

Dominion Club News

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Board Notes

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Pool Deck

As previously reported, the board selected a contractor to replace the deck around the pool and repair the walkway at the clubhouse entrance. The estimated cost is \$18,987.11. Work is scheduled to begin March 20 and finish in 30 days, leaving 10 days for the normal preparation for opening the pool. The expenditure will be paid from our reserve fund, which is established to make capital repairs.

On a related topic, the board voted to select Criterium Liskay, an engineering company, as the best of 3 bidders to do a "Reserve Study". The cost is \$2,100.00. The purpose is to evaluate the condition of our association assets including the clubhouse, pool, HVAC, fencing, parking lot, and so on to estimate over the next 30 years when repairs/replacements are anticipated along with their estimated costs. The objective is to determine how much money should be set aside each month in a reserve fund so repairs can be made without a sudden impact on monthly fees.

As is customary for most HOAs, a reserve study is done every 5 years. Our last study was done in 2012 and is an expected expenditure

Landscaping Care

As part of our contract with Abbruzzese, the board agreed to do a new "do not prune/mulch" list for residents who do not want pruning/mulching service. **Please contact Becky or Kathy at Towne Properties, 614-781-0055**

or BeckyColburn@towneproperties.com if **you don't want Abbruzzese to mulch and/or prune your shrubs in your front beds.** We are starting a new list since a number of homes have changed owners. So even though you may have been on the list last year, **please call to get on this year's list** before March 15!

The board will meet with Abbruzzese and TruGreen to coordinate and schedule services for the upcoming season. The board will publish the schedule dates so that residents will know roughly when to expect mulching, pruning, fertilizing, etc. They are now committed to informing the board about their schedule and any changes. The board will conduct quarterly service reviews.

NAL HOA Amendments

The board discussed the amendments sent to all New Albany Links homeowners concerning sexual predators and property leasing. The DCHA board was not consulted nor informed about the amendments proposed by the NAL HOA board. There are no known problems or issues in the Dominion Club concerning these topics. 397 property owners in NAL must vote yes to approve the amendments.

Game Night March 3

The first party of 2017 is Game Night at the clubhouse. The games are Bingo and Trivia. More information to follow...

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

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DCHA Meetings Clubhouse 7pm

- ◆ **April 20**
- ◆ **October 19**



March 12

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Holiday Party



The Holiday Party was held on December 9 at 6:30 PM at the Club-house. On the menu was a Lasagna dinner with appetizers and desserts. Our Dominion singers once again performed along with the ever talented Bob Mertens tickling the ivories...



Know Your Neighbors by John Bradshaw

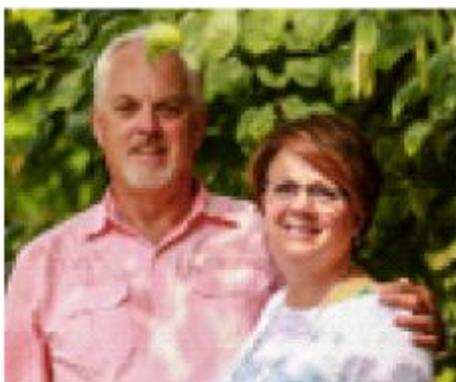
Jan and Tom Rogers moved into 6915 Joysmith Circle from Carroll Ohio where they lived for the past 12 years. Previously they lived in Pickerington, Ohio where they raised their two children.

Tom is the VP of regional sales (Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania) for S. Abrahams and Sons, a food wholesaler based out of Grand Rapid Michigan. Jan is the Program Director of the Assistive Technology and Accessible Educational Materials Center at OCALI, a project funded by the Ohio Department of Education.

Their son, Aron and his wife Angela live in Bexley, Ohio. They have two daughters (Clara, 4 months and Ella, 4). Their daughter Annie and her husband Tony live in Lewis Center. They have a daughter Gabby, 3 and son Owen, 1.

Tom and Jan have a cottage at Buckeye Lake and enjoyed boating on the lake before the dam project began 2 years ago. With water levels expected to rise this coming summer they hope to be back out on the lake again with their family and friends. Tom is also an avid golfer and they both enjoy biking.

"We were ready to downsize and move closer to our kids and grandkids. Dominion Club is the perfect location for us for quick access to family, work and the lake. We love the easy access to restaurants, walking and bike trails, golf, and parks. We can't wait to meet all of our new neighbors!"



Renee and Mel Baskerville moved in to 6950 Joysmith Circle on September 25, 2016.

Over the last 10 years they've lived in Blacklick, Ohio, Franklin, Massachusetts, and Gahanna, Ohio before moving to New Albany in 2015.

Renee works for SODEXHO Food Services at Discover and is a certified personal trainer. Mel works for American Electric Power Transmission Station Engineering. They both travel 5-8 minutes to their workplace!

Renee attended Columbus State. Mel graduated from Franklin University and Columbus State.

They have twin daughters and one son, all live in central Ohio. Their two grandchildren are both are under 8 years old.

They both love to read and watch sports.

"We are very happy with our new home. We love the peace and quiet!"

WELCOME

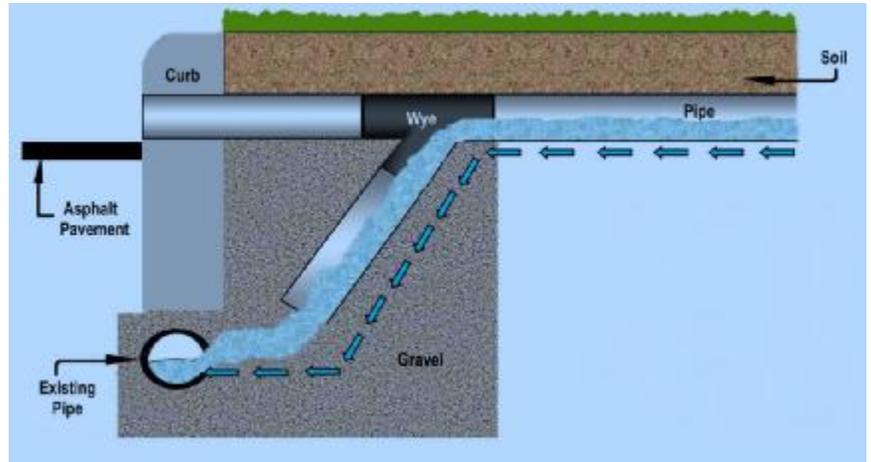
Stem The Flood...In The Street!

The city of New Albany has been installing Wye drains in front of many homes in our community over the past few years. The purpose is to facilitate the removal of standing water on streets during heavy rains due to the settling of pavement or location of storm sewer drains on curbs. You may know that the sump pump and gutter downspouts drain through pipes that discharge onto the road through the curb stone.

The purpose of installing a “wye” is to redirect that drainage underground to a French (gravel) Drain so water does not pond in the roadway. The water filters through the gravel bed to an existing perforated pipe located under the curb and eventually to the New Albany storm sewer system.

If you don't have a wye already installed and notice rainwater or melting snow

pooling on the road in front of your home, contact New Albany Public Service Department at 614-855-0076 or email publicservice@newalbanyohio.org. More info available at <http://newalbanyohio.org/answers/streets/>. There is no charge for this service—your tax dollars at work!



Block Watch

The block watch committee met on January 26, 2017 with our New Albany Police representative, Officer Ryan Southers. Fortunately there have been no reported incidents in our community. Officer Southers told us that the NAPD will soon be adding seven new officers to their ranks as well as three new vehicles. The New Albany schools will be on spring break from March 27 to March 31 and the curfew hours do not apply during this week. The regular curfew hours are from 11:00PM to 6:00AM. The school year will close on May 26th.

The Marburn academy on Rt. 62 is now open. The senior care center on Rt. 62 is well underway and perhaps will be opened later this year. The top floor is to be an Alzheimer's unit transitioning through a nursing area to assisted living and to independent living. Noah, the event center on Rt.62 is completed and open for business.

We were reminded to always close our

garage doors at night and if any vehicles are left outside to make sure they are locked. Residents are advised to notify the NAPD when you are away so they may do house checks in your absence. If you return early please notify the NAPD.

Events and dates that will affect traffic:

- Founder's Day Parade and activities, May 20
- Independence Day Parade, July 4
- Pelatonia Bike Ride, August 4-5

Christine McBride mentioned that the LexisNexis® Community Crime Map re is a web site where one can find out about crime in their area—click Ohio on the map and select New Alban

Submitted by the Block Watch Committee,
Bob White, Chairman
Fred Steinhaus
Judith Bennett
Christine McBride

Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 14

Mail box Blues

On January 12, Rumpke had an equipment failure when emptying my recyclables container. In the process, they snapped the mailbox support arm off my mailbox. They were immediately apologetic and offered to repair it to my satisfaction.



HOA black mailbox at least as a stop-gap measure. So that's what is in my front yard. The cost was \$290 since the entire mailbox had to be replaced. The work was done by the Mailbox Doctor. He said that Hanover, the manufacturer of our mailboxes, was also the manufacturer of New Albany Links mailbox. He said Capital Lighting is scrambling to mix and match components from different manufacturers to approximate the Hanover configuration. Since it is a simpler design they have had some success. He did have to cut some off the top post bracket to get the mailbox to fit it. Rumpke paid for it.

The DCHA board is considering alternatives for a low-cost, easy maintenance mailbox solution. If you have suggestions, please send them to the board—all suggestions are appreciated!

—by Bob Radigan

I contacted Capital Lighting, who traditionally provided our mailboxes. After several discussions, they stated that they have no replacement support arm and that the company that provided our mailboxes is out of business. There are no replacements.

I reported the dilemma to the DCHA board. In the NAL development, there are two mailbox "standards", ours and the black one elsewhere specified by the NAL HOA.

The DCHA board decided to use the NAL



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet February 13 and 27, and March 13 and 27 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!

Friendly Reminder—Please store garbage cans and recycle bins inside your garage except., of course, on collection day. It's not only a courtesy to neighbors but one of the provisions of our community's legal documents.

Party Schedule—our party committee has announced this year's party schedule:

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Residents are sent invitations in advance of all parties that contain

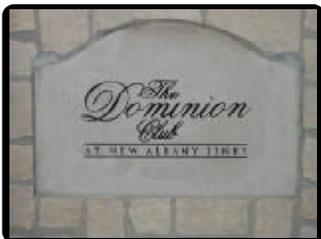
information about the event. If you are interested in more information or would like to join the party committee, contact chairs **Ken or Lynda Hill**.

Beware the "can you hear me" scam —Police in several states are urging people to avoid answering this simple question from a caller from a phone number they do not know. They say the question is aimed at getting unsuspecting victims to say "yes" -- an answer the fraudster then records as a way to authorize charges on a phone, utility or credit card bill. Just hang up. Here's a link to an article:

<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2017/01/27/can-hear-me-scam-has-police-urging-people-to-hang-up-immediately.html>

Game Night

March 3



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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