



February 2024

Dear Neighbors!

Before you know it, springtime will be here! In the next few months, May flowers will be blooming, and we will hear countless birds chirping and see them flying overhead. We will watch the rainfall poetically to renew the woods surrounding us and walk throughout the Diamante neighborhood as days become warmer. We are ready to get outside to play golf, tennis, and pickleball, as well as bask in the glory of the upcoming season.

One upcoming event is the annual Solar Bration/DPOA Picnic, which will be held on Monday, April 8. The popular Colt and the Old 45s band have agreed to perform again at this year's event, which promises to make it a fantastic time. We will begin collecting reservations for the picnic this month. Reservations and payments should be made and sent to Ford Williams (see page 6 for the details).

At our February Board meeting, we discussed several interesting projects that we believe will enhance our community. We are researching the costs of these projects and will decide in March or April 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.

We would like to express our gratitude to all 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.

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



Talking Points

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What's In a Name?



*Jacques Marquette, addressing the Quapaw Indians in Arkansas in June 1673, while fellow explorer Louis Joliet looks on; taken from John Hugh Reynolds's *Makers of Arkansas History*. Courtesy of Special Collections, University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville, and the *Encyclopedia of Arkansas**

Many names of places in our state came from the languages of the explorers who discovered and lived in Arkansas. The Native Americans, Spanish, French, and Americans helped name places in our state. The word "Arkansas" came from the Quapaw Indians, by way of early French explorers.

At the time of the early French exploration, a tribe of Indians, the Quapaws, lived West of the Mississippi and north of the Arkansas River. The Quapaws, or OO-GAQ-Pa, were also known as the "people who live downstream," or UGAKHOPAG. The Algonkian-speaking Indians of the Ohio Valley called them the Arkansas, or "south wind."

The state's name has been spelled several ways throughout history. In Marquette and Joliet's *Journal of 1673*, the Indian name is spelled AKANSEA. In LaSalle's map a few years later, it's spelled ACANSA. A map based on the journey of La Harpe in 1718-1722 refers to the river

as the ARKANSAS and the Indians as LES AKANSAS. In about 1811, Captain Zebulon Pike, a noted explorer, spelled it ARKANSAW.

During the early days of statehood, Arkansas' two U.S. Senators were divided on the spelling and pronunciation. One was always introduced as the senator from "ARkanSAW" and the other as Ar-KANSAS." In 1881, the state's General Assembly passed resolution 1-4-105 declaring that the state's name should be spelled "Arkansas" but pronounced "Arkansaw."

The pronunciation preserves the memory of the Indians who were the original inhabitants of our state, while the spelling dictates the nationality of French adventurers who first explored this area.

Source: <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/education/arkansas-history/how-did-arkansas-get-its-name>

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.

Treasurer's Report

As of February 4, 2024

Membership

As of January 4, 2024, 194 members have paid their DPOA dues for 197 of the 270 eligible properties.

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$2, 158.61

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7, 500.00

Total funds:

\$9, 658.61

Invoices for the 2024 annual dues have been 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

8 Aventura Trace
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Email: ford.williams@me.com

DPOA Webpage is available on the Membership Directory where you can read current and past newsletters, minutes, and bylaws.

The Membership Directory can be downloaded from diamantemember.com to your computer.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Key to the Success of Our Neighborhood Watch Program

Block Captains are an integral component in keeping the block actively involved in crime. Prevention efforts, as well as encouraging the important process of exchanging information between neighbors. Many Neighborhood Watch groups flourish, but some dwindle while others totally disappear. Their success is often dependent on the Block Captain and the support that he or she receives from the neighbors. The following list provides the recommended activities for Block Captains. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive, since many Block Captains are creative in their approach. Successful Block Captains will periodically monitor the membership of their group. They will contact new residents to get them involved and to obtain their support and participation, as well as update their membership lists as needed.

Recommended Activities

1. Develop a neighborhood communication system to distribute vital information to neighbors that pertain to criminal activity and other concerns that develop in the area. This recommended activity can be accomplished by a periodic newsletter, a telephone tree, and/or one-page notice that can be quickly distributed.

2. Arrange for a group of residents to meet socially at least twice a year to exchange information and to renew relationships, as well as to get acquainted with new neighbors. People who regularly communicate will care more about one another and will be more willing to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior. This recommended activity can be accomplished by organizing an annual block party that brings neighbors together.
3. Encourage neighbors to advise their Block Captain concerning criminal activity. Contacting the police is the responsibility of the victim. However, Block Captains can keep a record of break-ins, vandalism, graffiti, and/or any activity that becomes a concern for them and their neighbors. This type of information could be provided by the Block Captain to his or her neighbors at the next POA newsletter.
4. The Block Captain position does not provide any law enforcement authority. A Block Captain is simply the person who facilitates the unity of the group, distributes information, and coordinates activities.
5. If a Block Captain or his or her neighbors witness a crime in progress or observe suspicious behavior, then call 9-1-1 (emergency).

Neighborhood Watch Block Captains

Al Bowles 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

Dave Clark Cruzado Lane, Block 24, Lots 1-11

Linda and Jim Fulton Loyola Drive, Block 5, Lots 1-16

Heidi Hilbert Princesa Drive, Block 12, Lots 12-37

Keith Hughes Loyola Drive, Block 3, Lots 1-18

Sylvia and John Matthews Loyola Circle, Block 1, Lots 10-14, All of Block 5

Ted Schramm Realeza Court, Block 1, All of the Villas

Jess Stephens Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 19-31

Suzanne Stofer Princesa Place, Block 12, All of Block 13

Phil Tyree Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 1-18

Bob Walker Poema Way, Block 21, Lots 1-19, All of Block 21

Mike Walters Loyola Way, Block 3, Lots 20-29

Doug Zook Estado Circle,, Block 22, Lots 1-16 and Country Club Drive

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Newsletter Editor

In Memoriam: A Tribute to Our Beloved Board Member

Dana Peick, who was a devoted and cherished member of the DPOA Board, passed away January 1, 2024. We are saddened and her loss is deeply felt. Dana loved creating and designing the monthly DPOA newsletter, which is a tribute to her work over the past five years.

Dana grew up in Kansas and attend the University of Kansas from 1965 to 1969, before moving to St. Louis, Missouri, to begin her career in the publishing business. In 1973, She married Dennis Peick and in 1976 welcomed a daughter, Erin Peick, who has followed in her footsteps as a graphic designer.



Dana had a rewarding career beginning as a graphic designer for Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis. Later Dana joined Mosby Publishing (later known as Elsevier, Inc.), a medical publishing company, as a project manager. By 1999, Dana decided to start her own publishing business which was very successful. There she served as Publishing Services Director and was an innovator and mentor to her colleagues for many years. After retiring from the publishing industry, Dana continued to serve others by contributing her time, editorial, and graphic design expertise to numerous charitable causes, throughout Hot Springs Village and Diamante. Dana also enjoyed playing golf, cards with her gin friends, and her many other friends throughout her retirement.

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.

*Let's Get to Know***Greg Hilbert****Lighting and Christmas Decor—Diamante Property Owners Association**

Greg is from Davenport, Iowa, which is located in the eastern part of the state along the Mississippi River. Graduating from Davenport Central High School, Greg attended the University of Iowa and graduated with a degree in electrical engineering in 1972.

After graduating from Iowa, Greg worked for Commonwealth Edison and International Harvester in Chicago. In 1976, Greg returned to Davenport and worked for Deere and Company as computer analyst. Retiring in 2014, Greg waited three years for Heidi to



retire. In 2017, Greg and Heidi started building their home at 37 Princesa Drive in Diamante.

Greg and Heidi have two adult children and seven grandchildren who reside in Ohio and Indiana.

Greg and Heidi have travelled extensively to Europe with their favorite places to visit are Tuscany and Amalfi in Italy. In his retirement, Greg enjoys playing (poor) golf and maintaining their home.

DPOA Solar Bration: Where Darkness Meets Light

Plans for the DPOA Solar Bration in Diamante are taking shape. The event will take place at the Diamante Country Club on **Monday, April 8, 2024, from 11:31 am to 3:10 pm**. Hot Springs Village has been designated as one of the best places in the world to view the totality of the eclipse and you, as a DPOA member, are invited. It will be the last total solar eclipse visible from the contiguous United States until 2044. A total solar eclipse happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. Do not miss this rare and unique event!

The event is scheduled to have Eclipse-themed food from the chefs of Diamante, a specialty drink menu, live music from Colt and the Old 45s Band, theme music from Joe Stafford, games, and contests, as well as viewing glasses to watch the eclipse in style. Make your reservation to attend this historic event as soon as possible by sending a check to **Ford Williams, 8 Ventura Trace, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909**. Dues paying DPOA members each pay \$30 and DPOA guests each pay \$40. See page 6 for the Solar Bration reservation form.

— Doug Zook



Picnic Reservations

Monday, April 8, 2024
11:31am - 3:10 pm

Dues-Paying Members - \$30. each

Guests - \$40. each

Full Name

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Full Name

Full Name

Person sending the enclosed check—print full name

Check #

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Dollar Amount

Make your check payable to DPOA
and mail to:

Ford Williams
8 Aventura Trace
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909



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