

Dominion Club News

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Lamppost Project

Many residents have expressed concerns over the years about the challenges of maintaining our front yard lampposts. Several have submitted exterior modification requests to the Design Review Committee to shorten their lamppost. Cleaning, painting, and even just changing burned-out light bulbs involve climbing a ladder to reach their 9 foot heights. The Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for New Albany Links document specifies that each residence will have a lamppost in a consistent location and that it would be selected by the developer. Why the developer would select a 9-foot-tall lamppost for an over-55 community and a 6-foot-tall lamppost in every other section of New Albany Links remains an ironic mystery.

In order to promote the safe and easy replacement of light bulbs in

DCHA homeowners lamp fixtures, the board of trustees voted unanimously that lampposts must be lowered from their current 9-foot height to 6 feet. This is a sensible change for an over-55 community.

To expedite this change at a discounted cost to residents, the board has selected a licensed and insured contractor, Gregory Electric, to shorten lampposts to 6 feet. The process involves removing the existing light fixture and sensor, cutting 3 feet off the top of the lamppost tubing, then reinstalling the existing light fixture and sensor at a cost of \$60. This process does not involve digging up or moving the lamppost.

Since many of our lampposts
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Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

◆ **December 11, Holiday Party, 6:30pm**



Board Update

The DCHA pool will open next year on May 29 and close for the season on September 10.

The board approved a 3 year contract with Abbruzzese for landscaping and snow removal services at the same price. Any problems, issues, or complaints regarding service should be addressed to Becky Colburn at Towne Properties.

The clubhouse ceiling has been repaired. Bids for painting are underway.

Any homeowner who rents their home needs to notify Becky Colburn with the renter's name and contact information.

Renters are subject to comply with association rules and can use association facilities. They are added to mailing lists for newsletters and other communications. However, renters are not voting members of the association, the owners are.

Renters cannot request exterior modifications, only owners may do so.

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are 15 years old, residents may want to replace the dusk-to-dawn sensor and/or the light fixture. As a service to residents, the contractor will install a new sensor and/or a new light fixture provided by the resident at no additional charge.

If a resident wants the contractor to supply the new sensor, the cost is \$25. Or residents can purchase a sensor and provide it to the contractor on the date scheduled for shortening their lamppost. Ace Hardware in New Albany sells a Westek model 758CTC-4 for \$11.99 and Home Depot sells them for \$7.97 - <http://www.homedepot.com/p/Westek-1800-Watt-Post-Eye-Light-Control-758CTC-4/100159134>. Most but not all of



the sensors in our community are installed in the lamppost just below the light fixture. A few are installed on the side of the house. Since our homes were built in stages, some by different builders, there may be variations

in sensors used. If you buy the sensor, make sure you are getting the correct one for your lamppost.

Those wanting a new light fixture must purchase it in advance and provide it to the contractor on the date scheduled for shortening their lamppost. The board has recommended light fixtures for residents to purchase that do not require approval from the Design Review Committee (DRC). If a resident desires a different light fixture other than one on the recommended list, they must submit an exterior modification form along with a picture to the DRC for approval. The following are pre-approved light fixtures:

Glomar model HD –548 1-Light Textured Black Outdoor Incandescent Post Light

Dimensions

Height 14 inches; Width 6 inches

Price \$31.99 Home Depot

<http://www.homedepot.com/p/Glomar-1-Light-Textured-Black-Outdoor-Incandescent-Post-Light-HD-548/202646966>



Design House Model 507509 Maple Street Black Outdoor Die-Cast Post Mount Light Fixture

Dimensions

Height 16 inches; Width 7 inches

Price \$41.51 Home Depot

<http://www.homedepot.com/p/Design-House-Maple-Street-Black-Outdoor-Die-Cast-Post-Mount-Light-Fixture-507509/202500809>



Sea Gull Lighting Model 82029-12 Kent 1-Light Black Outdoor Post Top

Dimensions

Height 20.25 inches; Width 8.5 inches

Price \$74.70 Home Depot

<http://www.homedepot.com/p/Sea-Gull-Lighting-Kent-1-Light-Black-Outdoor-Post-Top-82029-12/203832849>



These are available at Home Depot for on-line purchase. Click on the highlighted link to go to the web site. Orders placed on-line will be delivered to your home or can be delivered to the local store for pick-up.

Home Depot does not offer these for purchase at their store, they have to be ordered on-line. Those who don't have on-line access can go to Home Depot and they will place the order for you on-line. Payment is by credit card or gift card, no cash or checks. These fixtures can also be purchased elsewhere. We offer them here from Home Depot only as a convenience. (continued page 3)



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If a resident has an inoperable lamp fixture or sensor, the contractor will troubleshoot and fix the problem as part of the shortening service at a cost of \$45/hour.

Gregory Electric will bill residents at the completion of the work.

Scheduling

Gregory Electric will perform the work for the discounted price during two time periods in **March and May, 2016**.

To schedule, please call Becky Colburn at Towne Properties at 614-781-9962 or send e-mail to BeckyColburn@towneproperties.com. Select March or May and specify if you want your sensor replaced and/or your light fixture replaced. Towne properties will coordinate with Gregory Electric to arrange dates and times for service based on the number of requests. **Towne Properties will contact residents to provide a specific date for service.** Please schedule as soon as possible to expedite this process.

Residents must have someone available on the day of service. Gregory Electric may need access to GFI circuit reset switches and circuit panel to properly test that the lamppost is working.

Due Date

All residents must shorten lampposts to 6 feet by no later than September 1, 2016. Residents may choose any contractor

to perform the work or do it themselves. Replacing sensors and/or light fixtures is totally optional and up to residents. All residents must have a functioning lamppost.

The Bottom Line

The board has arranged for Gregory Electric to perform the shortening service in March or May 2016 at a discounted price of \$60 per lamppost.

They will also install new sensors and light fixtures that residents provide at no additional charge. If residents want Gregory Electric to provide the sensor the cost is \$25. If a lamppost/sensor is currently inoperable, Gregory Electric will find and correct the problem at a rate of \$45 per hour.

Otherwise, residents will be individually responsible for shortening their lampposts. Gregory Electric will shorten lampposts outside of the designated dates for \$120 per lamppost. The board solicited quotes from a number of contractors and the price for shortening individual lampposts ranged from \$100 to \$150. Any change of lamp fixture other than from the approved list requires an exterior modification form to and approval from the DRC.

The overall goal is to shorten all lampposts in our community so they can be more easily and safely maintained.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Friday Nite Tail gate

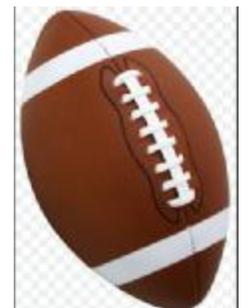


Our Friday Nite Tailgate party was great fun! We had 53 neighbors in attendance. We welcome new neighbors Mike & Maureen Comerford. The menu included an assortment of sub sandwiches & beer along with various covered dishes. There was a lot of Scarlet & Gray but other colleges including John Carroll, Marshall, &

Otterbein was represented. Oh yes, the Gyrkos were brave souls in they're Maize & Blue! New Albany High School colors were also represented.



Maria Cruz won the "Count the Candy Corn in the Jar". Assorted other door prizes were given out as well. The evening was full of great conversation, fun & fellowship as we enjoyed gathering with our Dominion Neighbors!



Holiday Party December 11

Come join us at the Clubhouse for the last but not least party of the year!

Our **Holiday Party will be Dec 11 at 6:30PM**. Our own Dominion Singers will be performing again along with Bob Mertens tinkling the ivories!

Instead of a gift exchange this year we will ask each family to bring a unwrapped toy that will be donated to a needy child. We will also be asking you to bring a can good(s) that will be donated to feed the hungry.

Hors D'oeuvres, salad, lasagna, and deserts will be served!

Come join in the Holiday Spirit and have some great fun!



Block Watch Report

Judy Bennett, Bob White, and Fred Steinhau, members of the block watch committee, met with Officer Ryan Southers of the New Albany Police on November 18. He reported that a car was broken into and valuables stolen in the Upper Clarendon area. It's important to remind our guests to lock their cars when visiting our neighborhood.

One of our residents called police to investigate a car driving through our neighborhood late at night with 3 young men inside. They would like to hear about strange vehicles at odd hours.

If you're going to be out for the evening, it's a good idea to leave your lights on around your home.

As many of you know, the New Albany Police offer a Vacation House Check service. If you complete the form on the city web site <http://www.newalbanyohio.org/police-department/programs/vacation-checks> the police department will check your residence 3 times per day while you are away.

Officer Southers suggested more caution when driving through the New Albany school area between 7:30 and 8 am and 2:30 and 3pm on school days. As the weather turns colder there are more parents dropping off and picking up their children

making for heavier traffic.

There are two new building complexes under construction on Route 62 near the fire department—a new senior housing facility that will include an Alzheimer unit and the new Marburn Academy for special needs students.

Amazon is building a new data center on Beech Road. More land has been annexed by New Albany bringing the size of the city to around 20 square miles. The resident population as estimated by the US Census Bureau in 2014 is 9,202 and "daytime" population is about 12,000 due primarily to the business parks.

In January the police will sponsor another Citizen's Police Academy, a two month course which will teach basic police rules and regulations. Graduates will be able to ride along in a cruiser for one shift and may be asked to assist with parades or other events. Anyone interested should call the New Albany Police or check the city web-site.

Please feel free to contact block watch committee members if you have concerns about safety and crime prevention.



Community Notes...

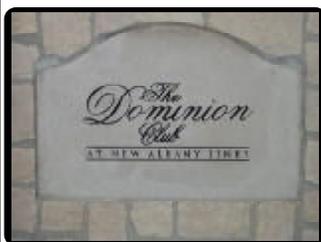
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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet December 14 and January 11 and 25 at 7 pm in the club house. Join us!

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

From the New Albany Police Department—Public Information Officer Scott McAfee posted on the Nextdoor New Albany Links web site “There have been a number of car break-ins just south of New Albany, in Gahanna south of Morse Road. Please remember, DO NOT leave valuables in your vehicle, especially at this time of year!

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