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Sometimes if you want to see a change for the better, you have to take things into your own hands. – Clint Eastwood

September typically marks the beginning of a change in patterns in our lives. Many of our families have kids returning to school, we start the countdown to that first drop in temperatures that signals fall is not far away, social calendars begin to fill after a summer of relative quiet (because it's just too hot to do much of anything). Are you ready to make some changes?

The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) began several changes this year that have been well received, and we look forward to not only keeping these going but also continuing to create new projects and events. The happy hours/light dinners at the Rocky Point Golf Course (RPGC) Clubhouse have been a popular addition. The staff at the RPGC have become great partners, creating fun, theme-oriented, get-togethers for us to enjoy.

LeAnn Anseeuw, our hospitality chair, sends E-vites approximately two weeks in advance so we can provide an accurate headcount to the RPGC staff for food planning. Your RSVPs to these events are VERY important for this reason. We've had multiple events with nearly 50% more people in attendance than expected, requiring a lot of last minute effort and negatively impacting service. At our Cajun-themed event in July, we had about 50% fewer people show up than had RSVP'd. This resulted in a financial loss for the RPGC, which is problematic for all of us. The RPGC is a highly valuable asset for this community, and these events are one way we can help support the golf course and help ensure its long-term viability. Of course, we understand things sometimes come up. Please help us by keeping your RSVP status as accurate as possible. We

look forward to seeing you and hope you will join us at future events for some fun, to find out what's going on in the neighborhood, to help support the golf course, and to enjoy a great light dinner!

The DSWC annual tea and mimosa luncheon is just around the corner. Ladies, mark your calendar for Saturday, September 19 from 11:30-1:00pm at the home of Kim Hajaistron, 3943 Versailles Drive. This invitation is extended to all ladies in the Dana Shores/Pelican Island community. This year we would like to include our teenage ladies too! DSWC members are asked to bring a dish to share and the women's club provides the beverages. This is the perfect opportunity for new residents to learn more about our great community, meet neighbors, and share ideas.

Our fall TGIF will be the annual Halloween party on Friday, October 30, at the home of Danny and LeAnn Anseeuw, 3940 Fontainebleau Drive. This is such a great party! Last year over 140 people attended, most in full costume attire! Start thinking about YOUR costumes now because the party will be here before you know it and the best costume wins a prize!

And of course then the holiday season will be upon us! The annual holiday boat parade is a wonderful event. This year volunteers will try to coordinate the Dana Shores/Pelican Island boat parade with surrounding waterfront communities to make it bigger and better. The DSWC is beginning to develop a neighborhood holiday event to coincide with the boat parade, and it will include a home decorating contest with a prize. We also want to begin decorating our street entryways to help everyone get in the spirit!

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Each of Us Can Reduce Criminal Activity and Enhance Safety (Part II)



At this year's Hillsborough County neighborhood conference, Allison Roberts and Julie Johnson attended a workshop on crime prevention. We gained great insights into crime prevention strategies, which allowed us to publish a list of tips related to auto burglaries in last month's edition of *Shore Lines*. This month, we are providing a DRAFT list of tips for your home.

Our homes should be a place of sanctity. Unfortunately, criminals know no bounds, regardless of one's city or neighborhood. And law enforcement cannot be everywhere at all times. It is, therefore, up to each of us to help protect our home and family.

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Upcoming Events

Save the Dates:

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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Sometimes if you want to see a change continued...

Many young families have moved into Dana Shores in the last year. We have lots of infants, toddlers, and elementary-school-age kids. We would love to hear what would make Dana Shores better for your family.

Along the same lines, I have talked to many teens who have grown up here and remember great parties the DSWC organized for them. They have expressed a desire for a "reunion" party so to speak. These are many things we will be working to develop, and we would greatly appreciate input and help in making it all happen! Teens, are you listening?

As you can see, the DSWC has begun work on some great changes for our community, and we are continuing to expand our efforts as we work with the DSCA to make our area the unique paradise it is. Your thoughts and ideas are always welcome.

Until next time...

Julie Johnson-Bowers

President, Dana Shores Women's Club

It is time for the Dana Shores Annual Meet and Greet Tea Party.. See page 6 for more information.



Booooo...it is also time for the adult Halloween Party. See page 6 for more information.

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We have focused our list of tips on proactive measures that can help reduce the likelihood of your being targeted.

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Some of these tips may seem like common sense whereas others are more technical in nature and will likely involve a trip to the hardware store. According to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, criminals are relatively savvy when it comes to finding a home's weakness (even if they aren't very smart). We need to be just as savvy. And criminals will often spend time planning their approach. We need to spend as much time thwarting their plans. Neighborhoods can do much to stop crime in their area when residents work together to create an inhospitable environment for the would-be criminal.

We hope everyone finds something useful in this article he or she can implement. In addition, we have done our best but know this material is not perfect. We are seeking your feedback. What did you find helpful? What did we miss? We plan to incorporate your feedback and make these tips available on our community website, which you'll be hearing more about soon! Please send your comments to dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com

TIPS 1- 20: Secure Doors, Windows, Locks, and Gates

1. Keep your front door locked at all times. Most burglars enter homes through the front door and during daylight hours.
2. Don't open the door for strangers or invite them into your home.
3. Invest in heavy, solid core metal, fiberglass, or wood doors and good quality deadbolts (e.g., separate from the spring latch, grade 1 or 2, solid metal, no exposed screws on the exterior, a throw bolt that extends at least 1 inch, Schlage or Medeco brands since they are the only two bump-key-proof brands according to HCSO).
4. Install wide-angle viewers in peepholes. Peephole covers are also good since they

prevent possible intruders from using a reverse peephole viewer to look into your home.

5. Consider setting doors so they swing out in order to better withstand attempts at forced entry.

6. Install flush lever bolts at the top and bottom of double doors. Make sure the bolts are long, sturdy, and mounted into a solid door frame.

7. Many homes have doors which open to the outside, exposing the hinge pins. No matter how good your lock is, the burglar can remove the pins and lift the door from the frame. To prevent this, remove two opposing center screws from each leaf of the hinge. Screw a long lag bolt into the frame side of the hinge leaf and saw off the head leaving about 1/2 inch protruding. Drill out the opposite hole to allow the bolt to enter when the door is closed. Do this to the top and bottom hinge plates. The hinge pins can now be removed by the burglar but the door will remain firmly in place. This technique is good for any door, no matter how the hinges have been placed.

8. Secure the actual hinges to the frame with three-inch screws.

9. Replace flimsy strike plates with heavy-duty metal security strike plates secured by four three-inch screws. (The strike plate is the metal plate surrounding the hole the bolt enters in the door frame.)

10. For maximum protection, avoid doors with glass panels or ensure the glass panes are at least 40" away from the deadbolt. Otherwise, burglars may break the panes and then reach in to unlock the door from the outside. Some homeowners may use double key deadbolt locks in these instances although these doors can become a hazard in a fire and the key, therefore, should be kept in the interior locks whenever a person is in the home.

11. Take precautions to help secure sliding glass doors and windows. Screws installed in the track above the sliding door/window frame will prevent the door/window from being lifted and pried out of the track. Drill a pilot hole in the top track above, and slightly in, from each corner of the sliding

door/window frame and install a screw into each hole. Adjust the screws so that the head of the screw just barely clears the frame when it is moved back and forth. A thick aluminum rod or wooden dowel laid in the bottom track can also help. (Avoid steel, as it can be lifted with strong magnets).

12. Secure all remaining windows. Place the latch on casement windows in a closed position and make sure the panes have a tight seal. Then drill a small hole through the latch frame and handle. Insert a metal pin through the hole or a key-operated replacement latch (available from a locksmith and at most hardware stores). If you use a key, keep it handy in case of emergency.

Secure double-hung windows using the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window and partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a pin (e.g., a nail, an eyebolt) into the hole. The window can't be opened until you remove the pin. Make a second set of holes with windows partially open so you can have ventilation without inviting intruders. You may also purchase special key locks for windows at a hardware store.

13. Whenever you leave your home, lock all doors and take the key with you, even if you are just stepping next door.

14. Don't hide a spare key under the door mat, in a light, or under a flower pot. Thieves know all the good hiding places. If you must leave a key, consider leaving a copy with a neighbor or properly install a quality lock-box out of sight.

15. Keep your garage door closed when unattended. An open garage offers another means of entry, showcases items to steal, and broadcasts your absence when you are away from home.

16. Because garage doors are notoriously easy to enter, securely lock the door between your garage and your home.

17. Do not leave a garage door opener in your vehicle. Consider purchasing an opener that goes with you on your key chain instead. (These can be found online at Amazon, Brookstone, Sears and many other retail stores.) Continued on page 6



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18. Always double check doors at night and lock all windows.

19. Install a fence to your backyard and keep the gate locked.

20.00Keep doors and windows in full view. Keep tall hedges, trees, and vehicles parked in circular driveways in mind, as they can provide cover for burglars.

TIPS 21- 22: Tidy Up Yards and Landscaping

21. Don't leave ladders outside. Keep any tools that could be used to break into your home safely locked away in a garage or shed.

22. Plant thorny bushes under all windows.

TIPS 23- 27: Add Security Systems, Personal Protection, and Lights

23. Invest in a good security system and use it regularly.

24. Get a barking dog or "beware of dog" signs. Place a huge dog bowl on the side of your patio.

25. Secure proper personal protection and training. Consider placing a can of wasp and hornet spray in one or more strategic locations. According to news reports, it is more powerful than police mace, spraying 20 to 25 feet and temporarily blinding an intruder.

26. Because light is a great deterrent, report any nearby malfunctioning streetlights directly to TECO. You may use their Lights Out form (available at www.tampaelectric.com) or call (813) 223-0800. You'll be asked to provide the pole number (posted on each pole) and the pole's physical address.

27. Install out-of-reach motion-sensor flood lights around the perimeter of your home.

TIPS 28- 30: Protect Valuables

28. Avoid placing valuables where they can be seen from the window, especially items that can be easily carried.

29. Do not keep large amounts of cash and valuable jewelry around the house.

30. In 2012, the national clearance rate for burglary was only 12.4%. In other words, very few of these crimes are solved and very few items returned. You can, however, significantly change the odds in your favor.

Make a list of all valuables in and around your home such as stereos, high-end bicycles, computers, televisions, cellular phones, and video cameras. The list should include brand, model, serial number, description, and approximate value. Be sure to keep this list in a secure location and provide a marked copy to law enforcement in case of a burglary or theft.

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.)

Use an engraving pen to engrave an Owner Applied Number (OAN) on other valuable items without serial numbers. Apply clear nail polish over the engraving. According to experts, criminals typically avoid visibly marked property items because they are easily identifiable and therefore hard to sell. A driver's license number makes a good OAN; never use your social security number.

Remaining items that cannot be marked with an OAN, such as jewelry, antiques, or collectibles, should be documented in detail. Include size, weight, karat, description, and photographs that clearly display the owner's identification.

Sources: Florida Attorney General's Office; "Crime Prevention Starts with You" presented by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and Tampa Police Department at the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Conference (May 2015)

Annual Meet and Greet Tea Party

The Dana Shores Women's Club has several exciting events planned in the coming months.



The annual "meet and greet" tea will be on Saturday, September 19 from 11:30 – 1:00 at the home of Kim Hajastron (3943 Versailles Dr.). This is our first "ladies-only" event of the year. Whether you are a new resident or you have lived here for some time, this is a great opportunity to come and meet our current members and to learn about our impact in the community and the new directions we are beginning to take. We want to hear what your vision is for our neighborhood too! Lunch will be served and you can catch up on all the neighborhood news.



In October, we will have our annual adults-only Halloween costume party on Friday, October 30. 7:00-

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