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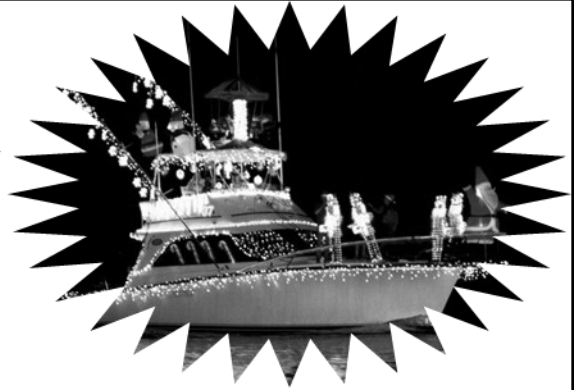
Dana Shores Woman's Club Annual Holiday Boutique

Girls, mark your calendars for this year's Holiday Boutique on **Thursday, December 8th 6:30-9:30pm**. It will be at **Debbie Trujillo's house at 7019 Pelican Island Drive**. Watch for your Evite for gate code information. Bring an unwrapped gift of \$15+ to be auctioned off by our own Linda Mills and Carla Markowitz. Proceeds benefit the Red Cross Hurricane Matthew disaster relief in Florida and the Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Children toy drive for Hillsborough County foster children. Enjoy drinks, dinner and a spirit filled night of fun. Remember, this is a girls' night out. So, make plans to bring a friend, shop and support our Club and community.

Holiday Boat Parades

The **2016 Annual Rocky Point Boat Parade** is only weeks away. Mark your calendars for the evening of **Saturday December 10**. Join us in this fun event in one of two ways:

1. **Enter your decorated boat** and join us in the parade. Learn more details and sign up at <http://danashores.com/boat-parade/>.
2. **Enter the Dana Shores dock decorating contest**, be eligible for prizes, enjoy the parade from your dock, and vote for your favorite boat.



One week later, on **Saturday, December 17**, the **Bay Crest Neighborhood Boat Parade** takes place. Keep your boat decorated and join in another great holiday event.

All enrolled boats are eligible for prizes in both parades. This year the Rocky Point communities would like to up the prizes. Everyone who participated last year really rose to the occasion with beautiful light displays, so we are compelled to see how much better participants can do this year. We are in the process of soliciting donations for prizes. If you are able to help us with these, please call or text Greg Dorion (via text message) at 813/786-6007.

We look forward to seeing everyone in full holiday spirits!



Here We Come A Caroling...

Save the Date: **Tuesday, December 20**

Please join us for our second annual Dana Shores holiday caroling hayride. We have quite a few original homeowners in Dana Shores, and we have others who may be

unable to get out to enjoy the holiday festivities. Last year, we visited about ten of these families. We sang a few songs at each home and shared in some holiday cheer.

We are fortunate to have some accomplished singers in our neighborhood, and they are wonderful at carrying the group. So, a good singing voice is not a requirement, but we DO need bodies! If you would like to join us as we visit these special neighbors or would like to request we visit your household, please call Allison Roberts at 813/335-8931.



Can You Beat Clark Griswold?

Last year's Dana Shores' yard decorating contest was a tremendous success. It was so beautiful driving through our streets at night. Our hope is that more neighbors will continue to join in the decorating extravaganza. Voting for your favorite house will begin the night of the boat parade (Saturday, December 10) and continue through the night of our 2nd annual neighborhood Christmas caroling hayride (Tuesday, December 20). Stay tuned for more information on how to cast your votes for best holiday decorations for front yards and also our boat and dock decorating contests!

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Voices for Children is a volunteer program advocating for children in the foster care system. Last year during the holidays, the DSWC received a last minute call for help from the Hillsborough County Guardian ad Litem office and their non-profit program, Voices for Children. Within two weeks, Dana Shores residents came to the rescue and all 20 foster children that we agreed to sponsor had presents for Christmas.

At this time, there are 75 children who do not have someone to support them this holiday season. Typically they like to provide gifts with an approximate value of \$50 for each child. Julie Bowers has been given this list with pertinent information for each child. If you and your family would like to sponsor a foster child this year, please contact Julie at 813/389-2847. The program also accepts monetary donations and gift cards, which volunteers use to purchase gifts.

We have been told that there is also an opportunity for a **teen service project** within this effort. Many of the gifts will need to be wrapped, and help from teen volunteers is greatly appreciated. If your teen would like more information, please call Julie at 813/389-2847.



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Here are roughly fifteen folks who recently stepped up and made a difference in our community. Although none did it for the recognition or glamour, their contributions have not gone unnoticed.

A great big thank you goes to **Brenden Tyler Pool Service** and to **Clara, Eddie, and their crew from Nestor Sanchez Remodeling and Handyman**.

Winds associated with Hurricane Matthew toppled a palm tree about halfway down Fontainebleau Drive, requiring drivers to cut across neighbors' lawns to navigate past the tree. These wonderful non-residents enthusiastically jumped out of their vehicles and cleared the roadway.

Brenden services pools on Versailles, Dana Shores, and Fontainebleau. Clara and Eddie are working on a new home site at 3910 Fontainebleau. Their help was greatly appreciated!



Ahead of Hurricane Matthew, we received help from **Bart Butler and his crew from Southern Florida Landscaping**. They did a great job of removing excess dirt and regrading the ditch directly west of Americana Drive.

Ensuring water could properly flow between the street's edge and the drainage culvert roughly 100' away required a big effort. The improved drainage directly improves the safety of those traveling along Americana and Dana Shores Drive during a storm. Thank you for your help!

Our next drainage effort at this corner involves Hillsborough County and is aimed at increasing the output of the underground storm drains.



We've seen tremendous changes in our entryways over the last year, and now we are adding one more touch thanks to the generous help of many. Our friends at Twelve Oaks donated extra dispensers for doggie poop bags to us earlier this year.

The boxes required a new paint job. Thanks to elbow grease, painting work, and some locksmith work from three separate neighbors (**Jackie Scott, Paul DiBlasi, and Brian Roberts**) the boxes now match our wall color and look better than new.

And thanks to the efforts of **Ken Clark and Anne Tate**, they are now installed on the west wall to each entryway (located on the backside of the walls).

Please help yourself to bags as needed in order to pick up after your pet. Please also remember the boxes are only bag dispensers. Each person is responsible for properly placing used bags in trash cans either at the park or their own residence.



- Nov. 3th– Board Meeting 10:00 am, at RPGC
- Dec. 8th – Holiday Boutique, 6:30 - 9:30 pm
- Dec. 10th - Dana Shores Boat Parade
- Dec. 17th - Bay Crest Boat Parade
- Dec. 20th - Dana Shores Holiday Caroling hayride

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While baking, decorations, and guests are wonderful additions to the holidays, the increased risk of a home fire is not. According to the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), the extra time smoke alarms provide for escape cuts the risk of dying in a home fire in half.

There are a few steps you can take to ensure you have a working alarm. The USFA suggests changing smoke alarm batteries every year. We hope this article serves as a valuable reminder for some.

If you don't have an alarm yet, Hillsborough County Fire Rescue will install one for you at no cost. To request a free smoke alarm, call (813) 272-6600 or email hcfrrpublicrelations@hillsboroughcounty.org



Keeping The Grinch At Bay

Many of us will have an increase in the number of packages delivered to our doors over the upcoming holiday season. Here are a few tips to help ensure these packages make it inside your home.

- Sign up for free email or text alerts for all UPS and FedEx packages coming to your home. (You may sign up for these and other scheduling options using the information below.)
- Consider asking a neighbor to pick up packages if you are away.
- Keep a watchful eye out for and report anyone who appears to be following delivery trucks.



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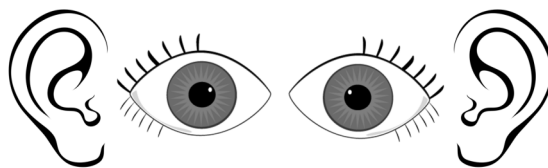
Westshore Pedestrian-Friendly Amenities

It wasn't that long ago when the Courtney Campbell Trail (CCT) opened, and it is now used frequently by our community members. Then the trail was extended on the Clearwater side of the bridge, connecting the CCT and the Ream Wilson Clearwater Trail via the new Bayshore Trail. More recently another connection was made on the Tampa side -- between Cypress Point Park and West Shore Boulevard.

Ann Kulig, Executive Director of the Westshore Alliance, was recently quoted by 83 Degrees media saying that, "One of our top priorities is transforming West Shore Boulevard into a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly *grand boulevard* from Kennedy Boulevard north to Spruce Street." In addition to the new connection to Cypress Point Park, the Westshore area now offers wider sidewalks, shade canopies, parks, and other public spaces.

For those of you who want to remain up-to-date on other current events surrounding our neighborhood, check out the *News & Events* section of www.danashores.com. Holly does a great job keeping this up-to-date for our residents and prospective home buyers.

Dana Shores Neighborhood Watch Update



Holiday Awareness: Hillsborough County Sheriff's (HCSO) records show no reported thefts or burglaries in Dana Shores over last year's holiday season. This was great news and a marked improvement over the 2014/2015 season. Your eyes, ears, and work to keep the neighborhood secure make a big difference.

Still, we are not immune to issues. Over the past three months (7/16 -10/16), HCSO records show three calls from Dana Shores - an incident of vehicle burglary and one of vehicle theft that were reported through neighborhood watch along with a separate incident of grand theft.

In order to reduce the risk of criminals ruining this year's holidays, please remove all bags, boxes, and valuables from your vehicles before nightfall; lock all doors; and park vehicles in your driveway whenever possible. Additional tips for cars, boats, homes, and residents going on vacation are provided at www.danashores.com. (Sign in, then visit *Community > Neighborhood Watch > Target Hardening.*)

Going Batty?

Thirteen species of bats call Florida home, including some species found on Rocky Point Golf Course and in Dana Shores. Bats

offer several neighborly advantages, most notably their voracious appetite for insects and echolocation calls, which also repel insects.

Although bats prefer mayflies, wasps, and several other insects over mosquitoes, they generally dine on what is most readily available. When mosquito populations bloom after summer rains, many bats respond accordingly, consuming 1,200 to 2,000 mosquitoes per night.

Bat houses keep bats warm, dry, and safe, and they can attract bats to a specific area. For those who are interested, winter is a good time to install houses. This ensures their availability in the spring, when bats seek new roosts. Bat Conservation International (BCI) has researched the construction and location of bat houses over many years to determine the optimal criteria for attracting inhabitants:

- Our climate calls for house painted with a medium shade of flat, latex paint or a water-based stain. Internal temperatures should range between 80- to 100-degrees F. (Adjust by re-orientating the house (N/S/E/W), changing paint/stain color, adding side vents, or adding an overhang.)
- Multi-chambered. Each chamber +14 inches wide, + 2 feet tall, and no more than 3/4 inches deep.
- Open-bottomed. Interior partitions that offer rough surfaces between chambers (which bats will hang from), and are stained with two coats of dark, exterior-grade, water-based stain.

- A rough-surface landing area, typically extending 3- to 6-inches beneath the entrance. (Marked with horizontal grooves spaced 1/4 to 1/2 inch apart and no more than 1/16 inch deep.)
- Made from exterior plywood, cedar, plastic, or fiber-cement board; no pressure-treated wood.
- Watertight but not airtight. Careful caulking of all seams using latex caulk to prevent leaks. A 1/2-inch horizontal vent offering airflow along the entire front of the house 6 inches from the bottom.
- Mounted on a pole or building in a location receiving at least 6 hours of sunlight daily. (If using a wooden pole, include conical flashing to prevent predators from climbing the pole.)
- At least 20 to 25 feet from nearby trees, wires or other potential perches used by aerial predators.
- At least 12 feet off the ground. Ideally along the water's edge. Away from bright lights and human activity.
- In a permanent location where the sight, odor, and shoveling of some guano won't be a major issue.

Although a potentially long-term project (with bats taking weeks and possibly years to move into a house), this is also a great way to manage local insect populations while protecting our waterways.

Find BCI-certified vendors & DIY tips at <http://www.batcon.org/resources/getting-involved/bat-houses>



Providing Thanksgiving Dinners for Needy Families in Our Area

The Kaye Prox Food Bank, located at Lutheran Church of Our Savior Church on Hillsborough Avenue and Webb Road, provides groceries to needy families in the Town 'N Country area. They are collecting canned fruits, vegetables, and frozen turkeys (8 to 12 lbs.) for 250 families this Thanksgiving. You can drop off items between 1:30pm to 3:30pm Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays OR Debbie Trujillo will pick them up from your house at your convenience. For more information, visit www.KayeProxFoodBank.org or call Debbie at 966-2520.



Responsible Friend Seeking Long-Term Lease in Dana Shores?

If so, check out the details of a new home for rent on the Dana Shores website. Log in to www.danashores.com and go to Resources > Classifieds. While you are there, check out the Business Directory of resident-recommended businesses. It's growing, slowly but surely.



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