



# The Docket



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### GALH Annual meeting 2019

The Gables Annual HOA Members Meeting was held as announced at The Stained Glass Pub in Elkridge with a successful turnout of 18 homes represented. Please view the minutes from our Annual Meeting, posted on our website under the "Gables HOA" tab to read about our meeting.

The 2019 final financial report and 2020 budget can also be found on our website under the "Gables HOA" tab GALH Financial.

Many thanks to all who attended the social and meeting!!!



**2019 GALH Board**  
**We had a Great**  
**Year!**

### 2020 Board Members Named

President- Brenda Schweiger  
 Vice President- Mike Wolek  
 Treasurer- Bev Johnson  
 Secretary- Angela Shiplet  
 Member at Large (1) John Fritz  
 Member at Large (2) Ashley Gerrity  
 Member at Large (3) Zach Zentz  
 Webmaster- Brenda Schweiger

### Say Hello to our Welcoming Committee

During our Annual Meeting the Board asked for volunteers to be part of our welcoming committee to welcome new neighbors and give them information regarding our community.

**The members are:**  
 Elizabeth Culbertson  
 Susan Lavin  
 Chris Matney  
 Angela Shiplet  
 Laurie Tarsia



AchComm for keeping our  
 community Beautiful

### Welcome New Architectural Committee Member:

Jay Sandusky

Committee Chair- Mark Shiplet

### Continuing Members:

Karen Munter

Emile Paul

Erik Gregg

Kathy McCrory

Barb Otten

Brenda Schweiger

### Annual Spring Egg Hunt



If anyone would like to host our Annual Spring  
 Egg Hunt, please Email the Board at:

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

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- \* Next Quarterly Board Meeting- April 20, 2020
- \* Next Architectural Meeting- March 9, 2020
- \* Cul De Sac Party- September 19, 2020 (Latchlift Ct.)
- \* Architectural Annual Inspections- October TBD, 2020
- \* Halloween Hospitality Table- October 31, 2020
- \* GALH Members Annual Meeting- December 1, 2020 at Stained Glass Pub

## Architectural News

### Let it Snow

The Community asks that neighbors are considerate of their neighbors and pull cars off the roadways and cul-de-sacs during snow events so plows and salt trucks can get through the neighborhood. Clear roads mean we can travel in and out of our community freely. We also want a clear roads in case emergency vehicles need to get through.

The GALH has hired a contractor to remove snow and ice on our community sidewalks at 3" and above. For neighbors who have sidewalks in front of their houses, you are responsible for removing the snow within 48 hrs. (This is a Howard County Law).

### Dogs and Cats

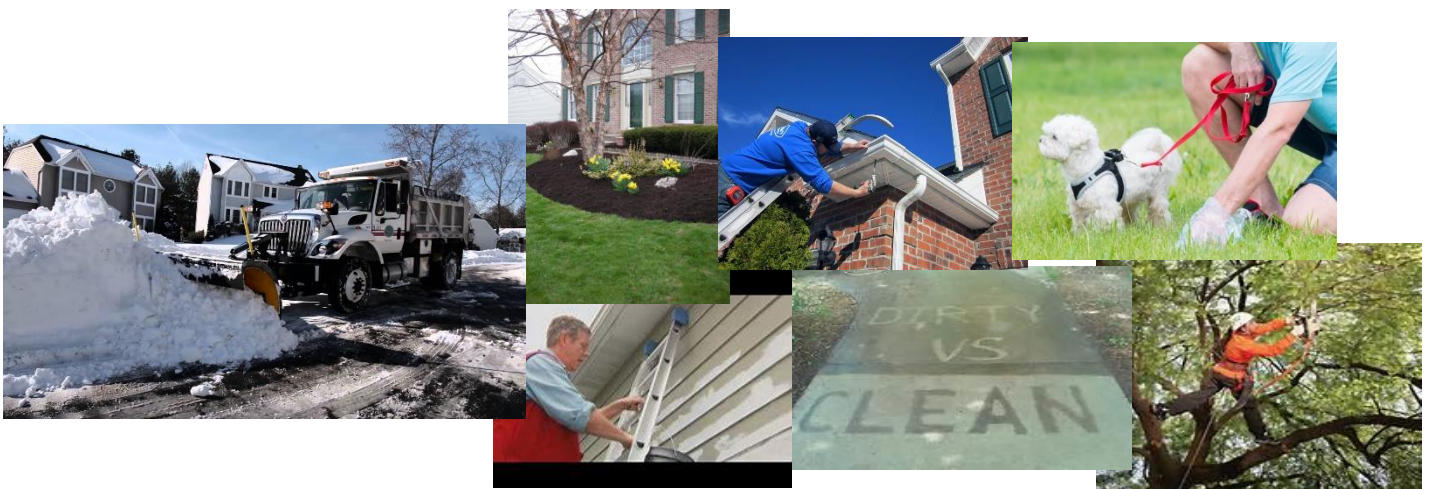
Dogs should be on a leash when on public property. Dogs and cats should not be allowed to roam the neighborhood freely. Pets could be hit by cars if left unattended. Please see page 4 for dog poop issues.

### 2020 Community Projects

Each year the Architectural committee tries to get together group discounts for community projects. This year we have the following projects in mind:

- Tree and shrub trimming
- Power Washing
- Concrete driveway repairs or replacement

The ArchComm will be sending out notices via our Group Facebook site and email when these projects will be available.



For your convenience below is a link to our Architectural exterior change form

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Please email completed form to:

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## Architectural News

### Arch Comm Tree Trimming Project

The Architectural Committee organized a tree and shrub pruning project in January. Several community members signed up for the project and had their trees and shrubs pruned.

During this time the Archcomm also took care of some common area ivy on trees and trees that were falling on other trees.

### Common Area Before Pics:



Some after photos from our tree removal project. Note- The ivy on the trees will start to die and turn brown as the roots were cut at the base.



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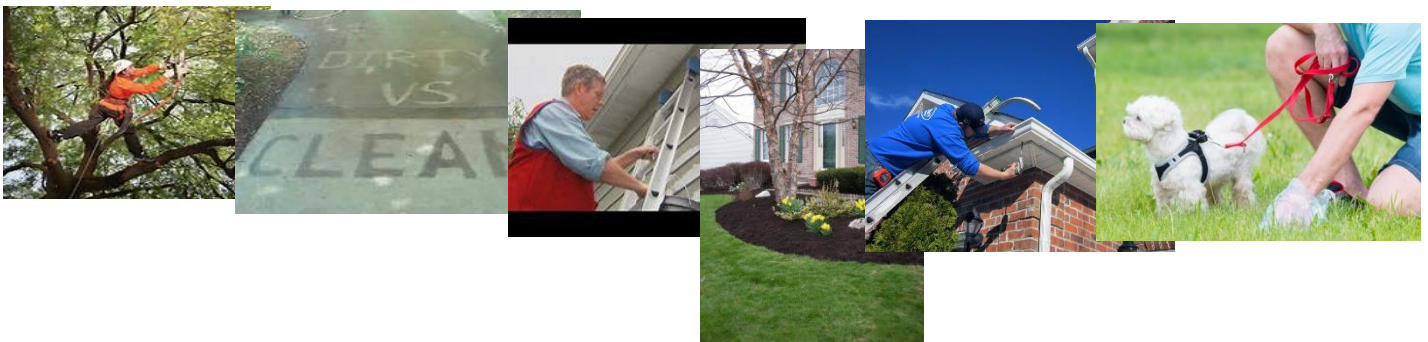
Dog Poop

Complaints have been received from residents of the community regarding dog waste on the grounds. There has been an increased volume of dog waste that has been found on the common areas owned by the HOA as well as on the private front and side lawns of residents who do not own dogs.

If you are a dog owner, please be respectful of your neighbors' property as well as the common grounds of the Association. In case you are not aware, **Howard County Law requires that pet owners pick up after their pets and properly dispose of their waste.** Furthermore, animal fecal matter serves as a food source for rats and will encourage a rat infestation if it accumulates on the grounds of the community. A rat infestation, once it is established is a health hazard in itself and is very difficult to completely extinguish.

All dog owners are urged to abide by the law so that the unsightly and unhealthy appearance of dog waste on the grounds can be eliminated. **Please be reminded that pet owners who fail to abide by the County Law can be fined by the County and in cases of repeated violations, the pet can be deemed a public nuisance in which case the County can remove the pet from the premises.** If you observe repeated dog walkers not picking up after the dog's waste, please report it to the Architectural Committee.

All residents are asked to take pride in the community by adhering to the community rules and County Law regarding disposal of pet waste. If all pet owners within the community practice proper pet waste disposal as mentioned above, the eyesore and health hazard created by pet waste on the community grounds can be eliminated. The Board and Architectural Committee thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



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## Little Library

At our last Annual Meeting the community voted on and approved the construction of a Little Library to be placed in our sitting area back by the trees.

The ArchComm approved the layout and sent the layout to the Board, who also approved.

The Little Library will be constructed this winter, led by Jay Sandusky and placed in our sitting area by the tree line sometime late spring.

The look will blend in with our community home architecture.

If anyone would like to volunteer to help Jay build the Little Library, please email the ArchComm at [archcomm@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:archcomm@thegablesinfo.com)



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**Annual Dues**



Dear GABLES Homeowner,

**This is your notice of the 2020 Annual Assessment for The GABLES.**

(Please refer to Section 3 of the G.A.L.H. Articles of Incorporation, and Section 6 of the Declaration of Covenants.)

**The GABLES' Annual Assessment for 2020 is \$375.**

**Your Annual Assessment payment is due February 29, 2020.**

- an early-payment discount of \$25 (net \$350) applies to dues that are paid before the end of January;
- the full amount of \$375 is due for payments made after Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> but before Feb. 29<sup>th</sup>; and
- as provided for under the Declaration of Covenants, a \$20 late fee penalty is assessed along with additional fees on all payments made after February 29<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please note, the payment must be **post-marked by the due date** for the early discount or on-time payment.

The detailed payment timetable for 2020 dues is as follows:

<b>IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES BY THIS DATE*</b>	<b>YOUR PAYMENT AMOUNT IS</b>
<b>January 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 350</b>
<b>February 29, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 375</b>
<b>March 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>
<b>April 30, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 405</b>
<b>May 31, 2020</b>	<b>\$ 410</b>

*Please note that \$5 per month interest will continue to accrue until payment is made. 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:**
- ✓ **Mail your payment to:**

**The Gables At Lawyers' Hill Association, Inc.**  
**G.A.L.H. Association, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 8023**  
**Elkridge, MD 21075-8023**

Thank you for your prompt payment. A remittance form is enclosed on Page 2 for your convenience. All future payment reminders will be sent to you via e-mail. If you have a new email, please let us know. Any questions or concerns may be directed to The GABLES Board by e-mail at [gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com).

Regards, and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

*Beverly Johnson,*

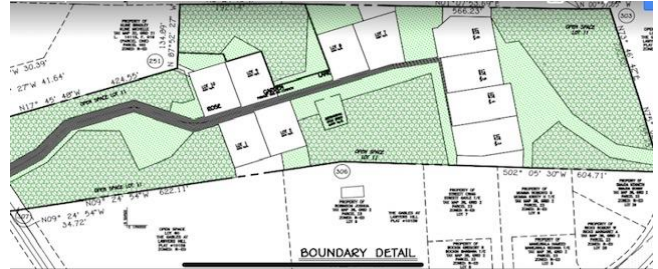
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**LHO 17 Home Build Update**



**17 Home Build**

**Versus**



**10 Home Build**

Due to county and state waivers the developers for the Lawyers Hill Overlook project have submitted a downsized 10 home build instead of 17 home proposal to Howard County. This proposal will limit the amount of tree and land disturbance.

The Lawyers Hill folks are appealing the decision of the planning board as well as appealing the decision and order to the Hearing Examiner on the grounds of mistake or misrepresentation of fact or law. Due to failure to consider the impact of the development on the historic district as a historic resource worthy of protection, and failure to comply with the state's forest conservation statutes.

The Lawyers Hill folks hired a new attorney that specializes in appeal processes from Towson, his name is Macy Nelson. Mr. Nelson, handles opposition cases all over the state and also comes highly recommended for appellate work. In particular, he has an environmental practice in addition to land use and zoning, so the forest conservation issue would make him a good fit.

The hopes are, we can lower the 10-home proposal even lower to possibly 6 homes or less.

The Gables at Lawyers Hill have a keen interest in what happens on this property as we feel it will most certainly will add to the water runoff that we already experience on Summer Home Terrace



## **Stuffed Tomatoes**

**“Spicy, tasty warm treat!”**



### **Ingredients:**

- 2 large ripe tomatoes
- 1 (10 ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chile peppers, partially drained
- 1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
- 2/3 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1/4 pound smoked sausage, cut into 1 inch pieces

### **Directions:**

- Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
- Cut the tops off of the tomatoes and use a knife to cut around the inside, separating the flesh from the skin.
- Scoop out the flesh.
- Place the tomatoes in a small baking dish.
- In a small bowl combine the canned tomatoes with the bread crumbs, 1/3 cup of cheese and the sausage; mix well.
- Spoon the mixture into the tomato skins and top with the remaining 1/3 cup of cheese.
- Bake in preheated oven for 15 minutes





*The Gables at Lawyers Hill Homeowner's Association*



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**Important Emails and Community Closed Facebook Address**

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- GALH Architectural Committee- [archcomm@thegablesinfo.com](mailto:archcomm@thegablesinfo.com)
- GALH Welcome Committee- [welcomcomm@gablesatlawyershill.com](mailto:welcomcomm@gablesatlawyershill.com)
- GALH Facebook Group- Gables at Lawyers Hill

