

Dominion Club News

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Home Maintenance

The warm winter spell tempts us to plan for spring and summer home maintenance projects even though the weatherman says the current warm spell will end soon, replaced by three months of below average colder weather. Time will tell...

Our homes are approaching or are 20 years old necessitating more consideration for major maintenance.

A little more than half of our homeowners have replaced their roofs over the last 2 years. Many were replaced via homeowner insurance claims due to accumulating hail, wind, or winter damage. Getting a roof inspection is easy and usually free. Such an inspection will not only identify any problems requiring attention, but is a requirement for any insurance company claim. If you make a claim, typically an insurance company representative will meet with your roof estimator to determine if replacement is covered.

Homeowners can use any roofer to get estimates although many of our homeowners have used Scott Torman, JLT Roofing & Construction (614-207-5744), or Feazel (614-782-5489) with great success.

The Association has a few guidelines related to roof replacement, mostly shingle color (weathered wood) and type (tier-1 dimensional architectural). Details can be found on the DCHA web site in the Home Maintenance section <https://www.dominionclub.org/home-maintenance>.

Many of our homes have experi-

enced wood rot over the years in wood trim and window frames; underneath siding; and in sun porch extensions. Often these problems are not apparent until leaks or wood failure occurs. Keeping wood and window trim painted and caulked is the first preventative action. Periodic inspection identifies problems before they become major costly expenditures. Many of our neighbors have used Scott Torman to inspect and make repairs.

Our porch concrete is aging, often cracking or pitting. The association has guidelines for making repairs short of the costly removal and pouring of a new concrete pad. There are specific color and material requirements. Details are on our web site <https://www.dominionclub.org/home-maintenance>. Any variation will require submitting an Exterior Modification request.

It's time to start closely inspecting sidewalks for crumbling, pitting, cracking, and uneven slabs. City ordinances require homeowners to have well maintained sidewalks. Any sidewalk requiring replacement must be done in-kind—no variations.

Any exterior modification to your home generally requires an Exterior Modification request and approval by both the DCHA and the NALHOA. Get more information and the required forms from Doug Easton at VGL (614) 408-3206 or deaston@vqltd.com.

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

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**DCHA Annual Homeowners Meeting—October 15, 2020
7pm at the clubhouse**



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Holiday Party



Fun was had by the 60 residents who attended the Holiday Party on Friday, December 6th. A yummy dinner of lasagna and salad was provided, and desserts were made by several community members. Songs were sung, several games were played and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Phyl Morrisey and Phyllis Solove for planning and organizing this fun event, and to our bakers and helpers in setting up, decorating, and cleaning up after.



Know Your Neighbors by John Bradshaw



Laura Kohler, a 21 year resident of New Albany, is very happy to be a part of the Dominion Club neighborhood at 6924 Joysmith Circle. After raising four children she's thrilled to have been able to "right size" in such an active and friendly community.

Laura served on the New Albany school board for seven years, resigning to accept an appointment from Governor John Kasich on the State Board of Education where she now serves as president. Working to ensure that every child has access to a high quality education to prepare them for success is her life's mission.

Pictured with newest granddaughter, Charlotte, Laura's other love is spending time

with her children and grandchildren. She has four "perfect" grandchildren, all under six years old, and is looking forward to welcoming another in July. Two of her children live in Washington DC where her daughter Nancy, mother of Charlotte (3 months) and married to Andrew Wilkins, is in government and regulatory relations for a organization representing the grocery industry, and her son, John, works for Congressman Troy Balderson. Daughter Ashley and her husband Ryan Hill live around the corner in the Millbrook Farms neighborhood and are the parents of Clare (5), Lily (3) and Harrison (19 months). Daughter Amy, who is a division director of the wardrobe subscription service Stitch Fix, lives with her husband Jay Sullivan in San Francisco. Amy and Jay are the parents-to-be. The final member of the family is Elliot, a Jack Russell Terrier, a little dog with a big dog attitude.

Laura's hobbies include travel, spending time with wonderful friends and good wine. Combining all three is the ultimate!



Welcome

Know Your Neighbors

by John Bradshaw



Carole Bertolini moved to 7057 Dean Farm Road in September 2019, after having some renovation done. Her son-in-law helped with the renovation.

She was born and raised in the Mahoning/Trumbull County area of Northeast Ohio. She attended parochial schools from K to 12 years. After graduating from John F. Kennedy High School, she attended Kent

State University and received a B.S. in Elementary and Special Education.

She continued her education at Youngstown State University, receiving an M.S. in Educational Administration. She taught in the Jackson-Milton public schools for 28 years, then retired from the Westerville City Schools as a Special Education Coordinator.

While living in Northeast Ohio she raised three wonderful children and was active in a number of organizations including the Youngstown Symphony, Stambaugh Pillars, Catholic Collegiate, Akron Children's Hospital, Friends of Mill Creek Riverside Gardens and Angels of Easter Seals.

Upon the birth of her fourth grandchild commuting from Canfield to Columbus caused the decision to move to Columbus in 2017.

In August of 2019 she purchased her permanent home here in The Dominion Club. It has been a very rewarding move as she is close to her children and grandchildren. She has met some very nice people here making the move most pleasant and comfortable. It is now beginning to feel like home!



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Nostalgia



Companies that have been in business for a long time often have updated or changed the logo or slogan used in advertising.

Cracker Jack was first sold in 1896 from a cart in Chicago. The mixture of popcorn, molasses and peanuts, sometimes called the first junk food in America, was very popular. It sold well at the Chicago World's Fair and got even more notice when the familiar song sung at ballgames said, "Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jack."

The company developed a box that held a single serving, added coupons for prizes in 1910, then small toys in 1912, and in 2013, a code that leads to an online puzzle or game.

The box has pictured the sailor boy (the founder's son) and his dog Bingo since 1918, often changing their looks. The early toys are popular with collectors, and

there is even a Cracker Jack Collectors Association. The most expensive prize? The baseball card series from 1914-1915, worth more than \$100,000.

Ever wonder when **rubber boots** replaced shoes on rainy days?

Hessian soldiers wore leather boots, and Arthur Wellesley, the first Duke of Wellington, decided boots made of rubber would be more useful and keep feet drier.

Charles Goodyear had vulcanized natural rubber in the 1850s to make tires, and he sold the use of the patent to Hiram Hutchinson in 1853 to use for boots. They became a fashion statement for a few years, but then farmers began to wear them, and then soldiers in both World Wars — the trenches often held rainwater and the boots kept feet dry.

Boots, of course, continue to be used by many and they have changed from a semi-pointed toe to a rounded toe, and even a metal toe to avoid accidents.

Boots were first made of leather and went to the knees in the 1840s, then to the calf in the 1850s, and to the ankle by the 1860s.

Today, the terms "wellies," "gummies" or "gumboots" are used to describe rain boots. The original high Wellington boot is still popular for people in places or jobs where there are puddles and floods.

The picture shown here is part of an 1898 calendar advertising Hood Rubber Boots for children. They are high enough to be considered Wellington boots. The company called the boots "galoshes."

Terry and Kim Kovel, authorities on collectibles, write for the King Features Syndicate



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet January 13 & 27; February 10 & 24 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

Drug Drop Box—permanently installed in the New Albany police station, 50 Village Hall Road, is available to residents to dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Disposing of medi-

cations is anonymous. Just empty your pills into a plastic bag and take them to the orange box in the lobby. The box is meant for pills only, **no liquids**, no syringes, and no pill containers. Recycle empty pill containers at home. All meds dropped into the box will be incinerated.

—thanks to Marty Day for the info



Take the "OLDER THAN DIRT" Quiz
Do You Remember?

1. BlackJack Chewing Gum
2. Wax coke-shaped bottle with colored sugar water
3. Butch Wax
4. Candy Cigarettes
5. Soda Pop machines with Glass bottles
6. Howdy Doody
7. Restaurants with tableside JukeBoxes
8. Home milk delivery in glass bottles
9. Party Telephone Lines
10. NewsReels before the movies
11. 45 RPM records
12. P.F. Flyers
13. Carrying a Metal Lunchbox
14. Drive in Movie Theatres
15. Telephone numbers with word prefix (Olive-6971)
16. The Andy Griffith Show
17. Soda Fountains
18. Roller Skate Keys
19. S+H Green Stamps
20. Blue Flashbulbs

If you remember 0 to 5 - You're a WhipperSnapper
 If you remember 6 to 15 - You're Gettin' There
 If you remember 16 to 20 - You're

"OLDER THAN DIRT"

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