

# Dominion Club News

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## *The Lawns of Summer*

The heat of the summer is upon us. Some of the lawns in the neighborhood are beginning to turn brown, indicating the grass is stressed. Turf grass needs one inch of water every week. Adequate watering is all the more important during these hot days. When sprinkling your lawn, you can measure the amount of water being applied by putting a can or other container in the spray pattern. An inch of water in the container is evidence that your application is adequate. The time it took to get that amount of water in the container is the amount of time needed for every section of your yard.

If your yard looks bad this year, it likely will look worse next spring. Lack of watering will not only

make a bad looking yard, it may lead to reseeding at a more expensive outlay than the water bill.

For those who are considering installing a sprinkling system, one should consider an outlay of about \$3,000.00 for the installation. The cost of maintaining the system (turning on, turning off and back flow inspection) is about \$190.00 a year. One can expect the watering to cost about half what hand watering would cost. Although it is a luxury, the automatic system ensures proper watering and frees up time to plan other activities. The plus is a lawn which looks good and is healthier.

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

- ◆ Western Cookout, Aug 27
- ◆ Supper Club Party, Oct 22
- ◆ Holiday Party, Dec 10

### **DCHA Quarterly Meetings**

- ◆ Oct. 21  
7 pm Clubhouse



## *October Elections*

The Dominion Club will hold its annual election for trustees at its biennial meeting on October 21, 2010. This year three two-year positions are open. A term on the Board of Trustees is an opportunity to learn more about your community, meet your neighbors and at the same time provide a valuable service.

It's time to start thinking if this is the year you can volunteer to serve on the board. To learn more about the work of the trustees contact Dave Ewing or any member of the board. They will be glad to talk with you about it.

## **Western Cookout**

**Mark your calendar and plan to attend our Western Cookout on Friday, August 27 at the Dominion Clubhouse.**

**We will provide the hotdogs, but you have to do the cooking over an open wood fire.**

**Come and enjoy the fun.**

**S'mores will also be available for you to make.**

**We will also ask you to bring a salad, main dish or dessert to share. More information will be sent out over "Evite" or placed in your mailbox, if you do not have e-mail.**

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## *Fun at the Hawaiian Luau*

The annual Hawaiian Luau was held on Friday, June 11 at the Dominion Clubhouse. We had 74 residents and guests attend. This year's menu was Burgers, Brats and hotdogs.

Don Thacker and his assistants Tom Gyrko, Chuck Miceli, and Allan Cohen cooked the food, while Fred Steinhaus did the running to transfer the food to the clubhouse. Thanks to them for a delicious cookout.

Most people came to the party dressed in their Hawaiian shirts and blouses. It gave the outing a festive atmosphere. The weather cooperated, although we were concerned that it would rain during our outdoor gathering around the pool for dinner.

The "Bubble Blowing" contest was a way to get people involved in an activity. Prizes were given for the person in each group who could blow the largest bubble.



### Floral Photo Corner

#### From Wayne and Mary Greg Hasty...

Some ambitious characters took up residence with the Hasty's this spring, opening up a nursery in their front door wreath. The Robin family is doing well...



The flowers presented below are from the Hasty garden, photos courtesy of Wayne

### From the Hasty Garden



Granada



Perfume Delight



Fragrant Plum



Day Lillies

## Autobiography of a Garage Door

Oh, I guess you could say I bear the daily grind, regardless the temperature or whether precipitation is happening. As I'm used, abused or over used, the wear dries and stiffens my joints, the vibrations loosen some of my parts, and some may even wear out and need replacement. I might even start to wobble noisily because some of my loose panels don't instantly align as I'm called to duty. I can operate manually, if need be, or through use of an electric motor.

Regardless, I'm expected to respond, be there, do my job, serve NOW when the button is pushed, whether wet, dry, night, day or frozen to the ground (OUCH!!).

Yes, life as a garage door has its ups and downs.

It's amazing how a few simple, preventative measures can increase likelihood of my service reliability.

Working together to manipulate the panels comprising my lowly garage door physique are the hinges, rollers, bearings, the track, a chain drive, batteries and my eyes - the oft ignored beam I always shine not far above the floor to hinder me from injuring someone or damage something.

My quick, low tech, annual check-up can pinch a lot of problems before they even start. I usually get the following "physical exam" while the weather is warm and dry. It's much easier than when it's cold and windy.

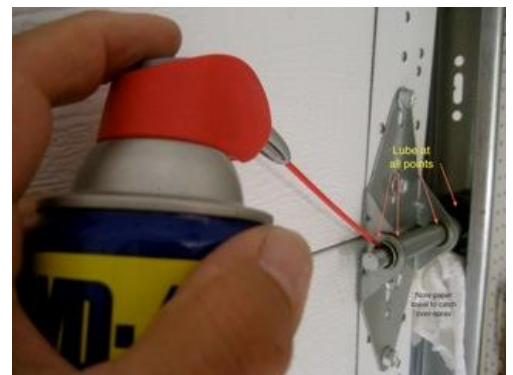
Lubrication can be applied as discussed below, using a tube that comes with aerosol lubricants. The lubricant is your choice, whether a silicone or oil product. The important thing is to do it. I suggest you use a rag or paper towels as back-up during application, so the spray doesn't go elsewhere.

**My TRACK** - Before starting, be sure all the bolts holding my track together are tight. Also be sure the wall mounts are snug, but, **DON'T OVER TIGHTEN** these, as the screws could strip the wood to which the track is secured.

I have two **HINGE** and **ROLLER** Issues: Regarding the numerous combinations on me, vibrations and wear can cause my hinges to loosen and become dried-out. Using a socket wrench, just "SNUG" the sheet metal screws which hold my hinge/roller plates to the door. You don't want to over tighten it as if you're trying to put a lug nut on a truck wheel. This would strip my thin metal door material.

After all the hinges are tight, you want to lube the hinge pins. Then, be sure you can turn them with your fingers. That would indicate minimum resistance and that they are well lubricated. Shoot some lubricant into the open seam within the roller assemblies. That is where the bearings are. Doing so will insure their ability to roll easily in the track.

**CHAIN, SPROCKETS** and **BEARINGS** - I'm lucky enough to have an electric motor to help me operate. Straddling a small metal beam (the rail) that provides strength and leverage between my electric motor and the front wall above the garage opening, is a "bicycle-type" chain  
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## Autobiography of a Garage Door (continued)

that the motor uses to propel my ups and downs. Similar to bicycles, my chain has sprockets at each end. One is on the electric motor. At the other end, a sprocket just keeps the chain taut and in place, and has bearings. It's nice to use the lubricant you've chosen to wipe the chain, rail and trolley clean, and keep the chain and sprocket bearings lubricated. The trolley is what connects the garage door to the opener and slides along the rail. It's dirty work, but it helps me operate smoothly.



**CAUTION:** Worm-screw or "gear type" openers may need a different or perhaps special lubricant. See the garage door opener's Owners Manual for specifics.



**LED LIGHTS** and **ELECTRIC SENSORS**  
-Yes, my red and green eyes would pass a field sobriety test. They are part of my required safety equipment. However,

upon occasion, I need my lenses cleaned, as dust, rain, snow and/or other soil may fog my lenses and cause me to operate incorrectly or erratically.

Use a very lightly dampened cloth or paper towel to gently clean the LED lights and sensors, located near the bottom of the tracks at either side of the garage door. Be careful not to knock them out of alignment. Always use caution when passing these little appliances while walking in and out of the garage, or rolling out trash containers.

**BATTERIES**— If my motor has remote controls and/or an exterior keypad, many of which are now "wireless", they use batteries. You can generally expect reliable battery life of about 2 years before the remote devices start to show signs of fatigue. I just don't respond reliably to weak signals.



I hope my advice helps you prevent problems with my operation.



**Western Cookout**  
**August 27**

## Trees in Summer

You may remember the days when trees were no trouble at all. After trees were planted and they got a good start, you could ignore them and they grew. Perhaps where you came from, there was plenty of rich, black soil with plenty of nutrients to nourish your new tree. If you have had an opportunity to dig in the soil here at the Dominion Club, you noted that dense yellow clay was present after digging just a few inches. This explains why you see water running out from under sod after a good rain (or watering from your irrigation system). Water just doesn't soak into the dense clay like it does in good soil.

Your trees will need watering during the hot summer, or they will become stressed, diseased or dried out. Placing a garden hose at the base of the tree and adjusting the flow to a gentle stream for an hour should suffice for each watering. If there is insufficient rainfall (at least an inch a week), you should plan to repeat the watering every 2-3 weeks.



Heat stress can manifest itself as cracking or peeling bark. In those areas, insects can enter the tree and cause further damage. Maple trees are not immune to borers, which can be identified by small holes in the bark. Treating the tree with Bayer Advanced 12 Month Tree and Shrub Protect and Feed Concentrate will provide a systemic insecticide to contact borers or

other insects that invade the tree. This feeding will provide the needed nutrients for 12 months. Treating the cracking or peeling area of bark with a garden insecticide spray will help, also. Adequate watering is still needed.

Flowering ornamental crabapple trees can suffer from fungal attack, which you can identify as black spots on the leaves, early and persistent leaf shedding during the late spring and summer, and noticing a tree that is looking like a skeleton with few remaining leaves by fall. This condition can be treated by starting early in the spring, using Volck Oil Spray (insecticide) when the leaf buds are just forming. Then spray the tree with a fungicide, like Fungonil, every 3-4 weeks during the warmer temperatures of late spring and summer. This product comes in a bottle with hose adapter, and reaching tall branches doesn't appear to be a problem. Trees reaching higher than 20 feet may need a modification in application of the fungicide to reach the upper branches.



Arborvitae, yews (*Taxus*) or many of the evergreens and conifers may be attacked by bag worms. These insects attack the trees in the spring (late April to early June), and form dense bags (usually 1-3 inches in length and about an inch in width). They are tear shaped, hanging by the pointed end. It does little to spray them after the bags are formed, since they are very dense and water proof. During a severe infestation, bags may be attached to the siding. You can remove the bags and dispose of them in the trash bags. Spraying the tree or bush with an insecticide in May (when the insects emerge from the bag) is the best defense.



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## Community Notes...

**Stitchery**—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, August 9 and 23, 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.

**Dear Prudence**— Why am I getting a Rules Violation Notice for parking in the street or parking in the driveway? It isn't me; it's my guests. Can't I have guests without the community getting upset about parking violations? Honestly!!!

*Dear Honestly—No need to shout. Your Homeowners Association residents don't know what is your car and what is your guest's car. The rules allow for your guests to park on the street so long as they don't block another resident's driveway or mailbox. They can even park in your driveway for more than 48 hours if you get the written consent of the Board. The names and phone numbers of Board members can be found on the website [www.dominionclub.org](http://www.dominionclub.org).*

**Swimming Pool**—Residents using the pool can review the rules listed in the web page [www.dominionclub.org](http://www.dominionclub.org). The pool is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Guests younger than 18 years old can swim from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. when accompanied by a resident of the Dominion Club. Guests are limited to 6 per club household. A resident must be present and is responsible for the behavior of any guests using the pool. Cooperation by all is appreciated. Failure to comply with the pool rules can lead to a loss of pool privileges.

The pool is maintained by Endless Summer Pool and Spa Service. They come Monday through Saturday to test the water and clean as needed. On Sunday, a number of our residents have volunteered to perform the necessary tests to ensure cleanliness and safety of the water. These volunteers are: **Tom Gyurko, Tom Roth, Roger Benjamin, Alex Campbell, and Chuck Miceli**. When you see them, let them know how much you appreciate their help. Kudos from all of us who may not see them. This is just another example of the cooperative effort of members who make the Dominion Club a great place to live.

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