

# Dominion Club News

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## 2nd 2008 Quarterly Meeting

The second quarterly open meeting for 2008 was conducted Thursday, April 17th. Trustee Dean Jauchius opened the meeting indicating there were no questions submitted for consideration.

Dean thanked Communications Committee delivery team members Janet Schutt and Bob White for delivering to non-email recipients during some of the nasty winter weather. He also thanked Bob Radigan, Karen Collins and John Bradshaw for their reporting, and Bob's fine newsletter composition and preparation.

The Design Review Committee has received no requests for review yet this spring. Residents are reminded that requests need several weeks (perhaps up to one month, depending upon when the next monthly board meeting will occur) for review and response. "ASAP" requests can only be processed through normal time frames. So, please allow plenty of time for review by the DRC. Requests should be submitted using

a copy of the Exterior Modification Application form available in the back of the DCHA Handbook.

Trustee Urban Kraus, filling-in for Gordon Schutt, Treasurer, reported that we are on budget. Some were surprised the snow removal costs came in under budget. This is mainly due to the number of "events". Although we had a large storm, we did not have the number of storms we had last year. As a result, Abbruzzese did not need to send the crews out as many times.

Trustee Bob Hire and Walt Morey, from Abbruzzese, reported that the grounds work outlined in last month's newsletter is pretty much on schedule - weather permitting. Mulching and edging are complete and mowing has begun as of this writing.

Abbruzzese will be using "**Extra Dark Shredded Hardwood Mulch**". (continued page 3)

## Spring Clubhouse Clean-Up

**Saturday, May 24, beginning at 9:00 AM.**

As in years past, we are seeking resident volunteers who will bring some garden tools and help clean around the premises and plant some flowers around the clubhouse.

If anyone has a power washer that could be used to clean the pool furniture, that would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob Hire, 746-3412 or email him at [rbhire@insight.rr.com](mailto:rbhire@insight.rr.com).

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

- ◆ June 6 - Pool Party
- ◆ July 25 - Hawaiian Luau
- ◆ September 19 - Weenie Roast
- ◆ October 31 - Halloween Haunt
- ◆ December 5 - Holiday Party



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**Mother's Day**  
**May 11**

## *"Hol a" (Hello) Spring Fiesta*

Sixty Dominion Club residents enjoyed a fun party at the Dominion Clubhouse on Friday, April 18, 2008. The weather was perfect with temperatures in the high 70's. We observed lots of fun and laughter with neighbors.

Many people brought their favorite Spanish/Mexican dishes for others to sample. Expressions heard during the evening: "Wow, What a feast." "I just love Mexican food." "A Mexican Flan – delicious." "This is a great party."

The Party Committee served soft and hard Tacos with plenty of meat, refried beans and all the toppings you can imagine. Plates were full and people enjoyed a "feast."

Dick & Wanda LaFayette borrowed from the library 5 CD's of Spanish and Mexican music. It was piped over the sound system to add to the festivities. Ron Stauffer won the "Guess how many Pinto beans in the jar." His prize – a talking bull. A drawing was held for two door prizes. Winners were: Linda Kretschmaier and Lou Becker.



## 2nd 2008 Quarterly Meeting (continued)

Residents who wish to purchase additional mulch for other beds around their property may do so at Ohio Mulch, located at 4665 Westerville Road—891-3242. The mulch comes in 3 shred grades, from coarse to fine. The 2 cubic foot bags range from \$3.79, 3.99 and 4.99 corresponding to the 3 grades of mulch.

Walt also reported that repair work for concrete broken during the winter snow plowing will begin soon. Turf repair has been completed.

Bob reported on the board's solution to the problems of mulch blowing into the swimming pool and stress to nearby shrubs due to too much water.

Two shrub rows nearest the pool will be removed and replaced with sod. The turf will survive better, and no mulch will be there to be either blown or tracked into the pool, or float across the patio during rainstorms.

This will cost \$420. The alternative considered was to change the bedding material around the shrubs to large aggregate. That would have cost over \$3,600 for materials, some site preparation labor, then additional volunteer labor from members of the community to finish the job. Future savings will be realized due to lower pool cleaning requirements, and less shrub row maintenance.

Trustee Barry Turner reported the targeted pool opening is for the weekend of Memorial Day. If possible, it will be opened sooner. Pool hours are from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. However, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the pool will be open for children under the age of 18 who are accompanied by a resident. There is a limit of 6 resident-accompanied guests for any DCHA household.

Barry reported that the pesky fruit fly problem in the clubhouse has been addressed.

Barry secured a quote for driveway sealing for the community. The price ranges are: \$40 to \$60 for small driveways, \$65 to \$85 for intermediate sized driveways, and \$180 to \$200 for large and/or double driveways. The price range is not only size dependent, but also depends upon how much crack filling or patching will be needed before the sealant is applied.

The contractor is Ace Blacktop. Arrangements can be made by calling Mr. Jim Smith, at 877-1508 (business) or 864-0644 (home). He will try to arrange the treatments in groupings of 5 or more to keep the prices low. Ace Blacktop is presently working the following 2 time blocks, WEATHER PERMITTING. The first is Thursday, May 22nd through Saturday, May 24th—these dates immediately precede Memorial Day. The second is Monday, June 23rd through Thursday, June 26th.

Please notify Becky Colburn, Towne Properties if you need to park on the street for several days to permit the sealer to set-up and harden and the New Albany Police (855-7544) if you park in front of your driveway.

Trustee Urban Kraus finished the meeting with an update on the lawsuit involving the DCHA. Basically, we are on the time line shown on the website of the Franklin County Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas. The full text of the suit can be found at:

<http://fcdcfcs.co.franklin.oh.us/CaseInformationOnline/caseSearch>

Input **07 CV 017384** into the last three boxes after "Case" on the form then click the "Search" button.



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## Getting To Know Our Neighbors

by John Evans

My wife Karen and I discovered the Dominion Club several years ago and put our house at Heron Bay up for sale in order to move to this wonderful community. We were delighted that there was a good selection of resale homes on the market last summer when our lake house sold and quickly closed on our home on Joysmith Circle. Winter appears to be coming to an end and we are beginning to enjoy the pleasures of warm weather living in the area.

I am a 1961 graduate from Reynoldsburg High School and Karen is a 1961 graduate of North High School. We met at Ohio State University and were married in 1963. We had two children, Sherry and Rick, prior to graduation in 1966. My degree was in electrical engineering and Karen's degree was in elementary education. I began my career with Western Electric in 1966 at the Columbus Works on East Broad Street and retired from Lucent Technologies at the same location 34 years later. Over that period of time our family moved from Columbus to New Jersey to Columbus to Illinois to New Jersey to Columbus to Florida and finally back to Columbus following my varied work assignments. Also during that period I completed masters degrees in both engineering and business administration. Karen also completed a masters degree in library science and taught in public schools and worked in public libraries in each of these locations.

Poor Sherry and Rick thought they were nomads while growing up. As a result, Sherry has lived in Mason, Ohio after completing her Bachelor of Science in Medical Records Administration from Ohio State University in 1984. She has subsequently completed her Master of Science in Nursing and works as a Nurse

Practitioner. She has four children; Tyler, Evan, Riley, and Addison who range in age from 22 to 2 years old. Tyler is a senior at UC, Evan is transferring to OSU this fall, and Riley will start college next year (That will make four generations of our family that have attended OSU). Rick has lived in the Columbus area since he moved here from New Jersey to attend OSU in 1984. Rick graduated from OSU with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and from Hocking State with a RN degree. Rick is married to a wonderful girl named Vicki and has three darling little girls; Rachel, Olivia, and Lauryn who range in age from 8 to 3 years old. Rick and his family currently live in Pickerington. I also have a sister, Nancy, living in Reynoldsburg and a sister, Mary, living in Pickerington.

My hobbies include golf, tennis, reading, and home improvement. Although the latter hobby will be phased out with our move into our home at the Dominion Club which is mostly maintenance free and currently needs no major improvements. Karen's hobbies include reading, playing bridge, traveling, and spending as much time with the seven grandchildren as possible. Some of our travels include Alaska, Ireland, Wales, Scotland, New Zealand, the Canadian Rockies, Newfoundland, the US Northwest, the US Northeast, the US Southwest, and Florida. We are looking forward to our next trip to central Canada and a return visit to Wales.

We thank our Dominion Club neighbors for their warmth and friendliness in welcoming us to the neighborhood and we look forward to meeting those we have not yet met.



Karen & John Evans  
6930 Joysmith Circle

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*...four generations of our family have attended OSU..."*

**Memorial  
Day  
May 26**



## DC Vendor Services Guide

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Numerous inquiries have been made about the DC Vendor Services Guide that Wayne Hasty was putting together last year.

After receiving input from numerous residents, Wayne had the guide nearly finished last fall before he was "knocked out of action". Since Wayne is home now, he's itching to get back to it. Before he actually finishes the document this spring, he wishes to open the list again for additional and up-to-date input.

If anyone has a vendor/contractor they have not already recommended to Wayne for the guide,

please provide Wayne the new information by Friday, May 16th. He will seek to get the DC Vendor Services Guide published as soon as possible thereafter. It will also be available as a file via email.

### **What's needed?**

Type of Business, i.e., Plumbing, Electrical, etc. Company Name, Contact Name, Telephone Number, Address and Your recommendation statement. For example, "they did a great job painting our house, cleaned-up well afterward and charged a competitive price for the work."

## Community Notes...

### **Get Well Soon Wishes To:**

**Jackie White**, who recently had back surgery.

**Gordon Schutt**, who is hopefully recovering well from injuries sustained in an "on-the-job" (golf course!) accident on April 17th.

**Stitchery**—The DC stitchery group will meet at the clubhouse on Monday, May 13 and May 27 at 7 pm. Hope you can join us.

### **Reminder...**

The snow has melted and spring is upon us. As you begin to plant and decorate outdoors, please be mindful of the specifications in the DCHA Handbook concerning porch and garden decorations. Contact a

member of the board if you have questions or need a copy.

**Welcome Home Mary Gregg and Wayne Hasty** - It's been a long winter for you both and we're glad you're home.

**Snowbirds Returning** - Lots of folks who went South for the winter have migrated back north. Gee, folks, aren't you sad you missed the record snowfall we had just a few weeks ago?

**Congratulations! Margarite Richards and Tom Trapp** were married April 5. Their honeymoon trip was **Skybus**-ted but some quick switching got them on their way.



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