

Dominion Club News

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Board Notes

Pool Deck

The project is well underway and is expected to finish on time. The old concrete has been removed, preparation for pouring the new concrete is about finished, and the new concrete will be installed soon. The pool is expected to open for the summer on May 28, as scheduled.



The board approved adding a handicap ramp in addition to the clubhouse front walkway replacement as suggested by a resident. The cost of the addition is

\$2,547.37.

As a side note, the board expects that the pool deck replacement cost will be covered due to little snow removal cost this year.

Landscaping Care

Abbruzzese is scheduled to **mulch front garden beds during the week of April 24**. Tru-Green will apply fertilizer, crabgrass control, and broad-leaf weed control this month including the field east of Camden.

Clubhouse Cleanup Day

Board member Boyd Wilson is once again looking for volunteers to give the clubhouse and grounds a spring cleaning on **Saturday, May 20 at 10am**. These kinds of activities help to keep our association fees low. As usual, coffee and doughnuts are on the menu!

Semi-Annual Meeting

The spring meeting of DCHA homeowners will be April 20 at 7pm at the clubhouse.

Beer & Wine Tasting Party

When: Saturday, **April 29, 2017**
Where: Dominion Clubhouse
Time: 6:30 PM wine tasting with beer tasting to follow. Light appetizers and dessert to be served.



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

- ◆ **April 29, Beer & Wine Tasting**
- ◆ **June 3, Welcome to Summer Party**
- ◆ **August 19, Dance Party**
- ◆ **October 14, Oktoberfest**
- ◆ **December 2, Holiday Party**

DCHA Meetings Clubhouse 7pm

- ◆ **April 20**
- ◆ **October 19**

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Game Night

Neighbors gathered at the clubhouse on March 3 for Game Night. First up was 5 games of Bingo with the lucky winners collecting cash prizes. Next was 5 rounds of trivia questions where each table served as a team and collaborated on an answer for the table. The contest required an extra tie-breaker question. The winning table received discount coupons.



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Beer & Wine Tasting Party April 29

You are invited to enjoy an evening of wine and beer tasting on Saturday, April 29, at the Clubhouse. You will hear two very knowledgeable people, sharing a lot of information and tips about wine and beer.

Wine tasting will begin at 6:30pm with beer tasting to follow. Light appetizers and dessert to be served.

Scott Zanon, brother of Janet Roth, will present 5 different wines. He will share information about wine regions, types of wines, how to use the senses to evaluate wine, and tips on food pairings. Scott has been active in the wine industry in wholesale and purchasing for more than 20 years. In 2013, Scott created "Zanon Zinfandel" wine, made from 100% Dry Creek Valley (Sonoma County, California) grapes that is exclusively sold only in Ohio.

Bill Babbitt, a New Albany resident, will be doing the honors with the beer tasting. He will present 8 different beers for tasting, sharing information about the history of beer from years past to present. Bill is a contributing writer for the local blog drink-upcolumbus.com, and a freelance writer for the national magazine, Beer Advocate.

Cost is \$10.00 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling either Phyl Morrissey 614-306-1324 or Phyllis Solove

614-309-9022.

Evite invitations will not be sent for this event



Street Names in New Albany have a Family History

An article in "This Week New Albany News" on February 16, 2016 stated that a number of local streets were named after family residents who either settled here or had farms on the land that is now New Albany. Here are excerpts from this article:

"Dean Farm Road was named for the Dean family, who had a large farm where the Dominion Club area is now located along with several fairways of the New Albany Links Golf Course.

Smith's Mill Road was named for Archibald Smith, a descendant of a John Smith who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Fodor Road was named for Naomi Swickard Fodor and Jim Fodor, who owned a farm where New Albany High School is now located. Doran Drive, was named for the Doran family who were longtime residents of the area. Yantis Drive is named for William Yantis, one of New Albany's original founders.

Walton Parkway is named for Arloia and Cecil Walton. They were founding members of the Historical Society in this area.

Many of the older streets were named for local families who lived on those roads, such as Schleppe Road, Clouse Road, Kitzmiller Road and Bevelhymer Road. A long time New Albany resident Florence Bevelhymer successfully campaigned to correct the name from Bevelheimer to the correct spelling Bevelhymer before her death in 2010."

—by John Bradshaw



Smoke Detectors

Everybody knows about one of the expiration dates for home smoke detectors: Every six months— or when we change the clocks in the spring and fall— you should replace the batteries, if they are battery-powered. But did you know that there is another expiration date?

In fact, you're supposed to replace smoke detectors every 8–10 years, according to the US Fire Administration, which is part of FEMA. This makes sense, if you think about how the detector works. The sensors that detect the smoke and/or heat age and become less effective over time.

The other benefit to replacing the smoke detectors is that the technology improves over time. Modern smoke detectors are less prone to false alarms due to cooking and have features like built-in wireless networks, so that, for example, if a detector on the first floor goes off, all the detec-

tors will sound the alarm, saving you precious minutes.

You can tell how old your smoke detector is because they have a date of manufacture printed on them. If they don't have a date, it means they are more than 10 years old, from a period when the dates weren't required, and you should definitely replace them.

Here's a web site for smoke detectors: <http://www.safewise.com/resources/smoke-alarm-buyers-guide>



Homeowner Association Fees

There was an article in the Columbus Dispatch on March 26 by Jim Weiker concerning homeowner association fees in central Ohio...

Homeowner association fees rose almost 50 percent in the Columbus area between 2005 and 2015, according to a new study by the real-estate website Trulia.

According to the study, average Columbus fees rose 48.8 percent over the decade, the highest of all but six metropolitan areas. The greatest rise came in the Norfolk-Virginia Beach, Virginia, area, where homeowner association fees rose 75.4 percent from 2005 to 2015.

Nationwide, such fees rose 32.4 percent over the decade.

Despite the percentage rise, Columbus homeowner-association fees of \$225 a month (in 2015) were the lowest of the 10

cities on the list. The most expensive average fees were \$449 a month in Philadelphia.

For the Dominion Club, annual fees rose somewhat when the developer turned over management of the New Albany Links Homeowners Association to homeowners in 2012 but then were reduced for 2016. Dominion Club monthly fees have remained relatively unchanged since homes were first sold in 2000.



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet April 10 and 24, and May 8 and 22 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—Dominion Club is proud to be pet-friendly, and welcome four-legged family members as part of the community. Warmer weather, open windows and front doors, and enjoying a walk with your furry family member is a good time to refresh yourself on the community's Pet Rules.

- pet owners are responsible for promptly cleaning up after their animals and disposing of animal waste appropriately
- each lot is limited to two (2) pets. Unreasonable numbers are considered more than 2 pets per home
- pets may not be tethered and left

unattended outside

- when outside, pets must be either on a leash under the control of an adult capable of controlling the pet or within the boundaries of an electrical pet fence at all times. Pets should not be permitted to run freely onto other homeowner's lots or onto the streets
- pets are prohibited anywhere within the pool area.

Open windows and front doors, while enjoyable for dogs and cats, can result in animals barking or crying at outside activity/walkers. Please be considerate of your neighbors by monitoring your pets responses to such triggers, especially if the animals are left alone with no oversight.

Consult the Dominion Club Handbook or website for complete Pet Rules.

Beer & Wine Tasting Party

April 29



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