

Dominion Club News

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Fall 2008 Meeting and Elections

DC homeowners are invited to meet at the DC clubhouse, Thursday, October 16th for the homeowner association's fourth quarter open business meeting and annual election of three new trustees.

If you have any questions or concerns you would like the board to address during the meeting, please submit them either by email or written note to Dean Jauchius, at jauchius@insight.rr.com or at 6935 Camden Drive, by Wednesday, October 8th.

Several weeks ago, Becky Colburn, Towne Properties, mailed an announcement letter, nomination forms and proxy forms to each homeowner for your use. Additionally, there are nomination and proxy forms on the counter at the clubhouse. Nomination forms must be submitted to Towne Properties by October 8, 2008.

A financial status and business review and updates will take place first. Ms. Becky Colburn will also be available to address any questions or concerns.

Then, proceedings will turn to nominating and electing three (3) new trustees, each for 2 year terms. Owners are reminded that trustee nominations may also be submitted from the floor during the meeting (with the potential candidate's permission, of course).

The terms of trustees Urban Kraus, Chairman, and Barry Turner, Vice President and Bob Hire, Secretary will be expired and need replacement. They provided leadership, strength and served energetically for the greater good of the residents of Dominion Club at New Albany Links during their tenure. We wish them well and offer a hearty THANK YOU!

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

- ◆ October 31 - Halloween Haunt
- ◆ December 5 - Holiday Party

DCHA Quarterly Meeting

- ◆ October 16 - 7 pm Clubhouse

Halloween Haunt

Our Eighth annual Halloween Party will be Friday, October 31, 2008 at the Dominion Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m.

Costumes are encouraged, but not required. Prizes will again be given in the following three categories. Most unique, Scariest and Funniest. From our experience, most people do come in some sort of costume, which makes for a fun evening.

Start thinking now of something to wear for this special event. Look for your invitation on "Evite," or in your mailbox, by mid-October.



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Weenie Roast

Seventy-six Dominion Club neighbors enjoyed an Old Fashioned Weenie Roast, on Friday, Sept. 19, 2008, at the Clubhouse.

Each person was instructed to grab a fork, get a wiener and go cook it on one of the four wood-fired pits.

Our four VP's of Fire Pits had their fires roaring and just right for cooking hot dogs by 6:30 p.m.

The outside temperature was in the mid-seventies and most people enjoyed sitting by the pool, eating with their neighbors. Corn Hole and Ladder Ball games were set up on three sides of the pool, but most people were too busy cooking and eating to find time to play many games.

When everyone was finished, the fixings for S'mores were brought out and people began to roast marshmallows. Some said they had not roasted marshmallows or made S'mores since they were in boy or girl scouts.



It's an Even Year–Lawn Aeration Time

Lawn aeration plans are being developed for the Dominion Club lawns, to be performed in **early to mid-November** (weather permitting). Core aeration generally enhances the ability of turf to absorb more moisture and nutrients. It further helps maintain proper thatch levels. This is all very important to us due to the high level of gray and yellow clay we have below our lawns.

Before the aeration commences, we need to know by October 24th....

- Who has in-ground sprinkler systems
- Anyone who doesn't want aeration (regardless of whether or not you have any aeration system).

Mark Your Sprinkler Heads:

Just as in 2006, those with in-ground

sprinkler systems need to use the flags provided by Wayne Hasty to mark their sprinkler heads, so the core aerator is run around them. If you need more flags, please let Dean Jauchius know, (jauchius@insight.rr.com or 855-7201).

The same is true for folks who have had systems installed since the fall 2006 aeration project. PLEASE LET US KNOW BY OCTOBER 24th.

IF – for whatever reason - you wish your yard by-passed and NOT aerated, let Dean know BY OCTOBER 24th

All properties that are NOT to be aerated will have a colorful ribbon tied to their lamp post the morning of the aeration job, and removed once the project is complete.

*Notify Dean Jauchius
by October 24:*

- *If you don't want your lawn aerated*
- *If you have a sprinkler system– request marker flags if you need them*

Fall Color Prediction

The relatively dry summer has created the opportunity for a great fall color season.

While regular rainfall over the summer months is a factor, it is September that sets the stage for the degree of brilliance in the fall. In the month of September, as the days begin to shorten, the weather needs to settle into cool, but not freezing, nights accompanied by bright sunny days to produce the brightest colors.

"So far we are on track for some exciting color in 2008", said Casey Munchel, service forester and fall color expert with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Division of Forestry.

To help Ohioans plan their seasonal outings, ODNR will be posting weekly fall color updates on their web site beginning the last week of September–first week of October.

Reports will be posted on current peak

viewing opportunities at state parks, forests, and nature preserves in the right panel of the web site.

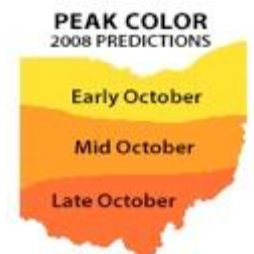
Leaves begin to turn color first in northern Ohio around the end of September and finish out in southern Ohio at the end of October.

Ohio is an especially great place to enjoy fall color because of the over 100 tree species that call this state home.

ODNR has also provided numerous opportunities to experience the fall color firsthand through various different kinds of activities. This site provides you a multitude of opportunities to truly enjoy the colors of the fall in the great state of Ohio.

Visit us to plan your next autumn weekend getaway!

<http://www.dnr.state.oh.us/tabid/9584/default.aspx>



Lawn and Tree Report

Mowing and Edging:

The fall fertilization was just completed on September 23, 2008 by TruGreen-Chemlawn. There will be no late fall fertilization this year, as this is the alternate year for lawn aeration.

As the cool rainy fall weather comes, the lawns will regenerate and grow quite healthy. The mowers will be lowered as we finally get some rain and move into fall. This also serves not to leave long grasses which may promote snow mold during the winter months.

Abbruzzese has notified us that double cutting will result in an additional charge of \$20 to \$30 per yard, depending upon lawn/lot size. Double cutting occurs if a homeowner requests a crew to bypass their yard during a normal cutting, thereby letting the grass grow significantly higher before the next cutting. This is very hard on a lawn. Double cutting also results when someone applies fertilizer in addition to what TruGreen-Chemlawn applies, and the lawn exhibits excessive growth compared to surrounding lawns. The charge will be added to the homeowner's monthly bill.

October will see continued mowing and the final pruning of shrubs in the front beds of our homes.

Tree Care:

In addition to needing the slow-drizzle, deep root watering process recommended numerous times before, many trees are exhibiting the need for systemic insecticide treatment as well as deep fertilization—Jobs food stakes for deciduous trees is a good choice. Trees not adequately watered leads to withered trees, with some dieback, and weaknesses allowing infestation to develop.

Tree Infestation:

The DCHA has completed a field survey of the street trees. Almost 50 trees have been identified with Clearwing Borer infestations, which will ultimately kill the trees. We are currently getting treatment estimates. Although expensive, it goes without saying that the treatment will be significantly less than replacing 50 trees. The cost estimates will be available in time for the October 16th quarterly business meeting.

The most effective treatment is a systemic injection to the root ball, due to the fact that the borers live inside the trees. This will be done next spring when the tree sap is again rising.

Contributing to the infestation is tree weakness due to lack of proper feeding and/or watering for a growth season or two when the tree was new. The trees were never “de-cobbled” by having the burlap, nails and nylon twine removed from around the trunk, near the top of the root ball after planting, thus choking the trees.

While performing the survey of the neighborhood, it was observed that many trees within the yards are also afflicted. We will try to obtain individual cost information, for owners who are interested, to have their trees similarly treated. DC homeowners may get a price break due to the large contract through DCHA for treating the street trees.

Tree Replacements Needed:

The DCHA policy of budgeting and replacing up to 3 street trees per year, (first come, first served) will be utilized again this fall. The DCHA is responsible for only the initial replacement of street trees, and the owners are responsible for any subsequent replacements. It is best if homeowners take an active role in caring for their trees.



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Columbus
October 13



Community Notes...

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<p>Open Secretary</p> <p>Landscape & Snow Removal, Committee</p>
<p>Towne Properties Representative Becky Colburn 781-0055 beckyc@tp1.com</p>

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, October 13 and 27, in the clubhouse. Join us!

Need a good book to read?—If you want to read an excellent novel that combines humor and storytelling with a compelling historical background, I recommend *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Published very recently, this book tells the World War II story of Guernsey, the British Island once occupied by the Germans. The story is told in a series of letters written by the numerous characters in the book. And in addition to all this it is a tribute to the power of reading and books. Enjoy!—*Martha Campbell*

Harvest the Arts Festival - Attendees to this fall's "Harvest the Arts Festival" on Saturday, October 11, will be treated to some newly scheduled attractions as well as familiar favorites. Alpacas from Swisher Creek Farm, miniature horses, an hourly cake-walk, and a special photo spot will be added fun. Other new faces include Plain Township firefighters with their Safety House and the New Albany

Symphony. At the refreshment stand, Ghirardelli Chocolate Syrup brownies and home-made apple crisp with caramel sauce join the usual hearty chili dogs. Sitting on hay bales in the barn of Doran's Farm Market, 5462 Babbitt Road, New Albany 43054, visitors can enjoy performances by Juggler Matt Jurgens, Broadway Bound Dances, bluegrass band Northwest Territory, and the New Albany Chorus. Rain or shine, New Albany's 15th annual "Harvest the Arts Festival" will be celebrated with free admission and parking from 11:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. Due to local road construction, Babbitt Road may be accessed from Morse Road east of Rte. 62, north onto Babbitt Road.

In honor of our cultural heritage, this family-centered event is sponsored by the New Albany Arts Council, the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society, and Doran's Farm Market, with special funding provided by Giant Eagle and Prudential R.K. Morris Realty of New Albany. Contact information: phone 614-775-6222 or at www.naarts.org. —*Janis Nelson*



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