

# The Docket

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#### **H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS**

President- John Bassolino

Vice-President:- Brian Kelly

Treasurer- Laura Johnson

Secretary:- Brenda Schweiger

Member-at-Large- (1): Mike Oehler Member at Large- (2) Bev Serrano

#### Important Emails

Webmaster- webmasters @thegablesinfo.com HOA Board - hoaboard @thegablesinfo.com Architecture- arch\_comm@thegables.com The Gables annual HOA members meeting was held as announced at the Furnace Inn in Elkridge with a successful turnout of 31 members. Please view the minutes from the meeting posted on our website under the Gables HOA tab.

The 2013 financial report and 2014 budget can also be found on our website under the Gables HOA Financial tab.

Thanks to all who attended the meeting!!!



## Welcome New Board Members, Mike Oehler and Bev Serrano

#### **Board members named:**

President- John Bassolino
Vice President- Brian Kelly
Treasurer- Laura Johnson
Secretary- Brenda Schweiger
Member at Large (1) Mike Oehler
Member at Large (2) Bev Serrano

#### **New Financial Advisory Committee**

In response to the motion that passed at the annual meeting to form a financial committee, the Board voted in favor of forming a temporary Financial Advisory Committee, at the January 13<sup>th</sup> quarterly meeting.

The committee needs five members to form this committee, we now have John Bassolino, Chris Heinrich and Mike Oehler and need at least two more home owners to join and get this committee rolling. The board voted to have a April 1, 2014 cut-off date for forming this committee.

Please email the Board if you are interested in joining the Financial advisory Committee at hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com



The Board and the community would like to thank Chris Heinrich for her 6 years of service on our board, 3 years. secretary and 3 years president. We would like to also thank Lance Johnson for his 2 years of service on the board and wish Lance and his family a safe 3 years in Brazil.

#### **Architectural News**

#### **Annual Inspections**



We have completed sending out the inspection notices to the community. Only the homeowners that were in violation will receive an email from the Architectural Committee. If you are notified, the Architectural committee will expect your attention to the items we found. If you have any questions you can email the Architectural committee at: Arch\_Comm@TheGableInfo.com

#### **Tree Trimming**



Thanks to all the neighbors who have contacted the Arch committee and shown interest in the tree trimming community improvement project.

We obtained 3 proposals from tree contractors and picked the best one that we thought would do the best job for the tree needs of our neighbors who signed up and the community common areas, the trees on the fence on Summer Home and two trees along summer Home terrace common area.

The tree project was successful and completed on January 28th.

#### **Spring Power washing**



As discussed the architectural committee's next community project is power washing. Again during the inspection process we noticed numerous homes in need of a thorough scrub of their siding, sidewalks and steps. We are asking anyone who is interested to email the Architectural committee at <a href="https://example.com/Arch\_comm@TheGablesInfo.com">Arch\_comm@TheGablesInfo.com</a>. This project will be a big endeavor and we need your cooperation to start emailing us now. The cut-off date to signup for this project is, May15th. If you do not respond and you were cited in the inspection process then you will be sent a violation notice for noncompliance..

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#### **Architectural News**

#### **Community Barrier Fence Repair**



At some point in the next couple of months the Architectural committee will notify the homeowners on Judge Dobbin and Summer Home Terrace who will be affected when contractors will be inspecting the areas of the fence that are in need of repair.

#### **Exterior Paint Color Scheme**



If you are anticipating having some painting done to the exterior of your home this Spring, that includes doors, shutters, trim etc., The Architectural committee needs to hear from you to make sure you are in compliance with the color scheme for The Gables Community. Our email address is:

Arch\_comm@thegablesInfo.com

#### Community driveway and mailbox blocking



We have had several complaints of neighbor's driveways being partially or completely blocked by neighbors or visiting friends of neighbors in our community. We ask that our neighbors be aware of this problem and make sure that driveways and mailboxes in the neighborhood are not being blocked by vehicles. Thank you in advance for being a considerate neighbor.

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#### **GALH Annual Assessment**

The GABLES' Annual Assessment for 2014 is \$300 and remains unchanged from the 2013 assessment amount.

Your Annual Assessment payment is due February 28, 2014. However, consistent with 2013 assessment:

- An early-payment discount of \$25 (net \$275) applies to dues that are paid before the end of January,
- The full amount of \$300 is due for payments made after Jan. 31st but before Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>.
- as provided for under the Declaration of Covenants, a \$20 penalty is assessed along with additional fees (calculated as monthly increments of a 20%-per-year interest charge) on all payments made after February 28th.

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

Please send any questions or concerns to: hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com

### Super Bowl Favorite Recipe

#### The Ultimate Tailgating Party: Slow Cooker Seven Layer Dip

Prep time

10 mins

**Cook time** 

1 hour

**Total time** 

1 hour 10 mins

Popular Seven Layer Dip Recipe cooked in the slow cooker. Tastes like a taco on a chip! **Ingredients** 

1 lb. ground spicy pork sausage

½ tsp salt

½ tsp chili powder

1 tsp garlic powder

1 tsp cumin powder

Cooking spray

1.5 cups refried beans

4 oz. can mild green chilies

1.5 cups salsa

1.5 cups shredded Mexican cheese blend

sour cream

2 tomatoes, diced

4 green onions, sliced

Tortilla chips

#### Instructions

In a hot skillet, cook sausage until browned. Combine salt & seasonings. Sprinkle over sausage while it's browning. When sausage is cooked, remove from skillet and place on a plate lined with paper towels. Blot off excess oil.

Spray slow cooker with cooking spray. Spread refried beans across the bottom of slow cooker, then layer sausage. Sprinkle green chilies and spread salsa on top. Top with cheese. Cook on a high setting for 45-60 minutes.

When you're ready to serve, scoop out dip into individual bowls. Top with sour cream (about a tablespoon per person). Garnish with tomatoes & green onions. Serve with your favorite tortilla chips.

