

Dominion Club News

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Board Notes

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Eddybrook Tree Farm & Landscaping and **TruGreen** are continuing services to Dominion Club this season, the second year in 3-year contracts.

The basic schedule of services for each contractor follows:

Eddybrook will provide lawn mowing, front bed edging, mulching and pruning, and tree ring edging.

Spring cleanup is scheduled next week or the week after depending on weather.

Mowing is scheduled to begin in April depending upon weather and growth. The target day for mowing is Wednesdays, dependent, of course, on weather.

Edging, including tree rings, along with **mulching** is scheduled for April. They will use triple-processed Absolute Black mulch again this year.

Target months for **first pruning** of front bed shrubs and bed maintenance is scheduled for May; **second** in July; **third** in October. The actual pruning dates will depend on weather and plant growth.

Fall cleanup is scheduled for November.

Eddybrook offers additional services to homeowners at homeowner expense. Such services include edging, mulching, and pruning side and back beds, tree pruning, new shrubs/shrub replacement, and lawn repairs/replanting. Contact Brad Eddy at (614) 309-8459 or brad@eddybrook.com for quotes and scheduling.

TruGreen will provide lawn care as follows:

March - fertilizer, crabgrass control, broadleaf weed control (weather dependent).

April - fertilizer, crabgrass control, broadleaf weed control.

May - fertilizer, crabgrass control, broadleaf weed control.

June- July - fertilizer, broadleaf weed control, grub control

August - fertilizer, broadleaf weed control—includes surface feeding insect control, as needed.

September/October - fertilizer, broadleaf weed control.

November - fertilizer.

They will attempt to avoid applications on Wednesdays (mowing days) and Thursdays (garbage days). All application dates depend on weather and growth conditions.

TruGreen offers additional services to homeowners at homeowner expense, such as tree and shrub care. They offer lawn aeration and over-seeding service—estimated prices are:
Small lawn-\$85.00 + tax
Medium lawn-\$135.00 + tax
Large lawn-\$189.00 + tax

Contact Walt Morey at 614-207-3486 or waltermorey@trugreenmail.com for quotes and scheduling.

The DCHA Communications Committee will email homeowners throughout the season with specific service dates.

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

◆ **TBA**

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



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Know Your Neighbors

by John Bradshaw



Remembering Bob White...

Bob & Jackie White moved to the Dominion Club in 2003. They were about the 30th couple to move to our neighborhood.

It did not take Bob very long to get to meet his neighbors. He had a dog and would walk around and meet every home that had a dog. He knew the dog's name and let his dog romp and play with all the other dogs. He also took his dog, Rocky, to the Dog Park at end of our street and enjoyed the social life for himself and the dog.

We started a party committee in about 2004 and Bob volunteered to be on that committee. We had 6 parties a year at our clubhouse. For the next 12-years Bob never missed working the day before the party to set up and after the party he stayed to clean up.

Bob was one of the original members of the "Block Watch" committee and met every new person who moved into the neighborhood. Often we coordinated our efforts on knowing when someone just moved in. He often met with Sgt. Ryan Southers of the New Albany Police Dept. to discuss new ideas for the committee.

As co-chairman of the Nominating Committee, Bob and I often talked about who we thought would make good members for our Trustees. He always had some insightful prospects in mind.

Every year there was a "Spring Clean-up" at our clubhouse and Bob never missed doing his part getting the pool ready for the season and doing work around the clubhouse inside and out.

Best of all Bob was a friend I could count on to just sit and talk about any subject. He will be sorely missed by me and our neighbors.

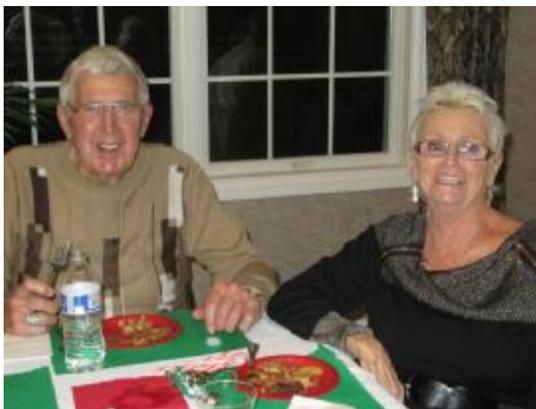
—John Bradshaw

I remember the first day I met him. I was sitting on my front porch steps shortly after we moved in during May 2005. Bob came by walking his dog, waved, and stopped by to talk. He welcomed me to our neighborhood and we had quite a chat, the first of many.

We appreciated very much the things he quietly did for our community. His long service on our Block Watch, including his help to organize one for the Links association; his kindness to our neighbors who didn't have a computer to whom he hand delivered a printed copy of our newsletter; and the special effort he made with John Bradshaw to find our "next" board members - a really great and special service to our community.

We'll all miss him!

—Bob Radigan



Remembering

Smoke Alarms

When was the last time you checked out the age of your smoke alarms? If it has been 10 years or more, you are overdue.

Smoke alarms have a finite lifespan. Smoke alarm lifespans can vary, but according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), smoke alarms need to be replaced at least every 10 years.

“While most people generally know that smoke alarms play an important role in home fire safety, some smoke alarm messages are not as well understood,” says Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy for NFPA. “Not knowing how often smoke alarms need to be replaced—or that they even have an expiration date—are among them.” That lack of awareness means some U.S. homes may have smoke alarms that have passed their expiration dates, putting people at increased risk in the event of a home fire. NFPA statistics show that three out of five U.S. home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working alarms.

A smoke alarm’s age can be determined by looking on the back or side of the smoke alarm, where the date of manufacture can be found. According to NFPA, smoke alarms should be replaced at least 10 years from that date (not the date of purchase or installation). In addition, smoke alarms should be tested monthly.

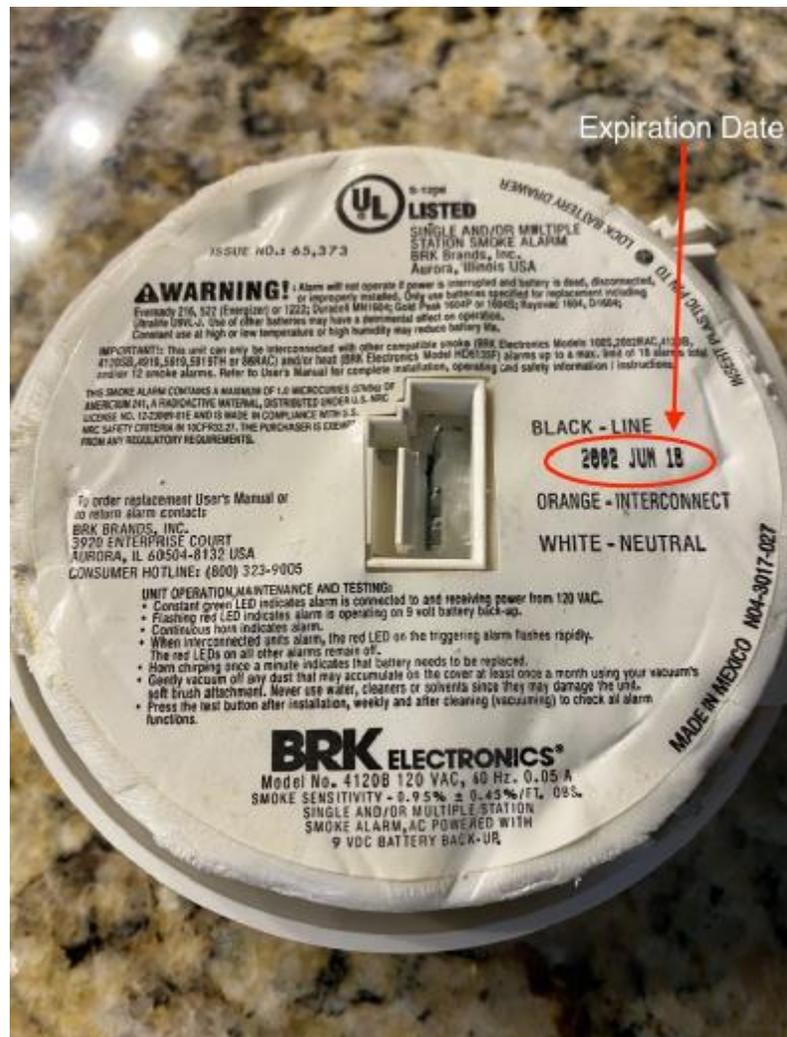
- Half of Americans (50 percent) have three or more smoke alarms in their current home.
- Almost one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (19 percent) say the oldest smoke alarm they currently have in their home is 10+ years old.
- Nearly one in five Americans who have smoke alarms (18 percent) are not at all sure how old the oldest smoke alarm

they currently have in their home is.

- When asked how often they should replace smoke alarms, nine in 10 Americans (90 percent) did not select the correct answer, which is at least every 10 years.

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—thanks to our neighbor retired firefighter **Chuck Stenger** for this article



Scams

Protect Yourself from Social Security Scams

Scammers are pretending to be government employees. Scammers will try to scare you and trick you into giving them your personal information and money. They may threaten you or your family and may demand immediate payment to avoid arrest or other legal action.

If you receive a suspicious call:

- Hang up!
- **Do not** give them money or personal information!
- Report the scam at [OIG.SSA.GOV](https://oig.ssa.gov).

What to look out for:

- The call or email says there is a problem with your Social Security Number or account.
- Someone asking you to pay a fine or debt with retail gift cards, wire transfers, pre-paid debit cards, internet currency, or by mailing cash.
- Scammers pretend they're from Social Security or another government agency. Caller ID or documents sent by email may look official but they are not.
- Callers threaten you with arrest or other legal action.

Social Security **will never call you** to:

- Threaten you
- Suspend your Social Security Number
- Demand immediate payment from you
- Require payment by cash, gift card, pre-paid debit card, or wire transfer
- Ask for gift card numbers over the phone or to wire or mail cash

Learn more at oig.ssa.gov/scam.

-from SSA advisory

UPS wants to help you avoid being a victim of fraud

Fraudulent communications adopt many different forms and are the unauthorized actions of third parties. These messages, sometimes referred to as "phishing" or "spoofing," are becoming more common and may appear legitimate by incorporating company brands, colors, or other legal disclaimers. We take fraud and the protection of our customers' information seriously. We want to help make sure you don't fall victim to phishing or other types of fraudulent activity whether it's through email, text, phone, or social media.

Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- UPS will not request personal information, financial information, account numbers, IDs, passwords or copies of invoices in an unsolicited manner through email, mail, text, phone or fax, especially in exchange for the transportation of goods and services.
- If you receive a message that appears to be from UPS that you believe is fraudulent, send a screenshot of the message or forward it to fraud@ups.com for investigation.
- Learn more about how to avoid phishing scams in this article from the U.S. Federal Trade Commission: <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>.

-from UPS advisory



Leap Year

Leap years can lead to strange situations. If you were born on Feb. 29, 1996, for instance, this year you will be celebrating your sixth birthday, even though you're 24.

Leap years occur because the daily cycle of the earth spinning on its axis doesn't quite match up with the yearly cycle of the earth orbiting the sun. While we count 365 days in a year, the time between vernal equinoxes is actually around 365 days and six hours. That means every four calendar years we accumulate a day of inaccuracy, which is why we insert February 29 to correct it.

However, the solar year isn't exactly

365.25 days. It's actually 365.24217 days, which means that every 100 years, we need to correct the calendar in the opposite direction by skipping the leap year—as happened in 1900 and will happen again in 2100.

But skipping the leap year every 100 years only gives us an average of 365.24 days a year, which means that after a few hundred years, we'll be a day off again. That's why every 400 years we put a leap day back in—as we did in 2000, which had 366 days. That way, the length of the year averages 365.2425, which is pretty close to the correct value.

—Eugenia Cheng, *WSJ*, 2/29/2020



Daylight Saving Time

Early Sunday morning, most people in America will spring forward and move their clocks one hour ahead to daylight-saving time.

It is good news for those who enjoy more daylight in the evening. But experts say a growing body of evidence shows that the annual time shift is bad for our health, disrupting our circadian rhythms and sleep and leading to a higher immediate risk of heart attacks, strokes, atrial fibrillation and potentially car accidents.

One thing is clear: A majority of Americans and states want to stop the tradition of moving clocks an hour ahead in spring and an hour back in the fall. A 2019 survey by the Associated Press and NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 28% of people polled are happy with the status quo. Meanwhile, 31% would like to be on daylight-saving time year-round, while 40% would prefer sticking solely with standard time.

More states are passing legislation to stay on daylight-saving time permanently

though the change can't be made without U.S. congressional action. In the past three years, nine states have passed measures to stay on daylight-saving time year-round and many more are considering legislation.

The Ohio legislature is voting on asking the US Congress to approve the "Sunshine Protection Act of 2019" which would permanently extend Daylight Saving Time across the country eliminating changing the clocks in the spring and fall. The Ohio Senate has approved.



Nostalgia



German-made rickshaw from the 1900s was a popular '**penny toy**'.

Children's toys are valuable records of what life was like in the past. From about 1880 to 1914, inexpensive, mechanical lithographed tin toys known as "penny toys" were popular and affordable in America.

A toy rickshaw with a driver and a lady in a small cart was made by George Fischer of Nuremberg, Germany, in the early

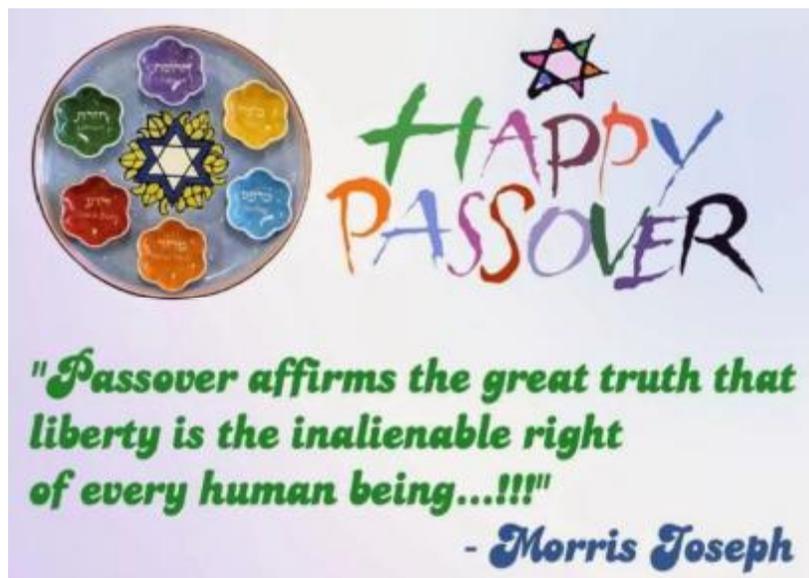
1900s. The company made many different penny toys, all based on the life of the times. His trademark on most toys was "G.F." in capital letters.

But was there really a rickshaw powered by a man riding a bicycle? Yes. It is thought that the first rickshaw was invented about 1869 by an American missionary to Japan who used it to transport his invalid wife. The idea became popular, and by 1872 there were about 40,000 rickshaws in use in Japan.

There are many styles and names such as bike taxi, pedicab, tricycle taxi and even modern electric models. Men pushed or pedaled the rickshaw because they were less expensive to hire than a horse.

The driver and passenger of the Fischer rickshaw pictured here are wearing 1910 clothes, so the toy might have been made then. The price for this toy is no longer a penny; it sold for \$5,400 at a Bertoia auction.

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



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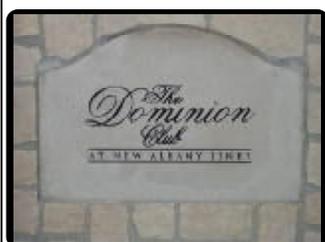
Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet March 9 & 23; April 13 & 27 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

Looking for a Volunteer for the Block Watch Committee—The DCHA Block Watch promotes the security and safety of our community. They meet periodically with a member of the New Albany Police to exchange information. The officer shares information about crime in New Albany and makes suggestions for ways to protect our homes and personal safety.

Please contact board member **Pat Ewing** if you would like to join our Block Watch specifically to focus on New Albany Road East and Camden.

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 medications 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



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