

DPOA News & Events



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Diamante Property Owners Association

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Dear Neighbors!

Greetings everyone! I hope you are all well and managing this pandemic as well as possible. We are fortunate to be living in a community that, for the most part, tries to follow the government's guidelines to contain this virus.

So many activities have been canceled or postponed, and our DPOA Annual Picnic was no exception. The DPOA Board elected to postpone this popular event until the Fall. We are working with the Club to reschedule our picnic for either September or October, but our options are extremely limited. We will have clarity early next month.

There is good news. The toilets that have been ordered for both the women and men's restrooms are compliant with the specifications of the American With Disabilities Act (ADA). We are waiting for a shipment date.

In addition, David Dolstein has mapped out the Diamante neighborhood and will assign volunteers to clean all the street signs and posts. This project should be completed by the end of this month, weather

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permitting. David will ask the Hot Springs Village Property Owner's Association to replace the unreadable signs.

As mentioned last month, we elected to restart the Welcome Basket program for new property owners. That roll-out will begin in the middle of May.

Alice Hinckley, our Treasurer, sent out a dues-reminder mailing earlier this month. I noted that 19 of the reminders were addressed to previous DPOA members. I hope each of you found our work worthwhile and will continue to support the DPOA this year. ♦

—Tom Ellers, DPOA President



Treasurer's Report

as of April 26, 2020

Membership Count: 203

Fund Balances

Funds available for use:

\$18,175.70

Reserve (emergency fund):

\$7,500.00

**ALICE
HINCKLEY**



POSTPONED

2020 DPOA MEMBERS' ANNUAL PICNIC

DIAMANTE PATIO

\$10 PER PERSON*

GAMES, PRIZES, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP

BBQ chicken, potato salad, BBQ beans, dessert, and two drink tickets that can be used for beer, wine, and soft drinks. Tea and water are complementary.

Music provided by Code Blue, compliments of Arvest Bank

Seating is limited, so bring your lawn chairs.

LOOKING TO RESCHEDULE IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER

MUST BE PAID DPOA MEMBER TO ATTEND



Maintenance Ingenuity, Volunteerism, and Proficiency!

Two gallons of "Spray & Forget" mixture were applied to the street signs on Country Club Dr, Estado Cir, Alhaja Ln and Way, Maderas Dr, Poema Dr, Realeza Ct, and Loyola Dr and Cir. A third gallon of concentrate, which will make four gallons of mix, has been ordered to finish this sign-cleaning project. "Spray & Forget" is pretty amazing. After spraying it on any stain, you might think it was a waste of time after the first week or so. But wait...after a month, all the green algae stains are gone, and the treatment lasts approximately a year.



Phil Tyree applying the reflective paint.

Reflectors used to be placed on top of our street curbs. Unfortunately, they were broken almost as soon as new ones were placed. The DPOA Board decided to apply a stripe of reflective road-stripping paint with very small glass beads that were added when the paint was still wet. This curb-marking project should help people see the curbs a little better on dark nights.

And the Work Goes On...

Maurice and Alexis have been working hard on Diamante Boulevard. New mulch has been spread in place of the old to enhance the appearance of the beds, and the medians have been restored to their spring-time beauty.



UPDATE: Our Neighborhood Crime Watch

Our Neighborhood Crime Watch program is a partnership between law enforcement and the Diamante property owners and is built on the strength of our friends and neighbors. On any given day, we might encounter an incident that calls upon us to be the eyes and ears of law enforcement to help provide a more secure and better-prepared neighborhood.

As we reported in last month's issue of this newsletter, the DPOA e-mailed Block Captains who have served in the past. We asked for their assistance in finding individuals who would assume the responsibilities of a Block Captain. In

response, Block Captains for both Darro Way and Loyola Place were filled.

Block Captain's Responsibilities

- Act as a liaison between block residents and our Crime Watch Coordinator.
- Establish a "Phone Tree" by compiling and distributing a current list of names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses of your neighbors.

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

Blocks and Lots Needing Block Captains

Alcazaba Way, Block 14, Lots 1–13

Alhaja Way, Block 16, Lots 1–11

Alhaja Way, Block 16, Lots 12–14,
all of Block 18

Alhaja Lane, Block 17, Lots 1–11

Estado Circle, Block 22, Lots 1–16

Loyola Circle, Block 1, Lots 1–14,
all of Block 5

Loyola Drive, Block 5, Lots 1–16

Loyola Lane, Block 2, Lots 29–38

Morro Place, Block 11, Lots 1–5

Morro Lane, Block 8, Lots 20–31



Some Contagious Falsehoods

CORONAVIRUS

Myths & Misconceptions



Use **ONLY** antibacterial soap.

The soap part is what counts. The antibacterial element has no additional benefits because the coronavirus is a VIRUS, not a bacterium.



Take a vitamin C supplement everyday.

No evidence suggests that vitamin C dietary supplements can lower your risk of contracting the coronavirus.



The coronavirus is more deadly than any other pathogen.

The data, so far, have a fatality rate between 3% and 4%. As a comparison, the fatality rate for SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) and MERS (Middle East respiratory syndrome) was 34%.



Contracting the coronavirus is a death sentence.

The data, to date, suggest that 80% of those infected have only mild symptoms. Approximately, 3% to 4% will die from the virus, particularly high-risk groups, such as older adults and those with serious underlying health-related conditions.



Pets can spread the virus.

No evidence suggests that coronavirus can be transmitted from pets to human beings.



You have **GOT** to wear a mask!

There has been some debate, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) now recommends that everyone wear a CLOTH mask—not a medical mask—in public.



Wear gloves.

Wearing gloves is probably ineffective. They can become contaminated, and most gloves have tiny holes. Viruses are tiny.



Just use hand sanitizer gel.

Sanitizers with 60%-plus alcohol can kill pathogens similar to those that cause the coronavirus. You are better off using regular soap.



Taking ibuprofen is a bad idea.

The possibility that ibuprofen could increase the number of receptors that the coronavirus uses to infect cells exists. As yet, however, no data are available to back up this statement.



You can contract the coronavirus from money.

Since the virus can live on surfaces for several days, this is possible.



People who recover from the coronavirus can contract it again.

The experts are not yet sure, but evidence suggests that reinfection is highly unlikely.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS

JEN AND BRYAN STOUT

“Hot Springs Village, Arkansas? Are you kidding?” This was the reaction that Bryan and Jennifer Stout received when they told friends and family they were moving to Hot Springs Village from the booming city of Frisco, Texas, which is part of the Dallas–Fort Worth metro area. After visiting the Village several times a year for approximately 12 years...visiting friends and playing in the Hot Springs Village Couples Tournament...they made the decision to make the move. They purchased a home in Diamante on the 8th fairway and took up residency in September, 2019.

Before the move, Jennifer (or Jen as she prefers) spent over 30 years in the financial sector and carved out a very successful career, first with The Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas as its Chief Banking Officer and then with Chase Paymentech in Dallas as Senior VP and Executive Director of Strategic Implementation & Integrated Solutions.

While Jen was making her mark in the financial world, Bryan owned an independent sales representative agency that sold industrial products. In 2003, he entered the voice-over world, voicing projects in a variety of media that included

television and radio commercials, training videos, and eLearning courses, among others. He closed the sales agency in 2012 but continues his voiceover work from his in-home studio.

Bryan and Jen met in November, 1997, and were married in September the following year; they are each other’s “mulligan.” Bryan has a son, Taylor, from his first marriage, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Stouts feel tremendous gratitude for the welcome they have received from the Diamante members. It was like a “collective group of arms that embraced us upon our arrival.” ♦



*“Jen is an active member of Diamante Country Club and serves on the Membership, Marketing, and Tennis Committees, as well as plays golf. She hopes to play more tennis, a sport she truly enjoyed during her high school years. When not narrating something, Bryan spends his time playing golf and being the lead singer and co-founding member of the band, **Colt and the Old 45s.**”*



The thirteen equal and horizontal stripes **represent** the original British colonies, which declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain and became the first American states. The original names are listed in the following Colonies:

New England Colonies

- 1630** Massachusetts and Maine (Province of Massachusetts Bay)
- 1636** Connecticut (Connecticut Colony)
- 1636** Rhode Island (Colony of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations)
- 1638** New Hampshire (Province of New Hampshire)

Middle Colonies

- 1626** New York and Vermont (Province of New York)
- 1638** Delaware (Lower Counties of Delaware)
- 1664** New Jersey (Province of New Jersey)
- 1682** Pennsylvania (Province of Pennsylvania)

Southern Colonies

- 1607** Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia (Colony and Dominion of Virginia)
- 1633** Maryland (Province of Maryland)
- 1653** North Carolina and Tennessee (Province of North Carolina)
- 1663** South Carolina (Province of South Carolina)
- 1732** Georgia (Province of Georgia)

The stars **represent** the 50 states of the Union. The District of Columbia is a federal district, not a state. Although many lists include

Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico, the American flag has 50 stars, one of each state.

The colors of the **flag** are symbolic as well. Red symbolizes hardiness and valor, white symbolizes purity and innocence, and blue represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Why Is the American Flag Important?

The **flag** has been used to display our nationalism, as well as our rebellion, and everything in between. The **flag** is important because its history tells the story of **America** itself. It represents the freedom, dignity, and true meaning of being an **American**.

Facts of the Arkansas State Flag

The state **flag** of **Arkansas** is red, white, and blue to signify that **Arkansas** is one of the American states. The flag displays a white diamond on a red field. The large diamond is bordered by a band of blue containing 25 white stars, which symbolize the fact that **Arkansas** was the 25th state to join the Union. The diamond represents the only diamond-producing state in the nation. The three stars below the word, ARKANSAS, represent the three nations, France, Spain, and the United States, which have successively exercised dominion over Arkansas. These stars also indicate that Arkansas was the third state carved out of the Louisiana purchase. The two parallel stars signify that Arkansas and Michigan are twin states, having been admitted to the Union together on June 15, 1836. ♦ **—Dennis Riordan**



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Our DMC Liaison

If you have visited the club recently, you may have noticed some alcohol-related policy changes from the Arkansas Beverage Control (ABC) Division. Draft beer can no longer be served, and the staff members can no longer carry other alcoholic beverages out to the patio. The member must now do so.

On another subject, as destructive as the virus has been to the club's social schedules and operations, most events have been postponed, rather than outright canceled. Thanks to the club's supportive membership and its innovated club staff members, the dining revenues have been reasonable, permitting us to serve the membership and retain staff.



The board is currently focused on managing revenue shortfalls against our budget. ♦

—Tom Ellers

DPOA Active Members & Supporters

Our Diamante family of homeowners has grown! Only with your strength and support will we continue to make a difference! The following active DPOA members have been added to the list provided in your March newsletter:

Bassett, Charles and Jennifer
Boyette, Doug and Kathy
Bracy, Melinda
Burton, James and Janna
Chalikis, James
Friedman, William and Carol

Goodman, Reece and Leslie
Johnson, Craig and Gaye
Kucera, Kent and Corinne
Lindsey, Roosevelt, Jr. and Kay
Mathes, Michael and Sandra
O'Hara, Paul and Carolyn
Paul, David and Charolette
Phelan, Neil and Marilyn
Riordan, Dennis and Cle
Russell, Gary and Mark Miller
Svendsen, Marshall and Jeanne
Thibault, Jep and Tia Helberg

—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.