

DPOA News & Events



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Dear Neighbors!

The DPOA Board of Directors has decided to cancel our 2020 DPOA Members' Annual Picnic. After discussing the pros and cons of holding this popular event during a time when the Covid-19-related regulations must be maintained, we decided too much uncertainty remains. I know, for one, that I will miss the camaraderie the picnic generates. This annual event will be rescheduled in 2021.

The new toilets that are compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) have been installed in the club's men and ladies restrooms. Thanks to Heidi Hilbert for organizing this effort. I hope they are found to be more comfortable.

David Dolstein has completed the sign-cleaning project. Those signs that David believed required replacement have been done so by the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association (see article on page 3).

To replace the reflectors that are often damaged by automobiles, David and Phil Tyree have applied

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reflective paint stripes on a portion of the curb leading into Diamante Boulevard. Soon, they will also apply the reflective paint stripes on the opposite curb.

Finally, the Welcome Basket Program will be delayed a little longer until people are more comfortable meeting in their homes.

Speaking of comfort, I hope we all maintain the safety measures that have kept us virus free thus far. We are not out of the woods yet. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



Treasurer's Report

as of May 22, 2020

Membership Count: 211

Fund Balances

Funds available for use:

\$20,067.70

Reserve (emergency fund):

\$7,500.00

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2020 DPOA MEMBERS' ANNUAL PICNIC

PLANNING TO RESCHEDULE
IN THE SPRING OF 2021



Maintenance

More projects completed!

David Dolstein, with the help of Danny, his loyal canine companion, finished spraying all of the Diamante street signs with "Spray & Forget," which removes algae over time.

A list of the street signs that were either missing or unreadable was provided to Tom Ellers. Tom asked the POA if every sign on the list could be replaced. The POA response was positive, and the signs were replaced within days.



Maurice and Alexis finished placing black mulch on all entrances and on Diamante Boulevard.

Phil Tyree identified the year that Diamante was developed. Originally, the pullover area on both sides of the entrance at Diamante Boulevard was lined with flat landscape stones. Unfortunately, these stones are now completely covered with grass and asphalt. The DPOA approved a small expenditure to have Casey Shepherd remove the grass, and the asphalt issue was discussed with John Paul. During the upcoming weeks, John will contact the POA and request their evaluation and recommendations to address the asphalt issue. Our objective is to return the Diamante's entrance to its original appearance.



Mentor/Ambassador Program for New Members

The Membership Committee at Diamante has brought back a **Mentor/Ambassador Program** for its new members. Since the beginning of this year, over 18 new memberships have been signed, equaling a total of 34-plus new members. As a result, the Membership Committee has developed a new tool called the **Diamante Group Organizer**. This simple spreadsheet lists the groups that involve social, golf, and tennis activities. These groups and activities are designed to help new members get involved and to make them aware of various functions outside of the regular associations, such as the MGA, WGA, Guys & Dolls, and Tennis. In fact, the **Mentor/Ambassador Program** has already started—couples are mentoring new members right now! Although it has been a little challenging with the Covid-19 virus, we have met new members on the patio for beverages, lunch, or dinner and have also asked them to play golf and tennis. In addition, we have attempted to keep in contact with them on a regular basis.

Unaware to many old and new members alike, Diamante has social activities, including a Book Club, a Knitting Group, and various other groups that also play Bridge, Hand and Foot, and even Bunco. Not all members or spouses play golf or tennis, yet they want to get involved; consequently, social activities are included in the **Diamante Group Organizer**. A few of the social activities will also include lunch.

We were shocked to learn that Diamante has 13 different golf groups that play every week. The **Diamante Group Organizer** indicates the days when each group plays,

the type of games that are played, and the required tee box(es). The name, telephone number, and e-mail address for each organizer are also included. For the tennis groups, which include mixed doubles, drills, lessons, and social match-ups, the organizer indicates the times and days they play.

To our knowledge, a **Diamante Group Organizer** has never been put together. The idea is to quickly get new members involved in the Club and to give them a tool to find out in which group or activity they fit and to benefit the most from what the Club has to offer. The **Diamante Group Organizer** is a living document. As a result, if anyone out there is aware of other groups in which new members are welcome, please contact the Club. If you would like to see the **Diamante Group Organizer**, an electronic file (PDF) is attached to the e-mail message that brought this month's DPOA newsletter to your inbox. In addition, the **Organizer** spreadsheet is electronically available on request at the Club. All new members will automatically receive it.

In closing, I would like to thank Sherry Newman for her help with the Social category, Jen Stout for her help with the Tennis groups, and the Pro Shop for their input on golf. This document has taken several months in the making since permission had to be granted from all organizers to openly include new members in their group or activity. Diamante has great people. All of the organizers do what they do for the love of the game or activity; they volunteer their time so others can enjoy, and we can all be together. ♦ **—Chris Gleason**

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

DALE AND DAVID FLORY

Dale and David first visited Hot Springs Village in 2002. They continued to visit friends each year until, in 2009, they bought a weekend/vacation home on the Coronado Golf Course. In 2011, they moved from the Dallas–Fort Worth Metroplex and made the Village their full-time residence.

Dale retired from many years of working for the Hurst-Euless-Bedford Independent School District as a Human Resources Coordinator and later as the District’s Substitute Teacher Coordinator. David retired as the Police Chief for the city of Bedford, Texas, to accept the same position in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas. In 2015, David retired as the Hot Springs Police Chief to accept a position as the lead instructor for the Department of Justice’s VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Program, for which he travels nationally, demonstrating unwavering support for law enforcement officers and providing training to officers nationwide. David also is a part-time Paramedic for LifeNet and owns a small training and consulting company that focuses on church and business safety.

David and Dale met through a mutual friend in 1981 and were married later that same year. They have one daughter, Courtney, who is a Public Safety Communications Officer for the City of Euless, Texas, Police Department.

Her husband, Austin, is a marketing manager for the American Heart Association.

Although both David and Dale play golf and tennis, neither had checked out Diamante until the summer of 2018. David immediately fell in love with the golf course, and they joined the Club in August of that same year. They quickly began looking for a home in Diamante and, in 2019, finally found the perfect home on the 13th fairway. Both of them love the view of the course from their large deck and the convenient access to the course, clubhouse, tennis courts, and pool. ♦



David and Dale enjoy playing golf and tennis and spending time with friends and family. Dale continues to work part-time at the Coronado Tennis Center, and David is an avid car enthusiast and enjoys driving his Sebring Orange C7 Corvette.



Memorial Day is an American holiday, observed on the last Monday of May, honoring the men and women who died while serving in the United States military.

Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years after the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971.

Early Observances of Memorial Day

The Civil War, which ended in the spring of 1865, claimed more lives than any conflict in U.S. history. By the late 1860s, Americans in various towns and cities began holding spring-time tributes to these countless fallen soldiers, decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers in the country's first national cemeteries.

It remains unclear where, exactly, this tradition originated. Some records show that one of the earliest Memorial Day commemoration was organized by a group of freed slaves in Charleston, South Carolina, less than 1 month after the Confederacy surrendered in 1865. Nevertheless, in 1966, the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the official birthplace of Memorial Day.

Decoration Day

On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, proclaimed May 30th as the nationwide day of remembrance for "comrades who died in defense of their country and whose bodies now lay in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."

By 1890, each Northern state made Decoration Day an official state holiday.

Southern states, on the other hand, continued to honor their dead on separate days until after World War I. Confederate Memorial Day is still recognized in several states and, in 2020, was celebrated on Sunday, April 26, in Florida; on Monday, April 27, in Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi; and on May 11, in parts of South Carolina.

Memorial Day Traditions

Cities and towns across the United States host Memorial Day parades each year, often incorporating military personnel and members of veterans' organizations.

Americans also observe Memorial Day by visiting cemeteries and memorials. Some people wear a red poppy in remembrance of those fallen in war—a tradition that began with a World War I poem.

On a less somber note, the 3-day Memorial Day weekend unofficially marks the beginning of summer. ♦

—Dennis Riordan



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Exterior Lights Celebrate Our Anniversary With Color!

The LED lights at the Diamante entrances have been performing well and have survived the abundant rainfall and electrical storms. During the month of June, there will be several opportunities to use the lights on the Diamante Boulevard median to observe holidays and to celebrate special occasions, especially the 25th anniversary of Diamante Country Club on June 24th! ♦

—Phil Tyree



DPOA Active Members & Supporters

Our Diamante family of homeowners continues to grow! The following six active DPOA members have been added to the lists originally included in the March and April newsletters:

Brown, Larry and 'Nita Gilpin, Derek and Peggy Hibbs, Johnny and Paula Wallis, Elizabeth Ruggiero Whitfield, Dan and Nora Zook, Doug and Jon Lilley

—Alice Hinckley

The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly for active members of the Diamante Property Owners Association. 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.