



DANA SHORES 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 7, from 6:30 – 9:30 at the home of Jeffy Beaver, 3933 E. Eden Roc Circle.* Dinner and drinks will be provided.

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. Dana Shores resident Larry Lucas is donating many holiday decorations from the Atlanta Gift Mart to the auction. 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 Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Children Christmas toy drive for Hillsborough County foster children. Bring your check books and holiday spirit and join us for one of our favorite "ladies-only" holiday gatherings. An Evite will be sent out by mid-November so we can plan dinner accordingly.

ALMOST HERE: HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE AND DOCK-DECORATING FESTIVITIES



It's almost here... our annual Holiday Boat Parade and Dock-Decorating Festivities!

Let's make this year even better than the last. Each year we are increasing our boat parade attendees, dock decorators, and watch parties.

If you are interested in participating in the boat parade or being in the dock decorating contest, please register using the contact form on our website (http:// danashores.com/boat-parade-contact/). It's fun, simple, and you'll be guaranteed to meet some new neighbors. Who knows, you might even win a prize.

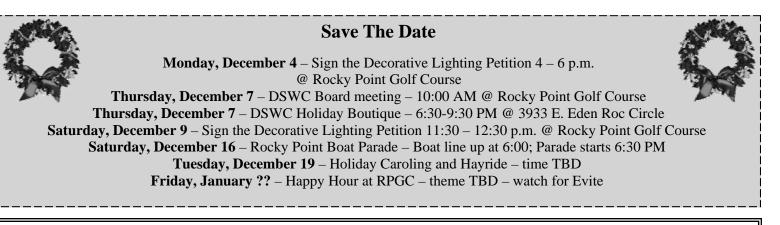
We look forward to seeing you either in your boat or on your dock. For more information please go to the contest web page (http://danashores.com/boat-parade/) or text/call Greg Dorion at (813) 786-6007.



HERE WE COME A CAROLING: Tuesday, December 19

Do you like having a good time? Enjoy hanging out with fun people? Then the third annual Dana Shores holiday caroling hayride is for you! We have quite a few original homeowners in Dana Shores/ Pelican Island and others who may not be able to get out to enjoy the holiday festivities. Join us as we visit with and bring holiday cheer to these families. The hayride brings together the spirit, kinship, and joy of the holiday season! This is a family event for neighbors of all ages.

Not the best singer? No problem. We are fortunate to have some accomplished singers in our neighborhood, and they are wonderful at carrying the group. This is about having fun with your neighbors and bringing joy to others. If you would like to join us as we travel through the neighborhood or would like to request we visit your household, please email us at info@danashores.com or call Allison Roberts at (813) 335-8931.



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GRINCHES DON'T WIN THE YARD-DECORATING CONTEST...

And you're no Grinch! Last year's Dana Shores' yarddecorating contest was beautiful. We lit up the night and hope even more neighbors will join in the decorating extravaganza this year.

Voting for your favorite house will begin the night of the boat parade (Saturday, December 16) and continue through Christmas Eve. We'll handle this year's votes like last year through email. No registration is required; just dress up your yard to vie for prizes and bragging rights. If you don't already receive our emails, send us a note at <u>info@danashores.com</u> to participate in the voting!

SHORES HOLIDAY DANA PHILANTHROPY PROJECT



Voices for Children is а volunteer program FLORIDA GUARDIAN AD LITEM 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 nonprofit program, Voices for Children. Dana Shores residents came to the rescue and provided 45 children with Christmas presents.

We have been provided a list of 75 children who do not have someone to support them this holiday season. At this time, only 12 have been chosen. 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 or email at juliebowers813@gmail.com. The program also accepts monetary donations and gift cards, which volunteers use to purchase gifts.

We have been told there is also an opportunity for a **teen service project** within this effort. Many of the gifts will need to be wrapped, and volunteers are greatly appreciated. The wrapping event will take place on Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, at Hyde Park United Methodist Church. If your teen would like more information, please call Julie at 813/389-2847.

While the wrapping event takes place early, we can continue to receive gifts for several more weeks.

The deadline to deliver gifts to Julie is Wednesday, December 13.







As all of you know, in September our state faced one of the worst hurricanes in recent times. My husband and I were out of the country and were blessed to have the Blanton's (Daniel and Kalyn), our nextdoor neighbors, bring in our outdoor furniture and toys and secure our house.

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Upon our return, we were immensely relieved to see that our beloved Dana Shores was spared from the ravages of hurricane Irma. Other parts of our country were not as fortunate, especially the US territory of Puerto Rico. In my gratefulness, it occurred to me that the generous people of Dana Shores could do something to help those in need.

So, we began a neighborhood hurricane relief drive. Cathy Sanfillipo, Tina Mawn, and I volunteered to receive the items that were in need. We collected things such as non-perishable food, diapers, baby bottles, LED flashlights, baby wipes, assorted toiletries, and so on. We also worked a drop-off booth at the Neighborhood Family Fun Day event.

All items were delivered to the Course of Action PR organization on October 25 for shipment to Puerto Rico. Here are pictures of our donations along with Brenda Irizarry, the angel behind the Course of Action PR organization.

For me, it was truly a labor of love. Many thanks to those in Dana Shores who opened their hearts and contributed to this worthy cause... helping others. -Phyllis Timmons

DSWC WELCOMES NEW SOCIAL CHAIR **CATHY SANFILLIPO**

At the October DSWC board meeting, the executive board nominated and approved Cathy Sanfillipo as our new social chair. She and her husband, Robb, have been residents in Dana Shores since 2014. They welcomed their son, Styles, in 2016. Cathy and Robb moved to Tampa from Ohio, where she graduated from The Ohio State University and is a proud Buckeye fan. Cathy's primary occupation is as a full-time mom. She is also a realtor with Keller Williams. She loves staying active (easy when you're chasing after a two-yearold), doing yoga, boating, cooking, and baking.



When Cathy and Robb moved to Dana Shores, they were happily surprised when some neighbors stopped by to introduce themselves and welcome them to the neighborhood. They love being part of a tight-knit community and knowing that our neighbors watch out for one another. Cathy loves to entertain and host friends and family in their home, and she is excited to share this passion with the neighborhood as our new social chair. We are looking forward to a great 2018 with some exciting new social events!

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ACTION REQUESTED: HELP US GET DECORATIVE STREET LIGHTING THROUGHOUT DANA SHORES

In the October *Shore Lines*, we announced that we had been working on a new plan for street lights along Dana Shores Drive. We have since expanded that option to all streets throughout Dana Shores!

As part of our undergrounding project, we had originally planned to remove the wooden poles, the wires strung pole to pole, and the yellowish sodium lights. We have a petition on file with the county that has already been approved by our residents and county administrators to replace these with concrete poles and LED lighting.

As we worked on a design for the pole locations, however, we quickly realized that lighting interference with the oaks along Dana Shores Drive would still result in big dark spots along the roadway. To address this issue, we need a shorter pole that can allow us to provide lighting under the trees' canopies.

This led to our recent work with homeowners along Dana Shores Drive to obtain signatures supporting decorative lighting along this roadway between Skyway Park and Pelican Island. In October, we exceeded the minimum signature requirement to move forward with this improvement.

Based on the feedback we received, we are now expanding this option to the other streets within Dana Shores. Please join us at one of the upcoming signing events at Rocky Point Golf Course clubhouse

to sign the petition:

Monday, December 4, from 4 - 6 p.m. Saturday, December 9, from 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

You may also participate through email and the Neighborhood-Only Facebook page. We only have a few short weeks to get these signatures in time for the end-of-year county cycle. If you do not receive these other forms of electronic communication and cannot attend the signing event, please email us at info@danashores.com.

Here are some related FAQs:

1. <u>Where can I see this?</u> If you'd like to see these lights in person, take a drive through Culbreath Isles or Hyde Park at night. (Although Culbreath Isles has a gate, the neighborhood is fully accessible to the public.)

2. <u>What is the cost?</u> Today, lighting for a typical Dana Shores lot is approximately \$58 per year. Assuming we install decorative lighting, your cost will move to approximately \$116 per year, an annual difference of roughly \$58 (or a dinner for two).

3. When would my cost change? After the new lighting is installed as part of our undergrounding project.

4. <u>What if some people don't sign the petition?</u> A decision will be made street by street based on the number of signatures. It's possible we may end up with different lighting on different streets (as we have today). This improvement is an opportunity, however, to bring us to a common standard and to promote a more unified look and feel throughout the neighborhood.

5. <u>What if for some reason undergrounding does not pass?</u> We will keep our existing lighting, poles, and wires. The petition will be on file but will not be activated.



AY, AY CAPTAIN - I GOT THIS!

Have you ever found docking challenging? Have you ever heard the captain grouse because you did not throw the rope at the right time or the right place? Have you ever wanted to switch out your captain from the one on the left to the one on the right? I have.



If your home is like ours, part of happy family boating is keeping everything nice and easy while docking. Despite my best efforts, I could never quite figure out how to successfully toss a line from any distance. First attempts often fell short into the water or smacked an unsuspecting helper in the face. Ongoing attempts often smacked that same unsuspecting helper in the face with the rope I'd just doused in the water.

Recently, I watched this 4-minute video published by Annapolis School of Seamanship on YouTube then went outside to practice. Viola, I can now throw a line and hook a piling like no one's business! It will be fun looking like a pro while taking family and friends out over the holidays. If you want to learn the same thing, search YouTube for *ASOS How to Line Throw*, practice a little, and watch your captain smile!



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Captain John Martino from Annapolis School of Seamanship demonstrates how to coil and **throw** a **line**; an important skill when ...

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WHOA, DON'T BACK UP!

If you have guests coming in town this holiday season and are concerned about a possible shower, sink, or toilet backing up, we hope this article will provide some important tips you can use. Let's start with the easier fixes first.

1. Consider installing a shower drain cover with a crosshatch pattern or small holes and scooping out loose strands after each shower.



Drains with long lateral cuts can allow too much hair to pass through, especially if one or more family members has a long, thick mane.

2. Remind all guests of **what goes in the trash and not in the toilet**. You may need to provide privacy wrappers and trash cans with lids to encourage the right behavior from your more discrete guests. Several Dana Shores homes have suffered major plumbing problems associated with this issue. Our pipe diameter and elevation change are often inadequate to handle missteps in this area.

3. If your older toilets are clogging, you could have mineral despots plugging the jets, valves, and trap. YouTube videos show how to scrape away deposits and where to pour special cleaners. If it's that time, you could also just replace the toilet. The *Consumer Reports Buying Guide* can help you find toilets with maximum thrust, which you may not always find at your local big box store. Four years ago, we chose a Toto UltraMax that we ordered through Amazon. After installing the new toilet and removing some roots, we went from monthly issues to no issues.

4. If you have issues arising in different areas at different times, it's more likely you may have an obstruction or problem with your pipes. Tree and



shrub roots are common. There are powders you can buy to kill them but, if the roots have already caused backups, consider hiring a plumber who can visually scope the pipe AND who keeps a root-removing auger on his truck (to avoid that second trip charge). Then follow-up with the powder. (Since he'll need to take the toilet off to do this work, you might prepare to replace the toilet at the same time if that's part of your overall plan.)

We hope this message finds you well and helps keep everything moving smoothly over the holidays!

DSWC MEET & GREET LUNCHEON ENJOYED BY ALL



On Saturday, November 11, the DSWC hosted a Meet & Greet Luncheon for the ladies of the neighborhood at Rocky Point Golf Club.

We had a wonderful turnout, and it was a great opportunity to catch up with neighbors and find out more about upcoming events and neighborhood projects, such as undergrounding.



Over tea, mimosas, and lunch, attendees also had the chance to view a live demonstration on how to

make holiday floral arrangements from our tremendously talented neighbor, Larry Lucas, who is an accomplished florist. He taught us the ins and outs of building festive flower arrangements that will surely impress family

and guests this holiday season.



Thank you to our amazing Dana Shores ladies, the DSWC, and Larry Lucas for making the event a success.

We look forward to the next event and hope to see your beautiful faces there!

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YOUR FRONT DOOR MAY BE YOUR BIGGEST SECURITY RISK

Our vision is zero crime. Criminals share tips. They plan and put effort into their crimes. We're going to do the same with the intention of



making our neighborhood one of the most frustrating, least inviting neighborhoods for any criminal element. This month, we are focused on the front door.

Did you know that most burglars enter homes through the front door and during daylight hours? They target and benefit from common weaknesses, several of which can be corrected with very little time or money. Consider these options:

1. Keep doors and windows in full view. Keep tall hedges, trees, and larger vehicles (like RVs) parked in circular driveways and in front of homes in mind. They provide excellent cover for burglars.

- 2. Make it difficult to kick in your door.
- Replace screws in hinges and strike plates with 3" screws or longer.
- Use a deadbolt with a 1" throw or longer. (Schlage or Medeco have been recommended by HCSO. Many other brands can be opened using a bump key.)

Strike Plate

- Install flush lever bolts at the top and bottom of double doors. Make sure the bolts are long, sturdy, and mounted into a solid door frame.
- Consider setting doors so they swing out to better withstand attempts at forced entry.
- **3.** Thieves know all the good hiding spots for a spare key -- under the door mat, in a light, or under a flower pot. Consider leaving a copy with a neighbor or properly installing a quality lock-box.
- **4. Look at them. Don't let them see you.** If you can't easily see out, install a 180-degree eye viewer. Peephole covers are also good. They prevent possible intruders from using a reverse peephole viewer to look inside your home.
- 5. Address exposed hinge pins. If you have a door that swings out, it's often easy for a burglar to simply remove the pins and lift the door from the frame. Various YouTube videos show easy ways to solve this. (See *Home Security How to Prevent a Door from Being Removed at the Hinges*).

As a special gift to our original homeowners, if you need help replacing screws or addressing exposed hinge pins, you may email us at <u>info@danashores.com</u> We have several amazing (and good looking, I was told) residents who have volunteered to help you!

HOW WILL YOU HELP MAKE SURE YOUR PET MAKES IT HOME?

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No one ever expects their pet to escape. But a turned back, open gate, or mischievous digger can result in a panicky situation. With visitors in town or your being out of town, your pet is at higher risk.

We are now able to offer another opportunity promoting a pet-friendly neighborhood thanks to Shara Szirtes (Versailles Drive) and Dr. Eddie Garcia, D.V.M. (Venetian Way). Together, they are supporting a <u>Dana Shores/Pelican</u> <u>Island pet microchipping and identification program</u> at no cost to our residents. We hope to have strong neighborhood participation in this program.

These two business owners/operators have offered to split the cost of a universal microchip scanner for the neighborhood. We are asking all neighbors to please help us build a Dana Shores/Pelican Island Pet Registry, which will allow us to contact you directly if your pet is found.

To register your pet, please visit www.danashores.com/pet-registry

Dana Shores has a long tradition of residents contributing their time, energy, resources, and know-how to improve our community. When you see Shara and Dr. Garcia, please tell them thank you!



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