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Sunday, October 16 - Wacky Olympics and Food Truck Rally

Please join us for our **"Wacky Olympics and Food Truck Rally"** on <u>Sunday, October 16 from 1:00-4:00</u>. "My Club Sports" will offer events for all age groups. Younger family members can expect school-field-day type of events. Those who are up for something a little sillier can participate in "WACKY" games such as Bat Spin, Water Cannon Course, Duck Launch, Tug, and more. And for our neighbors who are not as interested in the field activities, we will have "BRAINY" games such as Trivia, Video Jeopardy, Music Trivia, Puzzles and more!

All this activity is bound to make you hungry and we have secured a couple of popular food trucks to be onsite for a quick bite. (Cost of food and drinks will be the responsibility of the purchaser.) This is a designated "Rocky Point Community" event that includes residents from Dana Shores, Pelican Island, and Sweetwater. If you do not receive Evites, please contact LeAnn Anseeuw at 813/727-5524 to RSVP.

Dana Shores Women's Club Children's Halloween Party



Saturday, October 29th 2-4pm Skyway Park Food, Fun & Treats Come in costume!

Saturday, October 29 Children's Halloween Party

DSWC club historian, Debbie Trujillo, attended our last board meeting with an exciting proposal: bring back the children's Halloween party from years ago. Over the years, the kids who attended these parties grew up and the party faded away. But in the last few years, we have had a lot of new families with young children move into our neighborhoods.

It has been a goal of the DSWC to sponsor more events for families and kids, so Debbie's suggestion AND her offer to facilitate the organization of the party is very exciting. It's time again to make some sweet Halloween memories that last long after the party ends!



Friday, October 28 TGIF Adult Halloween Party

The DSWC Halloween TGIF is one of our most popular events. Danny and LeAnn Anseeuw have graciously hosted this event for many years and each year the number of people attending increases over the last. TGIF parties are fundraising events for the DSWC. Proceeds help to support our social, philanthropic, and historical objectives. The cost for admission to this year's party is \$20 per person and includes food and drink. The party will be from **7:00-midnight on Friday, October 28, at 3940 Fontainebleau Drive. Join us for refreshments, laughter, and the costume contest!** (Costumes are encouraged but not required.) If you do not receive Evites, please contact LeAnn Anseeuw at 813/727- 5524 to RSVP.



SAVE THE DATE for the 2016 HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Join us for the boat parade, dock decorating contest, or both.

Find details and sign up at <u>danashores.com</u> or contact Greg Dorion at 813.786.6007

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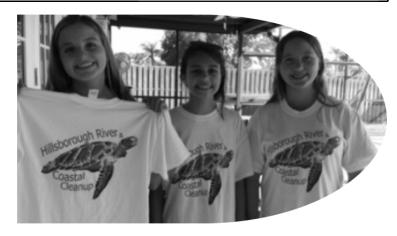
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Costal Cleanup— Earning Service Hours and enhancing our waterway

On Saturday, September 17, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful (KTBB) hosted their fall coastal cleanup project. The DSWC advertised this volunteer opportunity in last month's *Shore Lines* to neighborhood teens, friends, and families. Chantel Heitler, her daughters (Ashley and Michalea), and their friend (Alexie Prieto) volunteered at the Courtney Campbell Causeway location. Chantel told me there was a huge turnout from lots of businesses and volunteers with countless bags of garbage pulled from the shoreline. Congratulations girls on earning your service hours and thank you for your help cleaning up our local waterways!

The Importance of RSVP's

The most effective way to reach the majority of our residents in a timely manner is through email. The DSWC uses "Evite" as our primary means of inviting residents to various events we host throughout the year. Of course, not everyone has access to the Internet and email, so an invitation is also extended through the *Shore Lines* with an alternative RSVP method listed.

When you receive an Evite from LeAnn Anseeuw on behalf of the DSWC, please try to open, review, and respond with an acceptance, maybe, or decline as soon as possible. We have heard that some people have found the Evite in their spam folder weeks after an event has taken place, so we are looking at ways to embed the Evite link in a regular email from now on to reduce this likelihood. Please also check your spam folder from time to time. An Evite allows you to change your response at a later date if your plans change, but it is very difficult to properly plan our events without knowing how many people may attend. If you would like to sign up for Evites, please write to us at info@danashores.com. If you have other questions, please contact LeAnn at 813/727-5524.







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Community Insights Regarding Local Politicians

We are often asked about the role local politicians have played with respect to our community. This November, we will have two individuals on the ballot who have worked directly with our civic association board on behalf of Dana Shores. In response to the questions we receive, we would like to share insight into these individuals' direct contributions to our success. It is up to each individual then to determine whether and how much this information is relevant to his or her decision making.

Commissioner Sandy Murman (running for re-election in District 1):

Commissioner Murman has provided a great deal of support for our neighborhood. She championed our efforts with the county to develop the undergrounding ordinance and obtain a \$250k upfront payment to TECO for the design work currently underway. Sandy worked closely with local community leaders and decision makers within the county to ensure a proposed bicycle trail would not compete with (and jeopardize) the operation of Rocky Point Golf Course. She played an instrumental role in our efforts to maintain the airport property as a scenic reserve. Sandy met with us about transportation needs for the area. Shortly thereafter, Memorial Highway was repaved. She has provided us with access to both of her aides, and we work with her office on a regular (often weekly) basis. Sandy and her staff have helped us establish strong relationships with key people throughout county government, various law enforcement agencies, and city government. We turn to Commissioner Murman regularly for advice and to cut through bureaucratic red tape, and she is the reason behind much of our success.

David Singer (running for Florida State Representative):

David Singer is a land-use attorney who was hired by the Westin and who worked with both the Westin and Dana Shores to address the zoning issues at Hogan's Beach. David did a great job of understanding the issues and professionally addressing illegal zoning matters. He knows Dana Shores and has represented us well.

Keeping Criminals At Bay

Earlier this year, we began receiving weekly crime reports from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) that focus on burglaries, robberies, and automobile thefts within our district. A summary from our most recent report is provided below:

- Westchase Area: 1 vehicle burglary reported. The victim's vehicle was left unlocked.
- <u>Carrollwood / Citrus Park Area:</u>
 1 vehicle burglary reported. It occurred at

the LA Fitness gym on Gunn Highway, where the vehicle was parked for a short period of time.

3 residential burglaries reported. 2 of the 3 breached via unsecured sliding patio doors.

- Town and Country / Baycrest Area / Dana Shores / Tampa Shores: 3 vehicle burglaries reported. 2 of the 3 vehicles were committed on unlocked vehicles. The suspects were apprehended after attempting to fraudulently use one of the victim's stolen credit cards.
- Town and Country / Twelve Oaks / Pat Acres: 1 vehicle burglary reported. It was related to the incidents in the other area of Town 'N Country. Suspects were charged accordingly.
- 2 residential burglaries reported. Both homes were accessed via unlocked/ unsecured doors.
- Egypt Lake/Leto Area: 8 vehicle burglaries reported, 6 of which were within the same apartment complex off of Himes Avenue. All 8 were committed on unlocked vehicles.

Although the specifics vary, the overall patterns remain pretty consistent week to week. Our review of these reports has reinforced three insights:

- 1. By far, the majority of vehicle/home burglaries occur as a result of <u>unlocked</u> doors. A number of these occur to people who usually have their guard up and only let it down for a brief period.
- 2. Because many burglaries are crimes of opportunity, you can greatly reduce the risk of someone entering your home or car. Lock it up. Take valuables inside. Avoid parking cars in the street.

3. It is important to <u>report all burglaries/robberies/theft to law enforcement</u>, even when nothing valuable is missing. Clues from each incident help officers do their jobs effectively.

With the holiday season nearly here, packages in cars, and out-of-town guests arriving, please take time to consider how you might help keep your family, guests, and neighborhood safe.

Know Your Neighbor

This month we are introducing an occasional series to the Shore Lines called "Know Your Neighbor." Each of us has a unique story, and this is an opportunity to tell your neighbors a little something about yourself - how you came to live in Dana Shores, why you like our neighborhood, what your hopes are for our area, and maybe something you'd like to share about yourself that no one would have likely guessed. Our first guest writer is Zeina Fellios, who lives on Eden Roc Circle West with her family. Her story is captivating and very interesting, as you will see. If you would like to nominate someone from our neighborhood to tell their story or perhaps write your own story, please contact Julie Bowers at 813/389-2847.

My name is Zeina
Berchane Fellios. I am a
resident of W. Eden Roc
Circle, and I was asked
to share my story of
immigration, love, and

culture in the Shore Lines, which I am delighted to do.

I grew up in a small Lebanese village sitting between two mountains with a surreal view of the moon especially in summer where nights make you dream to reach the stars. In my childhood, we lived through manycontrasts involved with Peace and War, Love and Hate, Life and Death of dear ones and that is why my village became forever my first home and where my roots belong. I witnessed more than 10 war battles between many parties where each side was calling itself "Lebanon's Savior", one of these battles took the life of my uncle. But in the midst of all this chaos, many good memories still live with me: Family, friends, my first school, picnics, hiking and fruit picking in beautiful gardens

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surrounded by flowing spring waters which make it even more ... Now every time I go back for a visit I feel that a piece of my heart was left there.



My second stage in life was Beirut: Many of you may relate Beirut to war, violence or terrorism, but my Beirut was totally different: Beirut for me is this old beautiful city that was destroyed and rebuilt seven times in its history, a very cosmopolitan capital that combines in its streets all the opposites and odds from culture to religion, to languages, to lifestyle, to food and fashion....in Beirut you can see in the same street a girl wearing a tank top and shorts walking next to a fully covered woman. You can hear Lebanese people combining three languages in one sentence so spontaneously.

Our most common salutation is a threelanguage expression: hi kifak ca va? "Hi" is English, "Kifak" is Arabic, and "Ca va" is French. Yes, this is how we salute each other in Lebanon....In Beirut you can be very religious or just a party animal. It is a city that never sleeps; you can order food to your house at 2 a.m. in the morning. In Beirut, you can taste the best food because Lebanese cuisine is one of the healthiest and most diversified cuisines in the world. It is an extraordinary city that, in spite of all that is going on around it in the Middle East, Beirut still knows how to live, love and inspire people.

Beirut gave me a lot: life, career, fun and friends. But mostly it gave me the idea that behind my village mountains and behind the beautiful Mediterranean shore there was something else bigger and better for me. The coziness of this city inspired me to explore the world, so I became a traveler and I tried to seize every opportunity to experience

new countries and new cultures.

In 2007, my best friend was visiting Mykonos, Greece and she met a Greek American man from Clearwater Beach who would become her husband. Soon she was inviting me to visit her in Florida and, as a person who loves to travel, I was excited to come. My first visit to her was in 2008 and, yes, she tried to introduce me to some Greek American men. However, I was not ready for any commitment and, after getting a promotion at work, I became focused on my career and moving up the corporate ladder, which was not easy in Lebanon.

By 2012, my same friend was calling again to vacation at the beach, so of course I took advantage of my five-year tourist visa to the United States and booked a ticket to come. As I boarded the plane, she texted me saying there was guy in Tampa we would meet upon my arrival. When I got the text, I laughed and thought he will be like those other guys from 2008 but fate had another plan. After a 24-hour flight and losing my shoe luggage, I met George at a Hyde Park restaurant wearing my "Cinderella" bigger size shoes that belonged to my friend. When I saw him and we began talking, it was clear we shared many common experiences and had immediate chemistry, despite living at opposite ends of the Earth.

We spent my whole vacation together; we were literally dating. George was coming every night to my friend's house to take me out. He was a true gentlemen and I knew deep down that this person would make a great father for my kids. Once I was back home, all our conversations were on Skype until George was brave enough to come to Lebanon and meet my family and asks my mom's approval as every gentleman does. One year later, after the stress of waiting for immigration papers to be approved, I moved to Tampa for good. Wedding preparations began and my family joined me for two weeks to celebrate our big day. And, yes, it was their first time in America.

Because George has Greek origins and because Greeks are like Lebanese people, they also have lot of cousins and friends. They party loud. And food for them is the real deal. You can just say that our wedding was a Big-Fat-Greek-Lebanese Wedding!!!

Months later I got pregnant and we realized George's condo would not fit the

three of us. Our search for a home began and it seemed to last longer than the wait for my immigration papers, often with the same helpless feeling. Each house we saw needed more renovation than the last one. One night, we were having dinner at Maggianos and George said he had found a move-in-ready house in Dana Shores, and that we should check it out. I saw the pictures online and found it in good shape, so we called our realtor and set an appointment. And when we entered we became so excited to find the perfect fit for us, so we signed the offer inside the

They accepted the offer and we moved in June 2014 to our cozy home on West Eden Roc Circle. What I love most about Dana Shores is living so close to the best Tampa restaurants, beautiful beaches, and landmarks such as Tarpon Springs and Ybor City, not to mention the two best malls within a 5-minute drive. Recently, it took us 25 minutes to arrive at my in-laws' home in Clearwater Beach. And St. Pete is not that far either. We were also blessed when George's office recently moved to Boy Scout Rd. from Hyde Park.

And I just love the fact that we are surrounded by a golf course - it gives Dana Shores lot of privacy, peace and character. Add to this the young families on our street, and we couldn't be happier. Our little Andrew will probably always have a friend to play with on our street.



Now that we are settled and we are surrounded by warm and lovely neighbors we think maybe this is it. With some amendments or addition to our house, we might live here forever. We are surrounded by very good private schools, if not the best, and everything is easy to reach.

All that I need now is for our son to live in a secure and clean place and make beautiful memories to live with him forever, and I think Dana Shores can absolutely give him that. PAGE 6 SHORE LINES



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Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in and near as little as a bottle cap of standing water. Just 3-7 days of stagnant water

provides enough time for them to breed and multiply. Please help by following these two steps.

- 1. Once or twice a week, <u>please empty or clean all outdoor containers that hold water and</u> are not inhabited by guppies or other 'mosquito fish':
 - Buckets
 - Flower pots and their saucers
 - Birdbaths
 - Poor-flowing gutters
 - Leaves of plants, such as bromeliads
 - Trash Containers
 - Boat Covers
 - Pet Dishes
 - Tires
 - Other
- 2. <u>Please also maintain swimming pools</u> in good condition. If you have a swimming pool that contains stagnant or unchlorinated water, a request made be made to Hillsborough County Code Enforcement to place a 30-day puck in the pool to stop mosquitoes from breeding. You may enter a puck request online at https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/ code-violation/

For more tips on preventing or reducing mosquitoes, visit HCFLGov.net/MosquitoNinja.

You may also <u>report mosquito-related issues or request your yard be sprayed</u> by contacting Hillsborough County Mosquito Control at (813) 635-5400.



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ANNUAL DSWC MEET AND GREET TEA AND MIMOSA LUNCHEON – ALWAYS A FUN TIME!

On Saturday, September 10, the Dana Shores Women's Club held our annual "Meet and Greet Tea and Mimosa Luncheon" at the home of Kim Hajaistron. We shared a great lunch, met some new residents and caught up with everyone after a busy summer. Many thanks to Kim for hosting our annual event again this year.



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