

Official Newsletter from Your Diamante Property Owners Association

January 2026

Dear Neighbors!

Happy New Year from the DPOA! As we head into the new year, we have one change on our board. I would like to express my gratitude to Jim Baker for his significant involvement and the leadership he provided to the DPOA. As a board member, he selflessly dedicated his time to support and enhance our organization, shaping it into what it is today. Thank you, Jim, for your service; you will be greatly missed. Carol Bodge will now take on the role of DMC liaison.

The mailbox contest and participation from the Diamante neighborhood exceeded our expectations, especially since it was our first year. However, the cookie exchange did not meet our anticipated level of participation. We distributed cookies to numerous Diamante members to spread Christmas cheer to them. Again, thank you to everyone who participated.

Looking ahead, the DPOA is organizing a picnic for late May or early June, along with an additional fundraiser. We will be examining our bylaws in February. Jeanne Ballard has been delivering welcome baskets to many new property owners. If you have recently moved into Diamante and have not received a welcome basket from the DPOA, please let us know.

Finally, the DPOA would like to express our gratitude to all of the members for their ongoing support, which includes both financial contributions and volunteering their time throughout the year. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. The annual dues membership invoice for 2026 is in this newsletter

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



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The strength of our Diamante friends and neighbors, together, can make a difference. Without you...the DPOA cannot do what it needs to do!

Mailbox Winners

Please go to pages 6 and 7 and view the photos of the winners of the mailbox contest.

Top row on the left: Jackie and John Paul, 12 Loyola Circle

Top row on the right: Paula and Johnny Hibbs, 32 Loyola Drive

Bottom row on the left: Bruce Cox and Craig Staley, 5 Princesa Lane

Bottom row on the right: Sylvia and John Matthews, 18 Loyola Circle

Top row on the left: Kim and Scott Finnell, 32 Princesa Drive

Top row on the right: Robin and David Persson, 20 Darro Way

Bottom row on the left: Marilyn and Neil Phelan, 11 Loyola Lane

Bottom row on right: Maeva and Bill Kleinschmidt, 27 Loyola Drive

Photo unavailable, Nicki and Jim Baker, 23 Loyola Drive



Mailbox Decorating Contest

The DPOA thanks everyone that participated. You are all winners in our eyes. Decorating your mailbox at Christmas is important because it boosts curb appeal, spreads neighborhood cheer and fosters a sense of community. It also creates a welcoming, festive atmosphere for visitors and delivery people and is a simple way to share holiday spirit beyond your home's walls, making your property more inviting and memorable, and it's often seen as a sign of friendliness.

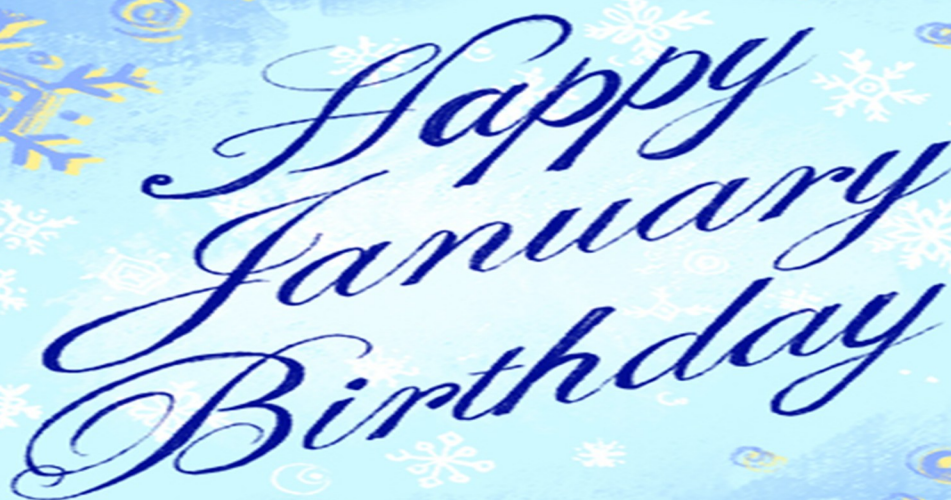
The DPOA News & Events newsletter is published monthly, and will be sent to all property owners. On page 12, is the DPOA dues form which can be mailed to:

Ford Williams

8 Aventura Trace

Hot Springs Village, AR 71909





Happy January Birthday

Jane Wilson	January 1	Mary Ellen Laursen	January 17
Sherry Lux	January 4	Shane Buss	January 20
John Sutey	January 5	Dean Link	January 20
Brenda Vadner	January 5	Michael Walls	January 20
Mark Shinabery	January 5	Mary Ann Wood	January 21
Dave Beed	January 7	Carol Bodge	January 23
Kathy Link	January 8	John Paul	January 24
Kay Tyree	January 8	Barbara Clark	January 27
Gary Vadner	January 8	Frank Godbold	January 28
Richard Wood	January 11	Iliana DeRemer	January 28
Kay Novak	January 12	Steve Boynton	January 28
Jeanne Godbold	January 13	Don Brady	January 29
David Jacques	January 13	Jon Hoffman	January 29
Brian Jenks	January 13	Jeff Carden	January 30
Brandi Masopust	January 13	Tonya Economon	January 30
Graham Parham	January 14	Diane Paoli	January 30
Beverly Thompson	January 14	Craig Staley	January 30
Jeff Carr	January 15	Bob Walker	January 30
Dina Clements	January 17		

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A winter-themed poster for a 'Beat the Winter Blues' event. The background is dark blue with white snowflakes and stylized white trees. The text is in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'PLEASE JOIN US'. The main title is 'Beat the Winter Blues' in a large, cursive font. Below that, it says 'FEATURING LIVE MUSIC BY LEI & JOHN'. In the center, there is a logo for 'DIAMANTE Live the Good Life' with a diamond shape above the word 'DIAMANTE'. Below the logo, the date and time are listed: 'JANUARY 29, 2026 - 4PM TO 6PM'. A paragraph of text describes the event: 'Shake those winter blues! Discounted bar drinks, and a \$5.00 appetizer which includes a mini crab cake with lemon aioli, a goat cheese mini tartlet, & a beef tenderloin crostini!'. At the bottom, it says 'RSVP 501.922.1114'.

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, the 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.

"I have a dream!"

Martin Luther King Jr.
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



The fight to make the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. a holiday took over 32 years. A lot of campaigning, along with the assistance of Stevie Wonder, Ted Kennedy, and the National Football League (NFL) helped make it happen. King's birthday was finally approved as a federal holiday in 1983, and the last of the 50 states made it a statewide holiday in 2000.

After King's death in 1968, supporters pushed Congress to create a federal holiday. Representative John Conyers first introduced the motion only 4 days after King's assassination. It took another 11 years for the federal holiday to be voted on in the House of Representatives. The bill needed a two-thirds majority to pass. Despite strong efforts from the King Center, members of Congress, and President Jimmy Carter, it was defeated.

The holiday's supporters regrouped and intensified their efforts. In 1981, the King Center kept up its efforts by organizing a march on Washington that included an estimated 500,000 people. Coretta Scott King, along with Stevie Wonder, presented a petition signed by 6 million people to Tip O'Neill, the majority leader in the House

of Representatives. The House took up the bill in 1983, and it passed by 53 votes. Democrats Tip O'Neill and Jim Wright, along with Republicans, Jack Kemp and Newt Gingrich, gave speeches in support of the King holiday.

Passing the bill in the House was easy, compared with the Senate. Senator Jesse Helms of North Carolina openly opposed it. At first, Helms introduced a filibuster, and then he presented a 400-page file that accused King of being a communist. Despite Helms' opposition, the bill passed the Senate by 12 votes. Even South Carolina's Senator Strom Thurmond voted in favor of the King holiday. President Ronald Reagan signed the bill in November 1983, and the first federal King holiday was celebrated in 1986.

A second battle took place to get each individual state to recognize the holiday. For example, the state of Arkansas made Martin Luther King's birthday a statewide holiday in 1983, but, with emotional disagreements, 17 states did not recognize the holiday until 1986. There was strong resistance in Arizona. The fight between the Arizona's state legislators came to a head in

November 1990. Entertainers started boycotting the state in protest, and the NFL threatened to move the 1993 Super Bowl from Tempe if the holiday was defeated at the polls. The King holiday lost in a two-part voter referendum, and the NFL made good on its threat, taking the Super Bowl to Southern California, which cost the state of Arizona an estimated \$500 million in revenue. Arizona voters approved the King holiday 2 years later.

There was also a fight in South Carolina. It was one of the last states to approve a paid-holiday for state employees in 2000. The state's governor tried to link the holiday to a commitment to allow the state house to fly the Confederate battle flag. Instead, he signed a bill that approved the King holiday along with a Confederate Memorial Day celebrated in May.

Today, the King holiday is celebrated every year on the third Monday in January and serves multiple purposes. It honors the total legacy of King, focuses on the issue of civil rights, highlights the use of nonviolence to promote change, and calls people into public service. ♦

—Heidi Hilbert

Mailbox Contest

12
Loyola
Circle



32 Loyola Drive



5 Princessa
Lane



18
Loyola
Circle



Mailbox Contest

32
Princesa
Drive



20 Darro
Way



Text

11
Loyola Lane



Text

27
Loyola Drive



Two of Our Many Helpers



Garrett Kleinschmidt and Jim Fulton hanging garland

On Monday, December 8th, Diamante members decorated the Diamante entrances with lights, garland, deer figurines, ribbons, bows, and of course Santa's sleigh. It was a brisk morning, and the workers did a great job, which should make Diamante residents proud. A special "thank you" to John Matthews and David Paul who set up the lighted tree. Those who volunteered to make this

year special are Randy Bergfield, Jim Bodge, Jim Fulton, Bruce Gasaway, Greg Hilbert, Roy Hopkinson, Keith Hughes, Bill Kleinschmidt, Garrett Kleinschmidt, Kevin McMillan Don Quant, Greg Reese, Mark Ryan, Chuck Stofer, John Sutey, Phil Tyree, and Doug Zook.

Exterior Lights

Our Friends Made the Season Bright!



Diamante Christmas Party 2025



Left to right Suzanne Stofer, Annie Dethardt, Kay Butterworth, and Heidi Hilbert



Carol and Jim Bodge



Susan Anderson and guest



Left to right Rob Bowers, Carolyn Bowers, Marilyn Phelan, Neil Phelan, Archie Frye, Tammie Hutchins-Frye, Archie Frye, Sandy Mabry, and John Bowers



Charles Mecca, Ford Williams and Kelly Williams



Janet Smith and guest

January Fun Facts

ABOUT THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

The New Year has begun! It's time to leave the past behind and focus on a fresh start. This time of year is fun and busy for teachers, parents, and students. Check out these fun facts that will help boost your mood and encourage you to dive into the New Year with positivity!

BASIC JANUARY FACTS:

- January is the 1st month of the year.
- January is known to be the coldest month in the Northern Hemisphere and the warmest in the Southern Hemisphere.
- Flower: Carnation
- Birthstone: Garnet
- Zodiac signs: December 22 – January 19 Capricorn and January 20 to February 18 Aquarius.

JANUARY TRIVIA:

- 500 copies of the novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley and The Modern Prometheus were published anonymously in London.
- Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.
- The first New Year's ball drop in New York City started in 1908.
- In 1946, the first United States Computer was built in Pennsylvania at the Moore School of Engineering.
- The History Channel was launched in 1995.
- The plum blossom is the Chinese floral emblem of January
- The month of January is named after Janus, the Roman god that has two heads, one to look backward and one to look forward towards the New Year.
- In 1890, the Rose Parade started in Pasadena, California. Today the parade is broadcast in more than 100 countries.
- January was excluded from the Roman calendar which only had 10 months.
- The 31st day of January was added to the month by Julius Caesar.
- In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state of the United States
- Ellis Island opened on January 1st, 1892 allowing more than 20 million immigrants to enter the United State

HOLIDAYS CELEBRATED IN JANUARY:

- January 1 – Emancipation Proclamation
- January 2 – National Science Fiction Day
- January 4 – World Braille Day
- January 4 – National Spaghetti Day
- January 8 – World Typing Day
- January 11 – National Clean Off Your Desk Day
- January 13 – Korean American Day
- January 14 – National Dress Up Your Pet Day
- January 15 – Martin Luther King's Birthday
- January 22 – Celebration of Life Day
- January 24 – International Day of Education
- January 27 – International Holocaust Remembrance Day
- January 27 – National Chocolate Cake Day
- January 28 – National Fun at Work Day



Diamante Property

Owners Association -- 2025

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:

Please complete this form and send it with your check payable to “DPOA” for \$80 to:

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

December 31, 2025, Treasurer's Newsletter Report

	12/31/2025 Actual Month to Date	12/31/2025 Actual Year to Date	12/31/2024 Actual Year to Date
Member dues	1,040	13,110	17,195
Additional dues	140	3,100	1,585
Total dues revenue	1,180	16,210	18,780
Landscape Maintenance	(450)	(13,147)	(12,433)
Sprinkler repair	-	(1,020)	(1,730)
Electrical repair	-	(73)	-
Flags	-	(298)	(197)
Holiday décor	-	-	(61)
Welcome baskets	-	(1,056)	(1,301)
Storage unit	-	(515)	(515)
Administrative costs	-	(163)	(327)
Total operational expenses	(450)	(16,273)	(16,563)
Net operating revenue (expense)	730	(63)	2,217
Net picnic	-	(623)	(214)
Net cocktail party	-	4,576	1,745
Other fundraising	-	-	1,015
Net fundraising	-	3,954	2,546
Net revenue (expense)	730	3,893	4,763

Beginning Cash at 1/1/2025	14,817
Net revenue (expense) YTD	3,893
Ending Cash at 10/31/2025	18,709
Emergency Reserve	(7,500)
Funds Available for Operations	11,209

