

# Dominion Club News

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## Board Notes

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### Landscaping News

Abbruzzese will be doing the **fall cleanup at the end of next week** to pick up the bulk of the remaining leaves. They will install **drive-way snow stakes** to guide snow removal.

### Contracts

The board renewed the lawn care and snow removal contracts with Abbruzzese for next year. There were a number of changes to improve service and communications.

For **snow removal**, service is provided when snow depth in our community is 2 inches or more and the snowfall has ended. Generally walk-behind and riding snow blowers are used for sidewalks and driveways along with hand shoveling to clear porch steps and garage door entrances. For snowfalls 6 inches or greater, bobcats are used to clear driveways, taking best care not to scrape sealcoat off of driveways. The contractor does not apply salt or other ice-melting compounds since they may damage concrete or adjacent lawn areas. Residents are welcomed to use whatever they wish.

The cost of the **lawn care** contract is slightly more than the current contract. Because lots of our neighbors were concerned about the timing of pruning, the board added a third pruning to the schedule. Other communities have made the same change to accommodate the growth and blooming patterns of a wider variety of plants.

In March, the board will conduct an update of the "do not trim/mow"

list for residents who do not want pruning/mowing service.

At the same time, Abbruzzese will provide the board with samples of mulch for a choice. For the coming year there is no difference in price for double-processed or triple-processed mulch and the quality varies from year-to-year. Double-processed mulch is "chunkier" and less susceptible to wash or blow away. Triple-processed is finer and more uniform but washes and blows away more easily. Since there are many variable opinions about mulch, much like how people like their coffee or eggs, the board will make the best choice for most.

Also in March, Abbruzzese and TruGreen will coordinate and announce their season's service schedule so that residents will know roughly when to expect mulching, pruning, fertilizing, etc. They are now committed to informing the board about their schedule and any changes. The board will conduct quarterly service reviews.

### Pool Deck

Board member Boyd Wilson has been investigating concerns about the clubhouse pool deck for several months. Four separate contractors have advised that for safety reasons it must be replaced soon. He is gathering quotes for the board to consider at its December meeting. The association's reserve fund exists for these kinds of expenses. More details to come.

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

◆ **December 9, Holiday Party**



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## Halloween Party

The Halloween Party was a great success! 49 neighbors attended on October 28 in all sorts of costumes: Ghost, Pumpkin, Big Bird, Hippie, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich, Batman and Batgirl and many more. The food was yummy as usual. BBQ pork sliders and an amazing assortment of casseroles, salads and desserts. We welcomed new neighbors Susie and Mike Young, Bob and Joyce Lovell, and Gail Belair.

Jeff Solove won a prize for closest guess in "Count the Candy Corn". All those who attended voted for costume prizes. Prizes were awarded for various costume categories:

- Most Creative: Jackie White
- Most Original: Charlie and Ellen Evranian
- Celebrity person(s): Brenda and David Smith
- Best Homemade: Myra Littleton
- Scariest: Bob White.

Some of the food that was left over was taken to Star House, a facility to help homeless youth ages 14-24. It is sponsored by The Ohio State University.



## Chili Cook-Off

Some neighbors got together for a "chili cook-off" at the DC clubhouse on November 12, organized by Becky and John Rhoads. What a fun evening it was sampling the 10 different chilis. The top 3-winners were:

1st place: Jim Brown

2nd place John Rhoads

3rd place: Jeff Solove

—Thanks to Deb Susi...



## Know Your Neighbors by John Bradshaw

**Bob and Joyce Lovell** purchased the home at 6926 New Albany Road East. They moved here from Kent, Ohio, Bob's hometown, where they raised three daughters—Bethany, lives here in Granville; Lauren lives in Columbia, Maryland; and Hillary, lives in Hilton Head, South Carolina. They have 3 grandchildren, 2 here in Granville and one in Maryland, all are under 4 years!

Bob graduated from Ohio Northern University with a degree in Pharmacy and currently works for Cardinal Health in Dublin. Joyce went to Ohio State University and is a retired dental hygienist.

Bob loves woodworking and photography in his spare time while Joyce likes to garden and read. They both enjoy hiking through our local, state and national parks. Hopefully more travel is in their future once Bob retires in a couple of years.

They are thrilled to be in our community which is close to family. Even though they are near the growing hustle and bustle of New Albany and the greater Columbus area, they find our neighborhood peaceful and friendly!



**Mike and Susie Young** moved into 6936 Camden Drive from Hilliard after living there the past seventeen years.

Mike is a partner/professional engineer with a local engineering firm and Susie retired from the medical field.

They have two daughters in the Columbus area with five grandsons and one granddaughter, ranging in age from 16 to 7.

Mike enjoys golf and is a 25-year high school volleyball official. Susie volunteers at Dublin Hospital and loves to bowl, play cards, and shop.

They are starting to get familiar with their new surroundings and are very glad they moved to New Albany.

WELCOME



MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Westerville Senior Center

If you are looking for something to do, especially over the winter months, you might want to check out the Westerville Senior Center. It is located at 310 W. Main Street in Westerville next to the fire station.

The senior center offers all kinds of activities including computer classes, digital photography, art, ceramics, zentangle, cards, discussion groups and bus trips to just name a few. Some of the activities involve a fee, but many are free. The bus trips fill up quickly so if you see something of interest you need to act quickly.

One of our favorite trips was a “pub crawl” on the senior center bus. One afternoon we traveled to four breweries in Columbus, got dropped off, and had a beer and/or lunch on our own and hopped back on the bus. Very cool. Some of the breweries gave us a behind the scenes tour of their brewery.

Another was a trip last December to the Scioto Mile and downtown Columbus to see the holiday lights. The senior center bus dropped us off at various strategic spots, let us walk around, and picked us up a little later. Another trip was to Magee Marsh on Lake Erie last spring, again on the senior center bus. Magee Marsh is a stopover spot for warblers on their northern migration and a great place to practice your photography.

Memberships are open to all individuals age 55 and their spouses. You don't have to live in Westerville to join. New Albany residents can join for \$18 per year. Check it out at [www.westerville.org/seniorcenter](http://www.westerville.org/seniorcenter) and their phone number is 614-901-6560. Call or stop in to join and get their schedule of activities. —Marty Day



## Saving Monarch Butterflies—Update

Our neighbor, Janis Nelson, is participating in a nationwide project to increase the population of monarch butterflies—here's an update from Janis...

On November 1, two U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife biologists, Marci Lininger and her intern Emily, retrieved our filled-to-the-brim large lawn and leaf bag of ripe milkweed pods for the Monarch Butterfly Pollinator Project. They dove into the bag, dug around, pinched pods, and pronounced,

“These are really good ones!” Compared to other little bags rolling around in the backs of their trucks, I could tell, and they confirmed, that we had done much more than they

had expected.

Wildlife officials presented to the Dominion Club of New Albany Links a certificate of appreciation for our collection. Brenda Smith, and Russ and Janis Nelson submitted pods this year, with endorsement and permission from New Albany Links P.G.A. golf pro Ryan Jacocks.

Therefore, the pollinator project case is closed until spring, when Marci will contact me with other possible projects. She promises to keep us informed, and I hope that more residents choose to participate next fall. In the meantime, residents are encouraged to please leave a spot in their flower beds for butterfly and bee friendly plants. Neighbor Margaret Wilson might be an informative resource for these species.



## Fall I in our Neighborhood



This is a good depiction of why central Ohio is sometimes called "flyover country".



In the picture to the right, the ice crystals fell low enough from the con trail to be swept into a different wind current. —*Thanks to Dean and Carol Jauchius*



Here are some trees around our neighborhood reflecting the progress of autumn...



—*Thanks to Tom Gyurko*



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## Community Notes...

**Stitchery**—The DC stitchery group will meet December 12 and January 9 and 23 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**—While temporary parking for deliveries, services, and visitors are expected, our community's deed restriction and covenant documents prohibit on-street and driveway regular parking. Homeowners cars are expected to be parked in the garage and streets kept clear for mail delivery and snow clearing. Residents can contact Towne Properties if "unusual" situations require board consideration.

**Holiday Party**—Our last party of the year will be our Holiday Party held on **December 9 at 6:30 PM** at the Clubhouse. We will have a Lasagna dinner with appetizers & desserts. We will again be enter-

tained by our Dominion singers who have done an outstanding job the last two years. The ever talented Bob Mertens will be tinkling the ivories again. We will be asking folks to donate an unwrapped toy to be taken to the Firehouse for "Toys for Tots" and canned goods for the homeless. Evites were sent November 25., so be sure to check your email and get your reservation in.

Please join us and get the Holiday season off to a Joyful and Fun-filled start! —Pat Ewing

**Thanks to Pat Ewing!** —Pat is "retiring" as party committee chairman. She, Coach, and the party committee have done a great job planning and conducting our community parties. We appreciate their efforts very much!

**Ken and Lynda Hill** will pick up the torch from Pat and serve as the party committee co-chairs. Thanks for volunteering!

# December 9

## 6:30 pm



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