

The Dominion News

A Dominion HOA Publication

April 2009

A new HOA Board has started its work, energized by the addition of new directors. We will continue to keep you posted monthly on what's happening and we are glad for your letters and emails that help us in our decision-making.

April 2009 Newsletter - Topics

- Annual Homeowners' Meeting, Monday, April 20
- Election of 3 Directors for the HOA Board
- Election of HOA Officers, Tuesday, April 21
- Duramed Futures Ladies Golf Tournament: April 29 - May 3

In addition to the newsletter you can always get information at our regularly updated website:

www.dominionhoa.com

Annual Homeowners' Meeting

On Monday, April 20 the 2008/09 HOA Board presented the Annual Report to a well-filled auditorium at Leon Springs Elementary School. Here are excerpts from the report which can be read in detail at the HOA office.

The Dominion currently includes 31 separate neighborhoods with a total of 1189 dues paying members. When all neighborhoods are opened up our Planned Unit Development will extend from Aue Road in the north to Tejas Trail in the south.

In May 2008 the Board developed the following goals:

- Timely and Accurate Information for Homeowners
- Welcome Program for New Residents
- Improve Financial Systems

- Invest in Infrastructure
- Build a New HOA Office
- Disaster Plan Relevant to Our Area
- Work with Dominion Country Club on Programs
- Work with TXDoT on Information & Decisions
- Work with County & City to Improve Services & Information
- Work with Developers & Builders for High Quality Build-out

We are proud to be able to report that all goals were achieved this year, except that the construction of the new HOA building was delayed by a time-consuming permit process. More than 70% of homeowners receive this newsletter and regular updates on traffic and construction via email. New residents get a personal welcome and a detailed information binder. New accounting software, new investment strategy, a new banking relationship and detailed budgeting systems help manage our resources. New contracts for common area maintenance and security provide more services in a cost efficient manner. The new HOA office should be ready this summer. Common areas were surveyed; minor repairs were made to streets and walls in 2008; major street improvements are about to commence. A home emergency preparation sheet was distributed. We enjoy easy and full cooperation with the Country Club; e.g. we pay 50% of the 4th of July fireworks and they give us meeting space for board, committee, and town hall meetings. TXDoT keeps us informed and works with us on timing of major street closures. We continue to receive upgrades to our nearby fire station from the city, such as full 24 hr EMS staffing. We are included in the decision-making concerning issues affecting Camp Bullis. After years of preparation a new builder accreditation system is now in place. The Commons Office Park and Independence Village are observing PUD rules.

Election of 3 Directors for the HOA Board

When the absentee ballots were counted on Friday before the HOA Meeting, these ballots already represented more votes than there had ever been total votes before. By the time all the individual ballots were cast on April 20, we were sure of one

thing: this was an election that truly reflected the will of the homeowners. The following three directors were elected, each for a term of three years, to end in April 2012:

Richard Dietz, Verner Eglit, and Brigitte B Saidi.

All of us are grateful for the six community-minded candidates who stood for this election. We hope the ones who were not elected this time will nevertheless continue to be interested in the affairs of our neighborhood.

Election of HOA Officers

On April 21 the newly elected Board of Directors of the Dominion HOA met in accordance with the Bylaws; the directors are:

- Brigitte B. Saidi, Chair; Newsletter
- Rebecca Brown, Vice-Chair; Development & Builder Credentialing
- Maria LoRusso, Treasurer; Finance & Contracts
- Richard Dietz, Secretary; ACC Liaison & Strategic Planning
- Bob Costigan, Member; Infrastructure
- Bob Dickemper, Member; Security & Camp Bullis
- Verner Eglit, Member, Neighborhood Outreach
- Billie-Kite Howlett, Member, HOA Office & Human Relations
- Bob Lee, Member; Emergency Planning

Duramed Futures Ladies Golf Tournament: April 27 - May 3

If you are seeing a lot of young lady golfers driving through the neighborhood, it is because our residents are hosting more than 100 up-and-coming lady pros who are competing in the **Duramed Futures Ladies Golf Tournament** from April 29 to May 3.

During that time we have suspended the prohibition against overnight parking, but only at those addresses where the young pro's are staying. Security has their personal and automobile information and will verify that only these cars are parking there. Do take time to walk the course when they are playing - these golfers are good! All residents are invited to watch the action from the public areas.

Your new Board looks forward to working with you and for you in keeping The Dominion a beautiful place to live.

Sincerely,

Brigitte B. Saidi, Chairman
Dominion Homeowners Association