Laws section 3.6.1. This committee will manage the nominations for each year's annual meeting and will solicit agenda topics prior to the meeting.

Please email the board if you are interested in any of these committees at hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com



**SUMMER HOME TERRACE TRAFFIC CONCERNS –
AN UPDATE FROM THE ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

The Architecture and Landscape Committee recognized our community's increasing concern about traffic issues along Summer Home Terrace last year, and conducted an in-depth investigation of our options. A summary was presented in the January 2012 edition of The Docket. More questions were raised during the Annual Meeting in December 2012, so the Committee has again talked with the County. Here are the results of our discussions:

1) We cannot "gate" or otherwise restrict access to any part of our community. Our Gables Declaration of Covenants (page 3 and Section 3) and our Depository Disclosure (Section 4.2) list all of the roads in our community (Summer Home Terrace, Latchlift Court, Judge Dobbin Court, and Grafton's View Court) as "dedicated roadways", and Howard County has accepted that designation for public use by currently maintaining them (snowplowing, seasonal sweeping, repairs to roadways + curbs + gutters).

2) The County is generally unwilling to consider restricting (truck or car) traffic along Summer Home Terrace, since it is deemed a critical artery between Lawyers Hill Road and Route 1

3) The current speed-signs along Summer Home Terrace meet County requirements, and are considered adequate. Since Summer Home Terrace is a County roadway, we cannot post any other, privately-installed "traffic control" signs along the road.

4) We cannot privately install speed-bumps or speed-humps. The County would consider installing speed-control humps/bumps only if traffic volume exceeds 1200 vehicles per day, and only if monitoring wires show that over 10% of those vehicles surpass the posted speed limits by more than 10 MPH. We are nowhere near those volumes or speeding experience

5) The County investigated our concerns about truck traffic in the past, but we contacted the County Traffic Dept. again in December 2012 to ask for another examination, and they did complete their evaluations late last month. Their conclusion was, again, that nothing justified any restrictions of traffic along Summer Home Terrace: vehicle volumes were too low, the trucks and cars were moving at legal and safe speeds, and the kinds of heavy-truck-traffic we were exposed to was deemed by the County to be "minimal, and of limited duration" (and associated almost completely only with the Overlook construction, rather than being an ongoing concern due to changed traffic patterns, etc.).

So, the bottom line is that Summer Home Terrace is a County roadway, and is subject to County jurisdiction. The County feels that current traffic controls are adequate. Our best course of action is to stay aware, and cross the street with as much caution as we would any other public roadway.

Annual Assessment

Dear GABLES Homeowner,

Hello! This letter is your notice of the 2013 Annual Assessment for The GABLES.

At the December 4th Annual Membership Meeting, the H.O.A. membership approved an increase in The GABLES' Annual Assessment by \$25 (reference Section 6.2.5. of the Declaration of Covenants) to cover higher expenses for common-property maintenance needs (such as extra snow removals and enhanced landscaping).

The 2013 Annual Assessment amount is \$300.

With this increase, the HOA membership has also chosen to Offer an early-payment discount of \$25 (net \$275) if the dues are paid before the end of January,
Require that the full amount of \$300 be due for any payments made after Jan. 31st but before Feb. 28th, and
Exercise the rights granted to it under the Declaration of Covenants to assess a \$20 penalty amount and sliding scale of additional fees (calculated as monthly increments of a 20%-per-year interest charge) on all payments made after February 28th.

Therefore, the detailed payment timetable for 2013 dues is as follows:

IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES BY THIS DATE	YOUR PAYMENT AMOUNT WILL BE
January 31, 2013	\$ 275
February 28, 2013	\$ 300
March 31, 2013	\$ 325
April 30, 2013	\$ 330
May 31, 2013	\$ 335
June 30, 2103	\$ 340
July 31, 2013	\$ 345

Please note that these dues are not covered by your Mortgage escrow, and are directly payable by you.

When paying your Annual Assessment, please

Make your check payable to:

The Gables at Lawyers' Hill Association, Inc.

Mail your payment to:
G.A.L.H Association, Inc.
Attn: Treasurer
P.O. Box 8023
Elkridge, MD 21075-8023

Committee Leadership Changes

After many years of willingly participating in, creating, and leading a number of committees here at The Gables, I am announcing my resignation from all further activity in the Gables Website, Architecture & Landscape, and Welcome Committees.

I have been and will always continue to be concerned about the welfare of this community, and will provide an effective turnover to the new committee leaders as they are appointed.

Thank you to everyone who has worked with me over the past 9 years; I have appreciated your involvement.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gail L. Hoffer*

*Anyone interested in Committee membership should contact
Chris Heinrich at
HOABoard@thegablesinfo.com*

The Board thanks Gail Hoffer for her dedication and hard work on the Gables committees. She has done a remarkable amount of work to improve and maintain our community. Gail's commitment to our community over the last 9 years has been very much appreciated. The Board will be working with Gail to make a smooth transition on community committee leadership. Please stay tuned to your email for updates on Committee and Neighborhood workings.

Crab Artichoke Dip

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 12

About This Recipe

"Serve with crackers, Melba toast rounds, toast points or whatever you like. Always a big hit."

Ingredients

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon Tabasco sauce
- 1 cup parmesan cheese, freshly grated
- 16 ounces artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1/2 cup onions, finely chopped
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 12 ounces crabmeat, Real Crab not imitation

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350*.
- Melt butter. Stir in onion, garlic and parsley.
- Cook till onion is tender.
- Add cream cheese and keep on low heat until creamy.
- Add other ingredients, except crab, and mix well.
- Pour into large oven proof serving dish and fold in crab meat.
- Bake until bubbly and hot.



Reminder- Please visit our community website at [//thegablesinfo.com](http://thegablesinfo.com) to read updated HOA board meeting minutes, community directory, past issues of The Docket and much more

If you need access to our website, please contact Brenda Schweiger webmasters@thegablesinfo.com