

Dominion Club News

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Quarterly Meeting April 15

Bring your folding chair and come to the DCHA quarterly meeting 7 pm, April 15, at the clubhouse. This is your chance to learn what the board has been up to and spend some time with your neighbors.

Dave Ewing has requested that any issues, new business or questions you may have be sent to him in writing by Thursday, April 8. His email address is:

ewing_david@sbcglobal.net.

You can also drop off a note at his home, 6935 Joysmith Circle. This gives the board time to research your questions before the meeting as well as place them on the agenda.

The board also reminds you that meeting participants must be members in good standing. Home-

owners who fail to pay their monthly Association fee, annual New Albany Links fee, special assessments, fines, or any combination thereof, will lose their status as members "In Good Standing".

The loss of the "Good Standing" status means the homeowner loses the following rights and privileges of membership in the Dominion Club:

- The privilege of using the Association's clubhouse and swimming pool, and the privilege of attending association gatherings.
- The right to be acknowledged and to speak at the Homeowners Association meetings, and the right to vote on association matters.

2010 Census Results

The results for the biennial Dominion club 2010 census showed that 99% of the occupied homes have at least one resident that is age 55 or over. There is only one home without at least one 55 plus resident. Three homes were unoccupied when the census was taken. Only occupied homes are included in the calculation. In order to retain our designation as a 55 plus community 80% of the occupied homes

must have a 55 plus resident. The next census will be held in 2012.



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

- ◆ Bingo Night, Apr 23
- ◆ Hawaiian Luau, Jun 25
- ◆ Western Cookout, Aug 27
- ◆ Supper Club Party, Oct 22
- ◆ Holiday Party, Dec 10

DCHA Quarterly Meetings

- ◆ April 15
- ◆ July 15
- ◆ Oct. 21
7 pm Clubhouse



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Lawn Care Plans for 2010

Spring has finally arrived. With spring comes a rough schedule of grass mowing, fertilizing, lawn insecticide protection, bed edging, front bed mulching and periodic weeding as well as estimated shrub pruning times.

It is an “estimated” schedule because the activities are weather dependent, but you may find it useful to plan some of your own planting activities.

Our property maintenance contracts are bulk, “condo” style contracts. This means the contract fees are for the total of all properties and the clubhouse—per lot fees are not calculated, regardless of size.

Summary of Events For The Season:

- 1 springtime edging of the front beds.
- 1 springtime mulching of the front beds—the same black mulch will be used as last year.
- 1 late spring pruning of shrubs in the front bed.
- 28 Mowings – remove grass clippings, blow the sidewalks and driveways clear (if not wet). Mower height settings will be determined by the contractor with consideration for the season and amount of moisture in the ground.
- 14 lawn/sidewalk edgings alternate with front bed hand weeding.
- 14 front bed hand-weedings—alternate with lawn/sidewalk edgings—EITHER an edging or weeding activity will be performed with each mowing.
- 1 end of season pruning of shrubs in the front bed.
- 5 seasonally oriented chemical treatments for lawn fertilization and insecticide – including white grub treatment if needed. Lawn aeration is planned for fall 2010.

We have certain quality expectations, i.e., use mower heights with consideration for the season and hydration amounts, no scalping, etc.

To attain cost effective mowing and completion of the job in one day, the contractor will determine when and where to use the riding tractor mowers, the large platform “walk-behind” mowers, or the small 21 inch power hand mowers.

Custom work, which is outside the scope of the association bulk contract fee, can be added on an individual basis. Those wishing special mowing or special edging outside the scope of the contract have that option. Please do not stop a worker to ask for special treatment—that adds to the DCHA’s costs. Instead, contact Walt Morey (614-873-1550) to arrange for a site visit by Abbruzzese to obtain an estimate of additional charges. Of course, you may choose to use a separate contractor; however, please bear in mind the monthly Dominion Club fee will not be adjusted to exclude the base level mowing service provided by the association.

Average mowing fees to have the yard, or portions thereof, mowed (manicured) with a smaller mower can range anywhere from \$20 to \$50 additional cost per mowing, depending upon the size of the work volume negotiated. At 28 mowings per season, the range is from \$560 to \$1,400 extra per year. Towne Properties would bill you monthly on a per-visit basis, for the additional optional service.

Basically, this option is the same as those who have additional shrub, tree, and flower bed treatments (by TruGreen Chemlawn, for example) at their own additional expense. But, this enables you to tailor landscaping services to your particular tastes, beyond the bulk, contracted yard maintenance.



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Spring Is Here—Game On!

Coincident with the arrival of spring, it seems a timely review of the variety of helpful information available at www.dominionclub.org, would help you get rolling.

From the website “virtual file cabinet” shown on the right, click the **Home Maintenance** “drawer” to open the Home Maintenance page showing the list of available topics:

Need a vendor to do the “heavy lifting”? - Of course, many needs for vendors may be met by consulting our **Vendor Services Directory**. It lists numerous vendors, who have been recommended by our neighbors. They are listed by category, e.g., Electrician.

Approved plantings for replacement— Before hunting for plantings to replace those destroyed by the brutal winter, a careful review of the two lists provided on the web site will help save a possible wasted expense. Use the Village Prohibited Tree List and the Dominion Club Approved Trees and Shrubs list to guide your landscaping selection decisions.

Fresh paint? - DC approved exterior colors and codes can be found on our website as well as a list of our Design Review Committee members who can assist you and help you stay DC compliant during your repainting project. Click on **Exterior Color Portfolio** to link into a lot of information for approved colors for trim, shutters, and doors.

Mailboxes look faded and battered? - Given the brutality of the winter, perhaps the ole mailboxes need spruced up. Click on **Mail Box Replacement / Painting** for helpful information about mail box repair and replacement. Note that Ron Stauffer, 855-5178 is in the **Vendor Services Directory** and available for assistance.



Head the Starlings off at the pass! - Before the Starlings decide to start building nests, now might be the time to review and act on getting Starling Guards on bathroom vent louvers - before they are sold out at the stores. Click on **Starling Guards on bathroom vents** for helpful instructions.



If you are planning any **CHANGES** - such as exterior color changes, or actual building or construction work (decks added, porch enclosures, etc.) an **Exterior Modification Request** form is REQUIRED, along with all pertinent Plot Plan copies and drawings, and needs to be sent to the Dominion Club Design Review Committee and board before the work is done. This form can be found in the **Forms** tab on our website.



Please allow at least a couple weeks for committee and board to review the request.

Remember - Key Word: CHANGES

The **Exterior Modification Request** form is **NOT** required if you are refreshing the existing color scheme.



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HOW TO DO IT Videos

Video #1 - Keeping your sump pump in the video are only needed if you have a battery backup system).

Video #2 - How to test your sump pump.

Vendor Services Directory - A listing service and craftsmanship. (updated 1/11)

Approved Trees & Shrubs - A listing community.

Das Winter-Has - Getting your home ready for winter.

Exterior Color Portfolio - An exterior color portfolio notebook, maintained for your reference, you may want to contact us for a copy and/or sign-out; any color swatches re-

Gas Line Grounding - Prevent fire from gas leaks.

Mail Box Replacement / Painting - To get your mailbox in good shape.

New Albany Snow Priorities - Describe your snow priorities.

Snow Storm Savvy - Hints on protecting your home.

Starling Guards on bathroom vents - Protect your bathroom vents from starlings.

Village Prohibited Tree list - List tree species not allowed in the village.

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Vendor Services Directory

It's time to update the Dominion Club Vendor Services Directory. After our bruising winter some of you may have had occasion to use a local vendor. If you were satisfied with their service let us know and we will include them in the next list.

We get many flyers on our mail box and in local advertising for house cleaning services. Has anyone had a good experience with a house cleaning service? If so let us know and we will add them to the list.

If you've had a disappointing experience with a listed vendor let us know that too.

These are the current list categories. You can view the complete directory on the Dominion Club website –

www.dominionclub.org. The form for submitting new vendors is also on the website.

APPLIANCE REPAIRS
 CARPET REPAIR SERVICE
 COMPUTER ASSISTANCE
 DRIVEWAY SEALING/REPAIRS/PAVING
 ELECTRICIAN
 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT REPAIRS
 FLOORING INSTALLATION/REPAIRS
 GARAGE DOOR REPAIRS
 HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE
 HOUSEHOLD/HANDYMAN TASKS
 LANDSCAPING/LAWN CARE
 MEDICAL SERVICES
 PATIO INSTALLERS
 PAINTING/POWER WASHING
 PIANO TUNING/REPAIRING
 PLUMBERS



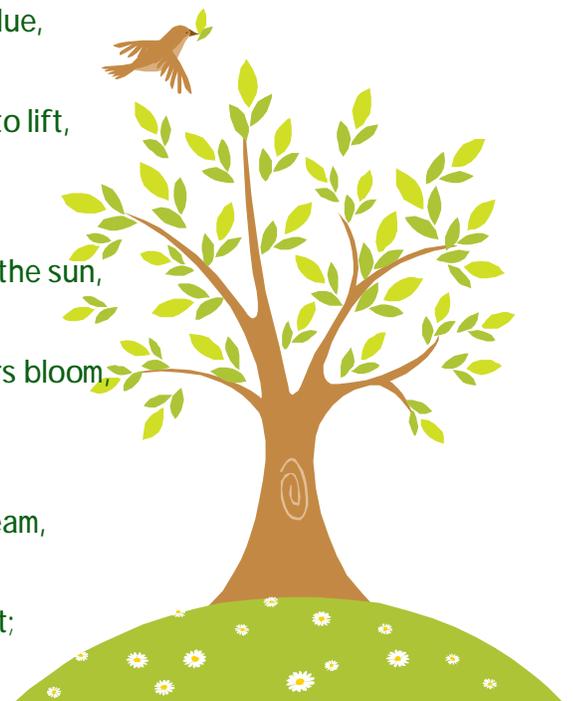
Sweet Spring

By Joanna Fuchs

When the gloomy gray sky turns to clear azure blue,
 And the snow disappears from the ground,
 When the birds start to sing, and our moods start to lift,
 Then we know Spring is coming around.

When the first flower bulbs poke their heads toward the sun,
 Golden daffodils, hyacinths, too;
 When the brown grass turns green, and the wildflowers bloom,
 Then sweet Spring makes its showy debut.

Once again we awake from cold winter's pale dream,
 As our minds and our bodies revive;
 We rejoice and delight in spring's colorful sight;
 Each new spring makes us glad we're alive!



Bingo Night at the Clubhouse

Join us at the Dominion Clubhouse on Friday, April 23, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. for a special "Bingo Night."

Come and play old fashion bingo and enjoy an evening of fun with your friends & neighbors. Men, don't leave this event to the ladies; join us and add to the fun!" We will have cash prizes for every game and give away all the money by the end of the evening. Our first game will be a warm-up with rules explained.

Snacks, soft drinks, coffee and dessert will be available and you may bring your own bottle. We will sell Bingo cards so you can get new ones for each game.

Let us know if you are coming so we can plan accordingly.

Call or e-mail John & Donene Bradshaw at 855.7074 or johnbradshaw1@hotmail.com by Wednesday, April 21.



Poet's Corner

SPRING FEVER

By Don Schreiber

I've caught this quaint disease.
The symptoms seem right rare.
I muse on bees and trees!
Inch closer, if you dare!

I seem to dream of mush!
My thoughts bounce here, then there.
I have this horrid flush!
I'm hot, I'm dazed, I'm spare.

Anemic flow my veins.
My yawns inhale, then blare!
Each eyelid slumps and wanes
And closes, veiled as prayer.

I ache, I hum, I sigh!
I feel without a care.
And every window nigh
Conspires to lure my stare.

I have this rash desire
To strip myself quite bare
And romp without attire,
Except for flowered hair!

My heart feels Cupid's dart
Has pierced that fractured pear,
And I can't tell if part
Is ill beyond repair.

Thus those of you out there,
Be warned! Beware! Take care!
To guard your health, prepare!
For Spring is in the air!



Community Notes...

DCHA Board	
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Stitchery—The DC stitchery group will meet on Monday, April 12 and 26, 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!

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.

Clubhouse Clean Up Day—Saturday, May 15, 9am—noon, more information next month...

Dear Prudence—*The lawn service just edged our front beds. Why are they going to wait until late April to put down the new mulch?* - Digger

Dear Digger—It's best to let the soil dry a little from the snow melt and early spring rains, and not trap excessive moisture with the "awakening" root systems, possibly causing them to rot instead of growing. North-facing beds that receive little direct sunlight should have thinner mulch applications, and the sunny side beds should have thicker applications by com-

parison to help properly manage soil moisture levels during the hot days of summer. If we have some dryer weather before the new mulch is applied, this will give us the opportunity to clean the beds and turn-over (cultivate) them a little and incorporate the remnants of last year's mulch into the soil - you know, that wonderful clay we have here.

Prudence reminds everyone to complete and mail in their federal census form. The U.S. Constitution requires that all residents be counted every ten years. Your descendants in the 22nd Century will be so excited to find you in the 2010 census...

Bingo Night!
April 23



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