

# DPOA News & Events



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## Dear Neighbors!

**D**uring this month, we have spent considerable time working on our neighborhood landscape. We hope you have noticed the new mulch at the Diamante Boulevard entrance, as well as on both Poema Lane and Maderas Drive. In addition, Diamante Boulevard was weeded and cleaned up. To learn the details, take a minute to visit the Maintenance article on pages 3 and 4 in this month's newsletter!

I would like to tout Diamante's new menu. Recently, Suki and I had a wonderful dinner at the Club. The staff has really upped their game. If you haven't enjoyed dining at Diamante in a while, consider giving the Club your business.

Heidi, our Neighborhood Crime Watch committee chair, could really use your help. Her pleas for Block Captains have largely gone unheeded. Being a Block Captain is not a difficult nor time-consuming job.

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Being able to advertise an active Neighborhood Crime Watch program will help to further promote our Diamante community.

Again, I hate to sound like a broken record, but our country doesn't seem to be making much progress in its efforts to contain the coronavirus. Many of the people we all know are traveling and/or having friends and family members visit. Remember...both masks and social distancing remain two paramount safety guidelines. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



## Treasurer's Report

as of August 20, 2020

**212 members**  
representing 214 properties

### Fund Balances

Funds available for use:

**\$17,202.00**

Reserve (emergency fund):

**\$7,500.00**

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Although the Calico Pumpkin Fundraiser sale had to be canceled for 2020, we are accepting donations to be used next year. We have rented a larger storage unit and now have room for all of your unwanted "stuff."

Thanks to Glenda and Fred Bean for starting us off with the first donation. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



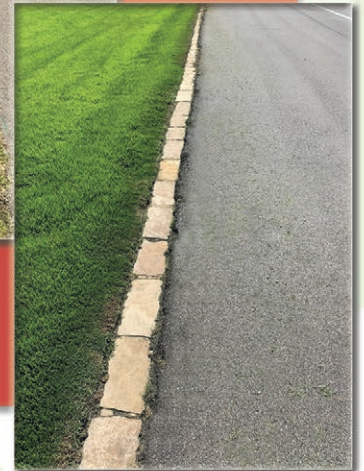
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# Maintenance

## A Beautiful Neighborhood Doesn't Happen by Itself!!

### Edging Our Bets

Earlier this summer, a rock border, which had been built years ago, was discovered under the grass at the edge of the Diamante entrance at Desoto and Diamante Boulevards. Over a period of 6 weeks, David Dolstein, Neil Phelan, Bruce Gasaway, and Phil Tyree dug out, sprayed, and even had to burn a thick layer of Zoysia grass to get to the rock. Then, edgers were used to give a finished look to the border. Now, it will take just a matter of maintaining the final result of a job well done!



### Diamante Entrance at Maderus and Desoto Drives

Brian Schaeffer suggested that Diamante entrance at DeSoto and Maderas Drives needed to be trimmed. Brian sent out an e-mail message asking for volunteers. On August 3rd, Greg Frank, Neil Phelan, Brian Schaeffer, and I worked together to dress up the area. New mulch was applied, weeds were sprayed, and bushes were trimmed. It looks great. Thank you, guys! ♦

— **David Dolstein**

*Greg Frank and Brian Schaeffer carefully trim the Diamante entrance at Maderas Drive.*



*Danny inspects the fine work accomplished at the Diamante entrance at Maderas Drive.*

*Neil Phelan cleans and trims the Diamante entrance at Maderas Dr.*



# Maintenance

## A Beautiful Neighborhood Doesn't Happen by Itself!!—cont'd

### Diamante Entrance at Diamante Boulevard

New mulch was spread, weeds were sprayed, and bushes were trimmed. The really big part of this project entailed placing 10 yards of new black mulch around the landscaped areas of the main Diamante entrance. The DPOA ordered 10 yards of black mulch through Will Owens. Once delivered, it had to be moved from the maintenance yard to the Diamante entrance at DeSoto Drive. I asked John Matthews, Tom Ellers, and Jim Bodge to help by driving Cushman utility vehicles with dump beds to locations around the entrance. It started out pretty well, but John soon realized that the front loader was overkill for the Cushman vehicles.

John Matthews then sent out a request for additional help, and soon Sylvia Matthews, Richard Carlson, and Nell Phelan showed up to load the mulch with pitch forks into Cushman vehicles. Once placed, Jimmy Howell's crew was contracted to spread the mulch. The front entrance now looks great! Thanks to everyone for your help! ♦

—David Dolstein



# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## DEBRA AND AL SHORT

**A**l is originally from Iowa, and I am from Kansas. We met in 1993 when both of us were employed at the GE Aviation plant in Arkansas City, Kansas. We were married in 1995 and have two sons and five grandchildren who all still live in the state of Kansas.

Al had a 36-year career in aviation. At GE Aviation, he specialized in commercial jet engines. Al's career entailed a lot of international travel and a number of moves around the United States. For 12 years after working at GE Aviation, we managed our own business, which supplied and/or repaired jet engines and engine parts around the world. I spent most of my working career working in the Payroll and Human Resources Departments as an Administrative Assistant. When we had our own business, I provided all the bookkeeping and office work.

In December of 2012, we sold the business and decided it was time to retire and start enjoying ourselves. We wanted to be able to spend more time with our family.

In 2017, we moved to Fort Myers, Florida, and intended this community to be our retirement home. However, after a couple of years, we decided it was too far from our family and decided to move closer to Kansas.

Yes...we considered other communities, but we liked the general feeling of Hot Springs Village. When we lived in a Fort Myers golf community, we liked the fact that everyone was from somewhere else but all came together like one big family. Hot Springs Village offered the same welcoming atmosphere.

We already had friends in the Village and had been visiting them for 7 years before our move. We both love to play golf, and I enjoy sewing, quilting, and knitting, among other relaxing activities. Our friends and family who have visited us love it here and think we found a wonderful place to live. ♦

—Debra Short



*“Although we looked at several houses in and out of the Diamante neighborhood, we really liked the Club. Everyone was so friendly and welcoming, so we decided Diamante would be our next home.”*



***"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."***

***The Pledge should be respected by standing at attention and facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform, persons should remove any headdress with their right hand and hold it at their left shoulder with their hand over their heart.***

**P**revious to the first Flag Day on June 14, 1923, there were no federal or state regulations that governed the display of the United States flag. It was on this date that the National Flag Code was adopted by the National Flag Conference. This conference was attended by 66 national groups, as well as representatives from both the Army and Navy. The regulations that were adopted by all of the attending organizations were based on the Army and Navy procedures relating to the display of the United States flag.

A few minor changes were made a year later during the 1924 National Flag Conference, but it was not until June 22, 1942, that Congress passed a joint resolution that was amended on December 22, 1942. The exact rules for the use and display of the United States flag and associated sections stipulated the conduct during the playing of the National Anthem and the Pledge of Allegiance. This United States Flag Code is the guide for governing the display of the "Stars and Stripes." It does not impose penalties for the misuse of the United States flag. Imposing penalties is left to the states and to the federal government for the District of Columbia. Each state has its own flag law.

Before 1989, criminal penalties for certain acts of desecration to the flag were contained in the United States Flag Code. However, the Supreme Court decision in *Texas vs Johnson* on June 21, 1989, held that the statute was unconstitutional. On October 28, 1989, this statute was amended when the Flag Protection Act of 1989 imposed a fine and/or up to 1 year in prison for knowingly mutilating, defacing, physically defiling, maintaining the flag on the floor, or trampling upon any flag of the United States. On June 11, 1990, the Flag Protection Act of 1989 was struck down by the Supreme Court decision in *United States vs Eichman*.

Although the United States Flag Code empowers the President of the United States to alter, modify, repeal, or prescribe additional rules regarding the flag, no federal agency has the authority to issue "official" and legal-binding rulings on civilians or civilian groups. Consequently, different interpretations of various provisions of the United States Flag Code may continue to be made. For example, the following guideline in the Flag Code may be fairly tested: "No disrespect should be shown to the flag of the United States of America." ♦

***—Dennis Riordan***



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**O**n June 24th of this year, Diamante Golf and Country Club reached its 25th anniversary. For the past 25 years, Diamante has offered its championship 18-hole private golf course to its members living in the largest gated community in the United States and their guests. In recognition of this momentous date, the DPOA newsletter, *DPOA News & Events*, plans to feature this “Did You Know?” article in future issues and will share interesting and somewhat unknown facts about our Diamante Golf and Country Club and the surrounding Diamante neighborhoods. Happy reading!

- 1** The construction time to complete Diamante’s hole #11 took a total of 8 months—February to September of 1994.
- 2** In September of 1994, holes #8 and #9 were the last holes to be completed by the construction crew.
- 3** On Diamante’s Opening Day, June 24, 1995, the Club membership included 177 full privilege members and 28 social members.
- 4** After the Opening Day’s ribbon-cutting ceremony at 7:15 AM, 213 people played the golf course, and approximately 350 people from all over the United States attended the festivities. For the evening reception, the chef and staff prepared over 50 varieties of food and desserts. Flowers and ice sculptures decorated the club dining room.
- 5** The height of the Bermuda rough was almost 2 inches on Opening Day, but it was cut to 1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> inches by the end of July.
- 6** Cliff and Pat Caldwell won Diamante’s Inaugural Couples tournament held on July 30, 1995. Cliff Caldwell built six homes in the Diamante neighborhood, and three of the homes are on hole #3.
- 7** Diamante’s first hole-in-one was scored by Norma Franklin on August 23, 1995, on hole #16. Norma used her seven wood for the 115-yard shot that was witnessed by her husband, Bobby. ♦

—Jeanne Godbold



# Diamante's QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

## Membership Info Within Reach

As previously reported in the June issue of the DPOA Newsletter, *DPOA News & Events*, the Membership Committee has been working on a *Quick Reference Guide* (QRG). This guide has been designed to provide direction, access, and each responsible contact in an effort to answer the "how to" questions to help ensure that both established and new members enjoy the ultimate membership experience.

In addition, links to Club-related organizations and activities are provided. For easy reference, the QRG will be included in the new member welcome packets, and it is already available online in the Members Only section on the Diamante website.

Although we hope to answer a majority of the questions asked by both new and established members, the QRG is not intended to be all inclusive. We encourage you to visit the list of contacts provided within each category for additional information or to take a deeper dive by asking the responsible contact person for information into relevant topics.

This *Quick Reference Guide* is designed to provide the utmost convenience for both members and their guests. It will encourage members to visit the Members Only site to enter a golf score, book a tee time, join a golf-related organization,

or simply to learn what is new. The Members Only site offers a wealth of information and is frequently updated.

This Guide has been designed as a Diamante living document, and any modifications or additions should be sent to Terri Socha at [tsocha@diamantecc.com](mailto:tsocha@diamantecc.com).

We hope that you use and enjoy reading the QRG! ♦

—Jen Stout



## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

A "HOW TO" GUIDE TO DIAMANTE



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