

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

**ELKRIDGE, MARYLAND** 

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## The Docket





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## Thank you 2020 GALH Board, We Had a Great Year!

The Board would like to give a special Thank you to Zach Zentz who is retiring the board after two complete terms of serving our community. 2021 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 Webmaster- Brenda Schweiger



Architectural Committee for keeping our community **Beautiful** 

## **Continuing** Members:

**Emile Paul** Erik Grega Kathy McCrory Jay Sandusky Karen Munter Mark Shiplet Brenda Schweiger (Acting Chair)



Our Board would like to hear from You. Please take time to fill out Our survey.

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## **GALH Annual meeting 2020**

Due to Covid 19, The GALH Annual HOA Members Meeting was held as announced via Zoom this year, with a successful turnout of 16 homes represented and 23 members present. Please view the minutes from our Annual Meeting, posted on our website under the ' Gables HOA" tab to read about our meeting.

The 2020 final financial report and 2021 budget can also be found on our website under the "Gables HOA" tab GALH Financial. Many thanks to all who attended the community Zoom meeting!!!

## Say Hello to our Welcoming Committee

Our members are:

Susan Lavin Chris Matney Fern Nerhood Angela Shiplet Laurie Tarsia



The Board would like to thank Liz Culbertson for working on the committee last year.

## **Volunteer Needed:**

The GALH Board is seeking someone to sign on to learn the Treasurer responsibilities. (Continued on page 7)

# DATES TO REMEMBER

- \* Next Quarterly Board Meeting- April 12, 2021
- \* Next Architectural Meeting- March 22, 2021
- \* Annual Cul De Sac Party- September 11, 2021 TBD (Latchlift Ct.)
- **Architectural Annual Inspections- October TBA, 2021**
- \* Halloween Hospitality Table- October 31, 2020 (TBD)
- \* GALH Members Annual Meeting- December 7, 2021 at Stained Glass Pub (TBD)

## **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 (Complete)

Power Washing- Please send an email to Brenda (bkschweiger711@gmail.com) if you are interested in the group discounted power wash project starting in April.

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 <a href="http://www.gablesatlawyershill.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Arch-Alteration-Application-Form-current3.pdf">http://www.gablesatlawyershill.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/Arch-Alteration-Application-Form-current3.pdf</a>

Please email completed form to: archcomm@thegablesinfo.com

## **Architectural News**

## **ArchComm 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.

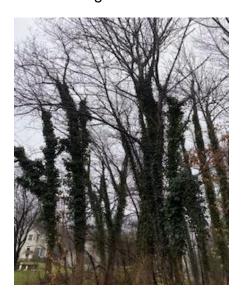
## **Common Area Before Pics:**



## **Common Area After Pic:**



Just a note to home owners: If you have trees with vines growing up the trees on your property, you will need to kill the vines. This is accomplished by severing the vines around the base of the affected tree. By cutting (or sawing for more developed vines) the vines, will wither and die. Do not attempt to pull the vines from the trunk or limbs of the tree. By doing so, you risk severely damaging or even killing the tree.



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## **Architectural News**

## **Exciting News from the Architectural Committee:**

Coming this Spring the Architectural Committee submitted bids for perennial plants to be planted in our flower beds to the Board and was approved. These plants will placed on the corner of Graftons View and the entrance by our sign on Summer Home Terrace.

The plantings will be done by our landscaping company, Susquehanna.

These perennials along with our Spring and Fall flower plantings should brighten up our community immensely.

## Below is an idea where the perennials will be planted:





## Examples of some of the perennials that will be planted:











## **ArchComm News**

## **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 area grounds of our HOA. 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 a food source for rats and will encourage a rat infestation in our community. Once we acquire a rat infestation, they will be difficult to eliminate.

All home owners are urged to abide by the law so that the unsightly and unhealthy appearance of dog waste on the grounds can be eliminated. If you notice repeated offenders of leaving dog waste, please report it to the architectural committee.

All neighbors are asked to take pride in our community by adhering to county laws and community rules regarding pet waste. Please note that we have a community dog waste station with bags located on Summer Home Terrace and emptied weekly by members on our Board. Also, we have noticed that some neighbors have been dumping dog waste in our blue salt bin located on the school path. Please do NOT place dog waste in this barrel.

The Architectural Committee and Board would like to thank everyone in advance for your cooperation in this matter.



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#### **Annual Dues Notice**



Dear Gables Homeowner,

## This is notice of the 2021 Annual Assessment for The Gables collected by your HOA.

(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 2021 is \$375.

These dues are not covered by your mortgage escrow and are directly payable by you. Failure to pay may result in a lien against the property.

## Your Annual Assessment payment is due February 28, 2021.

- an early-payment discount of \$25 (net \$350) applies to dues that are paid <u>before the end of</u> January.
- the full amount of \$375 is due for payments made after Jan. 31st but before Feb. 28th; and
- as provided for under the Declaration of Covenants, a \$20 late fee penalty is assessed along with additional interest on all payments made after February 28<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*The payment must be **post-marked by the due date** for the early discount or on-time payment.

The detailed payment timetable for 2021 dues is as follows:

IF YOU PAY YOUR DUES BY THIS DATE*	YOUR PAYMENT AMOUNT IS
January 31, 2021	\$ 350
February 29, 2021	\$ 375
March 31, 2021	\$ 400
April 30, 2021	\$ 405
May 31, 2021	\$ 410

Please note that \$5 per month interest will continue to accrue until payment is made.

When paying your Annual Assessment, please

The Gables At Lawyers' Hill Association, Inc.

G.A.L.H. Association, Inc.

P.O. Box 8023

Elkridge, MD 21075-8023

Thank you in advance 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 <a href="mailto:gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com">gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com</a>.

Regards, and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year!

Beverly Johnson,

Treasurer, G.A.L.H. Association, Inc.



#### **GALH Treasurer Needed**

Future need on the Board -

Bev Johnson's last year as Treasurer is next year (2022), completing 8 years of service. If you are good at organization and details, we need a volunteer to take over in 2023. Training would be provided. Basic Microsoft Excel and Word document applications and skills required. A printer with copy/scan functions also needed. Responsibilities include handling the HOA income and expenses, taxes, and mail. Curious volunteers can contact Bev at <a href="mailto:serr0560b@gmail.com">serr0560b@gmail.com</a> for more information.

Please consider this opening, and taking a turn serving on our HOA board.

Most positions are not time consuming, and we only meet 4 times a year. We are a volunteer run HOA board that allows us to keep our dues and costs low. If the community HOA cannot be sustained due to lack of volunteers, then we would need to look into outsourcing to a management company. We're going on 27 years of wonderful neighbors that have served our community. Board volunteers are nominated at the annual social and business meeting each December, and start to serve in the new calendar year. Hope to see you there!

For more information on the board positions, contact <a href="mailto:gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com">gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com</a>

A volunteer would need to start December 2022. Of course you could also come to our meetings this year to find out what it's all about.

## Spaghetti Squash Chicken Alfredo % #

## Ingredients:

4 grilled chicken breast

3 cups mozzarella cheese

3 to 4 cups of cooked spaghetti squash 2 spaghetti squash

1 jar of Rao's Alfredo Sauce

Chopped parsley (optional)

#### Directions:

After piercing the squash several times with a fork or a knife, cook the spaghetti squash in a shallow baking dish in the oven at 375 degrees for approx. 1 hour 15 mins. When done, slice the squash in half and scoop out the seeds. Shred the inner part of the spaghetti squash with a fork into strands that will naturally resemble spaghetti. Portion out 1 ½ c. on a plate or back in spaghetti squash shell.

Top with chicken & Alfredo sauce and mozzarella cheese and either melt in oven or in microwave for a yummy healthy dinner.

## Makes approx. 4 servings





## **Committee Members and Emails**



#### **GALH Board**

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
Webmaster- Brenda Schweiger

#### **Architectural Committee**

Chair- Brenda Schweiger (Acting)

Erik Gregg Karen Munter Emile Paul Kathy McCrory Jay Sandusky Mark Shiplet



#### **Welcome Committee**

Fern Nerhood Susan Lavin Chris Matney Angela Shiplet Laurie Tarsia



Little Library Stewards: John Fritz Dawn Pettit



## **Important Emails and Community Closed Facebook Address**

GALH Board- <a href="mailto:gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com">gablesboard@thegablesinfo.com</a>
GALH Architectural Committee- <a href="mailto:archcomm@thegablesinfo.com">archcomm@thegablesinfo.com</a>
GALH Welcome Committee- <a href="mailto:welcomecomm@gablesatlawyershill.com">welcomecomm@gablesatlawyershill.com</a>
GALH Facebook Group- Gables at Lawyers Hill

