

# SHORE LINES

DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

FEBRUARY 2021



## 2020 Neighborhood Civic Association Dues



We rely upon everyone's support to help better our neighborhood and the surrounding community. As you can see, 2020 was a busy year for the Dana Shores Civic Association, and we look forward to another busy year of wrapping up current initiatives and pursuing new opportunities.

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Doug Gregory  
Dana Shores Civic Association  
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**Security cameras will receive top priority with this year's dues drive.** We will also continue to support our ongoing operations (e.g., providing water to upkeep our main entranceway), complete current initiatives, and prioritize new initiatives based on funding and other considerations (e.g., adding water meters and sprinklers to the Eden Roc entranceways, pushing for street resurfacing, refreshing/repainting entranceway walls once the overhead power is removed, and improving water quality in our canals).

**We truly appreciate your contribution.** Again, we would like to thank you for your continued energy, partnership, support, and friendship as we move into another year. It is our pleasure to serve and represent our community and hold fast to our values of Collaboration, Execution, and Working for the Majority.

As always, if you would like to become more involved or offer your skills and energy for a particular project, we welcome your talents.

Sincerely,  
Board of Directors  
Dana Shores Civic Association

## Security: A Top Concern for Residents and Priority for 2021

There is nothing that bothers me more than hearing about issues within our community that put our residents at risk. I had my truck stolen from our driveway in Dana Shores several years ago. It was recovered days later, full of drugs, other peoples' stolen items, and surveillance equipment. It had been used to rip out ATMs, was banged up, and left on the side of the road with an empty gas tank. As much as I hated having it stolen, I think I hated more getting it back and having to sit in the same seat as the criminals had sat in. I felt violated and, even though the truck was full of fingerprints, no leads were available.

The issue of vehicles being stolen in our area continues today. We were working with Pelican Island and The Cove to discuss security cameras this past November when we learned a vehicle had been stolen from one of these neighborhoods just days earlier despite the security gates. But a stolen vehicle still pales in comparison to home break-ins, which put peoples' lives at risk and, like many neighborhoods, we have had such incidents over the years and in our recent history.

A few years ago, Dana Shores developed what we refer to as a crime-free vision, a vision that relies heavily upon the eyes and ears of all neighbors. We have worked hard since to share proactive, simple measures residents can take to help secure their property, secure packages, reduce risks when going out of town, and so on. Neighbors share updates regarding suspicious activity on our neighbors-only Facebook page. Many neighbors have also purchased home security cameras, which are great after the fact for helping us understand where criminals have been, what they were up to, and even what they look like – but this rarely provides law enforcement with actionable leads.

To my knowledge, crime committed in Dana Shores by outside parties has only been traced back to an individual or group when we've been able to report the license plate number to law enforcement. One of these occasions took down a major crime ring in the area. Another put someone behind bars who was also responsible for breaking into Westchase homes dozens of times. Getting accurate tag numbers is paramount. Continued on page 3



## Looking Back on Our 2020 Accomplishments

While 2020 turned out to be quite a different year than was originally expected, the Dana Shores Civic Association Board and volunteers continued our work to make physical improvements in the area, improve quality of life, and promote civic-related community service.



We strove to keep volunteers and residents safe from COVID, which required that we work differently than we have in the past. We also worked to save money where possible so that, when combined with 2021 dues, we would have sufficient funding to pursue several new projects (including security cameras). With these considerations in place, our volunteers invested significant time this year and worked to wrap up several multi-year initiatives. Here is a look back on some of our accomplishments throughout 2020:

**1. Undergrounding and Decorative Lighting:** While construction began in 2019, 2020 saw the completion of the network infrastructure required to convert all finger streets to underground service. We saw decorative lighting installed this summer along Dana Shores Drive and have recently seen the completion of this throughout Dana Shores. Many of the homes in Dana Shores have completed their prep work, paid their individual connection fees to TECO, and either have

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In 2019, when we surveyed the community, more than 95% of respondents indicated that high-quality cameras located at key ingress and egress points to Dana Shores would be valuable. Since this time, we have been saving money for this project while running some mini pilots and reviewing numerous vendors.

Based on what we've found, license plate reader

(LPR) technology has also come a long way during this period. Last year, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) integrated their systems with Flock Security, a leading provider in neighborhood LPR technology. HCSO is alerted when a vehicle on their 'hotlist' passes by the LPR, allowing them to proactively dispatch a deputy to the area. This hotlist contains FBI and local data (e.g., individuals with outstanding federal warrants and vehicles that have been reported as stolen)). In addition, HCSO can use the list of license plates provided by the community to help solve crimes after an event has taken place.

Dana Shores, Pelican Island, and The Cove have agreed to work together to purchase and install cameras that capture license plates of vehicles coming into the area. We believe Flock is a viable vendor, and we are taking next steps to address funding, contracts, protocols, permitting, and installation.

We look forward to sharing more information as we continue to make progress on this important initiative for our residents.

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their electric service underground already or are awaiting the contractors to bury their service drop. TECO continues to see relatively steady numbers of residents completing their prep work week to week, and we are looking forward to the next phase when they can completely remove the overhead distribution lines and wooden poles from our streets.

### 2. Community Clean Up Day:

In February, we helped 46 neighborhood families from Dana Shores, Pelican Island, and Sweetwater clean up their homes and yards, including eleven families who were visited by our mobile team. Donations to The Spring of Tampa Bay and Habitat for Humanity filled an entire box truck. Thanks to the additional efforts of Forest Hills Presbyterian Church member Mr. Rodgers, three truckloads of scrap metal totaling 2,200 lbs. were picked up and taken separately to a metal recycler. Net proceeds were donated to the church's outreach program to support local charities (e.g., TAMCO Foundation for severely wounded and disabled veterans, Meals on Wheels, and Shriners). A truckload of electronic items was donated to MacDonald Training Center (MTC) eQuality Recycling Solutions, which is dedicated to empowering people with disabilities. Acting on an idea we proposed to Hillsborough County Solid Waste last year, stickers were placed on recycling cans throughout Pelican Island, Dana Shores, and Sweetwater. The stickers remind folks to keep placing plastic bags (including ones used to bag other items) out of their recycling cans, reducing costly issues that otherwise jeopardize the county's recycling program.



### Events: Prior to the start of the COVID-19

pandemic, the Dana Shores Civic Association held a great event for Valentine's Day at Rocky Point Golf Course, bringing together neighbors from Dana Shores, Pelican Island, Sweetwater, and The Cove. While we had looked forward to other fun events (Easter Egg Hunt for the kids, Cinco de Mayo, etc.), we made the decision to keep our residents safe the best way we knew how at the time. We placed social events where social distancing would not be possible on hold until further notice. We did, however, have a wonderful holiday boat parade this year with 16 boats participating and amazing front-yard and dock decorations. We also added another decorating contest for Halloween. We look forward to continuing our events, in whatever capacity is appropriate, in 2021.



### 4. Rocky Point Monument:

For years, residents have expressed the desire to better brand the area and enhance Rocky



Point Golf Course's storefront and long-term viability. In 2016, our neighborhood partnered with Sweetwater to host a casino night, which was our first step in raising funds for this purpose. In 2019, the committee involved in the Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament agreed to set aside net proceeds to add to this fund. In 2020, both the Dana Shores Civic Association and Sweetwater Property Owners Association received grant funding from the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners to help construct the monument. Collectively, these three avenues provided us adequate funding to construct and install a high-quality monument that will replace the vinyl banner that previously hung at the southwest corner of George Road and Independence Parkway. The installation date has been pushed twice now due to inclement weather and soggy conditions; we are hopeful the monument will be installed by the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox. Many hours of fundraising, designing, permitting, and contractual work have gone into this project, and we are excited that it is finally coming to fruition.

### 5. Guardian ad Litem and Voices for Children's Christmas Gift Program:

Last year, the Dana Shores Women's Club and Dana Shores Civic Association merged under the structure of the civic association. This year, the civic association continued the partnership that had begun under the Dana Shores Woman's Club with Guardian ad Litem and Voices for Children with our holiday toy drive, providing Christmas gifts to 125 local foster children. In addition, our efforts this year inspired the Springstead High School Jr. Air Force ROTC in Hernando County to get involved, and this group of service-oriented teenagers raised more than \$800 for the project.



### 6. Noise Mapping from Tampa Airport:

We had the opportunity in October to participate in working sessions with Tampa Airport regarding the noise map update process currently underway. Many neighbors attended these sessions to voice their concerns and suggestions, ensuring the team at Tampa Airport understood and could take our needs into consideration. We are looking forward to reviewing the results of this work in 2021 and are optimistic that this study will have a positive impact with regard to airport noise.



**7. Restricting Unruly Crowds:** The civic association works as part of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Advisory Committee (CCHCAC) to address issues along the causeway and provide regular feedback. Based on this feedback, gates were added in 2020 to west side of the boat ramp restricting vehicles from accessing recreational areas beyond the boat ramp between sunset and 11 p.m. All areas close

at 11 p.m., but this window of time between sunset and then had turned the recreational trail into a magnet for large, unruly evening crowds and associated issues due to excessive music, noise, and trash; unpermitted uses; blocking of the recreational trail; and damage to the drainage swale. FDOT assisted by purchasing and installing the gates. The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation departments and Tampa Police Department work together to enforce the sunrise to sunset operating hours during peak times. This is an important step, but it does not resolve all issues on the causeway. We continue to make strides while recognizing our work is not yet done.

[As a side note, based on our prior efforts to engage groups in clean-up activities along the causeway, the Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful After Fireworks Cleanup had 126 volunteers and removed 1,152 lbs. of litter and debris in 2020. Also, based on our work with the CCHCAC and our civic association's involvement with the county's Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC), a pedestrian crossing has also been funded for 2022 at the tidal gate on the northside of the Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail, which will provide us connection to North Rocky Point Island, the Westin, Starbucks, and other amenities.]

### 8. Department of Environmental Protection Award:

The Dana Shores Civic Association received a big honor in 2020 from Florida's Department of Environmental Protection Southwest District. We were recognized with their 2020 Stewardship Award for proactive and measurable achievements that provide a direct benefit to our environment and that exceed regulatory requirements. Throughout our history, the DEP saw that we have sponsored many projects that safeguard natural resources, enhance ecosystems, and reduce and remediate environmental impacts. We were also recognized for routinely promoting environmental education and outreach within the community and encouraging residents to consider the downstream impacts of their actions. As we focus more on water quality initiatives in 2021, we believe this recognition may give us a leg up with outside agencies.



On top of these accomplishments, our volunteers have been working to maintain and upkeep the entranceways this year, support local bat populations and reduce our long-term reliance on chemical mosquito control, administer our community Facebook page and website, work with the County to reduce backflow from the canals into our drainage areas, and much more.

Most of our volunteers have full-time jobs and family commitments. Please take some time to thank a volunteer and support them in their efforts. Project volunteers are listed throughout the year as we describe various projects. In addition, we have a number of volunteers who work throughout the year and are listed on the inside cover of each newsletter.



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**The pandemic has shone a ray of sunshine on Rocky Point, as people in the northern states as well as South Tampa have come to our neighborhood in search of a better lifestyle for a really great value. Below is a list of home sales in Dana Shores, Pelican Island, The Cove at Rocky Point and Sweetwater from late 2020 through January 2021.**

**With the average time on the market being only 11 days, it continues to be a seller's market. For the top prices, call me to discuss my marketing campaign: staging, photography, advertising, brochures, TV ads and more.**

Close Date ↓	Address	Current Price ↓	HTD	BE	FB	HB	Pool
07/24/2020	3936 E EDEN ROC CIR	\$450,000	2,422	4	3	0	None
07/28/2020	4162 ROCKY SHORES DR	\$1,283,914	3,502	4	4	0	Private
07/31/2020	3926 VENETIAN WAY	\$691,000	2,229	4	2	0	Private
08/04/2020	4045 ROCKY SHORES DRIVE	\$448,650	1,983	3	3	0	Community
08/14/2020	4121 ROCKY SHORES DR	\$500,000	1,983	3	3	0	Community
08/17/2020	7107 PELICAN ISLAND DR	\$1,415,000	5,735	4	4	1	Private
08/18/2020	4109 ROCKY SHORES DRIVE	\$514,500	1,983	3	3	0	Community
08/21/2020	4106 CROSSWATER DR	\$600,000	2,800	4	3	0	Private
09/18/2020	4147 SALTWATER BLVD	\$985,000	2,799	3	2	1	Private
09/25/2020	3940 DORAL DR	\$775,000	1,920	4	3	0	Private
09/28/2020	4155 SALTWATER BLVD	\$1,050,000	3,017	4	3	0	Private
09/30/2020	4133 ROCKY SHORES DRIVE	\$485,000	1,983	3	3	0	Community
09/30/2020	4127 ROCKY SHORES DR	\$505,000	1,983	3	3	0	Community
09/30/2020	3903 E EDEN ROC CIR	\$750,000	2,473	3	2	1	None
10/01/2020	4414 WALTHAM DR	\$565,000	2,912	4	3	0	None
11/20/2020	3922 VENETIAN WAY	\$725,400	2,016	4	2	0	Private
11/25/2020	4121 CROSSWATER DR	\$560,000	2,801	4	2	1	Private
11/30/2020	7302 PELICAN ISLAND DR	\$1,850,000	6,597	6	4	1	Private
12/11/2020	4103 SALTWATER BLVD	\$610,000	3,173	3	2	1	Private
12/11/2020	3916 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	\$725,000	2,496	2	2	1	Private
12/17/2020	7034 PELICAN ISLAND DR	\$660,000	3,814	5	3	2	None
12/31/2020	4143 SALTWATER BLVD	\$1,000,000	2,952	4	2	1	Private
01/01/2021	7025 PELICAN ISLAND DR	\$1,290,000	3,277	4	2	1	Private

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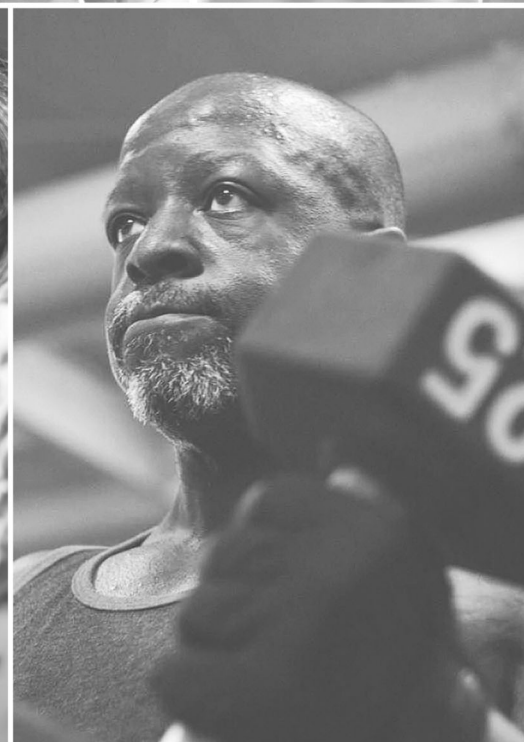
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- ☐ It is okay to share my phone # with fellow neighbors.
- ☐ I would like to become involved in improving Dana Shores. Please contact me to discuss opportunities.
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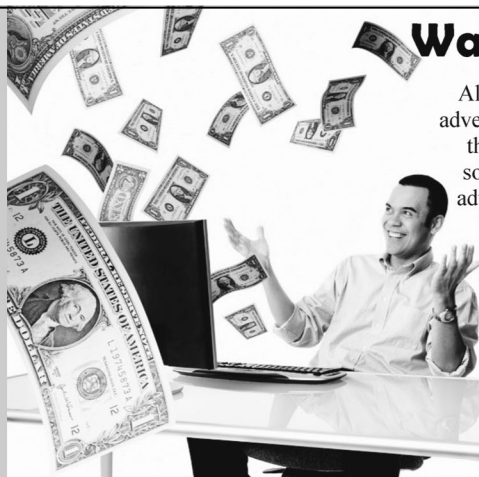
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