

# SHORE LINES

DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

AUGUST 2017



## LET'S GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER Friday, August 18

All Dana Shores residents are invited to the DSWC's first ever New-Neighbor Family Get Together on **Friday, August 18**, from 6 – 9 p.m. at the Rocky Point Golf Course. **This is a family event.**

We have had many new residents, both homeowners and renters, move into our Dana Shores community in the last few years and, if we haven't met you already, we are looking forward to that opportunity.

The bar will be open and the clubhouse will have a great family-friendly menu available for purchase.

If you have ever wondered what the Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA) and the Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) do, this is a great opportunity to find out and meet lots of your neighbors! If you haven't seen the golf course before or would like to learn about their annual golf membership, this is also a great opportunity to check out the clubhouse and meet some of their staff.

We recently sent out an Evite. If you do not yet receive Evites and would like to, please e-mail us at [info@danashores.com](mailto:info@danashores.com). We can also get you signed up for lost and found, major project updates, and neighborhood watch.



## Fast, Widespread Communication is Critical to Stopping Crime in Its Tracks

In reviewing our crime trends, we find that Dana Shores tends to have trouble during (and often near the end of) summer vacation and around the end of the year. Well, it's that time and one of the top ways we can address crime is by working together.

We require fast, widespread communication to shut down criminal activity quickly once it is spotted. This month, we are asking that everyone make sure association emails are reaching you. Here are two simple steps:



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**2. Watch out for a test email at 9 a.m. Friday, August 4.** If you do not receive this test email, please write to us at [info@danashores.com](mailto:info@danashores.com). It's possible we have an old email address, no email address, or a typo in our system.



Mark your calendars for our long-awaited first annual Rocky Point Communities Family Fun Day and Food-Truck Rally on Sunday, October 15, at Skyway Park. The DSWC has been

attempting to get this event up and running for over a year and we are finally ready to go!

We have put together a great variety of outdoor yard games for people of all ages and hope you will join us for an afternoon of neighborly fun. Games under consideration include football toss, "American Ninja" obstacle course, lawn bowling, corn hole, lawn twister, squirt gun races, hopscotch, pool noodle ring toss, croquet, tennis and volleyball matches, hula hoops, Frisbee golf, and a variety of field-day activities.

For refreshments, we are lining up several food trucks that will offer food and drinks for purchase.

Updated information will be available in the September and October *Shore Lines*. We could use some help assembling games and setting up on the day of the event. If interested, please contact Julie Bowers at 813.389.2847.

## LADIES, PLEASE JOIN US! Saturday, September 9

Ladies, save the date for the Dana Shores Women's Club's (DSWC) annual Meet and Greet Tea and Mimosa Luncheon on Saturday, September 9, from 11:00 – 1:00 at the home of Kim Hajastron, 3943 Versailles Drive. This is a great time to come out and meet neighbors you've seen on the street but never had the opportunity to get to know. We will be talking about upcoming events and you can get early insight into community happenings. Please watch for your Evite in August with all the details!



## SAVE THE DATES

- Aug. 3 – DSWC Board Meeting at RPGC Clubhouse 10 – 11:30 am
- Aug. 18 – New Neighbor Family Get Together at RPGC Clubhouse 6 – 9 pm
- Sept. 7 – DSWC Board Meeting at RPGC Clubhouse 10 – 11:30 am
- Sept. 9 – DSWC Annual Tea (& Mimosa) Brunch 11 am – 1 pm
- October 15 – Family Fun Day and Food-Truck Rally at Skyway Park

**Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC)**

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**Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA)**

President:	Allison Roberts
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## Anew Twist on Dana Shores Get-Togethers: Ballroom Dancing Classes Starting September 11



Want to learn some new moves for an upcoming wedding, dancing with friends, or a

private evening in your living room? To sign up for ballroom dance lessons, email your contact information to [infor@danashores.com](mailto:infor@danashores.com) then watch for a confirmation email with additional details.

Come learn Salsa, Foxtrot, and up to six other ballroom dances in a six week course taught by Larry Lucas, one of our very talented neighbors.

Larry has won a state of Florida ballroom-dance titles and has shared his knowledge with many couples since. He taught a course this past spring and now he is bringing the joy to Dana Shores again.

Sign up fast while there is still room! Classes are free and filled up quickly this past spring.

**When:** Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. starting September 11

**Who:** The class can accommodate up to 24 people. Dance partners are encouraged but not required.

**What to wear:** Comfortable clothing and either leather-soled shoes or double socks

**Where:** Classes will be held locally at Larry's home (Details will be provided to those who sign up)

## DOES DOG PEE KILL PLANTS?

*Yup, and a whole lot more.*



A 1981 study called *Lawn burn from dog urine* shows the concentration of urea in dog urine overwhelms and often kills grass and other plants. Other studies also show that urea is hard on and degrades painted surfaces over time. This, of course, can create quite a challenge as neighbors walk their dogs throughout Dana Shores, dogs that would like to pee on trees, shrubs, grass, decorative posts, and entryway flowers.

The main thing that makes urine most damaging is volume. Because we live in a neighborhood with many dogs (many of which like to mark previously marked territory) volume is difficult for any one person to gauge. We may think it's just one little pee, but that one pee may be one in a loooong stream of marking and remarking.

We have been facing issues where urine is causing some plants to die in our planters and other neighbors to call in with complaints based on concerns at their property. We also ask our volunteers to do a fair amount of work in our planters, and we do not believe they should have to work on urine-soaked plants or pick up dog feces (as they currently do at certain planters) as part of their volunteering to help the neighborhood.

**Whether you are more of a dog person or more of a plant person, or a bit of both, it is always a good idea to reduce conflict where we can and make the community a great place for both puppies and plants.**

We, of course, have the dog poop bags located on the backside of one entry wall at the head of each street. Please feel free to take these as needed to remove poo. Also, when you are out and about, please help by encouraging a potty stop in your own yard before the walk and, when needed, select an area for your pet to pee that will reduce stress on the plants, neighbors, and our wonderful volunteers.



## 60 SECOND UPDATES

**Amenities on the Hillsborough Side of the Courtney**

### **Campbell Causeway Trail.**

New amenities will be coming soon. You can already see the projects begin to be staked out. This will be a tremendous benefit to our area. Thanks to Jeffrey Coleman, Esq. of Fontainebleau Drive who participates on the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee, keeps us in the know, and provides outstanding representation for the local communities.

**More Upgrades at Skyway Park.** As of mid-2016, our community has partnered with the county to install a variety of upgrades at Skyway, including new fencing around the children's park and tennis courts, resurfacing the tennis courts and adding new lighting, adding locking bollards along the bike path, closing the service gate, removing outdated signage, removing large abandoned dirt mounds, adding a trash receptacle at the south end of the bike path, regrading mosquito-infested drainage ditches, and more. The more kept appearance and reduced ingress/egress options have greatly reduced nighttime issues.

Just recently, the county also replaced the chain link fencing along Independence Parkway and volunteers with Tampa Bay Youth Football League (TBYFL) repainted the concession building near the football fields. Also, Julie McCormick of Doral Drive worked with the civic association and county to remove a hazardous dead tree perilously situated in the children's playground. Thanks to everyone's efforts, the park continues to improve.

If you have suggestions and would like to be involved in helping us make further improvements, please contact us at [info@danashores.com](mailto:info@danashores.com)



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## DANA SHORES' "LIBRARIAN!"

Maggie Coleman of Fontainebleau Drive is pleased to announce she is District 1's newest member of the Hillsborough County Library Board! As our representative, she encourages everyone in our community to take advantage of everything our library offers.



Did you know your property taxes go to help pay for one of the finest library systems in the state? Your library card is the key to unlocking a vast amount of benefits. There is something for everyone.

Do you want to learn a new language? Your library card is the key to unlocking the free app "Mango" which has courses online in over 70 languages!

Do you need a quiet place to study or to have a meeting or an interview? You can have a FREE meeting room at the library by reserving it with the librarians at whatever branch you choose within the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative.

Feel like having a movie night at home? Then download the "hoopla" app and stream a movie for free from your local library with nothing more than your library card.

Do you want to borrow an eBook to read on your e-reader or tablet? You guessed it, many books are available for download through the library website.

Do you have legal questions concerning your business or about a personal legal matter? The law library is now a part of the Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative and is staffed Monday through Saturday with librarians to help you get your legal questions answered or do legal research for free.

Want to design your own cookie-cutter and print it on a 3D printer? You can even do that at the library!

These and many other adult and children activities are available for free at our local library's "Hive." Explore the website at [www.HCPLC.org](http://www.HCPLC.org) and check out our beautiful Town 'N Country library on Paula Drive where you will find books, magazines, computers, copiers, conference rooms, activities, and friendly librarians.

If you have any suggestions for our library, any questions about library services, or have a topic you'd like to bring up at a library board meeting, please feel free to email Maggie at [mme923@gmail.com](mailto:mme923@gmail.com) or call/text at 813.494.6227.

## IDEAS FOR SURROUNDING HIGHWAYS, EXPRESSWAYS, AND BRIDGES? LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD



You might have heard in the local news recently about FDOT's rebranding of the former TBX project as Tampa Bay Next. Tampa Bay Next is a program to modernize Tampa Bay's transportation infrastructure. As part of the Tampa Bay Next program, the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) is working with local communities to determine the right set of transportation solutions.

In terms of roadway projects, this is the group responsible for planning changes and improvements to state and federally funded highways. In our immediate area, this includes the Veterans Expressway, I-275, Hillsborough Avenue, Highway 60 (including the Courtney Campbell Causeway), and the Howard Frankland bridge. That's a lot of roadway and one of the reasons the civic association has been proactive in reaching out and establishing a strong working relationship with Tampa Bay Next leaders. Holly Simmons, Dana Shores Civic Association VP, is spearheading this effort.

On June 15, the DSCA hosted a working meeting with leaders from Tampa Bay Next, Sweetwater, Pelican Island, Dana Shores, TBYFL, and surrounding businesses to discuss local options, including changes to the Westshore exchange, opportunities along Hillsborough Avenue and at the Memorial intersection, and potential impacts of adding express lane on- and off-ramps at Independence Parkway.

If you are signed up for our email alerts, you should have received our notice about the recent Community Working Group meeting on July 20, providing our residents another opportunity to share their ideas with FDOT.

If you haven't been able to make one of their Community Working Group meetings, there is another opportunity to meet with FDOT representatives and discuss what's going on at Skyway Park on August 19 (info below). To find out more about the project or other dates to meet with FDOT representatives, go to <http://www.tampabaynext.com/>.

Following the Community Working Group meetings taking place this summer, FDOT plans to hold meetings to discuss their analysis and findings starting this October.

### Next opportunity to meet with FDOT representatives - Saturday, August 19:

Tampa Bay Youth League Football opening day (1:00-9:00 p.m.)  
Skyway Park, 4840 Independence Parkway, Tampa, FL 33634

If you would like to be more involved in representing the collective community of Dana Shores, please reach out to us at [info@danashores.com](mailto:info@danashores.com).

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### MOSQUITOES SUCK!

Civic association representatives recently attended a presentation on mosquito control in Hillsborough County and were excited to learn what they might be doing to help in our area. We had been bitten enough by these pests in our yards, on our walks, and in our homes and were looking for relief.

We learned that the county is doing a lot, just not a lot locally. Why not? Because when you look at the heat map reflecting the number of calls from areas like South Tampa, Davis Island, and Apollo Beach, we don't even register. Of course, it makes sense that the county should direct resources where they believe the problem is the greatest, and it makes sense too that they would largely rely on residents to tell them where the problems are.

So, if you are also ready to take your yard and home back, protect your family, and protect your pets from heartworms, please help in these two ways:

1. **Report mosquito-related issues** by contacting Hillsborough County Mosquito Control at (813) 635-5400 or by taking 60 seconds to submitting an online request at <https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/mosquito>

With enough calls, we should be able to get some neighborhood-wide help.

2. **Help us eliminate local breeding sites.** This is important since many mosquitoes travel only a few hundred feet from their breeding site within their lifetime.

Mosquitoes breed by laying eggs in 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 by the hundreds.

Once or twice a week, please empty or clean all outdoor containers that hold water and are not inhabited by guppies or other mosquito-eating fish:

Buckets	Flower Pots and Saucers	Birdbaths
Poorly Flowing Gutters	Bromeliads and Similar Plants	Trash Containers
Boat Covers	Pet Dishes	Tires



Please also maintain swimming pools in good condition. If you have a swimming pool that contains stagnant or unchlorinated water, a request may 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/>

### LATINX COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Latinx demographics in the communities around Dana Shores continue to increase. Unfortunately, we do not see these Latin neighbors taking part in many of the neighborhood forums or activities that our neighborhood uses for ongoing improvements. Only by fostering the involvement of ALL neighbors in a community can neighborhoods be strong and safe.

Dana Shores would like to explore ways in which we can encourage and assist our Latino neighbors in our own community and in the communities around us to become more involved in the greater Town 'N Country and Hillsborough County opportunities. If we help our neighbors navigate resources and participate more actively with their communities, the communities will become stronger and safer places to live for all, which will benefit all of us who live in this area.

Recently, Allison Roberts and Maggie Coleman attended a community information session on involving the Latinx community into neighborhood organizations. The Hillsborough County Neighborhoods and Youth Conference offered many great outreach ideas and concepts we would like to use within and outside our own neighborhood. If you are interested in exploring this outreach opportunity with us, please contact Allison Roberts or Maggie Coleman at [info@danashores.com](mailto:info@danashores.com).



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