

Dominion Club News

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DCHA Board Notes

Treasurer Tom Weiss reports that snow removal expenses for this past winter were within budget expectations and substantially less than the previous two winters. The board does not anticipate any changes in association fees. A more complete financial report will be presented at the next semi-annual meeting.

It's time once again to prepare for the opening of the pool. Vice president Bob Youngs is looking for volunteers for the annual work party starting at **9am on Saturday, May 23**. Coffee and donuts will be provided. The pool will open for the

season immediately following. Volunteers are asked to contact Bob at 614-245-8165 or ryoungs@insight.rr.com.

TruGreen applied crabgrass control and lawn fertilizer on March 31 to all community lawns. They will apply broadleaf weed control in May. President Bob Mertons says Abbruzzese began yard cleanup activities this week including edging around trees and front yard beds. Mulching will begin in the next several weeks weather permitting.

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

- ◆ **April 17, Bingo! 7pm**
- ◆ **May 25, Patriotic Picnic, 4pm**
- ◆ **July 17, South of the Border, 6:30pm**
- ◆ **August 28, Dance Party, 7pm**
- ◆ **October 16, It's Your Birthday, 6:30pm**
- ◆ **December 11, Holiday Party, 6:30pm**

DCHA Meetings 2015

- ◆ **TBA**

NAL Master Association Meeting

- ◆ **April 14, 7pm, New Albany Health Center**

Dominion Club Golfers

An invitation to golfers from Dave (Coach) Ewing...

"We play golf at New Albany Links during the spring and summer on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We usually have between 6-12 golfers of all handicaps (10-30+). It's on a 'show up as you can' basis, no commitment required. We usually try to get tee times (at least two) between 8:45 and 10:00 and play the gold (forward) tees. Some of us with NAL memberships also play on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday."

If you would like to be on the email list of tee times (they can only get times 2 weeks in advance) for 2015 or have any questions, contact Dave Ewing (Coach) at ewingdw@att.net or 614-530-5759.



Bingo!
April 17, 7pm
Clubhouse



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Crime Stoppers Corner

Hole Under Door Lock

A report from a crime victim:

I approached my car from the passenger side to place my computer bag in the front passenger seat.

As I reached to open the door I noticed there was a hole right under my door handle.

My first thought was, "someone has shot the car!"

I began to think about it and inspect it a little closer and the "light" slowly began to dawn.

I phoned a friend who owns a body shop and asked if he had any vehicles with damage to the doors that looked like a bullet hole.

"Yes, I see it all the time. Thieves have a punch and place it right under the door handle, knock a hole through, reach in and unlock it, just as if they have a key. No alarms, broken glass, or anything."

I then placed a call to my insurance agent and explained it to him. I was puzzled that they left my GPS and all other belongings.

Here is where it gets scary! "Oh no, he said, they want the break-in to be so subtle that you don't even realize it. They look at your GPS to see where "home" is or check your address from insurance and registration documents in your glove box.

Now they know what you drive, go to your home, and if your vehicle isn't there they assume you aren't, and break into your home."

He said they will even leave a purse or wallet and only take one or two credit cards. By the time you realize there has been a theft, they may have already had a couple of days or more to use them. I didn't realize my situation for two full days!

They even give you the courtesy of re-locking your doors for you.

Periodically, walk around your car, especially after you park in a shopping center or other large parking area.

Report thefts immediately...your bank with missing check numbers, your credit card agencies, police, and insurance companies, etc.

Here is a picture of what the hole looks like:



Thanks to Dave Ewing



TAKE A BITE OUT OF CRIME



April 5



April 3-11



Crime Stoppers Corner, Continued

Social Engineering Scam

Callers pretend to be fraud investigation agents for Visa or MasterCard in order to obtain credit card security codes.

Both VISA and MasterCard say that this scam is currently being worked throughout the Midwest, with some variance as to the product or amount, and if you are called, just hang up.

It works like this: Person calling says, "This is Carl Patterson (any name) and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify. This would be on your VISA card issued by (your bank name). Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?"

When you say "No". The caller continues with, "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a company we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

You say, "Yes". The caller continues ... "I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 800 number listed on your card and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this control number". Then gives you a 6 digit number. "Do you need me to read it again?" Caller then says he "needs to verify you are in possession of your card". Turn the card over. There may be numbers but the last 3 are the security numbers that verify you are in possession of the card. These are the numbers you use to make internet purchases to prove you have the card. "Read me the 3 numbers."

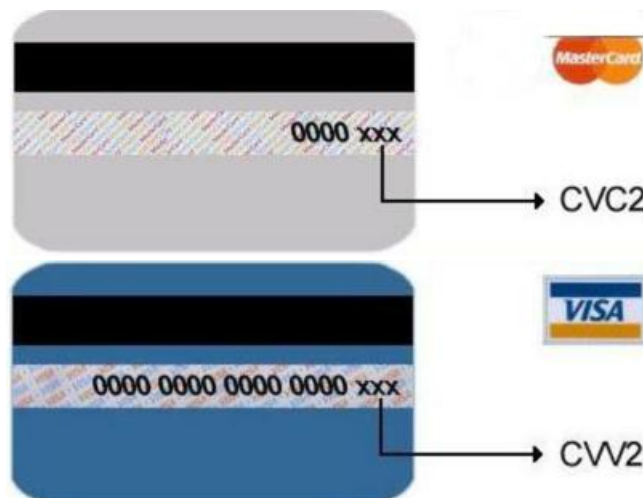
Then he says "That is correct. I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions? Don't hesitate to call back if you do."

If you get this far, the thief will have made a charge to your account often within 15 minutes.

What the scammer wants is the 3 digit number, the CVC2 or CVV2 codes, and that once the charge goes through, they keep charging every few days. By the time you get your statement, you think the credit is coming, and then its harder to actually file a fraud report.

Visa or MasterCard would not ask a cardholder to disclose security codes or provide any information verifying physical possession of a card; any such inquiries regarding security matters would come from the financial institution that issued the credit card, not from Visa or MasterCard itself.

If someone contacts you by phone about your credit card, ask the caller to provide their name, department, and extension, then hang up and call back through the phone number listed on your credit card or billing statement.



Thanks to Dave Ewing

April 1—"April Fools"

On April 1 in 1700, English pranksters began popularizing the annual tradition of April Fools' Day by playing practical jokes on each other.

Although the day, also called All Fools' Day, has been celebrated for several centuries by different cultures, its exact origins remain a mystery.

Ancient cultures, including those of the Romans and Hindus, celebrated New Year's Day on or around April 1. It closely follows the vernal equinox (March 20th or March 21st.) In medieval times, much of Europe celebrated March 25, the Feast of Annunciation, as the beginning of the new year.

Some historians speculate that April Fools' Day dates back to 1582, when France switched from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar, as called for by the Council of Trent in 1563. People who were slow to get the news or failed to recognize that the start of the new year had moved to January 1 and continued to celebrate it during the last week of March through April 1 became the butt of jokes and hoaxes. These included having paper fish placed on their backs and being referred to as "poisson d'avril" (April fish), said to symbolize a young, easily caught fish and a gullible person.

Historians have also linked April Fools' Day to ancient festivals such as Hilaria, which was celebrated in Rome at the end of March and involved people dressing up in disguises. There's also speculation that April Fools' Day was tied to the vernal equinox, or first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere, when Mother Nature fooled people with changing, unpredictable weather.

April Fools' Day spread throughout Britain during the 18th century. In Scotland, the

tradition became a two-day event, starting with "hunting the gowk," in which people were sent on phony errands (gowk is a word for cuckoo bird, a symbol for fool) and followed by Tailie Day, which involved pranks played on people's derrieres, such as pinning fake tails or "kick me" signs on them.

In modern times, people have gone to great lengths to create elaborate April Fools' Day hoaxes. Newspapers, radio and TV stations and Web sites have participated in the April 1 tradition of reporting outrageous fictional claims that have fooled their audiences. In 1957, the BBC reported that Swiss farmers were experiencing a record spaghetti crop and showed footage of people harvesting noodles from trees; numerous viewers were fooled. In 1985, Sports Illustrated tricked many of its readers when it ran a made-up article about a rookie pitcher named Sidd Finch who could throw a fastball over 168 miles per hour. In 1996, Taco Bell, the fast-food restaurant chain, duped people when it announced it had agreed to purchase Philadelphia's Liberty Bell and intended to rename it the Taco Liberty Bell. In 1998, after Burger King advertised a "Left-Handed Whopper," scores of clueless customers requested the fake sandwich. This year researchers at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), home of the particle smasher used to discover the Higgs boson particle and other groundbreaking insights into the four fundamental forces (the strong force, the weak force, the electromagnetic force and gravity), reported April 1 that they had confirmed the existence of the Force — the supernatural power in the fictional "Star Wars" universe. <http://home.web.cern.ch/about/updates/2015/04/cern-researchers-confirm-existence-force>



The Wrench Guy

John Piccoli is a 70 year-old man. He is restricted to a wheelchair because he had polio as a young boy. But those two facts aren't the most important things about this man. John is an artist. Not only is he an artist, but a very unique one at that. The Australian man doesn't use paints or clays to create his pieces. Instead, he uses a small crane and a pile of scrap metal—WRENCHES!!! 30 years ago he started making small garden sculptures progressing to much larger ones...



This is what he starts with...



This is what he makes...



***Thanks to
John
Bradshaw***

Community Notes...

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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet April 13 and 27, and May 11 and 27 at 7 pm in the club house. Join us!

Mah-Jongg—Meets in the club house every Wednesday between 6:30 -11:00 pm, new players welcome!

Craft Group - The DC craft group meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm at the clubhouse. The group selects art/craft projects that are individually completed. Participants pay a nominal fee for materials for the projects. Join in anytime! Contact Linda Kretschmaier at 614-560-1682 or lkretsch54@msn.com for details.

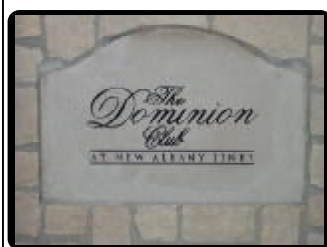
Lamp Post Lights—If your lamp post light has burned out and you need assistance changing it, two DCHA members have offered to help. Contact Hiram McCoy at 855-8120 or Tom Roth at 582-1394. It

would help if you had a replacement bulb. Working lamp posts add to the safety and security of our neighborhood.

Pothole Spotters—New Albany city crews are constantly patrolling the city for potholes, but with more than 200 lane miles they can't see all of them. If you notice a pothole in your travels please report it using this link: <http://www.newalbanyohio.org/forms/streetcurb-repair> or call the public service department at 614-855-0076. If a reported pothole is near New Albany but not actually in city limits, the public service department cannot fix the pothole. The city will, however, forward the information to the appropriate jurisdiction.



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April 17
Clubhouse 7pm



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