



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

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Important Emails

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New Architectural Guidelines



Due to many complaints from neighbors on every court, the ArchComm and Board have found it necessary to add new Architectural guidelines, concerning front yard dog fences. The new guidelines can be found on page 4 of our Docket. We ask that all neighbors be respectful of their neighbors and follow the new Architectural Guidelines.

Annual Cul De Sac Party



This year's annual cul de sac party will be hosted by the Fritz family at 5828 Judge Dobbin Ct. on 09/15/18. This year's event will start at 4:30 pm. Please join us and bring your favorite dish to share. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and more. The Gables Board ask that you send an email to the Board with a head count, if you are interested in attending. gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com

GALH Quarterly Board Meeting- 07/17/2018 ArchComm Meeting- 09/27/2018 Annual Cul De Sac-Party 09/15/2018 Halloween Table- 10/31/2018 GALH Annual Members Meeting-12/04/2018 VOLUNTEERS

The GALH Homeowners Association is seeking volunteers to join the HOA Board of Directors in 2018. We are seeking someone who would like to join our Board as a "Member at Large" to learn how our Board operates. If interested, please send an email to gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com

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Architectural Updates



Homeowners Spring Maintenance

It's that time of year that the weather is getting nice and we want to go outside and spruce up our properties. The GALH wants to remind homeowners, who are thinking about making any major changes to their outside structures or additions, you must fill out an Architectural Change form for approval from the Architectural committee.

http://www.gablesatlawyershill.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Arch-Alteration-Application-Form-current3.pdf





Spring Lawn Spruce Up Tips:

Prevent Spring Weeds

Dandelions, crabgrass, and clover are all weeds you don't want in your yard. To avoid back-breaking weed-pulling later in the season, treat your lawn now with pre-emergent herbicide and stop weeds from germinating in the first place. Be aware that many brands of pre-emergent herbicide prevent all seeds from germinating, so avoid applying grass seed for six to 12 weeks following application.

Timing is everything when it comes to making the most of your weed prevention efforts. If you live in a region where forsythia grows (Hardiness Zones 5-8), wait until you see their yellow flowers bloom. This is your clue that the soil temperature has reached 55 degrees Fahrenheit and weeds will be germinating soon in the warmer weather.

Aerate

The soil in your yard naturally compacts as time goes by. Aerating allows more water, air, and nutrients to enter the soil so your grass grows deeper, more drought-resistant roots. Consider aerating your lawn up to once a year if it puts up with heavy foot traffic.

For the best results, use a plug aerator, which removes one-half inch wide plugs of soil two to three inches deep all over your lawn. If you choose to complete this task yourself, follow these tips:

- Water your lawn the day before aerating.
- Pass once over the whole yard and make multiple passes over especially compacted areas.

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• Leave the excavated soil plugs on the lawn to dry. After a few days, break them up with a lawnmower or the back of a rake.

· Continue to fertilize, mow, and water your lawn like normal.

Dethatch

The layer of dead grass that accumulates just above the soil is called thatch. In small amounts, this dead grass is beneficial, but when too much thatch builds up, it prevents water and air from reaching the roots. To prevent the widespread brown patches that can result, dethatch your lawn as part of your spring clean-up.

If you have only a small patch of grass to dethatch, a convex rake is an adequate tool. For larger areas, it's worth renting a power rake, also known as a vertical cutter. No matter what tool you use, follow these tips:

- Water your lawn the day before dethatching.
- · Mow your grass to half its normal height.
- Dethatch in two directions at a 90-degree angle from one another.
- If dethatching leaves bare spots, reseed your lawn.
- Water the lawn well to help the grass recover.

Prune

Chopping branches off your prized plants may seem cruel, but pruning is vital for keeping trees and shrubs healthy. Proper pruning helps them grow thick and produce more flowers and fruit.

Different plants have specific pruning needs, including timing, how much to cut back, and which pruning methods work best. In fact, some plants actually require little to no pruning. Before you get too shear-happy, it's wise to consult with an expert about your garden's pruning needs.

Mulch

Your garden will thank you for adding mulch to your flower beds and around the base of trees. Mulching protects roots from heat damage, slows evaporation, reduces erosion, and helps prevent weeds from sprouting. The type of mulch you choose – from organic materials like bark to inorganic options like gravel or rubber – impacts the appearance of your garden and how often you must replace the mulch.

Reminder About Picking Up after Pets



We continue to see a considerable amount of animal waste in the walking areas of our neighborhood. This is a major annoyance for our neighbors and our kids that walk to school. We wanted to remind all dog owners to please pick up after your animals.

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GALH Architectural Guidelines Revision

Architectural Guidelines set forth an association's policies and procedures regulating a homeowner's ability to make architectural improvements and modifications to the homeowner's separate interest, as well as to common area and exclusive use common area. Architectural guidelines are operating rules which may impose additional architectural restrictions beyond those contained in an association's guidelines, provided that there is empowering language in the guidelines to that effect.

Architectural standards often regulate exterior design elements such as paint colors, exterior finishes, and landscaping materials. Architectural standards often establish the procedure through which a homeowner may obtain the association's approval for desired architectural improvements and modifications.

An association's authority to establish and enforce architectural standards is premised upon the impact that aesthetics has on the property values of the association's members:

"Maintaining a consistent and harmonious neighborhood, one that is architecturally and artistically pleasing, confers a benefit on the homeowners by maintaining the value of their properties."

Below is the link to The Gables at Lawyers Hill Architectural Guidelines. Highlighted in yellow are the revisions concerning:

- · Pet waste pickup
- Front yard invisible fences

http://www.gablesatlawyershill.com/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/GALH-Architectural-Guidelines-Revision-May-2018.pdf

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Banana Cream Pie

Ingredients

Original recipe yields 8 servings (1 9-inch pie)

•	3/4 cup white sugar
•	1/3 cup all-purpose flour
•	1/4 teaspoon salt
•	2 cups milk
•	3 egg yolks, beaten
•	2 tablespoons butter
•	1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla extract
•	1 (9 inch) baked pastry shell, cooled
•	4 bananas, sliced

Add all ingredients to list



Directions

- · Prep 30 mins.
- Cook 12 mins
- Ready In 1 h 42 mins
- In a saucepan, combine the sugar, flour, and salt. Add milk in gradually while stirring gently. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture is bubbly. Keep stirring and cook for about 2 more minutes, and then remove from the burner.
- Stir a small quantity of the hot mixture into the beaten egg yolks, and immediately add
 egg yolk mixture to the rest of the hot mixture. Cook for 2 more minutes; remember to
 keep stirring. Remove the mixture from the stove and add butter and vanilla. Stir until the
 whole thing has a smooth consistency.
- Slice bananas into the cooled baked pastry shell. Top with pudding mixture.
- Bake at 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) for 12 to 15 minutes. Chill for an hour.