

Bender Michael J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Bender Michael J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT CO /DE [GET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 3980 BAUGHMAN GRANT ROAD
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/06/2009

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW ALBANY, OH 43054

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 05/06/2009 | | M | V | 1,500 (1) | \$ 16.06 | 3,000 D |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | \$ 16.06 | 05/06/2009 | | M | 1,500 | 05/06/2009 | <u>(2)</u> | | | Common Stock | 1,500 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | \$ 16.8 | 05/07/2009 | | A | 1,500 | <u>(3)</u> | | 05/07/2010 | | Common Stock | 1,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Bender Michael J 3980 BAUGHMAN GRANT ROAD NEW ALBANY, OH 43054 | X | | | |

Signatures

Carter R. Todd, Attorney-in-Fact for Michael J. Bender
05/08/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person
Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) On May 6, 2009, 1,500 shares of common stock were issued to the director upon vesting of the restricted stock units previously granted to the director on May 6, 2008.
- (2) These restricted stock units were 100% converted to common stock on May 6, 2009 upon the vesting of the restricted stock award. Accordingly there is no expiration date associated with this security.
- (3) Represents an annual grant of 1,500 restricted stock units for the director's service on the Board of Directors in 2009. Upon the lapse of the restrictions on May 7, 2010, one share of common stock will be issued for each restricted stock unit.

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