



MEET OUR NEW NEIGHBORS ON AUGUST 17

Please help the DSWC welcome all new neighbors who have decided to make Dana Shores/Pelican Island their new home. Everyone is invited to this family event from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the Rocky Point Golf Course Clubhouse. The evening offers an opportunity to meet new neighbors, form new friendships, and catch up with existing friends.

There will be a cash bar and the kitchen will be open to purchase sandwiches, salads, and similar assortments if you so desire. The staff has promised drink specials and a few extra items in addition to the regular menu. We will also have kid sitters and a kid's activity table set up to keep the kids busy! Watch for your Evite to RSVP or you may contact Cathy Sanfillipo at 813-245-6452.



ROADWAY RACING ROADWAY SAFETY: COLLABORATIVE DISCUSSION & PLANNING



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The Dana Shores Civic Association is hosting a collaborative meeting with several local agencies

regarding racing on the surrounding roadways. If this matter

concerns you, please plan to join us for constructive dialogue with FDOT, the City of Tampa, and local law enforcement agencies including HCSO, TPD, and FHP.

WHO: DANA SHORES AND PELICAN ISLAND RESIDENTS

WHEN: AUGUST 21 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. WHERE: ROCKY POINT GOLF COURSE (RPGC) CLUBHOUSE

We have two primary objectives for this meeting:

- 1. Ensure we share a common understanding of the problem.
- 2. Position us to work together and to take meaningful action that deters racing on surrounding roadways --Expressway/Eisenhower Veterans Blvd., Bayport Dr./Courtney Campbell Causeway, and Memorial Highway/ Independence Parkway. (Please note, this meeting will not focus on concerns *within* our neighborhoods.)

You may provide background information for our guests to review ahead of time, and you may also pre-submit questions. Please email us info@danashores.com by August 14 with this information.

Save The Date

August 17 - NEW RESIDENT HAPPY HOUR @ RPGC Clubhouse - 6:30-9:30 p.m August 21 – ROADWAY RACING @ RPGC Clubhouse - 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. September 15 – DSWC TEA AND MIMOSA LUNCHEON - 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. October 26 – DSWC HALLOWEEN TGIF - more information to follow November 16 – UPPER TAMPA BAY GOLF TOURNAMENT @ RPGC

A MOMENTOUS MONTH FOR DANA SHORES AND PELICAN ISLAND!

June was quite Working month. together, the communities of Dana Shores and Pelican Island achieved two major successes.



JUNE 26: UNDERGROUNDING IS **OFFICIALLY MOVING** FORWARD

Yes, you heard that right! According to the

official information provided by the County's coordinating consultant, we exceeded the required balloting threshold!

This is an incredible milestone - twelve years in the making! We received widespread support from both communities, and we would like to thank our amazing volunteers, homeowners, and leaders of Dana Shores and Pelican Island for their long-term dedication to seeing this project move forward.

This is a groundbreaking opportunity. Although we will be one of the first communities in the United States to successfully implement a project like this, several other Tampa communities hope to quickly follow suit. They too see the value of undergrounding!

County staff are taking the proper next steps, and related information will be provided in a public notice. Expect to hear more over the coming months.

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ENHANCEMENTS AT SKYWAY PARK: In collaboration with Hillsborough County Parks, Tampa Bay Youth Football League (TBYFL), and the City of Tampa, we are working to make it easier for non-motorized vehicles to access the

pedestrian/bicycle path and harder for motorized vehicles to do so.

By the time this newsletter reaches your home, we are hopeful that the south maintenance gate will have been replaced. The new gate should allow



pedestrians/bicyclists to pass through a center opening. Additional bollards are also planned to the south of the gates, reducing the risk of vehicles accessing the airport property.

Bollards and a gate are also planned along the south side of the park between the airport property and the football fields. This should reduce the nefarious activity that sometimes occurs in this back area at night while maintaining access to bicycle and foot traffic as well as emergency and maintenance vehicles as needed.

SHORE LINES

A MOMENTOUS MONTH FOR DANA SHORES AND PELICAN ISLAND

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JUNE 28: ROCKY POINT WATERWAYS PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT

On June 28, Tampa City Council members

unanimously denied an amendment that would have allowed residential land use in the waters north of Rocky Point Island. This decision stopped a developer's plans to fill in local waters for townhouse development.

We have many people to thank. For matters of practicality, I have limited the following list to the core team who worked every day to address this matter from the time it hit our radars until its successful conclusion.

- Without the help of Steve Michelini, owner/operator of Michelini Consulting, we likely would not have known about the proposal until it was too late. Steve proactively reached out, served as the team's strategist and sounding board, worked diligently with key parties to stop this precedent -setting case from moving forward, and continues to help us monitor and plan for related next steps. The owner/operator of The Westin worked in conjunction with Steve and took a leadership stance early on to support our efforts.
- Bryan Sykes, Managing Partner with Meridian Partners, with help from Dana Shores resident and land-use attorney Margaret Bowles led the research, development, and presentation of our legal arguments.
- Holly Simmons, Dana Shores Civic Association VP, provided innovative communication methods and tools that were critical to the development, funding, and engagement of our grassroots effort.
- The grassroots effort was also supported across many communities and by their leaders, such as Margie Wright and Stacey Pryor, residents of

Post Rocky Point Apartments, who pulled together +350 people in a few short weeks to collect critical video evidence, write Council members, and garner interest of local reporters. Kent Bailey, Chair of the Sierra Club's Tampa Bay Group, engaged support across his organization, reporters, and public radio. He also brought to bear the talents of Daniel E. Roberts, a highly experienced research scientist who provided critical insights regarding the local water quality and ecology.

We could easily list well over one hundred people to thank, each of whom deserves significant appreciation and contributed a great deal to our success. By no means does our not listing them take away from their contribution or our gratitude. We could not have done this without each person's contribution; it was the sum of these parts that enabled our win. Please read the letter of appreciation provided inside for additional details regarding our communities' involvement.

Again, we sincerely and thoroughly thank the residents and homeowners of Pelican Island and Dana Shores, including the leadership and Board members of both communities. Together, we are achieving great things!

UPPER TAMPA BAY GOLF TOURNAMENT CLAIMS TOP SPONSOR

Coleman LAW FIRM The DSWC wouldlike to welcomeCOLEMANLAWFIRMasPresenting Sponsor

for the First Annual Rocky Point Golf Course Charity Golf Tournament to be held on <u>Friday, November 16, 2018</u>. We are deeply appreciative of Jeff Coleman's commitment to our endeavor to continuously improve our neighborhood and the surrounding area.

Registration is now open for golfers. The registration fee is \$100 per person, which includes brunch, cart, practice balls, swag bags, and Happy Hour with 2 drink tickets. Non-golfers are welcome. The registration fee is required for all, and we plan to have many fun games on the course for both golfers and non-golfers. Please contact **Julie Bowers**, President of DSWC, at 813/389-2847 or **Jim Hanks**, Director of Operations at RPGC, at 813/8709037 for registration information.

PAINTING ON THE GREEN REVEALS SOME REAL TALENT!

By Maria Garcell, Rocky Point Golf Course Intern and USF Art Major

On behalf of those at Rocky Point Golf Course, I would like to thank the Dana Shores and Pelican Island communities for supporting our first ever "Painting on the Green" event. It was a successful night with lots of laughs and fun. To those who participated, we were floored by the beautifully rendered designs everyone painted. We are also grateful for the feedback and will use it for future "Painting on the Green" events. Everyone did a wonderful job painting their wine glasses and fishing lures. I hope painting was just as much fun as teaching.



As a quick reminder, there are still glasses and lures left to be picked up at the golf course. They have been carefully put away. Please notify a staff member at either the Grill or Proshop so we can assist in finding your glass or lure and packaging them if needed.

Feel free to post any pictures of the Painting night or of your glasses and lures on social media and remember to tag Rocky Point Golf Course! Thank you.

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PROTECTING OUR WATERWAYS:

BACKGROUND: When Mr. David B. Dickey proposed to fill in three acres of wetlands/open water near Rocky Point to create new land for a townhouse development, few people thought the idea would get any traction. That changed on Monday, May 14, when the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission found the proposal to change the Future Land Use Map designation from "water" to Residential-35 consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

We had to act swiftly. Not only was the proposal to fill in these waters problematic for its own reasons, many also told us this case would likely set a precedent not just for Tampa or Hillsborough County but for Florida. These concerns resonated with many across the Tampa Bay region. Before long, Tampa's developers, land-use consultants, attorneys, environmentalists, business owners, and homeowners were working together 24x7 to stop this nonsense.



Thanks to the efforts of many, Tampa City Council members unanimously denied the Planning Commission's proposed amendment on June 28. This decision stopped the developer from continuing with his plans to fill in our local waters.

Based on Council Member Charlie Miranda's motion, Tampa City Council also directed staff to clarify policy language prohibiting the development of submerged lands. This followed a similar directive passed on June 12 by the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners based on Commissioner Murman's motion to "add policy language to the comprehensive plan that prohibits the development of submerged lands."

Motions by both City Council and the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners carried with unanimous votes. All were big wins.

As Margie Wright, one of our two key mobilization partners at Post Rocky Point Apartments wrote, this cause "served as a(n)... excellent example of civics. Average citizens do have a voice, and our elected representatives do listen." Not only did this cause garner support from the entire City Council and Board of County Commissioners as evidenced by their votes, Florida Senator Dana Young and County Commissioner candidate Todd Marks also jumped in to help. Dana was prepared to move forward with stopgap measures if needed and Todd provided insights and support to our core team.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION: For those who had the opportunity to participate at the City Council meeting, I wonder if it affected you as it did me. It was lengthy; six plus hours passed from the time we arrived until we left. Still, the experience truly and spiritually moved me.

The surrounding communities united and provided an outpouring of support for our waterways. Over one hundred and seventy neighbors, business owners, heads of environmental organizations, and others came to City Hall. Nearly all stayed through the entire evening and into the night, even as our item moved to the last spot on the agenda. As I looked among the many faces I knew, I saw passion, hope, and determination. I saw a respectful group united by a common cause and principles.

There are key folks who were involved in addressing this issue, and we owe them a special debt of gratitude. Still, the battle was not won by



sing this issue, and we owe them a special debt of gratitude. Still, the battle was not won b- a few. It was won based on the collective efforts of many.

Every person who participated mattered and made a difference. For every point, map, photo, or video presented, at least ten were explored. Without each persons' contributions, the core team could have only worked a handful of ideas and could not have gotten to the level of detail needed. There simply was not enough time. Through the participation of many, we had a huge fact-finding and research team, critical to preparing the proper arguments in a compressed time frame.

Regardless of what the final presentation looked like, everyone who provided photos, research, contacts, and financial contributions made the difference. Everyone who donated minutes, presented to the council, or overflowed the chambers and hallways with their presence made the difference. Council members were amazed by our group's

determination, staying power, and sheer size and have since referred to the example we set when speaking to other groups also looking to make a difference in their communities. An equally strong message was sent to this applicant and others who might want to follow in his footsteps.

Our collective contribution allowed us to achieve at City Council what the initial core team did not achieve at the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission roughly one month earlier. I'd like to thank each person who made this contribution. Our win on June 28 was significant.

As I turned onto Dana Shores Drive the next afternoon on my way home from work, I remembered a lecture given by William J. Bennett to the United States Naval Academy in 1997, "Honor never grows old, and honor rejoices the heart of age. It does so because honor is, finally, about defending those noble and worthy things that deserve defending, even if it comes at a high cost."

Thank you for the honor of both serving and leading our amazing community.

We continue to monitor the above actions and are working on a plan to help identify and address related loopholes that could threaten our waterways in the future. In the meantime, please take a moment to revel with us in this important victory for Rocky Point and Florida.

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THE DANA IN DANA SHORES

As we worked to stop the recent fill-in project near Rocky Point, we also gained historical perspective around the development of our neighborhood. Unlike the proposal to fill in and take away water near Rocky Point, Dana Shores started off primarily as land. The land was cleared, and canals were dug to provide water access. We were making (not taking) waterways.

History has taught us that both dredging and filling of waterways have ill effects on the environment. But in the 1950s, little was known about their long-term effects and, unlike today, Florida laws and regulations encouraged the development of new waterfront property.

We are now stewards of these canals, and as we continue to address items in our long-term vision for Dana Shores we hope to collectively pursue additional opportunities to further enhance the water quality and marine life throughout our area.

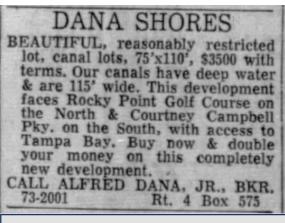
In the meantime, we wanted to share some of the story behind Dana Shores as seen through the eyes of Diane Dana Story, the granddaughter of Alfred Dana Sr. We've learned a great deal about Dana Shores through our conversations with Diane and, at our behest, she has graciously shared the following for all to enjoy.

By Diane Dana Story

My first memory of Dana Shores was from the driver's seat of a stagnant dragline excavator. I sat on my grandfather's lap as his team dredged the canals and he pointed out rattlesnakes along the banks. My mother, Victoria, remembered his stopping the car on the high mound of the causeway that led to Clearwater in the late 40s. She and my grandmother, Bernice, and my grandfather, Alfred Dana Sr., pulled off to the side of the road while Pop (my name for him) climbed out, gazed out over the barren land filled with palmettos, rocks, shale, and bugs and said he saw something there. Little did we know that his vision was going to blossom into such a beautiful community filled with involved, kind, and inclusive neighbors.

The office for Dana Shores was located on the southeast corner of Doral and Dana Shores Drive. My grandfather worked there along with my uncle, Alfred Dana Jr., for many years. My grandfather developed the land. "Junior" built the homes. Eventually they sold the remaining parcels to other builders to complete the finger streets.

The finger streets were named after the hotels on Miami Beach: Doral, Eden Roc, Fontainebleau, Versailles, and Americana. The exception was Venetian Way, initially Venetian Drive, which was named after the Venetian Apartments my grandparents owned in the 40s and 50s. The apartments sat at the base of the old Davis Island bridge. Although they were razed when the new bridge was constructed, concrete steps still lead up from the bay to the former location of the piazza.



/is The Tampa Tribune, 20 Oct 1956, Saturday, Main Edition

My mother and I always thought Pop's idea to name the community Dana Shores came from his friend, David Paul "Doc" Davis. After working many years to develop Davis Island, Doc moved to St. Augustine and developed a parcel of land there named Davis

Shores. Before the project was complete, Doc mysteriously disappeared from a luxury liner headed to Europe, but the subdivision still stands.



canal, and hear the loons call in the morning.

Most of the lots along each street are uniform with one major exception, the lot at the end of Americana Drive and home to the turquoise roof. Folklore attributes Burt Reynolds to once having lived there although, to my knowledge, he never did. My grandfather wanted my grandmother to move into it, but she was uncomfortable moving here since so little of Dana Shores and the surrounding area was developed at that time. Outside of an old Phillips 66 gas station that stood at the intersection of Dana Shores Drive and Eisenhower (when Dana Shores Drive was part of Memorial Highway and continued past the tennis courts and park), there was not much here. My grandparents remained in their home on Davis Islands until my grandmother passed away.

Although my grandparents never lived in Dana Shores, there has always been a Dana living in Dana Shores. My mother moved into her home on Venetian Way in 1972, and my uncle and his family lived in the home located on the southwest corner of Venetian Way. Today, I am the proud owner of my mother's home, and all the things she loved about Dana Shores are now mine to enjoy. I feel her presence as I watch the pelicans land on the dock, watch the dolphins playing in the

Although both prior generations are now gone, I know they would be proud of what Dana Shores has become. This neighborhood has developed into a community that is well known for its involvement and concern for its residents through regular get-togethers and meaningful projects (such as undergrounding). I am grateful for the passionate leadership of the DS Civic Association and the DS Women's Club, and I am humbled by the time and effort they invest to make this a community anyone would be proud to call home.

Thanks to all of you who have welcomed me so warmly, contributed to the neighborhood, and built upon my grandfather's legacy.

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