

The Homeowners' Association newsletter for THE GABLES AT LAWYERS' HILL

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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

Important Emails

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

Check out our 2013 Final Budget on our website (remember your password is provided in your email for the Docket sensitive info).





Please give a warm welcome to our New Architectural Committee Members:

Chair- Barb Otten Mary Hopkins Kathy McCrory Kristy Mumma Bonnie Smajda

Thank you to outgoing members: Gail Hoffer, Donna Smith and Pat McKenna

Docket Tip:

Wine in the Woods 2013 will be held on Saturday May 18, 11 AM-6 PM and Sunday, May 19, 11-5 Tickets available



http://www.wineinthewoods.com/information/tickets/



Holiday Trash Pick-up Schedule

Independence Day- Moved to Saturday, July 6th Labor Day- Moved to Saturday, September 7



Spring Architectural Committee Reminders

LAWN AND LOT MAINTENANCE: Our covenants require all homeowners to maintain their grass be mowed to a length not to exceed Four inches. The Architectural committee also requires that the grass clippings be removed from all sidewalks and driveways (including the sidewalk in front of your house).

<u>Trash Cans:</u> All homeowners are to keep their trash cans and recycling bins either in their garage or in the back of their house until the evening prior to pick up. These receptacles are **not** to be seen from the front of the house or the street.

<u>DUMPING:</u> There is to be **no dumping** of clippings, brush or any other materials in our common grounds. Every Tuesday Howard County has a pick up for these items after our regular recycling. <u>BULK TRASH:</u> Since Howard County does not offer dumpsters for our community. You now need to call Bulk Trash at- 410-313-6444 to schedule pickups. Articles should not be put out until the prior evening (see bottom of this page for bulk trash pick-up).

EXTERIOR DECORATIVE OBJECTS: Approval will be required for all exterior objects. whether natural or manmade, which were not part of the original construction design, either as a standard or optional feature. These will be evaluated in terms of their general appropriateness, size, location and compatibility with architectural and environmental design qualities. This visually impacts the neighborhood and surrounding areas.

EXTERIOR PAINTING: An application is not required in order to repaint or re-stain an object to match the original color. However, all exterior color changes must be approved!! This requirement applies to siding, doors, shutters, trim, roofing, and other appurtenant structures.

Pets: Please be respectful and clean up after your pets.

ARCHITECTURAL CHANGE APPLICATION For your convenience, please see the attached Architectural Alteration Form at the end of the Docket.

Bulk Trash Collection

Howard County no longer offers dumpsters for our community. Please call Bulk Trash.....

Mattresses and furniture, must be scheduled by calling 410-313-6444 or visiting //howardcountybulkpickup.org

- * Place items at the curb by 6am on your trash day (no earlier than 6pm the night before).
- * Do not block mailboxes, fire hydrants or cars.
- * Maximum of 4 bulk items collected per pickup.
- * Items too large to be lifted by two workers will be tagged and left for resident's disposal.

DID YOU KNOW? Large plastic items such as worn playhouses and broken lawn furniture can be recycled on your regular recycling day. No need to schedule!

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GALH HOA Reserve Funds Investment Policy

Based on a homeowner suggestion that was made after our 2012 annual meeting, the Board approved the following Reserve Funds Investment Policy at its April 2013 meeting. The purpose of the policy is formalize the policy that has historically been in place.

Consistent with the powers and duties of the Board of Directors, as described in various provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Covenants, the GALH HOA Board of Directors (Board) establishes this Reserve Funds Investment Policy.

In order to properly maintain the common areas of the GALH community and to manage the related reserve funds, the Board determines that it is necessary to have policies and procedures for the investment of reserve funds.

The purpose of the reserve funds is to fund and finance projected repairs and replacements of those portions of the community that the Association is responsible for and for any other such funding as determined by the Board.

The Board shall invest reserve funds to generate revenue that will accrue to the operating funds or to the reserve funds, consistent with the following goals:

<u>Safety of Principal</u>: The Investment Policy will promote the preservation of the Reserve Fund's principal.

Minimal Costs: Investments Costs will be minimized.

<u>Limitation on Investments</u>: At least 75% of the Reserve Fund will be invested in liquid assets insured by FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation). The balance of the Reserve Funds will be invested in Mutual Funds determined to be conservatively managed.

<u>Review and Control</u>: The Board shall review the Reserve Fund Investments, at least annually, to ensure funds are receiving competitive yields and to ensure investments are consistent with this Policy.

<u>Transparency</u>: The names of the Mutual Funds and Morningstar ratings will be posted on the GALH website.

Amendment: This Policy may be amended from time to time by the Board.

Approved by the Board of Directors on April 22, 2013 at its quarterly Board meeting: President- Chris Heinrich

The GALH HOA Reserve Funds are currently invested in the following Mutual Funds, managed by T. Rowe Price:

T. Rowe Price Equity Income (PRFDX)

Morningstar Rating as of 1/31/13: (BRONZE) 3 (of 5) STARS

T. Rowe Price Value (TRVLX)

Morningstar Rating as of 1/31/13: (SILVER) 4 (of 5) STARS

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Texas Coleslaw



Rated: * * * * *

"Cabbage salad with Southwestern twist! Tangy with lime juice, cayenne and cumin,

and bursting with crunchy bits of carrot, green onion and radish. Not to be missed!"

Ingredients:

1 cup mayonnaise

1 tablespoon lime juice

1 tablespoon ground cumin

1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1 teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon ground black pepper

1 medium head green cabbage, rinsed

and very thinly sliced

1 large carrot, shredded

2 green onions, sliced

2 radishes, sliced

Directions:

1. In a large bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, lime juice, cumin, salt and pepper.

Add the cabbage, carrot, green onions and radishes | and stir until well-combined. Chill at least an hour before serving.

Reminder- Please visit our community website at <u>//thegablesinfo.com</u> to read updated HOA board meeting minutes, community directory, past issues of The Docket and much more.

Any questions or concerns, please contact, webmasters@thegablesinfo.com

The GABLES at Lawyers Hill Exterior Alteration Application

Please complete this form, then scan and e-mail it to:

Arch_Comm@thegablesinfo.com

If you do not have scanning capabilities, please send an e-mail message to the address shown above to alert the Committee of your desire to make an exterior change. A Committee member will contact you to set up an alternative delivery option for this completed form.

Signature:

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Notice to Homeowner:

Please allow at least 30 days for the Committee to review your proposal and return its decision to you. Do not commence work until you have received the Committee's approval.

Submitted by (Name):	
Address:	
Home Phone:	Cell Phone:
E-mail Addr	ess:
and name/number of paint or stain col-	ABLES Architectural Guidelines. If painting will be required, attach a sample or. If the change is to be structural, such as fencing, garage, deck, etc., attach a h a copy of your site plan clearly indicating the location of the new structure. ons of the proposed structure.
At least two signatures are required but is simply an acknowledgement with nearby Owners. Objections to Committee at <i>Arch_Comm@theg</i>	·
Signature:	Address:
Signature:	Address:

Address:

Statement of Homeowner:

I understand that representatives of the GABLES Architectural Committee are permitted by the Covenants to enter the exterior area of my property to review any proposed alterations, and that this will not constitute a trespass. The Committee will notify me at least 48 hours in advance before such entry. I also understand that the Covenant requires that I obtain the Committee's formal approval before commencing any alterations.

Homeowner's Signature:
Date:
Response from the GABLES Architectural Committee
Approval granted as submitted.
Approval granted with the following provisions:
Reason for provisions:
Request denied for the following reasons:
Committee Chairman's Signature: Date: