

# DPOA News & Events

**DIAMANTE**  
A Private Community Club

Official Newsletter from Your  
Diamante Property Owners Association

September, 2023

## Dear Neighbors!

**"Happily, we bask in this warm September sun, which illuminates all creatures," Henry David Thoreau.**

September is known as harvest month and, because of the moon's proximity to the autumnal equinox, it is the fullest moon of the year and is nicknamed the Harvest Moon. On September 29th, it will illuminate the night sky all evening and make for an incredible sight.

During the September board meeting, the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) approved the refacing of the monument of Estado Estates, and work will soon begin. We are currently receiving bids for several other projects that are needed to enhance our common properties. Through your generous donations and fundraisers, the DPOA can work with Diamante's Board of Directors on additional projects. Assistant Treasurer, Bill Toney, completed the 2022 audit and found all financial records in order.

October is fast approaching, and we want to remind our readers that the **2023 Diamante Intercollegiate** will be played from October 21st through the 24th. If your home is on the course, please consider inviting friends and family members to cheer on the players from your patio or back porch. Let's show our spirit with a Diamante welcome!

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**SAVE THE DATE:** The next DPOA Picnic is scheduled for April 8, 2024, and the popular Colt and the Old 45s will be playing their extensive portfolio of popular music. Yes, the picnic is now scheduled to be held in April of next year, during which we will also celebrate the Solar Eclipse with many festivities marking this date. More information on this event will be provided in future newsletters.

Finally, the DPOA Board is seeking volunteers to serve in the following positions starting in January 2024, Treasurer and Welcome Baskets (see below). Being a volunteer is a great opportunity for you to showcase your skills and to meet the needs of the Diamante community. Please consider becoming part of the DPOA Board. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



## Treasurer's Report

As of September 11, 2023

### Membership

As of September 11, 2023, 194 members have paid their DPOA dues for 197 of the 270 eligible properties.

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$ 10,394.57**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$ 7,500.00**

Total funds:

**\$ 17,894.57**

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**



## Volunteers...the Heart of Our Community

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer manages the financial records of the Diamante Property Owners Association, including funds, securities, and evidence of indebtedness. Records are kept in accordance with standard accounting practices. Upon request of the Board or on a bi-annual basis, the Treasurer submits all accounting records to an independent party who is selected by the Board for an audit. ♦

**Welcome Baskets:** Welcome baskets are delivered to new Diamante property owners and are the DPOA's way of welcoming new residents as they begin living their lives in the Diamante community. Welcome Baskets contain delicious goodies and sweet treats that are perfect for the holidays or for any occasion. The volunteer needs only a little creativity to manage this position. ♦



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

# 2023 Diamante Intercollegiate

## The Last Five Teams!

This final article on the upcoming **2023 Diamante Intercollegiate** will showcase the three Arkansas teams and an additional Texas team that will complete the field of 18 teams for this year's tournament. In addition, we have an exciting surprise participating fifth team that we will

introduce at the conclusion of this article. The individual players who will be participating are traditionally chosen 1 or 2 weeks before the tournament. Consequently, the final player rosters will not be available until the teams are ready to travel to Diamante Country Club.



The **UA Little Rock Women's Golf Team** opened their 2023-2024 campaign this month, traveling to Mobile, Alabama, for the USA Intercollegiate held at Providence Park.

They played the Robert Trent Jones (RTJ) golf course at Magnolia Grove, which was the fifth-straight year that the Trojans opened their season at this tournament.

Over 3 days, the event hosted 10 teams with each day featuring 18 holes. Last year at the event, the Trojans finished in 8th place with a 5-over par, 869, after shooting a 1-under par, 287, for the final 18 holes. This set a new program team record for a 54-hole tournament. This year, the Trojans finished the USA Invitational in sixth place, during which senior, Agatha Alesson, led the team, shooting a 5-under par, 211, for the 3 days to finish in second place. UALR is the sponsor of the 2023 Diamante Intercollegiate. ♦



Agatha Alesson



Viktoría Krnacova



Anna Dawson



Katja Mueller



Eleonore Aernouts



Fehld Graesel



The **Arkansas State Women's Golf Team** (the Red Wolves) opened their

season with a fifth-place finish totaling a score of 54-over par, 894, for the 54-hole tournament. The

Jennifer Duke Invitational was hosted by the University of Cincinnati at Losantiville Country Club and featured 11 teams. Western Kentucky won the event with a 14-over par, 854, with Marshall (+48), Xavier (+50),



Charlotte Menager



and Cincinnati (+53) rounding out the top four participating teams.

Charlotte Menager, playing as an individual, led A-State with a total of 8-over par, 218, (76-72-70) to tie for 7th place. ♦

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## THE LAST FIVE TEAMS!



The 2023-2024 schedule for the **UCA Women's Golf Team** was announced by Head Coach, Summar

Roachell. The Bears are scheduled to play nine regular season events before culminating in the Atlantic Sun Conference (ASUN) Championships in April of 2024. Wrapping up the Golfweek Fall Challenge on September 12th at Pawleys Island, South Carolina, the UCA Women's Golf Team capped off the event by matching its best round of the tournament. Scoring an 8-over par, 292, the team settled into eighth place in Summar Roachell's first event at Central Arkansas. ♦



The **Tarleton State Women's Golf Team** released their 2023-2024 11-tournament schedule, featuring the program's first home event since 2019. The Texans will play in five events in the fall and

six in the spring. Totally, the squad will visit six different states.

With the program debuting in 1987-1988, Tarleton State embarked on its 37th season on September 11 and 12 in Provo, Utah. The Timpanogos Collegiate Invitational was played at the Timpanogos Golf Club and hosted by Utah Valley. As a team, the Texans turned in 30 birdies and an eagle across all five players in the 54-hole event. Grand Canyon won the



team championship with a 27 under par. Santa Clara (-18) and Fresno State (-12) rounded out the top three teams in the field of 19 teams. ♦



This year, we are welcoming players and coaches from the **University of Arkansas, Fayetteville**. Importantly,

though, they will not compete as a team but will send three players who will participate as individuals.

The Arkansas Razorback Women's Golf Team opened their 17th fall season under head coach, Shauna Taylor, at the Carmel Cup at Pebble Beach Golf Links. This marked the second year Arkansas began its season at the Carmel Cup against the same eight-team field as last season, one half of which represent the Southeastern Conference (SEC).

Maria José Marin, a freshman Razorback, was tabbed SEC Freshman of the Week on September 13th. In her first collegiate golf tournament at




the Carmel Cup, Maria José Marin had a runner-up performance and has now jumped up to 27th in the World Amateur Golf Ranking. ♦

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# Maintenance

## Change of Seasons— A New Beginning!



One thing that I love about living in our area are the four beautiful and distinctive seasons that we enjoy every year! We are approaching the fall season, which is my favorite. The weather is transitioning to mild and breezy evenings, and the days are ending with beautiful sunsets. Soon, the leaves will be changing into the vibrant, beautiful colors of fall.

Over the past few weeks, we have experienced some unusually high temperatures during several days in a row. We have been busy keeping the sprinklers going at our entrances to keep the grass and shrubs alive. Unfortunately, though, we lost some shrubs and trees in our neighborhoods, which was attributable to the unusually high temperatures.

As the seasons change, so do the responsibilities of the DPOA. For example, the ditches were mowed last month, but the HSV Property Owners Association (POA) will mow again in a few weeks. I have scheduled a haircut for some of the shrubs at the entrance of Diamante Boulevard. I have also had some of the limbs cut that were hindering the view of oncoming traffic at the corner of Diamante Boulevard and Loyola Drive.

Thanks to the dues-paying supporters of the DPOA, all of us are doing our best to keep our entrances and properties beautiful. Thank you for all your support and encouragement! ♦ —Neil M. Phelan, JR., Maintenance

**"Autumn leaves don't fall, they fly.  
They take their time and wander to  
their only chance to soar."**

## Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program



# THINGS TO KNOW WHEN YOU CALL 9-1-1

### What Happens When You Dial 9-1-1 to Report an Emergency?

Few telephone calls are more important than the one for emergency help. Feeling nervous when dialing 9-1-1 is normal, because you are potentially in the middle of a life-or-death situation, or you may feel under pressure to describe your emergency. This article explains what happens when you dial 9-1-1, and it provides eight steps to remember if you ever must make that call.

- 9-1-1 is called when emergency help is needed.
- Your 9-1-1 call is automatically sent to a computer that identifies the telephone number from which you are calling.
- Your call is automatically relayed to the emergency agency that serves the address of your telephone number.
- As your call is connected to the emergency agency, a computerized database provides the dispatcher with your name and address from which you are calling in a matter of seconds.
- The dispatcher determines your emergency needs and verifies the address of the emergency.
- Your call is prioritized.
- The proper emergency service is then sent to the scene.

### Procedures for Reporting to the Police

When reporting an emergency, remain calm and slowly give the following details:

- (1) Identify yourself by name, address, and telephone number.
- (2) Identify the type of incident, such as burglary, assault, or suspicious person(s) or vehicle(s), as well as any other type of incident.
- (3) Describe whether the crime is "in progress" or if it has "just occurred," including the time of occurrence;
- (4) Describe the location. Be as specific as possible! Try to have an address for the police when you report. If an address is not available, then report the street name, names of intersecting streets, and a specific description of the house or area in which you have observed an incident.
- (5) Give as complete a description as possible of a vehicle that may have been used by the culprit(s) in the commission of the crime you are reporting, including the car, motorcycle, and/or bicycle, as well as all other vehicles.
- (6) Give as complete a description as possible of the culprit(s) involved, including any associate(s) who are also observed and information regarding any weapon(s) that might also be involved.
- (7) Give the direction of travel; for example, north, south, east, or west.
- (8) Remain on the telephone to assist the dispatcher as much as possible until no additional details are needed. The more information that is given to the police, the better. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

## Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program

# Neighborhood Crime Watch Signs

As you drive into the Diamante neighborhoods, you have probably noticed one or more Neighborhood Crime Watch signs. Yes, our neighbors look out for one another, and the Neighborhood Crime Watch signs demonstrate that our community is a tightly knit group of friends and neighbors who look out for one another. Our signs clearly indicate that someone is always keeping a watch for any and all illegal activities in our community.

In addition to dispelling the fears of crime and building a strong community bond, Neighborhood Crime Watch signs convey the presence of a security system and warn potential criminals about the high likelihood of being reported and caught. Neighborhood

Crime Watch signs discourage miscreants by communicating that we are an active community with police engagement.

Public safety and home security are extremely important. A Neighborhood Crime Watch program, such as ours, is an effective way to help keep our Diamante neighborhoods safe from crime, to reduce the fear of crime, and to improve the quality

of life. We must remember, though, that our block captains are volunteers and do not have the same authority as the police. It is important to remember that they have their limits. If you need to call the police, then the following tips are essential when 9-1-1 is called. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



**DON'T FORGET!**



## Deadline for Paying Your Saline County Property Taxes

Although taxpayers were encouraged to make tax payments—in any amount and at any time—between March 1st and October 16th, property owners must soon pay any unpaid taxes online, in person at the county courthouse, or by mail on or before the October 16th deadline. The amount of property tax owed is based on the assessed value of their property, which is determined every year by the county assessor after receipt of an itemized list of personal property items between January 1st and May 31st.

♦ Vehicles ♦ Golf Carts ♦ Boats ♦ Trailers  
♦ Motorcycles ♦ Trucks ♦ Airplanes

Saline County: (501) 303-5622 <https://salinecollector.ar.gov>  
Garland County: (501) 622-3732 <https://www.garlandcounty.org/403/Contact-Us>

# Displaying the American Flag

The American flag has a long history, and the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) have spent nearly as long defending and honoring our nation's most iconic symbol of freedom...the American flag. Whether looking for the historic details on how the United States flag came to be or the rules and regulations that encompass and guide its daily flight, the VFW ensures that the needed information is provided and can be easily found.

## Flag Etiquette

### *Flying the Flag at Half-Staff*

On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day, the flag is flown at half-staff until noon, and then it is raised.

### *Special Rules*

- ★ Do not allow the flag to touch the ground.
- ★ Do not fly the flag upside down unless an emergency has occurred.
- ★ Do not carry the flag flat or anything in it.
- ★ Do not use the flag as an article of clothing.
- ★ Do not store the flag where it can get dirty.
- ★ Do not use the flag as a cover.
- ★ Do not fasten or tie the flag back, but always allow it to fly free.
- ★ Do not draw on, or otherwise mark, the flag.

### *Illumination Guidelines*

As directed the Federal Flag Code, Section 2, paragraph a, displaying the flag from only sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open is the universal custom. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, then the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

### *Flag Disposal*

- (1) The flag should be folded in its customary manner.
- (2) Importantly, when burning the flag, the fire must be large and of sufficient intensity to ensure the complete burning of the flag.
- (3) A folded flag should be placed on the fire.
- (4) The individual(s) can come to attention, salute the flag, recite the Pledge of Allegiance, and/or have a brief period of silent reflection.
- (5) After the flag is completely consumed, then the fire should be safely extinguished, and the ashes buried.
- (6) The individuals who are disposing the American flag must conform to both local and state fire codes or ordinances. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Source: <https://www.vfw.org/Flag>



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# CART BARN HOEDOWN

OCTOBER 28TH

6PM - 9PM

\$40 PER PERSON  
(INCLUSIVE)

DJ Monica  
Queen of Country

Mosey Over to the Food Bar For...

Hickory Smoked BBQ Brisket  
Baked Beans

Potato Salad | Fall Medley Salad  
Dip Station

Desserts You'll Want to Lasso  
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