

# DPOA News & Events



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## Dear Neighbors!

**Congratulations** to Donna Fleharty and Neil Phelan! As the newest members of the DPOA Board, they will assume their duties on January 1st! Welcome aboard! I hope you enjoy serving as much as I have. Thanks are also extended to Phil Tyree for agreeing to extend his original 1-year commitment.

If you were unable to attend the members' annual DPOA/DMC meeting or watch it on ZOOM, I encourage you to watch it on the DMC website.

Recently, the POA's Street Department performed a really nice job repairing the buckled section of Diamante Boulevard. I have asked them to devote the same attention to the buckling and depression on Cruzado Lane. Mr. Sievwright has assessed both issues and determined that the nearby depression was caused by poor compaction over the culvert and the buckling was caused by a lightning strike. Both issues will be repaired after the first of the year, as they are out of 2020 repair funds.

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Since our last newsletter, Dennis Riordan has replaced all of the entrance flags. I hope you are enjoying the brighter stars and stripes.

As I write this message, we are enjoying 70-degree, sunny weather in the middle of November. How sweet is that? Having said that, Thanksgiving has passed, and we are onto Christmas. The neighborhood entrances will be decorated on Monday, December 30th. Have a safe and pleasant holiday season. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



## Treasurer's Report

As of November 15, 2020

**212 members**  
representing 214 properties

### Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

**\$9,316.00**

Reserve (emergency) funds:

**\$7,500.00**

Expenses to be paid before the end of 2020: **\$6,536.00**

Estimated year-end available operating funds: **\$2,780.00**

**ALICE HINCKLEY**



# HELPERS NEEDED

**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 this coming 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 Monday—the 30th. Remember, the Big Guy will be watching! ♦ —Phil Tyree

A festive graphic with a red background and green pine branches. Santa Claus is on the left, pointing towards the text. A yellow pencil is on the right. The text 'HELPERS NEEDED' is in large white letters at the top.

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.

## UPDATE: Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

**O**ur nation is built on the strength of our citizens. Everyday, we encounter situations that call upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement. Not only does our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program allow our citizens to help in our fight against crime, it is also an opportunity for our residents to bond together through service. Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program draws upon the compassion of our citizens by asking them to lend their neighbors a hand.

Since 1972, the National Neighborhood Watch Program (housed within the National Sheriffs' Association) has worked to unite law enforcement agencies, private organizations, and individual citizens in a nationwide effort to reduce crime and to improve local communities. This Program (formerly USAonWatch) is the portal for training to

assist law enforcement agencies and their communities, as well as provide technical assistance, resource documents, watch stories, networking, and assistance to the field. The success of the Program has established the National Neighborhood Watch as the nation's premier crime prevention and community mobilization program. Visible signs of the Program are seen throughout America on street signs, window decals, community block parties, and service projects.

Our Neighborhood Crime Watch Program empowers our citizens to become active in community efforts through participation in Neighborhood Watch groups. In January, the DPOA will be sending out another request for Block Captains for specific blocks and lots that have not yet been covered in our development. ♦

**–Heidi Hilbert**

Source: <https://www.nnw.org/>.





*Occasionally, questions are asked of the Veteran's Association (VA) concerning the flags that are used at burials of United States Veterans and Reservists. The American flag is provided to drape on a casket or coffin or is*

*placed with an urn in honor of the military service of a Veteran or Reservist. Readers are encouraged to visit the VA Website (<https://www.va.gov/find-forms/about-form-27-2008>) to apply for this burial honor.*

### **Who Is Eligible for a Burial Flag?**

A person may be eligible for a burial flag if he or she is the next of kin or a close friend of a Veteran or Reservist. In addition, one of the following descriptions must be true for that person.

### **Descriptions of the Military Service**

The Veteran or Reservist must have:

- ★ Served in wartime;
- ★ Died while on active duty after May 27, 1941;
- ★ Served after January 31, 1955;
- ★ Served in peacetime and left the military before June 27, 1950, after serving at least one enlistment or after a disability that was caused or made worse by their active military service; or
- ★ Served in the Selected Reserves or served in the military forces of the Philippines while in service to the United States and died on or after April 25, 1951. For more information on any of these descriptions, call (800) 827-1000, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM, EST.

### **How Is a Burial Flag Obtained to Honor a Veteran or Reservist?**

The Veteran or Reservist must have:

- ★ Served in wartime;
- ★ Filled out the Application for the United States Flag for Burial Purposes (VA Form 27-2008); or
- ★ Download the VA Form 27-2008 (PDF)

Bring the Application Form to one of the following:

- ★ Funeral director;
- ★ VA regional office; or
- ★ United States post office. Call ahead to ensure that the local post office has burial flags. If it does not have burial flags, then the requester will be directed to a post office that does.

### **Guidelines to Care for the Flag**

- ★ Protect the flag from weather damage. Do not leave it outside for long periods.
- ★ Carefully use and display the flag to ensure that it will not be damaged in any way.
- ★ Do not add or attach any words or symbols or any other kinds of drawings to the flag.
- ★ Do not use the flag to hold or carry anything.

On the last page of the Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes, photographs are provided that show how the flag is displayed and folded at a memorial service. ♦ **—Dennis Riordan**

### **A Personal Note**

As Dennis Riordan and Dana Peick prepared this flag-related article, we were both flooded with memories of the VA-folded American flags given to us in honor of Dennis' father, Joseph, a World War II veteran, and Dana's husband, Denny, a double Purple Heart recipient and Vietnam veteran, during their memorial services.



# MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

## RICK AND MISSY MAXEY

**Missy and Rick Maxey** now reside at #5 Loyola Lane, just left of the #17 green on Diamante Golf and Country Club. They were married in 2006 at Rick's Lake Tyler residence and horse farm and have since lived between Tyler, Texas, and Hot Springs.

Missy was born in Oregon, and her family moved to Hot Springs when she was 13 years old. They then moved to Asheville, North Carolina, where she finished 4 years of high school. Missy started working in real estate office management and then onto Hot Springs Title as a closer. After moving to Tyler, Texas, she also worked as a closer. While living in Hot Springs, Missy served as a judge in the Mrs. Arkansas Pageant and a consultant in the Miss Arkansas Pageant, judging pageant contestants for over 9 years. Missy is a golfer, loves to read, exercise, and enjoys watching their thoroughbred horses grow up and race in the three-state area including Oaklawn! Raising thoroughbreds at the farm back in Tyler and racing them at Oaklawn is the best!

Rick was born in Longview, Texas, and grew up in the oil and fuel business along with ranching and family golf, which was encouraged by his mom and dad. Rick's high school golf record was very modest until 1968 after watching Palmer and Nicklaus staring down each

other during the Byron Nelson Classic! In the next week, Rick won Class 3AAA Texas State Championship along with Tom Kite Class 4AAAA in Texas.

Rick's golf career at Stephen F. Austin State University included several tournament wins, concluding with All-American in 1971. Rick turned professional 2 years after college and has played professionally since 1975. He won the East Texas PGA Championship and the Waco Turner Open in the 1980s and the North Texas PGA Fina Senior tour Champion in 2000 and 2007. Rick has been very active in bringing the Texas State Open back to Cascades Country Club in Tyler, Texas, for the ninth time in 2020. ♦



*The Maxeys are very proud to be a small part of the Diamante Golf and Country Club and the entire Hot Springs Village family.*

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**I**t didn't take long for the Diamante members to make friends with one another while playing golf, enjoying an afternoon of playing bridge, or dining and dancing at the club. Since the members were proud of their club, they told others about Diamante and invited them to come share the fun. Membership in the Diamante family continued to grow. Happy reading!

- 1** Jim Rush won a new Ping putter in the drawing at the first annual Buyer's Club Christmas party on December 8, 1995. Members enjoyed wine, hors d'oeuvres, and bargains galore from the Proshop.
- 2** Diamante members partied from the start! The club's first New Year's Eve celebration was a semi-formal affair that featured heavy hors d'oeuvres, tantalizing desserts, party favors, beverages, a champagne toast at midnight, and breakfast. Attendees danced the night away until 1:00 AM to the music of Woodwork, a five-piece jazz band.
- 3** Early Diamante golf members enjoyed its wide fairways and generous rough areas without the bother of those pesky out-of-bounds stakes. That's right! For almost a year, a Diamante golfer never hit his or her ball out of bounds! The stakes were finally installed in late Spring of 1996.
- 4** March 26, 1996, marked the official beginning of the Diamante Women's Golf Association (WGA). Along with its President Doris Stofer, the members elected Vice President Joy Greenlee, Secretary Mary Foster, and Treasurer Gay Best.
- 5** When Diamante's Men's, Women's, and Couples' Golf Associations kicked off in April of 1996, the presidents elected by their respective associations were Roy Foster, Doris Stofer, and Ron and Barb Kohler. The MGA played Thursdays at 1:00 PM, the WGA chose Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, and the Couples played at 3:00 PM on Wednesdays.
- 6** Diamante's first annual Men's Member/Guest Tournament was held Saturday, April 27, (alternate shot format) and Sunday, April 28, (scramble format). The men enjoyed a pairings party Friday night and a 1:00 PM shotgun on both Saturday and Sunday. ♦

—Jeanne Godbold



# HURRICANE ETA

## Together, We Can Create Brighter Futures!

Show your community  
that you care by  
supporting a  
charitable clothing drive!



Recently, your DPOA Board learned that Hot Springs Village is home to several residents whose family members live in Honduras, which was recently hit by Hurricane Eta. For example, Karina Bonilla lives in HSV and works for several Diamante families, and Ashley and Madeleine Bonilla worked at Diamante Country Club during their school breaks. The extended Bonilla family lives in the Honduras village of La Lima Cortez, which was completely devastated—everything is gone. Although still standing, everything in the damaged home of Karina's mother is ruined or gone. The residents in this village, as well as the entire country, are too poor to recover on their own. **TOGETHER, WE CAN CREATE BRIGHTER FUTURES!**

Beginning Tuesday, December 1st, Diamante Country Club will set aside space in the cart barn for all donated items. Please join your neighbors, friends, and Club members by donating warm-weather clothing, kitchen items, first-aid supplies, and any other items stored in your over-flowing attic. Although bags will be provided, please feel free to bag your own items.

If you have questions, Rodney and David in the Proshop will have the answers.