

Dominion Club News

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Annual Meeting, Election, Open Session Set October 18

The Dominion Club Homeowners Association (DCHA) will hold its 2007 annual meeting and election of trustees on Thursday, October 18 at 7 p.m. at the DC clubhouse.

Purpose of the meeting is to nominate and elect three trustees, each for a two-year term, and to review the financial status and operation of the DCHA. The meeting also serves as a quarterly open meeting for the residents to share information of common and current interest with the board. Homeowners should submit questions in writing by October 11 to President Tom Roth at troth@insight.rr.com or by mail to 6934 Joysmith Circle.

Sterling Towne Properties this month will mail information to all homeowners regarding the meeting and instructions, nomination applications, nominee profile forms and proxy forms. Homeowners wanting to nominate an individual to be a candidate for trustee, or who themselves want to be a nominee, should return the nomination application to Sterling no later than October 5. Nominations for trustee may also be made from the floor at the meeting. Please contact Becky Colburn at Sterling if you do not receive the mailing by October 1.

Present trustees whose two-year terms expire next month are President Tom Roth, Treasurer Gordon Schutt and Secretary Wayne Hasty.

Weather Permitting, Pool Open Until Mid-September

Weather permitting, the DC swimming pool will remain open until mid-September. "If the weather stays warm and mild, we expect to keep the pool open until the middle of September so our residents can continue to enjoy it", said Trustee Barry Turner.



Special points of interest:

- ◆ Check out the End of Summer All American Cookout party pictures on page 6.
- ◆ Stay tuned for future party announcements from the Social Committee.....



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Getting To Know Our Neighbors by Tom (Not A Chiseler) Roth

I have been asked to share my hobby of woodcarving. I am not a chiseler! While my interest over the years (starting in the late 70's) has mainly been chiseling away at what nature tossed aside, such as driftwood, pine knots, found wood while hiking, I have mainly tried to leave the natural beauty of the wood intact and put a face on it. Driftwood has been my main interest while other known wood such as bass, walnut and lately diamond willow for walking sticks have also been used.

I occasionally do what is called a novelty piece; for example: link chain, ball-in-a-cage, wheel in a frame – all from a single piece of (usually bass) wood. My best in novelty is a ball-in-a-cage, in a cage, - the ball and the inside cage float freely from the fixed outer cage - from a single piece of wood. These are very time consuming so I do them sparingly.

With driftwood, you never know what lies beneath the bleached surface, whether the wood will be soft or hard, and especially the color beneath. I sometimes will use stains to highlight the carved portion but tend to leave the natural color and overall character of the piece as is. Two trips to Maine back in the early 80's to a lake known for driftwood and filling the station wagon with driftwood kept me going for many years. My stash of wood to carve currently is smaller pieces that I hold on my lap and hands and use knives for the most part. Most of my knives are from Warther Museum in Dover – I recommend a visit to the museum of the "Worlds Master Carver" in Dover, Ohio, not far from Amish country if you travel over to Berlin and Sugarcreek area. The museum makes cutlery of the finest quality and the museum is a display of the history of the steam engine trains and other 'novelty' pieces. Well worth the trip and time.

I have a collection of chisels that are used for large pieces but a trip back to Maine is needed to get back into that form of carving. It's just a hobby. I have said that I would go broke if I tried to make a living or supplement my income from carving. I do not keep track of time spent on each piece, I just carve when the inspiration comes and carve for as long as it is comfortable. I have purchased some wood to do special carvings, but very little compared to the found wood source. I have never sold a carving; I enjoy giving them away or donating them to auctions for charity. My inventory is down, so I better get to chiseling (wood) – maybe I will do more when the weather turns.



Lawn Watering Do's and Don'ts for the Fall Season

The arrival of September and October can often bring dry periods without the higher temperatures and humidity of the summer months. Using effective approaches to lawn watering can help keep turf looking healthy and give it a leg up for the coming cold weather months. There may be a temptation to water more frequently, but caution is advised to avoid over watering in this period. Some watering do's and don'ts for homeowners' use in the coming months:



- If we have a rainy period of several days, you need not run your irrigation system or hose water. The usual rule of one inch of moisture a week still applies but this includes both natural rain and watering. Rain gauges are inexpensive and a good investment to help track this.
- Over watering promotes turf disease, including fungi; several DC lawns are already experiencing Dollar Spot and Red Thread, and crabgrass outbreaks are also showing up.
- Over watering also encourages shallow rooting of grass plants, leaches fertilizer so the grass does not get the full benefit of fertilizer applications, and encourages the germination of broadleaf weeds.
- Water in the early morning hours, not in sunlight and not at night. The latter promotes fungi development.
- It is recommended that irrigation systems not be run every day; once or twice a week is usually sufficient in the late summer, early fall period.

What's In A Name by Karen Collins

Attending my 50th high school reunion last weekend, I was struck again by the matter of women's names. The class of 1957 was a procession of girls named Carol, Barbara, Sandy, Judy, Shirley, Nancy, and Patty.

At our Dominion Club stitchery group we are constantly tripping over each other's names because we have 3 Carols, 2 Kathys, and I Karen. Thank Heavens for Sarah.

You could guess the age range of women living in the Dominion Club just by reading a list of our first names. We currently boast 6 Carols and 6 Jans or Janets, 3 Marges, 3 Judys, 3 Sandys, 3 Kays, 3 Lindas, and Mary Lou, Mary Lee, and Mary Gregg.

Our daughters tend to have names like Stephanie, Jennifer, Michelle, Katherine, Stacy, and Allison.

But elementary school classrooms today are filled with little girls called Zoe, Beatrice, Ava, Olivia, Sophia, and Chloe – names from our grandmother's generation which I, for one, didn't expect to hear again. I still hold out little hope for the return of Gladys, Myrtle, or Hazel, (maybe just as well) but you never know.

Perhaps by the time all these little Hannahs, Zoes, Lucias, and Emmas grow up, our names will seem exotic enough to them that a whole new generation of Lindas, Kathys, Donnas, Sharons and Susans will again appear. And maybe they will sound quite original.



A Flock of Flamingoes

Dominion Club residents were surprised to find that a flock of flamingoes had landed (better than Canada geese) in the yard of Gerry Ross just in time to celebrate her 80th birthday. Congratulations Gerry and best wishes for a happy and healthy year ahead.



Stitchery Group

Ladies, we know you have one or two (or more) unfinished needlework projects languishing in a closet somewhere. Why not dig them out and bring them to the Stitchery Group. We meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month at the Clubhouse at 7 pm. We chat, laugh, and even get some stitching done. If you are interested in learning about some form of needlework, we have folks who quilt, knit, embroider, and do needlepoint and we'd be glad to help.

A Big Tip of the DC Hat to Jerry Richardson

A tip of the Dominion Club hat and a great big thank you to DC homeowner Jerry Richardson of 6939 Camden Drive for arranging the donation of four Coca-Cola umbrellas for use with the pool-side tables. They will be used beginning next season and will add a classy look! Thanks, Jerry from the board and our residents!

Check out the August 24 party photos for a preview of the new umbrellas.

Fall Friday Football Fun in New Albany!

Want a fun way to spend Friday evenings this fall in New Albany? Watching the New Albany High School football Eagles take on area foes will help you relive your carefree high school days when you were playing, cheerleading, playing in the band, or just as a spectator. Several area restaurants and food establishments set up tents around 6 p.m. at Eagle Stadium plaza and serve dinner fare and snacks before kick-off at 7:30 p.m. And of course school and organization -sponsored refreshment stands are always a source of good "game" food as well.

Admission to the games is free of charge for seniors and parking is available next to the stadium or off Route 605. Several DC homeowners have become regulars at NAHS games in recent years. So get up a crowd and head on over to the stadium. It's only five minutes away! The team is always competitive and is expected to vie for the league championship again this season. And the band is superb. See you at the game!



Remaining home Eagles games this season are:

September 7, Granville Village H. S., 7:30 p.m.
September 21, New Richmond H. S., 7:30 p.m.

September 28, Olentangy Liberty H. S., 7:30 p.m.
October 19, Watkins Memorial H. S., 7:30p.m.

New Dominion Club Residents

The following new residents have joined our community so far this year:

Jerry & Wilma Graham, 7063 Dean Farm Road

Bill & Brenda Lauterbach 6932 Joysmith Circle

Ken & Emily Mead, 6922 Camden Drive

Bob & Maggie Talpas, 6928 New Albany Road

Ron & Sandy Weiner, 7055 Camden Drive

A Big DC welcome to all our new residents!

End of the Summer — All American Cookout



A warm evening greeted the seventy people who attended the “End of the Summer – All American Cookout” at the Dominion Clubhouse on Friday, August 24, 2007.

The Hamburgers and Hotdogs were excellent – thanks to our chefs Ed Sander and Jim Freeman. The other food that everyone brought was delicious.



With temperatures around ninety degrees, some people elected to stay inside for the evening, while others enjoyed sitting outside by the pool. With Seven American flags flying in the background, as part of our party theme, those outside were able to stay outside until almost 9:00 p.m.



Look for more information in October on our upcoming Halloween Party.

John & Donene and the Party Committee

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Last Call for DC services Directory Listings

Have you had a firm or individual do a great job for you in washing windows, cleaning gutters, repairing an appliance, sealing your driveway, power washing or painting your house?



If so, you should consider "nominating" them for inclusion in the new services directory being prepared by the DC communications committee as a help to DC homeowners.

Having all this information in one place will aid homeowners looking for reliable help, rather than having them look through old e-mails or past newsletters where such information is presently published.

"The directory will also assist residents who are not physically able to do these tasks find resources; help residents take advantage of group discounts as available; and provide residents, especially newcomers, with information about reliable sources that their fellow homeowners have used," said Wayne Hasty, communications chair.

October 1 is the deadline for submitting information for inclusion in the first printing of the directory.

Only information about providers who have actually performed work or a service for a DC homeowner and received a favorable testimonial about the quality of their work from that homeowner will be included. Provider listings will include the name, service, telephone number or email address for contact purposes, and the name of the homeowner who provided the recommendation.

The DCHA board of trustees and the recommending homeowner will not be held responsible or accountable in any way for the quality, performance or price for the work performed by the provider firm or individual. Homeowners should submit information by e-mail or on the form at the end of this newsletter to Wayne Hasty at WHasty4703@aol.com or by sending the form to 6921 Joysmith Circle.



If you have contributions for the newsletter or something to communicate to the Dominion Club community, contact a member of the Communications Committee:

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Services Directory Information Submission Form

Your Name: _____

Your Telephone Number: _____

Service Provider (name of person to contact): _____

Service(s) Provided: _____

Service Provider Telephone Number and/or e-mail: _____

Service Provider Address: _____

Homeowner Testimonial (50 words or less) regarding experience with provider:

Approximate date service was used by recommending homeowner: _____

Other information which might be useful to a homeowner using the service: _____

**PLEASE SEND to Wayne Hasty at whasty4703@aol.com
OR to 6921 Joysmith Circle by October 1, 2007.**