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DANA SHORES WOMEN'S CLUB HOLIDAY PHILANTHROPY PROJECT

GIFT DONATIONS AND TEEN SERVICE PROJECT: By Thursday, Dec. 6



Voices for Children is a volunteer program advocating for the 400+ children in the Hillsborough County foster care system. During the 2016 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, to help provide Christmas gifts for the

children in foster care. We responded in 2016 and again in 2017, with Dana Shores residents providing 75 children (almost 20% of those in foster care) with Christmas presents.

The organization suggests providing gifts with an approximate value of \$50 per child. Julie Bowers has been given a wish list put together by the kids. 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. The deadline for dropping off gifts or cash donations is December 6.

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. If your teen would like more information, please call Julie at (813) 389-2847.

ANOTHER WAY TO DONATE: UPCOMING 'PAY-IT-FORWARD' HAPPY HOUR EVENT: Friday, Nov. 30

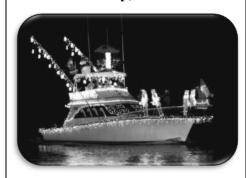
Every Friday afternoon, The Godfrey Hotel partners with a non-profit organization for their "Pay it Forward" Happy Hour.

HOTEL & CABANAS TAMPA

From 5 – 7 p.m. on November 30, the DSWC, Guardian ad Litem, and Voices for Children are partnering with the Godfrey Hotel to raise funds for foster children's holiday gifts.

Admission to the happy hour is \$20 and provides ALL your beverages during the event. ALL monies raised will be donated to Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Children. If you haven't had the opportunity to check out this fabulous new hotel on the causeway, this would be a great time to do it and contribute to a great cause at the same time. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Bowers at (813) 389-2847.

HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE AND DOCK DECORATING: Saturday, Dec. 15



Ready for the holiday season? The 2018 Annual Rocky Point Boat Parade is on the horizon and, along with it, the dock decorating contest. Mark your calendars for the evening of Saturday, December 15! Join us in this fun event in one of two ways:

- 1. Enter your decorated boat in the parade. Learn more details and sign up at http://danashores.com/boat-parade December 8 to ensure contest eligibility.
- Enter the Dana Shores dock decorating contest, enjoy the parade from your dock, and vote for your favorite boat. Entries for the dock-decorating contest should also be received by December 8 to ensure your dock is included in the voting.

Caroling and Hayride, Save the Dates and Protect Your Package are located on page 3.



DANA SHORES WOMAN'S CLUB HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE: Thursday, Dec. 6

Ladies, mark your calendars for the kickoff of our neighborhood holiday festivities. The DSWC annual holiday boutique will be held on Thursday, December 6, from 6:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the home of Jeffy Beaver, 3933 E. Eden Roc Circle. Dinner and drinks will be provided by the woman's club.

Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped gift with a minimum value of \$20. Entertainment for the evening will be provided during the auctioning of 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 benefiting the Guardian ad Litem/ Voices for Children Christmas toy drive for Hillsborough County foster children. Bring your checkbooks 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.

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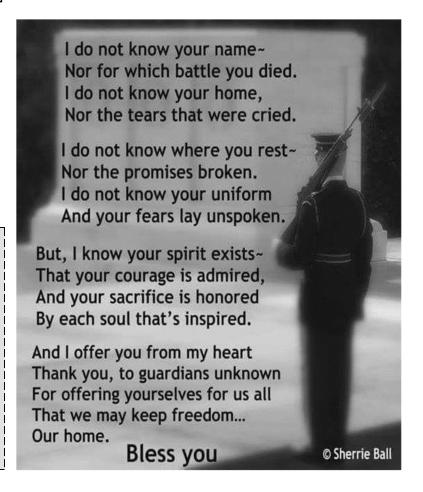
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HERE WE COME A CAROLING: Tuesday, Dec. 18

Do you like having a good time? Enjoy hanging out with fun people? Then the fourth 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 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.



COUSIN EDDIE, A SQUIRREL, AND LOTS OF TWINKLING LIGHTS...

Okay, skip Cousin Eddie, but you're likely stuck with the squirrel and we hope you'll be adding lots of lights! Last year's Dana Shores' yard-decorating 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 15) 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 info@danashores.com to participate in the voting!

Save The Date

November 16 – Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament benefiting Rocky Point Golf Course. (Brunch begins at 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start at 11:00 a.m.)

November 30 – Pay It Forward Friday Happy Hour at the Godfrey Hotel benefiting the DSWC holiday philanthropy project for Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Children (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)

December 6 – Holiday Boutique at the home of Jeffy Beaver, 3933 E. Eden Roc Cir (6:30 p.m. –9:30 p.m.)

December 6 – Final Day for Sponsoring a Foster Child (see article page one)

December 15 – Holiday Boat Parade & Decorating Voting Begins

December 18 – Holiday Caroling and Hayride



PROTECT YOUR PACKAGE

Many of us will have an increase in the amount of mail delivered to us over the upcoming holiday season. Here are three easy tips to help ensure your mail makes it inside your home.

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ESTATE PLANNING CAUTIONS

Jeff Coleman is a Dana Shores resident and is the Title Sponsor of the 1st Annual Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament benefiting the Rocky Point Golf Course. He is an occasional contributor to our newsletter. For over 30 years, Jeff has served the Tampa Bay area in Wills, Trusts, Business Successions, and Probate and Trust Administrations. For more information, please contact Jeff at (727) 461-7474.

Estate planning is the process of preparing your affairs for the end of your life and after you have passed. It also anticipates other events such as disability or dementia. This planning minimizes the economic burden on your loved ones and properly distributes your assets according to your wishes. If you leave behind a substantial amount of money to your heirs, there may be taxes and penalties imposed, and this will detract from the gifts your family will inherit.

Do not delay in deciding to have your estate properly prepared. Many delay this process because they just don't want to think about their death or being incapacitated. Failing to have your estate properly assessed may prove to be very costly in the long run. No one can truly predict their future, so adequate planning is essential.

Another important element of estate planning is life insurance. You may wish to speak with a financial advisor about your insurance needs. Life insurance is quite important since the money can be used to pay estate taxes, funeral expenses, outstanding debt, financially protect a dependent or loved one, or be given away as a gift. Above all though, your life insurance plans must be coordinated with your estate plan.

Some people do not believe that estate planning is right for them because they do not own very much. This is not accurate, and almost all people can benefit from an estate planning process. Planning for a period of disability is an important part of this puzzle. Using Powers of Attorney, your attorney can make sure that you have properly identified those individuals who can "stand in your shoes" if you became mentally incapacitated. Likewise, a "Pre-Need Guardian Designation" can identify who you may want to care for your minor children in your absence. Also, there may be advantages to avoiding probate by the use of a revocable living trust.

If you already have an estate plan but have not reviewed the documents in a couple of years, it would be a good idea to do so. Your life has changed since your last estate planning session, and those changes should be reflected in your documents. Additionally, the laws in this country change every day and may have changed how the courts will interpret your documents. Although you do not have to review your documents daily, monthly, or even quarterly, rather every couple of years is advisable.

Finally, many existing estate plans will need to include provisions for digital assets, planning for pets, or guardianship for children. These provisions should be included if they apply to you. If it has been more than a few years, you may want to reach out to your Estate Planning Law Firm.

READY... SET... PLAY... UPPER TAMPA BAY GOLF TOURNAMENT STILL HAS ROOM FOR GOLFERS! Friday, Nov. 16

Did you know that the winning team for our first annual golf tournament gets a cash prize, a trophy with their names hung on the wall in the clubhouse at the Rocky Point Golf Course, and their designated neighborhood takes home the bragging rights and a chance to defend their title next year?



At this time, the Sweetwater neighborhood has top billing in number of participants. While this is event would not be possible without the efforts of people from multiple neighborhoods, the idea for the golf tournament was started by the DSWC. We would love to see more Dana Shores and Pelican Island participants and WIN THAT TROPHY!!

This is a "best ball" tournament. The cost to participate is \$100 per player. In addition to participating in the tournament, all players receive brunch, a swag bag full of goodies, a chance to play in our contests with prizes (including a \$15k prize), an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets, 2 drink tickets to use on the course or at our happy hour, and a happy hour with an awards presentation. Please see the flyer and registration form on page 7 in this edition of the Shore Lines for more information.

GRASS CLIPPINGS OR SEAGRASS:

A Cause for Concern or a Signal of Hope?

That's the question posed by several neighbors over the last few months who were worried by the amount of grass they saw floating in our canals. What was it and where did it come from? It's an important question because the answer provides insight into the water quality trends throughout our canals.

On different occasions, I'm sure the answer will vary. And at times, I know that lawn debris has found its way into our canals. This time, I am glad to report that the floating debris was shed seagrass, and floating seagrass is a good sign!

We sent a sample scoop of the grass to a water quality scientist, Daniel Roberts. This is the same man who graciously donated his time and expertise to helping us address the Rocky Point fill-in project. He found the sample contained mostly shoal grass (Halodule wrightii) with some turtle grass (Thalassia testudinum), a seed pod of red mangrove (Rhizophora mangle), and a few small heart-shaped seeds that he was unfamiliar with.

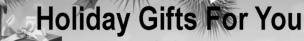
According to Mr. Roberts, this type of floating mat is fairly common. It's the same material you'll see in the wrack line (high tide mark) as you walk along a beach

Seagrasses naturally shed their blades, especially during the spring and summer growing season, as older blades are less photosynthetically active than younger blades. Seagrasses are also flowering plants, and floating seagrass is one way the seeds are redistributed. Some of the shoal grass we found in our sample, however, did have attached roots. This indicates it may have been excavated by an outboard motor (also known as prop scarring) or uprooted by wind, waves, or manatees.

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GRASS CLIPPINGS OR SEAGRASS CONTINUED...

Seagrass is important to marine life, from tiny minnows to half-ton manatees. During the same period our canals were strewn with the floating seagrass, two very large female manatees, each with a calf in tow, were spotted by neighbors between Americana Drive and Pelican Island. The cows spent about ten minutes gorging themselves on the recent sheddings.

Although the shed blades are a good sign, there is still much work to be done, and turning around the historical decline in seagrass acreage throughout Florida relies first and foremost upon improved water clarity. Particles and colored dissolved organic matter suspended in the water column limit the amount of light reaching the seabed floor where seagrass grows.

Effective recovery efforts are directly linked to restoring water clarity. Better water clarity means more light can reach the seagrass. More light means more photosynthesis and growth.

Here are five everyday things we can all do that make a big difference in our area's water clarity and seagrass recovery:

- 1. Reduce fast-flowing stormwater runoff from your yard by incorporating grass, trees, and shrubs to soak up groundwater and allowing rain to permeate the ground rather than running directly into the canal or stormwater system in front of your home. The ground acts as a natural filter, reducing cloudy sedimentation in our waters.
- 2. Keep lawn debris, limbs, acorns and other organic material from falling into the canal, where they will decompose and turn our waters brown, thereby filtering out sunlight. These materials also contribute to increased sediment and diminished clearance for boating.
- 3. Avoid overspray of yard fertilizers in canals, driveways, and sidewalks. Avoid fertilizing lawns on rainy days. Pick up dog waste as soon as possible. A 2017 study in one area showed that, "household nitrogen fertilizer use, in particular, is more than 10 times greater than commercial fertilizer use, and pet waste is the leading source of phosphorus." These excess nutrients contribute to algae blooms, which we did spot over the summer in our canals. Algae blooms not only block light but also suffocate marine life. Algae produces oxygen in the daylight hours but consumes it during darkness, depleting available oxygen before sunrise the next day.
- 4. Keep boats out of shallow areas to avoid prop scarring. When a propeller runs aground, it causes massive disruption both to the area that is torn up as well as surrounding areas due to loose sediment both during and after the incident.
- 5. Use a long-handled net to safely scoop up trash you might see floating in the canal. Much of this trash has come from nearby roadways. It's not only unsightly, it also creates a choking hazard to marine life and results in voids where seagrass cannot grow on the seafloor. If you'd like to know where to find a good selection, email us at info@danashores.com.

These five simple habits make a big difference. Please join us in these efforts.



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