

# DPOA News & Events

DIAMANTE  
A PRIVATE MEMBERSHIP GOLF CLUB

Official Newsletter from Your  
Diamante Property Owners Association

October, 2023

## Dear Neighbors!

**A**lthough the weather turns a little chilly in October, the autumn hues brighten our Diamante neighborhoods. Fall has been busy at Diamante. Several golf tournaments, social events, and charity luncheons were held. Showcasing our Diamante Country Club on these occasions has been a tremendous opportunity for its members. Finally, planning for the DPOA Picnic has already started. Mark the date on your calendars, Monday, April 8, 2024. More information will be made available in upcoming newsletters.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) woman's 2023 Diamante Intercollegiate golf classic began on Saturday, October 21st, and continued through Tuesday, the 24th. This year's tournament had a field of 18 teams. The annual UALR woman's 2023 Diamante Intercollegiate golf classic provided an exciting opportunity to get to know the players and coaches by providing housing and support, as well as showing off our beautiful club and golf course. We appreciate everyone who hosted, participated in, and supported this exciting UALR Diamante Intercollegiate event.

Our Assistant Treasurer, Bill Toney, reported that our accounts are in proper order, and the 2023 audit has now

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been completed. As we look forward into 2024, the DPOA Bylaws Committee will review and make recommendations, if needed, to the DPOA Bylaws that were updated in 2023.

The repair of the Estado Estates monument is complete. In addition, landscaping will be added to finish the project in the coming months. The DPOA Board is considering several projects for 2024 and will be announcing them in upcoming newsletters. If you have a project that you would like the Board to consider, please contact any DPOA Board member. Because of your generous contributions to the DPOA, we are able to make the Diamante neighborhoods the most attractive in the Village. ♦

– Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



## Treasurer's Report

As of October 9, 2023

### Membership

As of October 9, 2023,  
194 members have paid their  
DPOA dues for 197 of  
the 270 eligible properties.

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$6,578.34**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7,500.00**

Total funds:

**\$14,078.34**

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



## HAVE A FUN-FILLED SPOOKTACULAR NIGHT!

Although the Village may not have many kids knocking at your front door dressed in their favorite costumes and expecting a treat, you may be surprised. One year, several wives spent the Halloween weekend at an out-of-town lake cabin and asked their husbands to answer the door should any children happened to show up asking for treats. Surprisingly, that evening, one of the husbands called his wife in a state of panic and screamed,

**"THEY'RE EVERYWHERE...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE!!"**

So be prepared, and have some treats handy to give to any and all little visitors who offer to do a trick! ♦

– Dana Peick



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.



# Diamante Shined in 2023!

## Highlights From the 2023 Diamante Intercollegiate Golf Tournament!

**W**ith the recent conclusion of the **2023 Diamante Intercollegiate Golf Tournament** only 1 week ago, we have heard nothing but praise and accolades from the coaches, players, and hosts. The competition among the teams was strong, the weather was perfect, the grounds crew had the course in immaculate condition, and the Diamante staff members at the Club were “Masters of Hospitality!”

- If you are a golfer, you will appreciate the facts that this year’s tournament produced a hole-in-one, a score of 2 on a par-5 hole, a double eagle, and several eagles. There may have been more amazing scores, but these are simply the ones we know about. Needless to say, those young women have a lot of power!
- On the hospitality side, a total of more than 50 homes from the Diamante neighborhoods and the east end of Hot Springs Village provided lodging for the players and coaches. In addition to this

phenomenal number of homes, additional friends and neighbors pitched in to help the hosts provide meals and other amenities.

- After the practice round that was played late on Saturday afternoon and early evening, the Diamante Members Club provided a pasta bar (with lots of carbohydrates) for the players and coaches, and the chef and kitchen staff received rave reviews.
- On Sunday morning, many back porches and decks were hosting watch parties, including Fred and Glenda Bean. Although they quit counting, they believe that approximately 50 friends and neighbors passed through during the morning to watch the first round and to cheer the players.
- On Sunday night, the players, coaches, and hosts were treated to a Mexican feast at the Granada Grill, during which approximately 250 people were invited to this dining event.



UALR coach and players watch their teammates coming in on the 18th hole to finish the tournament.



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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2023 DIAMANTE INTERCOLLEGIATE GOLF TOURNAMENT!—cont'd

- On Monday night, the hosts banded together to provide a potluck dinner, and many of these parties turned into “mega” events. The following are a list of only a few of the groups. There were similar parties for the other 14 teams.
  - Kurt and Mary Alber hosted approximately 30 players and guests who were in support of and rooting for the team players from Wichita State.
  - Jess and Janice Stephens hosted approximately 30 players and guests who were in support of and rooting for the team players from Arkansas State.
  - Ken and Donna Williams hosted another large group of players and guests who were in support of and rooting for the players from Missouri State. As a bonus Ken and Donna’s son was convinced to join the party and manage the grilling of the dinner!
- Mark and Rebecca Hittner hosted approximately 30 players and guests who were in support of and rooting for the team players from Ball State.
- In addition, the coaches got a break and enjoyed a private dinner prepared just for them on Monday night at Diamante. Chef Nora received rave reviews for the food, and the coaches got to take a breath before the last day of the tournament. Imagine traveling through multiple states during the fall of the year with five to six young college women. No doubt, this break was warranted and earned!

*To all those who opened their homes with such a warm welcome to these young athletes and coaches, we say “thank you!” We know that you had a wonderful time and enjoyed many fun experiences with these young women. By now...we hope that your sheets and towels are finally clean and put away! Mark your calendars! The dates for the 2024 tournament have already been approved by the Diamante Board of Directors, and we will welcome the players, coaches, and family members on October 19th through October 22nd of 2024. We look forward to making this very popular and anticipated tournament even better next year! ♦ —Fred and Glenda Bean*



# Maintenance

## It's Halloween...Treat Yourself But Not Only With Candy!

The fall season has arrived, and the colorful leaves are falling from the trees. Before we know it, frost may soon cover our entrances and streetside shoulders. An extraordinary group of volunteer property

owners treat all Diamante residents to an exceptional level of fulfilling the maintenance-related needs of our neighborhoods during both the fall and winter seasons.

You may have noticed a leak in our sprinkler system at the entrance of Diamante Boulevard. The water was running down the street into a ditch. I contacted Eric Tracy, who takes care of our sprinkler system. After completing his inspection, he found and repaired two leaks. I also had the shrubs trimmed around the guard shack. In addition, a few limbs were removed that were blocking the view of oncoming traffic at the corner of Diamante Boulevard and Loyola Drive. Your support of the DPOA makes all maintenance-related needs possible.

I will be leaving my position on the DPOA board of directors at the end of this year. I want to thank all our members for their encouragement and support over the past 3 years. Please help me welcome Bruce Gasaway, who will assume the responsibility for managing the DPOA group of volunteers who help keep the Diamante neighborhoods the most attractive in the Village. Bruce is very interested in our club and wants to keep our properties beautiful. ♦

—Neil M. Phelan, JR.— Maintenance





# Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program

## Eight Simple Ways to Make Our Diamante Neighborhood Safer

### 1. **Make friends with your neighbors.**

Getting to know your Diamante neighbors can be a win-win situation. In case of an emergency or when help is needed by a neighbor, offer yourself as a resource. Some neighbors may reciprocate the offer. Find out whether they are comfortable sharing their needs with you.

Are there small children in your neighborhood, or do you live next to an older couple who stays home but sometimes needs help? Does one of your neighbors have indoor pets, and should you call if you ever see the pets outside?

Planning get-together events on the basis of physical activity is a great way to get to know your neighbors. Arrange to go on walks together or to have visiting children play together outside. Ensure that all children are a safe distance away from traffic, and teach them safety rules for playing together outside.

### 2. **Organize neighborhood safety efforts.**

Developing a neighborhood calling tree helps when things go amiss, whether it is a property crime or an event that is more sinister, such as a violent crime.

You could also encourage neighbors to disclose safety and incidents on a neighborhood safety application program such as [\*Is Your Neighborhood Safe? 7 Tools to Help You Find Out|SafeWise\*](#) so that others will know what to watch for. These programs can flag

specific crime occurrences so that you are not simply relying on perceived neighborhood safety assumptions.

### 3. **Maintain your yard.**

A well-kept yard can help discourage crime since trimmed foliage offers fewer places to hide. Although fences and additional lighting can be expensive, these measures will help prevent backyard crime.

### 4. **Install a security system.**

One of the surest options to prevent crime in your neighborhood is to get a home security system and to use it properly.

### 5. **Exercise caution when you are out of town.**

When choosing a home to burglarize, most burglars rely on easily scannable visual details, such as building type and signs of vacancy. The importance of appearing like you are home when you are actually out of town cannot be overstated.

Even small efforts can deter crime. Consider asking neighbors to keep an eye on your home when you are out of town. Favors might include mowing your lawn, shoveling your walks, and picking up your mail and newspapers. You could even ask a neighbor to occasionally park a car in your driveway while you are gone. In addition, use timers or smart switches to turn on and off your lights, or find a smart security system that will allow you to remotely turn your lamps off and on.





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### 6. Close windows and blinds at night.

Stealing a big-screen television is less enticing if no one knows that it is there. Leaving your blinds open and lights on at night provides a free look into your house, its layout, and the habits of its occupants. In addition, leaving the windows open at night or when you are gone is an invitation for an uninvited guest to enter.

### 7. Improve lighting on your street.

Burglars prefer to target neighborhoods with lower residential density. If your neighborhood has few houses and lots of space, then take special care to ensure that the space is well lit.

Streetlamps are not the only way to improve the lighting on your street. Ask each household to turn on their porch lights in the evenings and install motion-detector lights in the backs or sides of their home so that potential intruders do not have the darkness in which to hide.

Since burglars also prefer homes with multiple entry points or detached properties, ensure that all doorways and pathways are illuminated.

### 8. If you see something, say something!

This well-known slogan is not only for those in an airport. Being diligent in your neighborhood and speaking up when you see something out of place helps everyone on the block. Criminal justice expert, Dr. Ben Stickle, says that neighbors who work together

can make a difference, especially with crimes such as package theft. Although the odds of recovering goods swiped off of a porch are low, he also recommends filing a police report. "If you report it, and three of your neighbors also report it and they catch the person, then they can charge the person with three crimes instead of only one. There are advantages to reporting a crime instead of making the police go look for victims." —Dr. Ben Stickle, Criminal Justice and Theft Expert

If package theft is a concern in Diamante, then work with your neighbors to keep an eye out for deliveries and suspicious snoopers or cars. If one neighbor is home most days, then ask whether he or she is willing to collect a package that may be left unattended for hours on another porch. In addition, if your video doorbell records the actions of a package thief, then share the footage with your neighbors. Your home may not be the burglar's only target.

Improving neighborhood safety requires a team effort, but it begins with someone. As you get to know your neighbors, discuss your concerns, and apply some of the ideas presented in this article, you will discover that our Diamante neighborhoods are not only more safe, but they will be a more enjoyable community in which to live. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert





## Work of Art—A Job Well Done!



**T**he process of restoration is a specialty with the goal of preserving and revealing the aesthetic and historic value of a monument. Needless to say, the workers from **The Floor Store** successfully met this goal with the much-needed restoration of the monument at the entrance of “The Estates at Diamante” off Country Club Drive. The above photograph of the work in progress shows the level of discoloration, deterioration, and corrosion, as well as the

general condition of this Diamante monument before its restoration. The Estado Circle monument is now consistent with the monument at the main entrance at Diamante Boulevard and was one of the many recent projects that the DPOA successfully completed, thanks to the support of its members. ♦

—**Doug Zook, DPOA Board Member**



**W**hen the citizens and residents of a country are mourning the death of a member of their government, the American flag is flown at half-staff. These periods of mourning are proclaimed by either the President of the United States or by the Governor of a state or territory in memory of the death of a member or former member of the federal, state, or territorial government or a member or former member of the judiciary. The heads of departments and agencies of the federal government may also order that the flag be flown at half-staff on buildings, grounds, and naval vessels under their jurisdiction. The United States Flag Code says that the flag should be flown at half-staff on the following dates:

- ★ Peace Officers Memorial Day, May 15, from sunrise until sunset;
- ★ Memorial Day, last Monday in May, from sunrise until noon;
- ★ Independence Day, July 4, from sunrise until sunset;
- ★ Patriot Day, September 11, from sunrise until sunset;

- ★ Korean War Veterans Armistice Day, from sunrise until sunset;
- ★ National Firefighters Memorial Day, from sunrise until sunset; and
- ★ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, December 7, from sunrise until sunset.

The flag is to be flown at half-staff at all federal buildings, grounds, and naval vessels in the Washington, D.C., area on the day of and the day after the death of a United States senator, representative, territorial delegate, or resident commissioner from the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. It should also be flown at half-staff on all federal facilities in the state, congressional district, territory, or commonwealth of these officials.

The President of the United States may order flags to be flown at half-staff to mark the death of other officials, former officials, or foreign dignitaries. In addition to these occasions, the President may order a half-staff display of the flag after other tragic events. ♦

**—Heidi Hilbert**





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Welcome Baskets  
*Will start in January, 2024*

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Let's celebrate and give thanks!

## Thanksgiving Day Buffet 2023

- HERB ROASTED TURKEY, SAGE GRAVY & CRANBERRY COMPOTE
- BROWN SUGAR GLAZED SPIRAL HAM, PINEAPPLE CHUTNEY
- CHIVE WHIPPED POTATOES
- SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE
- CORNBREAD DRESSING
- MUSHROOM BACON GREEN BEANS
- ORANGE ROASTED CARROTS & FALL SQUASH
- HOUSE MUFFINS & YEAST ROLLS
- TOSSED GREEN SALAD
- POMEGRANATE, BERRY SALAD
- BROCCOLI RANCH SALAD
- PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE & BOURBON PECAN PIE
- LEMON BARS, ASSORTED COOKIES & CHOCOLATE PECAN BROWNIES
- WHITE CHOCOLATE CRANBERRY BREAD PUDDING & APPLE CRISP

**\$32**

Children: 6-12 years \$18; 5 and under free.

Thursday, November 23, 11:00 – 1:30

Reservations

501-922-1114



# Thanksgiving To-Go

*Chef NoraLee is preparing all your Thanksgiving favorites!*

Place your order by Tuesday, Nov 14 at 2:00 pm  
Pick up will be scheduled for Wednesday, Nov 22