



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

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## Annual Home Owners Meeting Announcement

When: December 6<sup>th</sup> - (For all homeowners)  
 Where: Stained Glass Pub 6751 Dorsey Rd  
 Elkridge, MD 21075 from 6:45pm- 9:15pm  
 Light appetizers will be served along with refreshments.  
 Please plan to attend to socialize with your neighbors and hear what's going on in our community.

## Annual Halloween Table



Many thanks to all who came out for our annual Halloween table, We had a lot of great costumes this year.  
 Check out our Facebook Page to see this year's pictures.

GALH Facebook page- "Gables at Lawyers Hill"

## Board Members:

- President- John Bassolino
- Vice President- Hans Phillips
- Treasurer- Bev Serrano
- Secretary- Brenda Schweiger
- Member at Large (1) Mike Oehler
- Member at Large (2) Angela Shiplet
- Member at Large (3) Kelsey Gregg

## Important Emails

- Webmaster- [webmasters@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:webmasters@thegablesinfo.com)
- HOA Board- [gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com)
- ArchComm- [archcomm@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:archcomm@thegablesinfo.com)

Private Community Facebook page: Search for "Gables at Lawyers Hill"

## Community Garage Sale

Our community garage sale was a success.  
 Thank you, Angela Shiplet for organizing



## Fall Cul De Sac Party

Thanks to everyone who attended our annual cul de sac party. It was fun sharing good food, beverages and laughter.



**Annual Inspections**

The annual inspections were completed in late October by the Arch Committee.

After completing the inspections, the Architectural committee is very pleased with how the neighborhood looks. The neighborhood projects have helped our community maintain a nice appearance. The individual homeowners who were cited, will be receiving a notice in their mailbox before the end of January 2017. If you were not cited you will not receive a notice. The Arch committee wants to thank everyone for taking pride in their property and community.

**Outside Home Alterations**

If you intend to do any projects, as always, you are required to complete an Architectural change form that is located on our website at [thegablesinfo.com](http://thegablesinfo.com) under the forms tab



**Snow Removal:**

Please be considerate of your neighbors during all snow events. Park all vehicles in your driveway's for easy snow removal by snow plows and shoveling.

As everyone is aware snow will be removed from the common areas and paid for by the HOA. But homeowners are responsible for clearing their own property sidewalks.

The Arch Committee Projects for next year

Please send an email to the arch committee if you have any ideas for community projects you would like to see next year.

[Archcomm@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:Archcomm@thegablesinfo.com)

**Calendar Year 2016  
Treasurer Summary**

	2016 Budget	2016 Actual / <b>Projected</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Annual Assessments (57 x \$325 early discount)	\$ 18,525.00	\$ 19,310.00
Interest	\$ 120.00	<b>\$ 125.40</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 18,645.00</b>	<b>\$ 19,435.40</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Activities - Social & Meetings	\$ 900.00	<b>\$ 1,072.45</b>
Administration - Insurance	\$ 640.00	\$ 654.00
Administration - management	\$ 200.00	<b>\$ 592.17</b>
Administration - PO Box	\$ 80.00	\$ 86.00
Administration - Postage	\$ 30.00	\$ -
Grounds Maintenance - mowing	\$ 11,000.00	<b>\$ 10,593.48</b>
Grounds Maintenance - snow removal	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 800.00
Grounds Maintenance - Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,600.00	\$ -
Taxes - Federal	\$ 250.00	\$ 369.00
Taxes - Property	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 16,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 14,167.10</b>
Total Income	\$ 18,645.00	\$ 19,435.40
Total Expenses	\$ 16,900.00	\$ 14,167.10
Difference	\$ 1,745.00	<b>\$ 5,268.30</b>

**Capital Reserves**

Beginning Cash Balance - Bay Bank	\$ 40,036.84	(12/31/2015)
(Expenses over income) Income over Expenses	\$ 5,268.30	
Capital Expenses	\$ -	
Ending Cash Balance - Bay Bank	\$ 45,305.14	72%
Beginning Balance - T Rowe Price	\$ 15,911.28	(12/31/2015)
Dividends	\$ 112.89	
Market Fluctuation	\$ 1,236.96	
Capital Gains	\$ -	
Ending Cash Balance - T Rowe (9/30/16)	\$ 17,261.13	28%
<b>Total cash balance</b>	<b>\$ 62,566.27</b>	<b>2016</b>

*Prepared by Beverly Serrano, Treasurer  
11/28/16*

**The Gables at Lawyers Hill HOA  
Calendar Year 2017  
Proposed Budget**

**Annual Dues**

\$365.00 due by Feb 28 (Increase of \$15.00)  
-or-  
\$340.00 due by Jan 31 (\$25 early payment discount)

2017  
Budget

**Income**

Annual Assessments (57 x \$340)	\$ 19,380.00
Interest	\$ 125.00

**Total Income \$ 19,505.00**

**Expenses**

Activities - Social & Meetings	\$ 1,200.00
Administration - Insurance	\$ 804.00
Administration - management	\$ 450.00
Administration - PO Box	\$ 92.00
Administration - Postage	\$ 80.00
Grounds Maintenance - mowing	\$ 11,000.00
Grounds Maintenance - snow removal	\$ 1,800.00
Grounds Maintenance - Repairs and Maintenance	\$ 1,600.00
Taxes - Federal	\$ 400.00
Taxes - Property	\$ -

**Total Expenses \$ 17,426.00**

Total Income	\$ 19,505.00
Total Expenses	\$ 17,426.00
Surplus Difference	\$ 2,079.00

**The Gables at Lawyers Hill Homeowner's Association**  
**Annual Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

*Location: Stained Glass Pub (basement meeting room) 7:00 pm to 9:15pm Member's Social and sign in. 7:00 to 7:45pm Annual Meeting 7:45- 9:15pm*

1. **Sign in confirmation-** Brenda Schweiger 7:40- 7:55
  
2. **Welcome to New Neighbors-** 7:55- 8:00  
Bonnie View-Mike and Lisa Fierro Children- Sam and Rachel  
Judge Dobbin- Dawn and John Fritz Children- Zoey and Lily
3. **Opening Comments-** John Bassolino 8:00- 8:05
  - a. Please reserve comments to the end of speaker's presentation. Raise hands and the speaker will acknowledge you.
  - b. Introduction to current board members
  
4. **Website and Facebook Report -** Brenda Schweiger 8:05- 8:10
  
5. **Architectural Committee Report –** Barb Otten 8:10- 8:20
  - a. 2016 accomplishments
  - b. 2017 projects
6. **Treasurer's Report –** Bev Serrano 8:20- 8:35
  - a. **2016 Summary**
  - b. **2017 Proposed Budget**
  
7. **Community Update – GECA –** *Does anyone have any GECA info?*
  
8. **Nominations / Elections:** John Bassolino- 8:40- 8:45
  - a. Current Board:
    - i. President – John Bassolino Term expires, the board will nominate John for another term
    - ii. Vice President - Hans Phillips 1 yr. remaining  
Treasurer - Bev Serrano- Term expires, the board will nominate Bev to stay on for another year to teach someone to take over Treasurer position
    - iii. Secretary - - Brenda Schweiger Term expires, the board will nominate Brenda for another term
    - iv. Members at Large:

- i. Members at Large:
  - Angela Shiplet 1 yr. remaining
  - Kelsey Gregg 2 yrs. remaining
  - Mike Oehler term expires
  
- i. The board currently has 1 to 2 positions open for a seat in 2017, if anyone would like to sign-on as a member at large or another position, you may run at our election on December 6, 2017. Taking the position of Member at Large could give you an insight to how the Board runs.

The Arch committee also needs new members (Is anyone interested)?

**9. Items up for a vote this year-** John Bassolino 8:45- 8:50

- a. We do not have any items up for vote this year.

**10. Closing comments and new business for next year-** John Bassolino 8:55- 9:15

New business for next year the board will be researching paying annual dues online

## Sourdough-Apple Stuffing

### Ingredients

8 cups 1/2-inch cubes sourdough bread (about 1/2 of a 1 1/2-lb. loaf)  
2 tablespoons vegetable oil  
1 pound sweet Italian pork sausage, casings removed  
1 medium onion, diced  
4 ribs celery, diced (about 1 cup)  
2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh thyme  
1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley  
1 cup golden raisins  
2 cups low-sodium chicken broth  
2 Granny Smith apples, cored and diced (about 3 cups)  
Salt and pepper  
1 large egg, beaten  
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted



### Preparation

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Spread bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet and bake until pale golden and dry, stirring occasionally, about 20 minutes.
2. Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. On medium-high heat, warm oil in a large skillet and cook sausage, breaking up meat and cooking until sausage starts to brown, 6 to 7 minutes. Add onion and celery; continue to sauté until vegetables are soft and sausage is cooked through, about 5 minutes. Stir in herbs and raisins. Add broth, scraping up browned bits on bottom of skillet. Transfer to a large mixing bowl and stir in apples and bread. Season with salt and pepper. Stir in egg. Spread in prepared baking dish. Drizzle with melted butter.
3. Bake, uncovered, until golden brown and crispy on top, about 50 minutes.

*Happy  
Holidays*