

DPOA News & Events

Official Newsletter from Your
Diamante Property Owners Association

May, 2023

Dear Neighbors!

May is known for being a month with amazing weather and for a variety of celebrations that include Mother's Day, May Day, Cinco de Mayo, and Memorial Day, as well as our annual DPOA Picnic. The days are getting longer, and more sunshine and summer are just around the corner. As Smokey Robinson once said, "I've got sunshine on a cloudy day. When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May."

The outdoor fans for the outdoor patio pergola are installed, and the tiles on the entrance wall and guard house at the entrance to Diamante Boulevard have been replaced with beautiful granite. As reported earlier, additional surveillance cameras will be added in various locations around the clubhouse. Thank you for your contributions, which enabled the DPOA to complete all of these projects this year, among others. Your wise investment in our Diamante neighborhoods and your financial support will help fund future projects.

I have good news to report. Lana Prosen and Bill Toney have joined our DPOA Board of Directors as Vice President and Assistant Treasurer, respectively. Volunteers are

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extremely important. They are the glue that holds our community together. Volunteering allows each person to connect with our Diamante neighborhoods and to make it a better place to live. We could not do what we do without these volunteering members.

Watch for a future DPOA announcement on a fundraising event that is scheduled in the fall and a couples' golf tournament. These events will help fund future projects for the Diamante Country Club and for our Diamante neighborhoods. u **—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President**



As I reported in a previous issue of our newsletter, we are inviting our readers to contribute articles, with or without photos or illustrations, to be considered for inclusion in a future issue of the **DPOA News & Events** newsletter.

Preferably, as the title of our newsletter suggests, articles should be about topics that would be of interest to our readers. Although the first-choice topics would normally provide "news and events" related to the Diamante neighborhoods and/or to the Diamante Country Club, articles related to Hot Springs Village or to the state of Arkansas would also be welcome.

If you are interested in contributing an article for a future DPOA newsletter, please contact me, the editor and designer of the **DPOA News & Events**, via e-mail. My contact information is provided in the box on the last page of this newsletter. u **—Dana Peick**

Treasurer's Report

As of May 13, 2023

Membership

As of May 20, 2023,
193 members have paid their
DPOA dues for 196 of
the 270 eligible properties.

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$21,240.60

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$28,740.60

Invoices for the 2023 annual dues were mailed to all Diamante property owners in early January. If you have not already done so, please renew your DPOA membership by mailing your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues to Nancy Webb at 31 Elcano Drive, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

NANCY WEBB



The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly and, after the April issue, will be sent only 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 the DPOA Board Members.

Maintenance

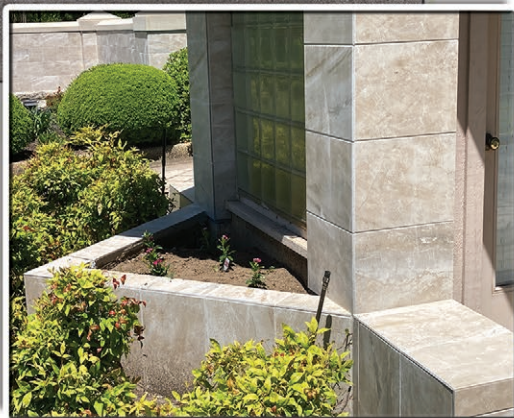
Spring Is in Full Bloom!



Hello, and happy springtime to all of our Diamante friends and property owners who are members of the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA). Thanks to your supporting membership of this vital association, we have been able to complete many necessary projects to keep things looking beautiful. We are presently applying fresh mulch to the flower beds at the Diamante entrance. Dr. Phil Tyree planted the flowers at the ends of the median, and I planted the ones at the guard shack. Phil's flowers will probably live.

I also sprayed some roundup to kill the weeds in the flower beds. The crepe myrtles have spouted some new dark green leaves, and I expect the blooms to appear any day. In addition to all that we have done, our sprinkler system has been inspected and was repaired to ensure that it waters the grass at the entrance and along the Diamante Boulevard. ♦

—Neil Phelan, JR.



"As you work on projects around your home, remember to be safe. When using a chainsaw, weed trimmer, or a power sprayer, always wear safety goggles, gloves, and hearing protection. Never climb on a ladder without an assistant. Be safe and have a great spring."



2023 UALR Women's Golf Classic

Bringing New Excitement to Diamante!

On Saturday, October 21, 2023, our Diamante Country Club will once again welcome some of the finest young women collegiate athletes from inside and outside of our region. The relationship between Diamante and the University of Arkansas/Little Rock (UALR) women's golf team is a long-standing partnership, and 2023 will be a year of revival after the pandemic caused the tournament to be played in a new format.

A practice round will be held on Saturday, October 21st, with play scheduled for Sunday, Monday, and a final round on Tuesday. Planning is underway with the Diamante staff members and the UALR coach, Jenna Birch, and a preliminary schedule is being developed.

Fred and Glenda are, once again, coordinating housing for the players and coaches and will begin reaching out through the last days of May to secure commitments of hosts. (We are waiting on a preliminary list of players and coaches who will be in the tournament. The assignment of teams to the housing hosts will be dependent upon that information.) One compliment that we have heard over and over from the teams is the great welcome that Diamante provides through host housing and what a pleasure it is to play on our golf course. Volunteers will also be needed to support the tournament, and David Howard, Diamante's Head Golf Professional/PGA Associate, will coordinate those assignments.

You may find the following facts interesting:

- | The field will be full with eighteen collegiate teams participating.
- | Three **Arkansas** collegiate teams will participate: (1) University of Arkansas/Little Rock (host), (2) University of Central Arkansas, and (3) Arkansas State University.
- | Four **Texas** collegiate teams will participate: (1) University of Texas/Arlington, (2) Stephen F. Austin University, (3) Texas A&M/Commerce, and (4) Houston Christian University
- | Two **Tennessee** collegiate teams are joining the field this year: (1) Belmont University and (2) University of Memphis.
- | Two **Illinois** collegiate teams are returning to the tournament this year: (1) Bradley University and (2) Southern Illinois University.
- | Two **Indiana** collegiate teams are joining the field: (1) Ball State and (2) Southern Indiana University.
- | The remainder of the field includes five collegiate teams from **Missouri, Kansas, Georgia, California,** and **Massachusetts:** Missouri State University, Wichita State University, Georgia State University, California Baptist University, and Boston College.
- | Six collegiate teams that did not participate in 2022 include Bradley University, University of Central Arkansas, California Baptist University, Arkansas State University, University of Memphis, and Boston University. [u](#)

—Glenda and Fred Bean

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2022-23 UALR TROJANS WOMEN'S GOLF ROSTER



Agatha Alesson

Agatha Alesson, as a sophomore during the 2021-22 season, competed in nine events for Little Rock with a 75.70 scoring average, ranking third on the team. She posted five rounds of par or lower and tied for the team's best with a low round of 70. She was the top Trojan finisher in two events, finishing among the top-three players four times.



Malena Austerslaatt

Malena Austerslaatt, as a senior during the 2021-22 season, competed in six events with a 78.00 scoring average over 18 rounds. She shot three par-or-lower rounds, including a season-low 71 at the Jackrabbit Invitational tournament in March. Malena was among the top-three Trojan finishers in two events.



Anna Dawson

Anna Dawson, as a young freshman student during the 2021-22 season, competed in eight events with a 76.79 scoring average and one par-or-better round. She shot a season-low 71 at the Little Rock Golf Classic, registered her first career top-20 finish at the Tchefuncta Invitational, and was among the top three Little Rock finishers in three events.



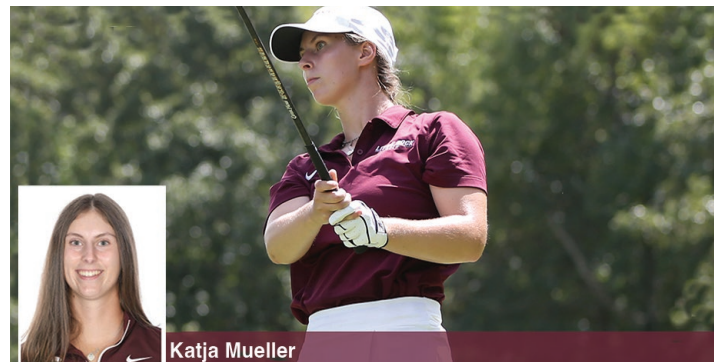
Kellie Gachage

Kellie Gachage, as a senior student during the 2021-22 season, competed in four events, posting a season scoring average of 77.33. She shot a season-low round of 74 in round two at the Little Rock Classic in October, and she competed in the USA Intercollegiate, matching her season-low 74.



Viktoria Krnacova

Viktoria Krnacova, as a sophomore during the 2021-22 season, competed in nine Trojans events with a scoring average that ranked second on the team. At the USA Intercollegiate, she shot a round of 68 and tied for the 11th-lowest tournament in program history. She was the top Trojan finisher in three events and in the top-three seven times.



Katja Mueller

Katja Mueller, a freshman during the 2021-22 season, competed in 10 Trojans events with a team-best scoring average of 74.53, ranking fifth in program history. She tied for the team lead with five par-or-better rounds, including a low round of 70 at the Tchefuncta Invitational. She finished the year with three top-10 and six top-20 showings.

Let's Get to Know
Lana Prosen

Vice-President—Diamante Property Owners Association

Mike and I never considered Arkansas as a place to retire. We talked for years about potential places and even visited some of them. Then, one day, Mike came home from his weekly bowling group and said, "One of the guys at bowling is retiring and moving to Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. He suggested that we check it out." I looked at him with a quizzical look and said, "You are kidding, right?" Of course, the answer was "NO!" A few weeks later, we toured the Village. We found the scenery to be a lot like Minnesota, which was Mike's birthplace. Mike loved the Village, but I was skeptical. After all, where was I going to go shopping?

A few months later, in 2006, we returned to the Village with the goal of finding a lot and eventually building our home. Mike, an avid golfer, loved the idea of so many golf courses in the Village. Since I was not an



experienced golfer, my choice was to live in the Diamante community. I was more likely to take golf lessons and go out by myself to practice on the Diamante golf course. On this trip, we bought a lot on the 11th green and finally moved to the Village in 2012. After decades of working in information technology (IT), we could relax and enjoy our retirement in this beautiful place. Our family could not understand this move until they came to visit. Our son often comes just to play at Diamante.

Since we moved to the Village, I have participated in various organizations and plan to continue to do so. Mike plays golf every day that the Diamante course is open, regardless of the weather.

I want to thank our friends and neighbors for their cards, e-mail messages, and good wishes throughout the years of being a member of the Diamante family!! u

UPCOMING
events
MARK YOUR CALENDAR
2023 Diamante Social Events

DATE	DAY	EVENT
06/18/23	Sunday	Diamante Father's Day
07/04/23	Tuesday	Independence Day Carnival
08/12/23	Saturday	Monte Carlo Night (Charity Event)
09/30/23	Saturday	Pool Party With Performance by "Triple Crown"
10/28/23	Saturday	Halloween Country Cart Barn Dance; Costume Contest
11/04/23	Saturday	DPOA Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser
11/10/23	Friday	"Sip & Paint" (Diamante Women)
11/23/23	Thursday	Diamante Thanksgiving
12/09/23	Saturday	Diamante Christmas Party
12/25/23	Monday	Diamante Closed on Christmas Day
12/31/23	Sunday	Diamante New Year's Eve

The Do's and Don'ts of Our Neighborhood Watch Program

Neighborhood Watch Programs are one of North America's oldest and best-known crime prevention concepts. In the late 1960s, an increase in crime heightened the need for a crime-prevention initiative that focused on residential areas and involved local citizens. The National Sheriffs' Association (NSA) responded and created the National Neighborhood Watch (NNW) Program in 1972 to assist citizens and law enforcement. Since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack, strengthening and securing communities have become more critical than ever. Neighborhood Watch Programs have responded to the challenge, expanding beyond their traditional crime prevention role to help neighborhoods focus on disaster preparedness, emergency response, and terrorism awareness. The following are the recommended Neighborhood Watch Do's and Don'ts:

Do...

- | Attend the Neighborhood Watch meeting in your block.
- | Encourage others to participate in your Neighborhood Watch Program, and invite new residents to join the program.
- | Learn what is considered normal in your neighborhood.



- | Obtain full descriptions and license numbers of all suspicious people and their vehicles. Immediately report them to the police.
- | Immediately report suspicious activity to the police, not to your Neighborhood Watch block captain.
- | Report all crimes to the police.
- | Take a proactive stance against crime.

Don't...

- | Do not approach suspicious people.
- | Do not hesitate to call the police.
- | Do not pull over cars on patrol or at any time.
- | Do not stop criminals from committing crimes.
- | Do not take enforcing the law into your own hands.
- | Do not take unnecessary risks to obtain information on suspicious people or crimes.

Our **Neighborhood Watch Program** is made up of our friends and neighbors who want to make the Diamante neighborhoods safer by working together and in conjunction with the local law enforcement resources to reduce crime and to improve our quality of life. u **—Heidi Hilbert**



**The following resolution was adopted by the
Continental Congress on June 14, 1777:**

"The flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white, with a union of thirteen stars of white in a blue field, representing the new constitution."

Flags that followed the description in the above resolution were first carried into battles, flew over foreign territories, and were first saluted on American naval ships in 1777. However, observing the adoption of the flag was not soon in coming. Although many claimed to be responsible for the first official observance of Flag Day, all but only one took place more than an entire century after the flag's adoption in 1777.

The first claim was a celebration held in Hartford, Connecticut, during the summer of 1861. In the late 1800s, schools all over the United States held Flag Day programs to recognize the Americanization of immigrant children. The most recognized claim, however, was on June 14, 1889. Professor George Bolch, the principal of a free kindergarten for the poor, had his school hold patriotic ceremonies to observe the anniversary of the Flag Day resolution. As a result, the State Department of Education arranged to have the day observed in all public schools.

In 1893, the Society of Colonial Dames succeeded in getting a resolution passed to have the flag displayed outside all of the city's public buildings. Elizabeth Duane

Gillespie, a direct descendant of Benjamin Franklin and the president of the Colonial Dames of Pennsylvania, tried to get the city to call June 14th Flag Day. Unfortunately, back then, resolutions by women were not granted much notice. It was not until May 7, 1937, that Pennsylvania became the first state to establish the June 14th Flag Day as a legal holiday.

Today, Flag Day is observed nationwide, but Pennsylvania is the only state that recognizes it as a legal holiday. Bernard J. Cigrand, a teacher in Waubeka, Wisconsin, reportedly spent years trying to get Congress to declare June 14th a national holiday. Although his attempts failed, the day was widely observed. "Father of Flag Day" honors have been given to William T. Kerr, who was credited with founding the American Flag Day Association in 1888 while still a school-boy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. President Wilson, in 1916, and President Coolidge, in 1927, issued proclamations asking for June 14th to be observed as National Flag Day. However, it was not until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved the national observance, and President Harry Truman signed it into law. u **—Heidi Hilbert**



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Diamante Non-Golf

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Golf Guest Days

28
June

Wednesday
after 1:30

17
August

Thursday
after 1:30

18
October

Wednesday
after 1:30

2023 — ENJOY YOUR ROUNDS!

The DMC Membership Committee and Board of Directors thank you for your membership and your support of Diamante

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Available to Court Sports, Clubhouse, and Clubhouse Plus members only.
- Play one round of golf per quarter with no carry-over.
- Member pays accompanied guest rate of \$98 plus tax per person, per round (includes cart and all practice facilities).
- Member may invite and play with a maximum of three non-member guests.
- Invited non-member guest pays accompanied guest rate of \$95 plus tax per person, per round (includes cart and all practice facilities).
- Guests are restricted to a maximum of one round during this program.
- Maximum of four golfers per tee time.
- This is a 1-year trial program for 2023.

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