

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE DSWC VALENTINE'S HAPPY HOUR: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

The DSWC is planning our first event of the year, a Valentine's celebration, on Friday, February 15, from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m. at the

Rocky Point Golf Course (RPGC). Jim Hanks, operations director at RPGC, is excited to introduce us to his new executive chef, Edward Cantin, and events coordinator, Amanda Torres. Ed has over 27 years of experience as an executive chef including a stint at Pat O'Brien's in New Orleans. After time off for some well-deserved rest, Ed is happy to finally be settled here in Tampa and to get creative in the kitchen. Amanda is a familiar face at RPGC as she has assisted at their events in the past. When she isn't teaching autistic students during the day, she is coordinating events at the golf course. Both Ed and Amanda look forward to working with the DSWC, and we are happy to have a great chef and event coordinator back at RPGC.

Ed has created a delicious 4-course dinner menu for our Valentine's celebration. <u>Appetizer:</u> Mini crab cakes with remoulade sauce

Salad: Spring mix including candied pecans topped with berries and a raspberry vinaigrette **Main course**: Smoked prime rib (12 oz for men and 8-10 oz for women) with 2 jumbo stuffed shrimp, sautéed green beans with roasted peppers, and twice-baked potato **Dessert:** Shot glass servings of strawberry shortcake and chocolate mousse.

RPGC is giving us a great deal on this amazing meal: \$25 per person. For an extra \$5, you can add two drink tickets for a house wine or draft beer.

By now you should have received your Evite and responded if you plan to attend. Prepayment for this event secures your RSVP. We will also have a check-in in the lobby.

In the past, some people have indicated that they have not received their Evite. If this happens to you, please reach out to Cathy Sanfillipo at 813/245-6452 to either RSVP or have a new Evite sent. We look forward to seeing you on February 15!

DSWC SPRING PHILANTHROPY PROJECT



Metropolitan Ministries is a local organization focused on Hillsborough

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on Hillsborough County and the other three surrounding counties of Pasco,

Pinellas, and Polk. Their mission is to "care for the homeless and those at risk of 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, March 6, and collected on Wednesday, April 17. The following items are often requested with the items in **bold** being most in demand: cereal, canned fruit, canned yams, stuffing, butter, macaroni peanut and cheese, canned vegetables, beans, bags of rice, potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, dessert mixes, packaged cookies or pastries, boxed Jell-O and pudding.

This year the DSWC would like to invite school-age residents who need community service hours to participate by helping us collect food from our residents who might not be able to get to Rocky Point Golf Course. If your student is interested in helping us out, please call Julie Bowers at 813.389-2847.

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.

UNDERGROUNDING PHASE I COMING SOON!

Watch for it at the Taylor Morrison Entryway

Last month we announced the upcoming transformation to take place soon at the entrance to the Taylor Morrison property. Following successful turnover, overhead equipment and



poles will be removed. This should occur around the time of this publication. Decorative lighting will follow.

Hillsborough County has also recently sent information to all Dana Shores and Pelican Island homeowners regarding undergrounding. This has been a very big undertaking. Thank you for your support and patience.



Thursday, February 7 – DSWC Board Meeting – 10:15 AM @ Rocky Point Golf Course

Friday, February 15 – Valentine's Day Dinner – 6:30 – 9:30 PM - @ Rocky Point Golf Course

Thursday, March 7 – DSWC Board meeting – 10:15 AM @ Rocky Point Golf Course Friday

March 15 – St. Patty's Day TGIF – 6:30 – 9:30 PM @ Rocky Point Golf Course Saturday, April 6 – Dumpster Day – 8 AM – noon @ Skyway Park

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60-SECOND UPDATES

Landscaping at Doral: We've found that magic happens when we get our DSWC Entryways Chair, Anne Tate, together with resident and owner of Southern Florida Landscaping, Bart Butler. The area located



directly behind the west wall at Doral has been a dirt pit for years. Now, thanks to this team's efforts, it is growing in with a beautiful groundcover. As we've said so many times before, thank you Anne and Bart for your wonderful expertise and ongoing support and dedication to our community.



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/homesteadother-info)

The Orchid Show Returns to Rocky Point.

Residents have made the annual trek to the Tampa Bay Orchid Society show for many years. This year, the event will be held March 2 - 3 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. around the corner at the Tampa Scottish Rite Center (5500 Memorial Highway). This year offers 6,000 square feet of orchids on display and for sale.



SHORE LINES

WHICH DSWC SERVICES ARE MOST VALUED BY OUR RESIDENTS?



Several months ago, the DSWC sent a survey to our residents requesting input regarding our efforts in the community. Approximately 70

people responded to the survey. We would like to share some of the more notable results. This month, we'll focus on results associated with various activities.

On a five-point scale, 61% of respondents indicated that promoting social interaction among neighbors deserved the highest possible score. The DSWC's Friday night happy hours at Rocky Point Golf Course earned the top spot, followed by our Annual New-Neighbor Meet-and-Greet and the Spring into Summer and Halloween TGIFs. A number of neighbors also expressed interest in small groups who share interest in learning something new or participating in an organized activity like golf, fishing, or tennis.

Regarding philanthropic and historical activities, results show that residents place significant value on and are most interested in supporting the following:

- Neighborhood clean-ups and related donations.
- Providing meals to neighborhood families during health crises and other times of need.
- Beautification, maintenance, and decorating our entryways.
- Preservation of our community's history.
- Holiday philanthropy.

As we kick off planning for the year, we will work to support the above takeaways. We look forward to taking advantage of the new chef and outdoor seating area at the golf course to accommodate Friday night happy hours, our TGIF events, and doing our best to make our new residents feel welcome. We'll pilot some new events. Perhaps a brunch overlooking the course? We'll look for opportunities to facilitate small group gatherings around common interests. Philanthropy will remain on of the DSWC's top priorities, and additional emphasis will be placed on opportunities within the neighborhood. Historical preservation will also receive increasing priority. The DSWC and the DSCA continually work together now to safeguard and enhance our neighborhood (e.g., undergrounding, protecting our waterways, and enhancing the golf course). We'll continue these efforts while looking for ways to enhance some of the significant historical aspects of our community, such as the tree-lined roadway and WWI memorial.

Many thanks to everyone who invested time in responding to our survey. We are always interested in your thoughts regarding the neighborhood. If you have additional ideas, please contact us at info@danashores.com.

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The 2018 Rocky Point Boat Parade included neighbors from Dana Shores and Pelican Island while dockside parties drew friends and family from across the country.

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, and we had well over one hundred votes that helped select our winners!

DECK-THE-YARD

Winners: 3924 Versailles Dr - Phyllis and Dave

3956 Versailles Dr - Jennifer Casatelli

Honorable Mentions:

3915 Americana Drive

3618 Dana Shores Drive - Victoria and Phil *** TIE FOR RUNNER UP! *** 3925 E. Eden Roc Circle – Patty and Joshua *** TIE FOR RUNNER UP! *** 3941 E. Eden Roc Circle - Brittany and Fred *** TIE FOR RUNNER UP! *** 3923 Venetian Way 3905 Versailles Drive

DECK-THE-DOCK

Winners: 3906 Eden Roc West - Eugene and Janet LeFloch 3903 Venetian Way - Fran Spiro

Honorable Mentions:

3919 Americana Drive 3928 Americana Drive

3913 E. Eden Roc Circle

- 3933 E. Eden Roc Circle
- 3941 E. Eden Roc Circle
- 3943 Fontainebleau Drive

3929 Venetian Way - Wendy and Pete *** RUNNER UP! ***

HOW TO KEEP YOUR VALENTINE'S DAY FLOWERS LOOKING FRESH

Thanks to Larry Lucas, we can share the following recommendations:

- 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.

P.S. Happy Valentine's Day!





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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY TAKES STEPS TO PROTECT SUBMERGED LAND FROM PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT

On January 17, our Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted language that clarifies the County's comprehensive plan and clearly prohibits filling in of submerged land for private development.

This issue was taken up and proposed by Commissioner Murman, and all seven of the commissioners got squarely on board. Commissioner Kemp brought some final verbiage recommendations to the last meeting, indicating this was one of the most important matters the Board had worked over the past year. I happen to agree. This is a big win!

In some other parts of the country, filling of submerged lands along the coast has been big business for developers and a big issue for the environment. I've been told about places where most properties that were once waterfront now sit back one block off the water. The shorelines and natural estuaries have been filled in. Remaining natural habitat and older, environmentally valuable manmade shorelines (like we have around much of Rocky Point) are destroyed. Mangrove forests and oyster-covered structures are replaced with virgin

concrete, vinyl, and rocks. The marine life is set back decades.

These policy clarifications should keep us from having to fight other developers interested in filling in the County's surrounding coastal waterways. In the coming months, the City plans to adopt similar clarifying language. We'll keep you updated on this.

I wonder whether anyone in one of our Rocky Point communities has ties into the state legislative process. It would be good to have someone's help shepherding this along at the state level. Our little community has already had a big impact on our County. Now, we could have an even bigger impact by working to protect all of Florida's coastlines. If you can help, please contact Allison Roberts at info@danashores.com.



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SAVE THE DATE: Dumpster Day Scheduled for Saturday, April 6

The Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA), Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC), and Sweetwater are again working together to plan an upcoming Dumpster Day. We're fortunate to have the support of Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners, which offers a grant funding the drop-off, use, and pickup of the dumpsters. Here are some highlights of what you can expect.



WHO: Available to residents of Dana Shores, Pelican Island, and Sweetwater WHEN: Saturday, April 6, from 8 a.m. - noon WHERE: Skyway Park

Residents are responsible for getting items to the park and properly placing the items in the dumpsters. For those of you who own a truck, please consider how you might help your neighbor.

Residents who are unable to haul large items to the dumpsters may request help. Please email us at info@danashores.com before April 1 with your request. We have helped several individuals in prior years, and we will try to do the same this year.

If you can volunteer your time this day to help with the event, please do so at info@danashores.com. We have a variety of jobs and will match them to fit your interest, availability, and ability.

WHAT YOU MAY DISPOSE OF

Several dumpsters will be available for our residents to dispose of large noncommercial items that would otherwise require a trip to the dump:

- Old refrigerators, ovens, water heaters
- Steel and other metals
- Old furniture (e.g., couches, mattresses, chairs, tables)
- Tires
- Leftover construction material and debris (e.g., concrete, bricks, glass, and roofing material)

To keep it green, a service has been scheduled to recycle all scrap metal brought to the park.

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eQuality Recycling Solutions will pick up various electronic items (both working and not working) including desktops, laptops, servers, computer accessories, circuit boards, UPS battery backups, cable boxes, satellite receivers, routers, cell phones and chargers, telephones, insulated cable and wire, gaming systems, printers, copiers, scanners, and fax machines. They will also take working LCD monitors. There is a \$10 disposal fee for CRT monitors and a \$25 fee for CRT televisions. There is no charge for taking the other listed items or for shredding hard drives. For more information about electronic recycling ahead of April 6, visit https:// macdonaldcenter.org or call (813) 323-2330.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS YOU NO LONGER NEED BUT DO NOT WANT TO THROW AWAY

The DSWC will partner with THE SPRING OF TAMPA BAY to provide a truck for donations at the event. They will accept clothing, working household goods, and gently used furniture. All donated items help women and their children leaving the shelter rebuild their lives and raise awareness to prevent domestic violence from occurring. Tax donation receipts will be available.

LEFTOVER CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

We hope to have Habitat for Humanity available to take unneeded construction items. If you have items for pick up, please let us know as soon as possible at info@danashores.com so that we may gauge the value of having them onsite.

YARD WASTE

A dumpster will be set aside for a clean -up crew who will trim oaks along Dana Shores Drive southern right-of-way. Neighbors are also welcomed to use this dumpster for residential yard waste. Because no bags can be thrown in this dumpster, all yard waste must be loose.

EXCLUDED ITEMS

We can take a variety of items, just not all items. The following <u>exclusions</u> apply:

- ◊ Normal household trash
- ♦ Waste from commercial activity
- Hazardous items (such as paint, varnish, household chemicals, fireworks, propane tanks, prescription drugs, batteries, and fluorescent light bulbs)

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY ON THE CAUSEWAY - -PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

The 229-foot free-flowing channel on the Courtney Campbell Causeway just west of Ben T. Davis Beach may not be complete, but it's already allowing tons of water to flow between both sides of the causeway. According to an FDOT spokesperson, it currently takes 7 days for water on the north side of the causeway to turnover. This channel should cut that down to 2.5 days. As a result, salinity should increase, water quality should improve, and we should have more sea grass and richer marine life.

Based on our understanding, FDOT will monitor several aspects of the project for two years. Metrics include pH, water temperature, salinity, tracer dye movement, sea grass development, sedimentation levels, and more. In addition to quantitative measures, we were recently contacted by a representative asking if we'd seen any changes thus far. We'd like to open up this comment opportunity to the entire neighborhood. If you have thoughts you'd like us to share with FDOT regarding the project, please write to us at info@danashores.com. We've found that the more engaged we are, the more engaged our public partners are too!



(Above pictures posted by Daniel Perez on the Dana Shores Neighbors-Only Facebook page.)

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