

Dominion Club News

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Board Notes

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Board Member Change

Judy Bennett replaced Christine McBride on the DCHA board of trustees as Chairman to finish her term. Judy lives at 6939 Joysmith Circle, 614-855-2966, judithbennett128@gmail.com and will continue as head of the Block Watch Committee and assume responsibility for the Design Review Committee.

Many thanks to Christine for her service on the board!

Clubhouse Exercise Equipment

The exercise equipment in the clubhouse was at the end of its useful life. On May 7, homeowners received an email about their use of the equipment. Only 5 households said they used it occasionally and 1 household said they use it every day. Replacing the equipment would cost \$9,000+. Due to its minimal use, the board decided to dispose of the equipment and it is gone.

Clubhouse Carpeting

The board has selected Empire to replace the clubhouse carpeting. The current carpet is worn and stained, despite deep cleaning. It is on the list of capital maintenance projects for this year at a cost of \$5,765.00. Thanks to Jeff and Phillis Solove investigating solutions and reviewing proposals. Empire will be installing industrial grade carpet, installed in squares. The purchase includes extra squares to replace any damaged/stained carpet over time. The installation schedule will be published once it's finalized.

A Word About Dogs

As the weather has warmed, it's time for a friendly reminder about dogs.

Please be kind to your neighbors:

- With windows open or more time spent outside, frequent or incessant barking can become very disturbing as can aggressive behavior. Please control your dog's barking and behavior. You know your dog is friendly but your neighbors may not.
- New Albany has a leash law. Dogs are not permitted to run freely through the neighborhood.
- Please clean-up after your dog when walking through the neighborhood. Most of our pet owners do that with our neighbors' thanks.

New Albany has pet and noise laws designed to allow everyone to quietly and safely enjoy their property. Thanks for doing your part!

Parties!

Thanks to Phyllis Solove and Deb Susi for organizing upcoming parties.

Put on your dancing shoes for the August 3 Pool Party. Madalene Roesse and the Thorns will be playing again this year.

September 29 will be the 2nd annual "Grateful for our DC Neighbors" Block Party.

More info to come!

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

- ◆ **August 3, Pool Party**
- ◆ **September 10, Dominion Club Golf Scramble**
- ◆ **September 29, 2nd Annual Block Party**

**DCHA Annual Homeowners Meeting—October 17, 2019
7pm at the clubhouse**



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Clubhouse clean Up Day

March 18 was cleanup day at the Dominion clubhouse. Thanks to 20 of our neighbors who showed up to help spruce up our clubhouse, and thanks to Jeff and Phyllis Solove for organizing it. Donuts and coffee helped keep the workers in good spirits.



Memorial Day Cookout

At the Memorial Day Celebration Cookout Monday, May 27, about 50 of our neighbors enjoyed grilled hot dogs and hamburgers along with tasty side dishes and desserts. Veterans brought pictures of themselves in uniform. Thanks to Phyl Morrisey and Phyllis Solove for hosting this event, and Deb Susi for providing the pictures.



Know Your Neighbors by John Bradshaw



Stan and Brenda Evans purchased 6929 Camden Drive in February, 2019 and small updates to the kitchen and family room are in progress.

They have a home and working farm operation in Jackson County, Ohio. They have a Ewe/Lambing operation that sells lamb to restaurants and private individuals, an apple and peach orchard, and fields planted with soybeans.

After several years in management at Merrill Lynch, Stan continues to work as founder and principal of Evans Wealth Management in Gallipolis, Ohio.

Brenda recently retired as an RN/Hospice Nurse at Southern Ohio Medical Center Hospice in Portsmouth, OH. She will volunteer 2-3 days every couple weeks at Kobacker House/Ohio Health Hospice.

They have three children and four grandchildren who reside and work in the New Albany area. Oldest son Daniel is an Intervention teacher at New Albany High School. His wife Jessie is a music teacher in the Worthington Kilbourne school district. They have a 5 year old son, and a set of 3 year old twins. Daughter Johnna is a lawyer in Westerville and husband Rob Riddle is a realtor with New Albany Realty, and they have a 1 year old son. David is their youngest son and he is married to Alexandra. David is a realtor with New Albany Realty and Alex works for Share Micro Transit in Grandview.

The Evans Family look forward to spending additional time with their children and grandchildren, and fun times with our new neighbors in our new community.

Dominion Club Golf Scramble

The annual Dominion Club Golf Scramble will be September 10 at the New Albany Links golf course. The shotgun start is 8:30am

Entry fee of \$10.00 is due at Registration September 10. \$29 greens fee with cart payable at the NAL Pro Shop for non-members.

For questions or to register contact David Ewing at dewing32@gmail.com or text 614-530-5759: - include your name, golf handicap and email address or contact info.

Registration deadline is August 26, with a firm commitment by September 3 to inform the golf course of number of teams and tee assignments.

This is a 4 person scramble event. A committee will choose teams based on handicap. This prevents "loaded" teams and has made the competition very even in past years. You are welcome to invite guests but depending on their handicap they might not be on your team. This is an opportunity to meet and play with others and get to know them—one of the purposes of the event.

There are cash prizes for the 3 teams with the lowest score; closest to the pin on par 3's; longest drive and longest putt on selected holes. There will be pizza afterward where prizes are awarded.

Last year there were 48 players, we hope for more this year!

—"Coach" David Ewing

WELCOME



Concrete Front Porch Guidelines

Common in many homes, concrete porches are relatively durable, but can crumble and become broken, ugly and even dangerous when exposed to high traffic, freezing and weathering. Most damage, however, can be repaired without going to the expense of replacing the entire porch. Whether the porch has a few cracks, the corners have begun to crumble or the porch is cracked and pitted homeowners can restore the durability and attractiveness of their front porch with the right techniques and materials.

Dominion Club front porches throughout the community may eventually be in need of repair and/or replacement due to:

- spalling - surface failing in which the concrete is flaked or pitted
- damage due to using corrosive de-icing products which can potentially damage masonry surfaces; or
- sagging and/or cracking.

Repair and/or replacement of these surfaces may be required for safety and aesthetic reasons.

Below are several options to address front porch repairs. It's best to consult with a professional prior to considering any option so you understand the process, prices, and any warranties. The quality, effectiveness, and longevity of the work very much depends on the knowledge and skill of the installer. Some repairs are short term, like skim coat, lasting a few years. Others are more permanent.

Concrete paint/patchers: several products are available such as high-strength, polymer modified repair patchers for making thin structural repairs to concrete surfaces. Finished surface color should be a solid grey to match existing porch concrete color.

Skim coat: Skim-coating or resurfacing concrete front porches not only renews their appearance, but it extends their lifespan by improving drainage and waterproofing. The colored topcoat should be a solid grey to match existing porch concrete color.

Gorilla Garage: Gorilla Garage system is a proprietary polyaspartic polyurea garage floor coating. The Gorilla Garage floor system is an "elastomer," which means it has some stretch and give as concrete settles and moves. Finished surface color should be a solid grey to match existing porch concrete color.

NATURE STONE® Brand Flooring: is specifically engineered to cover existing concrete floors/porches. The finished product should be a solid grey to match existing porch concrete color.

Porcelain tile: Use ½ inch thick, good outdoor non-slip porcelain tile installed over the concrete porch. It is engineered to be frost proof and impervious to water penetration (do not use ceramic tile). The tile must be grey to match the concrete porch or match the color of your home's foundation stone. Take pictures of your porch and foundation to use to match the colors. Grout color must match the tile color closely.

Any other choice of material/color/pattern/configuration solution requires the submission of Exterior Modification Forms and approval by both the Dominion Club Design Review Committee (DRC) as well as the New Albany Links Architectural Review Board (ARB).

If your front porch is structurally compromised, you will need to replace it with a complete re-pour of a new porch. The finished product should be a solid grey to match previous porch concrete color.

—Adopted by DCHA Board 6/4/2019

As our community ages there are evolving home maintenance issues. All the homes in our community have poured concrete porches. The most long lasting solution to a crumbling, cracking, and spalling porch is to remove it and replace it with a new concrete porch. At a significant cost.

The DCHA Board and Design Review Committee established guidelines for additional maintenance measures short of replacement while maintaining the character of our community.

Feral Cats

My wife and I are cat owners and have been for many years. We enjoy them very much! Some of our neighbors have expressed concerns about feral cats and what to do about them.

There has been a feral cat problem for years mostly on the north middle section of Camden, which could easily include homes on Joysmith Circle.

Some of our neighbors feed feral cats which encourages them to hang around and reproduce. A couple of our neighbors have fed them, housed them on their porch, and even took them in to be neutered and returned - neutering slows down reproduction but doesn't solve the problem. A few of our neighbors have called a pest removal service that traps them and takes them away, a more permanent solution. While most feral cats are skittish and will avoid human contact, some who are comfortable in their environment are sometimes aggressive and will scratch or bite.

Feral cats carry diseases that can affect our domestic pets and lots of germs that can affect people when scratched or bitten.

The best advice is, don't feed them, don't pet them, don't put something outside your home for them to sleep in, or anything to encourage them to hang around. Call a removal service if they are a nuisance. City and county agencies are not helpful. Many rescue organizations don't come to your home to capture them but may take them if you deliver them. Those of you who may own or have owned cats (like us) know that catching and caging (you need a cage/cat carrier) a cat that doesn't want to cooperate can be a painful and bloody experience - for you! Many rescue organizations are overwhelmed dealing with large numbers of unwanted domestic cats, not counting feral ones

and won't take any more.

I found these sites for removal, all at homeowner expense:

<http://www.aaanimalcontrol.com/Professional-Trapper/county/OH-Franklin-County-Animal-Services.htm>

<http://www.aaanimalcontrol.com/Professional-Trapper/howtogetridofstraycats.htm>

<https://www.rosepestsolutions.com/residential-services/wildlife-removal#.XPgaSC2ZMkh>

https://pest-pros.me/pest_control/wildlife/179115_933_9ec1a7.html?network=s&device=c&keyword=animal%20removal&creative=348095587866&matchtype=e&adposition=1t2&loc_physical_ms=9014894&gclid=EAlaIqobChMlpu4l4zT4gIVGMRk-Ch2IFwgNEAAYAiAAEgKRqvD_BwE

<https://www.varmentguard.com>

The foxes and coyotes living in our area also seem to have a role...

Board member Rosemary Marlin investigated and found **Angels Assisting Felines** a free, non-profit, resource for felines in need - including stray / feral cats. Lynn is their New Albany representative. She will come to your home, trap the cat(s) and take them for spaying/neutering at no cost to you. Lynn can be reached at (614) 832-2015. If you have a problem with stray cat(s) in your yard/neighborhood, don't hesitate to contact Lynn.

—Bob Radigan



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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet June 24; July 8 and 22; August 12 and 26, at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

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



Hardy Geraniums—indigenous to Ohio and the mid-west. The scalloped leaves and pale-pink flowers of *Geranium x cantabrigiense* are larger than other hardy geraniums. Dense foliage and apple-scented spicy perfume make the plant perfect for borders. Plants, which begin flowering in June, grow about 6 inches high and 14 inches wide. They flourish in full sun and need little water. In the autumn, the foliage turns a dramatic burgundy.



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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