

Dominion Club News

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Quarterly Meeting and Election

The Dominion Club fourth quarter open meeting and annual election was conducted Thursday, October 16th. The meeting was attended by 34 residents

Gordon Schutt, Treasurer, reported this years costs are significantly over budget, primarily due to the lawsuit. Other costs were higher than expected. As a result, the reserve account is currently at \$26,553.36.

Barry Turner, Vice President, reported that the DC pool was closed September 22.

Hurricane force winds from Ike had filled the pool with debris and some lawn furniture. Barry received a call that the clubhouse doors had blown open and went over during the high winds to re-secure them as well as table umbrellas. Bob White went over the following day and retrieved much of the furniture that had blown into the pool, and did other clean-up work. Otherwise, the clubhouse is in fairly good shape.

Urban Kraus, Chairman, reported that the lawsuit was "dismissed without prejudice" the day before the meeting. Basically, that means the suit is over and all parties can walk away.

Dean Jauchius, President, thanked the Communications Committee and Delivery Team for its great work during the year. The Design Review Committee (DRC)

has assembled a portfolio of color samples any resident can view before painting doors, shutters, etc. There are specific requirements determined by New Albany and reflected in the deed restrictions and covenants. Residents repainting with the same colors do not have to submit an **exterior modification form**. Plans to change colors, or make structural changes, require submission of an **exterior modification form**. The form can be found in the back of the DC Handbook or may be obtained from Becky Colburn, Towne Properties, 781 -0055, Ext. 131.

A new contract with TruGreen Chemlawn has been secured for the 2009 and 2010 seasons. It is \$500 less per year than the 2008 contract. The annual cost is \$7,323.05.

Negotiations for Abbruzzese lawn mowing and snow plowing services is nearing completion.

Lawn Aeration is planned for sometime within the first 2 weeks of November.

Clearwing Borer infestation is occurring throughout Dominion Club properties.

The infestation is mainly noticeable, but may not be limited to, the various red maples all around the neighborhood.
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Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

- ◆ December 5 - Holiday Party

Thanksgiving
November 27



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Halloween Haunt



Halloween night was perfect for Ghosts and Goblins. Many of them showed up at the Dominion Clubhouse last Friday to enjoy an evening of good food and fun. About 70 percent of the 63 people who attended the party were dressed in costumes.

Some costumes were very original and some were scary. The scariest was Pat Ewing who won the prize for Scariest. The Funniest was Judy and Tom Moore for their Red Riding hood and Wolf in Grandmother's clothes. The Most Unique was Nelson and Gail Merrell for their costumes of the "Goths," all dressed in black with lots of chains, tattoos and rings all over the face.

Door prizes were awarded to Judy Bennett, Melinda Knight and Bob Hire, as a fitting end to a fun filled evening.



Quarterly Meeting and Election (continued)

The experts consulted suggested that the only effective treatment is a healthy tree—there is no reliable insecticide that effectively eliminates the problem. Homeowners are encouraged to water and fertilize their trees. A healthier tree has better odds and costs many thousands of dollars less to maintain

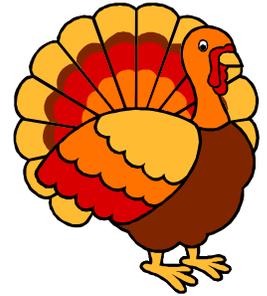
Trustee Election Held

Three candidates were elected by acclamation to fill 3 trustee vacancies.

Alex Campbell was nominated in advance of the meeting. Tom Gyurko and Nelson Merrell were nominated from the floor during the meeting. All three candidates were elected to fill the 3 openings.

Thank you Alex, Nelson and Tom, for volunteering your talents and time for the next 2 years.

Thanks to Fred and Janet Steinhaus for providing the coffee and goodies.



Healthy Trees Resist Borers

Many trees in our community have an infestation of Clearwing Borers. Two main underlying themes surround the information about Clearwing Borers:

#1. NO COMPANY'S TREATMENT BIDS offered tree survival guarantees.

The board solicited advice and bids from experts to treat street trees. None would guarantee survival. A certain number of trees will not survive the borers. MOST WILL, however, with proper care.

#2. The best "treatment" is to address the health of the trees. "The best defense is a good offense" works for trees too.

The board is not contracting for treatment for the borers. The lack of warranty for any treatments, coupled with the odds for survival versus healthy, cared-for trees do not support the expenditure.

Proper watering habits (see the July DC Newsletter) and feeding (use Jobs fertilizer stakes or some brands of above ground tree and shrub fertilizer) promote healthy trees that resist the Clearwing Borers. The pests can easily detect and infest trees that are distressed. Certain natural chemicals just below the bark in very healthy, well watered and properly

fed trees discourage infestation.

Numerous trees throughout the Dominion Club were "girdled" at planting. That is the tree root ball was bound by burlap (...that's OK), the burlap twisted and sometimes nailed to the tree (...NOT OK), and nylon cord was used around the trunk of the tree to tie all the above onto the root ball of the sapling (...also NOT OK). If you have a new sapling planted, it's best to be sure all the above are removed and opened-up so the tree trunk growth is not stunted, thus causing unhealthy conditions for the sapling.

All young deciduous trees need ample watering their first 2 to 4 years to assist development of the root system outside the root ball. Slowly soak the tree root ball to avoid water run-off. A slow drizzle from the garden hose, at the base of the tree, for about 45 minutes each week during the hot summer weather should saturate the root ball adequately to help the newly planted trees survive the affects of the hot weather.

Pictured are examples of proper tree watering and a picture of the bark of a tree exhibiting an extreme case of undetected, untreated Clearwing Borer infestation.

"Proper watering habits and feeding promote healthy trees that resist the Clearwing Borers"



DCHA Board Changes

Many thanks to **Urban Kraus** and **Barry Turner** who completed their terms on the DCHA Board of Trustees. They volunteered their time, energy, and knowledge to the benefit of our community. Thanks for a job well done!

Announcement

Nelson Merrell has unexpectedly, and regretfully, resigned from the board for personal reasons. The board is exploring options to find a replacement.

New members of the board were selected and here is a brief profile:

Tom Gyurko

Tom and his wife Janet are early residents of the Dominion Club homes and endured construction all around them until the homes were completed. He served on the very first Board of Trustees for six months, but now is glad to serve a full two-year term as vice president overseeing

the pool and clubhouse as well as the social committee. Tom is semi-retired after a career as an electrical engineer with the old Toledo Scale now Mettler-Toledo. His wife Janet taught in the Westerville schools. They have a son and daughter and five grandchildren, ages 3-16.

Alex Campbell

Alex will serve the Board of Trustees as secretary and will oversee the Communications Committee. Alex and his wife Martha moved here in October, 2005 from New Jersey, but previously lived in Worthington from 1964-68 and many places in between. He is retired from AT&T after a 35-year career as a manager. He agreed to serve because he cares about the community and wants to see it remain a successful, attractive place for retirees (and near retirees!). Alex and Martha have three children and six grandchildren (four boys and two girls).



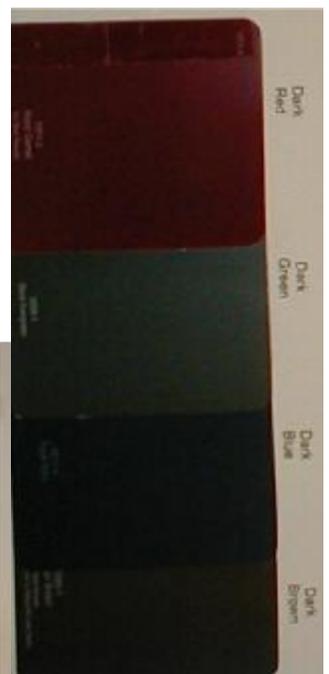
Color Samples Available

As our homes age, repainting becomes a consideration. While colors were addressed in the Village of New Albany zoning documents for Dominion Club at New Albany Links in the late 1990s, no actual colors were available for viewing or to obtain color matches at the paint store.

The DRC has researched and assembled a portfolio of color samples for viewing by any resident before painting, to help ensure compliance. There are also miniature shutters matching the shutters and doors used when our homes were built. These are the standard for the neighborhood. The color codes for several paint manufacturers are also available. Having the color and codes before beginning a project may save a lot of time. Repainting with the same colors does NOT require

an Exterior Modification Application. A color change does require one.

For questions, or to review the color samples, please contact one of the members of the DRC. Call Becky Colburn at Towne Properties for current DRC member contact information.



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, November 10 and 24, in the clubhouse. Join us!

Sorry To See You Go! - John and Marilyn Boyne moved to Louisville Colorado northwest of Denver, to be near their son, Jim.
Ric and Jan Ellis moved from 7049 Camden Drive to Estero, FL, between Ft. Myers and Naples.

Welcome! -Jack and Thelma Greene moved into 7049 Camden Drive. Larry and Judy Williams moved into 7056 Dean Farm.

Clubhouse inspection update—The fall inspection of the heating system revealed that it has a defective Draft Injector Assembly. It may work intermittently or fail at any time, in which case the system will not heat. Repair will be scheduled quickly, at a price of \$620.59.

Golden anniversary—Dan and Sarah Strahler, 7052 Dean Farm, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on October 11. Congratulations!

Holiday Party—The 8th Annual Holiday Party will be Friday, December 5th at the Dominion Club-

house. After dinner there will be a “White Elephant Gift Exchange.” Each person is asked to wrap up something and put it under the Christmas Tree when you arrive. Please mark your package for Male or Female. Look for more details in the invitation that you will receive around November 20th over “Evite.com” or by written invitation, if you do not have e-mail.

Winter approaches—The coming of winter portends the onslaught of SNOW! After the record snowfall in early 2008 and some of the problems the snow removal contractor had finding our driveways and walks, you may want to consider a cheap investment to be sure your driveways stand out in the snowdrifts. Home Depot has fiberglass stake reflectors for \$1.98 each. They can be used to clearly delineate the edge of your driveway and will plainly stand out in the bright lights of the snow plows at night. As a side benefit, they will help you navigate your way into your driveway, too.



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