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DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

FEBRUARY 2018



UNDERGROUNDING THE TIME HAS COME

Over the last 18 months, we have been working diligently to move the ball forward on undergrounding. Plans have been engineered, environmental permits have been pulled, easements have been secured, costs have been developed, lighting options have been evaluated, petition drives for decorative lighting have succeeded, Taylor Morrison has come on board to help with undergrounding Dana Shores Drive, and a new county-wide ordinance has passed that will provide us added protection from small wireless facilities inundating our area once we pass undergrounding.

We are now preparing to take the final step required to make undergrounding a reality.

Please look out for upcoming notifications of a community-wide meeting for all Dana Shores and Pelican Island residents to discuss undergrounding. We will also share the final petition for moving the project forward at this meeting.

This is a critical event. If you only make one community meeting a decade, this is it. We respectfully ask that everyone attend.

Undergrounding our utilities is no longer a choice between the way it is or moving forward. By many peoples' standards, we are now faced with a choice to move backward or ahead.

New neighborhoods have underground power. As our infrastructure continues to age, home buyers look to build new homes here, and newer developments offer underground power, we fall further and further behind the curve.

Over the last twenty-some years, our neighborhood has also been rebuilding the living World War I Memorial of trees along Dana Shores Drive. Many of these semimature trees are now within close proximity to the power lines. In response to our

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METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES FOOD DRIVE



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becoming homeless in our community through services that alleviate suffering, promote dignity and instill selfsufficiency... as an expression of the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ."

The DSWC places a container in the lobby of the Rocky Point Golf Course Clubhouse each spring to collect food for Metropolitan Ministries. This year, the container will be placed in the lobby on Wednesday, February 14, and collected on Wednesday, March 28. The following items are often requested with the items in bold being most in demand: cereal, canned fruit, canned yams, stuffing, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, canned vegetables, beans, bags of rice, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, dessert mixes, packaged cookies or pastries, boxed Jell-O & pudding. This is a fantastic philanthropy project for the whole family to participate in, and we hope you will join the DSWC in our endeavor to support Metropolitan Ministries.

Save The Date

Thursday, February 1 – DSWC Board meeting – 10:15 AM @ Rocky Point Golf Course

Saturday, February 24 – 7 PM – Game Night @ Larry Lucas' home (3802 Dana Shores Drive)

Friday, March 16 – DSWC St. Patty's Day TGIF – 6:00-9:00 PM @ Rocky Point Golf Course

Date to Be Announced – Undergrounding Meeting – Please Watch for Details!

GAME NIGHT SET TO BEGIN SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24!

Last month, we wrote about Dana Shores resident Larry Lucas' interest in putting together a game night for other residents who have a love for games. We had a great response and Larry has set a date for the first game night on Saturday, February 24, at 7 PM at his home at 3802 Dana Shores Drive. He will have a large variety of both board and card games to choose from and is happy to also provide a variety of snacks. If you have a snack or beverage that you would like to share, you are welcome to do so. If you need more information, please contact us at info@danashores.com and we will be happy to put you in touch with Larry.

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I believe our residents have, over the years, developed a strong culture unique to Dana Shores. It's one where neighbors don't just get along, we actually like

each other. We believe in working for something more than working against something. We look internally at how we can each contribute in our own unique way to the greater good, and we are a strong community because of it. That's overwhelmingly been my experience, and its rarity has been reinforced by other community leaders outside of Dana Shores.

That's part of the reason we were so excited about the idea presented by resident Boy Scout Jack Wood in early 2017. He wanted to create a documentary that captured the story of our community as part of his Eagle Scout project. We loved the idea!

Jack requested volunteer cast members through the newsletter and other direct means, and Jason and Nicole Gulledge granted permission to set up a temporary

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undergrounding initiative, TECO has placed a temporary hold on a line clearance project in Dana Shores, allowing us to take advantage of the opportunity to underground and avoid disfigurement of our trees and the associated changes to our skyline.

Wonder what that change would look like if we do pass n o t undergrounding? Here is a picture of the oak TECO trimmed many years ago in front of A La Carte. This tree will likely be removed t h e during redevelopment of property. this Wonder how this type of change



This laterally-pruned, L-shaped tree stands in front of A' La Carte.

along the full corridor of Dana Shores Drive could negatively affect the property values of homes on Americana, Venetian, Doral, Pelican Island, and other nearby streets? Read the section on Frequently Asked Questions inside this newsletter to learn more.

Of course, there are also many other reasons to underground utilities. Whether you are concerned about safety, property values, selling your home, refinancing, aesthetics, or a variety of other issues, there are many reasons to underground and to do it now. The inside article covering Frequently Asked Questions covers several reasons neighbors have expressed for undergrounding.

CHILI NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS!!

The DSWC's "chili night" on January 19 was a new idea for a new year and, based on the turnout, 2018 is going to be awesome! Over 50 people turned out to dine on traditional beef chili, green Mexican chicken chili, mac n cheese, cornbread pudding, and some special desserts. We really appreciate the neighborhood supporting our happy hours and we look forward to seeing you at the St. Patty's Day TGIF on Friday, March 16. Please remember to RSVP for prepaid events. It's critical to helping us plan and ensuring we have enough food for everyone who attends.

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production set in their backyard. By midyear, Jack was ready for filming.

As I prepared to watch the film for the first time, I wondered whether Jack's documentary would independently capture the same culture I had found in our community. Would it tell the same story?



With pleasure, I invite you to check the video out for yourself and let us know what you think. Our story is now publicly available on the Dana Shores website as the first listing under Community (http://danashores.com/sensecommunity/).

Thank you to all who participated and contributed to this endeavor, with special thanks to Jack, Nancy, and Doug Wood. Jack should receive his Eagle Scout designation soon. If you have a teen in your household who has an idea for a community project, we'd love to hear from you at info@danashores.com.

RECENT TREND: DISTRACTION BURGLARIES

Early to mid-January, two distraction burglaries occurred nearby: one on Fountain Avenue (off Hanley Rd) and one on Troydale Road (behind Home Depot).

The suspect posed as a surveyor or TECO worker and requested access to the victim's backyard. While in the backyard, a second suspect entered the home and stole jewelry.

Suspect vehicle: white pickup truck
Suspect: at least

one white Hispanic male Target: the suspects appear to be targeting elderly females.



Although crime occurs everywhere, the more awareness we have about local issues, the better our chance of prevention. We'd like to thank Deputy Mechler, our Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) Community Resource Deputy, who proactively shared this information to help raise our awareness and promote our safety.

If you are targeted by these individuals, please contact HCSO at 813.247.8200.

HOW TO KEEP YOUR HOLIDAY FLOWERS LOOKING FRESH

At our DSWC "Tea and Mimosa" luncheon late last year, our speaker, Larry Lucas, shared some great tips on how to keep fresh -cut flowers looking their best for an extended period. With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we wanted to share these great recommendations with you.

- Pennies in Tulips a few copper pennies stacked between the petals will keep their heads upright.
- Rose heads that fall over –starting with the "bump" under the flower, insert a #21 florist wire up into the flower and the heads will not droop.
- Hollow stem flowers like chrysanthemums should never be cut with scissors. Rather the bottom two inches should be smashed, and this will allow the flowers to drink more water.
- No flowers stems should ever be cut with scissors. Use a sharp knife or razor blade and cut at an angle.
- Remove foliage below the water line to prevent bacteria from growing in the water
- Never use floral oasis (the green foam) more than once. They will not retain water a second time.
- Flower stems should be recut after three days, and the water should be changed at the same time. Greenery does not need to be recut.



 Buy based on fresh-looking foliage. Don't buy anything that has yellow greenery.

Do this, and your flowers should last up to two weeks.

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UNDERGROUNDING FAQs: Dana Shores / Pelican Island at Rocky Point

We have provided answers to the top 3 Frequently Asked Questions below. If you would like to know more about the project or be added to our distribution list, please write to us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why Are Residents of Venetian Way and Pelican Island Involved? Don't They Have Underground Wires?

Yes, they have underground electricity, but it only exists on their streets and not along our common entranceways. Everyone is impacted by the overhead utilities that run along our common entranceways and, due to the size and additional equipment associated with these areas, undergrounding our entranceways requires broad community participation and support.

Our entranceways are important to all of us. An explanation of how they directly impact your Safety, Reliability, Aesthetics, and Property Values is provided below.

2. Why Are We Pursuing Undergrounding? There are many reasons. Here are some we hear most often.

<u>Safety</u>. Undergrounding offers the security of knowing that no matter what storm or hurricane comes our way, we will not have to worry about live cables or poles falling onto our cars or homes or into our streets.

Safety matters during normal weather too. Within a few weeks of our writing one of our prior articles about undergrounding, lines snapped at two separate homes, one on Dana Shores Drive and one on Eden Roc Circle. In one event, live wires dropped on a neighbor's car and, not realizing what they were, his wife nearly grabbed the line. In a separate incident during this same period, a transformer in another section of Dana Shores Drive began spewing oil. In prior events, we've had a neighbor's lawn catch on fire on Eden Roc Circle. It was only the quick action taken by neighbors that stopped the flames from reaching the house.

Since this time, there have been many other near misses as well as one nearby tragedy. FWC Officer Greg Patterson, who worked very closely with our civic association for years, was electrocuted when his bicycle contacted a powerline that had fallen across the Courtney Campbell Causeway bike trail during a thunderstorm. Greg was an amazing person to work with, and his death made the undergrounding project even more personal to our community leaders. It has also created an awesome sense of responsibility and concern for neighbors' safety during storms, most recently Hurricane Irma. The downed guy wire along Dana Shores Drive from Irma could have just as easily been a downed electric wire. The difference was luck and a couple of inches.

Due to our neighborhood having an overhead network that is roughly fifty years old, it is reasonable to assume the problems will get worse before they get better. The undergrounding initiative allows us to replace major sections of our aging electrical network with new lines and equipment.

Enhanced Reliability. Undergrounding can reduce our likelihood of power outages, the frequency of power surges, and the resulting damage to expensive home electronics and appliances. Reliability is enhanced for several reasons.

First, underground electric lines typically experience fewer wind and lightning related outages than overhead systems.

Second, according to TECO repairmen, some areas within Dana Shores experience an unusually high number of power disruptions due to squirrels eating through overhead lines.

Third, every homeowner on every street within Dana Shores and Pelican Island is vulnerable to power failure due to our reliance on serial pathways that carry overhead power a) along main circuit lines from the substation on Independence Parkway to our streets' intersection with Dana Shores Drive, b) along a given residential street, or c) both. If power is cut anywhere along this overhead pathway, residents on the side that has been disconnected from the power source cannot receive electricity. Undergrounding will be installed using a looped design. A loop system is fed from two different ends of the same circuit phase. As such, equipment can be isolated anywhere on the loop for maintenance or repair with a minimum number of customers affected. Pelican Island already has a looped system to two service points at the entrance to their development. Venetian Way also has a looped system. Its effectiveness, however, is diminished since it is looped back a single service point at the entrance to Venetian Way. TECO proposes to have all the streets looped with two service points and to also loop three underground feeders that bring power from the substation into our communities using equipment that can be quickly switched over to restore power in the event of a main circuit loss.

<u>Improved Aesthetics</u>. Dana Shores Drive and George Road serve as entryways into our neighborhoods. They make the first (and arguably, therefore, the most important) impression on neighborhood guests and prospective homebuyers.

Undergrounding will remove unsightly poles and lines along most of this corridor and along individual streets. Photos of the main thoroughfare and different streets have been taken and digitally altered to show how they would look with the poles and lines removed. If you have not attended one of the community meetings to see these in the past, we will have them to show at our upcoming meeting. The difference is staggering!

Undergrounding also protects nearly twenty-five oak trees along Dana Shores Drive from impending disfigurement by eliminating their conflict with overhead utilities. Although a few severely disfigured ninety-plus-year-old oak trees exist in this area, TECO has not yet removed the upper limbs from most of the oak trees along Dana Shores Drive. They are beautifully shaped today, but most of them are roughly twenty-five years old and, since TECO's last major trimming in our neighborhood, they have developed a much wider canopy.

If overhead power remains on our streets, these trees will not be allowed to maintain their natural shape. Most will be L-shaped or have one side completely removed (side pruning). Some will be V- or U-shaped. Significant pruning will be performed to safely clear power lines, not for aesthetic purposes.

Limbs that have grown within ten feet of distribution lines and twenty feet of transmission lines will be cleared. In following the American National Standards Institute A-300 standards for tree care, TECO cuts cleared limbs all the way back to the parent or main limb. TECO also employs directional pruning, the removing of both major and minor branches that grow toward the power line while leaving those that grow away from it.

Most of our trees along Dana Shores Drive have already spread to the point where TECO will proceed with removing their upper limbs if we do not follow through with burying our utilities. It is critical to understand that a choice to maintain overhead lines will not result in the status quo. A decision to do nothing is a decision to invoke major change. It gives the okay to TECO to proceed with removing upper limbs from these trees, thereby making irreversible changes that will result in a long row of disfigured trees flanking our neighborhoods' entranceway.

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According to our research, large, old street trees are the most important indicator of attractiveness in a community. Common sense would thereby suggest that doing nothing could have significant, negative repercussions on our property values and a beautiful, tree-lined canopy road along Dana Shores Drive could positively affect our values.

In addition to the impact along Dana Shores Drive, undergrounding offers more homeowners along our finger streets the opportunity to plant and protect specimen trees in their front yards.

<u>Increased Property Values.</u> Well-kept neighborhood green spaces and greenways, especially those with healthy trees, typically increase the value of nearby properties (Corrill and Cordell 1985; Coder 1996; Des Rosiers et. al. 2002; Donovan et. al. 2010). A number of studies show that greenways add double-digit percentage gains to residential property values.

As important as mature, healthy trees are to property values, they are not the only consideration. Several other local amenities are drawing potential homebuyers to Dana Shores and Pelican Island: our waterways, Rocky Point Golf Course, the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail, and Skyway Park. Although most of us have grown accustomed to the overhead lines and may not even see them anymore, in speaking with today's prospective homebuyers, we understand that a safe, reliable, underground infrastructure is an important factor in their decision making.

TECO receives frequent calls from homebuyers looking at property in older neighborhoods, asking what it would take to bury the power lines. We have received the same from prospective homebuyers in Dana Shores. Unfortunately, these prospective buyers learn that while they can bury the drop to their home, it takes an organized effort to bury pole to pole down a street. And that's where the real value is for many of them. As a result, older communities like Dana Shores are at a clear disadvantage compared to newer communities and other high-end properties that already have buried utilities.

A strong competitive position is necessary for high home values. In the Utility Accommodation Guide, Hillsborough County acknowledges that utilities can materially alter the scenic quality, appearance, and view of roadsides and adjacent areas. This same guide outlines today's standards, requiring that new utility installations normally be placed underground if they pass through public parks, historic sites, or residential neighborhoods. Our undergrounding initiative will help us remain competitive with newer neighborhoods (like Westchase) that have underground utilities and older neighborhoods (like Davis Island and portions of south Tampa) that have expressed intentions to bury their utilities.

Even if wires are buried on your street or to your home, our homes' values affect one another. Agents set prices and banks perform appraisals based on comps (comparative home sales in the surrounding area). We are all in this together. Home values on one street affect the next. Higher priced homes in Dana Shores make for higher priced homes in Pelican Island.

Many of us plan to live here a long time. An increase in our home's value can increase our net worth and financial security and can provide additional refinancing or reverse mortgage options.

3. How Important Is Timing? Timing is critical, and the time is now.

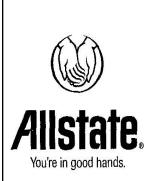
The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners provided our communities with \$250k of upfront funding for the project's engineering and design work. They were willing to take this risk because we had an 84% support rate. They expect to be paid back after we pass the second petition.

This is a one-time opportunity, and the binding estimate is only good for a short time.

We are also working with the county to pursue other critical infrastructure projects addressing our roadways, sidewalks, and drainage. Our ability to follow through with undergrounding has obvious implications to our credibility and good standing with the taxpayers at large.

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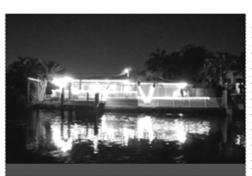
The 2017 Rocky Point Boat Parade included neighbors from Dana Shores and Pelican Island while dockside parties drew friends and family from across the country. Although we had fewer boat this year due to a variety of circumstances, those who did participate on the water told us they had never seen so many parties. Some exceeded one hundred people! Next year, we hope to draw a few more boats back into the parade while keeping the landside celebrations strong.

In addition to our boaters, we appreciate all who participate in our deck-the-dock and deck-the-yard holiday contests. Many residents enjoy the holidays by taking family and friends on evening rides throughout the community to enjoy the beautiful lights.

Special thanks to all participants – captains, crew, hosts, spectators, sponsors, voters – and our event organizer **Greg Dorion** of Versailles Drive. Greg does a great job keeping everything on track for all to enjoy. Special thanks also go to our 2017 sponsors including the **Westin**, **AQUA**, **Bahama Breeze**, **Tampa Bay Bait & Tackle**, and **Portofino's Italian Kitchen**. Winners received awards from these great sponsors, including a weekend getaway from the Westin (boat parade winner) and dinner for two at AQUA (boat parade runner-up)!

Deck-the-Yard Runner-Up: 3618 Dana Shores Drive Phil and Victoria Williams

Deck-the-Dock Runner-Up: 3906 Eden Roc West Eugene and Janet LeFloch



This year's dock-decorating contest winner is 3928 Americana Drive, Jim and Toni Jabaay



This year's boat parade was won by The Heitler Family of East Eden Roc Circle.



The runner-up for the boat parade contest was The Harris Family of Pelican Island.



This year's yard-decorating contest winner is 3925 Eden Roc East,

Joshua and Patty Eubanks

60-SECOND UPDATES

New Homeowner? Change in Homestead Exemption?





If you are applying for homestead exemption, remember the

statutory filing deadline is March 1. (More information covering requirements, late-filed applications, portability, and related topics may be found at https://www.hcpafl.org/property-info/homestead-other-info)

The Orchid Show Moves from A La Carte but Stays Local.



Residents have made the annual trek to the Tampa Bay Orchid Society show at the Shriners for many

years. This year, the event will be held March 3 – 4 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. around the corner at the Tampa Scottish Rite Masonic Center (5500 Memorial Highway). This year offers 6,000 square feet of orchid displays, including many that are for sale.

Tampa Airport's New Rental Car Center Opens.



Dana Shores and Pelican Island have many frequent travelers. If you happen to be one of

them, remember that Tampa Airport celebrates the opening of the SkyConnect people mover and Rental Car Center on Feb. 8. You may need a little extra time as you figure out how this changes your normal airport routine.

Honorable mentions (yards):

3614 Dana Shores Drive

3914 Doral Drive

3934 Venetian Way

3913 Eden Roc W

3938 Eden Roc E

3935 Fontainebleau Drive

3956 Versailles Drive

3922 Americana Drive

7017 Pelican Island Drive

Honorable mentions (docks):

3903 Venetian Way 3924 Eden Roc W



If you have not checked out our sponsors, please do so. AQUA and the Westin are locally owned, very classy, and their leaders have been an enormous help in supporting our neighborhood over the years. Bahama Breeze has been a long-time supporter of the boat parade and is a favorite haunt of many residents. Portofino's recently opened in the Home Depot parking lot; we especially like their pizza and lasagna. Tampa Bay Bait and Tackle is just down the street from there on Hillsborough Avenue.



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