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Dear Neighbors!

Thank you to all who have supported our efforts to provide you with an updated DPOA Member Directory. You should have received your electronic copy earlier this month. By the time you read this message, the hard-copy Directory will be available for those who have ordered one. As you peruse the Directory, you will note a handful of new names. This is great news as the Diamante Members Club (DMC) and the Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) continue to grow. Our outlook is healthy, and the 24th of June represented the Club's 25th anniversary! Be proud of what we all have accomplished!

We are close to reinitiating the Welcome Basket Program for new members. DPOA board volunteers will be knocking on their doors, hopefully within the next couple of weeks.

The DPOA Board continues to assess and budget several new projects with the goal of increasing Diamante property sales, value, and neighborhood and Club pride. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



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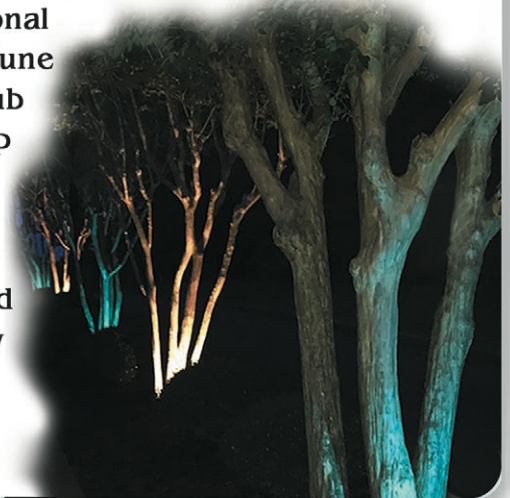
Exterior Lights
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Exterior Lights

In Celebration of "Living the Good Life!"

During the month of June, we have always celebrated Flag Day and Father's Day with lights on Diamante Boulevard. This year, we had an additional occasion to celebrate. On June 24th, Diamante Country Club turned 25 years old! To help observe this day, blue and white lights were used in recognition of Diamante's 25 years of "Living the Good Life!" It looks like June now has three important dates to acknowledge! ♦

—Phil Tyree



Treasurer's Report

as of June 11, 2020

Membership Count: 211

Funds Available for Use: \$18,780.00

Reserve (emergency fund): \$7,500.00

ALICE HINCKLEY

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

Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program provides important benefits to our residents. For example, our program:

- **Reduces the risk of becoming a victim of crime.** Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program reduces the risks of home burglaries, vandalism, personal assault, and fraud. We are taught to take preventative measures to substantially decrease the likelihood of becoming a victim of crime.
- **Makes our residents better prepared to respond to suspicious activity.** Communication between our residents and the police is crucial, and we have learned how to identify and report suspicious activity, as well as provide information that helps the police resolve an issue.
- **Provides information that affects our neighborhood.** Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program is designed to keep us apprised of the trends in criminal activity, which helps us prevent crime from occurring in our neighborhood.
- **Posts Neighborhood Watch Crime signs.** Criminals know that if a community has posted a Neighborhood Crime Watch sign, then it will not be an easy target. In addition, signs give notice that our residents are organized, will not tolerate criminal activity, and have safeguards in place that will detect both criminal and suspicious activities.
- **Increases knowledge of our neighbors.** Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program promotes getting to know our neighbors and their patterns. We are more aware of



an activity that does not fit with a regular schedule. When you are away, you can be more secure about your property.

- **Reduces the fear of crime,** which makes our neighborhood more livable. Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program increases the number of arrests and convictions by serving as a conduit between law enforcement and our residents.
- **Allows other areas of concern to be addressed.** Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program offers our residents the means to address other issues that concern our neighborhood, such as fire prevention.

With the above list of benefits and safeguards made possible by our Neighborhood Crime Watch program, we are still in need of Block Captains for the following streets:

Alcazaba Way, blocks 1–13
 Alhaja Way, blocks 1–11
 Alhaja Way, blocks 12–14, all of block 18
 Alhaja Lane, blocks 1–11
 Darro Way, blocks 1–18
 Estado Circle, blocks 1–16
 Loyola Circle, blocks 1–14, all of block 5
 Loyola Drive, block 1–16
 Loyola Lane, blocks 29–38
 Loyola Place, blocks 1–15
 Morro Place, blocks 1–5
 Morro Way, blocks 20–31

If you are interested in serving as a Block Captain for our Neighborhood Crime Watch program, please contact me, Heidi Hilbert, at hhilbert@eicc.edu. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Maintenance

...and the Work Goes On!

In the past year, we organized several work details to “put a little shine” on the entrance of Country Club Drive. These details were typically scheduled around special events such as the Classic, the UALR Ladies tournament, and anytime a cleanup was necessary. In late spring, Hap Peterson believed the appearance was such that a work detail should be called. In response, I thought, perhaps an alternative plan might be more productive in the long term and on a continual basis. Therefore, with the help of Danny, my canine pal, we decided to try a little experiment. The concept was to stop one time on the way in and one time on the way out to pick up limbs and trash. I discussed the idea with Hap, and within a week all the big items were gone. We threw the limbs and sticks into the surrounding woods and carried any trash to club containers.

This idea has been super easy. No one gets tired, hot, or sweaty! I now plan to carry a 5-gallon bucket and yard grabber once a week to retrieve smaller items, such as pine cones, among other small elements. If everyone driving a golf cart would occasionally stop and pick up a few limbs, sticks, and trash, then the appearance of Country Club Drive will be dramatically enhanced on a day-to-day basis. Your help is respectfully solicited. ♦

—David Dolstein



The HSV POA completed Diamante's ditch mowing this month. The HSV POA mows our ditches twice a year—in the spring and in the fall. The DPOA has budgeted and contracted Casey Sheppard for two additional mowings during the summer months. ♦

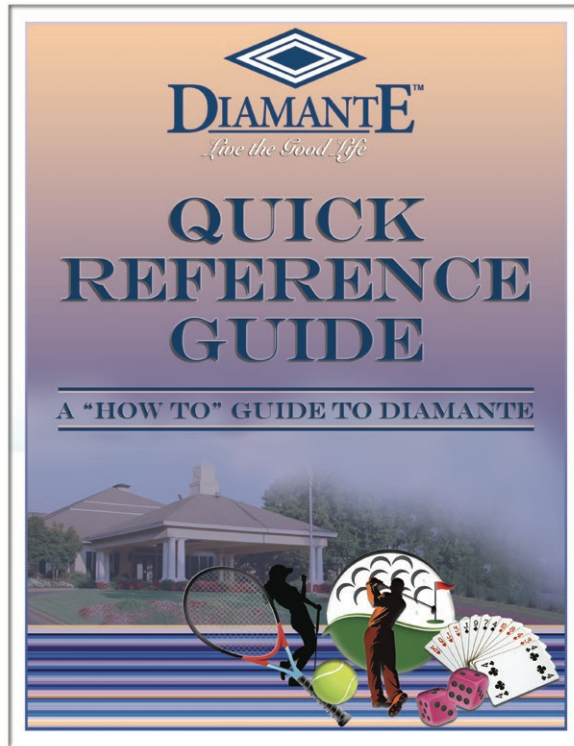
Diamante's QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE

How to "Live the Good Life!"

The Membership Committee of the Diamante Members Club is creating a *Quick Reference Guide*. The goal will be to provide answers to many of the "how to" questions that both established and new members periodically ask. This guide is intended to be a "living document" that will assist the members by providing direction, access, contacts, and/or links to Club-related organizations and activities. For example:

HOW DO I...

- Join any one of a variety of organized social groups?
- Access an events calendar for social-, golf-, and tennis-related activities?
- Reserve a tennis court during and after hours?
- Get access to the swimming pool or organize a private pool party?
- Pay guest fees for a round of golf or to play tennis?
- Make dining reservations or organize a social event?
- Take advantage of golf- and tennis-players developmental programs?
- Schedule golf lessons with one of the golf pros?
- Schedule tennis lessons and drills with the tennis pro?



- Book golf tee times or join a golf-related organization:
 - ❖ Men's Golf Association (MGA)
 - ❖ Women's Golf Association (WGA 9 Holes)
 - ❖ Women's Golf Association (WGA 18 Holes)
 - ❖ Guys and Dolls (couples' activities and events)

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's new. The Members Only site offers a wealth of information and is frequently updated. Any suggested changes should be sent via e-mail to the General Manager, John Richeson, at jricheson@kempersports.com. ♦ **—Jen Stout**

Visit the Members Only screen on the Diamante website—https://www.diamantecc.com/members_log-in

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

JANICE AND JESS STEPHENS

Janice and Jess have been coming to Hot Springs Village for many years to visit members of Jess's family, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Pam Sullivan, and to play golf with Aunt Pam. "We have always known that Hot Springs Village was the community to which we wanted to retire, once that day came. Well...we finally permanently made it here and moved into our 'perfect' Diamante home in December of 2019."

Janice and Jess have been married for 17 years, and together they have two sons—Jordan Galaviz and Mat Stephens—and daughter-in-law, Lauren Stephens. Together they also have two daughters—Megan Galaviz and Margaret Bronk—and son-in-law, Karl Bronk. They also have an amazing grandson, Harrison Bronk, and hope to soon welcome son-in-law, Clint York, as the future husband of Megan Galaviz. Their four children are from previous marriages and are spread out across the 48 contiguous states in Texas, Alabama, and California.

Janice and Jess met in Kilgore, Texas, in 2000, and the rest, as they say, is history. Jess retired from Lufkin Industries/GE Oil and Gas, and Janice, after 25 years, retired from General Dynamics.

Both Jess and Janice love playing golf, spending time together, and visiting their children and grandson when they are able. Both are members of Mountainside Methodist Church.

"Everyone here has made us feel so welcomed, and we are happy to be part of the beautiful Diamante Country Club family and are enjoying all of our wonderful new friends. We love to entertain and to meet new people, so you are invited to come on by for a glass of Texas wine, which we always have on hand.

CHEERS!" ♦



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20 FACTS ABOUT THE AMERICAN FLAG

- 1 Pennsylvania is the only state that observes Flag Day as a state holiday.
- 2 The flag has been changed 27 times. In 1960, the 50th star was added when Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation adding Hawaii as the 50th state.
- 3 According to the Flag Code, the American flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset.
- 4 The flag should not be flown at night without shining a light on it.
- 5 After its adoption, the first time the American flag was flown was in Rome, New York, on August 3, 1777.
- 6 Francis Hopkinson was the designer of the American flag and a signer from New Jersey of the Declaration of Independence.
- 7 Betsy Ross was an American upholsterer who has been credited with sewing the first American flag.
- 8 There are six American flags on the moon. Five of the flags are still standing, but the flag planted in the moon's soil by Neil Armstrong fell over in 1969.
- 9 The American flag should not be flown in the rain or during inclement weather.
- 10 After a tragedy or the death of a principal figure of the United States or of others, as a mark of respect to their memory, the American flag is flown at half-staff. The phrase is called "half-staff" for flags on land and "half-mast" for flags on ships or naval bases.
- 11 When an American flag is old and/or has seen better days, it is time to retire it. Old flags should be burned or buried.
- 12 The Flag Code bans the use of the American flag as clothing. For example, the flag cannot be used on USA T-shirts, bandannas, or swim wear, among other clothing.
- 13 An individual who studies flags is called a *vexillologist*, which is from the Latin term, *vexillum*—meaning a square flag or banner from the ancient Roman cavalry!
- 14 The colors of the flag have meaning. **Red** stands for hardiness and valor. **White** symbolizes purity and innocence. **Blue** represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.
- 15 An American flag should never touch the floor or the ground.
- 16 When displayed on a wall or window, the blue field should be in the upper left corner.
- 17 The military folds the flag with 13 folds. Each fold has a symbolic meaning.
- 18 Fifty flags fly 24 hours a day around the Washington monument.
- 19 Ninety-five percent (95%) of the American flags are made in the United States of America.
- 20 The American flag always flies at the top of a staff above any other flag. ♦

—Dennis Riordan

