

Dominion Club News

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DCHA Semi-Annual Meeting

The October Semi-annual Business Meeting of the DCHA will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at the clubhouse. This is an important meeting to elect new Trustees for Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board is seeking nominations for these positions. Anyone interested should complete the Nomination Application Form (FORMS at WWW.dominionclub.org) and send it to Towne Properties, at the address listed on the form.

Work Party Thanks!

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Anyone wishing to ask questions of the Trustees at the Business Meeting should send a written request, stating the question, to Dave Ewing by Sunday, October 16, 2011. This will provide the Trustees time to review any material needed to answer a question.



Oktoberfest!

Come to the Dominion Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. for a catered Dinner by Schmid's Catering of German Village in Columbus. The price per person, including tip is \$14. Please bring your own drinks and we will provide the rest. Here is the menu:

Schmidt's Bratwurst
Bahama Mama
Garlic Knochwurst
Hot Sauerkraut
German Potato Salad
Chunky Cinnamon Applesauce
Italian Rolls
Mini Cream Puffs

Come and enjoy a fun evening with us. You should have received your invitation via "Evite" on your e-mail or by a flyer in your mailbox. The deadline for responses is Monday, Oct. 17, as the caterer needs an exact count by this date.

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

- ◆ **October 22 Oktoberfest**
- ◆ **December 9 Holiday Party**

DCHA Meeting

- ◆ October 20
7 pm Clubhouse

DCHA Board Meetings

- ◆ 3pm 3rd Wednesday each month



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Western Cookout

Friday evening, August 26, 2011, afforded us perfect weather for our Western Cookout at the Dominion Clubhouse. With temperatures in the low-eighties at the beginning of the evening, sixty neighbors gathered to cook their own hot dogs over three open pit wood fires surrounding the swimming pool.

Everyone brought a main dish or dessert to share with others and there was plenty of good food to go with the hot dogs.

With such a nice evening most everyone hung around to roast marshmallows, and make s'mores before the door prizes were given to the lucky winners.

Thanks to our Party Committee, our Three "Firemen" who tended the open-pit fires and Ron Stauffer for the nice pictures.



Know Your Neighbors—Robert & Sally Youngs



Robert and Sally Youngs were originally from New York State, but settled in New Jersey for a large portion of

their lives. Moving to Ohio was a choice to be near their son's family, which includes two teen-age granddaughters. Their son had moved to Ohio for employment with Abbott Laboratory in Columbus and resides in Dublin. A daughter lives in New Hampshire.

In New Jersey, Bob worked for an electric and gas company and was elevated to the position of Manager of Customer Service. Bob's hobbies include tennis, singing, bike riding and jogging. He has enjoyed his participation with Habitat for Hu-

manity. Sally is a registered nurse and homemaker. Excelling in the field of nursing, she became the Director of Nursing at a long term nursing facility. She enjoys reading, gardening, needlework and community service. The Youngs have been married for 53 years.

Having the yard mowed and snow shoveled was a big draw to our community. The Youngs appreciate the well kept yards, sharing theirs with Sedona, a beautiful Golden Retriever at 7051 Camden Drive. If you do not find the Youngs at home, they may be traveling; something they both enjoy in their retirement years. Please greet the Youngs when you see them out walking. They are a delightful addition to our neighborhood and people you will enjoy meeting



**Columbus Day
October 10**

Know Your Neighbors—David & Dawn Steinberg



David and Dawn Steinberg live at 6944 New Albany Road East, and

bring vitality and a new sense of belonging to their home. They appreciate the Dominion Club and love their neighbors. The Steinbergs moved from a townhouse in New Albany, finding their patio home more spacious and a new challenge to decorate.

Dave is in charge of admissions at the Columbus Culinary School and judges various culinary events. He participates cooperatively with other culinary programs in the area. Dave has one son living in Mississippi. Dawn is an instructor and part of a Respiratory Protection Team at Riverside Hospital. She has a daughter, a phlebotomist, at the Victorian Vil-

lage Retirement Home.

Dawn enjoys clay modeling as her hobby. Many of her pottery creations adorn their home. She enjoys calligraphy as time permits. An avid creator of bow ties, Dawn has supplied Dave with an exhaustive supply, many having event and personal themes. Both Steinbergs enjoy traveling. Dave is a serious contender in backgammon games, including competitions, where he is considered one of the best in central Ohio. He has expertise and recognition in the culinary field, which qualifies him as a judge in that area. Of less importance is his interest in flying and dabbling in real estate. The Steinbergs have two cats, Cha-Cha and Money Penny.

The quiet neighborhood and care of properties drew the Steinbergs to our community. Please make them feel accepted and appreciated when you have an opportunity to visit.



**Veterans Day
November 11**



**Election Day
November 8**

Thanks to the Fall Work Party

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A Fungus Amongus...

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A simple slow-growing plant that typically forms a low crustlike, leaflike, or branching growth on rocks, walls and trees.

Lichens are composite plants consisting of a fungus that contains photosynthetic algal cells. Lichens obtain their water and nutrients from the atmosphere and can be sensitive indicators of atmospheric pollution. These are in Blendon Woods Metro park



Photos by Carol Jauchius

Ice Cleats for Winter Walks

Winter can present some very icy and unstable conditions for walking.

Dominion Club does not assume responsibility for salting sidewalks because of possible damage to concrete.

Salting can be a tricky proposition anyway, due to the ice liquefying, then re-freezing into a very slick surface again in the evening. So, use of salt or just paver base sand for traction, is left to the individual property owners.

For those who need or want to walk in the cold, icy conditions, there are some very nice, inexpensive devices known as ice cleats that can be used when the various surfaces are icy and dangerous to walk on. Most are a rubber-like, stretchy product, that can stretch to fit over your shoe or boot.

While this article is not endorsing any particular brand, first timers may wish to consider the following advice:

1. Get the right size. The cleats need to stretch a little so that they remain in-place as you walk.
2. Consider a set of cleats that have cleats on the heel of the foot too. This adds more cleats for traction when walking or

standing on ice.

3. Trust but verify - the cleats, while amazing in their ability to prevent slipping, are just a help. You would still need to walk carefully - almost flat-footed - to get the full affect of the cleats and their traction.
4. Good deals may be available when buying from the web.

If you're paying for shipping, it may be a good time to order for friends and family. Just be sure to get the sizes right.

One example of a good Ice Cleat product, among the many available, would be the STABILicers Lite Ice Cleats, which may be ordered from a large sporting goods company named Cabelas. This ice cleat product may be viewed at:

(Click on the link below or copy and paste it into your browser.)

www.cabelas.com/footwear-accessories-stabilicers-lite-ice-cleats-1.shtml?type=product&WT.tsrc=CSE&WT.mc_id=Goog-leBaseUSA&WT.z_mc_id1=717558&rid=40&mr:trackingCode=6FDE1BCD-958E-DF11-A0C8-002219318F67&mr:referralID=NA

—thanks to Dean Jaucius

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Winter Preps Aplenty on DCHA Web Site

Your Dominion Club website www.dominionclub.org is loaded with information for reference and use.

Winter may present quite an array of challenges which can be prevented now, while the weather is pleasant, rather than during the bitter, raw cold of winter.

Simply CLICK the **Home Maintenance** button in the "red file cabinet" on the DC website homepage, and numerous options provide you information you can use

to help ward off problems before they happen.

Garage Door TLC - contains hints and pics for doing a simple tune-up to your garage door. Better now than when Ol' Man Winter is knocking on the door and the opener stops working.

Das Vinter-Has - contains hints and pics to help you:

1. change your furnace filter

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Grammies Jammies

DCHA resident Judy Moore has a charitable project for your consideration...

For those who are looking for a charity this Holiday Season I hope you will consider Grammies Jammies.

Grammies Jammies was founded in October 2005 and due to donors' kindness over 500 pairs of new jammies have been donated to children in Franklin County.

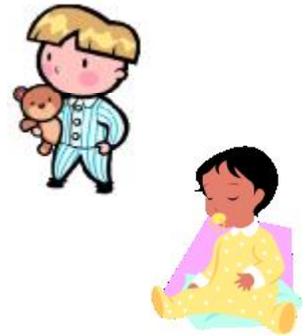
This year Grammies Jammies will donate to St. Vincent's Family Center. St. Vincent Family Center began in 1875 at the present location on East Main Street. The organization was founded as an orphanage under the auspices of Bishop Sylvester Rosecrans of the Catholic Diocese of Columbus. The work of the Catholic sisters to service the poor and orphaned of central Ohio continued into the early 1970s but expanded into the mental health field when the St. Vincent Orphanage merged with Columbus Children's Psychiatric Hospital. The emphasis on providing residential treatment and day treatment continued into the 80s and 90s

and was again expanded to include day treatment to St. Vincent Family Center in 2000 to acknowledge the mission of the agency and its founding. Today, St. Vincent Family Center remains in its original location in Columbus.

A few months ago, I read a story about a young woman who, with help from her family and friends was able to have new beds and mattresses donated to the residential center, so I thought this would be the perfect place for our jammies. St Vincent not only has a residential center for children ages 5-12 but services 250 children a day with education, family therapy, after school programs and outpatient family services, so we will donate to these programs as well.

Sizes that we need this year are newborn to children's size 16. If you are planning to donate, please CALL ME at 614- 506-5466 and I will be glad to pick up your donation or you can drop it off at my house.

—Thank you, Judy Moore



Winter Preps Aplenty on DCHA Web Site (continued)

2. adjust the dampers within your furnace ducts to suit your comfort level
3. clean-up and relight your gas fireplace
4. insulate your hot water pipes
5. be aware of and manage your sump pump and ducts during bitter freezing weather

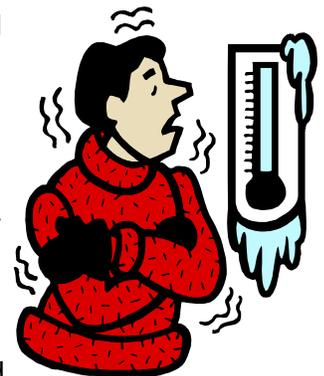
Snow Storm Savvy - contains discussion and pics to help you:

1. keep your sump pump curb outlet clear
2. addresses damaging ice dams which form during short, bursty snow/ice thaws and refreezes on the roof
3. addresses safety issues about keeping your dryer vent louvers and furnace/water heater louvers clear and able to open during freezing weather

New Albany Snow Priorities - the official Village of New Albany snow removal and priority policy.

NOT on the web site, but worth a note: Get those aerosol cans in from the garage. Unless your garage is heated or very well insulated, freezing temperatures may occur. Freezing temperatures may cause aerosols to burst. Freezing may ruin other non-aerosol chemicals, e.g., leftover liquid lawn chemicals, insect sprays, etc. that may otherwise be used again next year.

One last item, you may want to take time to do an annual change-out of smoke alarm, CO alarm and electronic thermostat batteries to keep those items operating optimally.



DCHA Board Meeting Summary

The DCHA board met on August 17 and September , 2011. Here are the highlights:

1. The Management Agreement with Towne Properties was reviewed by the Board. No major changes were recommended at this time.
2. Tom Roth contacted Towne Properties to determine if the Board will have input concerning where our Certificates of Deposit are deposited. Not all interest rates are the same. Becky reported the Board will as the CDs mature.
3. Jack Schmidt reported residents were interested in keeping the pool open later than Labor Day. The Board voted to keep it open until September 19, 2011. Jack reported that the security lights in front of the clubhouse were out, so he replaced the bulbs.
4. Jack Greene reported that there were parking violations on Keesee Circle. Jack contacted Becky concerning return of the pool and clubhouse key from a resident who is no longer in good standing. She has sent two letters to the resident asking for the key to the pool and clubhouse. There has been no reply. Since this resident has not been seen lately, Becky will check to see if ownership of the property has changed.
5. Dave Ewing presented a plan for six Trustee Meetings a year, instead of monthly meetings. These would be in October (preceding the Semi-annual Business Meeting), November (Trustee assignments), January, April (preceding the Semi-annual Business Meeting), July and September (for budget discussion and approval). This plan was approved by the Board.
6. Jack Schmidt voiced his thanks for the many volunteers who helped with cleaning of the pool house and storage of pool items. Shelves were built for stor-

age of poles and umbrellas. Jack mentioned that a lot of trees, lining the sidewalks around the Dominion Club area, had limbs extending over the sidewalks. We will determine if the City Service Department covers trimming on those trees.

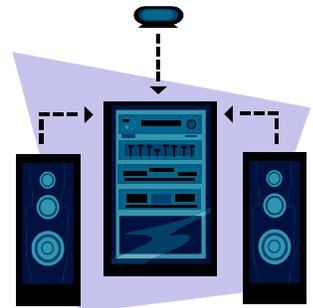
7. Dave Ewing gave the financial report. Dave asked Board members to review budget needs for 2012 and send him a list. The October Semi-annual Business Meeting will be held on October 20, 2011 at 7 pm in order to include financial data through September.

Clubhouse Stereo

The Dominion Clubhouse has a new stereo system with large speakers for radio and a CD-changer in the main area. The old speaker system still works with small speakers in the ceiling.

John Bradshaw found the large speakers, re-wired and refinished them. Ron Stauffer donated an amplifier. Next, after an appeal to the neighbors, Bill Logue donated the CD-changer. John put it all together, wired up the Clubhouse and worked up a simple instruction sheet for the user.

Thanks to these three neighbors for their donations to our Clubhouse!



Happy  Halloween



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet October 10 and 24 and November 14 and 28 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

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

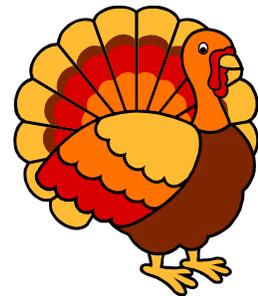
The Dominion Club Women's Bible Study—Meets in the clubhouse each Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30am. Contact Mary Lou Ewing, 614-933-9017 if you are interested in joining.

DCHA Vendor Services directory—The DCHA Vendor Services Directory has been updated with an entry for the “Dryer Vent Wizard”. With the newest homes in the Dominion Club now five years old this may be a good time to have your dryer vent checked for lint buildup and cleaned if necessary. Thanks to Judith Bennett for calling this to our attention. If you have a vendor you would like to recommend for the Vendor’s Services Directory fill out the Services Directory Information Submission Form and send it to Alex Campbell or John Bradshaw. The complete Directory and the Submission Form are available on the

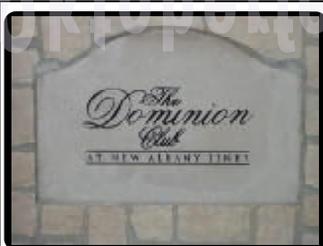
DCHA website. If you do not have web access ask Alex or John for a paper copy.

Don’t Forget to make your clock “fall back”—Overnight Saturday, November 5th to Sunday, November 6th, the Time Change back to Eastern Standard Time will occur. Don’t forget to set your clocks BACK one hour. Officially, the change occurs at 2:00 A.M. I think I’ll sleep on it...

Winter Reminders—Disconnect, drain, and store garden hoses in the garage or basement. Remove items that are close to the sides of driveways—if they are hidden by deep or drifting snow they may be damaged by snowplow operators.



Oktoberfest 6:30 pm Saturday October 22



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