

# Dominion Club News

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## Lamppost Project Update

**Note: 60 residents have already registered to have their lampposts shortened, about half in March and half in May. If you haven't signed up yet, please do so soon so that the contractor can finalize the schedule.**

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.

One resident objected to this project saying that the Declaration of Protective Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, Article VI section 6.02, states "Residential Lamp Post: Each residence shall have a standard lamp post in a consistent location. Such standard lamp post shall be selected by the Developer." The resident suggested that the document would need to be amended prior to proceeding with our lamppost project. He also said he was in favor of the project.

The board concluded that the developer completed the provision of Article VI section 6.02 by selecting and installing the lampposts throughout the community at the time of construction. The document contains no language concerning what constitutes a developer selected lamppost – there are no specifications for height, light

fixture, operation, or maintenance over time. In fact, lamppost heights, light fixtures, operation, and even placement are different. While lampposts in the Dominion Club section are 9 feet, those elsewhere in New Albany Links are 6 feet (why the Developer selected 9 foot lampposts for an over-55 community remains a bizarre mystery). While light fixtures are currently uniform in the Dominion Club section, they are different elsewhere throughout New Albany Links representing several different styles and functions, some are gas, some are placed near the house rather than at the sidewalk in front. Lack of a specific specification in the legal documents along with the actual evidence that there is not a specific, defined lamppost for all of New Albany Links nor a requirement for same by the city of New Albany, the board decided to use mechanisms provided to it in the legal documents to address safety and maintenance concerns.

In order to promote the safe and easy replacement of light bulbs in DCHA homeowners light fixtures, the board of trustees voted unanimously that lampposts be lowered from their current 9-foot height to 6 feet. This is a sensible change for an over-55 community. Ironically, that would make all lampposts 6 feet throughout New Albany Links. (cont. p.2)

[www.dominionclub.org](http://www.dominionclub.org)

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

◆ **The Party Committee is working on the 2016 schedule...**

**DCHA Meetings  
Clubhouse 7pm**

◆ **April 20**

◆ **October 20**



**March 27**

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## Lamppost Project Update (continued)

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 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 pickup. (continued page 3)

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at Towne  
Properties at  
614-781-9962"*



## Lamppost Project (continued)

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.

### NOTE:

**The board added one additional light fixture to the approved list.** It is the same model as originally installed by the Developer according to Donny Winks at Capital Lighting at 901 Polaris Parkway, 877-841-1200:

[Hanover Lantern MFG# B9935 Collection: Value Line Six Sided Series](#)

### Dimensions

Same as existing lamp fixture

**Price \$231.00** (not in stock, must be ordered)

[http://capitallightinginc.com/search\\_individual\\_result.asp?current=498633&page=1](http://capitallightinginc.com/search_individual_result.asp?current=498633&page=1)



If a resident has an inoperable light 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 each resident 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](mailto: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.

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*"Any new lamp fixture must be painted Dominion Club 55 green. Gregory Electric does not do painting"*

## Holiday Party

The Holiday Party held Dec 11 was a huge success. We had 66 people in attendance. We were packed to the rafters! The menu included Lasagna, Salad, Rolls, Assorted Hors D'oeuvres & Desserts, Christmas Punch & Coffee.

Our own Dominion singers presented another outstanding mini concert of Christmas songs & then lead the group in some good old



fashion carol singing.

Special thanks go out to the Jan Nelson for organizing & leading the group. And once again Bob

Mertens did an outstanding job of accompaniment on the keyboards. He also graciously played while everyone dined.



It was a very joyful evening. There have been many requested for an performance next year!

Instead of a gift exchange we opted to have everyone bring an unwrapped toy &



canned good for the food pantry. We collected 60 toys which we took to the New Albany fire station for the Firefighters "Toys for Tots" and took 115 units of food to the Food Pantry. Well done Neighbors!!!! Since this was such a huge success this year, the challenge must

go out to beat those numbers next year!

The party committee would like to thank everyone for their support & attendance to all the parties in 2015. We average 57 people per party.

We will be putting our heads together to plan the 2016 agenda. Please submit ideas for party themes to Pat Ewing at [pewing70@att.net](mailto:pewing70@att.net) or if you are interested in serving on the committee.

The party schedule will be out late February or early March.

Stay warm & see you in the spring!



Thanks to Deb Susi for the pictures!

## New Neighbors Update

By John Bradshaw



**Matt and Leisa Hartman** moved to 6926 Joysmith Circle on December 1, 2015, from 866 Ludwig Drive in Gahanna where they lived for 24 years.

Leisa was a teacher at Chapelfield Elementary in Gahanna. She taught 3rd grade, 5th grade and music. She retired in 2013 after 30 years of service. She received her bachelors degree from Otterbein University and her masters degree from Ashland University.

Matt works at Graybar Electric, a distributor of electric and communication/data products. He started there last March, after 10 years at Tyco Electronics. He has been in the Data Communications field since he and

Leisa moved back to the area in 1990.

They have one son, Jeremy, who lives in Blacklick with his wife, Katlyn. Jeremy is a Technician with Team Fischel.

Leisa stays busy watching their 4 year old granddaughter Raelyn, and taking her to and from preschool. Leisa sings in the choir and praise team at their church. She also leads a bible study group. She loves to read, walk, work out at the gym, and spend time with friends.

Matt is an avid golfer, loves all things Ohio State, a 1980 graduate in Political Science. He loves everyone, but if you are really liberal, just don't talk to him for the next 8 months. He is a member at AimHi Shooting Range, so if you enjoy shooting, let him know.

They said "We are so excited to be here. We started looking at this community and the exact floor we purchased 3 years ago. After looking at 30 or so homes, we always came back to the community and home we like best - HERE! We are looking forward to getting to know all of you!"

### *Join The New Albany Links "NextDoor" Web Site!*

"Nextdoor New Albany Links" is a free private web site for neighbors to share information in neighborhoods. Nextdoor, Inc. is the company that provides the specific web site tied to only the addresses in the defined neighborhood—they do this for over 35,000 neighborhoods in the U.S. Only people who live in the specific neighborhood (ours is the 682 households in the New Albany Links) can join so there are no outside interests or advertising groups to interfere. Nextdoor uses some specific information to verify that you live at the address in the "Nextdoor New Albany Links" neighborhood and does not save or share any information used for

verification.

We joined two years ago. It's not a scam and we haven't been bombarded with spam e-mails or advertising.

As of today, there are 259 members participating representing 201 households. The key to a successful, useful group is to get most of the people in the neighborhood to participate. Here are links providing more information:

[https://nextdoor.com/about\\_us/](https://nextdoor.com/about_us/)

<https://help.nextdoor.com/customer/portal/topics/326510-address-verification/articles>

by Bob Radigan

WELCOME

## Wintery February of 2010

We have had a very mild winter so far this year.

For anyone who misses the snow, here's what it looked like on February 5, 2010...



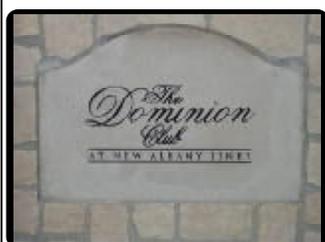
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## Community Notes...

**Stitchery**—The DC stitchery group will meet February 8 and 22 and March 14 and 28 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!

**Daylight Savings Time Begins**—March 13 at 2am.



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