

# DPOA News & Events

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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## Dear Neighbors!

**T**he DPOA Board members will be tackling several new projects this year, as well as addressing some ongoing tasks. We have secured a new light post on Diamante Boulevard to replace the one damaged by a construction vehicle. Shortly, its electrical connections will be restored, enabling the affected group of lights to work as designed.

Painting the fire hydrants is ongoing, and they are looking great. The mowing season is in full swing, and the Village POA has started their mowing of the roadways. Since they started at the other end of the Village, we anticipate that they will be mowing our areas in the next week or so.

As we previously mentioned, the DPOA Board has budgeted some funds to purchase additional furniture for the Diamante patio that will match what we currently have. Unfortunately, the supplier's last report indicated a longer-than-normal shipping time, similar to most things these days. Hopefully, however, we will see the new patio furniture before the end of this year.

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Many of your Board members were involved in planning this year's DPOA Picnic, which was successfully held on Monday, May 16th. I want to thank all of the Board members for their parts in making this popular event a fun-filled success (see page 3).

As many of you already know, we are offering hard copies of the Diamante Directory. If you need or want one, please let us know. A hard copy is being offered for \$20.00 each, and the Board has agreed to use all of the proceeds to help with the expense of the new clock at the putting green. Please let me or any Board member know if you would like to order one.

We have a great community, and this does not happen without great people. Communication and input are vital. I encourage you to let us know how we can work together to keep our community moving forward. I continue to be encouraged by the kind words and tireless efforts of my fellow Board members—they are our best asset! If you get a chance, please let them know that they are appreciated.

As always, **LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD!** ♦

—*Donna Fleharty, DPOA President*



**“The way we communicate with others and with ourselves ultimately determines the quality of our lives.”**  
*Tony Robbins*

## Treasurer's Report

As of May 8, 2022

### Membership

To date, 207 DPOA members, of 267 eligible properties, have paid their annual dues.

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$31,021.62**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7,500.00**

Total funds:

**\$38,521.62**

Invoices for the 2022 annual dues were mailed to all Diamante property owners the weeks of January 7th and 14th.

If you haven't already done so, please consider becoming an active DPOA member with payment of your \$75.00 annual DPOA dues.

**NANCY WEBB**



The *DPOA News & Events* newsletter is published monthly and sent only 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.

# FUN AND GAMES WERE HAD BY ALL!

## Fun-Filled Activities and a Tasty Buffet at the 2022 DPOA Annual Picnic!

The DPOA Board members are thankful to all of you who attended our annual DPOA Picnic. What a wonderful time to meet some of our new neighbors and reconnect with neighbors whom we haven't seen for awhile. As we move forward, please take an opportunity to get to know some of our new neighbors and let them know that they are now part of a very special family of friends and neighbors who support and care for one another. We had a great turn out and are grateful for our amazing Diamante staff members who made everything very special.

If you were unable to attend this year, try to come next year. It is always a great time for food, friends, and music. A grateful "THANK YOU" is extended to the Colt and the Old 45s. We are so lucky to have such a group of talented musicians and singers who provide the entertainment for this annual event. To those of you who attended for the first time, we hope that you got a glimpse of why our community is so special. As an example, Tom and Linda Fulton are new residents who moved here from Hawaii. When asked why they were moving to Hot Springs Village, Linda responded, "We are leaving one paradise for another paradise." We certainly think of our community that way, and we are glad that others do as well.

Again, thank you for coming to this year's DPOA Picnic. We appreciate each resident for their support. ♦ **—Donna Fleharty**



Welcoming DPOA members



Simply delicious!



We couldn't say it better!



Lots of dancing!



Putting contests



Dancing to Colt and the Old 45s



The Colt and the Old 45s band perform our favorite songs



**I**t is easy to forget what Memorial Day actually means while sitting by the pool and looking ahead at the summer. However, the historical reason for the holiday means significantly more than simply a 3-day weekend.

Memorial Day is a solemn day of remembrance for everyone who died serving in the American armed forces. The holiday, originally known as *Decoration Day*, started after the Civil War to honor the Union and Confederate soldiers who died. In the years after the Civil War, Memorial Day celebrations took different roots in the North and South. It was not until after World War II that the holiday gained a strong following and national identity. It was not officially named Memorial Day until 1967.

The final event that cemented the modern culture of Memorial Day in America was in 1968 when Congress passed the *Uniform Holiday Act*, designating Memorial Day as the last Monday in May rather than simply May 30, as it had previously been observed. This designation ensured a 3-day weekend and gave

the day its current status as the unofficial beginning of summer, mixing serious reflection with more light-hearted fun.

This year, Memorial Day will be celebrated on Monday, May 30th. To show our patriotism in Diamante, flags are flown at each of the seven Diamante entrances and prominently at the club house as a daily reminder of our freedoms, American traditions, and rich military history. Memorial Day will be celebrated at the Diamante Members Club with the Diamante Memorial Day Picnic from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM with the "All American Buffet" (call (501) 922-1114 for reservations). A Memorial Day Block Party will also be celebrated in the

Village at 51 Emanuel Drive from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with hotdogs and Marcus Sugg performing.

Finally, if you plan to attend one of these events or the grand opening of our newly remodeled Diamante swimming pool, we must never forget the significance of the Memorial Day holiday and the men and women who lost their lives for our freedoms. ♦

—Doug Zook



# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## JULIAN AND SALLIE BAUGH

**F**or months, Peter and Sallie tried to **relocate** from Chandler, Arizona, to a home in an active community. In a gutsy move, they finally just “threw a dart on a map” and found their Diamante home! Neither of them had ever been to Hot Springs Village or Arkansas until they arrived with their dog, Augie, on August 6, 2021. They were both VERY impressed with the beauty and friendliness of this wonderful community.

Peter and Sallie met in 1998 while attending a workshop on indigenous healing practices. Peter attended the workshop as a requirement of his Master’s Degree in psychoneuroimmunology, and Sallie attended because of an earlier trip she made to Peru, ending in a multiple-day hike to Machu Picchu. They hit it off immediately and started Advanced CardioLogix, creating biometric software used to measure and enhance heart rate variability, which was marketed to healthcare practitioners.

Peter has travelled a wild career path, beginning as a USPTA-certified tennis professional in California. Along with teaching tennis and being the director of tennis operations at a variety of clubs, he hosted a tennis instructional television program on the local Sacramento NBC affiliate station. When the long hours on the court finally led to the accursed “tennis elbow,” Peter decided to make a huge career change and do something he had always been interested in—flying. He joined the Navy and served 13 years with combat search-and-rescue missions and teaching new pilots in helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft. Peter chose to scratch his entrepreneurial itch and go back to school, earning—as Sallie teases, “...more degrees than a thermometer.” In 1995, Peter moved to Estes Park, Colorado, where he founded a successful psychotherapy practice.

Sallie grew up in Pittsburgh until her dad was transferred to France in 1970, which was the beginning of her travel bug! She attended an American boarding school in Switzerland during her second year in Europe to ensure that she would have all the proper credits when she entered college. She earned her Bachelor’s Degree in business information systems from Robert Morris University and then moved to Ohio to work for the NCR Corporation. After a few years, she learned a popular banking software program and provided consulting services all over the United States and in Australia. In the midst of it all, she attended classes and was certified in massage therapy. It was great balance for all that left-brain computer work!

After a few years with Advanced CardioLogix, Peter and Sallie were married. Sallie has continued her computer work, and they have turned their attention to BrainSpeak, a company Peter heads that specializes in accelerated learning audio programs. Although they are both still working, they plan to retire within the next few years, assuming they can figure out what that really means! ♦



*Peter has become involved in the tennis and pickleball programs at Diamante. When asked about golf, they both say, “We don’t play...yet.” Sallie plans to begin golf lessons in the next few weeks.*

UA LITTLE  
ROCK

# Let's Welcome the UALR Women Athletes to Diamante October 16-18

**If you are an "old pro" or a new host,** the following information will assist you in welcoming the young women athletes to Diamante for the 2022 UALR Women's Golf Invitational tournament. If you are currently undecided, we hope that this article will help you move into the "pro" corner!

- ♦ Diamante is one of a special number of clubs that assist collegiate golf programs with housing and coordination of the tournament. By providing host housing, Diamante is supporting these collegiate programs with in-kind donations to the program.
- ♦ Because of our hospitality and support, we have many colleges and universities that come year after year. That's a real compliment to Diamante and our residents.
- ♦ These athletes and students consistently rank in the top tier of academics in their conferences. In the 2019-2020 season, the UALR team was recognized by the Women's Golf Coaches Association as members of the All Scholar Team.
- ♦ One year, a member of one of the university teams was also a very accomplished pianist who entertained her host in the evenings! With each year, a new group of accomplished young women join us for a few days and enrich our community.

That being said, hosting is simple and enjoyable with a minimum of "fuss" on the part of the host.

- ♦ Each host will decide how many athletes or adults that they can host. Many of these ladies will bunk together in a queen- or king-sized bed. (Remember your college trips with five or six people in one hotel room to save money?)
- ♦ As housing coordinators, we will decide which teams will be with which hosts and how many persons will be placed in the host's home unless a host requests a specific team. Coaches determine which athletes will be placed in which home in consultation with the hosts.
- ♦ Hosts are grouped together to provide enough housing for a team, including coaches. Hosts can submit a preference for athletes or coaches. We try to "team" together hosts who know each other so that communication is easy and houses are within close proximity to each other.

We hope that you will consider hosting if you haven't done so already. UALR and Diamante will confirm plans for the 2022 tournament by the end of June. We will provide definitive information about schedules and meals at that time. Thanks for your support for the 2022 tournament.

**—Glenda and Fred Bean**

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## WHAT DOES THE AMERICAN FLAG MEAN TO AMERICANS?

**I**f you ask what the American flag means to 500 Americans, they would respond with many different answers. However, they would probably come up with a few core values. Let's take a look at some of those values.

**Pride**—When we look at our nation's flag, most of us feel a sense of pride. Being an American means belonging to a nation that values the input and ideas of its citizens.

**Sacrifice**—Since America's beginning, citizens have sacrificed their time and sometimes their lives to serve and protect our country. Such sacrifice is remembered on Veterans Day and Memorial Day, during which we honor the men and women who served in our armed forces. Their sacrifices enable our safety, promote our progress, and support the growth of our democracy. Sacrifice is serving without a guarantee of personal reward and to a higher public cause. Serving in the United States Armed Services is a noble act that requires sacrifice on many

levels and is representative of the attitudes upon which this country is based.

**Opportunity**—America is synonymous with the phrase, *Land of Opportunity*. Since its conception, millions of immigrants left their homelands in search of a better life and found an opportunity to succeed. Our country offers jobs and freedoms that are not easily accessible in other countries.

**Hope**—When we think of the American tradition, hope may not be the first thing that comes to mind. We may think of parades, fireworks, and apple pie. Importantly, though, hope has been a tradition of our country since its founding. Although a less obvious theme, hope is one of the most important. The *Declaration of Independence* affirms the notion that all men and women are born and created equal. Through the existence of this document, hope is instilled in most Americans.

**Strength**—Strength is one of the primary pillars of the United States. America's dominance on a global scale as a function of its powerful

military and governmental bodies is obvious. The tradition of strength, coupled with cooperation, is a motif throughout American history. After World War II, the United States leaned on global institutions for trade and security. This decision proved to give America a strong network of global allies. We are strong, but we also know how to work together for the greater good. Strength and cooperation have historically been the key to American prosperity.

**Freedom**—The United States of America means freedom, and countless songs and poems affirm this characteristic. Lee Greenwood says it best with, "I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died and gave that right to me." America is home to both the free and the brave. Freedom means the power or right to act, speak, or think as desired without hindrance or restraint. America has abided by the terms of freedom and is founded on that very construct. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



# Return to Garth Warbler



Production is currently underway for this year's Diamante movie, "Return to Garth Warbler," a collection of country music videos introduced by country TV star, Garth Warbler (Joe Stafford). The Producer, Faith Heinrichs, has announced the performers who sing the following songs:

*Ladies Love Country Boys*—Thad Woodside (Trace Atkins), Bob and Melissa Walker, Dan and Debbie Monaghan

*I Feel Lucky*—Jeanne Ballard (Mary Chapin Carpenter)

*That Don't Impress Me Much*—Donna Doyle (Shania Twain), Mike Doyle, Keith Hughes, John Paul, Dennis Cox

*Oh, Oh, Oh, the Golf Song*—Mike Prosen, Doug Zook, James Kandlbinder, Rodney Handy

*You're the One that I Want*—Kevin and Devvie McMillin

*Me Neither*—Guy Parker (Brad Paisley), Shannon Parker, Joan Irwin

*Way Too Pretty for Prison*—Janice Stephens, Lori McGhee (Miranda Lambert)

*Trashy Women*—Carl Harsch (Confederate Railroad)

*Chicken Fried*—Bill McGhee (Zac Brown)

Four commercials and/or news breaks are also planned and star the following performers:

Marilyn Phelan, Kathi Price, Mike and Donna Fleharty, Sherry Newman, Arnie Holtberg, Richard Carlson, Gary Irwin, and Steve Lux.



Fred Noblett sings a Toby Keith song, "I Want to Talk About Me" in the Dogwood Tree store while wife, Stephanie, shops.

# Maintenance

## Arkansas Spring Rainfall Reaches Record Levels!

The Spring of 2022 has experienced a record number of rainy days, which has caused the grass and weeds to grow at an exceptional rate. Fortunately, your support of the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) has helped maintain our beautiful neighborhoods.

We have contracted to have the Diamante Boulevard entrance mowed twice a month, along with edging and weed control. Last week, I went through all of the Diamante neighborhoods and applied "Spray & Forget" to the signposts. This product is applied every year to remove the mold mildew that these vinyl posts seem to attract.

Some of you have asked when our roadside ditches will be mowed. As in recent years, the Hot Springs Village POA only mows our ditches twice a year...during both the Spring and the Fall. If the grass and weeds get out of control between these mowings, then the DPOA contracts services for additional mowing. Your membership dues help provide the funds for this and for many other projects.

Stay out of the pollen and have a great Spring! ♦

—Neil Phelan, Jr.



I spoke to the contractors who provide the moving service for the Hot Springs Village. These contractors should be in our neighborhoods soon. The exceptional rain has caused the weeds in our ditches to be higher than usual. Consequently, be patient, help is on the way! Please remember that the contractors cannot get into and mow unusual wet areas and deep ditches.

# Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program

## Knowing What and How to Report Suspicious Behavior

**In our community**, suspicious behavior 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.

### REMEMBER

**If you see something that doesn't seem quite right, then report the suspicious behavior to the Hot Springs Village police department. Follow-up your report with your Neighborhood Watch Block Captain.**

For more information about when calling is appropriate, contact the non-emergency number of the Hot Springs Village law enforcement office—(501) 922-0011. Ask to speak with an officer to discuss the specifics. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

# Let's Get to Know Felix Trevino

**Felix was born and raised in Denver, Colorado.** He and his wife lived there until 2001 when they made their move to Hot Springs Village. They have five children who keep them very busy.

Felix worked at the restaurant located at the Granada Golf Course for 2-1/2 years. When it closed, he submitted his resume to and interviewed with the Club's General Manager, Shane Newton, and was hired as the Sous Chef.

Simply stated, Felix considers himself to be "self-taught." For over 30 years, he has worked for various types of small to very large restaurants, as well as hospital kitchens.

## Sous Chef



Chef NoraLee says of Felix, "It is a privilege to work with Felix. As a professional culinarian, he truly cares about the members and guests. We are lucky to have him on our team!" He enjoys working with all of those in the kitchen and all of the magnificent servers; Patty has said that Felix "keeps the staff smiling."

Last, but not least, Felix enjoys meeting and speaking with the members of Diamante. Thank you for being a member and supporting the Club! ♦



**DON'T FORGET!**



## Assessment Deadline

Arkansas state law requires that Arkansas property owners assess their individual personal property items. An itemized list of such items (see bulleted list below) should be reported to the county assessor every year between January 1st and May 31st to avoid a late assessment penalty of 10%.

- ♦ Vehicles
- ♦ Golf carts
- ♦ Motorcycles
- ♦ Boats
- ♦ Trailers
- ♦ Aircraft

Individual personal property is just that—it belongs to and is used by individuals, but it is not used to produce income. Finally, all privately owned vehicles must be assessed before they can be licensed for use on public highways.

Saline County: (501) 303-5622 <https://salinecollector.ar.gov>  
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**D**id you know that golf and fun have always been BIG at Diamante...but never more so than in 2008? Take a trip down memory lane with these tidbits from that year's June *Diamante Club News*. Happy reading!

- 1** To make golf accessible to more people, Diamante set up a 2,537-yard, 18-hole, par 72 Challenge Course to encourage new golfers to play and to appeal to anyone who might be intimidated by the regular tee distances. Diamante's Challenge Course scorecard included yardages, pars for each hole, and four rules: (1) Have fun, (2) Play fast, (3) Play fair, and (4) No more than ten swings per hole.
- 2** Five DWGA-9 members played their Eclectic Tournament from the new Challenge Course tee markers. Willie Emery was the inaugural winner for the *CC flight*. Jennie Rains, a fellow competitor, said, "I'm so happy that Diamante has done this course. We had a really good time, and we played quickly. I think it's great."
- 3** The MGA Spring Member/Member Tournament winners were the following: *1st flight*—Dave Clark and Glenn Laursen, *2nd flight*—Rob Bowers and Jerry Kosoglow, *3rd flight*—Harlan Kickhoefer and Hap Peterson, *4th flight*—Mike Conlan and Dan Jeffress.
- 4** Forty couples celebrated Spring during the Guys & Dolls annual Spring Fling competition. Taking the honors were the following: *Bonnie & Clyde flight*—Dave and Barbara Clark and Frank and Jeanne Godbold; *Romeo & Juliet flight*—Bill and Sissy Toney and Dave and Tonya Economon; *Archie & Edith flight*—Tommy and Dena Teaster and John and Peggy Sutey; *Brad & Angelina flight*—Marshall and Jeanne Svendsen and John and Jeanne Stewart.
- 5** "Name That Tune Game Night" was a sold-out success with 84 attending for the good food, good friends, and lots of hilarity. The game show host, Joe Stafford, kept the audience laughing while Martha Smither played the tunes at the piano. The team of Dean and Nancy Moffitt, Jim and June Russell, and Ralph and Sally Arboe won going away, identifying 30 of 35 tunes.
- 6** Bridge winners in May were the following: *1st place*—Richard and Emily Robertson (two slams); *2nd place*—Dean and Bev Patton; *3rd place*—John and Linda Piette. ♦ —**Jeanne Godbold**

