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Dear Neighbors!

The much anticipated solar eclipse cast darkness across a narrow swath of the United States on Monday, April 8, 2024. A total solar eclipse is pretty rare, in fact it's estimated that only 1 in 10,000 people ever experience one. The Diamante community gathered at the clubhouse for this specular event and on pages four and five several photos are shared in this newsletter. The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) wishes to thank the many volunteers that helped make this event possible; Colt and the Old 45s, Joe Stafford, Connie Vaden, Lori McGhee, and Robin Persson. Special thank you to our sponsors Village Hearing Clinic and Trademark HSV Real Estate for their financial support.

One upcoming event is the **DPOA Cocktail Party Fundraiser** on **Saturday, July 20, 2024, from 4 to 6 pm**. This event will be hosted by both the DPOA and the Couple's Golf group and will conduct a silent auction and door prizes that will benefit future DPOA projects. Please join us for an early evening of fun, bidding, and making a difference. More information and the event's registration form will follow in next month's newsletter. The DPOA dedicated dollars, time, and spirit to making the best financial decisions that provide value for our properties. We are working to determine which projects are feasible this fiscal year. If you want the DPOA to consider a project, please send an e-mail message to one of the DPOA Board members.

Finally, I want to thank all the DPOA members and their guests who attended this year's Solar Bration, and I want to also recognize the tireless work of the Diamante staff for the solar themed buffet, which kept everybody happy! A special thank you to Doug Zook, Solar Bration chairman, for his vision, leadership, and exception effort in making this event truly memorable.

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



Talking Points

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Update Your Outdoor Space for Spring

Spring is an excellent season for spending more time outdoors. If your home has a sizable outdoor space, that's even better.

A patio or yard presents so many opportunities. You can play with your grandkids or pets, invite the neighbors over for a cookout, or simply relax and enjoy the weather as it warms.



Before you do all of that, though, you should think about updating your outdoor space. Need help getting ready for spring?

Below are a few ideas:

Install string lights. Give your deck or patio some ambience while also adding functionality. You can hang out and chat with neighbors long after the sun goes down, and string lights look great during the daytime, too.

Refinish your deck. If you've had your wooden deck for a while, it may look pretty worn down, especially if you live somewhere with harsh weather. Refinishing it and adding a new coat of stain is a good way to give it a facelift.

Add elements of an outdoor kitchen. Full-on outdoor kitchens are trendy, but they can be expensive to install. For a more affordable option, consider adding a few small elements, like a high-end grill or a small pizza oven. These are great to have if you like to entertain.

Invest in some yard games. Having a bocce or ladder ball set can keep grandkids and adults busy in the yard. You could also build a mini putting green for more recreational options.

Upgrade your seating. Outdoor furniture that's been in the elements for a while is likely in rough shape. You could get new furniture — maybe a multifunctional sectional or an outdoor dining set.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 21, 2024

Membership

As of April 21, 2024,
161 members paid \$13,920 in
DPOA dues and additional contributions.

Fund Balances

Funds available for operations:

\$10, 448

Reserve (emergency) funds:

\$7, 500

Total funds:

\$17, 948

If you have not received your invoice, please send your payment of \$80 payable to DPOA to:

Ford Williams
8 Aventura Trace
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

Email: ford.williams@me.com

Note: DPOA dues are voluntary and are not tax deductible.

Thank You to the Solar Bration Sponsors

Village Hearing Clinic (Marilyn and Neil Phelan)

Trademark HSV Real Estate (Laurie and Ken Henderson)

Administrative Note

We have made an effort to insure all recorded DPOA members and their spouses are on the distribution list for our DPOA Newsletter. If your spouse did not receive a newsletter, please send an email to the TrustyScribe@att.net with the name and email address to be added.

If your neighbor says they didn't receive, DPOA Newsletter, let them know they should inform us as above. If you wish to be removed from the distribution list, have an email address change, whatever, please let us know. Even a suggestion or two as a property owner is welcomed.

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Newsletter Editor

UPDATE: Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

Do neighborhood watch signs help deter crime? In addition to allaying the fears of residents and building a stronger community bond, did you know that neighborhood watch signs convey the presence of a security system and warn potential criminals about the high likelihood of being reported and caught? These signs discourage miscreants by communicating an active community and police engagement. The Diamante Property Owners Association is seriously considering adding additional signs to several areas to increase the presence of our Neighborhood Crime Watch community awareness.

According to the results of 18 research projects that studied the relationship between crime reduction and citizen-policing programs, there was a 16% decrease in crime in communities with

a neighborhood crime watch program when compared with the areas that did not have such a program.

Although our program is a good way to keep our Diamante neighborhood safe, it does not guarantee complete security. Unfortunately, the chance of a crime occurring is still present. Whenever a crime does occur in our neighborhood, no one should intervene. First, the incident should be immediately reported to the authorities, who are prepared to handle the matter in a lawful and accepted way. The resident should then inform his or her neighborhood watch Block Captain of the incident.

The DPOA will be sending out another request for Block Captains for specific blocks and lots that are not yet covered in our program. ♦ *—Heidi Hilbert*

Save the Date

Couples Golf and DPOA Cocktail Party

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Volunteers . . . The Heart of Our Community

All readers are invited to consider volunteering for one of the vacant position on the DPOA Board of Directors.

Newsletter Editor: The editor of this newsletter is responsible for soliciting materials to be published; determining the features of publication; setting deadlines; making a final determination about what will be published in an issue; and coordinating the frequency of the monthly publication.

Overshadowed by Beauty — Solar Bration

The DPOA 2024 Solar Bration eclipse party was a celestial success. Friends and neighbors, along with their guests, enjoyed celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime event together. At the precise moment, with perfect weather, the first sliver of the moon began to encroach upon the sun, casting a mesmerizing shadow over Diamante. As the moon gradually obscured more of the sun during the eclipse, a subtle transformation gripped the landscape. The once bright and vibrant daylight began to dim, casting an otherworldly hue over the surroundings. Shadows deepened, and colors took on a surreal quality.

As the moon advanced, nearing the point of complete totality, the dimming intensified, the air grew cooler, and a hushed silence settled over the gathered crowd waiting for totality. Then, just moments before totality, a phenomenon known as the diamond ring effect manifested. A single, brilliant point of light emerged along the edge of the moon's silhouette, resembling a glittering diamond set against a velvety black backdrop. It was a breathtaking sight that momentarily stole the breath of everyone.

If that was not enough, we could also clearly see Jupiter and Venus on either side of the eclipsed sun. But the spectacle didn't end there. As the last vestiges of sunlight were obscured by the moon, a series of shimmering beads of light, known as Bailey's Beads, appeared along the moon's edge. These fleeting pearls of brightness danced and shimmered for 3 minutes and 53 seconds over Diamante, and can be seen in the photograph taken by Carl Harsch.

The diamond ring and Bailey's Beads were a testament to the grandeur and majesty of the cosmos. They were fleeting yet unforgettable reminders of the delicate dance between Earth, moon, and sun. — **Doug Zook**



Nature's Blackout Party





DPOA

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The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly, and after the April issue, will be sent only to dues-paying DPOA members. On page 8, is the DPOA dues form which can be sent to Ford Williams, at 8 Aventura Trace, Hot Springs Village, AR 71909. If you have questions, need information, or would like to submit an article of interest, please contact the president, Heidi Hilbert, or one of the DPOA Board members.



Diamante Property Owners Association -- 2024 Dues Invoice

Property Owner Information:

First Name	
Last Name	
Preferred Email Address	
Mailing Address – Street	
Mailing Address – City, State, Zip	
Diamante Property Address if Different	

Dues Information:

Annual Dues	\$80.00
Additional Contribution	
Total Paid	

Please complete this form and send it with your check payable to “DPOA” to:

Ford Williams
DPOA Treasurer
8 Aventura Trace
Hot Springs Village, AR 71909

ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS! (AND THOSE WITH CHANGES!)

If you wish to be included in the 2024 DPOA Directory, please remember to send your updated contact information and photos to Sylvia Matthews at hotexans@att.net