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DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

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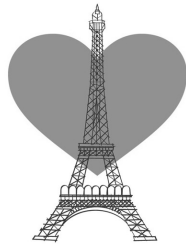


DANA SHORES SUPER BOWL PARTY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5

Jason and Nicole Gulledge are back on for another year of fun! Dana Shores neighbors are invited to enjoy live music, food and beverages, and of course viewing of ***THE*** game outside on the BIG screen! This year, LIVE MUSIC will be played in a jam-session format rather than a single band. So, if you have the chops... bring it!

Please enter through the driveway gate. You will find tables set up for any food dishes you bring to share and beverage coolers to drop off your drinks. Parking is limited. Please use the side streets, walk, bike, or come by boat and tie off. We think this is year 10 for this party (minus last year's hiatus), and we're looking forward to seeing everyone!

- HOST: Jason & Nicole Gulledge
- Where: 3622 Dana Shores Drive
- 3pm Music starts (Jeff Coleman - Coordinator)
- Game will be shown Outside on the Big Screen (6:15 ish)
- BYOB for drinks



JOIN US UNDER THE STARS! UPCOMING HAPPY HOUR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) will host the second happy hour of 2017 on **Friday, February 10, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the Rocky Point Golf Course (RPGC) clubhouse.** The "Under the Stars" event celebrates friendship and Valentine's Day with neighbors and family. **This is a prepaid event and the cost is \$25/person.** The club's event staff has created a three-course French wine and food-pairing tasting:

1. *French Onion Soup served with a Pinot Gris.*
2. *Coq au Vin (chicken) served with a dry Riesling.*
3. *Beef Bourguignon served with a Pinot Noir*

Please respond to your evite and provide prepayment no later than Friday, February 3. Checks made payable to **Rocky Point Golf Course** may be dropped off at Julie Bowers' home (3942 W Eden Roc Cir). Alternatively, please contact Julie at 813/389-2847 if you would like her to pick up your check. These events are well attended and space is limited to 64 people, so don't miss out on another fun happy hour with friends!

UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING
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Thank you for the survey responses we received in late 2016 regarding neighborhood cameras. We were hoping to gather two important pieces of insight from the surveys – an indication of where the neighborhood stood regarding the use of cameras and, were we to proceed, a wide-ranging list of factors that must be considered. Your input provided great direction on both fronts.

Since the survey was sent, our neighborhood (along with many others throughout Hillsborough County) has suffered various crimes. Numerous residents were victims of vehicle burglaries and thefts over the holidays. Another neighbor reported that glass panes were removed from their storage room along the side of their house in an apparent attempt to access the garage and home.

The survey results indicated strong support for cameras, and recent events have only seemed to reinforce their importance. During December, we held multiple team meetings among those who expressed on their surveys related expertise or interest in helping. We used these team meetings to discuss cameras, varying points of view gathered from the surveys (both the positives and the negatives), and the kind of comprehensive program that would be needed to effectively reduce crime. As a next step, we would like to vet our ideas and review next steps with the community at-large.

We will communicate the upcoming date via email. If you are not signed up for civic association emails, you may do so at info@danashores.com. If you do not have email but want to make sure you receive an invitation to this meeting, please leave us a message with your request, name, address, and contact phone number at 813-335-8931. As always, if you would like to volunteer for a more active role within the civic association, please let us know at info@danashores.com

February 2 – DSWC Board Meeting
February 5 – Dana Shores Super Bowl Party
February 10 – Valentine's French wine and Food Pairing
Watch your email – DSCA Community Meeting
February 18 – Dumpster Day
March 17 - St. Patty's Day TGIF
April 8 – Children's Easter Party
May 7 – Spring Fling / Family Fun Day / Food Truck Rally
May 19 – DSWC Annual Meeting/Luncheon
June 2 - Spring into Summer TGIF



Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC)

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Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA)

President:	Allison Roberts
Vice President :	Danny Anseeuw
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Doral Drive	Callie Almond, Susan Huston, Amy Veith, Maria Petterson
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Pelican Island	Debbie Trujillo
Versailles Drive	Jonathan Kaplan, Tiki Kirk, Tina Mawn
Venetian Way	Pamela Adkins, Ginger Wayne

Neighborhood Watch	Cheri Bett	887-4939
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WHAT ARE THOSE PINK PLANTS?



Over the last two years, many volunteers have been hard at work

improving our entryways. To give some life and color to our beds, we added a variety of tropical plants in 2016. Plants were selected based on foliage, height, color, cold- and heat-tolerance, ability to handle varying water conditions, and ability to handle varying levels of sunlight.

Many of our shrubs have done very well and should adapt nicely to tiered hedges this coming season. Although we're happy with the overall look, there is clearly one star of the show -- our pink/red/purple (depending on the season) border plants. The most common question we received this year about our entryways focused on this plant, with many residents having asked, "What are those lovely pink plants?"

We used the Brazilian Red Hots variety of Joseph's Coat (also known as Alternanthera). The Joseph's Coat was rather a last-minute addition, pulled in for its contrasting color and eye-popping foliage. It grows as an annual in most climates, meaning it usually must be replanted each year. Because of our tropical climate, however, some plants can last for much longer. We are hoping this is the case for us. If not, they are easily and inexpensively replanted.

Where do you buy these lovely, colorful wonders? Different varieties of Joseph's Coat can be found during the growing season (spring-summer) in area nurseries. We found this variety through our local expert and wonderful partner, Bart Butler, owner of Southern Florida Landscaping. Bart supplied all of our plants and will be maintaining them for us in the coming years. He may be reached at 813-486-3727.

Keep watching for further growth, developments, and our seasonal plantings!

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS AND SINGERS



The DSWC is looking for local bands, individual musicians, and singers interested in playing at some of our events. We are seeking a variety of musical genres,

as our parties have a wide variety of themes. Serious players and singers of all ages are encouraged to contact Julie Bowers to discuss how you can get some local recognition. Our next event is a Valentine's theme on Friday, February 10, and we are interested in someone who can sing/play favorite love songs. You can reach Julie at 813.389.2847.

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HERE WE WENT A-CAROLING

A few days before Christmas, 25 residents climbed onto what can only be called a "Florida sleigh" and traversed through Dana Shores and Pelican Island singing favorite holiday songs and carols. We sang and laughed and sometimes we cried a little too – for it was a very touching evening.



By the end of the night, several new friendships were started, and nearly everyone had a story of how the evening had personally touched their hearts. And then there are people like Sal Urso, who make you smile ten more times by calling afterward to express gratitude and tell us how the night uplifted his heart. Our intent was to honor our homeowners and bring joy into their homes, especially those who responded to our invitation. This included several original homeowners and others eager to share in the holiday spirit. We stopped at six locations and sang for (and sometimes with) ten separate households

Our list of carolers grew threefold this year, with a group that spanned roughly eighty years in age. We've already been invited to multiple homes next year, and we would like to thank everyone who helped make the event possible:

Allison and Brian Roberts, Allison's father (Dr. Linkous), Anne Tate and Ken Clark, and Fox's Feed Depot in Odessa for their efforts orchestrating the event – from organizing; to decorating; to providing, pulling, and helping folks on and off the "sleigh".

Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for awarding us a grant that will be used this year to help fund several celebratory events.

And, of course, our carolers who were led by **Maggie and Jeff Coleman; Holly and Joe Simmons; Anne Tate and Ken Clark; Linda Mills; Julie Bowers; Allison and Brian Roberts; Mark "Spence" and Barbara Spencer; Linda Dollar; Nan and Jim Huhta; Lucy Macabenta; Tina Mawn; Julie and John McCormick along their two children, John Jr. and Kathleen; Rita Munaker; and Melony Piloto and her two girls, Sophia and Olivia.**

**THEY DECKED THEIR YARDS AND DOCKS
SO BEAUTIFULLY...**

Thank you to all who decorated their homes so beautifully this year and congratulations to our 2016 Dana Shores yard- and dock- decorating contest winners.

This year we rolled out a new online feature, allowing residents to cast their votes for our winners. We had a competitive field and a tight contest and, in the end, the following winners:

The Leflochs won the dock decorating contest (W Eden Roc). The Jabaays are this year's runner-ups (Americana).



The yard decorating contest was won by the Williamses (Dana Shores & Venetian). Our runner-ups for the yard decorating contest are the Kings (Versailles).



Thank you also goes to our 2016 corporate sponsors, which included **Bahama Breeze** (on Rocky Point Island) and **Tampa Bay Bait & Tackle** (on Hillsborough Avenue). In addition, the Dana Shores Women's Club made contributions of \$50 for first place winners and \$25 for the runners up to the charities of their choice. Yard-contest winners Phil and Victoria Williams donated to the **Tampa Lighthouse for the Blind**; the Kings selected the **Humane Society of Pinellas**. Dock-contest winners Janet and Eugene LeFloch donated to the **"Pack-A-Sack for Kids"** program benefitting chronically hungry children at Dickenson Elementary School, and Toni and Jim Jabaay supported **The Gramatica Family Foundation's** mission to provide homes to wounded veterans. The 2016 holiday season was merry and bright in Dana Shores!



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2017 DANA SHORES DUES

The volunteers of Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA) and the Dana Shores Women’s Club (DSWC) accomplished a great deal last year. **To continue the positive momentum in 2017, we need your help.**

Please support our efforts by responding to this request with your 2017 dues of \$75. Please also include the following form and let us know whether you would like to be more involved in 2017. We have a variety of fun and exciting projects planned. Many projects have flexible time frames, allowing them to fit around individuals’ various commitments and interests.

Regardless of when or how much you help, it is always appreciated. The more support we receive, the more progress we can make.

Sincerely,

Allison Roberts
President, Dana Shores Civic Association

Julie Bowers
President, Dana Shores Women’s Club

Please fill out the form below and mark the appropriate boxes.

Include a \$75 check payable to **Dana Shores**.

Mail or drop off your form and check to **Tina Mawn**

Treasurer, Dana Shores Women’s Club * 3915 Versailles Dr. * Tampa, FL 33634

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Your email address (listed above) will be used to provide time-sensitive information regarding neighborhood initiatives. If you do NOT wish to receive the following information, please mark the appropriate box with an X:

- Neighborhood Watch/Lost & Found Invitations to Social Events

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Want to Be More Involved? Promote Your Business? Share Other Thoughts?

- I would like to become involved in improving Dana Shores. Please contact me to discuss opportunities.
 I would like the opportunity to promote my business to residents. Please contact me to discuss options.

We will include your name, address, and home phone in the Dana Shores Neighborhood Directory unless you specify otherwise. If you wish to exclude your information or add your cell phone, please let us know.

60 SECOND UPDATES



• **Dana Shores**

Located in the Rocky

Point Area:

In early 2016, we shared information and gathered feedback on branding of the Rocky Point area. As part of this effort, the three single-family residential communities of Dana Shores, Pelican Island, and Sweetwater were to be granted the option of using Rocky Point in their mailing addresses. We are sure that many of you have noted that addresses have changed in various cases, however, without your prompting. This was never the intent; Tampa should have remained the default address. In researching this further, we've learned an error was made at the post office when the request was entered, and we have been assured that corrective action is underway. It may take some time for the corrections to flow through fully. Once corrected, the primary address will be set back to Tampa with a secondary (optional) address of Rocky Point. Please accept our appreciation for bringing the matter to our attention and our apologies for any trouble or confusion this may have caused in the meantime.

• **For Sale? Wanted?** Have you checked out the Dana Shores online classifieds section lately? This service is provided on our website to homeowners and residents who have an item they would like to advertise to the neighborhood. We have a newly-listed Bow Flex which, as of this writing, is still available. Learn more on the private pages of our website. (If you receive association email, you should already be set up to access the website. Need help logging in? If so, please email us at info@danashores.com)

• **Do You Have or Are You Getting a New Bicycle?** Regardless of your age (or how hard your head is), a tumble from the bicycle can be dangerous. Through a grant program, the Dana Shores Civic Association and Women's Club were awarded attractive, high quality bicycle helmets for our residents. Several residents also participated in the program's mandatory training to help us ensure the right fit each time a helmet is provided. If you would like to be fitted to receive a free helmet, please contact Julie Bowers at 813.389.2847.



• **Headed for the Runway!**

Have

you ever wondered what it would be like to run down one of the airport runways (without getting arrested)? Well, here is your one chance in 2017! On April 22, Tampa International Airport will host its fifth 5K run benefitting the United Way Suncoast. Details will be available soon at www.tampaairport.com



• **NEW HOMEOWNER? CHANGE IN HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION?**

If you are applying for homestead exemption, remember the statutory filing deadline is March 1. (More information may be found at <http://www.hcpafl.org/Property-Info/Homestead-Other-Info> regarding requirements, late-filed applications, portability, and related topics.)

DUMPSTER DAY -- TWO WEEKS AWAY!

This year, the Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA), Dana Shores Women's Club, and Sweetwater are working together to plan our Dumpster Day. We're fortunate to have the support of Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, which offers a grant funding the drop-off, use, and pick-up of the dumpsters. Here are some highlights of what you can expect.

LOGISTICS

WHO: Available to residents of Dana Shores, Pelican Island, and Sweetwater

WHEN: Saturday, February 18, from 8 a.m. - noon

WHERE: Skyway Park

Residents are responsible for getting items to the park and properly placing the items in the dumpsters. For those of you who own a truck, please consider how you might help your neighbor.

Residents who are unable to haul large items to the dumpsters may request help. Please email us at info@danashores.com before February 10 with your request. We have helped several individuals in prior years, and we will try to do the same this year.

WHAT YOU MAY DISPOSE OF

Several dumpsters will be available for our residents to dispose of large non-commercial items that would otherwise require a trip to the dump:

- Old refrigerators, ovens,
- water heaters

- Steel and other metals
- Old furniture (e.g., couches, mattresses, chairs, tables)
- Tires
- Construction debris (e.g., concrete, bricks, glass, and roofing material)

ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED BUT DO NOT WANT TO THROW AWAY

The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) is partnering with **THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY** to provide a truck for donations at the event. They will accept clothing, working household goods, and gently used furniture). All items donated to **THE SPRING** help women and their children leaving the shelter rebuild their lives and also raise awareness to prevent domestic violence from occurring. Tax donation receipts will be available.

EXCLUDED ITEMS

We can take a variety of items, just not all items. The following exclusions apply:

1. Loose yard trash
2. Normal household trash
3. Waste from commercial activity
4. Electronic Items (such as computers/monitors, televisions, printers, cell phones, and batteries)
5. Hazardous items (such as paint, varnish, household chemicals, fireworks, propane tanks, prescription drugs, and fluorescent light bulbs)



HOWLING AT THE MOON!

On the full moon night of Friday, January 13, forty-five neighbors gathered at the Rocky Point Golf Course to sample one of the more popular newcomers in adult beverages, moonshine! The crew at the clubhouse did an awesome job of pairing three very different moonshine beverages with some tasty food samplings. Personally, I had no idea what to expect and was pleasantly surprised. The liquor seems to have no taste itself. The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) appreciates everyone coming out to support these (almost) monthly happy hours. If you have an idea for an event theme, please contact Julie Bowers at 813.389.2847.



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Attorney Jeffrey P. Coleman, Fontainebleau Drive

If desired, significant tax relief may be available in the form of a tax deferral for some of our more “mature” residents. Real estate taxes ultimately need to be paid upon the sale of a property; however, there is a program available to help protect one’s home and provide cash-flow relief in the meantime. Applications must comply with Florida statutes and administrative requirements of Hillsborough County, including the application deadline of **March 1, 2017**.

To defer real estate taxes and assessments, you must be entitled to claim the homestead tax exemption. Hillsborough County will charge a relatively small interest rate on the deferred amount, and that amount will constitute a lien on your real property.

The amount that can be deferred is based on age and adjusted gross income of all members of the household, and there are various circumstances and calculations that need to be considered. If, for instance, you are 65 years of age or older with an annual adjusted gross household income less than the household income limit for the additional homestead exemption under section 196.075 of Florida statutes (currently set at \$28,482), you may be able to defer the entire amount.

If you would like to learn more, neighborhood volunteers can help point you in the right direction. Email us at info@danashores.com for more information.