

Dominion Club News

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Quarterly Meeting Highlights

The quarterly meeting of The Dominion Club Homeowners Association (DCHA) convened on Thursday, January 15, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the DC clubhouse.

Board president Dean Jauchius reported that there were no issues submitted by homeowners in advance of the meeting. All five board members, Becky Colburn from Towne Properties and 25 residents were present on a very cold night.

John Bradshaw reported that on February 14, 2009 there will be a community dinner at the Rise & Dine Restaurant located next to Giant Eagle in New Albany. The charge will be \$11.00 per person. Cecilia Carfagna, who recently suffered a head injury in a fall during the recent ice storm, is moving to rehabilitation.

Dean Jauchius reviewed the snow contract and importance of enforcing the community parking regulations. The DCHA is not providing salt for icy walks as it damages the concrete. Parking on the south side of New Albany Road East is not controlled by the DCHA.

Gordon Schutt reviewed the 2008 actual and 2009 budget. In 2008 we were \$2,500 over budget. In 2009 the mowing, snow and Towne Property contracts stayed the same or were slightly lower allowing the Homeowner's fee to stay at \$120 per month. The snow removal is a time and materials

contract. If the snow budget of \$15,400 is exceeded it might be necessary to have a onetime additional homeowners assessment possibly in the \$130 range. There are two homeowners behind on their association dues. Liens have been placed on those homes.

Dave Ewing gave an update on the lawsuit. The case is progressing through the courts.

Tom Gyurko described maintenance issues for the pool and club house which included a drain cover for the pool, roof leak repair in the library, bad wood replacement around the east doors, and dispatching the incessant gnats.

Alex Campbell complimented the Communication Committee on their efficiency and support and reported on the DC website progress. The website has three intended audiences, the long time, the brand new and the prospective homeowner.

Becky Colburn described the association dues late payment process as follows:

- If the association dues are not paid by the 10th of the month a reminder letter is sent to the homeowner.
- When the payment is 60 days late a pre-lien warning letter is sent to the home owner.

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

- ◆ Valentine's Day Dinner, February 14

DCHA Quarterly Meetings

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



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SNOW is a Four-Letter Word...

During budget development, some “budget items” are necessarily educated estimates. Others are fixed-cost contracts, such as the Lawn Mowing and ChemLawn which help make the budgeting job a little easier.

Our snow removal contract is a time (labor), materials, and cost-per-machine activity. Therefore, when winters are bad, we pay. When winters are mild, we luck-out and don't pay as much.

Our snow budget for the 2008-2009 winter season was an average of our previous snow season experiences.

A near record-setting January following a snow storm on December 7, is stressing the snow removal budget.

We have been in discussion with our Abbruzzese representative to seek snow removal work of higher quality, decreased risk of damage, and lower cost.

We're going to try something different. If the snowfall is under 6 inches, we are NOT going to use the Bobcats (front loaders). We are going to experiment and utilize the “Sidewalk Crew” only. Many of the “Sidewalk Crew” are full-time Abbruzzese employees, who work here in the summer and are familiar with our neighborhood. They think they can do a better, yet more cost-effective snow removal job. However, if the snow is over 6 inches, the use of front-loaders will be required.

During the experiment, they will use their 2 or 3 large, riding, auger-type snow-blowers, other crew members will use the smaller “push-type” snow blowers and a few others will be hired day-laborers and use snow shovels, close-in by our porches and steps.

This trial has 2 objectives:

1. A higher quality job while decreasing the risk of damage to our asphalt or objects around our houses and driveways. Damage is frequently attributed to the bobcat operators.
2. Seek overall lower cost per snow removal job.

We will continue to manage the snow removal activities using the existing rules and guidelines - removal after 2 inches or more of snow and within 24 hours after the end of the storm.

The more “manual” approach may take a little longer, but once they're on-site, they will complete or return the first thing the next morning to finish the job.

We'll try this approach first before considering other measures such as raising the snow depth another inch before calling the snow removal crew.

AS ALWAYS we still request you maintain your “Snow Stake” positions and provide your feedback regarding any “damage” within 3 days after a snow removal activity.



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Valentine's Day Dinner

Please join us at the Rise & Dine Restaurant, 5481 New Albany Rd. West (next to Giant Eagle) for dinner on Saturday, February 14. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 p.m.

The menu is Tossed Garden Salad, Meat & Cheese Lasagna, Garlic Bread & dessert. The price is \$11.00 each, including tip. Please pay cash upon arrival. Coffee

and water will be provided. You may bring soda or alcoholic beverages. If bringing alcohol, you need to sign a waiver for the restaurant upon arrival. Note this is a private party.

Please respond ASAP, but no later than February 11, 2009. Seating is limited.

Call John & Donene Bradshaw, 855-7074



53rd Annual Central Ohio Home & Garden Show

The 2009 Central Ohio Home & Garden Show will be held February 28 through March 8 in Columbus at the Ohio Expo Center (Ohio State Fairgrounds). With the exciting theme Hooray for Hollywood!, the 2009 Garden Showcase will feature dazzling living landscapes inspired by favorite Hollywood movies including: Raiders of the Lost Ark; Tombstone; Sherlock Holmes; Ratatouille; Under the Tuscan Sun; Cast Away; Lord of the Rings; Mary Poppins; Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon; The Secret Garden; Mama Mia!; The Terminator; and Herbie the Love Bug. Another garden portrays Hollywood at Home.

Show guests will discover incredible garden and landscape ideas in these 14 full-sized gardens, which are produced by talented professional designers of the Columbus Landscape Association. Show guests will also enjoy the opportunity to talk one-on-one with experts about their own lawn and garden challenges and possibilities.

Renowned for these breathtaking gardens, the show is among North America's most exciting and interactive home and garden shows, featuring more than 400 exhibits and attractions. Consumers who visit the Home & Garden Show have the

opportunity to shop for every imaginable tool, accessory and service for any home or landscape project – all in one easy location at this one-of-a-kind marketplace.

The Central Ohio Home & Garden Show offers nine days packed with special events and attractions for all ages. Internationally known celebrities and daily cooking, gardening, home decor and home improvement presentations on two stages are crowd favorites each year. Also at the show, in the popular Home Improvement Expo, is the innovative Kitchen & Bath Design Center, where guests can meet the region's top remodeling and home improvement experts while shopping for everything from a new roof, bath or kitchen to an extreme basement makeover.

The Central Ohio Home & Garden Show opens Saturday, February 28, and runs through Sunday, March 8, at the Ohio Expo Center. Show hours are Saturdays 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 4 p.m. – 9 p.m.; and Wednesday and Friday Noon – 9 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults. As the show opening nears, tickets will be available at area Home Depot stores. Children ages 12 and younger are admitted free.



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- When the payment is 90 days late a lien is placed on the property. The lien will cost the home owner \$209.24 in addition to the back association dues.
- In the last step foreclosure proceedings are initiated to collect the late association dues, the lien fee and any lawyer's costs.

The \$200 fee assessed by the New Albany Links Master Association, while col-

lected by Towne Properties, is not under the purview of the DCHA. If a homeowner is late on both the Dominion Club association dues and the \$200 fee they may have two liens placed on their home.



 **President's Day** 
February 16

Your DCHA Web Site

The new website www.dominionclub.org represents a quantum leap in information availability and convenience for DCHA residents. It is also a positive, “with it” statement about the Dominion Club at New Albany Links community. Additionally, the public aspect of the web makes information available to outside interests, including realtors and prospective home buyers.

First and Foremost - A Resource for Residents—The web site provides a variety of information residents may need or want to know. It includes most of the forms and document information residents routinely use in a downloadable format. Some information is more up-front on the homepage and is spontaneous or momentary in nature.

Once at the website, click on the buttons in a conveniently located “red file cabinet”. The buttons are:

About - a description of Dominion Club, the atmosphere and typical activities

Block Watch - information and official New Albany Police forms for residents

Forms - many Dominion Club forms available for downloading

Homes for Sale - including pictures of the homes and showing the realtor’s sign

Home Maintenance - Village and Dominion Club documents and the Vendor Services Directory

Newsletters - all previously published Newsletters

Rules & Regulations - contains various procedures as well as the Handbook

This & That - the “miscellaneous file” of information residents have found useful

Web Links - numerous website addresses geared to the members of our community

Additionally, the current organization chart, the current newsletter, seasonal reminders (Snow Plan) and other items

are directly available on the homepage.

At the bottom of the homepage are links to initiate e-mail to Webmaster, Alex Campbell and Becky Colburn, Towne Properties.

The Absence of a Resident Directory, Detailed Map, Board Member details and house model floor plans is deliberate for privacy and security reasons.

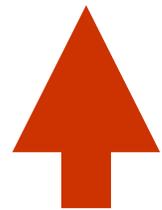
Welcome to the 21st Century—Give the web site a try. Provide some feedback. Send an e-mail to Alex or give him a call about what you like, don’t like, and what’s missing (alexicampbell@att.net)

The World Wide Web (www) provides access to dominionclub.org from anywhere in the world. For example, if you are traveling outside the U.S. and wish to access the web site from your laptop computer or a hotel-provided computer, you merely enter www.dominionclub.org in the browser and you’re instantly “home again” in a virtual sense.

What’s Next? - New features under consideration include:

“Groups” and “Activities” sections could be added for DCHA groups. Group information may be as simple as just meeting time/date/place information. Or it could be more active and informative about membership and activities. All that would be needed is a “communications” representative from each interested group to keep Alex Campbell up-to-date.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or content to contribute, please contact either Alex Campbell or Dean Jauchius.



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet this month on Monday, February 9 and 23 at 7pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

The DC Vendor Services Directory - first issued in July 2008, is updated and now available on the DCHA web site at

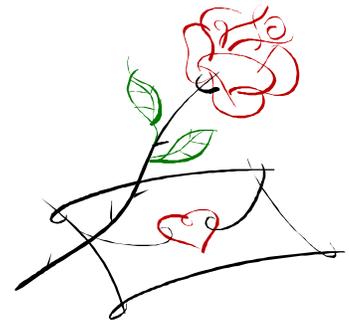
www.dominionclub.org. It will also be delivered to non-computer users with this month's edition of the newsletter.

The directory lists companies and individuals recommended by DC homeowners who have done satisfactory work for them. Service listings include such skills as electricians, plumbers, painters, garage door maintenance and handyman/lawn care tasks. Plans are to update the directory about every six to eight months.

The new update includes a new section "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" with contact listings of DC residents who have volunteered

their skills and services to assist fellow residents in such areas as electrical repairs, computer assistance, changing lamp post bulbs and mailbox maintenance. Contacts for these services are made directly with the volunteer.

Residents interested in volunteering may do so by contacting Wayne Hasty, directory coordinator, at whasty4703@aol.com. "We always welcome new volunteers to add to the list as well as vendor recommendations from residents for inclusion the directory. Submittal forms are available on the DCHA website," said Hasty.



Valentine's Day Dinner

Saturday, February 14

Rise and Dine



If you have contributions for the newsletter or something to communicate to the Dominion Club community, contact a member of the Communications Committee:

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