

Dominion Club News

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40 Home Owners Attend Annual Meeting

Dean Jauchius presided over the 2009 annual meeting. Dean read the Board's statement on Homeowner Loss of Rights and Privileges for Non-Payment policy. He thanked John and Donene Bradshaw for setting up the meeting space and for refreshments. He thanked Jim Burt for the donation of a new bookcase and Bruce Collins for assembling it.

In response to questions submitted by residents: A letter from the DC Board to local zoning board officials concerning the Smucker property at 7530 Bevelheimer Rd. was read. In response to a request to have the tall decorative grasses around the clubhouse trimmed this fall, it was reported that the Abbruzzese lawn service will do the trimming.

Treasurer's Report - Gordon Schutt reported that the reserve fund balance is \$24,383. The current expenses checking account balance is \$3,097. The operating budget expenses are about \$12,000 under budget through September. The reserve fund is about \$6,000 underfunded due to reserve funds being used to cover lawyer expenses for the Oen's law suit.

Pool & Clubhouse - Tom Gyrko reported the pool closed following a good summer season. The pool service contract has been renewed for three years with a 5% reduction over current costs. The Franklin County Board of Health

inspected the pool operation and made two demands – the door to the room with the phone must be unlocked and the water must be tested every day the pool is open, including Sundays. The back flow valves passed inspection. The vents on the roof were painted. The water flow from the down spout in the back has been diverted pending a permanent solution and the sprinkler heads adjacent to the parking lot have been lowered.

Two new serving tables were purchased. Keeping the clubhouse carpet clean has become an issue and will be addressed by the Board.

Needed work includes replacing rotted boards over the east doors and painting the library ceiling. Two sidewalk sections need to be replaced.

Communications - Alex Campbell reported that the 8 page September newsletter may have been the largest to date. The Webfest generated 26 suggestions for the website. Many of these are being incorporated.

Chairman's Report - Dave Ewing reported that the lawyers for the Oens, Merrells, Dominion Homes and the DC Homeowner's Association will be meeting with a mediator in an attempt to resolve the lawsuit. *(continued, page 3)*

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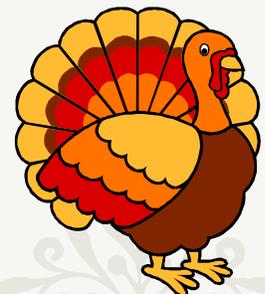
Mark your calendar now for upcoming Dominion Club parties - don't miss all the fun!

◆ Holiday Party, Dec 11

DCHA Quarterly Meeting

◆ January 21

7 pm Clubhouse



Thanksgiving



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9th Annual Halloween Party



The Halloween Party this year was on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Dominion Clubhouse.

Once again there were some great costumes. The judges, Dick Lafayette, Judy Bennett and Margarine Trapp had a hard time selecting the best. They finally chose: Scariest: Ellen Evranian, as "ghouls of the night." Funniest: Dave Ewing, as Jack Hanna. He had one of his pet animals with him. Most Unique: Bob & Christy Radigan, who were dressed as pirates. Jim Roche won a prize for guessing the correct number of candy corn in the jar (200).

Everyone enjoyed the BBQ Pork and Beef sandwiches, along with an excellent selection of food items that were brought by everyone. The decorations inside the clubhouse were very well done and compliments go to the Party Committee.



Annual Meeting (continued)

Four homeowners are behind in their monthly association fees. One of those has gone through Chapter 7 bankruptcy and the property is being turned over to the bank. The association will lose the unpaid fees up to the effective date of the court's ruling. Fees after that point will be assessed to the bank.

Two properties have liens placed on them and the fourth property is currently two months behind. If payment is not received a lien will be placed on that property as well.

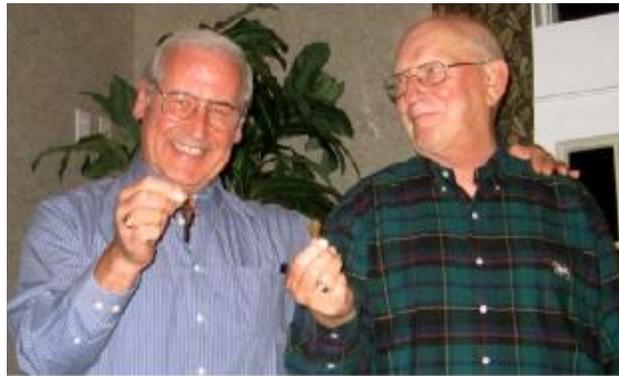
Seven properties are currently for sale. Letters have been sent to the listing agents regarding the Dominion Club age restrictions.

Election Results - Three trustees were elected to the DC Board and areas of responsibility for each member have been assigned for the next year. Jim Burt was elected to a two year term and will become chairman. Sue Stradley was also elected to a two year term and will become the new treasurer. David Ewing,

having previously been appointed, was elected to a one year term. Dave will move from chairman to president.

Alex Campbell, secretary and Tom Gyurko, vice-president both have one year remaining on their terms and retained their present responsibilities.

The next open meeting will be January 21, 2010.



Out-going board members Dean Jauchius and Gordon Schutt turn in their keys and seem happy about it. They should be they did a fine job serving their community



The new 2010 Dominion Club Board from the left Alex Campbell, Secretary; Tom Gyurko, Vice-President; Sue Stradley, Treasurer; Jim Burt, Chairman; and Dave Ewing, President

Changing of the Guard

Sue Stradley is our new treasurer and describes her association with Dominion Club Homes this way: "Rick and I moved to Dominion Club in July of 2001. We were the 7th sale, right behind the Bradshaw's, before Camden and Joysmith were started, and there were only a few homes on New Albany Road. We have seen so much growth and are proud to be a part of this community." Rick and Sue met and were married in Columbus thirty-six years ago. They have two daughters, Stephanie in Gahanna and Stacey recently married to Stephen and living in North Carolina.

Sue has held an administrative job in a pre-school, and has worked as an engineering and legal secretary. She still works full-time. She sang with the Sweet Adelines in her twenties. Today she and Rick love to play euchre and other games, watch movies, and walk, when it's nice.

Jim Burt, our new board chairman, and his wife Arlene live on Joysmith Circle. Jim retired from the OSU College of Veterinary Medicine. The Burt's have five children and fifteen grandchildren. Jim and Arlene grew up in Iowa and have been married 55 years. You will see Jim and their six year old dog, Fuji, taking their daily walk around the neighborhood.

For a more complete biography of Jim and Arlene see the July/August 2009 issue of the Dominion Club Newsletter.

With much appreciation we thank Gordon Schutt and Dean Jauchius, our retiring board members, for their service. Gordon has been on the Dominion Club Board since it was formed in April 2006. During Gordon's tenure the board was organized and the Homeowner's Association dues have gone from \$140 to \$120 per month. He was always the residents' best fiscal friend on the board keeping a close eye on the check book and challenging the board on every expense.

For the last two years Dean has been the president of the Board, the go to guy for residents to bring their issues. Dean has a special talent for analyzing an issue and helping the board make the best decision possible. It was Dean who was up at 5:30am measuring the snow, deciding if plowing was called for. And it was Dean who gave us the many maintenance tips you found in the newsletters and on the web.

Many thanks to Gordon and Dean for a job well done!

"Welcome to Sue, Jim, and Dave – Thanks to Dean and Gordon for your service"



Recipes From The DC Potlucks

Judy Bennett has requested that if you particularly enjoy something at our get-togethers, please mention it to her so she can get the recipe for all of us...

REFRIED BEAN PIE From Janet Steinhaus

2 pie crusts
1 can refried beans
1 pound ground beef
1 jar medium salsa
1 pkg taco cheese
Sliced black olives

Put pie crust on bottom of pie plate.

Cover with refried beans and then add the ground beef that has been cooked with the salsa.

Cover this layer with the cheese and olives and top with the other pie crust.

Bake for 25 min at 400 degrees. Enjoy.



Busy November for Yard Care

The 2009 Fall Maintenance Schedule, posted on the DC website, indicates a busy November is in store.

Lawn Fertilization—Typically, late fall fertilization and lawn aeration are alternated from year to year. This year, late fall fertilization and weed control was completed on October 30th. All work is being coordinated between TruGreen and Abbruzzese, so as not to interfere with each other.

Last Front Bed Pruning—The last pruning of shrubs will take place just before mid-November. They are shown on the schedule as taking place in late October, but were slightly deferred to allow seasonal decorations (Halloween) to be removed before the workers get in the front shrub/flower beds to do the pruning and clean-up work.

Lawn Mowing—The final lawn mowing of the year will be done about the same time as the clean-up activity mentioned above.

Snow Stake Installation (Your Warranty Protection) - While S N O W is a four-letter word, we have to bring it up here. Soon after the final lawn mowing, the crews will install the reflective snow stakes along the driveways of those who are not on the NO PLOW list.

Reminder—Our damage warranty and liability claims are founded on the stakes the contractor uses to mark the paths of the driveways. They are the basis of any timely damage claims we may make after a snow removal job. ***It is imperative that damage claims are made within 72 hours after a snow removal job.*** Claims for damage afterward will not be honored. Also, if you are “house watching” for an absent neighbor, please remember to check their property for damage as well. Damage claims may be reported to Dave Ewing, ewing_david@sbcglobal.net or

933-9017. Prompt reporting is appreciated, as claims will then be surveyed and noted for future repair, if needed.

Also, before the first snow, you may wish to remove any garden hose reels, flower pots, or other items close to the driveway, so as not to be accidentally caught by the snow blowers.

No Plow List—Those who were on the NO PLOW list last year will remain on the list unless we are notified otherwise. We need to know if you wish to be removed from the NO PLOW list before the staking is done and before a snowfall occurs.

NO PLOW means the driveway of those requesting NO PLOWING will not be plowed. However, ALL DC SIDEWALKS are cleared for safety reasons.

Ice Hazard—We **do not salt** icy surfaces, except the clubhouse parking lot. Salt application is up to the property owner, due to the potential liabilities caused by cracking and chipping that salts can cause on our concrete sidewalks.

A good alternative to salt for traction purposes would be a thin layer of Paver Base type of sand. Although it’s “dirty”, it provides good traction and doesn’t harm the concrete. It can be washed or hosed-off in the spring. Pure sand (the Playground kind) can still permit slippage.



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The Blizzard of March '08 dropped 16 inches of snow in New Albany

Picture Contest

18 photos were entered in the contest to replace the existing 4 photos on the wall above the entrance to the library.

The chairman of the committee, Ron Stauffer, chose Roger Benjamin and Mabel Becker to judge the photos. A slide presentation was used to narrow down the entries to four.

The four winning photos were taken by: John Bradshaw, Ron Stauffer, Becky Beam and Wayne Barts.

These photos will be enlarged and mounted in the existing frames.



"S&R Studio Productions" Make Debut

Ron Stauffer and Jim Ramsey have teamed to provide "How To" videos for Alex Campbell to place on our website. And for those unable to capture or run the videos from our website, Ron and Jim have supplied our library with some DVDs depicting the same "How To" lessons, for use in our homes.

Shown on the home page of the DC website, under the heading "Watch Our HOW TO DO IT Videos", are the videos developed to-date. They are:

Video #1 - How to keep your sump pump running when the curb outlet is frozen.

Video #2 - How to test your sump pump and how to flush your hot water tank

Ron has re-engineered the first video and produced the second in a manner that older and slower computers may play them.

Thanks guys! These are informative and will be beneficial to many, we're sure.



Ohio is having an exceptionally beautiful Fall this year as shown by a Carol Jauchius' photo from the Hocking Valley



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Community Notes...

Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, November 9 and 23, at 7 pm in the clubhouse. Join us!

The Dominion Club Women's Bible Study—Meets in the clubhouse each Thursday, 10:00 to 11:30am except in the Summer. Contact Mary Lou Ewing, 614-933-9017 if you are interested in joining.

Committee Volunteers—A new organization chart for the Dominion Club Board Trustees and Committees has been placed on the web. If you would like to be a member of one of the committees contact the appropriate board member.

Ask Prudence—*Dear Prudence, If I get the flu should I go to the emergency room? Feelin' Funny...*

Dear Feelin', The Dominion Club website has an H1N1 symptoms check list from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. It will help you decide that question should the flu come your way this winter. You will also find a link to the CDC website where more detailed H1N1 information can be found.

Maintenance Video—Ron Stauffer and Jim Ramsey have made our

first two HOW TO DO IT home maintenance videos. It helps homeowners deal with sump pumps that run when snow has blocked the street curb outlets, how to test your sump pump and finally how to drain the sludge from your hot water heater.

Clubhouse Library—Thanks to Jim Burt, with help from Bruce Collins, the clubhouse library has a new bookcase. Janet Gyurko, our librarian, will be removing the old paperbacks freeing up even more space. Once again we have room for a few more good books. Leave your donations on the conference table in the library.



Holiday Party - December 11



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