



The Docket

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Please extend a **Warm Gables Welcome** to:

Tracy Makaravage
6233 Latchlift Ct.

H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

President: Chris Heinrich
Vice-President: Brian Kelly
Treasurer: Laura Johnson
Secretary: Brenda Schweiger
Member-At-Large: Lance Johnson

Neighbors Beware!!!



Gables Recent Break-Ins

We have had several home break-ins since July. All break-ins have been in the back of the house. Please report all suspicious activity to the Police.

Gables Community Calendar



- October 31st Halloween Table at 6230 Latchlift Ct. 6:30- 9:00
- December 4th Annual Homeowners Meeting (For all homeowners)
Elkridge Fire Hall 6275 Old Washington Rd.
- November 22nd No curbside trash pick- up on Friday (Thanksgiving Holiday)
moved to Saturday, November 24th



Updates from the Architecture and Landscape Committee
ANNUAL PROPERTY INSPECTIONS



Members of the Architecture Committee will be walking through the neighborhood from September 4th through September 15th to conduct our annual inspections. Our Covenant in Section 7.2 Architectural Control defines the scope of the committee’s governance in terms of “Lot”. Therefore, the committee is required to inspect the entire property.

COMMON-AREA LANDSCAPING UPDATE



This Autumn, Oak Tree Landscaping will focus on repairing the grass along the Lawyers Hill Rd entrance. The sections along the hillsides of Summer Home Terrace that are eroding will require additional topsoil, re-seeding and covering with a landscaping blanket.

More pruning and trimming work is scheduled for the winter months in preparation for next Spring.

COMMUNITY SIDEWALK REPAIRS



The Howard County Department of Public Works has agreed to replace many of the broken and tilted sections of sidewalk which pose tripping-hazards throughout our community. Repairs were anticipated to start late August, however, their schedule has been delayed. Prior to the start of the work, County contractors will paint all repair-targeted areas with a large “X”.

If the sidewalk is in front of or alongside a home, a notecard will also be attached to the house’s front door to advise of the pending construction activity. The process of jack-hammering and removing the marked sidewalk sections and then filling them in with new concrete may take several weeks to complete, so your patience (and careful control of children and pets) during this process will be very much appreciated.

All efforts to keep the new concrete free of graffiti is also greatly appreciated !



Oktober Fest Invitation – The Elkridge Assembly Rooms, Inc

Our neighboring Association located at the Assembly Hall, 6090 Lawyers Hill Road, has invited Gables members to attend their OktoberFest on Saturday, October 6th. They are currently planning this event. If you are interested in attending, please email the Welcome Committee, (welcome_comm@thegablesinfo.com) , and we will send you the details.

Pending Board Member Changes / Call for Candidate



As always, Board-member nominations will also be accepted from the floor during the Meeting, and self-nominations are welcome.

Official Notice: Annual H.O.A. Member Meeting

The Gables H.O.A. Annual Member Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 4th, starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting location will be at The Elkridge Fire Hall Meeting Room, (6275 Old Washington Boulevard), The entrance and parking are in the back of the building. Refreshments will be served.

So far, the agenda for this year's meeting includes:
annual financial report, including notification of the payment schedule for the 2013 annual assessment
review of new revisions to our community's "Architectural Guidelines"
election of one Board member for a 3-year term

If you wish to place something on the agenda for this meeting, please contact our Board Secretary, Brenda Schweiger, at hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com before October 20th.

As always, the floor will be open for new items as time permits.

Howard County News



Wondering why there is so much air traffic over Elkridge?

If you've noticed an increase in air traffic overhead Elkridge in the past week, it's because of a shift in runways at BWI Airport.

One of the two major thoroughfares for commercial planes at Baltimore-Washington Thurgood Marshall International airport (BWI) was closed on Monday, Aug. 20 and will be closed for 60 days. The runway is closed for reconstructive work around the runway, according to a statement from the airport.

With Runway 10-28 closed, air traffic patterns may change, said Jonathan Dean, a spokesman for BWI. He said Elkridge and Catonsville were in the area impacted by the shift.

"In the northwest regions, like Elkridge and Catonsville, residents in those communities will see an increase in operations compared to usual conditions," said Dean.

According to Dean, 70 percent of traffic will be going over Elkridge and communities northwest such as Catonsville of the airport during the runway closure.

Since 2011, the airport has been working to bring the runways into compliance with federal safety regulations it must meet by 2015, according to a statement from BWI.

Specifically, the work includes reconstruction of runways, taxiways, deicing pads and hold pad pavement; airfield navigational aid installation, relocation and upgrades; and other runway safety improvements, according to the statement.

Work began on Runway 10-28 in June, including installing new lighting in the pavement. During that time, the air traffic over Elkridge increased while the runway was closed on nights and weekends.

Dean of BWI said that the planes do not change the elevation at which they fly; it is just the route that will change.

If you'd like to file a noise complaint, make note of the date, time and location, then call BWI's noise hotline at 410-859-7021

Saturday, October 20, 2012 - Shredding Event

Howard County residents can bring up to 3 bags or boxes of paper to be shredded on-site at Meadowbrook Park & Ride (exit 1A off Route 100). The shredding event will be held 9am to 1pm, rain or shine. Electronics will also be collected for recycling (Note: electronics will not be shredded).

The Haunted Experience at Rockburn Branch Park

Whether you choose fright or fun, a memorable Halloween experience awaits you At Rockburn Branch Park (Montgomery Rd. entrance). This event is co-sponsored by The Elkridge Adult Athletic Association. Inclement weather: 410-313-4451 Information Ann Combs, 410-313-4624 October 26, 27 and 28.





Fall Lawn Tips

When the weather starts to get chilly, it is time to look for lawn care tips for the fall. Taking care of your lawn in the fall is essential to your lawns year round health. With proper fall lawn watering, grass seed planting, fertilizing and mowing, your lawn will shine year round.

How high to mow grass in fall

The first step to a health fall lawn is to know how high to mow grass in fall. During the summer months, the grass should be left longer. Once the cool weather has set back in, you can reduce the cutting height to around 2 – 2 1/2 inches. Any shorter than this, and you will risk killing the grass.

Fall lawn watering

Fall lawn watering is the next component in our lawn care tips for the fall. Normally in the fall, rain fall returns to a decent level. This means that your fall lawn watering needs should be less. Measure the rainfall during the fall months. Make sure that your lawn is getting at least 1 inch of rain a week. If the lawn is not getting at least this much rain a week, supplement with the hose

Fertilize the lawn in fall

When you fertilize the lawn in fall, you should fertilize once from September to mid-October. After this, the lawn stops taking up nutrients from the soil and prepares for winter. You should fertilize the lawn in fall with a high nitrogen fertilizer. When you fertilize the lawn in fall, your lawn will be better able to survive winter damage and will become greener faster in the spring.

Fall grass seed planting

Fall grass seed planting is an excellent way to fill in the bare spots in your lawn. Typically, fall weather has an ideal amount of rain fall and temperatures for grass seed germination. You have two options for fall grass seed planting. You can plant the seeds in September and the grass will germinate and establish this year, or you can plant the seeds after this, and they will stay dormant for the winter and germinate in early spring, when the conditions are ideal as well. The bonus of a late fall grass seed planting is that many of the local birds will have left by then, making the seed less vulnerable to them. Then the winter rain or snow will quickly cover it up until spring. Follow these lawn care tips for the fall and your lawn will be looking fantastic come next spring!

Fall Recipe Pumpkin Roll Recipe



Ingredients:

3 Eggs
1 cup Sugar
2/3 cup Pumpkin
1 teaspoon Lemon juice
3/4 cup All-purpose flour
1 teaspoon Baking powder
2 teaspoons Cinnamon
1 teaspoon Ginger
1/2 teaspoon Nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon Salt

Filling:

8 ounces Cream cheese -- softened
4 tablespoons Butter -- or margarine
1 cup Powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon Vanilla

Preparation:

In large bowl, combine eggs and sugar, beating with an electric mixer until thick and light yellow in color. Add pumpkin and lemon juice, mixing until blended. In separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, spices and salt. Add to egg mixture, mixing well. Spread batter into greased and waxed-paper lined 10-by-15-inch jelly-roll pan.

Bake at 350 ° for 15 minutes. Remove from oven. Cool for 15 minutes. Place cake on clean tea towel sprinkled liberally with powdered sugar. Cool 10 minutes longer. From 10- inch side, roll cake up in towel. Set aside.

While cake is cooling in towel, prepare filling. Beat together cream cheese and butter; stir in powdered sugar and vanilla and blend until smooth.

Unroll cake. Evenly spread filling over cake. Roll up cake (without the towel). Wrap in plastic wrap.

Cover and chill at least 1 hour. Slice before serving. Keep leftover slices refrigerated. This pumpkin roll freezes well.

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
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