



The Docket



H.O.A. Officer Roles Re-Aligned



You can contact any of these officers, or any committee chairperson, by following the "Contact Us" link on our GABLES website.

During the last HOA Board meeting on February 13th, officer roles shifted slightly to accommodate membership changes. Jim McCrory has moved into our open VP slot, and Chris Heinrich has taken over the Secretary's duties after Rosemary Lorenz's departure.

Very many thanks to these neighbors for leading our HOA.

H.O.A. BOARD MEMBERS

President:

John Markus

Vice-President:

Jim McCrory

Treasurer:

Mike Oehler

Secretary:

Chris Heinrich

Members-At-Large:

Barb Otten

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Look us up at www.thegablesinfo.com

THE BUNNY HAS "RETIRED"

With fewer youngsters in the neighborhood, we've decided to suspend our Annual Easter Egg Hunt. If you are interested in spearheading a revival of this event, please contact Chris Heinrich to place a broadcast message in the next issue of The Docket to prepare for next year.

Mark Your Calendars

- Howard County Yard Waste Pick-Up begins April 1
- HOA Board Meetings
April 24, July 17
- Community Clean-Up
April 25 / 9:00 am
- Dumpster
April 25 - 26
- Community Socials
(tentative dates)
May 22, July 24, Sept 11
- Annual HOA General Meeting
November (date TBD)

Community Clean-Up Day

Gables residents are needed to help out with our Community Clean-Up on Saturday, April 25th. Our landscapers have handled the mulching and trimming around the trees in the common areas, but we need to "pick up" along the woods. We'll meet at 9:00am near the intersection of Latchlift Court and Summer Home Terrace to split into work teams. Just bring a rake and work gloves; the HOA will supply trash bags. Last year, a handful of helpful neighbors made a HUGE difference in the appearance of our community— Please come and join us this year for a few hours of "exercise" and rewarding fun.



Architecture Committee Summary Report



The Gables Architecture Committee has been hard at work this past year :

- Property inspections were conducted last Fall. Reports to Homeowners will be issued shortly.
- A newly-paved road surface and curbs were added at the Lawyer's Hill Road entrance. (The county has already been notified of the need to repair the damaged curb.)
- The retention basin at the bottom of Latchlift Court was re-built to eliminate problems with standing water.
- In March, thirteen dead trees were removed from 7 common areas, 2 plum trees were pruned, and a new tree will be planted along Summer Home Terrace. 12 homeowners also took advantage of reduced pricing on private-property tree-removal, thanks to the deal that we negotiated with Excel Tree Experts.
- The sound-barrier wall was inspected and found to be in good repair.

The Committee operates through volunteer support and involvement from Gables neighbors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Chairperson Gail Hoffer via e-mail at ghoffer@juno.com

Some gentle reminders:

...Homeowner construction projects (storage sheds, swimming pools, fences, changes to paint color, etc.) must be pre-approved by the Gables Architecture Committee and reviewed with your neighbors. (Application forms are available on the Gables website.

..Trash and recycling cans must be stored in areas that are not visible from the street-front view of your house. Also, they should be placed curbside only after 4pm on the prior evening.

Dumpster & Recycling Reminders

The community dumpsters will be available on Latchlift Court and Summer Home Terrace over the weekend of April 25-26.

We obtain these dumpsters twice a year as a courtesy from Howard County, but we must respect their rules, or we will lose this privilege:

- ▶ No recyclables
- ▶ No hazardous materials
- ▶ No construction waste
- ▶ Contents must not overflow the top of the dumpster.

Also, please note that glass, plastic, paper, cardboard, and metals can now be co-mingled in the Howard County Recycling Program curbside pick-up on Tuesdays. For more info, check

www.co.ho.md.us/dpw/recycling.htm



Proposed Changes to Gables HOA By-Laws

The Gables By-Laws (available on our website) are part of the binding contract you entered into with the HOA when you purchased your home.

A committee formed by the HOA Board of Directors is in the process of re-drafting several sections of these By-Laws. Since the original document was created nearly 20 years ago, things have changed, and we need to keep pace! For example, we'd like to be able to communicate with you by e-mail, instead of by post.

Per our rules, the proposed changes will be distributed to all homeowners in advance of our next General Meeting in November, and a majority of the members present must vote in favor of the new clauses.

If you have any proposals for By-Law changes, please contact John Markus.

Please also read the new draft when it is issued, and please plan to come to our General Meeting in November to discuss them and vote.