

Dominion Club News

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Annual Meeting Summary

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The 2018 Annual Meeting held on October 18 was attended by 34 homeowners.

Rosemary Marlin gave a financial report reviewing maintenance projects during 2018 and scheduled for 2019. The financial condition of the association is good.

Comments from homeowners suggested that the clubhouse carpet should be replaced and perhaps the window treatments. The board is considering replacing the carpet in 2019 and will consider draperies if a consensus can be found that has a reasonable cost.

Bob Mertens discussed Eddybrook's lawn care performance reporting a number of incidents related to missed lawn areas and lawn issues caused by riding mowers. Eddybrook addressed all known issues promptly. Homeowners generally agreed that Eddybrook employees were polite, friendly, helpful, and overall doing a good job. TruGreen finishes the 3rd year of its contract for lawn treatment this year. The board was in the process of soliciting quotes for lawn care, snow removal, and lawn treatment for next year.

Note: After reviewing several proposals, the board selected Eddybrook for lawn care and snow removal, and TruGreen for lawn treatment for 3 year contracts starting January 1.

Christine McBride reported on the activities of the Design Review Committee (DRC) saying that exterior modification requests are typically handled within one or two days of receipt. All requests

then go to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) of the New Albany Links Homeowners Association for review. Legally, Dominion Club Homeowners are members of both associations, and both require homeowners to get approval for exterior modifications as outlined in the deed restrictions and covenants. The ARB can take up to 30 days to review requests. She thanked DRC committee members Fred Steinhaus and Carol Miceli for their great work.

Bob White spoke about the Block Watch committee. Members include Judy Bennett, Fred Steinhaus, and an officer from the New Albany Police Department. There were no major incidents in our community but he reminded homeowners to lock their cars when parked on the driveway or street, lock the doors to their homes, and keep garage doors closed. Thefts that occur elsewhere in New Albany and the surrounding community often are encouraged when doors are unlocked or open.

Several homeowners described the problems with wood rot in their homes, most often due to the lack of Tyvek installed under siding or due to the rotting of "pseudo wood" used for window and other framing purposes at the time of construction. One homeowner suggested that the board organize some contractors willing to offer discounts to homeowners who have repairs that could be
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**DCHA Annual Homeowners Meeting—October 17, 2019
7pm at the clubhouse**



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grouped together.

The board agreed to follow-up to identify such contractors including those willing to do free or discounted assessments/ estimates to identify problems.

John Bradshaw reported on nominations for board of trustee positions. Three board members were needed for two-year terms. Nominees included:

- Bob Mertens to continue for another term
- Rosemary Marlin to continue for another term
- Phyllis Solove as a new board member replacing Sarah Strahler

Jeff and Phyllis Solove have lived in the Columbus area their whole lives. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Jeff recently retired after 50 years in the truck

parts industry. Phyllis retired from education in 2016. They have enjoyed living in the Dominion Club, at 6917 Joysmith Circle, for the last 5 years, and look forward to being a part of the board and contributing to the community.

No additional nominations were made prior to the meeting. Bob Mertens asked for any nominations from attendees. There were none. Those attending voted unanimously for all those nominated.

Thanks to our nominating committee, John Bradshaw and Bob White.

Many thanks to Sarah Strahler for stepping in to serve the second year of Boyd Wilson's term. She did a great job during a time of much activity!

Welcome to Phyllis Solove as the newest member of our board!



Good Bye Columbus, Good Bye

Our neighbor Larry Williams sold his home at 7056 Dean Farm on November 17 and moved to his real family home in North Carolina. He sent this note to his Dominion Club neighbors...

We can all probably remember that the words in the subject line were a novel and movie in the 60's. Of course the setting was Newark, New Jersey, not Columbus, but one of the characters had played basketball at Ohio State, and had a record about that which he played loudly many nights. He missed Columbus. So will I.

This is the bestest neighborhood ever. And I mean that hugely. Travel, work and commitments down south kept me from being as much a part of Dominion Club as I would have liked, but I loved seeing my neighborhood every time I drove back to it, and my flaming red maple tree every fall. But tomorrow 2 Men and a Truck are

supposed to show up and load the stuff that goes to NC. I have met the buyers, and I think they will be great neighbors to you all. I will be grinning in retirement in NC as soon as I can shake off the conflicting desire to be both places at the same time.

Best wishes to all my good neighbors. God bless all the good folks of central Ohio.

Best wishes to all,

Larry



Know Your Neighbors

by John Bradshaw



Tom and Julie Wilcox moved into their new home at 6918 Camden Drive in October. They raised their daughters, Katie and Emily in Westerville. They have 4 grandchildren Isabelle, Riley, Tommy and Grant who they love to spend time with.

Tom recently retired from the Westerville Fire Department after 35 years of service.

Julie currently works as a Risk Analyst for Chase Bank.

They are in the process of remodeling their new home. Tom and Julie have had the privilege of meeting some of the nice folks who reside at the Dominion Club and look forward to meeting many more.

Overnight...

*I peeked through my door
to find sweaters of snow
snuggled in spruces
that seemed to grow
in darkness as I dreamed
last autumnwinter night.
Someone flicked a switch
and orange turned white.
Someone flicked a switch
and orange turned white.*



Steve and Mary Ann Handley moved to 7056 Dean Farm Road, several weeks ago, after living in Hampsted Village for 18 years. Prior to that, we lived in Gahanna where we were both born and raised.

Steve works as an account manager for The Wasserstrom Company in Columbus.

Mary Ann was a middle school teacher for 30 years and retired from the Gahanna Jefferson School District in 2015.

We have twin daughters who are 28 years old. Daughter, Ellie, lives in Gainesville, Florida where she works as a speech language therapist in multiple assisted living facilities. Daughter, Gracie, lives in Atlanta with her husband, Parker Walton. She is a sourcing manager in the retail and professional division at Georgia Pacific.

We love spending time with our children and family most of all!

We are looking forward to life in our new house in this new community!

*Wind wove a tapestry
of tiny flakes in flight.
Quiet quilts of snow
piled pillows soft and deep.
My town became a snow globe
like magic in my sleep.*

@AmyLV

WELCOME



Wood Rot Behind Siding

Our neighbor, Tom Roth, spoke about the wood rot problem at his home at the annual meeting. Here is what he found...



sheeting and applied Tvek to the area affected. He could literally push his finger through the damaged OSB. We are hopeful that the damage has not penetrated the studs which will be considerable added cost to the repair.

Scott said this problem could have begun from construction and is all related to the lack of Tvek covering. A related issue is power washing our homes when the water is forced up and under the siding.

—Tom Roth



Scott Torman did work for me on 3-4 previous occasions and is an approved contractor the board recommended for roof replacement (Scott has done roof and other repairs for many DC homeowners).

Most recently, (10/9/18) he repaired the north side of our siding above the garage roof line on the second floor. It started for us as a leak in our master bath ceiling. He traced the problem to the window above the garage roof on the north side where water damaged the OSB sheathing. He replaced the damaged OSB sheathing, replaced window trim, and added Tvek to the area.

As he completed this job, I asked him to look behind the siding on the east side of the bathroom window where the leak was detected. He found the OSB sheathing was in worse shape than what he just repaired. He replaced the damaged OSB



Editor's Note:

A number of our homeowners have found rotted trim wood and rotted OSB sheathing under siding. The DCHA board is working to share homeowners' experiences and identify contractors for inspections/repairs.

*Scott Torman is one, contact him at:
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Township Road 179
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Digital Security

Computer Security Tips:

1. Don't download anything to your computer that you weren't expecting to do when you got online.
2. Keep your software current with the latest updates. Both Microsoft and Apple issue updates to their operating systems that control your computer. The updates help you stay safe against the latest threats. To make it easy, go to your settings page and tell your computer to keep you updated automatically.
3. Backup your files so you can recover if your computer is compromised. For example, ransomware is an epidemic problem that effects business and home computers. It encrypts files so you can't open them without a key.
4. Consider adding an additional layer of security to your computer. Malwarebytes is a free program that does search and destroy for malware that has evaded your perimeter antivirus program.
5. Use strong passwords. It would be really bad if a hacker got access to your online accounts. A passphrase is like a password, only it's composed of a combination of words strung together. That makes them easier to create and remember. Passphrases are the new government recommendation to protect online accounts. Here are some tips to make strong passphrases:

- Use at least 12 characters to help make them uncrackable. The longer, the better.
- If a website makes you use upper/lowercase and a number and special characters (old standard), you can always add those to the passphrases that you have created. Not all sites have adapted to the new government standards.
- Here's an example passphrase: *paranoiawillnotdestroyya*. The length is the

key to making passphrases strong and a little paranoia goes a long way to keeping your accounts secure.

- Use a different passphrase for each online account. I know this is a pain, but it limits the damage if a criminal were to get access to any of your accounts. Much fraud can be committed when a victim reuses passphrases.

Software

- Make sure that your operating system software and antivirus software is updated automatically. This can be configured in the settings/security options.
- It is imperative that Windows computers be protected with antivirus software. Popular options are McAfee, Norton and Windows Defender (free with Windows 10 and downloadable with some previous Windows versions.)
- Keep in mind that these programs provide one layer of perimeter security. If malware evades them, they most likely won't be able to remove it because they couldn't stop it in the first place.
- You might consider a malware removal program that does search and destroy missions. A popular free program that is very effective is called Malwarebytes. You can use the free version, which complements your perimeter antivirus program. It does not replace it.
- Consider using password manager software to help keep track of all your unique passphrases. Some good options are **Keeper**, **Dashlane** and **LastPass**.
- You might try "**Notes**" apps on your smartphone. You can store notes and secure them with a password on your device. No one can open the note and see your passwords without the master password that you create.



—Thanks to Charlie Evranian for the info...

History of New Year's Celebrations

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each new year for at least four millennia. Today, most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1 (New Year's Day). Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.

The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year's arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness—heralded the start of a new year. They marked the occasion with a massive religious festival called Akitu (derived from the Sumerian word for barley, which was cut in the spring) that involved a different ritual on each of its 11 days. In addition to the new year, Akitu celebrated the mythical victory of the Babylonian sky god Marduk over the evil sea goddess Tiamat and served an important political purpose: It was during this time that a new king was crowned or that the current ruler's divine mandate was symbolically renewed.

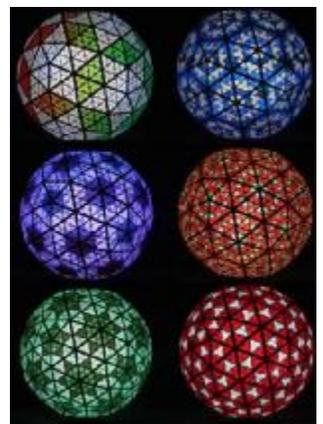
The Ancient Roman calendar used to follow the lunar cycle, and had the new year beginning in March. Sosigenes, an astronomer, convinced Julius Caesar to follow the solar year, instead. From 46 B.C. on, the new year began in January.

Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. Romans celebrated by offering sacrifices to Janus, exchanging gifts with one another, decorating their homes with laurel branches and

attending raucous parties. In medieval Europe, Christian leaders temporarily replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation); Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's Day in 1582.

In many countries, New Year's celebrations begin on the evening of December 31—New Year's Eve—and continue into the early hours of January 1. Revelers often enjoy meals and snacks thought to bestow good luck for the coming year. In Spain and several other Spanish-speaking countries, people bolt down a dozen grapes—symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead—right before midnight. In many parts of the world, traditional New Year's dishes feature legumes, examples include lentils in Italy and black-eyed peas in the southern United States. Because pigs represent progress and prosperity in some cultures, pork appears on the New Year's Eve table in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and other countries. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, round out the feast in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year's Eve - whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

In the United States, the most iconic New Year's tradition is the dropping of a giant ball in New York City's Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Millions of people around the world watch the event, which has taken place almost every year since 1907. Over time, the ball itself has ballooned from a 700-pound iron-and-wood orb to a brightly patterned sphere 12 feet in diameter and weighing in at nearly 12,000 pounds.



Community Notes...

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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet December 10; January 14 and 28, at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

Mah-Jongg—Meets in the clubhouse every Tuesday between 1:00—4:30 pm, new players welcome! For more information contact Deb Butler at 614-933-0923 or dbutler3@insight.rr.com

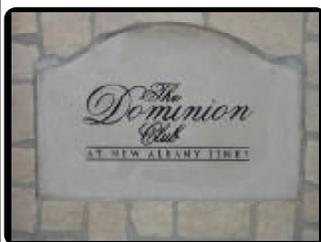
Drug Drop Box—permanently installed in the New Albany police station, 50 Village Hall Road, is available to residents to dispose of unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Disposing of medications is anonymous. Just empty your pills into a plastic bag and take

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



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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