

Dominion Club News

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October 18 Annual Meeting, Election, Open Session Slated

DC homeowners will gather at the Dominion Club clubhouse at 7 p.m. on October 18 for the DC Homeowners Association annual meeting, nomination and election of three trustees (each for a two-year term), and to review the financial condition and business of the Association.

The meeting will also serve as the quarterly "open" session which lets homeowners and the board share issues and information of common and current interest. Questions for the agenda should be submitted by October 11 to Board President Tom Roth.

Sterling Towne Properties mailed annual meeting information, including nomination instructions and an application, and proxy forms to all homeowners in mid-September.

Trustee nomination forms must be submitted to Sterling no later than October 8. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Proxies may be given to any owner who is planning to attend the meeting or to the board secretary, Wayne Hasty. Present trustees Roth and Hasty have announced they will not stand for re-election; present trustee Gordon Schutt will stand for re-election.

Please contact Becky Colburn of Sterling at 781-0055 if you did not receive the mailing or need further information about the meeting. You may also contact any trustee for information.

Those attending the meeting are reminded to bring a chair or something to sit on since the clubhouse has a limited number of seating available.

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Dominion Club Lending Library by Karen Collins

The Board has purchased three lovely bookcases for the DC clubhouse. All we need now are the books, DVDs, VHS tapes, and CDs to get our lending library going. That is where you come in. Here are the guidelines:

Books – Donated books should be in good condition and of general interest, fiction or non-fiction. We do not have shelf space for oversized coffee-table sized books. Also, no textbooks, please.

DVDs – movies, documentaries of general interest; in good condition.

CDs – in good condition.

VHS tapes – movies, documentaries of general interest; in good condition.
No self-made tapes please.

We will not be accepting magazines.

As we are just starting out, please bring no more than 12 items for the library. We will see how the shelves fill up. You may drop off donations in the former “office” room of the clubhouse and they will be put on the shelves.

We are open for business, so stop by, browse the shelves for something of interest, take it home and enjoy it, and bring it back for others to enjoy. We operate on the honor system – no ID cards, no sign-outs, no fines. Questions? Get in touch with Karen Collins.

Halloween Party

Our seventh annual Halloween Party will be Saturday, October 27th at the Dominion Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.

By holding the party on Saturday, we are giving those who work a little more time to prepare their costumes.

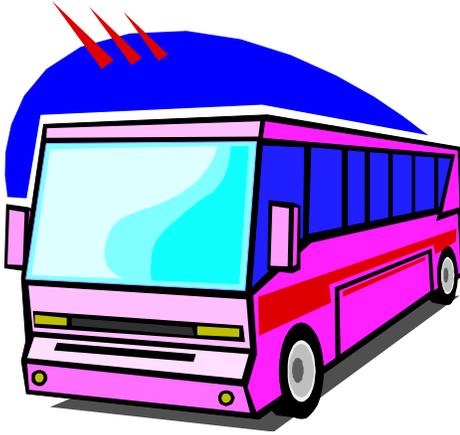
Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Prizes will again be given in the following three categories. Most unique, Scariest and Funniest. From our experience, most people do come in some sort of costume, which makes for a fun evening.

Start thinking now of something to wear for this special event. Look for your invitation on “Evite” by mid-October.

John & Donene Bradshaw and the Party Committee



Getting To Know Our Neighbors (Road Trip) *by Shirley and Jim Roche' [7058 Keese Circle]*



Shirley and I finally took the trip around our country that we had been planning mentally for years and physically for about one year.

We bought a 36 foot Winnebago Brave and promptly nicknamed her "Poca", short for Pocahontas, which seems too appropriate since I am of American Indian heritage.

We left Columbus on April 6, 2007 and arrived in Branson, Mo. on Easter Sunday, where we met three other couples. We had never been to Branson before, so it was great fun to attend Branson fest and get a quick glimpse of the many different shows. We stayed there for a week and feel like we have "done" Branson.

Our next stop was Oklahoma City for the night, and continued west to Amarillo, Tx. There is a beautiful mini grand canyon near there named Palo Duro Canyon and we all took time to visit it. It is a State Park with camping and one of those hidden treasures. We then headed south to Carlsbad Caverns and spent several days exploring the caverns and the Guadalupe Mountains. By this time we have left everything green behind us. It would seem like forever before we would see the lush green of grass - Daisy [our well-travelled dog] was perplexed and not too happy.

Our next stop was Roswell, NM where we toured the UFO Museum and wondered just how valid the information was there. We left Roswell with two other couples (we had lost one by this time) and headed north on Hwy. 70. One of the other motor homes blew a tire (and it was a BIG one) and on a Sunday no less. It took the six of us pooling our phones, (some worked, others didn't) and emergency info. to finally get someone out to the site to change the tire. We still wonder how much influence "Roswell" had on the tire? We headed north to Santa Fe but were stopped due to bad weather (snow and high winds). So we went south to Albuquerque to replace our friends tire and sight see. Part of our sightseeing included going back north to Santa Fe. As you can see, we had to maintain flexible since we hadn't learned to control the weather.

At this point, we got on I-40 heading west toward Flagstaff with a stop by the Petrified Forest, the Painted Desert, and Sedona. It is a beautiful part of our country. We finally got to the Grand Canyon. This is one of our favorite places and we spent several days enjoying the sights which included a breathtaking view of the sunset one evening.

Las Vegas was our next stop. We stayed at a very nice resort type campground that has even been shown on the travel channel. Jim and Shelley played golf, so we all know he was a happy camper. Our tour of Hoover Dam was very interesting and after seeing it on TV and in the movies for years, it was really great to see the real thing.

We departed Vegas, slightly over budget and went west to some of the most spectacular scenery we have even seen. This area includes Sequoia National Park, Kings Canyon, Giant Sequoia Park - only to be topped by Yo-

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Shirley and Jim Roche' Road Trip; Continued from Page 3

Shirley was getting a little thirsty by this time, so we headed to Napa Valley. We had a box lunch and bottle of wine at one of the wineries and we were able to have a very nice dinner on the "Wine Train" for the ole girl's birthday.

After Shirley had her fill, we headed north on Hwy. 101 to Redwood National Park, Crater Lake and the Oregon coast. It was about here that we started to see green again and was Daisy a happy camper. As we approached Washington State, we made a wrong turn in Astoria (which is a beautiful little city) and ended up on streets that look like Lombard Street in San Francisco. We all decided that if we could survive that ordeal, we could do anything.

The Canadian geese were calling, so we made a sharp right hand turn and started heading east. A overnight stop at Coeur d'Alene, Idaho was a spectacular find. We could only stay the one night, but it was so beautiful, we will go back. We were welcomed into Canada with a nice little snow as we crossed the border. We spent a week in the Waterton Glacier International Peace Park. The wildlife in this entire area was plentiful, with lots of mule deer and elk roaming freely in our campground and acting as lawn ornaments on the locals' lawns. On this part of our trip we were able to relax, play some golf, and take a boat tour back to stateside, where we were able to see the line defining the two countries (we were now down to two couples). Other sites of interest were Banff and Lake Louise.

Our next stop was Yellowstone and we were running out of time as we had been on the road for about two and half months now. However, a trip out west would not be complete without Yellowstone. We camped at West Yellowstone and toured the park for several days, driving on all the roads, north and south loops, looking for "critters". It finally paid off as we spotted a Mother brown bear with two cubs - and we got some good pictures of them

Cody, Wy. has a fantastic museum surprising named the William F. Cody Museum. Two days are needed to properly tour all the exhibitions. There is much about Wm. F. but it it truly a museum of the Old West. Very worthwhile. We took a city tour that was a lot fun, and went to a rodeo that evening. You almost feel like you have stepped back in time while in Cody - maybe 1950 - a calmer, gentler time.

By this time, one of us was really getting anxious to get home - and it wasn't Daisy. But there was still Mt. Rushmore and Crazy Horse to see - which we did. Mt. Rushmore is a fitting tribute to some of the most important people that helped form our nation. Crazy Horse is, of course, a tribute to the Souix Indian Chief that defeated Custer. It is a gigantic sculpture that will not be completed for decades, but well worth the trip to see it.

This was really a once in a lifetime trip, but we hope to do it at least one more time.

New to the Dominion Club in 2007

Our neighborhood is just like any other place in the country. People come and they go.

Here are a few of the new people who have joined us this year:

John & Karen Evans, 6930 Joysmith Circle
Jerry & Wilma Graham, 7063 Dean Farm Rd
Bill & Brenda Lauterbach, 6932 Joysmith Circle
Ken & Emily Mead, 6922 Camden Drive
Bob & Maggie Talpas, 6928 New Albany Rd
Ron & Sandy Weiner, 7055 Camden Drive

Here are the names of those who moved away:

Marci Daneman
Sonia Hull
Bob & Donna Renzetti
Rick & Sharon Simons

Stichery for October by Karen Collins

Stichery dates for October are Monday the 8th and Monday the 22^d. We meet at the clubhouse from 7 – 9 pm. Bring a project you've been meaning to finish (or start) and join us.

Fall Key Time for Turf, Tree Care; No Fall Aeration Slated in '07

The fall season provides important opportunities to help your turf, trees and other landscaping prepare for winter survival and a healthy start-up next spring. The following are plans for the Dominion Club properties over the next couple of months and some helpful steps homeowners may take suggested by our contractors, Abbruzzese Bros. and TruGreen-ChemLawn.

- **MOWING/EDGING**--will continue into mid-to late November with mowing height periodically adjusted downward as the season winds down. Abbruzzese has notified us that if double cutting is necessary in order to collect an excessive amount of grass clippings there will be an additional charge of \$15 to \$25 depending on the size of the yard. Double cutting can result if a homeowner has requested a crew to not cut their lawn on regular mowing day or if additional fertilizer or chemicals have been applied (above what is applied by our contract with TruGreen-ChemLawn). Either situation can cause the turf to grow excessively high between mowings.
- **SHRUB PRUNING**-- The final pruning of front bed shrubs for this season is scheduled during October.
- **CHEMICAL APPLICATIONS** -- TruGreen-ChemLawn crews applied the season's fifth application of fertilizer and weed control in early October. On advice from TG-CL, the DC board of trustees has ordered a sixth application for late November to help strengthen our turf and provide a healthy start next spring. This last application will contain phosphorous, potassium and nitrogen. The board opted for this application in place of a fall aeration of all properties. An aeration was done last fall (2006) on all DC properties and the recommendation is to do this on an every other year schedule.
- **TREE CARE** --There is no plan to deep-root fertilize all of the street trees this fall. They were treated last fall. A few street trees that are showing excessive stress will be fertilized this fall. A survey of the condition of all street trees has been made and a "watch" list developed for those with problems. Three street trees are being planted this fall to replace ones that had died. The DCHA is responsible for the initial replacement of street trees.

DC homeowners can assist with the health of their street trees and other trees on their property by doing a slow drip watering at the base of the trees before the first frost. This will help the root system and can be done by putting the end of the hose at the base of the tree trunk and letting it run for at least an hour at low (drip) pressure. The larger the tree, the longer the drip time. Also, putting down tree fertilizer plugs which are available at garden centers is a good idea. Make sure you buy the right kind of plug (evergreen or deciduous) for the trees you are treating.

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Sterling Towne Properties Converting Accounting Software, Changing Name

Beginning in October, Sterling Towne Properties, management firm for the Dominion Club Homeowners Association, is converting to a new accounting software system which follows the 2005 purchase of the firm by Towne Properties.

The basic services of association fee collection and payment of association bills will remain constant and there will be slight changes in the format of the monthly financial statements. These statements are used by the trustees in oversight of the Association's month by month business affairs.

A new resident section on the Towne Properties website called MyTowne will allow homeowners to change personal contact information, view payment histories, check balances, and have access to other information. More details on the website will be shared as they become available. .

In the near future, Sterling Towne Properties will be known simply as Towne Properties. Becky Colburn will continue to coordinate DC affairs as Towne Properties' portfolio manager.



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