

Dominion Club News

Board Notes

The DCHA annual meeting of homeowners was conducted on-line for the first time on December 3. Many thanks to Bob Mertens, Phyllis and Jeff Solove for serving on the board. Chuck Stenger and Ken Hill are the newly elected board members and Mark Massarella begins his first full term as Treasurer.



Chuck Stenger

Chuck is serving as President and will oversee the clubhouse and pool as well as the Block Watch committee. The clubhouse and pool continue to remain closed due to the Governor's order which continues unchanged. As the winter ends and as the coronavirus vaccine is implemented, the board is hopeful that the Governor's order will change and we will again be able to use our pool and clubhouse. He noticed that the clubhouse smoke alarms are over 20 years old and should be changed. He said "from time to time I will be asking for volunteers to help around our community. I know we have a wealth of talented and knowledgeable individuals who live here and would be willing to share their abilities for the betterment of our community."

Chuck is looking for volunteers to participate in the Dominion Club Neighborhood Watch Program. He said, "This program is an informal association of neighbors who look out for each other's families and property, alert the police to any suspicious activities in progress, and work together to make our community a safer and better place to live. Remember, even with the police watching your home, good neighbors are the best defense against criminal activity. Get to know your neighbors and watch out for each other!"



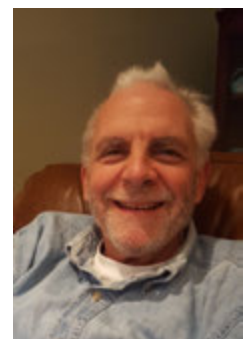
Ken Hill

Ken is vice president overseeing the landscaping and snow removal services. He is keenly aware of the issues and complaints regarding the current landscaping contractor and is working to resolve those issues one way or the other for the upcoming season.

Mark is serving as treasurer. The association's financial condition is good and there is no change in monthly fees. Mark included a financial statement in the last mailing sent to all homeowners.

The highlights of the balance sheet show approximately \$49,000 in the operating account and \$56,000 in the reserve account for future major capital expenditures.

This year's income statement shows net income to date about \$17,000 above the budgeted amount. The largest line item contributing to that was snow removal last winter which was zero. The pool did not open this year which saved about \$6,000 under normal operating costs. The costs of pool maintenance continued in order to preserve the pool. There were \$3,000 in unexpected legal fees this year to make the legal changes to the association bylaws and regulations to allow for mail-in voting for board members and for an online annual meeting; to address the pandemic issues associated with the Governor's Order; and to deal with a homeowner complaint.



Mark Massarella

Know Your Neighbors

by John Bradshaw



Jim and Lisa O'Neill moved into 6939 Joysmith Circle at the end of September. Lisa grew up in central Ohio; Jim grew up in the suburbs of Cleveland. They met at Ohio State and got married in 1984. They previously lived in Pickerington for 25 years. Jim retired as Police Chief in Reynoldsburg after 25 years and currently works in Campus Safety at Denison University. Lisa worked in Information Technology for over 35 years, most recently at OSU Wexner Medical Center. She left OSU in April to watch her granddaughter full time.

They have a daughter, son, and dog. Brittany lives in New Albany Links with her husband Andrew and daughter Evie. She is a dermatologist with Ohio State and Andrew is an electrical engineer with SEL. Sean lives in the Brewery District downtown and works at Ohio State in Clinical Research. Rooney – a golden retriever lives at home!

Jim and Lisa like the outdoors and have participated in many running and biking events over the years. They have done triathlons and Pelotonia numerous times. They are fans of Ohio State football and basketball as well as Columbus Crew Soccer. They are big Disney fans and travel to Walt Disney World usually several times a year. They look forward to being able to meet more neighbors once things get back to normal.

Welcome!

Season's Greetings to All!



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Valerie Gillespie and Steve Wiley were recently married, as pictured, on July 4, 2020. They live at 6922 New Albany Road East. Prior to that, Valerie lived in Collingwood Pointe at the Preserve and Steve lived in the Upper Arlington area. Both are avid golfers and have spent many hours on the New Albany Links Golf Course. They met, got engaged and held their wedding reception at the Pub! Being able to stand on their front porch, view the lovely landscape and watch others putt on the 12th green were the deciding factors in purchasing their new home. Finding golf balls in the yard is a surprising bonus!

Steve is an attorney, specializing in real estate law with the law firm of Calfee, Halter and Griswold. Valerie is retired from her long-time position as Senior Sales Manager at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Columbus.

Steve has a grown son and Valerie has two grown sons and five grandchildren. All live in the Columbus area.

Along with golf, Valerie enjoys gardening and traveling. Both enjoy dining out, watching old movies, playing cards and spending time with family and friends. They are also active members of the Church of the Resurrection. Both are big Blue

Jackets fans. College football weekends are interesting, as Valerie and her family cheer for Penn State, while Steve and his son are Buckeyes!

They are both excited to be starting their new life together in their home at the Dominion Club and look forward to meeting new friends.

Welcome!

Tis the Season...

This season there has been an upswing in thefts from porches as home deliveries have increased because of the coronavirus pandemic and the holiday season.

The New Albany Police offer the following tips to protect your packages from being stolen:

- Report any suspicious activity to NAPD, such as people following delivery trucks.
- Try to collect packages as soon as they are delivered.
- Give instructions to the delivery service for packages to be left in the backyard or in a concealed location.
- Have a neighbor put the package in a concealed location if you are unable to request it with the delivery company.

Fall Photos

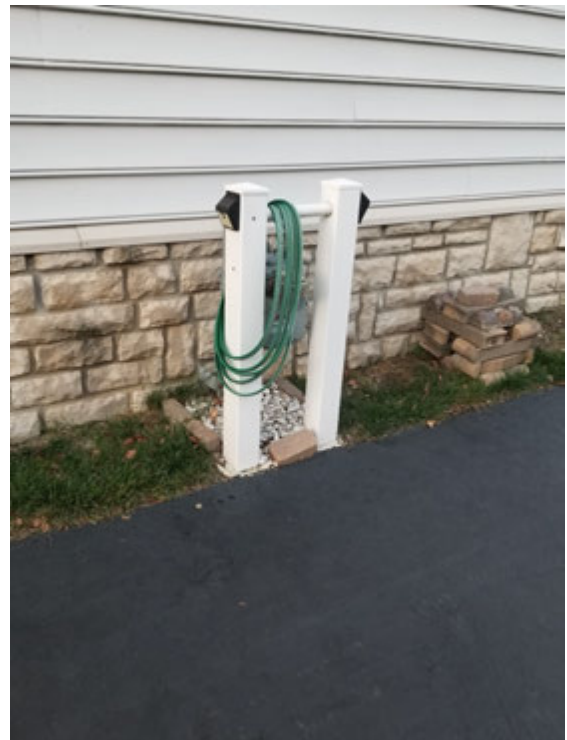
Our neighbor Jan Nelson snapped some fall photos she wanted to share...



Protect Your Gas Meter

The natural gas meter, usually located on the side of our homes, can be subjected to some abuse. If your gas meter just “sticks out” from the side of your home over your lawn, then it can be subject to being hit by lawnmowers or other lawncare equipment regardless of how careful a landscaper tries to be. It’s not unusual to have at least one gas meter hit during the mowing season, sometimes a couple more.

The best defense is to protect your gas meter by literally removing the lawn from under and around it so mowers can easily avoid it or to protect it with a barrier that accomplishes the same goal. A flower bed in front and around it eliminates the need for mowers to get close. Providing a decorative shield can provide protection. Here are some examples from our neighbors...



City Sidewalk Repair

Our neighbor and board member Mark Massarella was surprised one day when contractors from the city of New Albany showed up to construct a sidewalk on the corner of his property and across the street. He lives on the corner of Camden and Lark Lane. Someone on the crew told him the city has a program to replace/repair sidewalks that are damaged by trees. It's not clear exactly how this program works, but an email from an

engineering technician at the City Service Department provided the following information. "Back in 2016 city council implemented a sidewalk program starting with the James River Road area. That section of New Albany was determined to have severe sidewalk damage per lot. After 2016 the city has gone forward with repairing residential sidewalks that are in the right-of-way in the city based on severity. My understanding from city council is that we will continue a year-by-year program in the fashion that we have been doing it. I cannot give you a year when we will be doing the Links area. It is all determined by the moneys allotted by City Council." He provided this map:

