

Dominion Club News

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Board Notes

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Landscaping and Snow Removal—New Contractor

The board solicited proposals for landscaping and snow removal services for 2018. There were 3 proposals submitted—**Eddybrook Tree Farm & Landscaping, Abbruzzese Brothers, and Trippier. Landscape and Snow Removal.**

After a review, **the board selected Eddybrook.** In addition to being the lowest bidder, they have been doing the landscaping for New Albany Links public and gateway areas this year. They will offer a range of additional services to individual homeowners at homeowner's expense including mulching and pruning in side and back yards. More information is forthcoming. Their web site is www.eddybrook.com

Street Trees

Trees Are My Business completed pruning our 159 street trees on October 10. The pruning intends to enhance the health of the trees and provide the 7-foot clearance over sidewalks required by city ordinance. Future pruning will be done again in 3 years or as needed.

Clubhouse— Doors and Curbs

New clubhouse doors were installed on October 24 to replace



the original ones due to advancing wood rot. The inside entranceways had to be removed as well. The board considered replacing clubhouse carpeting but decided to replace just the entrance area, deferring carpet replacement to a future time.



Parking lot curbs were fixed and the old handicap ramp removed on November 30. This work needs to precede resurfacing the parking lot in the spring.

Financial Update

The board completed the 2018 DCHA budget. Despite some significant, unexpected expenses this year, our association's financial condition remains strong and there are no changes in monthly fees.

Roof Replacement Update

So far 30 of our homeowners have replaced their roofs.

Party Committee Chairman

We are in need of a new party committee chairman. If you are interested and want more information, please **contact board member Sarah Strahler at 614-855-3799 or sarahstrah@aol.com.**

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

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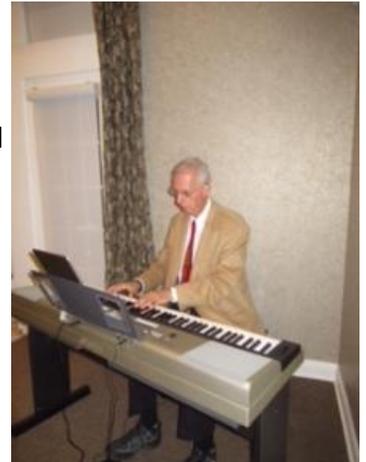
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Holiday Party

A bit of yuletide cheer was shared by 41 of our neighbors on December 2. Bob Mertens played Christmas carols on his keyboard and everyone sang to the songs. All shared an Italian themed dinner of lasagna, meatballs, Italian green beans, salad, rolls and pie. John Rhoads won \$68 in a 50/50 raffle. We also raffled off poinsettias which were the centerpieces for the dinner tables. We collected food for a food pantry and children's toys for Toys for Tots. A good time was had by all!

We are looking for a new Party Committee chairman to lead the many party committee members to plan and host parties in 2018. If you are interested, please contact board member Sarah Strahler at 614-855-3799 or sarahstrah@aol.com.



Know Your Neighbors by John Bradshaw



Linda Traff and Christine Monaco purchased the home at 6942 Camden Drive in August of 2017. They are relatively new to the Columbus area having moved here in April 2016. Chris is originally from New York, and Linda was born and raised in Illinois. Prior to moving to Ohio, they both lived in Phoenix Arizona for over 15 years where they enjoyed many days of sunshine and year-round golf!

Chris graduated from St. Francis College in Brooklyn, New York with a B.S. in Business Management. She worked for a number of years in Manhattan prior to being employed by J.P. Morgan Chase where she has worked for 20 years and is currently employed.

Linda graduated with a degree in Business Administration from Augustana College in Illinois and earned her master's degree in Educational Administration at Northern Illinois University, where she is still currently employed. In her current position she provides oversight for NIU's regional academic programs.

While they are both currently employed full-time they are both looking forward to retirement in the near future.

They are both avid readers and have found a church home at All Saints Episcopal

Church in New Albany.

Both Linda and Chris love to golf and have found the New Albany Links course to be one of the nicer courses in the area. They both love hiking, walking and biking and have been enjoying exploring the Columbus area Metro Parks as well as the Hocking Hills area.

They both love to travel and while they explored many areas in the Southwest while in Arizona, they are looking forward to exploring new areas in the Midwest.

They both love the Columbus area and all it has to offer!

Welcome



Robo Calls and Scams

We've all received unsolicited calls from telemarketers and others including "robo" calls—recorded messages, despite having your phone number listed on the National Do Not Call Registry. It's frustrating that so many ignore the law.

Screening calls using Caller ID is now less effective since scammers now disguise their number and name, even attempting to make it look familiar using local area codes and exchanges. They use technology to make robo calls—even an individual can use a computer to generate thousands of calls a day at little or no cost to them.

What to do?

There are now services that you can use to reduce the number of unwanted calls to your phone.

If you have a traditional home phone or land line, the major phone companies offer a service at no charge called "NoMoRobo" which effectively blocks robo and telemarketer phone calls. Sign up for it online at nomorobo.com or call your phone company for information. Robo calls ring once but then are stopped.

If you have a smartphone, there are applications to download to your phone. No-MoRobo and RoboKiller are examples. They cost about \$20 for an annual subscription and are very effective.

What is Phishing?

Phishing scams are attempts to trick you into disclosing personal information that can lead to the theft of your money, identity or both. Phishing can come through emails, phone calls or texts, and can target everyone. Often they pose as a legitimate organization, such as your bank, the IRS or other government agencies, or companies.

The fraudster asks you to provide or verify personal information such as a Social Security Number, account numbers and/or

password/login information.

Phishing scams - whether by phone, email or text - usually have two things in common: 1) they create a sense of urgency to get you to respond, and 2) they ask for information they should already have.

Fraudsters may claim there has been suspicious activity on your account and if you don't respond, you'll lose access to your account. Other tactics include claiming to be implementing new privacy software or identity theft solutions, offering a free gift, or threatening arrest if you don't pay them a "fine" immediately.

What to do?

Never give out personal information until you can confirm the caller's identity. Tell the caller you will call them back and use the number on the company's website or from a verified communication you have received from the company.

In email, look out for unfamiliar or misspelled email addresses or ones that look similar to but aren't the exact same as a company's email address. Also look for unusual but similar website URLs, poor grammar and spelling. Don't click on links or attachments unless you are expecting them.

In texting, be wary of messages from unfamiliar numbers that ask you to confirm, verify or give your personal information immediately. Don't click on a link or call a number unless you know the sender. If in doubt, use the number on the company's website or from a verified communication.

Report suspicious phone calls, emails, and texts. Banks often have fraud departments that investigate scammers using their name. Or contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov or 800-282-0515. When reporting a potential phone scam, provide as much information as possible, including any phone numbers, email, or web site addresses the scammer provides.



Craft Group

The craft group met on October 17 to make a fall centerpiece, here are the results...



The Party Committee Wants You!

Our parties are one of the unique things associated with our friendly community. Please help our neighbors on the Party Committee help us maintain the tradition!

We are in need of a new party committee chairman. There are a number of our neighbors on the party committee who will help to make our parties successful, but we need a chairman.

If you are interested and want more information, please **contact board member Sarah Strahler at 614-855-3799 or sarahstrah@aol.com**.



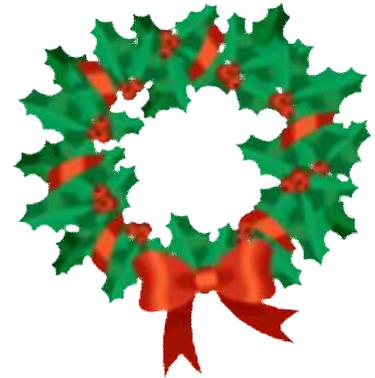
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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet December 11, and January 8 and 22 at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

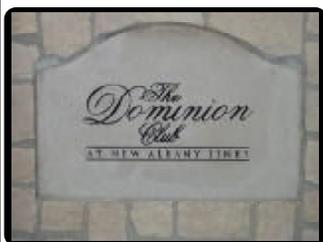
Mah-Jongg—Meets in the clubhouse every Wednesday between 1:30—4:30 pm, new players welcome! For more information contact Deb Butler at 614-933-0923 or dbutler3@insight.rr.com

Craft Group—Meet at the clubhouse the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm. Persons who are interested should contact Linda Kretschmaier at lkretsch54@msn.com or at 614-560-1682.



Merry  *Christmas*

Happy  **HANUKKAH**



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