



The Homeowners' Association newsletter for
THE GABLES AT LAWYERS' HILL
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2025 Board Members Announced

- President- Bob Ricks
- Vice President- Paul Lavin
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- Member at Large- Nneka Jackson
- Member at Large- Fern Nerhood

The Board would like thank outgoing Board members, Ashley Gerrity and Mike Oehler



Belmont's Spring Open House

Experience the rich history and beauty of Belmont Manor & Historic Park – Elkridge's Hidden Gem! Explore one of the county's best kept historical secrets. Take a step back in time as you stroll through the majestic gardens, meander around the grounds, and explore the manor house. For those in search of the perfect venue for an upcoming special occasion or wedding, stop by our tent and speak with local vendors who work on many of the special events at Belmont.

Vendors tables are available for \$30.

Email BelmontManorMD@howardcountymd.gov for details.

Registration is not required but encouraged. Free for all ages.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- * Next Quarterly Board Meeting- May 1, 2025
- * Next Architectural Meeting- March 25, 2025
- * Annual Cul De Sac Party- September TBA 2025TBD (Latchlift Ct.)
- * Architectural Annual Inspections- October TBA, 2025
- * Halloween Hospitality Table- October 31, 2025 (TBD)
- * GALH Members Annual Meeting- December 2, 2025

Architectural Notes**Architectural Committee Notes****2024 Architectural Annual Inspections Report**

In keeping with Section 7 (Architectural Committee & Control) and Section 8 (Uses of Lots) in our Declaration of Covenants, The Gables' HOA Architecture Committee conducted its annual property inspections during October 2024. In this process, we reviewed general appearance and upkeep, with particular focus on any items that may lead to structural damage to your home, or which are in violation of the Architectural Guidelines referenced in our Covenants and By-Laws.

An email has been sent out to each member of our community with specific notations for their property. Perhaps they will be helpful thought-starters for you as you consider your "spruce-up" plans for next year. For any members who have noted items, the Architectural committee will be asking the homeowner to provide a plan and time frame when they will be addressing the issue(s).

A general Community Report was delivered during the HOA's Annual Member Meeting on December 3rd and will then be available for viewing on The Gables' website along with the Annual meeting minutes.

Overall, we've noticed many nice improvements since last year, and we really appreciate everyone's efforts at power washing, painting, trim repairs, and landscaping renovations.

The Architectural Committee also noticed an increase in homes needing power washing of front porches, sidewalks, sides of home facing north and concrete driveways. During our inspections we saw many fireplace chimneys needing attention.

Please remember that ANY changes to the exterior of your property require pre-approval by the Architecture Committee. The Exterior Alteration Application Form can be found on The Gables website... [GALH-Architectural-Approval-Form-6-2023-2.pdf](#)

Any questions regarding any of these items, or our overall inspection process, may be directed to The Gables' HOA Architecture Committee at: archcomm@thegablesinfo.com

Our next annual property inspections will be determined for something in October 2025.

HOA Landscaping and Snow Removal

The Architectural Committee has signed contracts for DEL Landscaping, LLC to perform our common area landscaping and sidewalk snow removal.

Architectural News

Architectural Notes (Continued)

Let it Snow

The 2025 and 2026 snow events for our common area sidewalks will be cleared by our Landscaping company, DEL Landscapers LLC.

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 road in case emergency vehicles need to get through. The Architectural Committee has placed ice melt buckets at our sitting area and by the dog poo station.

For neighbors who have sidewalks in front of their houses, you are responsible for removing the snow within 24 hrs. after a snow event.

Dogs and Cats

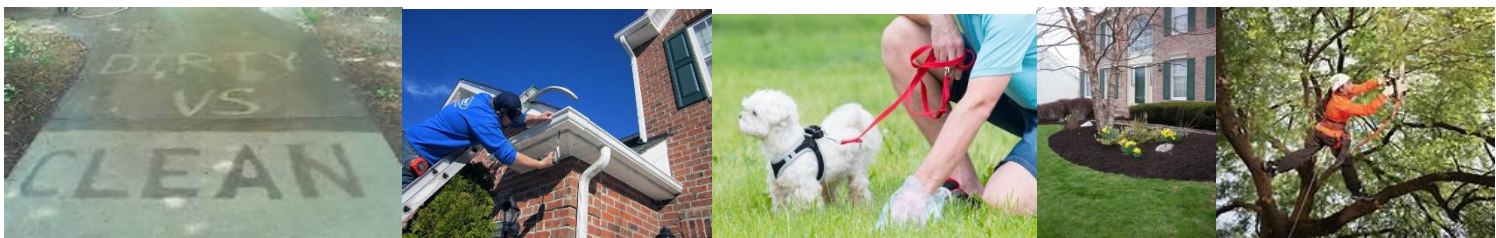
Dogs should be on a leash when on public property. Dogs and cats should not be allowed to roam the neighborhood freely. Pets should be walked on common area or path (Not neighbor’s lawns) to do their business and picked up and placed in garbage cans. Many thanks to our neighbors for cleaning up after their pets.

2025 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- Due to the freezing temperatures and snow there will NOT be a tree trimming project done for the community this year, However I’d like to get quotes from our Landscaping company to remove the dead vines on our forest trees that we have been maintaining over the years. The dead vines that show out front on our walkways are unsightly. We can access our forest trees next year. I will also be getting quotes for replacement of some our ornamental trees that we lost over the years due to disease or weather.

Common area fences (Fall) The fences will be looked at this Fall for ivy growth, nail pops and bad boards, The ArchComm will be sending out notices via our Group Facebook site and email when any projects will be available.



Gardening Tips by- Dawn Pettit

In the Garden

I love to spend hours in my garden, and spring is the season to get things in shape for the coming months. Here's what's on my to-do list."

1. Give those first bloomers some space by gently clearing away leaf litter and other matter so those crocus and snowdrops can take a breather.
2. Cut back early bloomers like roses and euphorbia. A good haircut from the base encourages strong growth and helps to reshape shaggy bushes.
3. Cut back evergreens and perennials to get rid of winter-damaged foliage.
4. Cut down ornamental grasses. Apparently, they become maternity wards for mice so cutting the grass down to the base will help to encourage them to move along.
5. Bulk order mulch - perhaps this could be a neighborhood project to reduce the costs.
6. If you're growing plants from seeds, especially the ones that need to get started indoors, well, now's the time to get them going.

As you go about your gardening jobs, think about the environmental impact your work may have on wildlife. All kinds of critters, insects, bees, frogs and other creatures hibernate in tree bark, leaf litter and just under ground level... Ideally leaf litter and other garden waste should be cleaned up after we've had several days in a row of temperatures above 50F. But if you have to get going sooner - like me - be gentle and push the litter towards the woods so that our garden friends have a chance to wake up!

Happy digging!





Jalapeño Popper Chicken Dip 🔥

Ingredients:

- 12 ounces cooked boneless, skinless chicken breasts, shredded (2 Leans)
- 3/4 cup Fage 2% plain Greek yogurt (1/2 Lean)
- 1/4 cup regular cream cheese (4 Healthy Fats)
- 5 slices turkey bacon cooked and crumbled (1/2 Lean)
- 3 ounces canned jalapenos, diced (3 Condiments)
- 1/2 tsp garlic powder (1 Condiment)
- 1/2 tsp onion powder (1 Condiment)
- 2 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese (2 Condiments)
- 1 cup shredded 2% sharp cheddar cheese, divided (1 Lean)

Directions:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Combine shredded chicken, yogurt and cream cheese in a medium sized bowl. Add crumbled turkey bacon, diced jalapenos, garlic powder, onion powder, Parmesan cheese and 1/2 cup cheddar cheese. Stir until everything is combined. Pour mixture into a baking dish. Top with remaining 1/2 cup shredded cheese. Bake for 20 minutes or until cheese has melted.

NOTE: I serve mine with thickly sliced bell peppers as a “dipper” and count the toward my Green serving. It’s a scoop for the goodness without the unnecessary “fluff”.

Makes 4 servings, per serving you enjoy:

Committee Members and Emails



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Architectural Committee

- Chair- Brenda Schweiger**
- Jim Johnson
- Kathy McCrory
- Kristy Mumma
- Karen Munter
- Emile Paul
- Jay Sandusky



Welcome Committee

- Fern Nerhood
- Susan Lavin
- Chris Matney
- Angela Shiplet



Little Library Steward:
Susan Lavin



Important Emails and Community Closed Facebook Address
Website and Email Committee: Brenda Schweiger and Brandon Wyatt

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- GALH Welcome Committee- welcomecomm@gablesatlawyershill.com
- GALH Facebook Group- Gables at Lawyers Hill

