

Dominion Club News

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Monthly Homeowner's Fee Increases

The Dominion Club Board reluctantly set the 2010 Dominion Club Homeowner's monthly fee at \$130.00, an increase of \$10 per month. While the 2010 operating budget is increased only \$1,460 over the 2009 budget, income has dropped this last year with four homeowners unable to pay their monthly fee. Projecting income in 2010 from only 96 homeowners requires a \$5.00 per month increase in the homeowner's fee.

In addition, the board has had to take money from the reserve fund to cover our lawyer's fees for the pending law suit and other expenses. In 2006 a reserve fund study was undertaken that projected repair and replacement costs for the club house and pool.

Reserve fund bench marks were set to cover these anticipated expenses over a twenty year period. At the end of 2009 we will be \$13,500 short of the study's bench mark of \$38,435. This is the cause for the second \$5.00 per month increase in the homeowner's fee.

While it is hoped, but uncertain, that the lawyer's fees will eventually be reimbursed and the back monthly fees paid, the board felt it was important to both balance the 2010 budget and temporarily increase the monthly contribution to the reserve fund in order to bring that balance more in line with the study recommendations.

Hanukkah Begins at Sunset on Dec. 11

.Hanukkah begins at sunset on Dec. 11 - Hanukkah celebrates the rededication of the Second Temple, which had been desecrated by the Greek-Syrians. Hanukkah celebrates Jewish national survival and freedom. The Jewish Maccabees, who fought for the Temple, only had enough oil to use for light for one day, but, the oil lasted eight days until more was found.

The "menorah"-a Jewish-style candelabra, with 9 candles, is lit, one candle for each of the eight nights of the holiday, with the ninth candle used to light each new one. This is a very fun holiday, and lots of games, special foods, and songs are emphasized. - *by Bonnie Fox*

New on Dominionclub.org

.Visit the DC website for hints on getting your home ready for winter. You will also find H1N1 information, the Dominion Club snow

clearing guidelines, the New Albany weather forecast and another Chihuly photo by Carol Jauchius.

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Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

◆ Holiday Party, Dec 11

DCHA Quarterly Meeting

◆ January 21
7 pm Clubhouse



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You're Invited to this Year's Holiday Party

Please join us on Friday, December 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. for a Dinner at the Dominion Clubhouse.

We are having an old fashioned "Potluck." Please bring a salad, main dish, side dish or dessert for ten. Also, bring your own drinks and \$3.00 each.

We will also have a "White Elephant" gift exchange. Each person should wrap up something and put it under the Christmas Tree when you arrive. Please mark your package for Male or Female.

Please call us by December 9 to let us know you are coming.

John & Donene Bradshaw and the Party Committee 855-7074

Pictures from last year's party



Snow Removal 2009-2010

As we approach another snow season, here are some items to remember. If you want more details, go to the Snow Removal file on the website, dominion-club.org.

In late November or early December, our contractor, Abbruzzese, will install snow stakes to mark the areas of our driveways where snow removal is to be done. If any stakes have been knocked down or are leaning, please reposition or straighten them before the next snow removal is performed. These stakes also play an important role in the warranty for damage claims involving snow removal by the contractor.

Please check your driveway after each snow removal and report any damage within 3 days of any snow removal event. Report the damage to Dave Ewing, at ewing_david@sbcglobal.net before the expiration of the 72 hour damage report window.

He will notify the contractor, and a joint site visit/damage assessment will be arranged.

These two criteria establish when the contractor will come to remove the snow:

1. Snow accumulation is over 2 inches on a flat, level/open place (NOT DRIFTS). The official snow depth will be measured on the front sidewalk at 6935 Joysmith Circle.

2. The snow event has ended.

In the event (usually larger snow events) that our contractor finishes plowing and clearing before the Village snowplows come, our contractor is not liable for piles of snow the village may leave at the end of our driveways. To avoid damaging your car, get the larger "chunks" of snow/ice over to the side of your driveway entrance before that evening's freeze. If chunks

freeze solid, they are very difficult to move.

Calls / complaints to the village may generate a follow-up visit by their village crews if they have blocked your driveway. The village service center number is 855-0076. The New Albany Police Non-emergency number is 855-1234.

To minimize damage to the driveway and sealcoat, manually operated snow blowers will be used on the driveways whenever the accumulated snowfall is less than 6 inches. When the accumulation is 6 inches or more, frontend loaders will be used. Sealcoat damage is not covered by the contractor.

The homeowners on the current "Do not plow" list will not have their driveways cleared. If you want on that list, e-mail Dave Ewing.

The contractor does not apply salt/ice-melt to homeowner's sidewalks because it can damage the concrete. You can apply your own salt/ice-melt but you are responsible for any damage it causes. A better choice would be to use "Road or Paver Base" sand that can be purchased at Home Depot.



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The Charm Countryview Inn

Nestled on a hillside in Holmes County, in Northeast Ohio, a charming and comforting oasis invites you to experience a Bed & Breakfast like no other in Ohio. In the heart of the county with the largest Amish community, a family of Amish and Mennonites has built a fifteen room facility that extends beyond your greatest expectation. With rates that are modest for the value of lodging and breakfast, the oak finishing and furnishings are enhanced by the Amish quilts and window dressings in each room.

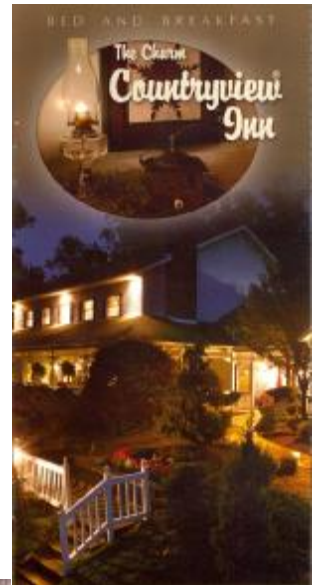
In the evening of your arrival, snacks, cold drinks and coffee or tea await your period of relaxation after touring and shopping in Berlin, Walnut Creek and Sugar Creek. Those who wish to venture further, Dover provides the amazing and artistic wood carvings of Mooney Warther at the Warther Museum and Knife Company. Also within driving distance is the famous Lehman Hardware Store at Kidron, Ohio. On the outskirts of Berlin, "Behalt", a cyclorama painting, measuring 10x265 feet in the round, depicts the history of the Mennonites and Amish, through persecutions of the Anabaptists, to present day community life.

We first visited the Charm Countryview Inn in the second year after it opened,

and have revisited there at least 7-8 times. Several times, we have attended with a group, when all 15 rooms were rented for the occasion. The staff there always made us feel like family.

For further information and a pictorial presentation, you are invited to www.charmcountryviewinn.com. We have a limited number of brochures and coupons for a \$25.00 discount to use at your first visit to the Inn.

Jim and Arlene Burt 614-933-9755



Recipes From The DC Potlucks

PINEAPPLE CASSEROLE

From Janet Roth

- 2 20oz cans pineapple tidbits
- 1 cup sugar or Splenda
- 2 cups shredded sharp cheddar cheese
- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers
- 1 stick butter
- ½ cup flour

Butter a 9 x 13 casserole dish.....drain pineapple and add fruit to the dish

In a bowl mix sugar and flour with a whisk and add cheese.....mix by hand and pour over pineapple.

Crush crackers and cover mixture then add melted butter over crackers.

Bake at 350 degrees for 25 min until brown and bubbly. Enjoy.



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, December 7, at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

The Dominion Club Women's Bible Study—Meets in the clubhouse each Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30am except in the Summer. Contact Mary Lou Ewing, 614-933-9017 if you are interested in joining.

Clubhouse Pictures —the 4 new pictures that were among the 18 that members sent in last month, as part of the Contest to replace the pictures over the entrance to the Library at the Clubhouse, have been hung. Thanks to the efforts of the Contest Committee: Ron Stauffer, Mabel Becker and Roger Benjamin, the project is now complete. A special thanks to Roger Benjamin for his efforts in printing, framing and hanging the pictures. On your next visit to the clubhouse take a look at the new pictures.

There are three pictures in the exercise room that we could replace. If you have any ideas about a theme to replace these pictures, contact John Bradshaw, then look for a new contest to find three new pictures in the near future.

Dear Prudence—*Why are only the bottom branches of my Crab Apple tree losing the crabapples? Bare Branches*

Dear B. Branches, If you were observing your tree in the very late hours of the evening, or wee-hours of the morning, you may notice deer stretching their necks and even rising up on their hind legs to eat as much as they can reach. It seems early in the winter season for this, but, food for the growing herds of deer around our neighborhood is getting scarce. Do you see the familiar deer tracks in the dirt/mud below the tree? This is partially what gave rise to the terms "easy pick-ins" and getting the "low hanging fruit".



Holiday Party - December 11



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