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The Homeowners' Association newsletter for
THE GABLES AT LAWYERS' HILL
ELKRIDGE, MARYLAND

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**Thank You Board Members and Welcome
New Board Member, Angela Shiplet!!!**

Board members named:

President- John Bassolino
Vice President- Han Phillips
Treasurer- Laura Johnson/ Bev Serrano
Secretary- Brenda Schweiger
Member at Large (1) Mike Oehler
Member at Large (2) Angela Shiplet

Important Emails

Webmaster- webmasters@thegablesinfo.com
HOA Board - hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com
ArchComm- archcomm@thegablesinfo.com

The 5th Annual Elkster 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run will take place at 8 am on Saturday April 25th at Elkridge Elementary School. If you are interested in running or own a business and wish to help sponsor the run contact the EES PTA at eespta@hotmail.com



The Gables annual HOA members meeting was held as announced at The Stained Glass Pub in Elkridge with a successful turnout of 26 members. Please view the minutes from the meeting posted on our website under the Gables HOA tab to read about our meeting.

The 2014 financial report and 2015 budget can also be found on our website under the Gables HOA Financial tab.

Thanks to all who attended the meeting!!!

New Howard County Councilman

Our new Howard County Councilman Jon Weinstein is holding a District 1 (our district) Citizen Workshop on January 28th at the Elkridge Landing Middle School from 6:30-8:30pm. You may email his Special Assistant, Gary Smith, for more information or to RSVP -

GLSmith@HowardCountyMD.gov

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.

The committee needs five members to form this committee, we now have John Bassolino and Mike Oehler and need at least three more home owners to join and get this committee rolling. The board voted to have a March 31st, 2015 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

Architectural News



**Many thanks to our Arch committee Chair, Barb Otten and team
Chris Heinrich, Kristy Mumma, Kathy McCrory, Bonny Smajda and Brenda Schweiger for
keeping our community looking good!!!**

Annual Inspections



We will be sending out the inspection notices to the community by the end of January 2015. All members that were in violation will receive an email from the Architectural Committee citing what was noticed. 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: ArchComm@TheGablesInfo.com

Arch Alteration Application Form

If you are going to do **any** improvements to the exterior of your home, you are required to complete the Arch Alteration form that is located on our website at thegablesinfo.com under the tab "forms" and return it to the Architectural Committee for review. A full description is needed and, requires two (2) adjoining neighbors' signatures.

This requirement maintains our community standards and values. Thank you to all the homeowners who have followed the procedure in the past. Should you have any questions, please send an email to the Arch committee at ArchComm@thegablesinfo.com

Spring Power Washing



As discussed the architectural committee's next community project is power washing. 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 in a community group rate discount to email the Architectural committee at ArchComm@TheGablesInfo.com. 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..

Community Snow Removal

Please remember that the GALH is **not** shoveling neighbor sidewalks this year due to the high cost. Neighbors are expected to take care of their own sidewalks in front of their house. The Arch Committee will be calling our snow removal team for the common area sidewalks of 3” and above.

The GALH also ask that our neighbors be conscience of their neighbors who cannot shovel on their own and lend a helping hand.

We would also like our neighbors to be considerate and park your vehicles in your garage or driveway so the snow plows can get through the cul-de-sacs.

Arch Committee Email Change

Please note that our Arch Committee has a new email address. The new address is ArchComm@thegablesinfo.com

Community Tree Trimming Project

Many thanks to all the neighbors who signed up with the Arch Committee and showed interest in the tree trimming community project.

Since the company we hired last year did such a good job (Itree), we hired them again for this year’s community and common area tree trimming project.

The tree project was successful and completed on January 23rd..

2014 HOA Common Area Fence

Before



After



2015 Latchlift and Summer Home Terrace Common Area

Before



After



Random Shots



GALH Annual Assessment

The 2015 Annual Assessment Notice Letters were mailed out on January 4th

At the December 2nd 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 2015 Annual Assessment amount is \$325.

With this increase, the HOA membership has also chosen to

- offer an early-payment discount of \$25 (net \$300) if the dues are paid before the end of January,
- require that the full amount of \$325 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 2015 dues is as follows:

IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES

BY THIS DATE	YOUR PAYMENT AMOUNT WILL BE
January 31, 2015	\$300
February 28, 2015	\$325
March 31, 2015	\$350
April 30, 2015	\$355
May 31, 2015	\$360
June 30, 2015	\$365
July 31, 2015	\$370

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. ”

GALH Association, Inc.

Attn: Treasurer

P.O. Box 8023

Elkridge, MD 21075-8023

Savory Crockpot Beef Stew



Servings: Makes 4-6 Servings
Prep: 10 Minutes

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds lean beef stew meat, cut in 1 inch cubes**
- 1/4 cup flour**
- 1/2 tsp pepper**
- 1/2 tsp salt**
- 1 T Steak sauce marinade**
- 1 clove garlic**
- 1 tsp paprika**
- 1 bay leaf**
- 1 1/2 cups beef broth**
- 1 onion, finely chopped**
- 3 potatoes, diced**
- 4 carrots, diced or one small bag of baby carrots**
- 1 stalk celery, finely diced**

Instructions:

- 1. Place meat in crockpot**
- 2. Combine flour, pepper, salt, and paprika**
- 3. Sprinkle over meat and stir to coat**
- 4. Add all other ingredients and stir to combine**
- 5. Cook on low for 10-12 hours or on high for 4-6 hours**