

SHORE LINES

DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

DECEMBER 2016



Holiday Boutique

DANA SHORES WOMAN'S CLUB ANNUAL HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Ladies, mark your calendars for the kickoff of our neighborhood holiday festivities. The DSWC annual holiday boutique will be on Thursday, December 8, from 6:30 – 9:30 at the home of Pelican Island resident Debbie Trujillo, 7019 Pelican Island Drive. Dinner and drinks will be provided by the woman's club.

Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped gift with a minimum value of \$15. Entertainment for the evening will be provided during the auction of the gifts. Linda Mills and Carla Markowitz will be our "Pat Sejak and Vanna White" as they present, describe, and negotiate with the bidders. This is a fundraising event for the DSWC with proceeds benefitting the Red Cross Hurricane Matthew disaster relief in Florida and the Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Children toy drive for Hillsborough County foster children.



DANA SHORES WOMAN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

Voices for Children is a volunteer program advocating for children in the foster care system. During last year's 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 also been told there may be 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.



AND THE WINNER IS...

Before this year's boat parade, a link will be emailed to residents allowing each person to cast his or her vote for best decorated front yard, best decorated boat, and best decorated dock!

If you do not normally receive emails from the Dana Shores Civic Association, please contact us at info@danashores.com ahead of time so we may include you. If you do not have access to email, you may text your vote to 813.335.8931. Please send us your choice for the best boat by midnight December 10 and your selections for best dock and front yard by midnight December 20.

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:

Enter your decorated boat and join us in the parade. Learn more details and sign up at <http://danashores.com/boat-parade/> or call or text Greg Dorion at 813/786-6007.

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 **Baycrest Neighborhood Boat Parade** takes place. Keep your boat decorated and join in another great holiday event. Learn more on our community website or Facebook page.

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CAN YOU BEAT CLARK GRISWOLD?

Last year's Dana Shores' yard decorating contest was a tremendous success. It was 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).



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.

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2016 COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTOR

With the Thanksgiving holidays, we thought it would be a fitting time to recognize a member of the community who has made a significant contribution throughout the year. Based on regular feedback we receive, presidents of the DSWC and DSCA have chosen **Anne Tate** and her husband, **Ken Clark**, as the Dana Shores' 2016 community contributors of the year.

Anne has invested hundreds of hours into improvements at our entryways. She has researched the best types of plants that can handle a variety of conditions – from shade to direct sun and from very wet to very dry. She spearheaded efforts with the county and a third-party provider to install micro-irrigation for the large plant beds at Doral Drive. Anne designed the placement of each plant, helped select the borders, managed procurement, and collaborated often with Board members of the DSWC and DSCA. And she has been involved in every step since, from planting to maintaining.

This was and continues to be a laborious effort, and Ken has been there to help Anne every step of the way. When summer rains brought to light some flooding issues at Americana Drive, Anne and Ken dug the plants up to save them. Anne and Ken can also be found many mornings on Dana Shores Drive pruning the plants, weeding the beds, edging, and spraying insecticide to keep bugs away.

Because of Anne and Ken's careful planning and nurturing, our entryway planters are thriving. On behalf of Dana Shores residents, the DSCA, and the DSWC, we extend a huge "thank you" to Anne and Ken for your commitment and contribution to our beautiful community.

WILL YOU HELP? Phil Williams recently helped Anne replant the beds at Americana Drive. His help was greatly appreciated.

We are actively seeking several garden volunteers who could work with Anne and Ken to help nurture and care for this ongoing project. We have identified a few more areas around the community we would like to highlight next year, and we would appreciate your help. Many helping hands lighten the load and shorten the time needed to complete each project. Please contact Allison Roberts (813/335-8931) or Julie Bowers (813/389-2847) if you would like to help.

**DSWC Board Meeting will be
December 1, 2016 10:00 am, at RPGC**

TREAT-OR-TREAT! HALLOWEEN PARTIES UPDATE

Halloween weekend was a very busy time for the residents of Dana Shores. The DSWC annual TGIF Halloween party was held Friday night, October 28, at the home of **Danny and LeAnn Anseeuw** with over 100 people in attendance. Our neighbors really enjoy the opportunity to be creative and the costumes were amazing again this year! Congratulations to the costume contest winners: Best scare: **Ooncen McGettigan** – witch; Best flare: **Seth Cohen** – ugliest floozy; Best Pair: **Mary Murray and Bill** – Mardi Gras Day of the Dead. Many thanks to hosts LeAnn and Danny Anseeuw for their hospitality.



Many thanks also go to **Debbie Trujillo** for bringing back an old Dana Shores tradition – the Children's Halloween Party at Skyway Park playground. On Saturday afternoon, October 29, approximately 35 children and their families showed up in their Halloween costumes for a great party with lots of games, treats, and drinks for everyone. The kids enjoyed the pumpkins sweep races, played corn hole, bobbed for doughnuts, had spider races, and hunted for treats in the "haunted hay". They got their faces painted, played on the playground, and paraded around the playground showing off their costumes. Many thanks to our volunteers without whom we could not have had the successful party we did: **Pat Baily, Julie Bowers, Nicole Caruso, Ken and Noreen Dye, Jenna and Julia Gauci, Becky Kratz, Sabrina Martin, Tina Mawn, Maria Petterson, Eddie Trujillo, Amy Veith, and Victoria Williams.**



REQUEST FROM USPS AND FIRST RESPONDERS

With the holidays approaching, we're likely to have visitors, more cars parked in our roadways, and more boxes for the trash collectors. Left unmanaged, these factors can impede postal workers and first responders in doing their job.

Did you know the postman is prohibited from moving anything blocking your mailbox? This creates an obvious challenge when a garbage can or car sits in the mailbox's path. Our friendly postal crew has asked for everyone's help in keeping this pathway clear. This includes working with family and friends so they do not park in front of your mailbox.

Along similar lines, our streets are wide enough to allow most vehicles to pass when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street -- but not always. Ambulances and fire trucks tend to be wider than most vehicles. Please help keep roadways open to first responders by making sure friends and family avoid parking cars across from each other on both sides of the street. This will help ensure first responders can quickly reach everyone in our community.





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CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN OUR AREA

As part of our philanthropic mission, the DSWC is interested in learning about and supporting charities that support the local community. This month, Dana Shores resident Jim Flanders has provided us information about a local charity and how our residents can help.

“Pack-A-Sack 4 Kids” is a community outreach program run by Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church (UMC). The program helps address chronic hunger among children who attend Dickenson Elementary.

Currently, Dickenson Elementary has identified over 80 chronically hungry children at their school. County funding provides breakfast and lunch to these children.

On a typical weekday, these children play games, do homework, read books, or watch television when they get home from school and then go to bed early. Dinnertime does not exist in many of these households. There is no money for food. On the weekends, when they are not fed at school, this becomes a bigger issue.

Wesley Memorial UMC has taken on the responsibility of providing food items to these families over the weekends. Each Friday, the kids are given a bag filled with 12-13 items for each child in the family. All the bags have identical items but the items are rotated each week. Each item is an individual serving size. The bags do not promote the church or any entity. The recipients do not know where the food comes from.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

You can supply food for the sacks. Whenever you go shopping look for sales or BOGOs and buy something for the children. **Or you can make a financial donation.** Wesley Memorial has connected with local and national wholesale suppliers for great prices on bulk quantities. Every donated dollar goes to purchase food. There is no administrative expense. Volunteers do everything. Wesley Memorial will provide a thank you letter for your donation that can be used for tax purposes. **You can also volunteer** to help with preparing the bags for delivery on Fridays. Just give the church

a call; they are very grateful for your help.

For more information on this community outreach project, please contact Dana Shores resident Jim Flanders at 813/299-0345. If you would like to donate food or make a financial contribution, Jim is happy to pick it up from you and deliver it to Wesley Memorial.



Nick Nichols has been a good friend to many and a great advocate for our community. Over the last five years, he has provided critical insight into the work that was done to maintain the airport property as a scenic reserve, squelch noise issues emanating from Hogan’s Beach, and address other local zoning matters. Nick recently sold his home of twenty-plus years and headed north for the peace and quiet of Georgia living. We wish him our best.

OPTIONS FOR TAKING ANOTHER BITE OUT OF CRIME

At various points, the neighborhood associations have considered the possibility of adding high-quality cameras at key ingress and egress points to the neighborhood. Technology has evolved to the point where we think it makes sense to

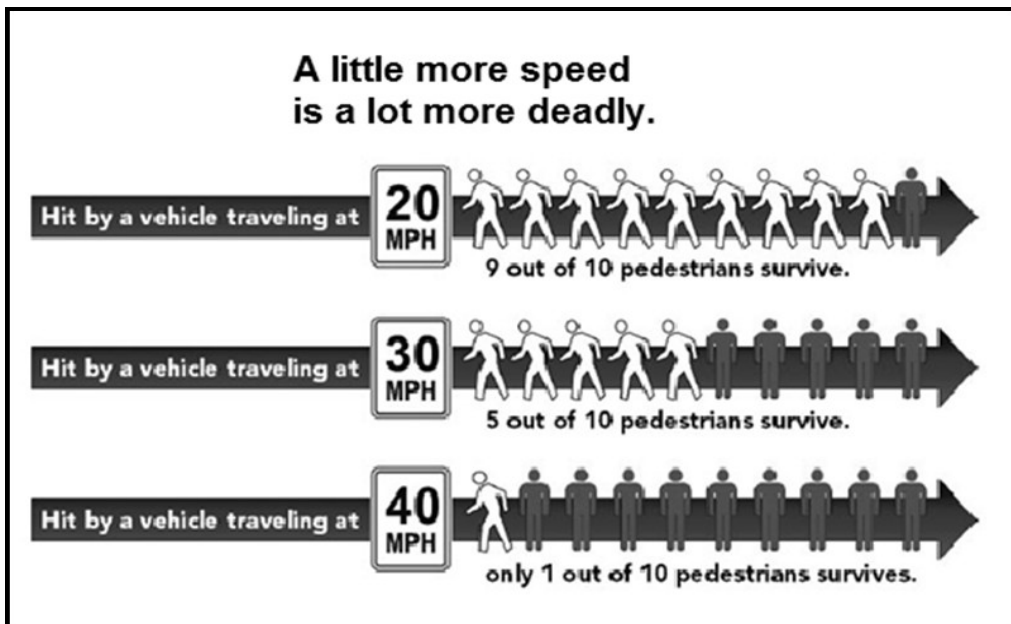
revisit this option, and we’d appreciate neighbors taking time to offer us their perspective. An email was recently sent with a survey for residents to complete.

If you do not have an email account registered with the civic association, you may request a link or provide direct input at info@danashores.com. If we move forward, we believe the project’s success largely depends upon a well-executed plan and community buy-in. We’ll need a good handle on both the merits of this project and its critical success factors. As always, thank you for your time and input.



Special thanks to Josephine Shine for coordinating one of (if not *the*) first Dana Shores / Pelican Island Shred Event. Josephine contracted a mobile vendor and worked with residents who expressed interest in a local shredding event. Effective upfront planning and teamwork made everything work seamlessly. The service took less than one hour to handle the needs of all who participated, and the cost came to \$15 to \$25 per person.

While document shredding doesn’t sound very sexy, working together is. If you would like to spearhead a project that could provide our residents an opportunity they might not otherwise be able to take advantage of as individuals, let us know at info@danashores.com. We’re always happy to see how we might work together.



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