



January 2024

## Dear Neighbors!

**Sadly, our expert newsletter editor, Dana Peick** passed away in early January and the DPOA Board is attempting to fill the huge void left behind by her passing. It will be challenging to attempt the expertise she contributed to Diamante in developing the monthly DPOA newsletter. We hope you enjoy our first attempt in bringing you this newsletter. For the beginning of this new year, all property owners will receive this newsletter as an introduction to and monthly updates of the DPOA.

The holidays have come and gone with many changes to the DPOA Board! Although the month of January is considered one of the bleakest months of the year. Why should it be?? January is known for New Year's Day, symbolizing fresh starts and resolutions. It is a time for reflection and setting intentions for the year ahead. Let's embrace this month and make this year better, bigger, more prosperous, and healthier than the last year at Diamante!

First thing on our slate is the **Solar Bration** party which will be held on Monday, April 8 in celebration of the Total Solar Eclipse. Doug Zook is working with the DMC Marketing Committee to promote Diamante and we are excited to participate in this event. The popular **Colt and the Old 45s** band has agreed to perform again at this year's picnic which is part of Solar Bration, which promises to make it a fantastic event. We will begin collecting reservations for the picnic in February. The reservation form will be in the February newsletter.

I want to thank Neil Phelan and Phil Tyree for the past three years of volunteering on the DPOA Board of Directors. The Board has greatly benefited from their professional help and guidance. We have four new individuals who have volunteered as members: Jeanne Ballard, Bruce Gasaway, Greg Hilbert, and Ford Williams beginning this month.

The DPOA board is considering several projects for 2024 and will

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## Talking Points

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be announcing them in an upcoming newsletter. If there is a project that you would like the board to consider, please contact any of the board members.

Lastly, we would like to express our gratitude to all of the DPOA members for their ongoing support, which includes both financial contributions and volunteering their time throughout the year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated, annual dues membership invoices for 2024 will be sent in late January.

♦ — **Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President**

## Volunteers . . . The Heart of Our Community

**All readers are invited** to consider volunteering for one of the vacant position on the DPOA Board of Directors.

**Newsletter Editor:** The editor of this newsletter is responsible for soliciting materials to be published; determining the features of a publication; setting and enforcing deadlines; making a final determination about what will be published in an issue; and coordinating the frequency of the monthly publication.

## Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

<b>Al Bowles</b>	Granada Drive, All Blocks; Granada Lane, All Blocks; Granada Loop, All Blocks; Granada Place and Granada Trace, All Blocks; Morro Lane, All Blocks; Morro Place, All Blocks
<b>Dave Clark</b>	Cruzado Lane, Block 24, Lots 1-11
<b>Heidi Hilbert</b>	Princesa Drive, Block 12, Lots 12-37
<b>Keith Hughes</b>	Loyola Drive, Block 3, Lots 1-18
<b>Sylvia and John Matthews</b>	Loyola Circle, Block 1, Lots 1014, All of Block 5
<b>Ted Schramm</b>	Realeza Court, Block 1, All of the Villas
<b>Jess Stephens</b>	Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 19-31
<b>Suzanne Stofer</b>	Princesa Place, Block 12, All of Block 13
<b>Phil Tyree</b>	Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 1-18
<b>Bob Walker</b>	Poema Way, Block 21, Lots 1-19, All of Block 21
<b>Mike Walters</b>	Loyola Way, Block 3, Lots 20-20

## Treasurer's Report

**As of December 31, 2023**

### Membership

As of January 1, 2024, 194 members have paid their DPOA dues for 197 of the 270 the eligible properties.

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$2, 701.22**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7, 500.00**

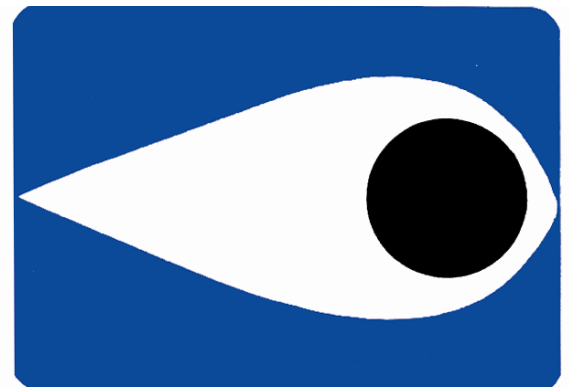
Total funds:

**\$10, 201.22**

Invoices for the 2024 annual dues will be mailed to all Diamante property owners in late January. If you have not received your invoice, please let our treasurer know. Please renew your DPOA membership by sending your \$80.00 annual dues to:

**Ford Williams**  
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Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Email: [ford.williams@me.com](mailto:ford.williams@me.com)



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WE LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER™

# Light Up Our Lives!



**Nora Bergfield & Doug Zook**

**Linda Fulton, Tom Stant, & Jim Bodge**



**Greg Hilbert**



**Kevin McMillin, Karla Sebastiani, Neil Phelan,  
& Jim Fulton**



**Doug Zook & Jami Parham**

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### TBD

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## DPOA Picnic and Solar Bration at Diamante

Hot Springs Village will be a spectacular destination to witness the awe-inspiring solar eclipse in 2024. As the moon passes in front of the sun, casting a breathtaking shadow, Diamante will have a unique opportunity to be a part of this celestial phenomenon.

As the celestial event of the decade approaches, the unforgettable Solar Bration will take place on April 8, 2024, at the Diamante Country Club. The skies will be graced with the 2024 eclipse and Diamante will be the perfect setting for an extraordinary **DPOA Picnic and Solar Bration**. The event will kick off at 11:31 am and will last until 2:51 pm. Eclipse enthusiasts and club members will be treated to a unique experience as the moon casts its shadow over the sun. The highlight of the event will be the totality of the eclipse, set to occur at 1:51 pm right over the Diamante Country Club!

Attendees can indulge in eclipse-themed food and drinks, adding a cosmic touch to their culinary experience. In addition, the Solar Bration will feature, door prizes, games, and the popular 50/50 raffle. To cap off the day the **Colt and Old 45s** band will take the stage, providing live entertainment that will keep the celebration going!

Don't miss this opportunity to be at the epicenter of eclipse excitement. Reservations and tickets can be purchased from Ford Williams [ford.williams@me.com](mailto:ford.williams@me.com) starting February 1<sup>st</sup>.

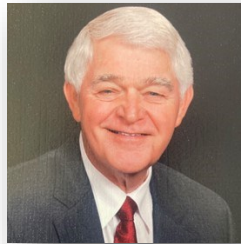
— Doug Zook



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 the president, Heidi Hilbert, or one of the DPOA Board Members.

*Let's Get to Know***Bruce Gasaway****Maintenance—Diamante Property Owners Association**

Bruce is from Pickens, Arkansas, which is located in southeastern part of the state. Graduating from the University of Arkansas in 1972, Bruce returned to Pickens and farmed for 10 years before entering into the insurance business. He has been married to Linda for 49 years.



During that time, Bruce served on the boards of Walnut Lake Country Club, Delta Memorial Hospital and Merchants & Farmers Bank.

After retiring in 2011, Bruce and Linda moved to Hot Springs Village, and have been members of Diamante Country Club since 2003.

## Knowing What and How to Report a Suspicious Behavior Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

**In our community**, suspicious behaviors 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.
- 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.



**- REMEMBER -**

— Heidi Hilbert