

DPOA News & Events

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Diamante Property Owners Association

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 *Dear Neighbors!*

"My wife, Melissa, and I want to wish everyone at the Diamante Members Club and the active members of the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) a safe and healthy Happy New Year! It has been and continues to be such a blessing to live in Hot Springs Village and to be a member of the Diamante Members Club. As of June, we've lived in the Diamante community for 5 years. After moving here from Ardmore, Oklahoma, we have never looked back. When we go virtually anywhere in the Village, we greet people who continue to be excited to be a resident of Hot Springs Village.

During this past year, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of the DPOA Board of Directors. I want to thank all of the members of the DPOA Board for their hard work and dedication to making the Diamante neighborhoods look first class.

Alice Hinckley and Dennis Riordan will be leaving the Board at the end of this year. Fortunately, Janice Tarver, Nancy Webb, and Doug Zook are the new Board members who will begin to serve a 3-year term. I will continue to be responsible for maintaining my position until April, when

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Donna Fleharty will assume the responsibilities as the next President of the DPOA Board of Directors.

As we head into the new year, the DPOA Board looks forward to receiving all of the comments and suggestions from the active members of the DPOA and wants to thank each one of you for your continued support. ♦

—**Bob Walker, DPOA President**

Happy 2022!



As each DPOA Board Member ends his or her 3-year term, the number of contributed articles for the **DPOA News & Events** newsletter becomes fewer and fewer. As reported in last month's issue, we are inviting our readers to submit an article, with or without photos or illustrations, to be considered for inclusion in any future issue.

As the title of our newsletter suggests, articles should be about topics that would be of interest to our readers. Although the first-choice topics would normally provide news and events related to the Diamante neighborhoods and the Diamante Members Club, articles related to Hot Springs Village and the state of Arkansas would also be welcomed. In fact, we have already received a couple of articles! **Thanks!**

If you are interested in contributing an article for a future DPOA newsletter, please contact me, the editor of the **DPOA News & Events**, via e-mail. My contact information is provided in the box on the last page of this newsletter. ♦ —**Dana Peick**



Treasurer's Report

As of December 3, 2021

Membership

219 members representing
217 properties and
4 nonresident members
for a total of 221 dues paid
representing 267 eligible properties

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$14,189.96

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7,500.00

Total funds:

\$21,689.96

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

ALICE HINCKLEY



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.



The New Year Is on its Way, and the Possibilities Are Endless!

May the dawn of 2022 shine with the promise of a better tomorrow! May it bring new hopes, new aspirations, and a whole new beginning, during which each one of your lives can be filled with joyfulness, prosperity, and health-filled days.

Starting a new year is accepting a past that we cannot change, having an unrelenting conviction that the new year can be different, and expressing the stubborn wisdom to use the past to make the future New Year what the past was not.

Finally, we continue to recognize and welcome the many new club members and residents to Diamante, who have quickly become part of the Diamante family! ♦

—DPOA Board Members



Exterior Lights

New Additions Light Up the Diamante Entrance in Celebration of Christmas!

Yes!! Phil Tyree, Santa's helper and the DPOA Board member who is responsible for our exterior lights, personally and solely added to the beauty of our Christmas decorations. Phil added three strategically-placed deer and three lit trees on the left side of the Diamante Boulevard entrance. Wow! As usual, our entrance outshines (no pun intended) every other Village street. Thanks, Phil! ♦

—Dana Peick



Maintenance

Beautifying the Diamante Neighborhoods—Care at its BEST!

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who gave their time to help us with our DPOA projects in 2021. With your help and donations and the many volunteers, including Roy Marsh with his tractor, we cleared several lots, trimmed our crepe myrtles, kept our entrances and ditches mowed, spread mulch, sprayed our sign posts for mildew, and kept the leaves at bay...just to name a few of the projects that help keep our Diamante neighborhoods beautiful and inviting. Wow! Did we really do all of that? Yes, with an emphasis on the word, "we." Thank you for all of your help and support. I'm looking forward to a wonderful 2022 in paradise. We

hope you are enjoying the holiday and will have a happy and safe New Year! ♦ —Neil Phelan



Basic Home Target Hardening

Our Neighborhood Watch Program

Target hardening can range from the purchase of an elaborate alarm system with every possible type of monitor to buying a dog that announces the arrival of anyone at your door. Several techniques have been designed and are available to assist homeowners in protecting their property. These simple, cost-effective crime prevention methods include appropriate doors, locks, windows, lighting, exterior home appearance, alarms, and garages, as well as helpful hints that provide several categories to help ensure safety and security.



when in the locked position are recommended. Homeowners may also want to consider deadbolts with reinforced strike plates and extra-long mounting screws to anchor the lock. Finally, if there is a change in home ownership, all locks should be immediately changed to avoid the possibility

that extra keys to the house may be in the hands of unknown individuals. High-quality security locks are available at most major market retailers and hardware stores.

Assessing Your Home

Begin your home burglary risk assessment at your front door, and work your way around your house or apartment. Start at the entryway and observe the door, locks, nearby windows, entry-area lighting, and the external appearance, as well as other features such as whether an alarm system is present. Next, move counterclockwise around to the side and back of your residence where you may encounter a garage, shed, or other areas that need to be secured.

Doors

Your front door is the primary point of entry for many burglars and should be the first item to inspect. Hollow-core or poorly fitting doors can mean trouble, as well as front doors that are not equipped with proper deadbolt locks that are at least one inch thick. All exterior doors should be metal or solid wood and have strong door hinges on the inside of the door with hidden or nonremovable pins. Police officers recommend that homeowners install good-quality deadbolt locks on all exterior doors and on any doors that open to attached garages. Installing strong, reliable deadbolt locks that extend at least one inch

Windows

Windows are the next most-used access points, yet they are often overlooked by both law enforcement and citizens alike. Windows can be broken, pried open, or lifted from their tracks, or they can have their panes removed by thieves. Importantly, windows should have locks on them. Although placing nails or pins in double-hung windows can be a fire hazard, it can also provide extra security when away. You may want to ask a professional window expert to come out and talk to you about the security of your windows or to learn what you can do to make your windows more secure.

Lighting

Although lighting is often considered decorative, a well-lit house can also expose individuals who are attempting to conceal themselves and commit criminal acts. Police officers should discuss the use of both interior and exterior lighting. A lighting audit should be completed after dark to ensure that you are evaluating artificial illumination and not daylight. At least two people will need to work together so that you can check for things such as color recognition and identification. Working in pairs is also a good



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idea for reasons of personal safety. In areas less lit at night, motion detector lighting or sensor lights might be considered.

Garages

When it comes to security, the garage is one area of the home that is commonly overlooked. Many garages have electronic garage door openers that give the homeowner a false sense of security. Another often-ignored element of the garage is the door that connects the garage to the house. If this door is not kept secure, then anyone entering the garage can enter the house. To increase the security of both the garage and house, residents should always lock the doors connecting a home to an attached garage. They should not rely on an automatic garage door opener for security. When at home, homeowners should always park their cars in the garage with the garage door shut. If a burglar notices a pattern, during which the garage door is left open or cars are normally parked in the driveway whenever someone is home, then a closed garage door and/or no cars in the driveway might be a hint that no one is at home. Consistently leaving the cars in the garage behind closed doors will keep you from tipping off a burglar that your home is unoccupied. In addition, leaving the garage door open allows strangers to see whatever belongings are stored in the garage. Installing automatic openers that allow homeowners to stay in their cars until safely parked in the garage is a good idea.

Exterior Appearances

Ensuring that the trees and bushes are trimmed and do not provide a secluded shelter for a robber is important. Techniques that also maintain the exterior appearance and, more importantly, improve the security of the property may include the following:

- ★ Fences, walkways, and shrubs to direct visitor access;
- ★ Limited entry that calls attention to individuals who have deviated from the designated pathway;

- ★ Thorny bushes planted around windows to make illegal entry more difficult;
- ★ Trimmed shrubs and trees that could conceal criminals;
- ★ Cut tree limbs that might otherwise allow thieves to climb into windows; and
- ★ Landscaping designs that provide maximum visibility to and from the house.

Alarms

The mere presence of some alarm systems may deter potential burglars. Alarm company signs placed in the yard, stickers on the windows, and visible contacts or keypads are often enough to cause the average burglar to think twice before trying to break in. Since burglary is a crime of opportunity, a potential thief may decide to move on to a location that does not have an alarm system. Many types of alarm systems are on the market and include monitored, nonmonitored, audible, wireless, sound-based, and motion-based, among other types of systems. In many jurisdictions, alarm permits must be purchased, and there may be penalties for false alarms. The purchase of an alarm system and its accompanying service or monitoring fees can be a major financial commitment and is one that should be thoroughly researched by the homeowner.

Property List

Making a list of your property, including CDs, DVDs, videos, and all collectible items, is a good idea and should be kept in a safe place. A list saved on the computer is no good if the burglars steal the computer too! People should take photos of expensive items, such as jewelry, and fill in a "Personal Property Inventory Form" (available through the Neighborhood Watch Program and is provided on page 7 of this newsletter) to help officers return any recovered property. Finally, maintaining current and adequate insurance coverage is not only very important, but it is imperative. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert



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PERSONAL PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION RECORD

FOR _____
 Name Address Telephone Number

If you are a victim of a burglary, knowing the serial numbers of the items stolen or damaged is important. Without positive identification made possible by a serial number or a unique number that you may have engraved on your property, you may not be able to prove you are the rightful owner if the item is recovered. In addition, having an up-to-date record of your valuables will make it easier to report missing items to insurance companies for replacement.

Take a few minutes to record the description, serial numbers, and value of those items that are most likely to be stolen. Many such items are listed on this form. You should also take photographs, especially of jewelry, silver, paintings, and antiques. Keep your property record and pictures safe, along with insurance papers or in a safe-deposit box of your local bank. Use the reverse side if more room is needed.

Credit and Debit Cards

COMPANY	CARD NUMBER	COMPANY	CARD NUMBER

Household and Personal Items

MAKE	BRAND NAME	MODEL NUMBER	SERIAL NUMBER	\$ VALUE
Television				
Television				
Television				
Compact disk (CD) player				
Digital versatile disk (DVD) player				
Stereo				
MP3 player				
Microwave				
Computer				
Computer tablet				
Printer				
Watch (jewelry)				
Rings (jewelry)				
Camera				
Video camera				
Mobile telephone				

Automobiles, Motorcycles, All-Terrain Vehicles, Bicycles, Golf Carts, and Other Items

MAKE	YEAR	MODEL	SERIAL NUMBER	LICENSE & STATE	\$ VALUE



Scott Adams

Head Golf Professional

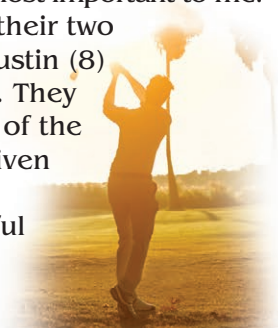
Scott Adams has been around the game of golf his entire life. As the son of a Golf Professional/Superintendent, he held a golf club in his hands before he could walk. Scott grew up playing golf at Webb Hill Country Club in Greenville, Texas, and lettered on his high school golf team all 4 years, serving as the Team Captain during his senior year. "After high school, I decided to make golf my career and achieved my Class A PGA Professional certification in 2005."



Scott has worked with players of all skill levels—from beginners to touring professionals. He has gained priceless experience serving as a Golf Professional for both 18- and 36-hole golf operations, including, most recently, the golf responsibilities at Ridglea Country Club. "I have organized countless tournaments, events, and clinics throughout my career, but, by far, the relationships that I have formed—through golf—are the most important to me."

As a PGA Professional, Scott is committed to help grow the game he loves by helping people play their best. "I have had the opportunity to work with several great instructors during my career and have developed my own philosophy, which is designed to help people have fun and to get the most out of their game."

Scott, his wife Angie, and their two daughters, Dillon (13) and Austin (8) are living in the Benton area. They are very excited to be a part of the Diamante family and to be given the opportunity to make such a beautiful part of the country their new home! ♦



Success Is Never Accidental!

When I consult *Webster's Dictionary* and look up the words loyal, dedicated, devoted, and dyed-in-the-wool, I see a picture of John and Sylvia Matthews. As the DPOA President this year, I have contacted Sylvia Matthews many times on issues concerning the DPOA! Sylvia and John, together, are a great inspiration to me and to my wife, Melissa, because of their never-ending dedication to make the Diamante Members Club a cut above the rest. Thank you, John and Sylvia. ♦ **—Bob Walker**



John and Sylvia Matthews continue to work tirelessly for the betterment of the Diamante Members Club and the Diamante community. During my terms as the DPOA President, Sylvia was my trusted mentor. Her opinions and advice were invaluable. They have both worked innumerable hours to ensure that our club and community are the best they can be. I salute both Sylvia and John. ♦ **—Tom Ellers**



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Did you know that the Diamante Members Club celebrated its 4th anniversary on December 19th? Diamante officially became a member-owned club in 2017. Until a "Happy 5th Birthday Bash" can be held in 2022, let's look back at a few "Diamante Daze" parties commemorating the club's original opening day, June 24, 1995. Happy reading!

1 1999—4th anniversary: Winners of the golf scramble were Cliff and Pat Caldwell and Frank and Tim Godbold—1st Flight; Jeanne Godbold and Jimmy Johnson (on #15) and Dean Patton and Lou Wilson—2nd Flight; Liz Burks and Gene Little and Bobby and Norma Franklin—3rd Flight; Paul and Patty Day and Al and Luci Little—4th Flight. The shootout winners were Howie and Bev Watson—1st Flight; Barry Stewart and Carol Schramm—2nd Flight; Joe and Jan Schaefer—3rd Flight. Mike Porter won the putting contest, and Dean Moffitt took home the chipping contest honors.

2 2000—5th anniversary: Winners of the golf scramble were Frank and Tim Godbold and John and Jackie Paul—1st Flight; Dwayne and Marcia Ballew and Don and Liz Cooner—2nd Flight; Jimmy Johnson (on #15) and Sandy Kickhoefer and Ben and Teresa White—3rd Flight. Winning the Shootout were Craig Hennesey and Tom Conner—1st Flight; Danny Snyder and Jack Hartman—2nd Flight; Merle and Linda Singletery—3rd Flight; Woody White and Lou Wilson—4th Flight. Frank and Tim Godbold won the chipping contest, and Bill Gray and Charlie Johnson took home the putting contest title. Bridge tournament winners were Toni Wallace—1st Place; Beverly Wallace—2nd Place; Voncel Haggard—3rd Place.

3 2001—6th anniversary: Winners of the golf scramble were Frank and Jeanne Godbold and John and Jackie Paul—1st Flight; Rex and Loretta Brewer and John and Jeane Stewart—2nd Flight; Les and Mary Lee Willis and Don and Sandy Hopkins—3rd Flight; Bill Wood and Joyce Luenemann and Reed Griffin and Sally Hampton—4th Flight; Jan Fjeld-Hansen and Dave Hampton and Jimmy Johnson (on #15) and Dean Patton—5th Flight; Jock MacMorran and Dave Nord and Joe Schaefer and Dave Widdifield—6th Flight.

Let's all look forward to our 5th birthday bash in 2022! ♦ **—Jeanne Godbold**

