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Every Day I Learn Something from Our Residents

Work on the undergrounding initiative has offered a forum for many one-on-one conversations between homeowners and civic association representatives. Feedback remains overwhelmingly positive, consistent with the input we had leading up to this phase of the initiative. These discussions have also extended beyond talk of utilities and undergrounding. I have come home many evenings and shared what I heard with my husband, Brian. It was during one of these dinnertime conversations that I thought, "why not share this with everyone?" Why not share what we've learned about our community? And so, here we are.

First, let me provide a little background. Once we received the petition packet from the county, we sent an email inviting homeowners to a petition signing event at Rocky Point Golf Course. This petition requires 67% support and we achieved nearly 40% of this objective that first afternoon. We appreciate the effort so many made to come to the signing event. You made this process immeasurably smoother.

Our next step involved reaching out to those who may not have received an email about the signing event or may have been unavailable. Over twenty-five neighborhood volunteers from Dana Shores and Pelican Island have been working together on this step. I am serving as a backup to a few representatives, providing support where I can.

As I began reaching out to homeowners, one of the first things I noticed was the hospitality. I spent a number of evenings over the past few weeks huddled around a neighbor's dining room table while looking at pictures, talking through the project, taking in suggestions, and answering questions.

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Vincent Van Gogh

The Dana Shores Women's Club (DSWC) has been hard at work in many areas around our neighborhood. Over the last few weeks, we have helped gather signatures for Phase 1 of the petitions for the neighborhood undergrounding effort, planned social events for the coming months, and begun brainstorming ideas and consulting with landscaping professionals for the improvements to our entryways.

I would like to thank ALL of the Dana Shores and Pelican Island street reps for their amazing efforts in reaching out homeowners regarding the undergrounding of our overhead powerlines. We have met with many residents, many of whom have lived here for decades and have shared wonderful stories about the history of our neighborhood. Sometimes in our busy lives we lose contact with friends, even the ones who live closest to us, and yet these are often the neighbors who need a friend the most. We learned of several neighbors who had recently been homebound, ill, or hospitalized and felt very isolated right here in our community. I would encourage you to remember the neighbor you rarely see. A phone call or a knock on the door to check on them can mean more to them than you ever thought possible.

Continuing with our efforts to improve the aesthetics of our community, the DSWC in conjunction with the DSCA, has begun the arduous task of qualifying a new paint color for our entryway walls. About the same time you receive this edition of the *Shore Lines*, you should also receive an email with additional details about the paint colors.

Our DSWC vice president and hospitality chair, LeAnn Anseeuw, has planned some

awesome events for the coming months. Looking back to our October events, nearly 70 people attended the *Food and Flight* Oktoberfest Happy Hour at the Rocky Point Golf Course (RPGC) on October 16. We held a 50/50 raffle to help fund improvements to the entryways and trees. Phyllis and Dave Timmons won the raffle and graciously donated their winnings to the neighborhood. I also heard from my golfing friends that the renovations to the course are wonderful. You may want to take the opportunity now – before the snow birds arrive - to get out there and play.

I would be remiss not to mention the annual TGIF Halloween party on Friday, October 30 at the home of Danny and LeAnn Anseeuw. Follow up details will be coming as this edition of the Shore Lines went to press before the party. This has become one of our biggest parties of the year and Danny and LeAnn continue to outdo themselves. Many thanks to the Anseeuw family for hosting a great party that is only outdone by their guests who take the time to dress up in some amazing costumes!

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Upcoming Events

Save the Dates for November:

11/09, 10:30 AM, DSWC Board meeting at RPGC

11/20, 6:00-9:00 PM Happy Hour at RPGC

12/03, 6:30 PM, Christmas and Holiday Boutique, 3933 E Eden Ric Cir

12/05, 6:00 PM, Dana Shores Boat Parade

12/18-24, Christmas and Holiday yard decorating.

Stay tuned for more details.

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November events include the next DSWC board meeting on Monday, November 9 at 10:30 at the RPGC. Members of the DSWC are always welcome to attend. Our November happy hour will be on Friday, November 20 at the RPGC from 6-9 p.m. Keep an eye out for your Evite.

December is full of holiday festivities! The December DSWC board meeting as well as the annual DSWC holiday boutique will be on Thursday, December 3. The board will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the RPGC. The ladies-only holiday boutique will be from 6:30-9:30 PM at the home of Jeffy Beaver, 3933 E. Eden Roc Circle. The women's club will provide dinner and libations. Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped item with a minimum \$15 value to be auctioned off at the boutique. Monies raised from this event will benefit our neighborhood improvements and the Wounded Warriors Foundation. Because this is an interactive event, it's a great opportunity for those who have never attended a neighborhood social to meet new neighbors.

Two nights later on Saturday, December 5 is the annual Dana Shores/Pelican Island boat parade. This year our neighbors from Sweetwater will also be participating. Boats will gather in the basin near Bahama Breeze around 6:30 p.m. Bahama Breeze has donated gift certificates as prizes for the best decorated boat and also best decorated boat dock. Please visit the boat parade website at www.danashoresboatparade.com for further information and to register to participate.

New this year is our contest for best holiday decorated yard. Judging will take place from December 18 through the 24, with the winner being announced on Christmas day. A grand prize will be awarded.

Finally, the welcome bags that the DSCA and the DSWC have been preparing for new residents are ready for distribution. The bags contain information about our neighborhood along with gift certificates from local restaurants and residents' businesses. Dana Shores/Pelican Island business owners, do you have a business you would like to promote to our new residents? We would be happy to work with you to include your promotion in our welcome bags. If you have moved into Dana Shores within the last 60 days and have not heard from us, please contact your street rep (see page 2 of Shore Lines) or Ali St. Cyr, street rep coordinator, at 813/294-3070.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

Julie Bowers
President, DSWC



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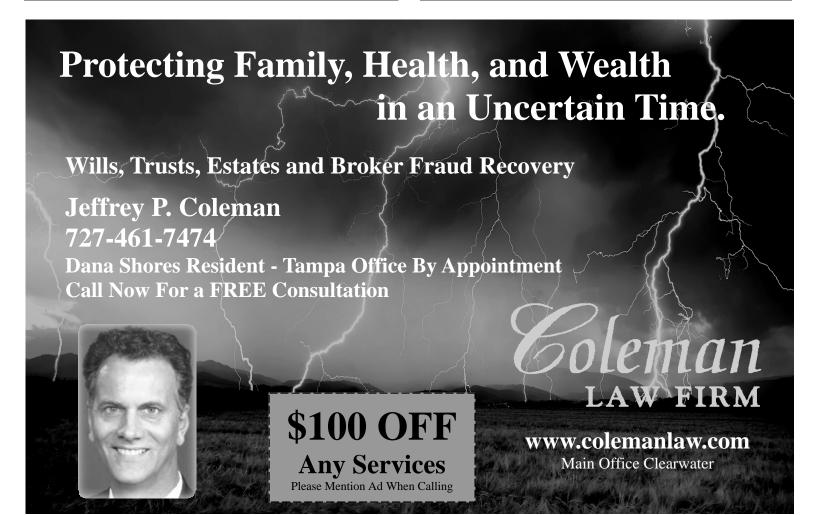
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I can only imagine what the world could accomplish if more people worked together as our community does.

The next thing that struck me was the diversity of our residents. I met first-time homeowners, non-resident homeowners living as far away as Thailand, and original homeowners who have lived here forty to fifty years. I met folks with strong roots to the area: several homeowners who grew up here and one lady whose family had originally lived where the airport stands today. I also met homeowners who have traveled far to live here - from Vietnam, Egypt, China, India, Canada, and elsewhere. I met caretakers, mothers, fathers, U.S. military service members, business owners, and professionals of all sorts.

Every group is unique, and each must choose whether their diversity will be a source of strength or contention. Although our backgrounds are diverse, we have many common interests. I truly enjoyed learning from each person. If you do not know your neighbors, I'd encourage you to say hello.

Because *collaboration* is one of the civic association's three core values, we are also looking for additional ways to develop our diversity into a strength. We've come up with a few new ideas so far:

- e Sometimes our single residents (especially those with more life experience) need a quick helping hand to move an item or two around the house. The effort is too small to call a handyman but too big to accomplish alone. We plan to set up a neighborhood Heavy Item Hotline for residents to use in these situations. Please let us know at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com if you are able and willing to volunteer your time and brawn on an as-needed basis.
- Several residents will likely be homebound this holiday season, and so we reached out to the women's club to ask for help coordinating a caroling group to bring some extra holiday joy to these families. Please let

us know at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com if you are willing to sing carols one evening in December OR if you have a home you would like us to visit.

Assuming the undergrounding project ultimately passes, some guidance could come in handy for homeowners as they take steps to connect underground power into their homes. Please let us know at dana.shores.tampa@gmail.com if you are willing to serve on a related committee. We are looking for individuals with electrical, engineering, construction, vendor/contract management, and other related experience to help qualify vendors, answer questions, and negotiate rate discounts.

It's probably no surprise that a diverse group of neighbors was also able to offer a variety of suggestions, concerns, and questions. Of the things we heard, two safety-related issues topped our list:

- The first addresses limited sight visibility at the corner of Dana Shores Drive and Memorial Highway. We have already asked the county to investigate prior traffic accidents at this corner and to offer recommendations.
- The other top concern relates to undergrounding. Last September several neighbors sent me an article about Chris Diehl, a young college graduate who was electrocuted after taking one step off the brick path outside his grandmother's home in South Tampa to determine the source of a loud boom he had heard. I chose not to share the article at that time, as I did not want to scare anyone. During the petition signing process, however, I've heard of three recent power lines that have snapped in Dana Shores: one on Dana Shores Drive, one on East Eden Roc Circle, and one on West Eden Roc Circle. I am told that one event simply cut off power, but two dropped live wires – one on a resident's vehicle and another on the ground outside of a resident's home. If you suspect a downed power line, be cautious. Even stepping outside of

your home could be tragic. Call **911** if you suspect life-threatening conditions and TECO at **1-877-588-1010** to report other power-related public safety concerns.



We also heard many other suggestions and questions. Is there a way to help reduce crime in neighboring areas of Town 'N Country? Are there opportunities to build more relationships among neighborhood children and teens? How can we reduce local mosquito populations? What can we do to improve Skyway Park? How can we protect the historic value of Dana Shores Drive as a memorial to WWI veterans? Could we schedule outdoor fitness classes at the park? How can we reduce the likelihood of flooding along Dana Shores Drive? How can we help ensure our streets are repaved once undergrounding is complete? Have we considered a golf fundraising event for the neighborhood? What else can we do to improve water quality in our canals? The list continues, filled with good questions that can help further build our vision. The solutions to these questions will take time and the involvement of many to address, including coordination with the women's club, neighborhood watch, Pelican Island, and others.

For those of you who wonder what it's like taking an active role in the neighborhood, it's a pretty consistent story – great people, great ideas, and great rewards that come from building a strong, safe, cohesive community. As always, thank you for the opportunity to serve as the leader of the civic association and, if you have passion around a neighborhood opportunity and would like to get more involved, let us know. We would love to work with you.

Sincerely,
Allison Roberts





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Rocky Point Golf Course Needs You!

The makeover of Rocky Point Golf Course (RPGC) is in full swing. The City of Tampa and the Tampa Sports Authority will be completing approximately \$700K in in capital improvements in the upcoming months. Golfers will enjoy new tee boxes and the complete replacement of all 18 greens. The size, surface quality and the challenge of the greens will all be dramatically improved. The club house is also increasing its level of play by adding kitchen facilities and a large outdoor deck to better suit the needs of its expanding catering and party service offerings.

The first 9 holes recently re-opened in October, and the golf community has provided a warm response. In response, the folks at RPGC are looking for some volunteer help.

As a municipal golf course, reliant upon public funding, the Sports Authority intends to keep golf fees to a minimum and run the golf course in a lean manner. The balancing act between pricing, staffing, maintaining, and providing the level of service golfers expect is a challenging one. Volunteers in this paradigm make the difference between an average experience and great experiences for those who play golf or visit the clubhouse.

If you have a little bit of time and you want to have fun while you make a difference in your community, this is a great opportunity. By assisting golfers as they play the course, you will meet new people, work with a great team of people, be an ambassador for golf, set the tone for the new course, and earn free golf in the process. The Rocky Point

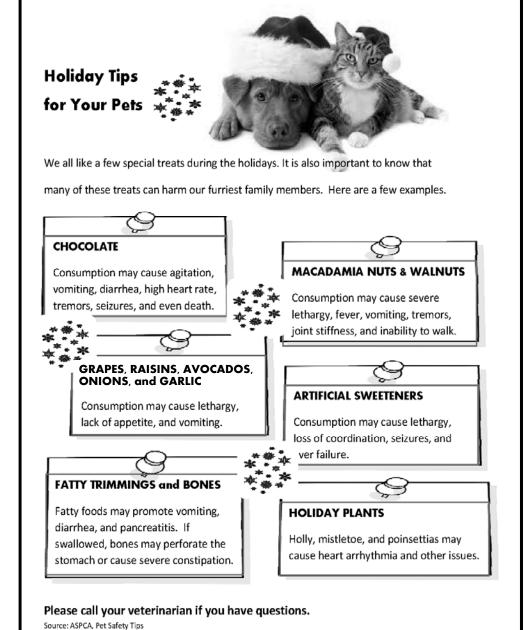
"Golf Pro" Jim

Garrison says, "With the complete renovation of the course we have the opportunity to create a new "reputation" for Rocky Point Golf Course. Our course volunteers are essential part of making the course fun and helping to ensure everyone has the best experience possible."

Volunteers must be 16 years of age or older and possess a valid driver's license to drive golf carts. As a side benefit community service hours can earned by high school students for this activity.

By volunteering, you will be helping to sustain quality facilities and services which offer citizens opportunities for recreation, improvement of their physical and mental wellbeing, and enhancement of their quality of life.

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