

DPOA News & Events



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Dear Neighbors!

Last week, our contractor, *Crystal Clear Windows*, finished our project to clean the neighborhood gateway signs and remove the black stains on the curbing of Diamante Boulevard. We hope you have noticed the eye-appealing changes and appreciate the results.

This month, your DPOA Board approved several additional projects. We will be reinitiating the "Welcome Basket" program for all new property owners. I know it meant a lot to both Suki and I when Don and Judi Bethard welcomed us to the Diamante neighborhood with their presence, a nice basket of goodies, and information about our neighborhood.

The Board also approved replacing the toilets in both the men and women's restrooms in the Diamante clubhouse with attractive, efficient, ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-approved toilets.

Last, in the near future, we will be soliciting residents to join a work party to clean the neighborhood's signposts.

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Planning for this year's Annual DPOA Picnic scheduled for May 11 is still in progress, but the difficult challenges have already been met or exceeded. Details are provided in the invitation (see below). Once again, we want to recognize Arvest Bank for its support in sponsoring the band for this year's Picnic.

At the beginning of every new year, we ask all Diamante property owners to become active DPOA members by supporting the important and property-enhancing projects with their annual dues of only \$60. All current DPOA members are listed on pages 8 and 9 in this newsletter. For those of you who have not yet signed up, you should have received a reminder notice. We cannot do what we do without your support!

We are all looking forward to another great year at Diamante! ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



Treasurer's Report
 as of March 13, 2020
 Membership Count: 189
Fund Balances
 Funds available for use:
\$19,825.70
 Reserve (emergency fund):
\$7,500.00
ALICE HINCKLEY



ON BEHALF OF THE DIAMANTE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION (DPOA)
 YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
2020 DPOA MEMBERS' ANNUAL PICNIC
 DIAMANTE PATIO
 \$10 PER PERSON*
 GAMES, PRIZES, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

BBQ chicken, potato salad, BBQ beans, dessert, and two drink tickets that can be used for beer, wine, and soft drinks. Tea and water are complementary.
 Music provided by Code Blue, compliments of Arvest Bank
 Seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs.

MONDAY	STARTS	DINNER
MAY 11TH	AT 5 PM	AT 6 PM

MUST BE PAID DPOA MEMBER TO ATTEND
 *RSVP REQUIRED WITH CHECK TO ALICE HINCKLEY
 AT 9 VERA LANE BY APRIL 30
 MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO DPOA

Latest DPOA Enhancement Project Power Washing Diamante Gateway Entrances



Your DPOA Board of Directors meets every month to propose, evaluate, and approve Enhancement Projects. The results of one of the latest Enhancement Projects, **power washing the Diamante gateway entrances**, have exceeded expectations. The amazing effects are shown in the above "before" and "after" photographs. We hope you appreciate how your annual DPOA dues continues to help enhance your neighborhood!



UPDATE: Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

It has been said that a Neighborhood Crime Watch program "...is homeland security at the most local level."¹ To meet this vital goal, the Diamante Neighborhood Crime Watch group attends regular meetings to plan how to meet this very specific and important goal, and Block Captains make up the core of our Crime Watch group.

Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program provides an opportunity to volunteer and work toward increasing the safety and security of our neighborhood

and our homes. Our Neighborhood Crime Watch empowers homeowners to become active in emergency preparedness, as well as fight against crime and community disasters. The DPOA began e-mailing Block Captains who have served in the past during the week of February 24th to ask for their assistance in this effort. If you are interested in serving as a Block Captain or wish to remain a Block Captain for our Neighborhood Crime Watch program, then please contact me, Heidi Hilbert, at hhilbert@eicc.edu. ♦ **–Heidi Hilbert**

¹NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH. A Division of the National Sheriffs' Association.

Block Captains Needed for This Year

Alcazaba Way, blocks 1-13

Alhaja Way, blocks 1-11

Alhaja Way, blocks 12-14, all of block 18

Alhaja Lane, blocks 1-11

Darro Way, blocks 1-18

Estado Circle, blocks 1-16

Loyola Circle, blocks 1-14, all of block 5

Loyola Drive, block 1-16

Loyola Lane, blocks 29-38

Loyola Place, blocks 1-15

Morro Place, blocks 1-5

Morro Way, blocks 20-31



Maintenance

A Beautiful Neighborhood Doesn't Happen by Itself!

Maurice Schwarz and Alexis Rhodes, both Diamante employees, pulled weeds and generally cleaned the beds on Maderas Drive, Alhaja Way, and Poema Lane. More work is needed on the medians and Diamante Boulevard. Will Owens has made delivery arrangements for 9 yards of black mulch, which will replace the existing mulch in the beds on the Diamante entranceways. All the flower beds have been sprayed for weeds. However, because of the rain, it may have to be reapplied. Finally, the maintenance crew continues to check for any debris that may have found its way into the beds. ♦

—David Dolstein

Exterior Lights

Lighting Up Our Darkest Nights With Color!

Over the years, the lights on the median of Diamante Boulevard have had somewhat of a love-hate relationship with the Diamante homeowners. At present, the reliability of the low voltage LED lights has been a pleasant success. In addition, using gel-colored light filter sheets gives us the ability to change the light colors for a variety of special occasions, such as green-colored lights to mark St. Patrick's Day and red, white, and blue-colored lights to celebrate the patriotic months during the year. Hopefully, these changes to the lights make the entrance at Diamante Boulevard more enjoyable to view during evening hours. ♦

—Phil Tyree



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

THE REINSCHS

In January, 2013, Paul and Cheryl Reinsch purchased their home on Lake Balboa. After Paul's retirement from his CPA firm, they moved to the Village full time on January 1, 2019. Both Cheryl and Paul attended college and raised their four children in Omaha. The kids scattered across the country after college, and Paul and Cheryl had no plans to return to Omaha. They looked all over the country for a milder climate and their dream home on the water. After considering Bend, Oregon, the Florida beaches, and the Olympic Peninsula, Washington, Paul and Cheryl chose Hot Springs Village, which checked the boxes for a milder climate, a gated community, golf for Paul, and multiple outdoor and water activities and horse racing for both of them. Fortunately, Cheryl's sister introduced them to the area after building her home on Balboa 15 years ago after she and her husband retired and moved to the Village from Plano, Texas.

After wondering why on earth anyone would want to retire to Arkansas, Paul and Cheryl fell in love with this unique community after visiting several times. Their kids and four grandchildren love to visit from St. Pete Beach, Florida; Seattle, Washington; St. Louis, Missouri; and wherever their traveling nurse is currently

living. One of Paul's fraternity buddies from San Diego sold his dental practice, retired, and bought a home on Ponce after visiting a couple times.

Tom Curtis, who built their home, introduced Paul and Cheryl to Diamante. They joined as an assigned member 3 years ago in August, 2018, and bought a lot after the membership purchased the Club. They have met many fun couples at Diamante Country Club and enjoy the private club atmosphere, which is as good or better than any club they previously experienced.

"We are looking forward to a lot of fun and healthy years with all of you. Cheers!!" ♦

—Paul Reinsch



"We have had many friends visit us who could not understand why we would pick up and leave all of our good friends in Omaha to move to Arkansas. After visiting us, they get it and can't wait to be invited back."



The Website for **Annin Flagmakers** shares interesting information about our American flag:

The great-grandfather of the present owners, Louis Annin Ames, guided the company from 1896 until 1952. He took pride in leading the company that his grandfather and uncles started in 1847. His grandchildren, Randy Beard, Lee Beard, and Jack Dennis, ran Annin Flagmakers from the 1950s until the early 2000s. The company is now run by Carter Beard and Sandy Dennis Van Lieu. Annin flags have participated in the following world events:

- The inauguration of **Abraham Lincoln**, as well as the flag that draped his casket;
- The opening ceremonies of the **Brooklyn Bridge** in 1883;
- The arrival of Commander Robert E. Peary at the **North Pole** in 1909 and Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd at the **South Pole** 21 years later;
- Raising the flag by U.S. Marines atop **Mt. Suribachi** on Iwo Jima in 1945;
- The cargo of 186 Annin flags on the historic mission of **Apollo 11** to the moon in 1969 that Astronauts Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Neil Armstrong, and Michael Collins would later distribute as mementos;
- America's **1976 Bicentennial** celebration;
- The design and inception of the **POW/MIA** flag in 1979 in conjunction with the National League of POW/MIA Families; and
- The **Field of Remembrance** at Battery Park, New York, for the 10th anniversary of September 11th.

At this time, it is especially important to remind ourselves that we are proud to be Americans. If you have an American flag, display it proudly! ♦

—Dennis Riordan



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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.



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**The strength of our
 Diamante friends
 and neighbors,
 together, can
 make a difference.
 Without you...we
 cannot do what we
 need to do!**

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