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JANUARY 2016

PROGRESS IS PROGRESS NO MATTER HOW SMALL.— ANONYMOUS

The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) finished off 2015 with a whirlwind of projects. Working in collaboration with the civic association (DSCA), the entryways to our neighborhood underwent a tremendous face lift, and this was just another phase in our efforts to enhance our neighborhood's appearance. A team of volunteers spent many hours over the last few months preparing and finally painting all 14 of our entryway walls. You will find the full story on this endeavor in this edition of the Shore Lines.

To add a little Christmas cheer, the DSWC recruited several volunteers who spent an entire Saturday making all the wreaths that adorned each pineapple on our entry walls during the Christmas season. We all thought it would be something that we could knock out in a couple of hours. HAH!! But the results were well worth the effort! Dana Shores is blessed to have some very talented women who were willing to help.

Our yard decorating contest also seems to have gotten many of our residents interested in showing their creative side with beautiful displays of lights and decorations. As this edition of the Shore Lines went to press, the judging for the contest had not yet taken place, but many residents have mentioned how much they are enjoying an evening drive down our streets to take in the beauty of our neighborhood this holiday season.

Many residents also collaborated on philanthropic opportunities this December. We are fortunate to still have quite a few original home owners in Dana Shores, and we also have some residents whose mobility has become very restricted. A wonderful group of residents visited some of these neighbors to bring Christmas cheer to them and sing Christmas carols. Not that we all have the voice of angels, but we do

have some amazing singers among us, and thankfully they carried us through the night.

Also in December, the DSWC hosted the neighborhood's annual Christmas and Holiday Boutique at Jeffy Beaver's home. More than 60 people attended, and a fun time was had by all. We'd like to thank Jeffy for her gracious hospitality and all who supported this event. Proceeds were used to support the Wounded Warriors project and improvements to the entryways.

And finally, you may remember that last month I wrote about the Guardian ad Litem's mission to provide presents to the over 400 foster children in Hillsborough County. The DSWC committed to provide gifts for a minimum of 10 children, and I am happy to say that we exceeded our commitment! Many, many thanks to all who added a foster child's name to their Christmas list: Mary Chiricos, the Mahdieh family, Bill Campbell, Treva Jackson, Susan Cahn, Ginger Wayne, Rita Munaker, Alba Caballero, and Betty Alvarez. If I have forgotten anyone, please let me know so that I can mention you in a future article!

Looking ahead to 2016, the DSWC has begun planning for several happy hours, TGIF parties, and our spring philanthropy project. Look for details in upcoming Shore Lines.

I wish you all luck with your New Year's resolutions and I am very excited about what 2016 has in store for our Dana Shores/Pelican Island neighborhood!

Julie Bowers, President, Dana Shores Women's Club

MEET ME AT THE CORNER



We appreciate everyone who responded to our November email and voted on a new wall color. Two-thirds of the vote favored taupe.

We'd also like to thank the many folks who helped make the change to the new color. There was much to be done -- from the pre-work of selecting possible colors and painting numerous test walls to the final steps of gathering supplies, prepping, and painting the walls. Whereas many neighborhoods have one or two walls they must maintain, we have seven entryways and fourteen walls, including a relatively long wall at Doral.

Collectively, the project required an estimated 150 hours. Having volunteers willing to help out on initiatives such as this means a great deal and allows us to focus our funds on things we cannot do ourselves.

Our sincere appreciation goes to these seventeen folks who worked on the project: Colleen Adams (Versailles Drive); Pamela Adkins (Venetian Way); LeAnn Anseeuw (Fontainebleau Drive); Julie Bowers (W. Eden Roc Circle); Tricia DeFrain (Doral Drive); Dr. Janet Marley and Dr. Eli Rose (E. Eden Roc Circle); Rita Munaker (Fontainebleau Drive); Nick Nichols (W. Eden Roc Circle); Allison and Brian

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Save the dates for January

1/07, 10:30 DSWC Board Mtg, at RPGC

Save the dates for February

2/12, Valentine TGIF at RPGC *Wine tasting/food pairing

Save the dates for March

3/18, St. Patty's TGIF at RPGC *Irish menu and free beer flights
(More details on these events to follow)

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The Women's Bible Study group is collecting gently used blankets and men's clothing to benefit Pinellas Hope, a campground for homeless men. These much needed items will be distributed mid January. If you would like to help, please contact VeeAnn Mahdieh 889-0445. Items can be dropped at her home, or arrangements can be made for pick up (Debbie Trujillo 885-4871, or Becky Kratz 886-1243) Thank you for helping to spread the warmth!

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MEET ME AT THE CORNER CONTINUED...

Roberts (Americana Drive); Cathy Sanfillippo (Americana Drive); Viet Ta (E. Eden Roc Circle); Anne Tate and Ken Clark (W. Eden Roc Circle); and Victoria and Phil Williams (Dana Shores Drive). While everyone on this list played an important role, Anne and Ken deserve special recognition for the many test walls they painted before we found colors to vote on and their labor of love in working around the sign at Doral.

The new wall color is not the only change to our entryways. Over the last year, we have also added pineapples and accent tiles, installed decorative street signs, added the lighted logo and community name at Doral, and added decorations for key holidays.

We'd like to recognize a team of seven who worked hard this holiday season making the twenty-eight wreaths that adorned our entranceways and installing anchors for them on the walls: LeAnn Anseeuw (Fontainebleau Drive), Julie Bowers (W. Eden Roc Circle), Tricia DeFrain (Doral Drive), Rita Munaker (Fontainebleau Drive), Brian Roberts (Americana Drive), Mary Will Thomas (Dana Shores Drive), and Bob Wolf (W. Eden Roc Circle). We hope the wreaths made you smile each time you came home.

What's next for our entryways? Improvements to our entryways serve as a great example of the partnership that has continued to grow between the civic association and women's club. Anne Tate (W. Eden Roc Circle) heads the garden/entryway committee for the women's club, and the civic association has been assisting with large-scale change initiatives and grant writing. Together, we plan to address the landscaping around the walls next. More information about related initiatives will be available in February's newsletter.

A SMOOTHER RIDE

Many thanks goes to our residents who attended the series of Go Hillsborough transportation meetings we announced earlier this year. With more than 7,000 County-maintained lane miles, 254 County-maintained bridges, over 30% of County-maintained roads at or approaching poor condition, and more than \$750 million in maintenance needs, prioritization is a must. Dana Shores and surrounding neighborhoods did a good job of expressing the need for local repaving projects.

As of this writing, work is underway to repave Memorial Highway. If you ever wondered, your voice does make a difference!

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I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW THE SHRUBS ARE GONE

As outlined in our last newsletter, we reached out to Hillsborough County staff recently asking for their help in removing sight obstructions at the intersection of Dana Shores Drive and Memorial Highway. We did this after first hearing from Karin and Danny Miller (E. Eden Roc Circle) that residents were involved in catastrophic crashes at this intersection. Each incident involved a resident headed northbound when another motorist ran the red light in the eastbound direction along Memorial Highway.

We're fortunate to have a good working relationship with the County based on our efforts earlier this year to install decorative signs. This helped us know who to go to for help.

County staff were prompt in investigating our concern and the accident history at this corner. During their field investigations, they found the apartment complex's landscaping blocked the driver's view from Dana Shores Drive. As a result, they worked with the property managers, suggesting that they trim down or remove some of the landscaping so that drivers could see approaching vehicles on Memorial Highway.

The property manager agreed to remove hedges obstructing the view at this intersection and to re-landscape with shorter plants by the time this article is published. We hope this increased visibility allows our residents more reaction time and improves everyone's safety.

If you have a personal story or comments you are willing to share about this change, we would appreciate hearing them. Your feedback is critical in allowing us to pass along meaningful recognition to the County for their work and to Sweetwater Cove's property managers for their cooperation. Please email us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com.

APPRENTICESHIP FAIR ON JANUARY 23

Is anyone in your family looking for an apprenticeship program that can provide skills and lead to a long-term career? Councilman Suarez is hosting a fair for those interested in such. Several programs pay while the apprentice attends classes and then connects them with employment once they have been trained and licensed. For more information, please contact Lorena R. Hardwick, Tampa City Council Legislative Aide to Councilman Mike Suarez, District 1 - At Large at 813-274-7072 or email lorena.hardwick@tampagov.net

60 SECOND UPDATE

Earlier this summer, several residents noticed a set of pipes coming out of the ground near the middle of parcel 5 (the airport's property located directly south of Skyway Park and east of Doral Drive). Some have asked why the pipes were placed here and what they are used for.

In conjunction with requirements per the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Tampa Airport has set up monitoring wells on surrounding parcels located north, east, and west of the airport. Water samples will be taken from these wells on a periodic basis over the next two years, while the airport's major construction projects are underway. This proactive monitoring of groundwater quality is another important step Tampa Airport is taking to ensure proper stewardship of their lands.

The first set of test results show pristine groundwater conditions in this location. Hats off to Tampa Airport!

AN EVENING OF FUN AND FRIENDSHIP



We could hear some of the children watching the parade from along the canal calling, "It's Santa! Look, it's Santa. Is that how he delivers his presents to us?"

Our 2015 boat parade proved to be another very special Florida-holiday-season event. We'd like to thank all who participated on boat, on land, and behind the scenes. Your creative decorations, festive parties, and organizational efforts brought great joy to many.

Special thanks goes to Greg Dorion (Americana Drive) for orchestrating this year's event. We'd also like to congratulate our winners of the boat and dock decorating contests.



Boat Decorations

The winner was boat #9, Rick Noll and James Hanlon (Saltwater Boulevard, Sweetwater). Honorable mentions went to boat #1, Rolando Luis (Versailles Drive, Dana Shores) and boat #6, Josh Eubank (East Eden Roc Circle, Dana Shores).

Dock Decorations

The winner was dock #4, Fran Spiro (Venetian Way, Dana Shores). Honorable mentions went to dock #1, Toni and Jim Jabaay (Americana Drive, Dana Shores) and dock #2, Jeffy Beaver (East Eden Roc Circle, Dana Shores).

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?



We place strong emphasis on our ability to communicate with residents. And while we appreciate this newsletter greatly, we also rely upon email a fair amount to provide information about crime affecting our residents; help reconnect lost owners with their pets; send Evites for social events; vote on key initiatives; and relay other time-sensitive information.

Three years ago, we had 63 people signed up for emails. Since the inception of the civic association's new board, we have grown the list 7-fold to roughly 465 homeowners and residents.

If you're not receiving email or still rely upon your roommate or spouse to keep you informed, let us know. We are happy to accommodate multiple email addresses per home. Just send us your name, street address, and preferred email address to ana.shores.tampa@gmail.com.



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CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT:

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, DO YOU TAKE GOOD VIDEOS?

Hillsborough County has experienced a steady rise in the number of resident and visitor pedestrians and bicyclists. Folks are walking and biking to and from work and school. Others are pursuing fitness and recreation.



Walking and biking are great ways to reduce pollution and stay healthy, but unsafe use of the roads can have serious consequences. In 2013, over 1,000 pedestrian and bike crashes occurred in Hillsborough County, resulting in 43 deaths. Even one injury or fatality is too many, and we all share in the responsibility to make travel on our roadways safer for everyone.

Because peer-to-peer messaging is a highly successful way to reach teens, the Hillsborough MPO and its partners have invited local high school students to create short videos with walk- and bike-safety messages for their peers. The original videos must be created using a cell phone, mobile device, or video camera. Each video must be 30 seconds or less and focus on the basic rules of the road, such as crossing at crosswalks, avoiding earbuds and other distractions, and traveling in the proper direction.

Contest submissions are being accepted by the Hillsborough MPO through **February 1, 2016**. Eligible videos will be judged by a panel of experts, and the winning video will receive **four tickets to a Tampa Bay Lightning game**, compliments of the Columbia Restaurant Group. The winning video will be announced at a February 14 press conference. The video will be widely distributed as part of a multi-jurisdictional public safety campaign by the MPO and its partners, which include the School District, FDOT, City of Tampa, Hillsborough County, CUTR, and community safety advocates.

Students are encouraged to visit www.alerttodayflorida.com to brush up on traffic laws and safe behaviors for all road users. Free multi-media resources are available through [Hillsborough County libraries \(http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/locations/hve\)](http://www.hcplc.org/hcplc/locations/hve) and County and City recreation centers to assist students with research and video production. Contest-related questions may be directed to [Gena Torres](mailto:torresg@plancom.org), Hillsborough County MPO, at 813.273.3774 extension. 357 or torresg@plancom.org.

Please visit the MPO [website \(http://www.planhillsborough.org/\)](http://www.planhillsborough.org/) to view complete contest information and rules on submitting your video.

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