

Dominion Club News

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Open Meeting Highlights

Dave Ewing opened the April 2009 Dominion Club Homeowners Association quarterly meeting by reading the board's new statement on Homeowner Loss of Rights and Privileges for Non-Payment.

An e-mail from a resident was read concerning homeowners (and others) using the Moguls between Bevelheimer Road and Camden Drive for a dog walk without cleaning up after the dog as the New Albany ordinance 140.06 and the Dominion Club Handbook (page 9-10) requires.

Officer Ryan Southers and Sgt. Ed Burton from the New Albany Police Department addressed the meeting as part of the Block Watch program. Officer Southers told the group that May 15 will be New Albany Founder's Day. There will be a July 4th parade with the new New Albany Police Honor Guard marching. They welcome the opportunity to do house checks when residents are on vacation – just fill out the form (which can be found on the DC website). There will be police bicycle patrols when the weather permits.

Sgt. Ed Burton stated that there is a curfew for children 18 and under – Sunday through Thursday at 11:30pm, and Friday through Saturday at 12 midnight. It is important to not leave garage doors open overnight or valuables in the car. People breaking into homes in the New Albany area have been using unlocked doors to get in.

There is a chronically speeding black Mustang on Bevelheimer Rd. that the police are aware of and trying to resolve.

Dean Jauchius, home ill, sent the following report: The first mowing has been done and the Club House trees have been pruned.

Dave Ewing reported that the next scheduled court date for the lawsuit is November 2009. The board is investigating "No Parking" signs for the Club House parking lot and a towing service for unauthorized parking.

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Clubhouse Cleanup & Pool News

Saturday **May 23rd** starting at **9am** is the date for the planting of flowers and clean up of the building and pool furniture. Volunteers are needed to purchase and transport flowers earlier in that week.

We are on track to open the pool

for the Memorial Day weekend.

Please contact Tom Gyrko at (614) 939-9141 or tegps@insight.rr.com with your questions, concerns and to RSVP.

Thanks in advance!

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

- ◆ Pool Party, June 19
- ◆ Hawaiian Luau, July 24
- ◆ Western Cookout, Sept 18
- ◆ Halloween Party, Oct 24
- ◆ Holiday Party, Dec 11

DCHA Quarterly Meetings

- ◆ July 16
 - ◆ October 15—Election, 2 Board Members
- All at 7 pm Clubhouse



Mother's Day
May 10

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Welcome Spring – Mexican Potluck

Neighbors gathered at the Dominion Clubhouse on Friday, April 24 to usher in spring. It was a beautiful evening, with temperatures hovering in the mid-70s. Everyone brought something, a Mexican dish or dessert, to compliment the Soft Tacos and the fixin's that had been prepared by the Party Committee.

Five door prizes were awarded. They were gift certificates for the Don Patron Mexican Restaurant on Rt 62, near Walton Parkway.

Everyone lingered longer than normal and caught up on what the neighbors did during the winter. Some folks were just back from Florida or Arizona and were sporting tans, to the envy of the folks that stayed north for the winter.

This was one of our nicest parties!



Open Meeting Highlights (continued)

Tom Gyurko reported that there will be a community party at the Club House the 24th of April. Tom needs help on Saturday May 23 for Club House cleanup day. The turn on of the sprinklers and back flow valve inspection is being scheduled. The pool will open by Memorial Day and the drain protection screen, required by law, is being worked. It will not hold up the opening of the pool. The north pool gate sign will be replaced. Please observe the children's hours this summer.

Alex Campbell reported the new website

is maturing and he welcomes any suggestions for new content.

Gorden Schutt and Becky Colburn reported that the checking account holds \$650.80, the reserve cash fund \$1149 and the reserve fund CD about \$26,000. Four residents are currently behind in their association dues payment. Two have been delinquent since 2008. Liens have been placed on two properties.

After the meeting closed Ernestine Jackson from AARP gave a presentation on Long Term Care.

*"Clubhouse
Cleanup Day—
Saturday, May 23,
9am Volunteers
wanted..."*

The Starling Invasion

by Dean Jauchius

Starlings are finding their way into our homes via our louvered bathroom exhaust fan outlets. The starlings like to go in several feet and build a nest back in the duct.

Vents? What vents? Many homes built here have either exhaust louver doors or dampers installed at their bathroom fan outlets. Many already have the "bird guards" or "cages" installed.

Regardless, unprotected louver doors are like conducting an Open House for the starlings.

The good news for us is that almost all models have the louver doors at levels

that can be easily reached using a 16 foot extension ladder.

However, the Westmont models have at least one extremely high exhaust serving the second level bathroom and requires a much taller ladder to service.

What about the low vents? Typically, there may be 2 kinds of "just-above-ground-level" louvers.

One is the louver door type, usually from the vent fan in a lower level bathroom or a dampered dryer vent. The other is a "fixed" vent - louvers DO NOT MOVE. It is fixed (by code) to provide proper air to the burner of your furnace. These don't seem to appeal to the birds.

OK, So What? The Starlings build nests, hatch their eggs (6 or more at a time), and in at least one case, broke through the wire reinforced plastic ducting of the chosen vent. The stench can be horrible, especially in the heat of summer. Replacing the ductwork can be difficult, given the limited amount of space where they are and the attic heat build-up. If the particular duct is the upstairs duct in the very shallow attics of the Westmont models, it could be even more challenging to replace the duct. (continued page 4)



Invasive Starling



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The Starling Invasion (continued)

Stealthy Beginners The bird will choose a duct and peck at one of the louver doors. When one of the doors opens, the bird can work it's way between the louver doors to obtain access. If it is the vent of a lesser used bathroom, you may not even know it's there - YET.

Then Things Get Nasty It can build its nest, lay and hatch its eggs. Then, the feeding, nest clean-out activity and maybe more noise (peeping) starts. That's when you may notice the dirt and mess on the siding below that louver. By then, the obvious is "DUH" too late.

"Ounce of Prevention" You may wish to invest in the cages which can keep the critters out of the louvers. One example brand would be the deflect-o Universal Bird Guard.



It is inexpensive (\$5.00 Home Depot), fairly easy to install. They are white, designed to fit over most any exhaust vent of 3 to 4 inches, and can be painted. It just takes someone who can be up a tall ladder AND use both hands freely. *If anyone finds a general "handyperson" who will do this for a reasonable fee - please let us know-we'll put them in the DC Vendor Services Directory.*

Installation Decisions If you decide to install bird guards, one of three situations will confront you:

Situation #1. The duct is clear. Yea! Get the cover on while you can.

Situation #2. There is a nest and eggs. How you handle it is your call.

Situation #3. You're too late. There is a mess, a nest with hatched starlings, and the birds may or may not have broken through the plastic duct into your house. At this point, the remedy decision and it's impact on the starlings is your call too.

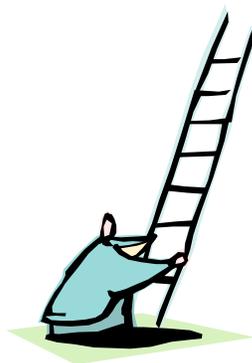
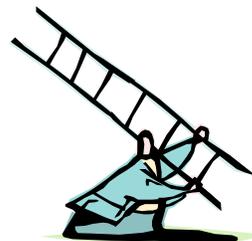
Cautions and Recommendations:

Whether you do the work yourself, or find an installer, be careful when cleaning the duct of any debris. Use a shop-vac with a very narrow attachment to get between the louver doors without breaking them. Very carefully vacuum several feet back in the duct, trying not to break the plastic ducting. **Or VERY CAREFULLY** use a long, homemade implement to reach in and pull the nesting material and/or eggs out of the duct. While removing the debris, remember the duct is just soft plastic, and it can be easily punctured.

- Use of any screws to secure the bird guard that are longer than 1 to 1 1/2 inches could penetrate the vinyl siding more than you would desire.
- Be sure to pad the ladder top as it leans against the vinyl siding.
- After installing the bird guards, put a bead of clear silicone caulk across the top and halfway down both sides, between the new cage and the siding. This will help the installation better shed water during storms.

Additional Benefits

Cold windy winter weather, normally causes the louvers to flap in the wind, AND/OR the rain-changing-to-snow drips down the louvers and freezes them shut. The properly installed bird guard will cut down on wind affects, and the freezing rain/snow will not be able to freeze your louvers closed.



Flaming Rainbow

By Dean and Carol Jauchius

This is known as a "Flaming Rainbow" - it's a circumhorizontal arc.

Carol and I were having lunch about 12:30 Sunday afternoon, May 3, when we saw and Carol shot the pictures of the Flaming Rainbow looking south. It's the prismatic affects of ice crystals at high altitude, similar to what's known as a Sun Dog - - except Sun Dogs are concentric rings around the sun - also ice crystals.



"Sun Dog" In Mal aysia



This picture is looking southward down the driveway between the Lauterbach's and the Evans', over the top of the McCoy's house. The picture below is zoomed and enhanced to filter the afternoon's white haze.

"Carol took several shots as it changed. Ben Gel ber (CH 4 weather) used it on the 11:00 news broadcast Sunday night. It was on twice, briefly, mentioning Carol 's name and New Albany"



MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 25

Community Notes...

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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet this month on Monday, May 11 and May 25 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

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.

Ask Prudence—Dear Prudence - I am tired of cleaning up after my dog. Is it OK if I take Fang to the Moguls to do his business and let nature do the cleaning up? Just wondering—Dear Wondering - No way! The village of New Albany has an ordinance that requires dog walkers to clean up after their dog. That means you too!

Additions to the Vendor Services Directory—Landscaping/Lawn Care, **J&LV**
614-207-9384(cell)
Luis Villegas, Owner
4743 Edinburgh Lane
Columbus, Ohio 43229

“I have used J&VL (Luis) for spring and fall yard work, since the fall of 2007. He is reliable and the work is always well done and reasonably priced. I use him for edging beds, pruning, trimming and clean-up. He can also do landscaping and paver patios. He is licensed, bonded and insured.”- Submitted by David L. Ewing, 933-9017

Carpet Repair Service

Jim Hicks
614-403-5761 or 614-275-9806
64 N. Westmoor Avenue
Columbus, Ohio 43204
“Our carpet was installed in April, 2005, during home construction. The installation process was incorrect, therefore, the carpet started to buckle or get “bumps and lumps” in numerous places. Carpet Repair Service (Jim Hicks) re-stretched the rooms exhibiting the problem and restored the flat, taut appearance of our carpets. We considered the charges for the work performed to be very reasonable.” Submitted by Dean and Carol Jauchius, 855-7201

Spring Clubhouse Cleanup—With the return of warmer weather we are once again looking for people to help spruce up the clubhouse and grounds. Resident volunteers are needed to plant flowers, clean inside, power wash the building and pool furniture.

Please set aside Saturday May 23rd starting at 9am for this activity. Bring your own gardening tools, a wheel barrow would be a great help. We will need multiple power washers for the building and pool furniture. Please contact Tom Gyurko at (614) 939-9141 or tegps@insight.rr.com with your questions, concerns and RSVP.



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