

DOMINION CLUB NEWS

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FORTY-ONE RESIDENTS ATTEND JUNE 22 QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING

Forty-one residents of the Dominion Club attended the quarterly open meeting on June 22 at the DC clubhouse. The open meeting for homeowners was the first since the current board of trustees was elected in early March. Purpose of these meetings is to give homeowners and the board an opportunity to discuss issues and share information of common and current interest.

Board President Tom Roth presided. Three trustees gave brief reports of recent and current work of their committees. Treasurer Gordon Schutt reported that, through May 31, the Homeowners Association has total assets of \$37,005, including \$22,735.94 in the cash-reserve account. Schutt reported that three parcels of land previously held by the Dominion Club have been deeded to the Village of New Albany resulting in an annual tax savings of \$2,500. He noted that an initiative is under way with Franklin County this summer to reduce the current appraised value of the clubhouse with the objective of reducing the annual property taxes. Schutt reported that monthly DCHA financial reports may be requested by contacting Sterling Towne Properties.

Trustee Gyrko reported on clubhouse and pool maintenance. The pool will be painted this fall after it is drained and a leak receives permanent repairs. Volunteers

painted the pool fence and completed other maintenance tasks in and around the clubhouse. It was noted by a committee member that the clubhouse exterior will need painting in 2007.

Trustee Hasty reviewed lawn care coordination with Abbruzzese and reported that a combination weed control and fertilizer application is planned for mid-July. He stressed the importance of one inch of water a week in maintaining healthy turf and plants and asked residents to be vigilant and responsive to this need. Volunteers who planted flowers around the clubhouse were recognized. Hasty asked residents to contact him with questions and concerns about lawn care, and in his absence, to contact Sterling.

A resident requested that dates of committee meetings be publicized. Meetings are open to residents and most committees meet on an as-needed, and not a regularly scheduled, basis. Interested homeowners can contact the appropriate committee chair (listed on page 5) for upcoming meeting dates. Any advanced scheduled meetings will be published in the newsletter.

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

- ◆ July 28 - Hawaiian Luau
- ◆ September 15 - Fall Cookout
- ◆ October 27 - Halloween Party
- ◆ December 1 - Holiday Party



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QUARTERLY OPEN MEETING (CONTINUED)

the three documents which are used in setting standards, regulations and provisions of operational and architectural acceptance for the Dominion Club. They are the Master Covenants for the New Albany Links Development; the Special Warranty Deed Restrictions (The Dominion Club Community); and the Code of Regulations (bylaws). He explained that the Dominion Club Handbook is a compilation of these documents as well as the inclusion of DC-specific rules/regulations.

Roth presented the new board-approved Procedure for Petitioning to Change the Dominion Club Handbook (see page 3). He explained that the rules, enforcement, and changes committee has recently updated the handbook and

that the information in the revision will become effective July 1. He thanked the residents for their voluntary compliance with provisions in the handbook, and said that, as necessary, the formal complaint form should be used by residents noting violations. The form is to be submitted to Sterling for processing.

Roth also reminded residents to file an Exterior Modification Application with Sterling whenever they are planning exterior changes to their residence or to its landscaping features.

The next quarterly open meeting will take place this fall to coincide with the DCHA annual meeting and election of two trustees. A date will be set in the near future.

CHANGES AT STERLING

Chris Duraney, Sterling portfolio manager responsible for coordinating with the Dominion Club Homeowners Association, has resigned her position effective July 6 to spend more time with her husband and children.

Teresa Underwood joins Sterling with experience in the association management industry and 25 years experience in various segments of the real estate industry. She assumes Chris's duties on July 7.

"I have enjoyed working with the Dominion Club board and homeowners and especially appreciate the support as we transitioned from the original builder/developer-based board to the new homeowners board. It is obvious that the DC

residents take a lot of pride in their community. It should be a great place to live for many years to come," said Duraney.

"As a board, we are grateful for Chris's dedicated service to our association over the past 10 months as we worked through the many issues involved in the transition. Her expertise and counsel were invaluable as she guided us with patience and professionalism. We wish her the very best in her future endeavors," said Urban Kraus, DC Homeowners Association board chairman. "We look forward to working with Teresa in her new position."

Underwood's email is: TeresaU@tp1.com. She can be reached at 614/781-0055.

TUNE YOUR UKULELE

Find your grass skirt, your muumuu, or your brightest shirt so you'll be ready on Friday, July 28 for the Dominion Club luau at the Clubhouse. Your official invitation,

including menu and all the particulars, will be on its way to you soon. Don't miss the fun. Aloha!

FRIENDLY

REMINDER...

COPIES OF THE

"THREE

DOCUMENTS" AND

THE HANDBOOK ARE

AVAILABLE TO

HOMEOWNERS BY

CONTACTING

STERLING

PROCEDURE FOR MAKING A CHANGE TO THE DOMINION CLUB HANDBOOK

1. Twenty homeowner signatures (one per home) are needed on the petition;
2. Petitioner must state: "Change from" (use exact wording as found in the Handbook, Revised May 2006) and "Change to" (use exacting wording proposed for the Handbook);
3. Submit Petition to the Rules and Covenants Committee (Tom Roth, chairman) for review and recommendation to the Dominion Club Board of Trustees. The review will be to determine if there are any conflicts with the Code of Regulation, Special Warranty Deed Restrictions, or The Master Covenants for New Albany Links Development;
4. The Board of Trustees will:
 - a) set the vote date, normally the next scheduled quarterly open board meeting (the same--duplicate--petition may be re-submitted for vote annually);
 - b) notify all homeowners of record 30 days in advance of the meeting, and;
 - c) provide a proxy for homeowners who will not attend the meeting;
5. Sixty-seven percent of the homeowners of record need to vote YES for approval;
6. The Board of Trustees will notify all homeowners of record of the approval, effective 30 days hence.

Homeowners are requested to allow 45 days prior to the next scheduled quarterly open board meeting to allow for the review process, notification procedures and proxy instruction.

Committee Meetings:

- Communications
Late July - Contact
Wayne Hasty
- Landscape/Design Review
July 12, 7pm
Clubhouse
- No other committee meetings are scheduled at this time. Contact committee chairmen for meeting dates.
- Contact the committee chairman if you plan to attend a committee meeting

FRIENDLY

REMINDER...

PLEASE REMEMBER

TO PUT DOWN THE

POOLSIDE TABLE

UMBRELLAS WHEN

YOU LEAVE THE

POOL, IN CASE OF

SUMMER STORMS

AND HIGH WINDS

REFRIGERATOR NOTICE

Dave Ewing suggests that you take a good look at your refrigerator. Many Dominion Club homeowners have GE side by side refrigerators manufactured in 2001 or 2002. Some of these refrigerators are subjects of a class action lawsuit and recall. Imperfectly sealed doors cause the ice cubes to freeze into a mass which makes the ice dispenser useless.

GE will replace the defective doors.

You will need to find the model and series numbers of your particular model, located in the upper right hand side of your refrigerator. Then either phone GE at 1-866-839-4463 or go to this web site: <http://www.geappliances.com/classaction/> and click on "List of Eligible Models" to deter-

mine if your model is involved in the lawsuit.

If so, you have until September 4, 2006 to contact GE. Instructions for proceeding are available by phone or on the GE web-site.



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**Design Review Committee Note:
NOT on the list of recommended plantings...**

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

BY CAROL LOGUE

What a nice chance this newsletter provides to get to know our neighbors better. We would like to share with you our experiences in Paris and France.

We have been going to France on a regular basis since 1961. Bill was a history professor at Northern Illinois University with a research interest in 19th-century French political thought. Thus, every six or seven years he would have a sabbatical to pursue his research at the French National Library. I went along and I became a real expert in teasing information from their complicated catalogue system, leaving Bill more time to read and to write his three books.

Sometime in the 1980s one of Bill's former students asked if we were interested in renting his apartment in Paris's 20th arrondissement. He and his French wife spent two months there every summer, doing research and visiting her family. The rest of the year the apartment was rented, mostly to American scholars on sabbatical. We jumped at this chance and became frequent renters. Now that we are all retired, their schedule has changed, and we have been able to make shorter, but more frequent, visits to Paris, more for pleasure than for research.

In the 45 years that we have been going to Paris much has changed, though the central core of the tourist's Paris remains largely intact. Thanks to decades of effort the great monuments of French culture are now much cleaner than when we first saw them. High-rise buildings have been confined to the periphery, preserving the human scale that makes Paris so beautiful and so comfortable. So many people want to live there that real estate prices have soared. The public transpor-

tation system is among the world's best and easily used by first-time visitors. But Paris is also a city for walkers, not only for seeing the famous monuments, but just for strolling and window shopping.

Recently the city has refurbished and expanded its system of public parks, and the bedding out of flowers begins in February. Our favorite is the long promenade planted on an elevated railway line that once ran to the Bastille. Underneath a part of it, the railway arches have been glassed in and filled with craft shops and studios.

In recent years we have devoted more time to the many art museums. The Louvre, the Orsay, and the Grand Palais usually have a couple of blockbuster shows each year. But we also return to our favorite smaller museums to see their latest shows or to revisit our old favorite paintings. Over the years we have become more fond of prints and drawings, enjoying art that was meant for private pleasure more than for public display.

We have also traveled through much of France by rental car, but have yet to see everything of interest. A lifetime would not be long enough, especially when we want to return to many places. This year we went for the first time to Provence, too early for the lavender, but in time for iris and roses. We decided to concentrate our visit on some of the many vestiges of Roman civilization which give the area its
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*"WE HAVE BEEN
GOING TO FRANCE
MORE OR LESS ON A
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SINCE 1961"*



Ron Stauffer with his 1951 Ford F-1 pick-up
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KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS (CONTINUED)

special character. You don't have to be a historian to feel in awe at the magnificent Pont du Gard and it's easy to understand the impact that seeing the Maison Carre, the best-preserved Roman temple, at Nimes had on Thomas Jefferson and its influence on American Federal architecture.

Our longest stay was at St. Remy de Provence, where we put up in a charming country inn with climbing roses, bubbling fountains, and views of the jagged Alpilles mountains. We enjoyed exploring St. Remy on foot. It has interesting museums, charming shops, and pleasant restaurants. Just outside of St. Remy lie the ruins of the Roman city of Glanum, nestled at the outlet of a pass through the Alpilles. We were able to climb a narrow path that gave a great view of the excavated public areas of what was once a sizeable town. Walking down its stone-paved streets transported us back almost 2000 years. The 19th century was next door in the form of a mental hospital (once a monastery) where Vincent Van Gogh committed himself when he left Arles. Vincent painted some of

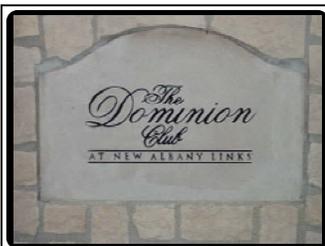
his most tortured canvasses on the very site of Glanum, for the excavations only began in the 1920s.

Our trip was full of wonderful discoveries. Some, like seeing the Pont du Gard, lived up to our expectations. Others, like viewing the one-arch Roman bridge over the Ouvèze from the terrace of a restaurant in Vaison-la-Romaine, were unexpected bonuses.

Finally, after more than a month on the road in France and the US, we arrived back in New Albany in early June. It is great to be home, even if there is a lot of catching up to do, like getting the house painted.

Living here in the Dominion Club has made it possible for us to travel for long periods without worrying about our house. Nothing beats good neighbors.

Should any of you be planning a trip to Paris we would be glad to share our experiences with you and to recommend interesting walks, scenic bus rides, less frequented museums, and great restaurants.



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