

# Dominion Club News

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## Exterior Modifications

Summertime is the season to get things done around the house. If you are planning on any exterior modifications, be sure you follow these procedures:

1. From the Dominion Club web page ([www.dominionclub.org](http://www.dominionclub.org)), make a copy of the "Exterior Modification Application" form from the "Forms" link.
2. Complete the application form.
3. Make a drawing of the modifications you wish to make, which includes dimensions and all inclusions.
4. Add the modifications to a plot drawing, so that one can see the aerial appearance (if the modification goes beyond the borders of the existing building). A copy of your plot plan should be with the material you received when purchasing your home.
5. Contact the "Ohio Utilities Protection Service" at 1-800-362-2764 if the modifications extend beyond the boundary of the existing building to have utility lines identified. This must be done before any digging activity.
6. Be sure your modifications do not extend beyond the boundary of your property. Patio dimensions should not exceed those listed in the deed restrictions. In addition to size limitations, a patio is not to extend beyond the side boundary of the home, so as not to be visible from the street in front of the house.
7. Send the application form and drawings along with a signed cover letter to: Sterling Towne Properties, 777-A Dearborn Park Lane, Worthington, Ohio 43085.
8. Sterling Towne Properties will send a copy of the application to the Design Review Committee for action. Approval of the DRC is necessary before beginning any work. Sterling Towne Properties will contact you concerning the action taken by the DRC.
9. It is the responsibility of the owner(s) to comply with the conditions listed on the External Modification Application. Indicate if the modification is going to be done by the owner or an identified contractor.

## Hawaiian Luau

**Please join us for a Hawaiian Luau June 11, 6:30 pm, at the clubhouse. Wear something Hawaiian, if possible. We will provide the Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and Brats. Please bring a covered dish or dessert to share with others. Bring your own drinks and \$3.00 each. Please respond by Wednesday, June 9. Call 855-7074**

[www.dominionclub.org](http://www.dominionclub.org)

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

- ◆ Hawaiian Luau, Jun 11
- ◆ Western Cookout, Aug 27
- ◆ Supper Club Party, Oct 22
- ◆ Holiday Party, Dec 10

### DCHA Quarterly Meetings

- ◆ July 15
- ◆ Oct. 21  
7 pm Clubhouse



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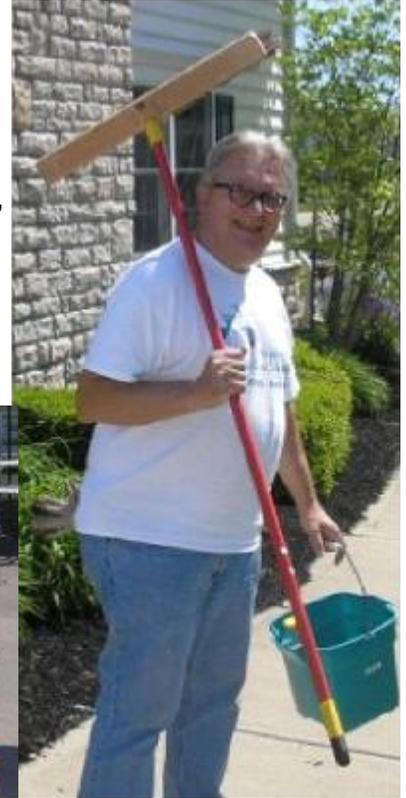
## *"Work Day" At The Dominion Clubhouse*

Tom Gyurko, our Trustee in charge of the Clubhouse and Pool, organized a workday at the Clubhouse on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

A dozen people reported for duty around 9:00 a.m. and dug right in planting flowers, scrubbing and power washing the pool furniture while others were washing windows inside the clubhouse. Coffee, water and donuts were available all morning to fuel the appetites of the volunteers.

Everyone worked hard and all the chores were done before noon. Thanks to the following people for their help: Donene & John Bradshaw, Fred & Janet Steinhaus, Jim & Shirley Roche, Bruce Collins, Tom & Janet Roth, Dave Ewing, Sue Stradley and Malcolm Beam.

Special thanks to Jack Greene for procuring the flowers and supervising the planting.



## Floral Photo Corner

### **From Ron Stauffer...**

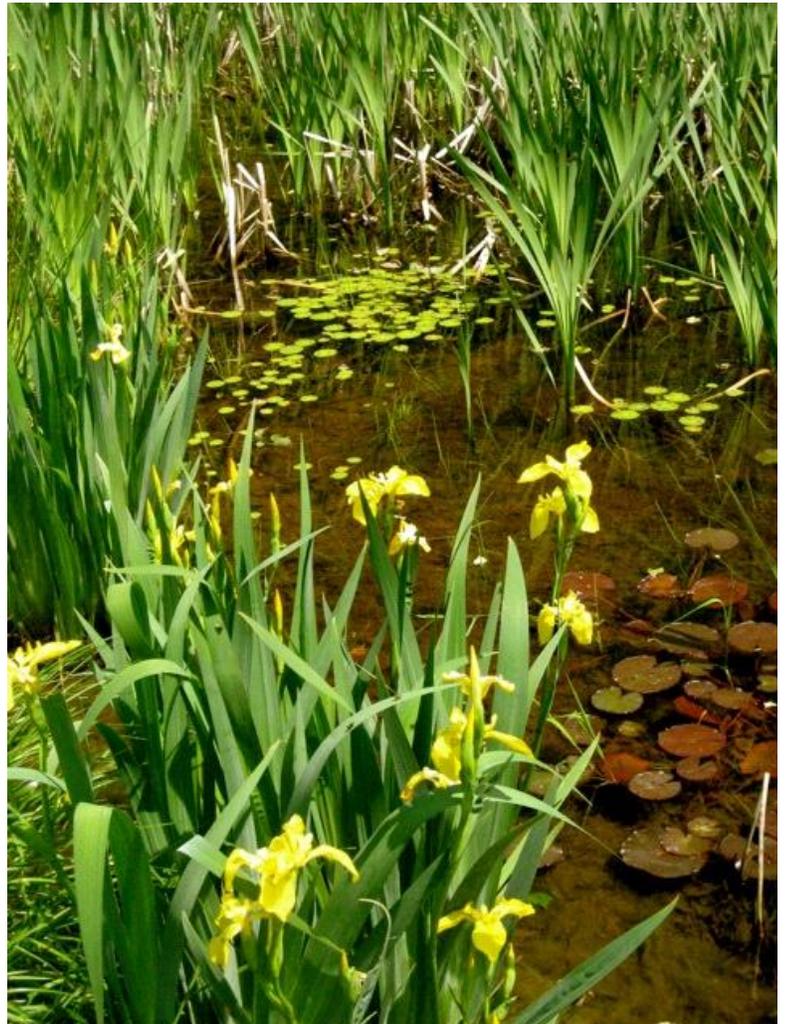
About 5 years ago a friend of ours gave us a Cactus plant and said it would thrive in this climate. Every year it goes through the winter and blooms about this time. Anyone that wants to see it can stop by...it's on the south side of our house near the front of the house. It will bloom for a couple of weeks.



## *Out and About Flora* *by Carol Jauchius*



Fallen log at Blackhand Gorge



Frog pond at Inniswood Metropark

## Ask Prudence...

**Dear Prudence**—*The trees and shrubs in our neighborhood are maturing. Bird feeders and bird baths have combined with the larger trees and shrubs to attract an increasing variety and number of song birds into our neighborhood. I've recently noticed the increased activity. However, I also notice other occurrences which pique my curiosity.*

*First, I'm seeing more "ground critters" around some of our houses.*

*Secondly, I've noticed some black birds picking their way into vent louvers of numerous houses around our neighborhood. What's causing this to happen? Thank you, DC Birder*

**Dear DC** — Your second concern (the black birds...) has been discussed numerous times in both our newsletters and the Home Maintenance section of your DC website, [www.dominionclub.org](http://www.dominionclub.org). There's not much more we can do here, except refer you to the DC Newsletter of



**Vole**

May, 2009, which had an extensive article about the "Starling Invasion". The same information was placed in the Home Maintenance section of your DC website. Also, an April 2010 newsletter article gave early warning and reference to informa-

tion availability about numerous spring "to do" items discussed on your DC website, including preventative steps for the "starling invasion".

Your first observation, about "ground critters", is merely evidence that ground critters also like bird feed.

Whether chipmunks, moles, voles or others, they are also interested in the food you've provided. This is much like planting your Wave Petunias, thereby feeding the new little bunnies that have survived the Coopers and Red Tail Hawks prowling our neighborhood.

To minimize, NOT necessarily prevent, the ground critters from digging dens around your foundation, you may want to AT LEAST place the feeders in a shrub or flower bed out away from the house. Placing the feeders in the grassy areas is not permitted, because it would severely interfere with lawn maintenance and mowing. Traps and private animal pest control companies are among the numerous options for ridding your property of the "ground critters" you mention, if you wish.

Sincerely, Prudence



**Mole**



**Chipmunk**

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## Community Notes...

**Stitchery**—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, June 14 and 28, 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 **except in the Summer**. Contact Mary Lou Ewing, 614-933-9017 if you are interested in joining.

**The Pool is Open!**— To all resident owners from 8am to 10pm daily. Hours for children under 18 are 10am to 1pm and 4pm to 6pm. Resident owners may have up to 6 guests at one time and all guests must be accompanied by a resident. Please remember to lower table umbrellas when leaving. Complete pool information can be found on the DCHA web site.

**Newsletter Summer Schedule** — The next issue of the Dominion Club Newsletter will be a combined July-Aug issue appearing toward the end of July.



# Happy 4th!



# Hawaiian Luau

# June 11, 6:30 pm

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