

DPOA News & Events



Official Newsletter from Your
Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

“Welcome to the Property Owners Association (DPOA) newsletter. For the first 4 months of this new year, all property owners will receive this newsletter as an introduction to and monthly update on the DPOA.

With receipt of your annual DPOA dues, we are able to begin replacing the entrance walls at Diamante Boulevard and at the clubhouse. In addition, we have added two sets of patio furniture, contributed to the cost of the clock located next to the putting green, and added new Christmas décor items. Please consider your contribution as a wise investment in our community. Your financial support will help fund future projects.

The DPOA has dedicated its time and spirit to making the best possible financial decisions that provide value for our common properties. Our Board consists of a team of members who volunteer for 2 years to oversee our community. We suggest that you e-mail any of the Board members listed on the last page of this newsletter to ask your questions and to receive the latest information related to your Association, as well as the minutes from the monthly DPOA meetings.

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One of the most important responsibilities of the DPOA is to effectively communicate with you, the members of the Association. As our primary communication tool, this monthly newsletter includes clear and concise articles that provide information about upcoming events, human interest stories, and important reminders. Beginning with the May issue, this newsletter will only be sent to the dues-paying members of the DPOA.

At our January Board meeting, we discussed several interesting projects that we believe will enhance our community. We researched the costs of these projects and will decide in February which ones to pursue. If you have a project that you would like the DPOA to consider, then please send an e-mail message to one of the DPOA Board members.

Finally, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Paul Reinsch for serving as the DPOA's secretary for 2 years. Board service is one of the toughest volunteer roles, and Paul performed his Board responsibilities with dedication and seriousness. ♦ **—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA Acting President**



Treasurer's Report

As of January 12, 2023

Membership

As of January 1, 2023, there are **258 members**, representing **265 eligible properties**.

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$13,133.52

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$20,633.52

Invoices for the 2023 annual dues were mailed to all Diamante property owners earlier this month. Please renew your DPOA membership by sending your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues on or before February 15th to Nancy Webb at 31 Elcano Drive, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909.

NANCY WEBB



**Wednesday
May 31, 2023**

**Deadline
for Assessing Your
Personal Property**

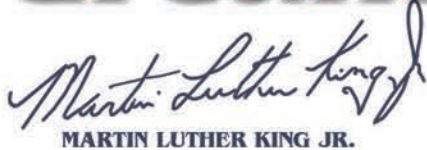
(501) 303-5622

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"I have a dream!"



MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



The fight to make the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. a holiday took over 32 years. A lot of campaigning, along with the assistance of Stevie Wonder, Ted Kennedy, and the National Football League (NFL) helped make it happen. King's birthday was finally approved as a federal holiday in 1983, and the last of the 50 states made it a statewide holiday in 2000.

After King's death in 1968, supporters pushed Congress to create a federal holiday. Representative John Conyers first introduced the motion only 4 days after King's assassination. It took another 11 years for the federal holiday to be voted on in the House of Representatives. The bill needed a two-thirds majority to pass. Despite strong efforts from the King Center, members of Congress, and President Jimmy Carter, it was defeated.

The holiday's supporters regrouped and intensified their efforts. In 1981, the King Center kept up its efforts by organizing a march on Washington that included an estimated 500,000 people. Coretta Scott King, along with Stevie Wonder, presented a petition signed by 6 million people to Tip O'Neill, the majority leader in the House

of Representatives. The House took up the bill in 1983, and it passed by 53 votes. Democrats Tip O'Neill and Jim Wright, along with Republicans, Jack Kemp and Newt Gingrich, gave speeches in support of the King holiday.

Passing the bill in the House was easy, compared with the Senate. Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina openly opposed it. At first, Helms introduced a filibuster, and then he presented a 400-page file that accused King of being a communist. Despite Helms' opposition, the bill passed the Senate by 12 votes. Even South Carolina's Senator Strom Thurmond voted in favor of the King holiday. President Ronald Reagan signed the bill in November 1983, and the first federal King holiday was celebrated in 1986.

A second battle took place to get each individual state to recognize the holiday. For example, the state of Arkansas made Martin Luther King's birthday a statewide holiday in 1983, but, with emotional disagreements, 17 states did not recognize the holiday until 1986. There was strong resistance in Arizona. The fight between the Arizona's state legislators came to a head in

November 1990. Entertainers started boycotting the state in protest, and the NFL threatened to move the 1993 Super Bowl from Tempe if the holiday was defeated at the polls. The King holiday lost in a two-part voter referendum, and the NFL made good on its threat, taking the Super Bowl to Southern California, which cost the state of Arizona an estimated \$500 million in revenue. Arizona voters approved the King holiday 2 years later.

There was also a fight in South Carolina. It was one of the last states to approve a paid-holiday for state employees in 2000. The state's governor tried to link the holiday to a commitment to allow the state house to fly the Confederate battle flag. Instead, he signed a bill that approved the King holiday along with a Confederate Memorial Day celebrated in May.

Today, the King holiday is celebrated every year on the third Monday in January and serves multiple purposes. It honors the total legacy of King, focuses on the issue of civil rights, highlights the use of nonviolence to promote change, and calls people into public service. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Scott Finnell

Diamante's Very Own Stained-Glass Artist



Scott and Kim Finnell were both raised in Brawley, a city in California, but they recently moved from Idyllwild, California, to the Village. Little did we know that Scott brought with him an unbelievable talent of working with stained glass and fused glass. What is the difference you ask?

Stained glass is working with lead, and fused glass is working with a kiln. Scott's interest in working with glass was born out of necessity. Back in 1998, he had a space in their home that he wanted to fill with stained glass, but he could not find anything that fit the area. As a result, he built it himself. He not only discovered a hidden talent, but he also developed a hobby that turned into a very profitable pathway in life.

Scott became exceptionally good working with stained and fused glass. After 50 commissioned assignments, he later created a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and added an 800-square foot addition to their home to provide the space he needed to create his masterpieces.

Scott and Kim founded the "Idyllwild Art in the Park," which was a juried art show that offered a series of weekend outdoor art events and featured live music. It eventually grew to have over

30 participating artists. Through teamwork between Scott and Kim, they were successful in running this show for longer than 8 years.

Scott's proudest and most rewarding piece of stained glass was the front door of an Idyllwild restaurant named *Café Aroma*. It was an 8-foot masterpiece that was not only beautiful when you entered the restaurant, but it was also transparent enough to see whether someone was approaching the door from the outside. On the other hand, Scott's most challenging, difficult, and largest piece was two stained-glass windows for the Idyllwild Bible Church. They measured 10 feet by 16 feet. While laughing a little, Scott said that he had to draw the pattern in his driveway because it was so big! In the end, his reward came from a very happy Pastor and many pleased parishioners.

Fast forwarding to Diamante, Scott's latest challenge was creating the Championship trophies for the 2021 Diamante Classic Golf Tournament. As the winners of this event, Charles Veazy and his guest walked away with one of the most unique fused glass creations ever given as a Diamante Classic trophy. The design was one of a kind and a true piece of art.



The left creation is the Championship trophy earned by the winner of the 2021 Diamante Classic Golf Tournament.

Scott Finnell—Diamante’s Very Own Stained-Glass Artist—Continued from page 4

Scott and Kim are so happy and thankful to live in the Diamante community and to be members of the Diamante Country Club. Scott says, “I want to give back to this wonderful community and to contribute to the Diamante experience.” Scott wants to share his knowledge, equipment, and materials to any member who might have an interest in creating stained or fused glass. Scott has over \$20,000 invested in tools, glass, and even a kiln that are all nestled in his garage. Scott

says, “Give me a call, come over, and we’ll make some sun catchers.”

He is offering a free workshop for any member who is interested. As you can see from the photos included in this article, Scott’s God-gifted talent is unbelievable. In fact, the first photo on the previous page is Scott standing by one of two stained glass panels on his deck that is visible from the first fairway. When asked what is next, Scott says, “I want to try painting.” ♦ —Chris Gleason



The “Wave” is created with heated and molded stained glass.



Hollowed-out wood is filled with stained-glass pieces.



Heated stained glass is molded over two copper rods.

WELCOME

The members of the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) would like to welcome the newest residents to the Diamante neighborhoods. My name is Janice Farver, and I have the privilege of meeting new property owners, during which a basket filled with goodies from Diamante’s Golf Shop and treats or items made in Arkansas are presented. As I get notification from the Club, I contact every new resident to setup a convenient time to meet. Although there are still several new residents who have yet to be contacted, I enjoyed meeting many of our new neighbors when I delivered 14 baskets in 2022. Again, welcome to the neighborhood, and I look forward to seeing you soon. ♦

—Janice Farver



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DUES-PAYING DPOA MEMBERS ONLY

Monday, May 22, 2023, 4:30 to 8:00 PM

FOR RESERVATIONS

Call the Diamante main office (501-922-1114) before May 12th. Ask to speak with Jill David or Terri Socha.

**Diamante Members Club
Outdoor Patio**

Bring your own chairs and putters!



Please mail a check for \$25.00 for each dues-paying DPOA member and \$35.00 for each guest to Nancy Webb at 31 Elcano Drive, Hot Springs Village. Make your check payable to the DPOA.

Video Surveillance and Security Cameras



When it comes to the overall safety and security at Diamante Country Club, video surveillance and security cameras could be a future consideration. The following list of benefits offers compelling reasons why a video surveillance and security camera system is something we should consider:

- 1. Increases Overall Safety.** Security cameras positioned throughout the club will help prevent crimes and break-in burglaries. Businesses are four times more likely to be burglarized than a home.
- 2. Helps Prevent Theft.** Approximately 64% of small businesses are victims of theft, and 80% of thefts happen in organizations with fewer than 100 employees.
- 3. Prevents Fraud.** A typical business can lose up to 5% of its revenue to fraud.
- 4. Improves Safeguards.** Because fewer safeguards are usually in place in small organizations, they are more vulnerable to theft.
- 5. Protects Against Burglary.** Although many believe that burglaries are simply "crimes of opportunity," statistics show that approximately 60.5% of burglaries are forcible entries, such as breaking windows, picking locks, and kicking in doors. A good security camera system with video surveillance can be a great deterrent to these types of crimes.
- 6. Improves the Safety of Members and Employees.** The presence of a good security system shows employees and members that their safety and security are a priority and can improve their overall perception of their Club and employer.
- 7. Improves Outside Security for Members and Employees.** A good security system protects employees and members. When installed in parking lots and outside the physical building, they can record suspicious activity.
- 8. Lowers the Risk of Vandalism.** Organizations directly and indirectly pay for vandalism. A single incident of vandalism costs an average of \$3,370. Conspicuously placed cameras dramatically reduce the threats of violence and vandalism at businesses.
- 9. Provides 24/7 Peace of Mind.** Surveillance allows authorized employees to monitor critical business areas in real time, 24/7, from almost anywhere.
- 10. Helps Avoid Legal Claims and Fraud.** One of the worst fears of any organization is being sued. Whether an accident, injury, harassment, or other legal issues, video evidence can prove what actually took place.
- 11. Increases Business Profits.** A Bloomberg business study of the effects of operational surveillance cameras showed a 22% decrease in theft AND a 7% increase in profits.
- 12. Monitors Member and Employee Transactions.** Video surveillance can monitor a transaction involving a member and employee. For example, if an issue is raised as to what exactly happened, then video surveillance records can determine what took place.
- 13. Protects Against Robberies.** Robberies and burglaries have increased 8.6% since 2016. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Improve Your Home's Energy Efficiency

If you are wanting to make your home more energy efficient, Smart Home technology can help. There are plenty of smart technologies that can make your home more sustainable, reduce its carbon footprint, and lower the costs it takes to operate.

If you want to improve your home's energy cost and improve its efficiency, then try one or more of the following smart options.

❑ **Smart thermostats:** Smart Home thermostats can automate your home's temperature and customize it based on your schedule, making your day-to-day life more convenient. There are several different kinds of Smart Home thermostats that can regulate your home's heating and

cooling systems and save an annual average of 8% on energy bills.

❑ **Lightbulbs:** You can program Smart light-emitting diode (LED) lightbulbs, which will allow you to set a schedule and to minimize the amount of time that they are in use. Often, you can remotely turn the lightbulbs on and off with a Smart phone application.

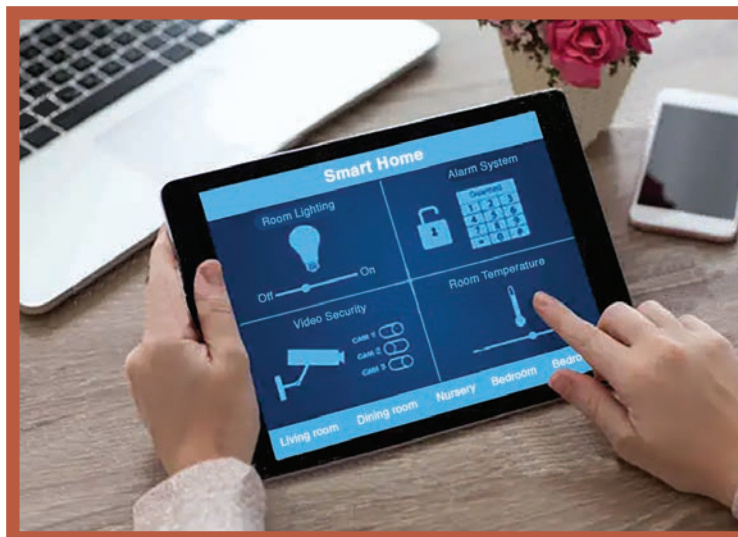
❑ **Sprinklers:** The exterior of your home can be upgraded with sustainability in

mind, thanks to Smart sprinkler systems. These types of sprinkler systems integrate with live weather data and can be customized for the shape of your yard, thus reducing water consumption.

❑ **Plugs and Power Strips:** Similar to Smart bulbs, plugs and power strips allow you to turn small appliances and other power-hogging items on and off with ease. You may simply open an application or ask your Smart Home hub to turn off power-using items for you. You can even set schedules to ensure that you are conserving the most power possible.

Are you ready to improve your home's energy efficiency and reduce your energy bills? ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



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Guest Pass Card

Available to All Golf Member Categories
Now Through March 31st
at the Golf Shop

- **Guest Pass Card includes six 18-hole rounds of golf with a cart;**
- **Program price is \$390.00 plus tax, which is a savings of \$33.00 per round of golf;**
- **Guests must be accompanied by a member of Diamante;**
- **Program limits two (2) prepurchased six guest pass cards per member;**
- **Guest passes are not valid for Hot Springs Village residents; and**
- **Passes are valid anytime through December 31, 2023.**

Additional Information

Rules & Regulations, Section 2.4.4:

Guest Limitations states that any individual day guest is limited to a maximum of 12 guest rounds per year, regardless of the source of these guest privileges or the type of fee paid. House guests and a member's immediate family are exempt from this limitation.

Current fees are the following:

- **Guest—Family with cart: \$64.00**
- **Guest—Member accompanied with cart: \$98.00**

Get Your Card

and all of the details in the

Golf Shop
(501) 922-4191



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