

Dominion Club News

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Street Tree Program

There has been some confusion over the years concerning street trees, or those trees that are in the strip of land between sidewalk and street, or on New Albany Road East, the trees on the edge of the street since there is no sidewalk. There are 159 in our community.

Homeowners in New Albany Links **outside** of the Dominion Club are responsible for the maintenance of street trees on their property and the cost to replace them if they die.

However, for Dominion Club homeowners, the *New Albany Links Specialty Warranty Deed, section VIII Use Restrictions, item R Street Tree* specifies that the Dominion Club Homeowners Association "shall be responsible for the care, and, if necessary, the replacement of such tree or trees, with a like type of tree."

Last year the Board began an investigation to assess our street trees and determine a cost-effective way to maintain them and replace them when necessary.

The City of New Albany has a street tree program for homeowners and HOAs to replace dead or damaged-beyond-repair street trees for a cost sharing payment of \$150.00 per tree. The process is as follows:

- Homeowner contacts Becky Colburn of Towne Properties identifying dead or damaged tree providing contact info, address, number of trees, and location.
- Towne Properties submits a request to the City for an assess-

ment.

- The City will evaluate the tree and respond within 30 days.
- If approved, the city or selected contractor will remove the tree and grind the stump.
- City will send a tree installation notice to Towne Properties requesting the \$150 payment per tree.
- The City will schedule tree planting when the payment is received.
- The City schedules tree plantings every fall and spring according to species type and requirements. The City selects the trees for planting and plants them.

DCHA homeowners will be responsible for critical early care of newly planted trees including watering and fertilizing as needed. The City provides instructions for care and they are available from Towne or the DCHA web site. This cooperative effort will help to keep the cost low for all of us.

The Board is arranging for a qualified contractor to prune all of our street trees. Pruning will include providing adequate clearance over sidewalks to allow pedestrians to pass freely.

A notice will be sent to homeowners when a schedule is finalized.

Future pruning is expected every 3 years.

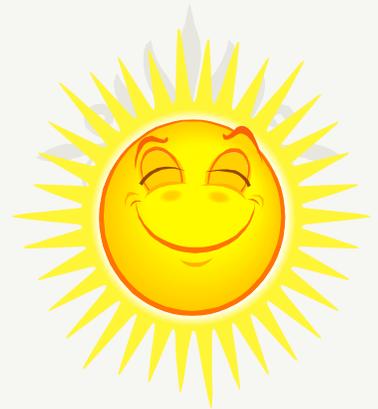
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Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

- ◆ **August 19, Pool Party**
- ◆ **October 14, Oktoberfest**
- ◆ **December 2, Holiday Party**

DCHA Meetings Clubhouse 7pm

- ◆ **October 19**



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Wel come to Summer Party

On June 3, 76 of our neighbors and friends enjoyed the music of "3 Chords and a Beer" around the clubhouse pool. Live music, food and fun were enjoyed by all.



Gol f–Dominion Club NAL Scrambl e

Dave (Coach) Ewing is coordinating the 3rd annual Dominion Club NAL Scramble scheduled for Tuesday August 29 at the New Albany Links Country Club. Details are:

- Tee time **9:30am, Tuesday, August 29**. Registration from 8:45 to 9:10am.
- Entry fee is \$10. Pay to committee on August 29.
- Green Fee with cart for all non-NAL members payable to course.

Let Coach Ewing know by August 15 if you plan to play. Email ewingdw@att.net.

Players need to make a firm commitment by August 25, so that tee times and teams can be finalized.

Scramble Format

- Everyone hits off tee. Then everyone hits from what is selected as best shot until hole is completed.
- Everyone tees off from gold tees; 80 +

and women may tee off from red tees.

- Cash prizes for three lowest team scores (depending on number of teams).
- Prizes for:
 - Closest to pin on 3, 8, 11, 16 (must be on green)
 - Longest drive on 4 & 14 (must be in fairway)
 - Longest putt on 9 & 18 (must be putting on green)

Coach Ewing will select a committee to match and choose teams evenly to avoid “loaded” teams.

Players not living in Dominion Club are welcome, but they may not be on your team.

Since everyone does not have a handicap, the committee will try to match teams as evenly as possible. The committee’s decision will be final. Teams will be announced on August 29th at the course.



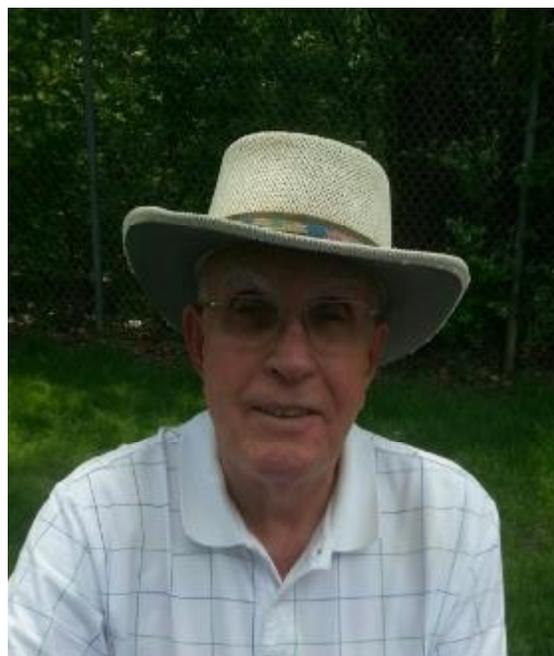
A Gol f Mil estone!

After 56 years of playing golf, our neighbor **David L. Ewing** finally scored a **hole-in-one** on May 9, 2017.

It happened at the New Albany Links Golf Course, Hole 16, 138 yards, with a five iron.

Witnessing this unusual feat were Larry Bates, Dr. Bob Kunovich, Steve Pleasnick, and Bob Youngs.

Dave’s next goal is to shoot a score equal to his age...



A Story About One of Our Neighbors

By John Bradshaw

During the first week of June, Bob White contacted me to ask if I had heard recently from Manny and Elvy Alas, who live at 6923 Joysmith Circle. We know they commute here from New York and only live part of the year in New Albany. I suggested to Bob that I would email them and see if everything is OK.

To my surprise, I received the following reply:

"Hi John and Donene

Thank you for thinking of us and thank you to Bob White for volunteering to clean up so the house looks like we are there. That's so very nice of him!! But our son Tom lives less than a mile away in 6923 (yes the same number as ours!!) on New Albany Links Drive so he can quickly take care of any concern about our house.

So, where do I start? The week before Thanksgiving, we were driving from New York to New Albany as we have done numerous times in the past years.

We always stopped overnight in Bedford PA (halfway miles-wise) and we did, but this time Manny got very sick in the middle of the night and was admitted to UPMC Altoona with Congestive Heart Failure.

Both our sons came to help and support and we all checked in a hotel in Altoona. One night back in the hotel I fell in the bathtub and broke my elbow and as I finally was able to get out of the tub I fell on the floor and broke my hip. Somehow I managed to crawl to the door and ask for help, well it was really more like SCREAM FOR HELP! as I was alone in the room. Ended up in the same hospital as Manny.

So there we both were in a hospital in the middle of Pennsylvania . Not exactly what we had planned...What a nightmare!

Eventually we came back to New York. Manny had heart surgery and is doing extremely well and feeling great. I had hip surgery in Altoona and so far in New York three elbow surgeries with all kinds of issues. My latest surgery was in late May of this year.

We do receive all the Newsletters and information about the activities of the community. We sure miss very much our times there and miss the freedom of driving back and forth at will enjoying the best of two worlds (our worlds).

Keep well and enjoy the easy days of summer

Hope to see you all soon. Take care.

Elvy and Manny"



Many thanks to Russ and Janice Nelson for the planters in front of the clubhouse!

Block Watch Report

By Judy Bennett

We met on July 17 at 3:00pm at the Dominion Clubhouse with Bob White, Fred Steinhaus, Judith Bennett, Christine McBride and Officer Ryan Southers of the New Albany Police Department in attendance.

Our Block Watch started in 2003 which makes us the oldest active Block watch group in New Albany. Bob White and Officer Southers have been on the committee since its inception and have been very helpful.

The Dominion Club has had no issues but the surrounding communities have had cars left on the street vandalized. If cars are left outside of the garage, please keep valuables out of sight and the vehicle locked. Close garage doors and lock house doors, especially at night. Our lampposts enhance safety at night but also represent a crime deterrent, so please check that your light is operating.

Due to the increase in the 'day population' in New Albany because of the business

campuses, the police department is adding additional officers.

Issues of importance for our community include the construction of a new roundabout at Greensward and Rt. 62. Traffic will be slow through that area.

Dates of interest for us that will involve traffic concerns are:

- August 4-6, Pelatonia
- August 17, School starts
- September 17, The New Albany Walking Classic
- September 24, The New Albany Classic

The New Albany Police department will be warning bicycle riders under the age of 18 to wear helmets, as required by law. If we have visitors that are these ages please make sure they comply with this directive.

The police department has purchased a new truck which Officer Southers was driving today and we were invited to look it over as we left the meeting.



Pool Party

Hey Friends and Neighbors!

Please join us for a fun time at the pool on Saturday, August 19, 7pm-10pm!

DJ John Swartz will be there spinning records (not really it's all digital now) from the 50's and beyond.

There will be snacks, soda and water (no dinner this time). So bring your song requests, a chair, BYOB, money for a 50/50 drawing (if you so choose) and invite friends!!!!

\$10.00 per person

Please RSVP via Evite

Please bear in mind the pool rules regarding glass.



Community Notes...

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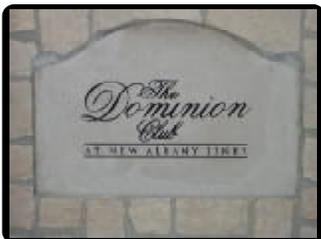
Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet August 14 and 28, and September 11 and 25 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

Mah-Jongg—Meets in the clubhouse every Wednesday between 6:30 -11:00 pm, new players welcome!

Clubhouse Pool Closing—The pool is scheduled to close for the season at the end of the day on Saturday September 9. It's staying open passed Labor Day with the expectation that the weather will still be favorable!



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August 19
7pm - 10pm



If you have contributions for the newsletter or something to communicate to the Dominion Club community, contact a member of the Communications Committee:

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