



The Docket



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Please give a warm welcome to Chris and Beatriz Davy at 6209 Latchlift Ct. The Davy's will be moving in the end of June.

We would also like to welcome Sean and Natasha Wilson and family who are currently renting the Johnson's home at 6216 Latchlift Ct. while Lance is on assignment in Brazil.

Gables Tip



Tired of receiving the yellow pages book because you use the internet? Save a tree and go to <https://www.yellowpagesoptput.com/> and opt out.

Important Emails

Webmaster- webmasters@thegablesinfo.com
HOA Board - hoaboard@thegablesinfo.com
Architecture- arch_comm@thegablesinfo.com

Financial Advisory Committee

Due to lack of community interest, there will **not** be a Financial Advisory Committee. The board did not get any responses for our request for members in our last Docket in January.



2015 Annual Dues Cost Increase

Due to inflation and costs in our community, such as repairs to our common area fence, dead tree removal and snow removal, the Board has found it necessary to increase our annual dues from \$300 to \$325 for budget year 2015. The Board will make a decision later in the year if we will continue the early payment incentive.

Architectural Committee Updates

Projects completed so far in 2014:



Tree Trimming: We had 16 homeowners sign up for the tree trimming project. In the same day we had the common area trees spruced. Everyone was pleased with the excellent work completed at rock bottom prices. Due to the harsh winter we experienced, we will probably put this on our agenda again for next Fall. So if you missed out, never fear you can join in next time.



Graffiti on Judge Dobbin Fence: Unfortunately our Fence was vandalized over this past year. But due to Brenda's efforts, we were able to have the 6 sections of fence that were affected replaced and at no cost to our community. The company we used was Specialty Services contracting. They were the most reasonable and covered our deductible too. Awesome job Brenda!



Fence Repairs: Once the tree trimming was completed we noticed the damage that had been done to our fence from branches and ivy growing over the fence. This compromised the integrity of the fences and had to be addressed immediately. So the Arch Committee brought this urgent matter to the attention of the Board and was granted permission to proceed with the repair project. These repairs were completed in May and our fence has been restored for the time being. Future assessment will be addressed by the Arch committee.

Architectural Updates



Spring Clean Up: The Arch committee would like to complement our homeowners for taking the initiative of maintaining their homes. However we would like to request that you do **not** dump on the common areas of our community or in the woods to the path leading up to the schools. You are not just in violation of the Gables by-laws but it is against Howard County regulations by dumping your lawn waste. Thank you for respecting our community. Please note that Howard County picks up lawn and leaf clippings and debris weekly along with the recycling. Also large item pickup can be scheduled at the link provided below:

<http://www.howardcountymd.gov/trash.htm>



Snow Removal: Although it seems like a long time ago, this past year's snow removal was brutal on our budget. The cost of the snow removal for the common areas plus the homeowner's sidewalks due to the excessive snow fall totaled \$3,770. Therefore, the Board upon the recommendation of the Arch committee has decided to cease the homeowners' sidewalk snow removal. However, It is our responsibility to continue with the common area sidewalks if snow fall exceeds 6 inches or above. We feel the need to review our current policy and expenditures. The Architectural committee will review the costs and bring our recommendations to the Board for the budget year 2015.



Spring has sprung: Please send any requests for exterior changes to the Arch Committee. Here is a link to the form that needs to be completed and submitted. This form can be found under the **Forms** tab.

<http://www.thegablesinfo.com/>

After the form has been completed, please email the form to the Arch committee for review at

Arch_comm@thegablesinfo.com

Five Spice Turkey and Lettuce Wraps

Serves: 4

Total Time: 30 min

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup(s) water
- 1/2 cup(s) instant brown rice
- 2 teaspoon(s) sesame oil
- 1 pound(s) 93%-lean ground turkey
- 1 tablespoon(s) minced fresh ginger
- 1 large red bell pepper, finely diced
- 1 cup(s) water chestnuts, rinsed and chopped
- 1/2 cup(s) reduced-sodium chicken broth
- 2 tablespoon(s) hoisin sauce
- 1 teaspoon(s) five-spice powder
- 1/2 teaspoon(s) salt
- 2 head(s) Boston lettuce, leaves separated
- 1/2 cup(s) chopped fresh herbs, such as cilantro, basil, mint and/or chives
- 1 large carrot, shredded



Directions

1. Bring water to a boil in a small saucepan. Add rice; reduce heat to low, cover and cook for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat.
2. Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick pan over medium-high heat. Add turkey and ginger; cook, crumbling with a wooden spoon, until the turkey is cooked through, about 6 minutes. Stir in the cooked rice, bell pepper, water chestnuts, broth, hoisin sauce, five-spice powder and salt; cook until heated through, about 1 minute.
3. To serve, spoon portions of the turkey mixture into lettuce leaves, top with herbs and carrot and roll into wraps.