

# DPOA News & Events

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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## Dear Neighbors!

**I** would like to thank everyone who helped paint the fire hydrants. After Monday, June 6th, was rained out, this "Paint a Plug" project was rescheduled and held on Monday, June 13th. It was really great to get together with our neighbors and accomplish this project for the benefit of the entire Diamante community (see page 3).

As I mentioned in last month's **DPOA News & Events** newsletter, the DPOA Board of Directors voted to order additional patio furniture with the excess funds that were donated last year. A long table, eight chairs, and a patio base and umbrella were purchased and will match the furniture that is currently on the Diamante patio. Hopefully, these new items will arrive later this Fall. The DPOA board members want to thank Stephanie Noblett for her assistance in investigating, assessing, and recommending the items and Janice Tarver for being the running point on this project. Hopefully, you will all soon have the opportunity to enjoy additional seating under the pergola on the Diamante patio.

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We have such a great community and members' club, and I, for one, am always proud to show it off to visitors. Moving forward, the DPOA Board is exploring options for the Fall fundraiser, which may not be the only one planned for this year. Needless to say, our Fall fundraiser will be a fun-filled social occasion as well. More information on this event will follow.

On a final note, the work to repair the damaged light pole on Diamante Boulevard is almost complete. Please remember to thank and encourage all of those who serve in any capacity that help make and keep our community such a wonderful place to live.

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

—*Donna Fleharty, DPOA President*



**“The roughest roads often lead to the top.”**  
—*Christina Aguilera*

## Treasurer's Report

As of June 6, 2022

### Membership

To date, 211 DPOA members, of 267 eligible properties, have paid their annual dues.

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$23,151.17**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7,500.00**

Total funds:

**\$30,651.17**

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.

# Maintenance

## If, at First, You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again!



I want to thank all of the volunteers who showed up at 8:30 AM on Monday, June 13, to complete the "Paint a Plug" project. A total of 32 fire hydrants throughout the Diamante campus got a new coat of brilliant red paint, which now results in easily visible hydrants if and when they are needed. In fact, the personnel in the fire department have expressed appreciation for the visibility of the red paint!

"By the end of the day, I had red paint on my golf cart, my shoes, my clothes (that I had to throw away), and me. Importantly, though, I did get some paint on the fire hydrants." ♦

—Neil Phelan, JR.



Doug and Greg clearing the ground



John asks, "Is this clean enough?"



Mike admiring a job well done



Phil and Kevin ready to paint



Neil and Sylvia painting a hydrant



Carol ready to work



Taste good, Bob?



Linda and James cleaning

If you see any of the following volunteers who showed up to work in the heat—Greg Bloxom, David Brady, Tom Ellers, Mike Fleharty, Linda and James Fulton, Carol Hamner, John and Sylvia Matthews, Kevin McMillan, Neil Phelan, Phil Tyree, James Williams, and Doug Zook—please give them a special "THANK YOU!"



# DIAMANTE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS Support the Defenders

★ Honor our military, law enforcement, and emergency personnel ★

**O**n Saturday morning, June 25th, an estimated 500 members of the Defenders Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club rode down DeSoto Boulevard in support of the current and retired military personnel, law enforcement officers, and emergency services personnel.

On very short notice and despite the 100-degree temperatures, approximately 50 Diamante residents showed up at the Diamante Boulevard entrance with decorated golf carts, American and military flags, and lots of water to watch the parade as they traveled through Hot Springs Village from the West gate to the East gate. The Diamante residents offered cheers, whistles, honks, and waves to the parade of Defenders as they passed the Diamante Boulevard.

Doug Zook personally placed flags along Desoto and the Diamante median as six neighbors—Donna Lund, Jesse Stephens, Mike Fleharty, Jan Schaefer, Ted Schramm, and Glenn Laursen—stood front and center with military flags. Faith Heinrichs video-taped the parade, which means our celebrating friends and neighbors may show up in a future movie! An appreciative “thank you” is extended to all who helped demonstrate that the Diamante community is a great and patriotic neighborhood that we are all lucky to call home. ♦

**—John and Sylvia Matthews**



# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## WES AND JANICE HARVEY

**W**es and Janice are in the process of moving into a beautiful and custom-built home designed by Larry Brocaw on 7 Loyola Lane. They hope to be settled in by the end of the first week of July. “We are very excited to be living in such a warm and embracing community.”

Wes was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and Janice in Helena, Arkansas. Both Janice and Wes grew up in Marianna, Arkansas, and were high school sweethearts. They are looking forward to celebrating 55 years of married life in December of this year.

Marianna is a farming community in the eastern part of Arkansas and is located in Lee County. On their farm, which was in Monroe County, they grew cotton, soybeans, and rice. Wes also owned Harvey’s Ace Hardware and Lumber Company, and Janice was a design consultant for the hardware store. Their sons, Matthew and Jason, still live in Marianna. Needless to say, Wes and Janice spend a lot of time going to visit their sons’ families and attending sports and school events in which their five grandchildren are involved. They also have a new great grandson and three bonus step grandchildren!

In 2011, they decided that they wanted a second home to get away and to play golf. Since 2013, they have lived parttime in a home on the Granada golf course and have been Club House members at the Diamante Members Club for several years.

Wes began playing golf when he retired from farming and after he and his brother had built several homes in Fairfield Bay in the northern part of Arkansas. Janice

began playing golf in the late 1970s and served on the Arkansas Women’s Golf Association (AWGA) Board of Directors for several years. She was also the Chair of the Arkansas State Women’s Golf Tournament in 1998. She enjoys bridge, reading, cooking, and golf and is a member of P.E.O., Chapter CH, which is committed to helping women pursue higher education.

Wes and Janice attend the Balboa Baptist Church and enjoy the weekly couples Bible study group. ♦



*“Our Christian faith, family, and friends are our priorities. We look forward to making more wonderful friends and are totally blessed to be a part of the warm and welcoming community of Diamante!”*

## The Days

Paul & Sylvia



Sylvia was born in Texas but soon moved to Shreveport and became a southern belle. She met Gene Barham in high school, and they both later attended Louisiana Tech. Gene graduated as a chemical engineer and went to work at Monsanto after spending 3 years in the Air Force at Bergstrom base near Austin. They were blessed with twin boys and a daughter. Gene became President of Silgan Plastics. After Sylvia and Gene retired in 1995, they built their dream home at the tee box of Diamante's 14th hole. Tragedy struck when Gene was diagnosed with breast cancer and passed away in 2006.

Paul grew up in Enid, Oklahoma, graduated from Oklahoma State University with a degree in Economics, and married Patty, a longtime sweetheart. After 3 years in the Air Force, he was hired by IBM as a Systems Engineer in 1961. Their three children kept Patty busy as a stay-at-home mom. Paul rose to executive positions in IBM, Computer Science Corp, and Amtech in a 36-year career. He and Patty moved to the Village in 1997 and were active in golf and social events. Paul served as the Chairman of the Diamante Advisory board in 2000. Later, he became the Chairman of the Governmental Affairs committee and then served as a Director on the POA Board. Last year, Paul assumed the position of Chairman of the POA Marketing Committee.

Paul and Sylvia met at the Balboa Baptist Church and were neighbors in Diamante since 1997. Weekly, Paul played golf with Gene, and the couples often vacationed together. Paul and Sylvia fell in love and were married in 2016 at a "small" wedding of 280 people. They now spend their time on church activities and celebrating their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren who live in Dallas, Los Angeles, West Palm Beach, and Las Vegas. *Help us celebrate our neighbor!*

Celebrating Our  
**NEIGHBOR**

## HYDRATING TIPS FOR GOLFERS

**W**hen it comes to staying hydrated when playing a sport, most people don't give much thought to golf. It's a walk in the park, right? **WRONG!** Staying hydrated during a round of golf is very important, especially when you are playing in the heat of the Summer months.

**THE NIGHT BEFORE**—Since you will be walking 4 to 6 miles in a 4- to 5-hour round, be sure that your body is properly hydrated. You should drink two bottles of water during the 4 hours before you go to sleep.

**DAY OF PLAY**—Eat a protein-oriented breakfast that includes one bottle of water. If possible, avoid your morning cup of coffee because it is a diuretic and will dehydrate you. As you play, try to drink one bottle of water every hour. Remember to eat a healthy snack like fruit and/or a turkey sandwich sometime during the back nine.

**AFTER PLAY**—After play, the natural reaction for a lot of golfers is to head to the nineteenth hole and drink a beer or two. Although there is nothing wrong with having a drink after playing, if the temperature was 90-degrees or hotter, then you should have at least one more bottle of water before your first alcoholic drink, which will dehydrate you.

**HIT 'EM LONG AND STRAIGHT!** ♦

—Dana Peick



# HISTORICAL FACTS

## WHY THE OBSERVANCE OF FLAG DAY NEVER BECAME A FEDERAL HOLIDAY

**F**lag Day is celebrated on June 14th, marking the adoption of the American flag by the Continental Congress in the first Flag Act on June 14, 1777. The Act declared that the new flag would have thirteen stripes, alternating red and white, and that the union would be represented by thirteen white stars on a blue field, which also represented a “new constellation.”

Although Flag Day is observed nationwide, it is not a federal holiday. Pennsylvania is the only state that established Flag Day on June 14th as a state holiday. In addition, New York designated the second Sunday in June every year as a state holiday for Flag Day.

Despite the passage of the first Flag Act in 1777, did you know that Flag Day was not actually celebrated until almost 100 years later? Today, Bernard Cigrand is generally regarded as the “Father of Flag Day” because of his tireless advocacy to establish an annual observance of our

nation’s flag. As a small-town Wisconsin teacher, Cigrand originated the idea for an annual Flag Day to be celebrated across the country every June 14th. In 1885, he led his school in the first formal observance of the holiday. Cigrand, who later changed careers and practiced dentistry in Illinois, continued to promote his concept and advocated respect for the American Flag throughout his life.

The week of June 14th is also designated as National Flag Week, “calling upon all citizens of the United States to display the flag during that week.”

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14th as Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry Truman, who signed an actual legislative document, proclaimed June 14th as Flag Day. However, even after Congress passed the 1968 Uniform Holiday Act, which established eleven official federal holidays and 3-day weekend holidays that we celebrate today, Flag Day has never been established as a federal holiday. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



# Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program

## Home Watch—Residential Security Checklist

**N**ot only should citizens be concerned with the security of their neighborhoods, but they should also make their own homes as secure as possible.

Removing the opportunity for crime will reduce the amount of crime. One half of all home burglaries occur during the day when alert neighbors could spot thieves and call the police.

### CHECK THE LOCKS

- Ensure that every external door has a sturdy, well-installed deadbolt lock with a minimum of a 1½" bolt.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks, or use a broomstick or wooden dowel in the track to prevent the door from being pried open.
- Secure double-hung windows by using key locks or by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in the top corners of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash.
- Do not hide keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Give an extra key to a neighbor who you trust.
- If you just moved in a new house or condominium, change the locks.



**REMEMBER**  
**Good locks, simple precautions, neighborhood watch programs, and common sense can help prevent property crimes.**

### CHECK THE DOORS

- Make sure that all exterior doors are metal or solid, 1¾" hardwood.
- Doors should fit tightly in their frames with hinge pins on the side.
- Install a peephole or wide-angle viewer in all entry doors to enable you to see who is outside without opening the door. Do not rely on door chains for security.

### CHECK THE OUTSIDE

- Trim shrubbery that hides doors or windows. Cut tree limbs that could help a thief climb into windows.
- Turn on outside lights after dark, and outside timers or install motion detectors.
- Keep your yard maintained.
- Clearly display your house number, so the

police and other emergency vehicles can quickly find your home.

- Keep up the appearance of the neighborhood. Work with your local government and your neighbors to organize community clean-up days.
- If you are planning to go on vacation, put lights and a radio on timers to create the illusion that someone is home. Arrange for a neighbor to pick up your mail and remove newspapers and circulars.

## Home Watch—Residential Security Checklist—cont'd

**If you are locked out of your home,** can you still get in through an unlocked window in the back or by using an extra key that is hidden under a flowerpot or up on a ledge? If you can break into your

home, then so can a burglar! Although this checklist will not make your home burglar proof, it will provide suggestions that may help improve your home protection.

Yes	No	Exterior of Home
		Is your address clearly visible from the street?
		Are entry areas free of shrubbery and other items to permit visibility by your neighbors?
		Are trees and shrubs trimmed to eliminate hiding places?
		Can lights be compromised by simply unscrewing the light bulbs?
		Are lights controlled by motion detectors?
		Does outdoor lighting cover the entire perimeter of your home?
		Does outdoor lighting illuminate your house numbers?
		Have you removed anything with your name on it from the outside of your home?
		Are telephone and electrical lines located in a way that makes them easily accessible?
		Are outside service boxes, such as telephone and electrical lines, among others, secured?
		Are structures, such as garages and sheds, properly secured and locked?
		Are there privacy fences that offer too high of a degree of seclusion? If so, have you taken precautions such as installing an alarm system?
		Are alarm signs visible?
		Are alarm company decals on windows and points of entry?
		Does your property have a well-maintained appearance?

Yes	No	Windows
		Are all of your windows equipped with locks or are pinned?
		Can windows that are left open for ventilation be secured?
		Are windows properly locked and firmly mounted?
		Do you keep the windows locked when they are shut?
		Are there window air conditioning units?
		Are window air conditioners anchored to prevent removal from the outside?
		Have screws been installed in the tracks of sliding windows to prevent them from being lifted out?
		Do you have curtains or blinds covering garage windows?
		Are there good, secure locks on garage windows?

## Home Watch—Residential Security Checklist—cont'd

Yes	No	Doors
		Do your doors fit tightly within their frames?
		Have the locks been changed or re-keyed since the last occupant?
		Are the locks in good working condition?
		If there is an alarm, does it cover the perimeter, windows, and doors, as well as motion?
		Are all the keys to the house accounted for?
		Are exterior doors solid core construction?
		Are there 180-degree wide-angled viewers on the exterior doors?
		Can all doors, including those on an upper floor, properly secured?
		Have sliding doors been tailored to keep them from being lifted out of the track?
		Can the overhead garage door be properly secured with a padlock at the very least?
		Do you lock the garage door leading to your house?
		Are garage door openers left in cars that are parked outside of the garage?
		If there are glass panes in or near doors, are they reinforced to prevent them from being shattered out?
		Do doors and windows allow an easy escape in the event of an emergency?

Yes	No	When You Are Leaving Your Home
		Do you leave in such a way that the typical person would not be able to tell that you are leaving? (For example, park the car out of sight.)
		Do you notify someone to watch your home?
		Do you arrange for friends or a neighbor to pick up your mail, newspaper, and other deliveries?
		Have you left both work and/or vacation numbers with a trusted individual so that you will be contacted in case of an emergency?
		Have you made provisions for lawn care or snow removal?
		Are timers in place for interior lighting and radios?
		Do you turn the telephone ringer and answering machine down to low volume when you leave?
		Do you park halfway down your driveway so that it looks like someone is home and to make it more difficult for thieves to load up things?
		Have valuables been placed in uncommon areas instead of obvious spots?

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## Home Watch—Residential Security Checklist—cont'd

Yes	No	Miscellaneous Issues
		Do you keep an inventory of valuables, and is it secured in a safe place?
		Does your inventory include photographs and a record of serial numbers for valuable items?
		Do you have emergency numbers listed on your telephone?
		Do you shred personal information instead of putting it out in the trash?
		Do you maintain a cell phone?
		Do you practice safety drills with your family?
		Are firearms unloaded and safely locked away?
		Do you occasionally vary your daily routine?
		Are insurance policies kept up to date?

## Neighborhood Crime Watch Program—Block Captains

<b>Al Bowles</b>	Granada Drive, all blocks; Granada Trace, all blocks Granada Lane, all blocks; Granada Way, all blocks Granada Loop, all blocks; Morro Lane, all blocks Granada Place, all blocks; Morro Place, all blocks
<b>Winford Bradford</b>	Alcazaba Way, blocks 1-13
<b>David Clark</b>	Cruzado Lane, block 24, lots 1-11
<b>Chris Gleason</b>	Juego Way, blocks 1-13
<b>Heidi Hilbert</b>	Princesa Drive, all of block 12
<b>Keith Hughes</b>	Loyola Drive, block 3, lots 1-18
<b>Manny Machuca</b>	Vera Lane, block 20, lots 1-5
<b>Sylvia and John Matthews</b>	Loyola Circle, block 1, lots 1-14; all of block 5
<b>Neil and Marilyn Phelan</b>	Loyola Place, block 1, lots 1-15
<b>Ted Schramm</b>	Realeza Court, block 1, all of the Villas
<b>Jess Stephens</b>	Darro Way, block 15, lots 19-31
<b>Suzanne Stofer</b>	Princesa Place, all of blocks 12 and 13 Princesa Trace, all blocks
<b>Phil Tyree</b>	Darro Way, block 15, lots 1-18
<b>Bob Walker</b>	Poema Way, all of block 21
<b>Mike Walters</b>	Loyola Way, Block 3, Lots 20-29
<b>Doug Zook</b>	Estado Circle, block 22, lots 1-16

**Block captains needed for:** (1) Alcazaba Way, block 14, lots 1-13  
 (2) Alhaja Way, block 16, lots 1-14  
 (3) Alhaja Way, all of block 18  
 (3) Alhaja Lane, block 17, lots 1-11

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**D**id you know that June is one of the busiest months at Diamante? That is as true today as it was during Diamante's earlier years. Check out the happenings from the August 2008 *Diamante Club News*. Happy reading!

- 1** Diamante's Tennis Association held its very popular "Twilight Tennis" evenings. Teams of varied abilities competed before enjoying dinner at the club.
- 2** The DWGA-9 held its annual Invitational Tournament with 71 members participating from Diamondhead, Hot Springs Country Club, Hot Springs Village, and Diamante. The four-person scramble teams headed by Kay Butterworth, Connie Vaden, Trish Machuca, Jeanne Godbold, Lori Bussone, and June Russell won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes in two flights.
- 3** Forty-four DWGA-18 members hit the road to play Hot Springs Country Club's Arlington course and enjoyed lunch after golf. Dena Teaster and Lorrie Lang's team took 1st place, and Donna Williams and Julia Wensel's team earned 2nd place. The teams headed by Joan Irwin, Faith Heinrichs, Bev Thompson, and Nancy Webb all tied for 3rd place.
- 4** In the 2008 63-hole Member/Guest tournament, Ken and his son and partner, Tim Williams, defeated Jerry Grote and his partner, Tom Ming, to win the Overall Champion title. Dan Holdener, Tom Conner's guest, won a golf cart when he made a hole-in-one on hole #4 during the second day of play.
- 5** Nineteen children and grandchildren of Diamante members and employees participated in Diamante's annual Junior Golf Camp held the week after the Diamante Classic. The juniors filled three classes: beginning girls, beginning boys, and intermediate boys.
- 6** The Diamante entrance flagpole was installed to replace one that was destroyed in a Spring storm. This 30-foot, 200-pound pole took six men, a backhoe, a yard of concrete, and 3 hours to install. DPOA Board members headed the project. Donors for the flagpole included Diamante members Anderson, Bardo, Bethard, Blevins, Boggs, Caldwell, Curtis, Day, Economon, Kimmes, Lauer, Laursen, Lunsford, Matthews, Nord, Pike, Smither, Svendsen, Vaden, D. VanLeeuwen, R. Van Leeuwen, and Wood. ♦

—Jeanne Godbold

