

Dominion Club News

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Community Vote to Lower Lamp posts

At the DCHA Quarterly Meeting on July 17, Trustee Barry Turner outlined a plan to lower all front-yard lamp posts to about 6 feet to make it safer for residents to change light bulbs and clean lantern lenses. Many residents have reported safety concerns to the board about climbing ladders to do that maintenance.

However, the Village of New Albany requires that all neighborhood lamp posts be a uniform height and that all work be performed by a licensed electrician.

Barry has secured a price by a licensed electrician of \$100 per lamp post, for the whole neighborhood.

The board is asking all DCHA homeowners (one vote per household) to vote YES or NO for a \$100 Special Assessment to be billed by Towne Properties.

The majority of votes received by August 22, 2008 will determine whether or not all lamp posts will be lowered. If the majority is YES, then a Special Assessment for \$100 will be billed to all property owners. Fees and the assessment process are addressed in the Special Warranty Deed, Article 5, beginning on Page 6.

If the majority vote is NO, then the issue will be dropped and NO Lamp Posts will be changed.

The board is asking each household for a YES or NO vote to be either **emailed or paper mailed to Dean Jauchius by August 22, 2008.** Email is jauchius@insight.rr.com. Mailing address for your paper vote is 6935 Camden Drive.

October Meeting Election Night

The next Quarterly Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2008, will offer residents the opportunity to select three replacement trustees for the DCHA board.

Please think about who among us you would want to be on the DC board? Or would you like to join the board and lend your creative talents supporting our community?

If you, or someone you know would like to fill one of the positions, Nomination Forms and

Proxy Forms are located on the counter at the clubhouse.

Nomination forms need to be in the hands of Becky Colburn, Towne Properties by Wednesday, October 8th, so ballots for "election night" may be prepared. Instructions for use of the Proxy on election night are at the bottom of Proxy Forms.

Please seriously consider stepping in and offering the Dominion Club your talents.

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

- ◆ September 19 - Weenie Roast
- ◆ October 31 - Halloween Haunt
- ◆ December 5 - Holiday Party

DCHA Quarterly Meeting

- ◆ October 16 - 7 pm
Clubhouse

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On Friday, July 25, 2008, ninety people enjoyed our annual Hawaiian Luau at the Dominion Clubhouse and pool.

The weather cooperated with mid-70's temperatures and some cloud cover to take away the hot sun. Many people gathered at tables around the pool to feast on a half-pig that roasted from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. right in the Dominion Club parking lot. Pig Meister Pat Elliott, from Lancaster, OH, and a friend of Don Thacker, did the honors. They both spent about an hour cutting and preparing the pig for our enjoyment.

Guests brought tasty dishes and desserts to compliment the delicious meat.

The Party Committee out-did themselves with festive decorations inside and out around the pool. Twelve Tiki torches burned from 7 until 10 to keep away the bugs and add a festive atmosphere to the evening.

This event is becoming the highlight of our party season.

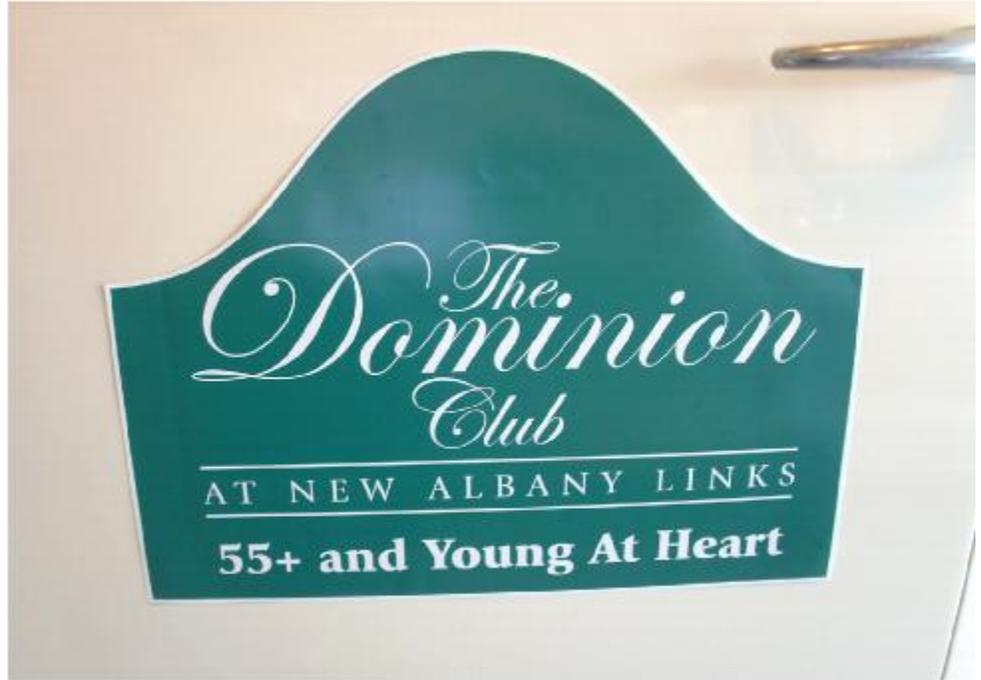


A number of our neighbors decided to join the fun at the New Albany Village 4th of July Parade. Ron Stauffer provided the "float" - his 1951 Ford pick-up truck equipped with signs provided by Carol Mazza sporting the Dominion Club logo with the sentiment "55+ and Young at Heart".

The group thought it was a nice way to promote our community while having some fun.

Riding in the bed of the truck were Wayne Barts and Ellen Evranian. In the cab were Ron & Susan Stauffer and their daughter Melissa.

Wayne Hasty provided the photos.



July 4 Parade

July 17 DCHA Quarterly Meeting Highlights

New Albany-Plain Township Fire Department Chief John Hoovler, and Ms. Debbie Bessler, Administrative Assistant and EMT distributed handouts showing numerous facts about the Fire Department budget and how the requested tax levy increase is needed. The amount of the levy request approved for this November's ballot was set at 2.5 mills, or about \$76.56 per \$100,000 home valuation.

Board elections will be conducted at the next Quarterly Meeting, October 16. Three board positions are open for election. The terms of Barry Turner and Urban Kraus will expire in October, and Bob Hire resigned from the board effective July 22. Self nominations or nominations of someone else (with their permission, of course) may be accomplished using the forms located on the counter at the clubhouse and are due to Becky Colburn at Town Properties by October 8.

Gordon Schutt, Treasurer, reported that the legal fees to-date for the lawsuit have amounted to \$4,896.00. He also noted that interior maintenance expenses are ahead of projections, some of which is due to necessary actions resulting from the Fire Marshall's inspection, and increased costs in other areas of operation.

Bob Hire, Secretary, discussed the activities related to lawn care for the upcoming month. A second pruning, applications of weed, grub, and vegetation control, in addition to mowing are planned for the Dog Days of August.

Bob conducted a discussion about "street tree" replacement. Street trees are either the closest to the street for those on New Albany Road East, or in the boulevard between the sidewalk and curb in other parts of the neighborhood. Discussion surrounded responsibility for their maintenance and replacement. Homeowners should water their street trees. Currently, the association replaces those trees as provided in the deed restrictions and covenants. The board took it as an issue for further work and investigation.

Barry Turner, Vice President, reported on the lamp post proposition (see page 1) and about the crabgrass growing around the new sidewalk ramps. During construction of the new ramps by the clubhouse, the Village of New Albany's contractor cut sprinkler lines near the clubhouse. The Village has agreed to make the sprinkler repairs and when that work is done all of the sidewalk ramp areas will be sodded.

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"Street Tree" Care

"Street trees" or all new deciduous trees need ample watering their first 2 or 3 years to assist development of the root system outside the root ball after it arrives from a nursery. Slowly soak the tree root ball to avoid water run-off. A slow drizzle from the garden hose, at the base of the tree, for about 45 minutes each week during the hot summer weather should saturate the root ball adequately to help the newly planted trees survive the affects of

the hot winds drawing moisture out of the trees through their leaves.



Getting to Know Our Neighbors

by Joe & Carol Mazza

Carol and Joe Mazza have lived in the Dominion Club, at 6920 New Albany Road East, for almost three years. Carol is Vice President of Marketing for Value City Department Stores, and Joe is a retired television station executive. They are both avid baseball fans, especially of the New York Yankees - Joe grew up on Long Island and Carol in northern New Jersey - and when they first met, they compared notes to see who had visited the most ballparks. (Joe won, but admits he had a head start.)

Both have busy schedules, and spending time together is a top priority. They are jazz aficionados of long standing and consider the Columbus Jazz Orchestra one of the best things about living in Columbus. In addition to tending the roses, herbs and vegetables in their garden, Carol participates in the Monday stitchery group, Joe enjoys an occasional early morning round of golf, and both work out regularly.

Joe has a son and a daughter, both married with children: Joe Jr., Theresa and 4-year-old JJ live in Pompano Beach, Florida, while Natalie, Todd, Patrick, 3, and Will, 11 months, live in Carmel, Indiana. Of course, Grandma Carol and Papa make it a point to visit about every three months.

It's easy to understand Carol's busy schedule, but it may require some expla-

nation to understand why Joe has so little time on his hands. When he retired, Joe had no intention of just relaxing around the house. He says he had been blessed with a good career, children, and a wonderful wife in Carol and - while it sounds like a cliché - he really wanted to give back to God for what he had been given.

In 2006, he began a three-year course of study with the Anglican Academy for Diaconal Ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Ohio. He begins his final year this September, and hopes to graduate and be ordained as a deacon in the Episcopal Church in June 2009. His reasons for undertaking this vocation are straightforward: to do the work Jesus calls him to in serving and supporting the homeless, elderly and oppressed, whether due to race, religious belief, economic circumstance or sexual orientation.

For his field studies, Joe was assigned to Trinity Episcopal Church in downtown Columbus. There he has started a Sunday ministry which serves the homeless and working poor. Since its inception in March, several other Episcopal churches have volunteered, providing lunches and fellowship to the guests, as have a number of private citizens, including our own Ellen and Charlie Evranian. Joe is also a member of the Columbus Coalition for the Homeless, serves on the board of the Episcopal Community Services Foundation and is a hospice volunteer.



Joe & Carol Mazza
6920 New Albany East

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Labor Day

September 1

Congratulations to Doris Cohen

Doris Cohen, a resident of our neighborhood, and a teacher at the Jewish Community Center's New Albany Preschool, was named the **Shehechyanu 2008 Teacher of the Year** during the JCC's 2008 Annual Meeting on May 27. The "Shehechyanu" is a Hebrew blessing said at joyous events.

Cohen was one of 16 teachers from all three JCC preschools who were nominated, according to Nancy Thoman, director of Early Childhood Services in New Albany. Her students and parents paid her high compliments in their nomination letters. "Doris became a vital part of our lead teaching team at the New Albany

School [when she arrived in 2005], and immediately embraced our philosophies of educating each child as an individual," said Thoman.

Cohen said she is in awe and grateful "for being able to meet my personal and professional goals of instilling a love of learning in each and every child entrusted to my care."

A graduate of Dickenson University in Teaneck, N.J., Doris went on to teach preschool through 5th grades in both New Jersey and Florida. She and her husband, Allan, have two sons and five grandchildren.



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Save Time, Effort and \$\$ - See the DRC First

Warm, dry weather and the desire to brighten-up the house moves us all to think about renewing those faded colors on the shutters and doors. Additionally, many houses are being repainted throughout the neighborhood. Most "repaints" are the same or nearly the same as the original colors.

However, changing colors of any exterior portion of the house requires submittal of an Exterior Modification Application form to the Design Review Committee (DRC). To ensure an accurate and timely review, the DRC requests that paint vendor's color swatches from your paint supplier accompany the request.

The DRC seeks to maintain the character originally typified in the architecture of our neighborhood. All colors, whether switching from one to another, must be one of the original colors in the neighborhood. This is specified by the Village of New Albany Architectural Review Board. For example, shutters and doors are to be either Dark (midnight) Blue, Dark Green,

Black, or the Dark Red (dark brick red or dark barn red) colors used throughout the neighborhood. Trim colors, typically White Linen or Natural Linen are the only New Albany approved colors for homes. Flat colors are preferred for shutters, while a matching color in semi-gloss may be easily accepted for the front door.

Additional guidance is available in the *New Albany Links Homeowners Association Handbook* sections 2 & 6; section XIV, Exterior Modifications, Page 12; and Section XV, Submittal to the Design Review Committee, Page 15. Additionally, review compliance is outlined in the *Special Deed Restrictions*, section VII, Architectural Standards, paragraphs A, B and C, Page 9.

The DRC asks that you plan ahead to allow time for review when submitting the Exterior Modification Application, which will ensure a smoother process and avoid re-doing the work, possibly at additional expense.

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Mail boxes Redux

The Design Review Committee encourages homeowners to complete exterior projects before the leaves begin to fall and the snow flies.

Mailboxes and lamp posts that are faded, rusty, in disrepair, or have been replaced but not painted "Dominion Club Green" (mentioned in the April, 2008 newsletter) are items begging for attention.

Contact Dean Jauchius at 855-7201 or jauchius@insight.rr.com if you have questions about any exte-

rior issues or need the specific information about buying "Dominion Club Green" paint.

If your mailbox or lamp post leans, straighten it by pushing it back firmly from its lean, exposing a space in the clay next to the pole. Pour Paver Base type sand (Home Depot, Lowes, etc.) down the hole and use a 2x4 or similar device with a hammer to pack the paver base sand into the hole. This should hold it upright in place.

Dominion Club Residents On-The-Go

Recent Home Sale Listings:

John and Marilyn Boyne, 6944 Joysmith Circle, Cam Taylor Realtors
 Gail Broadhurst, 6938 Camden Drive, Coldwell Bankers
 Bill and Dorene Davis, 6936 Camden Drive, Remax Town Center
 Ric and Jan Ellis, 7049 Camden Drive, Remax Town Center
 Tom and Diane Greene, 6946 Joysmith Circle, Ross Realtors
 Dan Walker, 7056 Dean Farm Road, Keller Williams
 Charleen White, 7059 Keesee Circle, Coldwell Bankers

Welcome New Neighbors!

Recent Closings:

Jack and Debbie Manter now reside at 6948 Camden Drive
 Hiram and Marge McCoy now reside at 6933 Joysmith Circle
 Nancy Orth now resides at 6924 Camden Drive
 Manuel and Elvy Alas now reside at 6923 Joysmith Circle

Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group has held two pleasant "al fresco" sessions on the Collins' patio in July. Meetings in August will be on

11 and 25, either in back of 7050 Dean Farm or in the clubhouse, depending on the weather. Join us!



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