

DPOA News & Events



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Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

At last...Spring is here, Spring is here!! I love to read quotations, so I'll take this opportunity to share two of my favorites with you. Bobby Jones once said, "Competitive golf is mainly played on a 5 1/2-inch course, the space between your ears." Hank Aaron has been quoted as saying, "It took me 17 years to get three thousand hits in baseball—I did it in one afternoon on the golf course."

What an honor and blessing it is to be a member of the Diamante Members Club (DMC) and to live in Hot Springs Village. New houses are being built in many locations in the Village and in the Diamante neighborhoods. We have a new General Manager, Shane Newton, who is taking charge in a big way...boots are definitely on the ground! We invite everyone to go to the Club and meet Shane. He is very outgoing and a gracious person.

Speaking of the DMC, the forward tees on the golf course have been put in place on the front nine holes, and soon sod will be laid. In addition, thanks to the agreement between the DMC board members and the Eastgate Pharmacy, almost everybody has received their first and second Pfizer vaccinations for the COVID-19 virus, thanks also to many

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who are employees of the Club. My wife and I will receive our second shots on Monday, March 29.

Neil Phelan and a volunteer work crew have cleared seven lots, making them presentable for buyers who are searching for a home in one of the Diamante neighborhoods. Our hats are off to all of the volunteers who have helped with this important lot-clearing project. In addition, the crape myrtle trees along Diamante Boulevard and at the other Diamante entrances look fantastic. Take a minute to read the Maintenance-related article on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter. Yes...your DPOA membership dues are at work! Thank you!

The DPOA-sponsored Picnic is on schedule for May 17th, and we know it will a GREAT occasion to kick off the new season. To make reservations, DPOA dues-paying members should call the Diamante office (922-1114) between March 29th and May 7th. Either Teresa Shellstrom or Terri Socha will add your names to the list of the DPOA Picnic attendees. The Colt and Old 45s band will provide the entertainment. In addition, participation games will include a putting competition and a cornhole-tossing contest. Please remember to bring your putters and your own table and chairs. Finally, a great menu has been planned. See the "Save the Date" box on page 6 of this newsletter.

We want to thank all the members of the DPOA for your continued support. You are GREATLY APPRECIATED! If you are not yet a member of the DPOA, we ask you to consider joining this association to keep the Diamante neighborhoods and the DMC golf course and clubhouse looking first class.

We, as members of the DPOA Board of Directors, wish everybody at Diamante a HAPPY NEW Spring!!!! ♦

—**Bob Walker, DPOA President**



Treasurer's Report

As of March 10, 2021

203 paid members
representing 207
of the total 267 properties

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$28,869.49

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$36,369.49

Invoices for the 2021 annual dues were mailed to Diamante property owners the weeks of January 18th and February 24th.

If you have not already done so, consider becoming an active DPOA member (see pages 11 and 12 for the list of active DPOA members as of March 26th).

ALICE HINCKLEY

The *DPOA News & Events* newsletter is published monthly. After sending out the April 2021 issue, it will be sent to dues-paying DPOA members. If you have questions, need information, or would like to submit an article of interest, please contact your editor, Dana Peick, or one of your DPOA Board Members.

Maintenance

Lot-Clearing Project—Creating Value for Prospective Buyers!

I want to thank the volunteers who have helped with the DPOA lot-clearing project. They include Richard Carlson, David Dolstein, Tom Ellers, Scott Finnell, Keith Hughes, Roy Marsh, Kevin McMillin, Dennis Riordan, Jess Stephens, John Sutey, Phil Tyree, Dennis and Pam Van Leeuwen, and Bob Walker.

A special thanks is extended to Roy Marsh for bringing his "Roy Toys"—the big tractor and trailer, as well as extra chain saws and gasoline. I also recognize two special workers, Pam Van Leeuwen, who represented the ladies, and Scott Finnell, one of our new members who has joined in on the fun. Although work is involved, there is always a lot of fun and fellowship among the volunteers.

Since January, we have cleared seven lots. Five lots, 3-4, 8-3, 11-4, 21-2, and 24-2, are on Loyola Drive; one lot, 12-1, is on Loyola Place; and one lot, 9-11, is on Redondo Way. Drive by and take a look!

Spring is upon us and, consequently, so are the ticks, chiggers, and snakes. For this reason, we will discontinue clearing lots until next winter. In the meantime, we have other projects to tackle.



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Maintenance Working for Our Residents!

- ◆ Some trimming was needed and accomplished on the corner of Diamante Boulevard and Princesa Drive to increase visibility to oncoming traffic.
- ◆ We picked up the piles of limbs on lot 8-3 of Loyola Drive from a previous lot-clearing day.
- ◆ We also contracted to have the crape myrtle trees trimmed at the entrance and down Diamante Boulevard, as well as at the other Diamante entrances.

All of the dues that we receive from the members of the DPOA community help us provide a budget to take care of our beautiful neighborhoods. Enjoy the good life, and be sure to say, "thank you" to all of our helpers, who are dedicated to getting successful results. Thanks to all! ◆

—Neil Phelan, JR.



HOT SPRINGS VILLAGE DOG LEASH REGULATION

When new friends, neighbors, and Diamante members move into our welcoming community, they are often expected to be immediately aware of the rules and regulations that are written to guide our behaviors and make us considerate neighbors. The dog-leash covenant, which is in the Hot Springs Village governing document, *Policy Guide*, on page 55, is the specific regulation relative to pets in the Village:

"All dogs shall at all times be under the restraint and control of the owner or a responsible person by leash while on Hot Springs Village common and limited property."



"Any pet on the Hot Springs Village Trails shall be on a leash and under the control of their owners at all times so as to not be a nuisance or hazard to others."

The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) recognizes the importance of specific regulations relative to pets and therefore offers this governing policy for the benefit of our readers. ◆ —Bob Walker



Diamante friends and neighbors...After serving active duty in the United States Navy, I attended the University of Massachusetts and graduated in 1970. Although I worked during college, the tuition, fees, and associated educational costs were rather moderate back then, and I also received the benefits provided by the GI Bill of Rights. As I recall, I received approximately \$350.00 a month from the government, which allowed me to graduate with no student debt. Times have certainly changed! I thought it might be interesting to read about the history of the GI Bill of Rights.

History and Timeline

The Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights, has been heralded as one of the most significant pieces of legislation ever passed by the federal government. Although it affected the United States socially, economically, and politically, it almost didn't come to pass. In fact, it nearly stalled in the Congress as members of the House of Representatives and the Senate debated provisions of the controversial bill.

Some legislators shunned the idea of paying unemployed veterans \$20 a week. They thought doing so would diminish their incentive to look for work. Others questioned the concept of sending battle-hardened veterans to colleges and universities, a privilege that was believed to be reserved for the rich. Despite their differences, all of the legislators agreed that something must be done to help veterans assimilate into civilian life.

Much of the urgency stemmed from the desire to avoid the missteps that occurred after World War I, when discharged veterans got little more than a \$60 allowance and a train ticket home.

During the Great Depression, some veterans found it difficult to make a living. Congress tried to intervene by passing the World War Adjusted Compensation Act of 1924. Commonly known as the Bonus Act, this law provided a bonus that was based on the number of days served. However, there was a catch. Most veterans would not see a dime for 20 years.

In 1932, a group of veterans marched on Washington, D.C., to demand full payment of their bonuses. When they did not receive them, most veterans went home, but others decided to stick around until they got paid. They were later kicked out of town after a bitter standoff with U.S. troops. The incident marked one of the greatest periods of unrest our nation's capital had ever known.

The return of millions of veterans from World War II provided Congress a chance for redemption. Unfortunately, the GI Bill of Rights had far greater implications. It was seen as a genuine attempt to thwart a looming social and economic crisis, but some saw inaction as an invitation to another depression.

Harry W. Colmery, a former national commander of the American Legion and former

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Republican National Chairman, is credited with drawing up the first draft of the GI Bill of Rights. It was introduced in the House of representatives on January 10, 1944, and in the Senate the following day. Because both chambers approved their own versions of the bill, the struggle was just heating up. In fact, the bill almost died when the Senate and House members came together to debate their versions. Both agreed on the educational and home loan benefits, but they were deadlocked on the unemployment provision.

Ultimately, Representative John Gibson of Georgia was rushed in to cast the tie-breaking vote. Both houses approved the final form of the bill, and President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed it into law on June 22, 1944.

The Veterans Administration (VA) was responsible for carrying out the law’s key provisions—education and training; loan guaranty for homes, farms, or businesses; and unemployment pay.

Before the war, college and home ownership were unreachable dreams for the average American. Fortunately, thanks to the GI Bill of Rights, millions of veterans, who would have flooded the job market, chose education instead. In 1947, veterans accounted for 49% of college admissions. By the time the original GI Bill of Rights ended on July 25, 1956, 7.8 million of 16 million World War II veterans had participated in an education or training program. In addition, millions also took advantage of the GI Bill’s home loan guaranty. From 1944 to 1952, the VA backed nearly 2.4 million home loans for World War II veterans.

Although veterans embraced the educational and home loan benefits, few collected on one of the bill’s most controversial provisions—unemployment pay.

In 1984, former Mississippi Congressman, Gillespie V. “Sonny” Montgomery, revamped the GI Bill of Rights, which has been known as

the “Montgomery GI Bill” ever since. To ensure that the legacy of the original GI Bill of Rights would live on, the VA home loan guaranty and educational programs continued to work for our newest generation of combat veterans.

In 2008, the GI Bill of Rights was updated again and now gives veterans with active-duty service on or after September 11, 2001, enhanced benefits that cover educational expenses that include a living allowance, money for books, and the right to transfer unused educational benefits to spouses or children.

Current Educational Benefits for Veterans

The post-9/11 GI Bill program (August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022) is comprised of multiple payments. All payments and maximum amounts are applicable to individuals eligible for the full benefit and are prorated, based on the veteran’s eligibility percentage if he or she is not eligible for the full benefit.

Tuition and Fee Benefits

INSTITUTES OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Type of School	Tuition and Fee Reimbursement per Academic Year
Public	All tuition and fees for an in-state student
Private or Foreign	Up to \$26,042.81 per academic year (national maximum)

NONCOLLEGIATE DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTIONS

Type of School	Tuition and Fee Reimbursement per Academic Year
Vocational Program	Actual costs for in-state tuition and fees not to exceed \$26,042.81 during the academic year
Vocational Flight Program	Actual net costs not to exceed \$14,881.59 per academic year
Correspondence Program	Actual net costs not to exceed \$12,649.34 per academic year

This article was excerpted from *Wikipedia, the Free Encyclopedia*. ♦ —**Dennis Riordan**

Merle & Linda



The Singleterrys

Yes...the Singleterrys are Arkansans! Merle was raised in Benton and Linda in Russellville. They met in Corpus Christi, Texas, where both were working for the Reynolds Metals Company. The Singleterrys have two sons who live in Corpus Christi, five grandchildren, and eight great grandchildren who live in Texas, Missouri, and Italy. "Yes...we love Italy!"

They were living in Bunbury, Western Australia, when Merle retired as Refinery Production Manager from Worsley Alumina Refinery and Reynolds Metals Company. "Think aluminum and Reynolds Wrap!" In 1992, they moved from Australia to Hot Springs Village. "Our first home was on the Balboa Golf Course." In 1997, they moved into the Diamante neighborhood. "We could not have retired to a better place. As lifetime members, Diamante has been 'icing on the cake.' Living in Hot Springs Village for 29 years has been a sweet life!" *Help us celebrate our neighbor!*

Celebrating Our

NEIGHBOR

Save the Date

DUES-PAYING DPOA MEMBERS ONLY DPOA PICNIC

Date: Monday, May 17, 2021

Time: 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Cost: \$12.00 per person. Make your check payable to the DPOA (Diamante Property Owners Association), and mail it to Alice Hinckley, 9 Vera Lane, HSV, AR 71909

Place: Diamante Members Club Outdoor Patio

Menu: Barbeque buffet—barbeque chicken, barbeque beans, homemade potato salad; cookies for dessert; and two drink tickets!

Entertainment: Colt and the Old 45s band; Participant games

Reservations: Call the Diamante Main Office (922-1114) between Monday, March 29th, and Friday, May 7th. Ask to speak with Teresa Shellstrom or Terri Socha.

BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIRS AND TABLES AND PUTTERS!

Knowing What and How to Report a Suspicious Behavior

Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

In our community, a suspicious behavior can occur. We share everyday moments with our neighbors, family, co-workers, and friends. As we go to work, school, church, the grocery store, and the gasoline station, it is easy to overlook activities around us as we go about our daily routines. If you see something that doesn't seem quite right, then **SAY SOMETHING!** If you are alert, then you can report a suspicious activity to the Village police department and follow-up your report with your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

Four general categories should be considered when determining what to report:

- (1) Suspicious activity;
- (2) Unfamiliar person or vehicle;
- (3) Illegal activity; and
- (4) Unusual event or incident, or a dangerous situation.

To report a suspicious activity or behavior:

- Dial 9-1-1, or call the police department or the sheriff's office;
- Tell the dispatcher what has happened and the location of the incident;
- Be prepared to answer follow-up questions, and
- Remain on the telephone, and stay calm.

A citizen should call 9-1-1 if he or she witnesses any one of the following events or emergency situations:

- Person who is experiencing a medical emergency, such as chest pain, extreme shortness of breath, and/or uncontrolled bleeding;
- Motor vehicle accident;
- Fire that involves a solid material, flammable liquid, gases, or a live electrical apparatus; or
- Life that is in danger.

A citizen should NOT call 9-1-1 to:

- Report a power outage;
- Ask for directions to the hospital;
- Ask for telephone numbers of others;
- Request to speak with a particular officer;
- Inquire the time and day; or
- Inquire about community activities and locations.



REMEMBER

If you see something that doesn't seem quite right, then report the suspicious behavior to the Hot Springs Village police department. Follow-up your report with your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.

For more information about when calling is appropriate, please contact the non-emergency number of the Hot Springs Village law enforcement office—(501) 922-0011. Finally, ask to speak with an officer to discuss the specifics. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS RUSS AND HOPE FIELDER

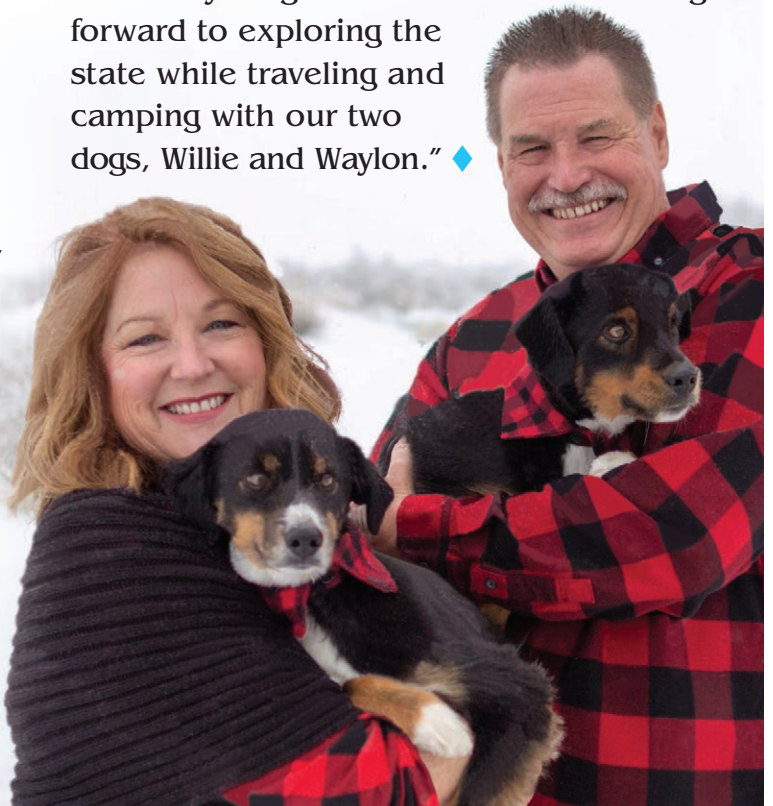
Recently, Hope and Russ asked themselves, "Who would have thought that we would end up in Arkansas after living nearly our entire lives in California?" However, Russ decided it was time to retire after spending 39 years as an Electronics Design Engineer and serving as Chief Engineer during the final 13 years of his career at the Naval Air Warfare Center. Following suit, Hope made the decision to hang up her hat working as an office manager for 10 years at a local dentist office in the community of Ridgecrest. For the next 2 to 3 years, they planned to scout out potential places to retire while traveling the country in their fifth-wheel RV. However, in August of 2020, when someone approached them with an unsolicited offer to buy their home, those plans were accelerated.

A few months earlier, their daughter, Katy, married a native of Benton, Arkansas. The wedding was originally to take place on the Fielder family ranch in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Because of the complications associated with the pandemic and not wanting to delay the wedding, Katy and her now-husband, Spencer, moved the wedding to Lake Ouachita.

During their trip for the wedding, Russ and Hope immediately fell in love with the state. "We were attracted to the genuine friendliness of the people of Arkansas who would carry on a conversation with us as though we

knew one another for years. We were also impressed by the obvious pride folks have in their communities and the outwardly and unashamed honoring of God expressed in their local businesses and advertising."

Wanting to be closer to their son, Gavin, who lives in North Carolina, and their daughter and son-in-law, who live in McGehee, Arkansas, Russ and Hope decided central Arkansas was a strong candidate. "When our Realtor showed us the Village, we knew that Diamante was the place. We have always been 'anything outdoors' and are looking forward to exploring the state while traveling and camping with our two dogs, Willie and Waylon." ♦



"Although we are not golfers (yet), we love the beauty of Diamante, the genuine friendliness of our neighbors, and the club's lifestyle."

Tom Ellers

Member of the Diamante Members Club Board of Directors

Suki and I have owned a Diamante lot since 2002. In 2017, we were finally able to move to the Village from North Augusta, South Carolina, and we are loving our decision. Although we built a house on Lake Sophia, we consider Diamante our neighborhood. I served on the DPOA board for 3 years and served as its President for 2 years. The amount of work that had been done by many members to buy the club and make it our own has been incredible. When asked to serve on the DMC Board of Directors, I jumped



at the chance to continue their initial work. I served on the Transition Committee, which took over the management of the club from KemperSports, and managed our insurance requirements. I also have the privilege to be the liaison between the DMC Board of Directors and the DPOA, the House committee, and the Tennis committee. Presently, I am heading up the Nominating committee. If you are interested in being a board member, then please reach out to me! ♦



EASTGATE PHARMACY

Another grateful **THANK YOU** is extended to Mike Butler and the staff of the Eastgate Pharmacy for administering the first Pfizer vaccination to 44 Diamante members, 65 years of age and older. The second dose will be given on Monday, March 29th. Equally as important, those who have received these vital vaccines gratefully recognize all of the hard work of planning and the many hours spent by the Diamante board members and employees. Without each of them, these vaccine sessions would not have been possible and made available to the Diamante members.



- ❖ Free prescription delivery
- ❖ Medical equipment headquarters
- ❖ Vitamins and nutritional supplements
- ❖ Diabetes counseling
- ❖ Immunizations

VISIT SOON!

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Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 6 PM
Saturday, 9 AM to 2 PM



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 Atkins, Linda
 Aykens, Richard (Ole) and Joan Rankin
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 Bean, Fred and Glenda
 Bethard, Donald and Judi
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 Hamner, Ralph and Carol
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 Johnson, Pete and Margaret
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 Walters, Mike and Jeanne
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 Wilde, Earl and Geri
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 Williams, Ken and Donna
 Wood, Richard and Mary Ann
 Woodside, Thad and Andrea Renner
 Zook, Douglas and John Lily ♦



**The strength of our Diamante
 friends and neighbors, together,
 can make a difference.
 Without you...the DPOA cannot do
 what it needs to do!**

If you have yet to become an active member of the DPOA by contributing your annual dues, please consider sending your \$75.00 check made payable to the Diamante Property Owners Association to Alice Hinkley at 9 Vera Lane, Hot Springs Village. As a new supporter, you will be added to this list of active members, which will be published in the next issue of the *DPOA News & Events* newsletters. ♦

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Diamante's members enjoy themselves while they generously give! This charitable attitude extends not only toward individuals but also toward their beloved club. Travel back in time to 2007 to see that big-hearted Diamante spirit in action. Happy reading!

- 1** In March, Diamante hosted its first University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) Women's Golf Classic. Loretta Brewer, housing coordinator, placed 110 golfers from 13 universities in 47 homes. Mary Ellen Laursen, well-known at Diamante for her love of young people and hospitality, was quoted as saying, "I could do this everyday for the rest of my life." Although UALR won the event, the 2007 medalist was Gerina Mendoza, a University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) senior, who scored 73, 68, and 66 on the 5,972-yard course. Married and now a member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA), Gerina Piller has played on two winning Solheim Cup teams!
- 2** Simply Kids, Hot Springs Village's childcare facility, won big as the beneficiary of the Diamante Charity Pro-Am PGA South Central Section Tournament in April. Proceeds helped complete the Simply Kids' new building. Roy Lang was the scorer for the winning team from Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.
- 3** Diamante's Garden Club, the Diamond Diggers, enhanced the beauty of Diamante's golf course by adding interest, color, and new planting designs. Led by President Jeanne Svendsen, the group raised close to \$3,200.00 to help beautify Diamante. "Parsley, Sage, Rosemary, and Thyme," a spring 2007 fundraising event, featured a silent auction, a raffle, and a demonstration of cooking with herbs by Executive Chef Kurt Plankenhorn.
- 4** In May, ten tennis members spruced up the tennis area by painting and working on the courts, as well as washing and scrubbing lawn furniture, water jugs, and court equipment. Flowers in new pots brightened the decor. Beverlee Redding, the Tennis Committee Chair, brought baked goods and drinks for the volunteers. Soon after, Kathie Richie coordinated the season's ladies' matches, while Jim Baltic, Howard Findlay, and Walt Wyrick handled the guys' competitions. Bill Wilkie was the 2007 Diamante tennis pro. ♦

—Jeanne Godbold

