

# SHORE LINES

# DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND AUGUST 2015

Volunteering creates a national character in which the community and the nation take on a spirit of compassion, comradeship and confidence. — Brian O'Connell

This month I would like to focus on in our voluntarism community. As I begin my second year as president of the Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC), I have been reflecting on the many improvements and changes we worked on last year, often in conjunction with the Dana Shores Civic Association (DSCA).

To continue along this path in a timely manner, I hope you will thoughtfully consider joining us by volunteering in some way, shape, or form. Most of our projects do not require a long term commitment; they take place on a particular day but do require some advanced planning.

If your household includes tweens or teens, the DSWC has begun offering two service projects a year your kids can participate in to earn required service hours needed for graduation. Last year, our fall service project was an outerwear clothing collection for underprivileged children that culminated in a family BBQ and get together at the Skyway Park football pavilion. (We collected over 40 bags of clothing. Children's wear was disbursed to OASIS - Outreach Assisting Students in Schools, and adult clothing was taken to migrant workers in the southern part of the county.) Our spring project was part of the Great American Clean Up at Skyway Park. I am sure you have read about the amount of invasive species fiftyfive volunteers removed on a single Saturday!

We have begun planning another family fun day for the fall. We plan for this to once again be the culmination of a teen volunteer project. We want it to be bigger and better than last year but need your help! This is a very social neighborhood. Imagine the party we can throw for our families if we work together to make it happen! By the way, if you have a teen who is looking to develop leadership skills, he or she is welcome to contact me with ideas for a service project that the DSWC can help them develop. We love to have families volunteering together, and many of our projects provide that opportunity. What a great way to teach our children the value of voluntarism not only in our community but also in our own neighborhood!

Looking back over the last year, one of the most obvious physical improvements to our neighborhood is the addition of the pineapples, decorative tiles, and signage at the entrances to the streets along Dana Shores Drive along with all new street signs. This was a collaborative effort that was initiated by DSCA and was partially funded by the DSWC as part of our endeavor to preserve the quality of our neighborhood. Once again we are partnering with the DSCA for phase II of the improvements to the entryways as grant requests are submitted to fund the irrigation of the planters and then relandscape them. YAY!!! When the time comes to begin the physical part of this project, the walls will be re-painted, and we have a small committee select new paint colors. This is no small undertaking, and there will be volunteer opportunities in several different capacities as we plan and undertake this project.

Another addition last year was our collaboration with the Rocky Point Golf Course to host a monthly happy hour/light dinner for our neighborhood. Many of these were theme oriented, from beer and wine tastings with food pairings, to a Mexican dinner with craft beer specials, to a proposed game night in August. We have been amazed at the support from our

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# 60 Second Update

### **Underground Utilities:**

This has been a longterm initiative and it

remains our top priority. Broad support throughout the neighborhood has allowed us to accomplish a great deal thus far.

The civic association is currently working with the county and TECO to prepare for a neighborhood petition drive. This drive will request that Hillsborough County provide upfront funding for a detailed engineering study so that we understand the exact costs for undergrounding.

We know many of our neighbors are interested in our progress. Although this is a multi-step process, rest assured that we are working diligently with the county and TECO to move forward. As soon as we have the ballots available for signing, we will let you know!

# **Upcoming Events**

#### Save the Dates:

Trivia night at RPGC. 8/28 Details to follow, watch for email Evite!

DSWC September Tea, 9/19 11:30-1:00, at the home of Kim Hajaistron

DSWC Halloween TGIF, 10/30 7:00-11:00 pm, at the home of LeAnn and Danny Anseeuw

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### Volunteering creates a national character continued...

neighbors and now from other local neighborhoods for these get togethers! We have these happy hours on months between neighborhood TGIF parties or other DSWC member-only events.

We are beginning to plan some new social events centered around the holidays. This is still in the very early stages of development but includes decorating the entryways and a neighborhood holiday decoration contest. If you are interested in working with us on either opportunity, please contact me.

Along these same lines, we are looking for a few photographers who would be willing to help us document our activities. Nearly everyone has a cell phone these days with a camera. Would you be willing to snap a few pictures when you attend one of our events and share them with us?

Please take a moment to look at the left-hand side of this page of the Shore Lines. You will see a list of our current committees and members — many of which are handled by a single person. Several of these committees are in dire need of assistance as we expand our duties in our community. If you are unsure what any of these committees do and are interested in volunteering in some way, please feel free to contact me. Dana Shores/Pelican Island has made tremendous strides in improving and preserving the quality of life and our neighborhood home values. I hope you will consider joining us as we continue with our endeavors in the months to come

Lastly, we have some silent volunteers in our community who give up enormous amount of their time to make YOUR neighborhood a better place to live. Once again, I encourage you to consider how wonderful our community could be if YOU volunteered. If you have a special talent that may not have been mentioned here but you think could help us, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. We are always open to new ideas!

Until next time....

President, Dana Shores Women's Club

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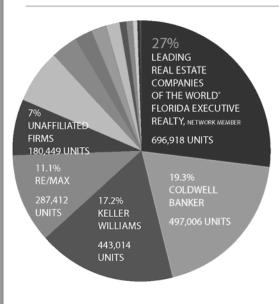
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### Building Relationships with Local Government

As we've written about in the past, the civic

association is focused on nine strategic opportunity areas. One of these includes forging strong relationships with surrounding communities, businesses, and government.

Strong relationships are a critical component to our collaborative approach. Over the past few years, we've witnessed growing interest from community members in helping us build and manage these relationships. This interest is both exciting and welcomed.

We are looking for a member of our community interested in learning more about county government, gaining contacts throughout different offices, and working on behalf of the community. If that's you, please consider attending the Hillsborough County Government Leadership University, a 10-week interactive program that offers the following opportunities:

- Get to know county government leaders.
- Unravel the "red tape" syndrome and clear the path for easier ways to conduct business.
- Establish relationships with department directors and staff.
- Gain insight into the interactions between County departments.

The course starts in September and lasts 10 weeks. Sessions are 3 hours per week and will likely be scheduled during the workday (e.g., 9-noon on Tuesdays). This is a very unique opportunity.

Please contact us at <a href="mailto:dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com">dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com</a> for more information.

#### **Surrounding Improvements**

Last month we wrote about the grand opening of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail to Pinellas. This month, we have more good news to share with bicyclists and other outdoor enthusiasts.



The current route extends from Skyway Park to Bayshore Boulevard (on the far side of the bridge). A connecting trail is already under development between the intersection of Bayshore Boulevard and Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard and the Pinellas Trail. In addition, efforts are underway to secure funding for a pedestrian bridge to allow safe passage across this busy intersection. Eventually, our residents will be able to ride along trails from here to Honeymoon Island, a great place to relax, cool down, and enjoy an overnight stay!



July's Cajun Buffet at RPGC was a great summer event!

Good food, good friends, good times!

### How to Best Describe Our Little Piece of Paradise?

As we work on content for the website, we thought we'd ask for a bit of upfront feedback. In accordance with last year's neighborhood survey responses, most of the website will be private. This will allow us to communicate more openly about community affairs and share various sorts of useful information.

In addition to the private content, we'll also have a public home page. Here, we'll provide a high-level synopsis of our community. Please take a look at the following two paragraphs and let us know what you think. If you have specific feedback or suggestions, we'd love to hear it. Email us at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com

Dana Shores is a small paradise nestled in urban convenience, with our residents enjoying the best both worlds have to offer. Surrounded by Rocky Point Golf Course, Skyway Park, Tampa Airport's scenic reserve, the Courtney Campbell Causeway bicycle trail, and the waters of Tampa Bay, we're always close to nature and have direct access to a variety of outdoor activities. And yet we are only one light away from Tampa's award-winning international airport and Westshore District, Florida's largest office community boasting some of Tampa's finest restaurants along with world-class shopping.

Dana Shores is unique in many ways that tie back to real estate's basic adage: location, location, location! Still, even more loved than our location are our people—bound together by a love of the outdoors, a work-hard/play-hard attitude, and old-fashioned neighborhood values.





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### How Each of Us Can Reduce Criminal Activity and Enhance Safety

Although auto burglaries typically involve relatively low dollar amounts, they create a hassle for residents, erode neighbors' feelings of safety and security, and ultimately affect our insurance premiums. Most concerning, each successful burglary creates a more inviting environment in the mind of a criminal and emboldens him or her for the next act.

Law enforcement officers consider auto burglaries a crime of opportunity. Easy targets create more opportunity.

At this year's Hillsborough County neighborhood conference, Allison Roberts and Julie Johnson attended a workshop on crime prevention. We've provided a list of tips that, if implemented, can greatly reduce the likelihood of this crime affecting your family. Implementing these tips will also dampen our neighborhood's appeal to would-be thieves. We hope you

find some of these tips valuable.

Avoid Parking on the Street: Of course, we know our best option is to store vehicles inside of our garage. What we found interesting was the importance placed on parking any remaining vehicles in the driveway and keeping them off the street.

Even if you don't have motion-sensor flood lights installed, removing cars from the street has the added benefit of requiring a would-be burglar to move farther outside of his or her comfort zone. Studies have shown that a car parked on the street is nearly three times more likely to be targeted by criminals than a car parked in a driveway. As the number of vehicles parked on our streets increase, so do our crime rates.

**Lock It Up:** Thieves most often enter vehicles with unlocked doors. A quick check of the door handle will tell a thief if your vehicle is his next target or if he needs to keep looking.

Add Light: Because criminals typically target cars in suburban residential areas at night and want to have the cover of darkness, light is a great deterrent. Install out-of-reach motion-sensor flood lights around the perimeter of your home and move any cars that cannot fit inside of your garage into the driveway each night.

Additionally, if you have a malfunctioning streetlight near your home, you may report this directly to TECO using their

Lights Out form (available on tampaelectric.com) or by calling (813) 223-0800. You'll be asked to provide the pole number (posted on each pole) and the pole's physical address.

**Take Items Indoors**: Take valuable items (e.g., GPS, laptop, car keys, and purse) inside with you. If you are at a location where you cannot do this, place them in the trunk. At night, remove all boxes, bags, and cases. Even if you know there is nothing valuable inside of them, a burglar may still be tempted to find out.

**Add an Alarm**: Consider adding a quality alarm system to your vehicle. Choose one that includes motion detection.

**Leave No Key Behind**: Do not leave a spare key hidden inside your vehicle.

**Record Serial Numbers**: Record serial numbers of all after-market components added to your vehicle (e.g., after-market stereo components). Law enforcement has access to a nationwide online database that pawn shops use to enter serial numbers for all incoming merchandise. If a match is found, you significantly increase the odds of catching the thief and having your items returned. (Even if no match is found, this list may still come in handy with your insurance company.)

Report It: If you see someone suspicious, or have been an unfortunate victim of an auto theft or burglary, please contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office at (813)247-8200 and notify our neighborhood crime watch. It is only through the systematic collection of data that we will understand criminals' patterns and be able to take proactive measures to stop them.

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