

# DPOA News & Events



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## Dear Neighbors!

**W**e are in the middle of our Autumn season, and, so far, the weather has been terrific. In addition, while taking time to enjoy our weather, it is also time to vote. Early voting for national, state, and local elections is open. I voted several days ago outside of the East Gate, and it was painless and well organized with no line.

We also have two elections concerning Diamante. You should have already received your ballots for the Diamante Members Club (DMC) Board of Directors. Five very capable candidates are on the slate, and you are asked to select three of the contenders. In addition, returning your vote for a proposed Bylaw change is important. You can enclose your votes in the provided envelope and drop them into the box near Teresa's desk.

At the annual DMC/DPOA members meeting on November 12th, you will have the opportunity to

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approve two candidates to serve on the DPOA Board of Directors. My term ends this December, as does David Dolstein's tenure. Two very motivated candidates have agreed to serve—Neil Phelan and Donna Fleharty. The DPOA Board will be fortunate to have both of them as Board members.

Soon, this year's holiday season will begin, and we are thinking about our neighborhood decorations. Phil Tyree is organizing this year's efforts and has shared more information in the Christmas box below. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



## Treasurer's Report

as of October 15, 2020

**212 members**  
representing 214 properties

### Fund Balances

Funds available for use:

**\$10,180.71**

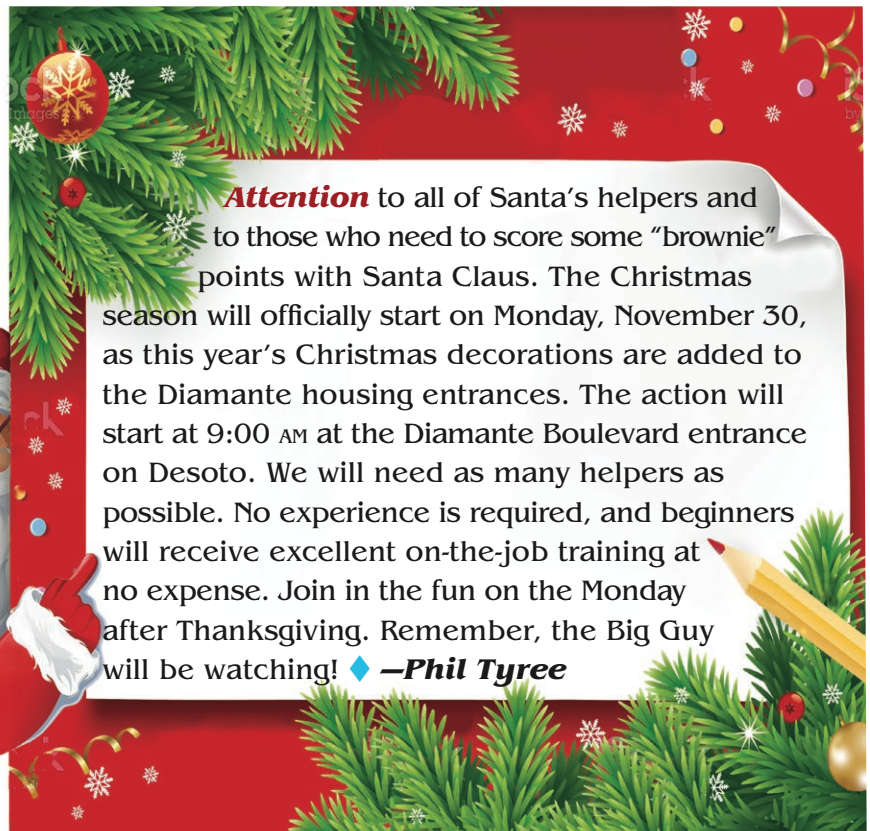
Reserve (emergency fund):

**\$7,500.00**

September operating expenses:  
maintenance and mowing

Upcoming large expenses  
for mowing: **\$2,000.00**

**ALICE HINCKLEY**



**Attention** to all of Santa's helpers and to those who need to score some "brownie" points with Santa Claus. The Christmas season will officially start on Monday, November 30, as this year's Christmas decorations are added to the Diamante housing entrances. The action will start at 9:00 AM at the Diamante Boulevard entrance on Desoto. We will need as many helpers as possible. No experience is required, and beginners will receive excellent on-the-job training at no expense. Join in the fun on the Monday after Thanksgiving. Remember, the Big Guy will be watching! ♦ —Phil Tyree

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.

# Maintenance

## A Big "Well Done!" Goes to the HSV POA!

We anticipate one more trimming when this year's growing season comes to an end. Danny and I went out this past week and blew leaves, pulled weeds, and put fire ant bait on all of the Diamante entrances. The brush hog mower was installed on the Kubota tractor, which should dramatically reduce the physical labor associated with clearing the Diamante lots that are for sale. Hopefully, everyone noticed that the Diamante ditches were mowed during the week of October 18th. This was the third mowing accomplished by the HSV POA this year. In addition, many compliments were expressed for the improvement this contractor provided...far superior to their last mowing. ♦

—David Dolstein



## Our Neighborhood Crime Watch at Work!

### Neighborhood Crime Watch Block Captains



**Al Bowles**

**Winford Bradford**

**David Clark**

**Chris Gleason**

**Heidi Hilbert**

**Keith Hughes**

**Manny Machuca**

**Neil and Marilyn Phelan**

**Ted Schramm**

**Merle and Linda Singleterry**

**Jess Stephens**

**Suzanne Stofer**

**Phil Tyree**

**Bob Walker**

**Mike Walters**

Granada Drive, Block 10, Lots 1-12

and Granada Lane, Block 9, Lots 1-12

Alcazaba Way, Blocks 1-13

Cruzado Lane, Block 24, Lots 1-11

Juego Way, Blocks 1-13

Princesa Drive, Block 12, Lots 12-37

Loyola Drive, Block 3, Lots 1-18

Vera Lane, Block 20, Lots 1-5

Loyola Place, Block 1, Lots 1-15

Realeza Court, Block 1, All of the Villas

Granada Way, Block 7, Lots 1-11

Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 19-31

Princesa Place, Block 12, All of Block 13

Darro Way, Block 15, Lots 1-18

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

Loyola Way, Block 3, Lots 20-29

**Incident report by Block Captain Chris Gleason:** A cooking pot was found off the cart path leading to Nubarron Lane from Diamante Boulevard. The police were called, and the pot was taken to the nearby fire station. The police have yet to report back to our Block Captain or to the DPOA. ♦ —Heidi Hilbert

# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## DENA AND TOMMY TEASTER

**A**lthough not newcomers to Hot Springs Village, Tommy and Dena Teaster moved into the Diamante neighborhood after recently selling their home on Lake Balboa. Interestingly, during a visit with Tommy's parents back in 1972, their first real estate transaction in the Village was the purchase of a lot near the West Gate. At that time, Desoto Boulevard extended only one half of its now present distance. A few months later, Dena's parents joined them and soon opened *Giampoletti Building and Decorating* on Highway 7, which built over 350 custom homes in the Village...several of them in Diamante.

Over the years, Tommy's employment led them to Idaho, Texas, Oklahoma, and then back to Harrison, Arkansas. During this time, he was Vice President of General Merchandise for Banner Wholesale. Eventually, they settled in northwest Arkansas. Tommy continues to work as the Director of Sales for Crazyart Industries. Fortunately, his position allows him to work remotely from their home in the Village. Dena retired from real estate sales when they moved to the Village in 2001. She is a talented artist and paints in oil, pastels, and watercolors. Because of health challenges, Dena no longer exhibits her talents, but she continues to paint for fun.

The Teasters have been married for 53 years, and they have two children. Kristi and her family live in Bartlett, Tennessee, and Kenny and his family live in Little Rock. They have two grandsons, Hunter and Keith, and one great grandson, Bo. Tommy and Dena are both members of the Village Bible Church where Dena sings in the choir.

The Teasters have owned property and have been full members at Diamante for approximately 16 years. Since Tommy will soon approach full retirement, both Dena and Tommy plan to spend a lot more time playing golf. ♦



*"Being aware of all the amenities and the friendly, family atmosphere, Diamante just seemed the perfect place for us to settle," remarks Tommy.*



# 20 FUN FACTS ABOUT THE AMERICAN FLAG

*June 14th is Flag Day, an annual observance of the Second Continental Congress' official adoption of the stars and stripes in 1777. At that time, they resolved that the "flag of the 13 United States be represented by 13 alternating red and white stripes and the*

*union by 13 white stars in a blue field." Flag Day is not a federal holiday, but it is observed all across the country. The holiday was officially established in 1916 by President Woodrow Wilson, and Congress declared June 14th a national holiday in 1949.*

- ★ **1** Pennsylvania is the only state that observes Flag Day as a state holiday.
- ★ **2** The flag has been changed 27 times. The final star was added in 1960 for Hawaii.
- ★ **3** The flag is normally flown from sunrise to sunset.
- ★ **4** The flag should not be flown at night without shining a light on it.
- ★ **5** After being adopted, the first time the flag was flown was on August 3, 1777, in Rome, New York.
- ★ **6** The designer of the American flag was Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence as a delegate from New Jersey.
- ★ **7** Betsy Ross, a seamstress, sewed the first American flag.
- ★ **8** There are six American flags on the moon. Five are still standing, but Neil Armstrong's flag fell over.
- ★ **9** The flag should not be flown in the rain or during inclement weather.
- ★ **10** After a tragedy or death, the American flag is flown at half-staff for 30 days. It is called "half-staff" when the flag is on land and "half-mast" when it is on a ship.
- ★ **11** When the flag is old and has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old American flags should be burned or buried.
- ★ **12** The Flag Code bans the use of the flag as clothing. That's right, not USA T-Shirts, bandanas, or bikinis.
- ★ **13** If you like to study flags, then you are a vexillologist!
- ★ **14** The colors of the flag have meaning. Red stands for hardiness and valor. White symbolizes purity and innocence. Blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.
- ★ **15** An American flag should never touch the floor or the ground.
- ★ **16** When displayed on a wall or window, the blue field should be in the upper left corner.
- ★ **17** The military folds the flag with 13 folds, each with a symbolic meaning.
- ★ **18** Around the Washington monument, 50 flags fly 24 hours a day.
- ★ **19** 95% of the American flags are made in the United States.
- ★ **20** The American flag always flies at the top of a staff above any other flag. ♦

**–Dennis Riordan**



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**D**iamante's members quickly developed a deep love for their club. As the golf and social activities increased on the calendar, participation at the club grew. In turn, members shared their love for Diamante with others, sponsoring new members. By December 1995, membership categories had increased to 186 Full Property Owner Members, 60 Diamond Members, 60 Social Members, and 1 Tennis Member. Take a look back at the highlights of Diamante's early history. Happy reading!

- 1** Each quarter, ClubCorp asked one-fourth of club members to rate their club through a member survey. After being open only a few months in 1995, Diamante's fourth quarter member survey beat out Florida's Lake Nona Club. Members ranked Diamante 3.80 out of 4.00, compared with the members of Lake Nona who ranked their club at 3.71.
- 2** Cappuccino became available in late 1995! On monthly birthday nights, celebrating Diamante members had their choice of a complimentary cappuccino or a glass of champagne.
- 3** Diamante's newsletter featured a monthly golf tip from the proshop staff. January 1996's tip: How to have a higher handicap legally. "Play the golf course from the blue tees, play the ball down, and putt out all putts. The higher score would increase your handicap." Note: Diamante's 1996 blue tees are 2020's black tees! The golf tip did not mention game enjoyment or the pace of play.
- 4** Super Bowl XXX on January 28, 1996, kicked off Diamante's first big screen party. Members cheered on their favorite team as the Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers, 27 to 17, in Tempe, Arizona.
- 5** Beginning in March of 1996, the club held monthly Pinehurst Qualifying Events to select Diamante's team to compete in ClubCorp's annual Pinehurst tournament. Larry and Bobbie Brocaw and John and Jeane Stewart captured the March Qualifier, scoring 71 in the four-person elimination scramble.
- 6** The proceeds of Diamante's original Hole-in-One Club went 100% toward proshop merchandise credit. Members were responsible for all of their bar bills! Aren't you glad that policy has changed? ♦

—Jeanne Godbold

