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SPRING HAS SPRUNG

Trustee Bob Hire offers the following schedule for lawn and shrub treatment activities around our properties over the next couple of months.

THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS APPROXIMATE AND WEATHER DEPENDANT

- Beginning the last week in March until complete – Spring lawn fertilization and crabgrass pre-emergence treatment will be performed by Tru-Green Chemlawn.
- End of March/beginning of April – Weeding, edging and front bed cleaning.
- Around Mid-April, first mowing and trimming of the yards.

- Around last week of April – new front bed mulching.
- Later in May, first pruning of selected shrubs. Residents on last year's DO NOT PRUNE list will be honored UNLESS you tell Bob Hire otherwise.

Bob can be reached at 746-3412, or email at rbhire@insight.rr.com

Abbruzzese will be removing the reflective driveway stakes used to guide snow removal within a week or two.

Activities for the balance of the 2008 season will be published as we go forward.

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

- ◆ April 18 - "Hola" Spring
- ◆ June 6 - Pool Party
- ◆ July 25 - Hawaiian Luau
- ◆ September 19 - Weenie Roast
- ◆ October 31 - Halloween Haunt
- ◆ December 5 - Holiday Party

NISSAN 14, 5768 - COMING SOON

Finishing the interesting snippet from last month, "Easter Is Early This Year", about the Lunar Calendar's Spring Equinox and why the dating of Easter and Passover each year moves around the Roman Calendar so much, Roger Benjamin provides a lesson on Passover, the holiday that falls later this year. Thank you, Roger!

Admittedly, that date may be better known to our readers as April 19, 2008. But anyway you say it, that's the beginning of PASS-OVER, a very special eight day Jewish holiday commemorating the biblical events of Exodus. Most importantly, it's a holiday whose gifts are available for eve-

ryone. That's true, if only for the eternal hope it offers for release from human slavery (in all its subtle forms). Did you know, for example, that Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson once recommended that the great seal of the United States depict Moses leading the Israelites across a parted sea? And yes, don't forget that miraculous post-Passover rebate gift of the Ten Commandments!

Happy Passover to All!!



Income Tax Due April 15!

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ESTATE SALE IN NEIGHBORHOOD

On Saturday, April 5, 2008, there will be an estate sale at 6933 Joysmith Circle, formerly Fred Canter's home.

The board wants to make you aware, since it will generate more than normal traffic for a few hours and many bidders may also use the clubhouse parking lot, then walk up Lark Lane to the home.

The family and auctioneer have been asked to monitor the situation so that people do not block mailboxes, driveways or fireplugs. Additionally, parking on Lark Lane is totally forbidden, as usual.

Short-term exceptions may result as people will need to load the items they purchase into their vehicles.

The estate sale / auction was advertised in the March 16, Sunday Dispatch, page H33.

It will be an auction type sale consisting of two parts:

First, beginning at 10:00 A.M. will be the auction of contents remaining in the home.

Second, beginning at 1:00 P.M. the home

will be auctioned to qualified buyers.

The board is working closely with Fred's family and the auctioneer to be sure the prospective bidders are age qualified and know of the Deed Restrictions and Covenants for the Dominion Club at New Albany Links. A copy of the latest Handbook has also been sent to facilitate their understanding of said Deed Restrictions and Covenants.

The auctioneer's website containing links and information about both the contents sale and the home sale is:

<http://www.casselauctions.com/schedule.html>

According to Dean Jauchius, "Generally, we anticipate "traffic" moving into the neighborhood beginning around 9:30 A.M. and finishing around 2 to 2:30 P.M. Much of it will fall off significantly after the "contents" auction, and before the home auction".

Direct any questions to Dean at 855-7201 or jauchius@insight.rr.com.



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DOMINION CLUB LIBRARY

We must have lots of readers in the Dominion Club.

Thanks to all the generous donations to our DC Library, the shelves at the clubhouse are now FULL! And, the library is being used regularly.

The small collection of hardback non-fiction is on the left top two shelves. The

COMMUNITY NOTES

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet at the clubhouse on Monday, April 14 and April 28 at 7 pm. Hope you can join us.

hardback fiction is alphabetized by author and is on the top few center and right shelves. The paperbacks – alas – are not organized at all.

If you are returning books you've borrowed, feel free to leave them on the table for reshelving. If you haven't given the library a look yet, stop in and check it out.

—Karen Collins



KAREN COLLINS IN THE DC LIBRARY

SECOND QUARTERLY RESIDENT MEETING FOR 2008

The Dominion Club Homeowners Association (DCHA) board of trustees has scheduled an open meeting for residents on **Thursday, April 17, 2008, at 7 p.m.** at the DC clubhouse.

Open meetings are held quarterly to give homeowners an opportunity to get answers to previously submitted questions, sharing matters of interest with the board and other residents. Additionally, trustees will report on current information relating to their areas of responsibility.

The board has requested that homeowners submit their questions in writing by April 9th, to board president Dean Jauchius at jauchius@insight.rr.com or by mail to 6935 Camden Drive. Doing so will allow for the consolidation of similar questions and assure that the board has necessary documentation available to respond appropriately.

Residents planning to attend the meeting are encouraged to bring their own chairs.

IDENTITY THIEVES TARGET TAXPAYERS

As April 15 looms, millions of taxpayers are going through the nerve-wracking process of filling out 1040 forms and calculating deductions. That's agonizing in itself—but to make matters worse, cunning identity thieves are filing fraudulent tax returns claiming refunds and sending out bogus emails in the name of the IRS soliciting personal data.

This year, taxpayers are probably more susceptible than ever because an estimated 130 million American households are slated to receive a one-time payment as a result of the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008. Everyone is eager to receive the extra cash to pay for that new barbecue or summer vacation, but a little healthy caution can prevent a great deal of grief.

Recently, a spate of phishing scams aimed at well-meaning taxpayers have infiltrated email inboxes. For more details, visit the IRS web site: <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=155682,00.html>.

What's a taxpayer to do?

The most important thing to remember first and foremost is that the **IRS never ever sends unsolicited emails**. If you receive messages that look like they are coming from the IRS, ignore them. Avoid

replying or clicking on links that take you to suspicious web sites, and never offer your personal data, no matter how convincing an email or web site might appear.

Here are a few other measures you can take:

Report phishing schemes to the IRS. If you receive an unsolicited email claiming to come from the IRS, send the original message to: phishing@irs.gov. For detailed instructions, see <http://www.irs.gov/privacy/article/0,,id=179820,00.html>.

Report fraud to the IRS. For all other scams—such as phone schemes or fraudulent tax returns filed in your name—you can call the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) toll-free hotline at 1-800-366-4484 or visit the TIGTA web site.

Educate Yourself. When it comes to tax-time phishing scams, knowledge is power. Keep your wits about you, and quell your eagerness to receive your refund when you review your inbox.

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BEGINNERS' BUYER'S GUIDE TO DIGITAL CAMERAS

By John Lynch

The most important part of buying a digital camera is making sure that the one you select meets all of your needs.

Better digital cameras use a chip called a "Charged Coupled Device" (CCD) instead of film. Light enters the camera, through the open shutter, and strikes the CCD where it is converted to digital data before being stored in the camera's memory.

While that is the simple description, things can get pretty complicated from there.

Megapixels & Resolution

Resolution is a measure of how many pixels are used to make a digital copy of an image. Pixels are tiny dots of light that make up a digital image.

The quality of a digital camera's image is usually measured in 'Megapixels' where each megapixel represents one million pixels.

Here's how to determine how many megapixels you'll need depending upon the type of photos you will be taking and what you intend to do with them.

1 megapixel

Almost obsolete, you might still find these in cell phones, PDAs, and desktop "web" cameras. They're OK if you only intend to email pictures to other people and those people aren't going to be printing them.

1.1 to 2 megapixels

Only slightly better than the 1.0, this resolution is OK for an average 4x6 snapshot, but it isn't going to be a production quality image.

2.1 to 3 megapixels

This is the beginning of the decent camera range. You get very good 4x6 images and reasonably good 5x7 images. These

cameras are low cost and provide a good platform for beginners.

3.1 to 4 megapixels

You are qualified to say that you have a "pretty good" camera. You get professional quality 4x6 images, real good 5x7 and 6x9 shots, and somewhat decent, but not great 8x10 images.

4.1 to 5 megapixels and up

People will be saying "Hey, great pictures!". You can count on professional images all the way up to 8x10's. Of course, as the megapixel count goes up, so does the price.

If you are only going to be viewing your pictures online, such as posting them at a photo site or using them on your web pages, keep your money in your pocket and pick yourself up something in the 1.5 megapixel range.

If you will be shooting pictures that will be printed at a print house, such as for brochures, postcards, etc, then you will need at least a 5 megapixel camera if not higher. Of course, you'll also need to have a fat wallet or a lot of available room on your credit card because, even though prices are steadily falling, these puppies aren't cheap!

Once you've solved the megapixel puzzle, the rest of a digital camera's features, such as lens types, storage capacity and shutter speed are pretty routine and easy to understand. You shouldn't have a problem deciding on those features.



"THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF BUYING A DIGITAL CAMERA IS MAKING SURE THAT THE ONE YOU SELECT MEETS ALL OF YOUR NEEDS"



The Blizzard of March '08 dropped 16 inches of snow in New Albany

MAILBOX BLUES NEWS...

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Barry Turner is passing along information about mailbox replacement for those who may need to consider the task.

He obtained a compatible mailbox at Home Depot. The cost is \$19.95 + tax. It is a steel mailbox, made by Gibraltar Industries. While available in both black and white colors, black is probably better since it will need to be painted in "**Dominion Club Green**" to conform to the neighborhood standards.

The mailbox is called the Elite Premium, Large, # E1600B00. The dimensions are 10 7/8" high X 8 1/2" wide X 20 1/4" deep.

The bottom side edge screw holes for mounting the mailbox to the post/bracket are correctly drilled for our posts.

About Mailbox Paint

If you don't have the paint, or know someone who has some available for your use, arrangements have been made with the Sherwin-Williams store at 1241 N. Hamilton Rd. in Gahanna (just south of the Stone Ridge Shopping Center) for DC residents to buy the correct paint color for use in repainting mailboxes and post lamps—just ask for "**Dominion Club 55 Green**" when visiting the store. This is an oil base satin paint that complies with Dominion Club and the Village

of New Albany rules.

The store has the proper mix recipe to achieve the approved color and will sell it by the quart for \$12.89 or \$38.09 a gallon.

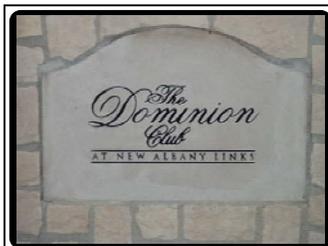
On advice of paint experts, the DC board of trustees strongly recommends that a primer (All-Surface Enamel Primer) be applied before the oil based satin paint. This will enhance the durability, reduce chipping and chalking and help with color retention over the next several years.

It also sells for \$12.89 a quart or \$38.09 a gallon.

Another acceptable primer, which sprays on, is Krylon Zinc rich primer, also available at Sherwin-Williams. Old or original paint need not be removed before applying the primer, only light sanding or rubbing steel wool to remove rust or corrosion will work fine. Use a wet cloth to wipe off powdery residue and allow to dry thoroughly.

A natural bristle brush or sprayer for applying the finish paint are recommended.

Questions about the primer, the paint and their application may be discussed with David Kretschmaier, a DC resident and Sherwin-Williams employee, at 560-1682.



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