

# *Dominion Club*

## *News*



### **Board Notes**

**Landscaping** – Kirkbride has announced the general schedule for landscaping services through the season is as follows:

- **Mulching** - Week of April 12th - triple processed absolute black
- **Mowing** - Wednesdays
- **Pruning** - 3 Pruning's - Months of June-August-October
- **Fall Clean-ups** - October-November
- **Lawn Treatment**
  - **Step #1** Pre-emergent with fertilizer, they utilize a granular as opposed to a liquid pre-emergent. Crabgrass does not germinate in central Ohio typically until around the week of April 12th. They will be out to apply before this deadline.
  - **Step #2** Broadleaf Weed application which would be a liquid application to get better absorption into the weed. This will be applied during mid-April shortly after the pre-emergent.
  - **Step #3** Late Spring fertilizer application which will help give the turf some stamina before warm weather hits. They will also touch up any weeds that are missed from Step #2. This application would be completed between mid-end of March.
  - **Step #4** Mid-Summer Fertilizer to be applied in July to help keep roots strong during the warmest part of the season.
  - **Step #5** Fall Fertilizer to be applied in September which will give the turf a nice green appearance for the upcoming Fall weather. Any grassy/broadleaf weeds would be touched up during this time as well.
  - **Step #6** Winterizer application to be applied before Thanksgiving and closer to when the ground would begin to freeze or the turf to go dormant for the year.

All estimated dates are dependent on the weather and actual growing conditions.

**If you do not want mulch**, please contact Doug Easton at VGL to get on the "Do not Mulch/Prune List" at 614-408-3206 or [deaston@vglltd.com](mailto:deaston@vglltd.com). The list starts over each year.

**Spring Reminders** - As Spring returns to New Albany and brings us warmer weather, it also brings the growing season with pollen and those pesky weeds we see popping up at our driveways, sidewalks and lawns. Spring is also Mother Nature's call to us to begin "Spring Cleaning" around our homes. This is a good time of year to begin buttoning up any exterior maintenance items to include pressure washing, repairing loose shutters, touching up painted surfaces that may have faded or begun to peel.

Please be aware that your Association also requires each homeowner obtain written approval from The DCHA Design Review Committee (DRC) and the NALHOA Architecture Review Board (ARB) prior to initiating any exterior modification to their home/lot. Exterior modifications that require prior written approval include but are not limited to porch/patio/sunroom additions/modifications, any change from the original exterior color scheme, roofing, siding, entry doors, garage doors, and any change to flower bed sizes. Regular maintenance for painting, repairing, replacing exterior items in kind without changes to color schemes or sizes do not require exterior modification approval. Guidelines for front porch, roof, shutter and house trim colors are available on the Dominion Club's web site <https://www.dominionclub.org>.

The Exterior Modification Application Form and the Architectural Review Request Form are available on the Dominion Club's webpage. ***Both forms need to be completed and sent together to Doug Easton at VGL.*** He will take care of the paperwork processing. DCHA homeowners are members of both the Dominion Club Homeowners Association and the New Albany Links Homeowners Association and the deed restriction and covenant documents for each require this process. We are legally stuck with this process and the board has tried to make the best of this situation and as easy as possible for homeowners. If you have questions about your project or need the forms, please contact Doug Easton at VGL at 614-408-3206 or [deaston@vglld.com](mailto:deaston@vglld.com); or board member Pat Ewing who oversees our DRC at 614-395-6609 or [pewing.1970@gmail.com](mailto:pewing.1970@gmail.com).

**Clubhouse and Pool** - The clubhouse and pool are not open or available to homeowners since last year due the Governor's pandemic orders. The board is anticipating opening the clubhouse and pool this year pending the reduction or elimination of the governor's lockdown orders. We are hoping to open the pool for swimming on Memorial Day and have asked our pool contractor to prepare the pool accordingly. The board is meeting to determine the impact from any continuing restrictions imposed by the State and County. ***There will be further announcements as the situation becomes clearer.*** The Pool/Clubhouse is our biggest asset and largest expense. We continue to invest in maintenance and improvements for the enjoyment, benefit and home value of all homeowners.

**We have scheduled Spring Clean up for the Pool & Clubhouse May 15<sup>th</sup> Starting at 9am.**

Please be sure that your HOA account is current to ensure your pool and clubhouse privileges remain active.

***We are still looking for volunteers for our block watch.*** Contact board member Chuck Stenger if you are interested.

***We are also looking for a volunteer to take over maintaining our web site.*** We have a subscription to a web service provider so what is needed is updating content from time to time. Contact board member Bob Radigan if you are interested.



## **Know Your Neighbors**

*by John Bradshaw*



Sam and Jeanenne Carfagna, moved into the home previously occupied by his parents Ed and Cecilia Carfagna, at 6948 New Albany Road, E. in February, 2021.

Sam and his brother Dino, are owners of Carfagna's Inc. This summer they are moving their Market on State Route 161 and Restaurant on Polaris Parkway into a new combined space on Gemini Parkway.

They moved here from Westerville where they lived for over 30 years.

They have 5 grown children, 3 grandchildren with another one on the way.

Their hobbies include boating and sharing time with family, grandchildren and friends. "We enjoy walking, grilling and baking. Hopefully, when we fully retire, we can get back to reading."

"We are looking forward to meeting our new neighbors and enjoying this nice neighborhood."

# Welcome!



Soon, they will appear.  
Delicate, perfect flowers.  
Spring IS on the way!



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Ardith and Charles "Chuck" Mers are from Cincinnati, Ohio, and now live at 6939 Camden Drive. They met at Procter & Gamble Market Research Department.

Following two years in the US Army, including time in Korea, they married in 1966 and raised 3 children: Jeffrey is married to Edna; Carrie (Letke) is married to Eric; and John. Their 5 grandchildren are Casey (Terbrack); Emily (Letke) and brother Tommy (Letke); Collin and brother Benjamin.

Ardith and Chuck moved to Erie, Pennsylvania to manage an insurance agency. Although great memories and friendships, they happily moved back to Ohio and settled in Westerville in 1977.

They are 44-year active parishioners at St. Paul the Apostle Parish in Westerville. After downsizing from their home they had built in 1984 near Hoover Reservoir in Westerville, they moved to the New Albany Links Dominion Club community, and are thankful for having already met many welcoming neighbors. Ardith enjoys reading, networking people

of similar needs and talents, and she especially enjoys time with friends. Chuck enjoys walking, nature and golf, and has already been welcomed into the Links golf league. They both enjoy church activities and organization involvements, as well as quality time at their lake home in Apple Valley.

Chuck is presently semi-retired in his multi-line insurance agency, Charles D. Mers and Associates, Inc. Ardith is retired and enjoys church, life and her new community at the Links.

**Welcome!**

## ***Tiger Beetles Can Be Plants' Friends***

*Editor's Note: Throughout the growing season, Mike Hogan, OSU Extension Educator for Agriculture & Natural Resources in Franklin County, will answer gardening questions submitted by Dispatch readers. Send your questions to [hogan.1@osu.edu](mailto:hogan.1@osu.edu).*

**Q: I found a few shiny metallic-green insects in my yard recently, which I assume are emerald ash borers. I have one ash tree in my yard that has never been affected by the borers, and I want to protect it with an insecticide. How should I proceed?**

**A:** The insects which you found are not emerald ash borers (*Agilus planipennis*) as this insect does not emerge until much later in the growing season. Also, populations of emerald ash borer have crashed to nearly zero in Ohio in recent years, primarily because of the lack of food, as most ash trees have been killed by now.

The insect that you are likely finding is the six-spotted tiger beetle (*Cicindela sexguttata*), especially if you have a wooded area near your yard, as that is the environment in which we typically find this beetle. This beetle is even more iridescent green than the emerald ash borer.

Six-spotted tiger beetles will not harm your ash tree or any plant for that matter, as they feed on other



insects and spiders. They are considered beneficial insects because they can feed on other insects which do harm plants.

It is hard to say exactly why your ash tree has never been affected by emerald ash borers. It could be that the insects never found your lone tree, or it could be that your tree is not a native cultivar and is resistant to the insect.

Researchers are currently investigating which specific cultivars of nonnative ash are resistant to this pest.



## **Digital Security**

A common form of cyber-attack is phishing. **Phishing** is the fraudulent practice of sending emails that appear to be from a reputable company with the goal of getting you to share sensitive information. Often, the targeted information includes login credentials, credit card information, bank account details, or other personal information.

You may be less familiar with **spear-phishing**, which is a highly targeted form of phishing. Unlike a general phishing attack that casts a very wide net (sending generic, mass emails), a spear-phishing attack is personalized with specific details about the message's recipient.

**Spear-phishing** attackers may gather personal information from your social media accounts or the dark web to create messages that appear to come from trusted sources—like companies or even individuals that you know. They use these personal details to trick you into taking an action that could cause you to share even more personal information. Most frequently, the attacker suggests clicking a link or downloading software that contains malware or spyware which could compromise your personal and account information, potentially including financial and banking accounts.

Ways to stay safe:

- Do not click on links or attachments in emails or text messages from senders that you do not recognize. If you hover over a link in an email, you will be able to see the location where the link will take you. Often, a link is suspect if it is long, confusing, contains typos, or mentions domains you do not recognize.
- Be especially wary of attachments like .zip or .pdf and particularly of executable file types (like those that end in .EXE). If you do not know the sender personally, you should never download or click these attachments.
- Do not provide sensitive personal information (like usernames and passwords) over email.
- Do not fall for messages that claim to be "urgent" or "time-sensitive". Often, scammers will try to scare you into sharing your personal information. Always take time to verify the identity of the requester and remember that Quicken and other reputable businesses will not ask you to provide sensitive information over email or over the phone.

- Pay attention to even seemingly harmless requests. A common ploy scammers use is emailing you a link to do something like change your account password. The link, in reality, will download malware or spyware.
- Do not open any document that you're not expecting to receive.
- If you can't tell if an email or text is legitimate, err on the side of caution and delete it. You can always call the business directly with any questions or concerns.

**To learn more about phishing and keeping yourself safe:**

- How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams (Federal Trade Commission)
  - <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>
- Protect yourself from Phishing (Microsoft)
  - <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/protect-yourself-from-phishing-0c7ea947-ba98-3bd9-7184-430e1f860a44>
- Scams & Fraud: Phishing (AARP)
  - <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2019/phishing.html>