

Dominion Club News

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Use the DC Clubhouse

Using the clubhouse for community events is easy and convenient. Using the clubhouse for non-community events, with a couple added procedures, is also easy and convenient.

Community events are those whose attendees are strictly Dominion Club residents, i.e., parties, card club, stitchery group, DC board meetings, etc. Typically, Community events only need:

- 1.) scheduling with Becky Colburn at Towne Properties (781-0055),
- 2.) the event coordinator to follow the clubhouse procedures—no deposit required.

Non-community events are privately hosted by a DC resident, who must be present at the event. A few examples include a resident hosted reception, family gatherings or other non-commercial

events—no sales activities and the pool is not available for reservation. A resident contacts Becky Colburn as noted above to reserve the clubhouse and make a deposit. John Bradshaw and Barry Turner compiled a checklist “Using the DC Clubhouse” found on the last page of this newsletter—please save it and keep it as a reference when you use the clubhouse. It’s a simple set of guidelines. All of us are the “custodians” of the clubhouse. As we use it, we need to take care of it, too.

Residents are encouraged to use the clubhouse, since we are paying for its upkeep and maintenance. Barry Turner and team members have done a large amount of work to maintain and improve it.

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

Father's Day June 15

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DC Vendor Services Directory

Wayne Hasty has organized and combined all the vendor information forms submitted by residents to develop the first Dominion Club Vendor Services Directory. The first edition is being distributed coincidental with this newsletter.

The DC Vendor Services Directory (VSD) is organized by trade or type of service, then lists vendors with whom DC residents had a

good service experience and information about the vendors.

The VSD also has a form on the last page you may use to provide information needed for the directory if you would like to recommend a vendor.

The more input to the directory, the more valuable it will be to us.

DC Clubhouse Spring Makeover

A large volunteer crew of DCHA residents tackled an extensive “to do” list at the clubhouse, Saturday, May 24th.

Trustee Bob Hire wishes to thank all the residents who arrived to work with tools in hand. And work they did. Some are pictured in this newsletter.

Volunteers power-washed the clubhouse and all the furniture around the pool. It was previously thought the furniture might need replacement. Flowers were planted, the metal fence was touched-up, and some overgrown plants were broken-up and redistributed around the premises. The interior of the clubhouse has a new sparkle, as one team tackled and thoroughly cleaned the clubhouse interior.

This kind of pride of ownership and participation is what helps set our community apart from other associations.

Bob estimated that the amount of work done saved us a lot of money compared to the cost had the work been contracted. A big thank you to all the volunteers!



June Landscaping Work

Other than mowing, June will see basic maintenance activity, including pruning of certain selected shrubs, and little else.

If you are on the NO PRUNE list, it should be honored. If you wish to be placed on the NO PRUNE list, or removed from the list, please contact Bob Hire, 746-3412.

Additionally, the crews will be on the lookout for white grubs and are prepared for the possible application of grub control, probably sometime in July.



White Grub

Japanese Beetles emerge from the ground in late May or early June. Individual beetles live about 30 to 45 days with activity concentrated over a four to six week period.

Beetle numbers begin to decline in late July but some can be found as late as September.

Adult Japanese beetles are 3/8



inch long metallic green beetles with hard, copper-brown wing covers. Japanese beetles can feed on about 300 species of plants, ranging from roses to poison ivy. Odor and location in direct sun seem to be very important factors in plant selection. The beetles usually feed in groups, starting at the top of a plant and working downward.

Many insecticides are labeled for Japanese beetle control on landscape plants. Examples include acephate (Orthene Turf, Tree & Ornamental Insecticide), carbaryl (Sevin and many other brand names), cyfluthrin (Bayer Advanced Garden Multi-Insect Killer Concentrate),

lambda-cyhalothrin (Spectracide® Triazicide® Soil & Turf Insect Killer Concentrate), esfenvalerate (Ortho Bug-B-Gon Garden & Landscape Insect Killer Concentrate), and permethrin (Spectracide® Bug Stop Multi-Purpose Insect Control Concentrate and many other brands).

Direct spray applications of insecticide kills Japanese beetles on contact but does not provide any residual protection. Repeated applications may be necessary because of the relatively short residual effect of the products. Also, a significant rainfall shortly after an application may reduce the insecticide deposit below effective levels.

Japanese beetle traps are sold in many garden centers. Research has shown that the traps attract many more beetles than are actually caught. Consequently, susceptible plants along the flight path of the beetles and in the vicinity of traps are likely to suffer much more damage than if no traps are used at all. In most landscape situations, use of Japanese beetle traps probably will do more harm than good.

Landscape plants nearly always severely attacked by adult Japanese beetles include Japanese Maple, Norway Maple, Horse Chestnut, Gray Birch, American Chestnut, Rose-of-Sharon, Shrub Althea, Black Walnut, Flowering Crabapple, Apple, London Planetree, Lombardy Poplar, Cherry, Black Cherry, Plum, Peach, other fruit trees, Roses, Sassafras, American Mountain-Ash, American Linden, American Elm, and English Elm.

More information is available at <http://www.ca.uky.edu/entomology/entfacts/ef409.asp>

<http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/2000/2001.html>

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Memories

by Karen Collins

Many of us have reached an age when we can recall the 4th of July at Grandma's or our first bicycle more easily than what we had for dinner last evening.

Memories are funny things. Triggered by a smell or sound, a song, book, or movie, a color, or a person, memories can be vivid and detailed or just an emotional response. They do not always respond just when we want them to. They sometimes keep us awake at night, especially the less pleasant ones. And they can disappear without a trace. The only way memories can truly be preserved is by sharing them.

Imagine how you would treasure a notebook, diary, or even a few pages written by one of your grandparents or great-grandparents, sharing memories you otherwise would never know about. Why not

provide such a wonderful gift for your own grandchildren, nieces, or nephews?

If you can tell a story, you can write it. No one is going to get out an editor's blue (or worse, a teacher's red) pencil.

There are no grades. Just write – in a notebook, on index cards, or on the computer – your memories: a special holiday, a vacation trip, your own grandparents, your childhood home or school, pets, hobbies, family traditions, books you loved.

The list is endless.

Keep your writing short and simple. If you feel you just can't write it yourself, enlist a helper and dictate. Then, someday, gather these scribblings together and give them to a family member who will enjoy them, treasure them, and preserve them for generations yet to come.

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AutoPay Your Monthly and Annual Dues

Tom and Janet Roth forwarded the following information about how to automatically pay the \$200 annual fee to Towne Properties (due March each year), and the monthly dues (\$120) from your checking account.

Contact Barb, at Towne Properties' Cincinnati AutoPay Department, 513-345-6938 to obtain forms and all the information needed, or send the information to their Autopay@tp1.com email address.

You will need to use two forms—one for the monthly Auto payments, and another form for the annual payments. **CLEARLY DESIGNATE EACH TYPE OF PAYMENT ON EACH FORM.**

When providing the information for Auto-pay, be sure you specify that you live in the Dominion Club at New Albany Links, list our Community (#8080), and add the

"t" # found on YOUR monthly payment coupons.

Once set-up, a confirmation letter will be sent for each type of withdrawal, i.e. one for the annual New Albany Links \$200 fee, and another letter for the monthly Dominion Club \$120 monthly fee.

Towne Properties will send a notice in January, indicating that the \$200 fee will be deducted from your checking account.

New Sidewalk Ramps

The new sidewalk ramps being built and rebuilt throughout the neighborhood by the Village of New Albany are to comply with the Americans for Disabilities Act. The rumble strips at the mouth of the ramps assist those who use wheelchairs or who are visually impaired to realize when they reach the mouth of the ramps.



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Two Trustee Positions Open This Fall

Fall elections are fast approaching. If you're tired of hearing campaign rhetoric, think about more pleasant subjects.

For example, who among us would you want to be on the DC board as a trustee? Or would you like to join the DC board and lend your creative talents to managing the little domain we have here?

Two trustee positions will be open for election this fall, as Urban Kraus and Barry Turner's terms expire. Both had extended their contributions and did a bang-up job, for-

which we are all grateful.

Typically, after the elections, the board sits in a first meeting to redistribute the various duties, committees and functions. So, there's plenty of opportunity to blend your talents with some of the activities in which we are involved.

If you, or someone you know would like to fill one of the positions, nomination application forms will be available in time for the July DCHA Quarterly Open Business Meeting and until the election occurs.

Community Notes...

Get Well Soon Wishes To: Donene Bradshaw—recovering from surgery.

Ed Sander—recovering strength and preparing for surgery.

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet at the clubhouse on Monday, June 9 and June 23 at 7 pm. Hope you can join us.

Bridge or Euchre Anyone? New residents Karen and John Evans are interested in forming a Bridge and/or Euchre Club to meet periodically at the clubhouse. If you're in-

terested, please contact Karen or John at 775-0078 or e-mail to johndevans9408@bellsouth.net.

New mailboxes are going up around the DCHA area. A very detailed article about mailboxes and the "Dominion Club Green" paint was published in the April 2008 DC Newsletter. Black mailboxes are a good selection, especially when painted "Dominion Club Green".

Welcome New Neighbor!—Dan Walker at 7056 Dean Farm Road.

- ◆ **Host: Social Committee**
- ◆ **Location: DC Clubhouse**
- ◆ **When: Friday June 6, 6:30 pm**
- ◆ **Call for Reservations: 855-7074**



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Using the DC Clubhouse

All events in the Clubhouse must be scheduled with Becky Colburn, of Towne Properties at 781-0055. She is the coordination point so that multiple events aren't planned for the same or overlapping time frames.

When using the Clubhouse for community functions (in which only residents of the community may participate), there is no charge for its use.

Residents can rent the Clubhouse for private functions. A deposit of \$150.00, sent to Becky Colburn, Towne Properties, is required in advance of the event. After the event, \$100.00 will be returned provided that the clubhouse is left in the same condition or better than it was found.

If you rent or use the clubhouse for any event, you must follow some basic housekeeping guidelines or your privileges will be revoked. Please follow these guidelines, as you are one of 98 other "owners" of the clubhouse:

- Observe the room layout as you enter the clubhouse. Make notes if necessary. The room should look the same when you depart. If you move the furniture, put it back when you leave.
- When turning on the lights, note the switch to the right is reversed so it will turn on when you switch it to the opposite direction of the other switches. Turn off all lights when you leave, including the fan. Check bathrooms and exercise room.
- If you need to rearrange the equipment in the exercise room for your event, please put everything back to the same positions when you leave.
- The kitchen has a microwave, coffee maker and refrigerator. If you use any of these items, clean them when you are finished. Clean all kitchen surfaces when you leave.
- The disposal is in working order. Do not put coffee grounds down this drain.
- We do not have garbage service for the clubhouse. You must take all garbage with you, including all wastebasket contents—bring some garbage bags with you.
- **Use of the pool is not included in a clubhouse rental.** The pool is available to all residents every day and will not be open to the exclusion of residents. Private function event guests are not permitted to use the pool area.
- Two thermostats are used to control the temperature in the clubhouse. A DCHA board member is available to adjust the temperature for you and your guests. Call Barry Turner at 855-9554 or Dean Jauchius at 855-7201 for assistance.
- Do not attempt to light the fireplace. If you wish to use it, call one of the above phone numbers for help before your event.
- If you wish to use the sound system, ask for help from a Trustee before your party begins.
- When done, be sure to sweep all floors with the vacuum located in the front hall closet. Please check and lock all doors and windows.
- You are responsible for replacement of anything broken during your event.
- Any accidents are your responsibility.
- All questions should be directed to one of the DCHA board members noted above.

