

Official Newsletter from Your Diamante Property Owners Association

January 2025

Dear Neighbors!

Happy New Year from the DPOA! As we begin 2025, the DPOA welcomes one new board member, Craig Staley, who has agreed to serve as the newsletter editor. Craig is an experienced newsletter editor and will begin publishing his first newsletter for the DPOA in February.

I also want to thank all those who helped remove the Christmas decorations, and a special “thank you” to Kevin McMillin, Phil Tyree, and Greg Hilbert for their willingness to undertake extra work before and after the scheduled workday.

As we head into the new year, the DPOA has scheduled our annual meeting for Thursday, March 13, at 3:30 p.m. We will hold an open board meeting for membership so you can meet your board members. The bylaws will be presented to membership for consideration.

The DPOA plans to have the spring DPOA picnic on Monday, June 2nd. I am happy to report that the Colt and the Old 45s band will be the entertainment. Thanks are extended to Bryan Stout and John Paul, who arranged for them to play. We are in the early planning stages for this event so stay tuned for more details.

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.

The DPOA continues to welcome input and appreciates your continued support.

—Heidi Hilbert, DPOA President



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ALL DIAMANTE LADIES & GUESTS

GALENTINE'S DAY Luncheon

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
SOCIAL AT 11:00AM - LUNCH AT 11:30AM

\$25.00 PER PERSON - ALL INCLUSIVE
FOOD, FUN, ENTERTAINMENT

RSVP to 501.922.1114 or office@diamantec.com - DEADLINE February 5

Treasurer's Report

As of January 18, 2025

Membership

As of January 18, 2025, 92 members paid \$8,085 in DPOA dues and additional contributions for 2025.

A list of 2025 members based on payments received on or before January 18, 2025, is included within this newsletter.

To become a 2025 member. Please send your payment of \$80 payable to the 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.

The financial report for December 31, 2024, is included within this newsletter.

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.

Volunteers . . . The Heart of Our Community

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

Assistant Treasurer: The Assistant treasurer will assist the Treasurer and prepare the year-end audit.



"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

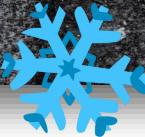
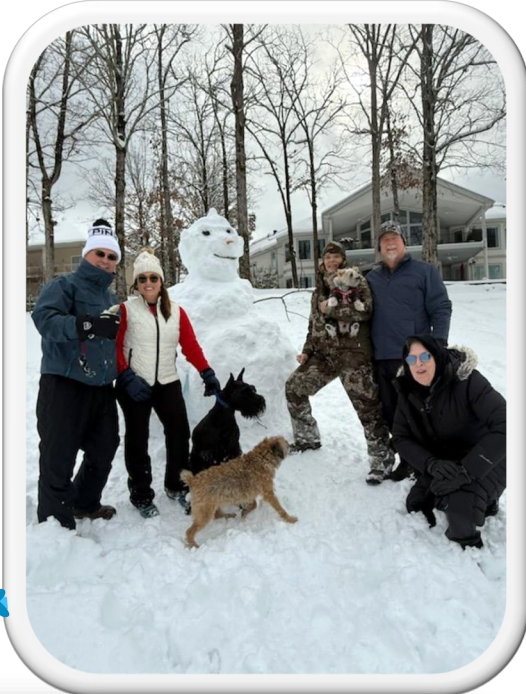
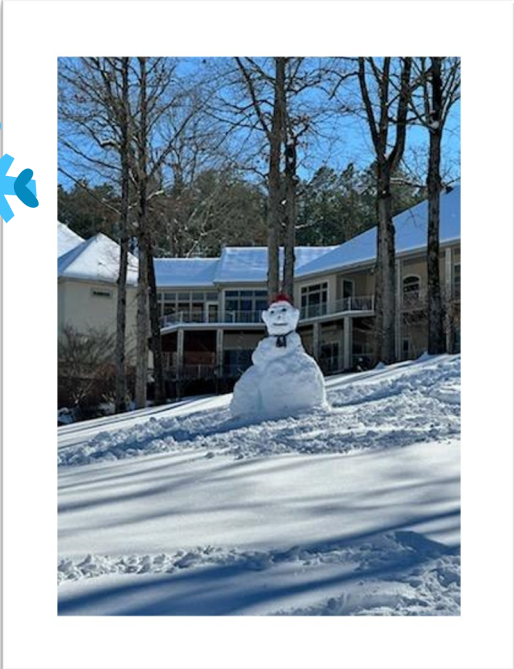
November 1990. Entertainers started boycotting the state in protest, and the NFL threatened to move the 1993 Super Bowl from Tempe if the holiday was defeated at the polls. The King holiday lost in a two-part voter referendum, and the NFL made good on its threat, taking the Super Bowl to Southern California, 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

Let It Snow, Let It Snow, Let It Snow!



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Newsletter Editor

Save the Date

DPOA Annual Picnic

Monday, June 2, 2025



Save the Date

DPOA Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025

3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.





DPOA

Active Members & Supporters

Candy and Rusty Adams

Mark Ansted

Nicky and Jim Baker

Jeanne Ballard

Dawn and Michael Battle

Nora and Randy Bergfield

Dianne and John Blake

Sherry Boggs

Carolyn and Rob Bowers

Larry Brocaw

Nita and Larry Brown

Nancy and Jim Burk

Barbara and Dave Clark

Laverne Collins

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Barbara and Michael Eberhardt

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Suki and Tom Ellers

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Jeanne and Frank Godbold

Carol and Ralph Hamner

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Craig Staley and Bruce Cox

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Suzanne and Chuck Stofer

Jen and Bryan Stout

Pam and Murray Sullivan

DPOA ACTIVE MEMBERS & SUPPORTERS—cont'd

Cheryl and David Surguine

Jodi and Mark Woodruff

John Sutey

Andrea and Thad Woodside

Dena and Tommy Teaster

Doug Zook and Jon Lilley

Linda Thomas

Beverly Thompson

Sissy and Bill Toney

Brenda and Michael Walls

Geri and Earl Wilde

Kelly and Ford Williams

James Williams

Jane Wilson

Mary Ann and Richard Wood

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

The Diamante Property Owners Association (DPOA) was formed in 1997 when several property owners got together and formed the **Parseekers of Diamante (POD)**. The purpose of the POD was to ensure that the best interests of the property owners were represented when dealing with both ClubCorp and the Cooper Communities. In 2006, the POD was renamed the DPOA, which better describes the association and its function. The activities undertaken by the DPOA include maintaining common property areas and entrances; sponsoring the Neighborhood Watch Program; providing seasonal decorations of common areas; and coordinating with the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association and the Diamante Members Club on issues of mutual interest.

To meet these goals, the DPOA incurs significant annual expenses. Although membership and the payment of its affordable annual dues are entirely voluntary, all owners of eligible properties, whether resident or nonresident, are strongly encouraged to become members and supporters. We appreciate the past and continued support.




DIAMANTE™

30th Anniversary

SOUPER BOWL PARTY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH | 5:00 TO 7:00 PM

THREE ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT SOUPS

SOUPS & ALL THE FIXIN'S

CHILE

GUMBO

CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS

(CORNBREAD-CRACKERS-TOPPINGS)



WEAR YOUR FAVORITE JERSEY (OPTIONAL)

ENJOY THEME RELATED GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT

COST: \$19.70++ PER PERSON



RSVP BY FEBRUARY 1ST To 501.922.1114



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

ATTENTION NEW RESIDENTS! (AND THOSE WITH CHANGES!)

If you wish to be included in the 2025 DPOA Directory, please remember to send your updated contact information and photos to Sylvia Matthews at hotexans@att.net

December 31, 2024, Treasurer's Newsletter Report

DPOA Board Meeting January 2025 December 2024 Profit and Loss Statement

	YTD	Budget	
	12/31/2024	12/31/2024	Variance
Member dues	17,195	16,500	695
Additional dues	1,585	1,690	(105)
Total dues revenue	18,780	18,190	590
Landscape Maintenance	(12,433)	(9,375)	(3,058)
Sprinkler repair	(1,730)	(1,000)	(730)
Electrical repair	-	(500)	500
Flags	(197)	(400)	203
Holiday décor	(61)	(400)	339
Welcome baskets	(1,301)	(650)	(651)
Storage unit	(515)	(515)	-
Administrative costs	(327)	(500)	174
Total operational expenses	(16,563)	(13,340)	(3,223)
Net operating revenue (expense)	2,217	4,850	(2,633)
Net picnic	(214)	(3,755)	3,541
Net cocktail party	1,745	2,000	(255)
Cheeseburgers 50/50	1,015	2,000	(985)
Net fundraising	2,546	245	2,301
Net revenue (expense)	4,763	5,095	(332)
Beginning Cash	10,053	10,053	-
Net revenue (expense)	4,763	5,095	(332)
Ending Cash	14,816	15,148	(332)