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APRIL 2015

**Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"** -- Robin Williams

The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) is taking full advantage of spring finally making its annual appearance. Our April happy hour will be a fish fry at the Rocky Point Golf Course on Friday, April 3 from 5:00-8:00. The cost is \$15/person and the bar will be open for adult beverage purchases. You may read about the menu on page 8 for that night in the *Rocky Point Golf Course Neighborhood Fish Fry* article. We will also have a DSWC luncheon on Friday, April 17, at Bahama Breeze starting at 11:30. Please note the change from our usual Thursday date due to the next City Council hearing regarding Hogan's Beach. (If issues arise with Hogan's between now and then, the civic association will request neighbors' presence.) The weather should be great for outdoor dining at Bahama Breeze, so please join us for a rare Friday luncheon and celebrate the warmer weather with good friends.

We are currently sponsoring a food drive for Metropolitan Ministries and have placed a collection box at Rocky Point Golf Course in the pro shop. The box will be there until the middle of April, so please bring your donation of non-perishable goods and help us help the less fortunate.

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Upcoming Events

April Events

DSWC Board Meeting: 4/02, 10:30 am, at the Rocky Point Golf Clubhouse.

HAPPY HOUR Fish Fry Buffet: 4/03, 5:00-8:00 pm, \$15.00 pp, at the Rocky Point Golf Clubhouse

DSWC Luncheon: 4/17, 11:30 am, at Bahama Breeze

ROCKY POINT GOLF TOURNAMENT: 4/24, 1 p.m. shotgun (details inside)

TAMPA AIRPORT 5K RUNWAY FUN WAY: 4/25 (details inside)

May Events:

DSWC Board Meeting: 5/07, 11:30 am, at Rocky Point Clubhouse

HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE, 5/9 (details inside)

DSWC Installation Luncheon: 5/21, 11:30 am, at Rusty Pelican

DSWC Spring Into Summer TGIF: 5/29, 7:00-11:00pm, at the home of Nicole and Jason Gulleddge (details TBA)

A Vision For Dana Shores

We have three neighborhood groups that contribute heartily to our community: the Dana Shores Civic Association, the Dana Shores Women's Club, and Crime Watch. This is an article about the civic association and our contribution to our community's long-term vision.

Over the last two years, we have underscored our organization's core values many times: *Collaboration, Execution, and Working for the Majority*. We have also provided detailed information about neighborhood initiatives. At our recent March meeting, we laid out a multi-year vision outlining upcoming initiatives across nine project areas:

Physical Improvements

1. **Remove Overhead Utilities**
2. **Enhance Dana Shores Entranceways**
3. **Coordinate County Efforts to Repair / Update Neighborhood Infrastructure**

Quality of Life

4. **Promote and Protect Public Safety, Property Values, and Quality of Life in Rocky Point**
5. **Improve Public Lands and Waterways that Surround Dana Shores**
6. **Support Bicycle Path Connecting the Upper Tampa Bay Trail and the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail**

Community Service

7. **Assist Individual Neighbors**
8. **Strengthen and Expand Relationships within the Community and Funding for Initiatives**
9. **Forge Strong Relationships with Surrounding Communities, Businesses, and Government**

In addition to our discussing future projects in each category, we also outlined our prior successes. We would like to thank the many volunteers who have been working with us. We'd also like to thank the neighborhood for providing annual dues to assist us in each of these areas. If you have questions or would like to get more involved, please contact us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com

Allison Roberts

President, Dana Shores Civic Association

New to the Neighborhood? Change in Your Email Address?

If you do not receive regular email updates from Dana Shores community associations, please contact us with your email address. We will use these to keep you informed of time-sensitive material such as upcoming events, opportunities, and crime watch. Write to us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com and include your name, street address, and contact number. (You may sign up more than one email address per residence.)

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Useful Information For Perfect Hard Boiled Easter Eggs!

- Older eggs are easier to peel than fresh eggs. If you are planning to make hard boiled eggs for Easter and want to make sure that the eggs are easy to peel, buy your eggs at least a week ahead of time (two weeks even better, they'll keep).
- If you need easy-to-peel eggs and you have fresh eggs, you might want to try **steaming the eggs** for 20 minutes. Somehow the steam penetrates the shell a bit making the eggs easier to peel.
- If you've boiled a batch of eggs that you are now finding difficult to peel, try cracking the shells all around without peeling them and soaking the eggs in water for a while. The water often seems to seep in enough under the shell to make the egg easier to peel.

1. Place the eggs in a single layer at the bottom of a saucepan. Cover with at least an inch or two of cold water. The more eggs that are crowding the pan the more water you should have over the eggs. Heat the pot on high heat and bring the water to a full rolling boil.

Adding a teaspoon of vinegar to the water may help keep egg whites from running out if an egg does crack while cooking. Also some people find adding 1/2 teaspoon of salt to the water helps prevent cracking as well as making the eggs easier to peel.

2. Turn off the heat, keep the pan on the hot burner, cover, and let sit for 10-12 minutes.

If you have the type of stove burner that doesn't retain any heat when turned off, you might want to lower the temp to low, simmer for a minute, and then turn it off.

Depending on how cooked you like your hard boiled eggs, the eggs should be done perfectly in 10-12 minutes. When you find a time that works for you, given your preferences, the types of eggs you buy, your pots, stove, and cooking environment, stick with it.

If I'm cooking a large batch of eggs, after 10 minutes I'll sacrifice one to check for doneness, by removing it with a spoon, running it under cold water, and cutting it open.

I also find that it is very hard to overcook eggs using this method. I can let the eggs sit, covered, for up to 15-18 minutes without the eggs getting overcooked.

3. Strain out the water from the pan and run cold water over the eggs to cool them quickly and stop them from cooking further. Or, if you are cooking a large batch of eggs, remove them with a slotted spoon to a large bowl of ice water.

The best way to store hard boiled eggs is in a covered container in the refrigerator. Eggs can release odors in the fridge which is why it helps to keep them covered.

They should be eaten within 5 days.

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Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" Continued...

Mark your calendars for one of our most popular TGIF parties of the year, our annual "Spring into Summer" event on Friday, May 29 at the home of Nicole and Jason Gullede, 3622 Dana Shores Drive. Details will be announced in the next Shore Lines!



A couple of noteworthy "behind the scenes" highlights..... The DSWC and DSCA have combined efforts to create our very own neighborhood logo. This "branding" will help us bring attention to the unity of our neighborhood in many ways. We have

started by having the logo made into a cling that can be placed on the inside of your car window. You can see the logo here. If you are interested in a cling for your car, please contact LeAnn Anseeuw at 813/727-5524 or L.anseeuw1@verizon.net. We are asking for a \$3 donation per cling.

As the April edition of Shore Lines went to print, the DSWC and DSCA were in heavy preparation mode for our biggest neighborhood event of the year. Our Great American Clean Up project at Skyway Park combined with our annual "dumpster day" will surely be one for our record books. Last year this was a two part event and each one was significant on its own. During the Great American Clean Up, 20 volunteers worked for approximately 4 hours along with a crew from Southern Florida Landscaping and cut and removed over 8,000 lbs. of invasive species along the east side of the bike path. On Dumpster Day, Dana Shores residents cleaned out their garages and sheds and hauled old furniture, construction debris, refrigerators and portable AC units, etc. to the park and filled three construction-sized dumpsters until they were overflowing! This year, everything fell into place for us to be able to combine the two projects. All the highlights will be noted in the May newsletter, so stay tuned to read about our great accomplishments this year.

We would like to give a big thank you to all our volunteers who do so much for our neighborhood on a regular basis. This month we extend a special thank you to Ken Clark for his cleaning and painting efforts to our entry walls. While this is always an ongoing project, Ken has spent many hours in the last month working on this one! Within the next few months, we should receive the grant that will allow us to install the micro irrigation system in the planters in front of the walls and we will be able to replant! Ken's better half, Anne Tate, has agreed to use her gardening skills in helping us identify the best plants for the entry way planters.

Also a great big Thank You to Ali and Jeff St. Cyr for hosting the St. Patty's TGIF! Everyone had a great time, with lots of good food and good Irish Cheer! Another fun event was the Irish Buffet at Rocky Point, on St. Patty's Day, over 65 people enjoyed a great time and a delicious buffet!"

As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions. Happy Spring!

Julie Johnson
President, Dana Shores Women's Club

HELP PREVENT CRIME: Lock Your Car Doors



During the month of January 2015, approximately 157 vehicle burglaries were reported in portions of Town 'N Country. Of the vehicles that were burglarized, 97 of them were unlocked. This means nearly 62% of these burglaries were preventable.

Please lock car doors and remove or conceal any valuables to help prevent crime in our area.



TEAMWORK HAS US ROLLING!

Speak with just about any resident and you'll hear how great this neighborhood is. And while our location and amenities are amazing, our greatness comes from our people.

It's the couple who finds and picks up Easter eggs (aka trash) on their walks that makes a difference. It's the teenagers who scoop debris out of the canals behind their homes. It's the effort neighbors make to reunite lost owners with their pets and to keep one another informed of any criminal activity. It's the resident who mows a trail for walkers at the "dog park." It's the business owners who live here and serve our own community. It's the volunteers who step up when asked. It's the individuals who take things in their own hands and drive positive change. It's those who host, coordinate, and attend social events. It's each individual who shows pride in his or her own home. It's the neighbor who offers to help another neighbor, giving them a tow on the water or bringing in their trash can. It's each person.

Take a moment to look around. Enjoy. And know that your efforts are very much appreciated.

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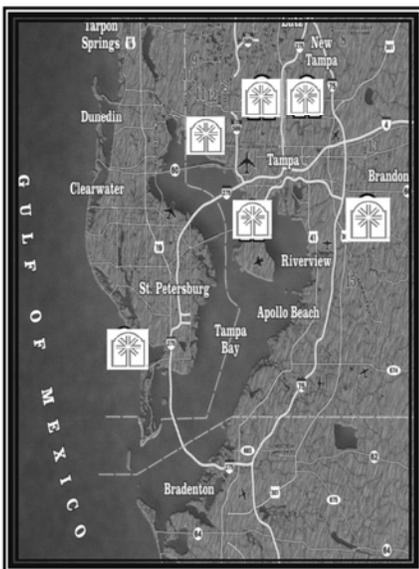
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SURROUNDING IMPROVEMENTS

Skyway Park: You may have noticed a few changes at Skyway Park. Thanks to efforts spearheaded by Bob Saltzman, shredded wind screens on the tennis courts have been replaced and maintenance crews are keeping the courts cleaner. Thanks to Scott Levinson, parking lot lights were replaced with brighter ones and brought to current safety standards.

Rocky Point Golf Course: RPGC has involved the county in finding and repairing a collapsed drain that runs west from the golf course between A La Carte and the apartments to the canal. This repair should help keep the course in good condition and reduce standing water in the drainage ditches during the rainy season. (Information about other changes at RPGC is provided in a separate article, *Rocky Point Golf Course Tournament.*)



COLLABORATION IN ACTION: Dana Shores and the Environmental Protection Commission

We'd like to thank EPC representatives Jeff Sims and Tom Nash for their presentation at our March Dana Shores Civic Association meeting. We covered three topics: 1) services offered by the EPC, 2) key projects related to water quality, and 3) their grant program.

Services. The speakers covered the four divisions of the EPC and related areas of responsibility:

- **Air Management** (open burning, noise, jet fuel (pipeline) release, asbestos, etc.)
- **Waste Management** (auto salvage best management practices (BMP), landfills, and storage tanks containing petroleum products and mineral acids, etc.)
- **Water Management** (water quality, artificial reef program, seagrass management, etc.)
- **Wetland Management** (permit docks, boardwalks, boat lifts, and mangrove trimming; wetland mitigation and preservation; Westshore Waterways Improvement project (canal dredging); etc.)

We believe it's important for our residents to understand what resources the EPC offers. Hillsborough County's website (www.epchc.org) is filled with information related to each department. You may also contact the EPC directly with questions at (813) 627-2600.

2. **Water Quality.** As part of their presentation, the EPC also spoke about collective measures that would be most impactful on our surrounding environment, the waterways. They underscored the benefit of our storm drain marker project (completed earlier this year). They also shared best management practices related to lawn fertilization.

Nitrogen run-off from improper fertilization is one of the biggest challenges to water quality and threats to sea life. If you hire a company to fertilize your lawn, look for an Easter-egg-looking sticker on the side of the truck that indicates the company is properly trained and certified in lawn fertilization best management practices (BMPs). This is required by law. You may access related FAQs at www.epchc.org/DocumentCenter/Home/View/207.

The EPC has since followed up providing additional charts and graphs on our local water quality. We will have more information as we move forward. In the meantime, if you'd like to get involved in this effort, please let us know at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com

3. **Grant Program.** We are only a few steps away from certification as an EPC Community Partner. This will qualify us to participate in the EPC's mini-grant program, which will reimburse us up to \$2,500 every two years for approved projects that take place on common property shared by the community.

Projects must target a quantifiable enhancement to the environment resulting in an improvement in the purity of surrounding waters, soils, or air (e.g., restoration and mitigation of areas affected by pollution, pollution prevention, resource conservation, energy efficiency, preservation of nature, or other general improvements in the quality of the local environment). If you have a suggestion or idea, please write to us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com



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Rocky Point Golf Course Tournament: *Friday, April 24*

Rocky Point Golf Course (RPGC) is getting a facelift! Starting in late April, the city will renovate the course's greens. RPGC is also working to complete additional clubhouse renovations. This is an exciting time for the golf course and all her patrons.

In celebration, RPGC will host an "Out with the Old...In with the New" Greens Renovation Golf Tournament on Friday, April 24, 2015. In this one-of-a-kind event, participants will play one tournament round before renovations begin. When the greens reopen, these players will be the first to play the course!

Date/Time: Friday, April 24 / 1:00 pm Shotgun

Price: \$135 per player (includes green fees for 2 events, gift bag, lunch, prizes, and after party) For more information about the tournament, please contact Jim Garrison at Rocky Point at 813-673-4317.

Rocky Point Golf Course Neighborhood Fish Fry

Friday, April 3

Come and enjoy dinner & drinks with neighbors!

When: Friday April 3 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Price: \$15

Buffet Includes:

- Beer Battered Fried Cod
- German Style Potato Pancakes
- Cheesy Grits
- Cole Slaw
- Hush Puppies
- Rye Bread
- Dessert
- Unlimited soft drinks, coffee, or tea.

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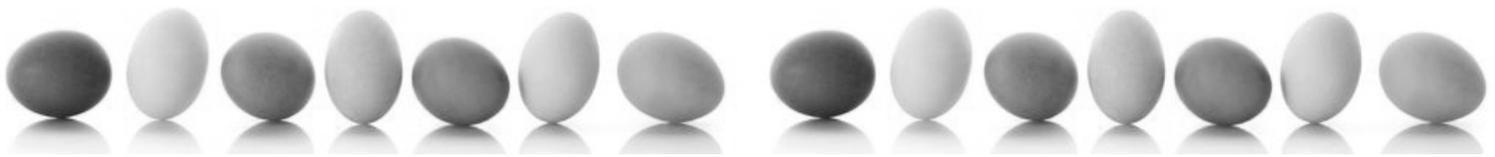
5K FUN RUN:

Event Hosted on Tampa Airport's Runway

Do you or a family member have passion about aviation? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to run down one of the airport runways (without getting arrested)? Well, here is your chance! On April 25, Tampa International Airport will host its third 5K run benefitting the United Way Suncoast.

Interested athletes are encouraged to sign up early. Participation is open to the first 1,500 runners and the event sold out last year. (The airport is also seeking volunteers and sponsors to help with the event.)

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DATE CHANGE:

Neighborhood Conference to be Held May 9

For the past three years, a few of us have attended the Hillsborough county annual neighborhood conference. Each year, we learn about opportunities and gain valuable contacts. Last year, topics included Code Enforcement, Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, Community Gardens, Crime Watch, Grant Writing, Prevention of Child Abuse, and more. With the knowledge we gain at this conference, we are able to do more and give more back to Dana Shores' residents.

This year, the workshop will be held on Saturday, May 9. Because the county always host more workshops than one or two people can attend in one day, it works in our favor to have more people attend.

This year, we will also be attending as a speaker. We've been asked to participate on a panel discussion about special taxing districts, where we will talk about the undergrounding ordinance.

Please let us know if you can participate on May 9 by writing us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com We will get back to you with this year's agenda once it is available.



TAXI CAB ROULETTE

Just like every profession, there are great taxi drivers and there are horrible taxi drivers. Although most of us who travel to and from Tampa International Airport love its proximity, our residents tend to get more than their fair share of unhappy taxi drivers as a result of the short travel distance and low fare.

No one would enjoy waiting in line for an extended period only to receive a modest job opportunity. That makes sense. Still, it doesn't excuse a taxi driver from poor customer service, reckless driving, or other shenanigans. Yet, that's what some of our residents have experienced.

One Dana Shores resident, Dr. Janet Marley, recently found herself in this situation and rather than just adjust the tip, she notified the taxi company. She was impressed by the company's response and their interest in receiving future feedback (good or bad).

If you find yourself in a situation where you'd like to offer feedback, document the date and time of the occurrence along with the cab number, which is found on a sticker posted behind the driver's headrest or on the window. Contacts for the two taxi companies serving Tampa Airport are provided below: United Cab (white). Contact Mr. Ron Seaman, Driver Services Manager, at (813) 251-7077.

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A huge Thanks to Ken Clark, Anne Tate and Brian Roberts for cleaning and sprucing up the entryways!

Lots of exciting additions are being planned, new plantings, irrigation, signs, etc. Stay tuned!

These additions are made possible only by collective community involvement. That is why support of our neighborhood organizations (DSWC & DSCA) is so important and vital to maintaining a thriving community. We thank all who join in and work hard to make it possible!

Thank you to everyone that helps make our community a great place to live!



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