

Dominion Club News

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Block Watch Update

On Tuesday evening, November 16 the block watch co-captains, Robert White, Fred Steinhaus and Judy Bennett, met with Ryan Southers, our liaison at the New Albany Police Department. We discussed the good communications our DCHA residents and block watch committee have maintained with our local Police Department. Our group mentioned the concern we had with the speeders heading South on Dean Farm Road from Camden Drive to New Albany Road East, and of the people exceeding the speed limit driving East on New Albany Road East from Dean Farm Road to Bevelhymer Road. Patrolman Southers mentioned the possibility

of installing a discreet monitoring device that would confirm speeding in those areas. The Police Department would then take the appropriate corrective action. Please note that the speed limit at both locations is 25 mph.

We discussed the importance of everyone in our community utilizing the house check forms (see "FORMS" in the www.dominionclub.org web site) anytime an extended absence from home is planned. Residents are encouraged to follow suggestions outlined in our "Spotting Suspicious Activity" form, available from any of the block watch co-captains.

Christmas/Holiday Party

Please join us on Friday, December 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. for a Dinner at the Dominion Club-house.

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, Female or Either.

Your invitation was sent to you via "EVITE.com" from John Bradshaw

on December 1 or if you do not have e-mail, a copy will be delivered to your Home.

What is a "White Elephant" Gift? — This is a funny or unusual gift that you have now and would like to re-gift or pass along to someone else. You do not have to go buy something new. Please wrap it nicely so it looks great. The fun is opening the gifts and sharing a few laughs.



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

◆ Holiday Party, Dec 10



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Early Pioneer at Dominion Club

Some of the more recent residents of the Dominion Club lack information about the earliest ones to break ground in this development. In 1999, the club house was the office for Dominion Builders as they began offering sites at the Dominion Club. In October of that year, Jim and Gerry Ross purchased the first home site at 7057 Dean Farm Road, just to the North of the current clubhouse.

After living in the Arlington area for 22 years, they moved to Avis Road in Plain Township and lived there for another 20 years. Needing to downsize, they decided on a patio home on Dean Farm Road. Being the first resident in a new development can require considerable adjustment. There were no neighbors for quite some distance, and plenty of open spaces where neighbors would eventually settle.

Gerry said she remembers notifying the police department that their location was isolated from the general population and

would require added scrutiny on their patrols. It wasn't long before Jim and Polly Porter moved in, giving Gerry someone to chat with.

In August 2006, Jim Ross passed away. Gerry said her family and the wonderful neighbors were instrumental in helping her make that adjustment. She is pleased with the way the properties at the Dominion Club are cared for. She knows that she would not be able to maintain her yard by herself.

Asked about her hobbies, Gerry said she liked reading and spending time with family. Three of her six offspring live locally, for which she is thankful. She is very near the clubhouse and its library, so that should keep her in reading material. Like most of us, the down-sizing resulted in housing that just fits Gerry's needs; and brought us a quality pioneer and model neighbor.



Gerry Ross



Happy Hanukkah!

Hanukkah began at sunset on December 1 - 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



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Janet Roth, a part-time employee at Stein Mart, who on November 9th, was selected as the 2010 Associate of the Year! She qualified for the honor by being Associate of the Month earlier in the year. She received a commendation letter for the local award from the Director of Stores and a plaque noting the honor from the Stein Mart Chairman.



Janet Roth



Journalist Cites Neighbor's Web Site

One of DC neighbor Alex Campbell's interests and hobbies surrounds a rich history about "mass transit" here in Central Ohio, from the early days of the horse-cars, to streetcars, to interurbans, to steam locomotives and then the diesel locomotives.



Alex has amassed, for browsing at www.columbusrailroads.com, a significant volume of pictorial and scribed history about rail evolution that we abandoned for the automobile back in the Twentieth Century.

Columnist Joe Blundo, of the The Columbus Dispatch, citing information gleaned from Alex's extensive website, pondered why Columbus downtown merchants, in historically people-rich locations depicted



in Alex's website, would offer disdain for periodic congestion of potential customers. Mr. Blundo's column, "Plan would throw riders under the bus", appeared on Page D1, The Columbus Dispatch, on

Tuesday, November 9, 2010.

Alex's website displays detailed, interesting tidbits of history about these forms of transportation. Much of his documented information dates back to the very early days of Columbus and Central Ohio.

An additional value in Alex's amassed work offers examples of the growing economic impact of would-be mass transit infrastructure (e.g., rail (mass transit) users, manufacturers, employment, and national interconnection) here in Central Ohio and Columbus, before the evolution of similar infrastructure surrounding the automobile.



(If the columbusrailroad's Homepage architecture looks familiar, it could be because Alex is the volunteer designer and webmaster of our Dominion Club website.)



Alex Campbell



When the Snow Flies...

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.

On December 2, our contractor, Abbruzzese, installed snow stakes to mark the areas of our driveways where snow removal is to be done. If any stakes get 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 ewingdw@att.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.



"Please check your driveway after each snow removal and report any damage within 3 days of any snow removal event"



The Blizzard of Feb '10 dropped lots of snow in New Albany

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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will *not* meet in December—the next meeting will be January 10, 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!

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

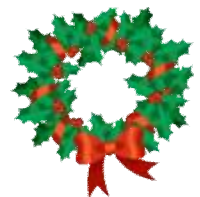
Paving Lark Lane—Word was received recently that the paving of Lark Lane is on the Village Service Department budget for 2011. The concrete has cracked badly and broken up in some areas. Residents, whose property abuts that lane, are pleased that it finally will be paved.

Chair Purchase—The DCHA Board recently approved the purchase of 20 padded folding chairs for the clubhouse. This will provide additional seating at official meetings and other clubhouse use. In the past, residents were asked to carry in lawn chairs for additional seating. The chairs will be stored in the closet at the clubhouse.

Monitoring Pets— On recent walks around the development, one might notice excrement from dogs on sidewalks, parking areas and yards. Pet owners are reminded to remove feces at the time of excretion. When you are walking your dog, it is to be on a leash. This will provide safety for pets and owners alike. With everyone's help, our community will remain a beautiful, safe and well-kept place to live.



Holiday Party
December 10
6:30pm Clubhouse



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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