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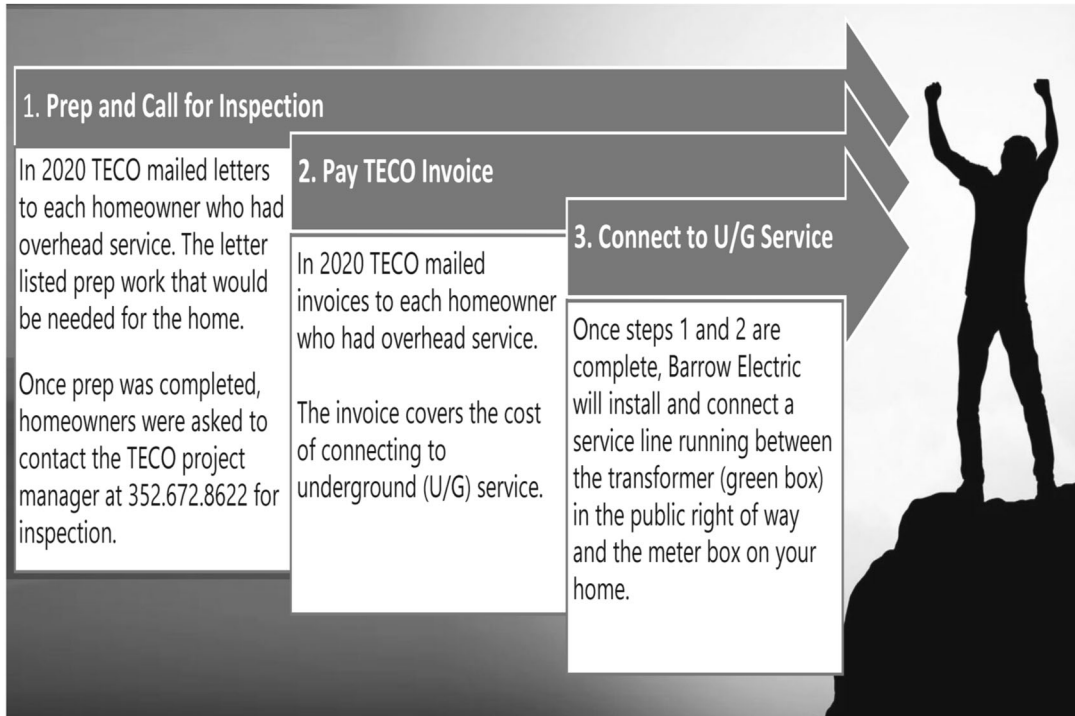
DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

MAY 2021



## VERSAILLES IS IN THE LEAD FOR UNDERGROUNDING!

In follow-up to last month's article about undergrounding, we have seen additional progress and Versailles has taken the lead. That is impressive given that Versailles is our longest street with 53 residential parcels!



All homes on Versailles have now completed their prep work (Step 1 shown left). TECO has indicated that once all services on Versailles (or any finger street) have been run underground step 3, they will pursue removal of all remaining overhead electrical equipment and poles from that street.

For anyone with overhead lines still attached to your roof, if you have completed your prep work and are ready for inspection, believe you have paid the invoice but TECO has not yet connected you to underground service, or if you do not recall receiving the TECO invoice, please contact Mike at 352.672.8622 for assistance. He can confirm that you are on the schedule, put you in touch with the right folks to help track down any payments that have not been applied, or take your email address and have a copy of the invoice sent to you.

If you have general questions related to undergrounding, write to us at [info@danashores.com](mailto:info@danashores.com).



**Wednesday, May 12 @ 6:15 p.m.**  
**Online Community Gardening Discussion.** (See inside for details.)

**Friday, Nov. 19 – 3rd Annual Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament @ Rocky Point Golf Course**

To sign up for email updates on neighborhood initiatives, neighborhood watch, lost and found, and social events, visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpDS>. You may alter your subscription preferences or unsubscribe at any time.

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Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament	Bob Wolf
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Venetian Way	Ginger Wayne
Versailles Drive	Jonathan Kaplan Tiki Kirk Tina Mawn

**THIRD - PARTY and GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Courtney Campbell Scenic Hwy. Corridor Advisory Committee	Allison Roberts Brian Roberts
Hillsborough County Citizen Advisory Committee	Allison Roberts
Hillsborough County MPO, Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee	Holly Simmons
Tampa Airport Community Noise Forum	Drs. Eli & Janet Marley Rose
Tampa Sports Authority Citizens Advisory Board	Joan Dance

**OTHER RESOURCES**

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### THOUGHTS ABOUT ADDING PICKLEBALL TO THE SKYWAY PARK TENNIS COURTS?

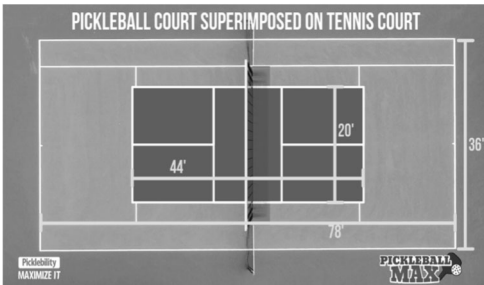


If you play, please provide your input using the survey link below

Pickleball is a rapidly growing paddleball sport played on a court with the same

dimensions and layout of a badminton court and a net and rules similar to tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball, much like a Wiffle ball, over the net.

A resident pickleball enthusiast has suggested to Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department a few times over the years that pickleball lines/colors be added to the tennis courts, allowing for both pickleball and tennis at Skyway Sports Complex (a/k/a Skyway Park). One way this can be done is illustrated in the picture below.



The County has piloted dual-purpose courts elsewhere. Without surprise, it was welcomed by pickleball players! At the same time, the demand for the courts increased to such a degree that they have received a great deal of negative feedback from tennis players, who now find it difficult to secure an open court.

To more thoroughly understand the local community's interests and anticipate likely outcomes were pickleball lines to be added to the tennis courts at Skyway Park, the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department has developed a brief survey. Please note, posted Athletic Court Rules and Regulations apply no matter which sport is being played.

**If you play tennis, pickleball, or both, please take a few minutes to provide your input within the next 10 days.**

Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JSPNCFV>

### MULTI-YEAR, LARGE-SCALE INITIATIVES UNDERWAY

In this edition, learn more about initiatives 1 and 6.

We would like to thank you, our residents, for your financial

support and volunteerism. There is a great deal of work underway, including the following large-scale, multi-year initiatives.

We hope this list contains something valued by every member of our community. If you have other ideas you would like to work on with us, please let us know.

- 1. Support underground overhead utilities (improve safety, reliability, and property values).**
2. Work with the County on funding, design, and planning of neighborhood roadway, sidewalk, traffic calming, lighting, bike/walk projects (after completion of undergrounding).
3. Vet most effective options for neighborhood security cameras to aid law enforcement in identifying suspects; Implement pending adequate funding.
4. Work closely with Tampa Airport on funding for noise mapping, possible noise reduction projects, and clean-up of scenic reserve by Skyway Park.
5. Manage projects funded by the annual Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament; 2019 funds will be used to enhance golf course and Rocky Point signage at Independence and George Road.
- 6. Work closely with FDOT and other agencies on roadway, traffic calming, and bike/walk projects for surrounding area (Hillsborough Ave, Memorial Hwy, Independence Pkwy, George Rd, Courtney Campbell Causeway Trail, I-275 interconnection).**

7. Design, fund, and implement large-scale water quality, stormwater, and habitat improvements in partnership with FDOT, Hillsborough County, Hillsborough County Aviation Authority, Environmental Protection Commission, and Tampa Bay Estuary Program.

### SHOWERS AND FLOWERS

According to a new report from the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Science (IFAS), 68% of Floridians save water when



brushing their teeth but only 29% reduce their lawn irrigation during the summer. To put this in context, roughly 50% of Floridian's daily water use is for outdoor purposes, such as landscape irrigation, and an estimated 50% of that water is wasted due to over-watering.

If you have ever considered a smart controller for your sprinkler system, which can tailor watering schedules based on local weather data, rain sensors, or soil moisture sensors, now might be the ideal time. Alternatively, you may want to manually adjust your current irrigation schedule. After all, April was the final month in Florida's official "dry season".





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#### Need your trash or recycling cart repaired? See a pothole? Something else?

Hillsborough County's At-Your-Service webpages allow you to submit various online service requests 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your request will be routed directly to the team responsible for providing that service. Requests are monitored during regular business hours. To submit your request to the County, please visit <https://service.hillsboroughcounty.org/311/>.

<i>Animal Requests</i>	<i>Building &amp; Construction</i>	<i>Code Violation Request</i>	<i>Consumer Protection Request</i>
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For requests within Tampa city limits (e.g., the U-Path connecting Skyway Park and the Courtney Campbell Trail, Bayport Drive, Courtney Campbell Causeway, and George Road), visit [https://apps.tampagov.net/appl\\_customer\\_service\\_center/](https://apps.tampagov.net/appl_customer_service_center/)

#### Lighting Along the Bicycle Path to the Courtney Campbell Trail

Those who ride the trail between Skyway Park and the Courtney Campbell Trail in the evening or early morning hours know it can get quite dark. Dana Shores Civic Association Board members have shared this concern with the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee (CCSHCAC), and fellow committee members are looking to see how the MPO's Livable Roadways work, Westshore Alliance, and the City of Tampa can assist us in addressing this lighting need. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

### COMMUNITY GARDENING DISCUSSION: MAY 12 at 6:15 PM

Earlier this year, we surveyed residents for interest in a community gardening project. We had noticed that gardening-related posts generated quite a bit of activity on the Dana Shores Neighbors-Only Facebook page, and we had been looking for an opportunity to further support this interest.

As previously shared, Plan Hillsborough, a local government agency that coordinates land use, transportation, and Hillsborough River planning for the County, has plans to work with Sweetwater Organic Farms to establish a new community garden located at 5521 Handley Road just north of Hillsborough Avenue. The team began its community outreach in January, and we had several residents complete the survey to express interest.

We are now able to follow up with the information provided in this flyer. **If you are interested in a nearby community gardening project, please make plans to attend the upcoming virtual meeting on Wednesday, May 12.** Those who completed the survey will be emailed the Zoom meeting link. If you do not receive it or did not complete the survey but would like to attend, please contact Fatima Elkott using the information provided on the flyer.

Ready to get your hands dirty?!

We are having our first official meeting to plan the Town N Country Community Garden!

**MAY 12TH**  
**6:15 PM**

Zoom Link Will Be Emailed To Those Who Did The Survey  
Survey Link: [bit.ly/tncgarden](https://bit.ly/tncgarden)

- There will be a presentation by the Coalition of Community Gardens and we will begin to discuss your visions and first steps!
- Thank you so much for wanting to be a part of this!

please email me: [elkottf@Plancom.org](mailto:elkottf@Plancom.org)  
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Listed here are *some* of the other communities we publish for: Bay Crest Park, Calusa Trace, Charleston Corners, Cheval, Country Place, Countryway, Dana Shores, Diamond Hill, Fawn Ridge, Heritage Harbor, Lexington Oaks, Northdale, Plantation Palms, Stonebrier, The Eagles, Twelve Oaks, Van Dyke Farms, Villages of Bayport, and Westchester.

### CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC

Misguided souls who somehow think they are cool for going too fast along surrounding highways and making a lot of noise have increased public safety risks and created quality of life concerns for quite some time. The issue goes beyond loss of sleep. Residents and family members have been hit on the Courtney Campbell Causeway, causing both serious injury and death. Unfortunately, both the roadway and the trail have their fair share of these issues.

While we do not anticipate problems completely going away, we are cautiously optimistic about several concerted efforts over the last few months to reduce speeding and noise. Pressure to address these issues has come from multiple sources:

1. Bay Crest Park has been gathering petition signatures and imploring local government officials to quash the noise regularly coming from the Courtney Campbell Causeway. They shared a petition with our civic association, and we have worked with them on strategies to reach other communities as well.



As of this writing, the petition has roughly 600 signatures. If you would like to sign the petition or learn more, you may access it at [change.org](https://change.org) under the title, "Stop the speakers and rave parties along the Courtney Campbell Causeway."



2. A number of Dana Shores residents started calling Tampa Police Department (TPD) for issues along the Veterans and Courtney Campbell. Frequent, accurate reporting of speeding vehicles and other public safety concerns makes a difference. Call reports are summarized and reported up to elected public officials – in several cases, these are the same officials who are also receiving petitions and direct calls from voting residents.

In addition, two Dana Shores volunteers have been spending a fair amount of their time working with a variety of law enforcement contacts to share a deeper understanding of the problems on all surrounding roadways.

3. The Dana Shores Civic Association is represented on the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advisory Committee (CCSHCAC), and the advisory committee is now working to raise awareness of these and other public safety concerns.

The City of Tampa Parks and Recreation Department sits on this committee. They have hired an outside security firm to assist with issues along the causeway (including amplified sound), added signage that enables law enforcement to write citations for illegally parked vehicles, brought in code enforcement to address illegal vending, and added "no swimming" stenciling along the trail to prohibit water entry over the riprap.



A letter outlining continued concerns and requesting additional assistance has been approved by the CCSHCAC and should be delivered to the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council mid-May. The Regional Planning Council is an association of local governments and gubernatorial representatives with authority over the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway and Trail along with several other regional assets and groups.

Working together, we hope to address public safety concerns that have come up regarding the trail's use. **If you see something you suspect is illegal, we encourage you to call TPD. Law enforcement can only assist us if they know there is a problem.**

### THE ART AND SCIENCE OF SHAPING AND PROTECTING TREES

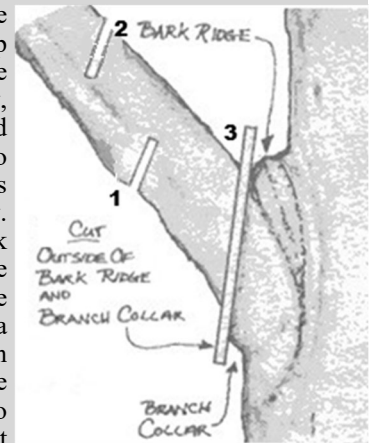
#### While Enhancing Your Home's Value

Well-kept neighborhood green spaces and greenways, especially those with **healthy trees, typically increase the value of nearby residential properties, often resulting in double-digit percentage gains.**

These healthy trees require periodic, proper pruning. And now is a good time to take care of this – before the storms come. Here, we will address two common topics related to pruning: the use of dressings/sealants and how to make a proper cut.

**Dressings / Sealants:** Some homeowners apply wound dressings or tree sealants (also known as pruning paint). Ingredients range from petroleum and asphalt to natural sealants containing collagen and aloe gel. Regardless, according to the Hillsborough County Extension Forester, Rob Northrop, it is better to avoid any of these products. Sealants and wound dressings inhibit the tree's natural healing process, inhibiting growth of new wood and interfering with chemical and physical processes that wall off decay. They may also trap moisture in the tree, encouraging fungi.

**Cuts:** One of the best ways to help protect a tree from decay, insects, and disease is to ensure it is pruned properly. Look for the bark ridge (above the branch) and the branch collar (a slightly swollen area below the branch). Plan to cut at a slight angle (rather than flush with the tree). Make a clean, smooth cut avoiding both the bark ridge and branch collar.



For large branches, use the three-cut method.

1. Make a slight undercut well above the planned location of the final cut.
2. The second cut should be on the top of the branch above the undercut. This cut removes the weight of the branch and prevents bark stripping.
3. The final cut should still be made outside the bark ridge and branch collar.

Sources: Corrill and Cordell 1985; Coder 1996; Des Rosiers et. al. 2002; Donovan et. al. 2010. Hillsborough County Extension Forester, Rob Northrop, "Out on a Limb", 2021.



# 2021 Rocky Point Real Estate News

**The real estate market in 2021 continues to be strong, with average time on the market hovering around 37 days. Most homes I listed experienced bidding wars in the first two days.**

**Below is a list of both non-waterfront and waterfront homes sold in Rocky Point's Dana Shores, Pelican Island, The Cove and Sweetwater from late 2020 through April 13, 2021.**

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SLD	4121 CROSSWATER DR	Private	2,801	\$560,000	4	2	1	11/25/2020
SLD	7302 PELICAN ISLAND DR	Private	6,597	\$1,850,000	6	4	1	11/30/2020
SLD	3916 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	Private	2,496	\$725,000	2	2	1	12/11/2020
SLD	4103 SALTWATER BLVD	Private	3,173	\$610,000	3	2	1	12/11/2020
SLD	7034 PELICAN ISLAND DR	None	3,814	\$660,000	5	3	2	12/17/2020
SLD	4143 SALTWATER BLVD	Private	2,952	\$1,000,000	4	2	1	12/31/2020
SLD	7025 PELICAN ISLAND DR	Private	3,277	\$1,290,000	4	2	1	01/01/2021
SLD	7101 PELICAN ISLAND DR	Private	3,711	\$999,000	4	3	1	01/15/2021
SLD	3905 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	Private	2,562	\$790,000	1	1	1	02/19/2021
SLD	4212 DEEPWATER LN	Private	3,304	\$604,900	4	3	0	02/26/2021
SLD	3918 DORAL DR	Private	2,038	\$525,000	4	2	0	03/10/2021
SLD	3928 DORAL DR	Private	2,445	\$720,000	4	2	0	03/11/2021
SLD	3909 W EDEN ROC CIR	Private	1,792	\$390,000	3	2	0	03/31/2021
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With tropical weather starting to swirl in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico, it maybe time to review your plan in case a big storm heads this way. Although hurricane season will not peak for a few months, the season officially runs from June 1 through

November 30.

Follow these steps to get your family ready:

1. Create a plan: <https://www.ready.gov/plan>
2. Stock your emergency kit: <https://www.ready.gov/kit>
3. Know your evacuation zone- Dana Shores is in Hillsborough County Zone A (not City of Tampa)
4. Sign up for alerts:
  - a. Hillsborough County Alerts: <https://bit.ly/HCAAlerts0620>
  - b. Dana Shores Email List: <http://bit.ly/SignUpDS>
5. Think about options for your pet during a storm situation
6. Register for special-needs shelters if needed: <https://bit.ly/HCSpecialNeeds>
7. Protect your property: <https://bit.ly/protectfromflood>
8. Check your sandbags for holes. (If you do not have any, watch the news and subscribe to Hillsborough County's Alert system above to find out about sandbag filling events.)

Learn what to do during and after a storm event. Be aware of potential risks which may have heightened from the storm activity:

- Avoid standing water. Floodwaters may contain fecal matter, bacteria, and viruses.
- Do not drive through moving or standing water. Water 2 feet deep can disable most vehicles.
- Treat non-functioning traffic signals as a four-way stop.
- Observe all barricades and detours. They are there for your protection! Clear yard of debris or items that can block water flow and storm drains.
- Avoid downed power lines. Always assume power lines are live!
- Watch for workers repairing surfaces and follow all directional instructions and detour signs.
- Be aware of alligators and other wildlife which may enter residential areas. Report them through the toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline: (866) FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286).
- Standing water breeds mosquitoes. Be sure to drain any standing water and cover items that collect rainwater. Common offenders include garbage cans, house gutters, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots, buckets, watering cans, and kiddie pools. More tips and a schedule of where spraying has recently occurred is available at [www.HCFLGov.net/Mosquito](http://www.HCFLGov.net/Mosquito).
- Report blocked storm drains, potholes, washouts, and other road damage by contacting Hillsborough County at (813) 272-5900 or [www.HCFLGov.net/AtYourService](http://www.HCFLGov.net/AtYourService).

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In March 2021, AccuWeather released its 2021 Atlantic season hurricane forecast; updated on April 6, it projects five to seven hurricanes with three to five becoming major hurricanes.

The following names will be used for named storms that form in the North Atlantic in 2021.

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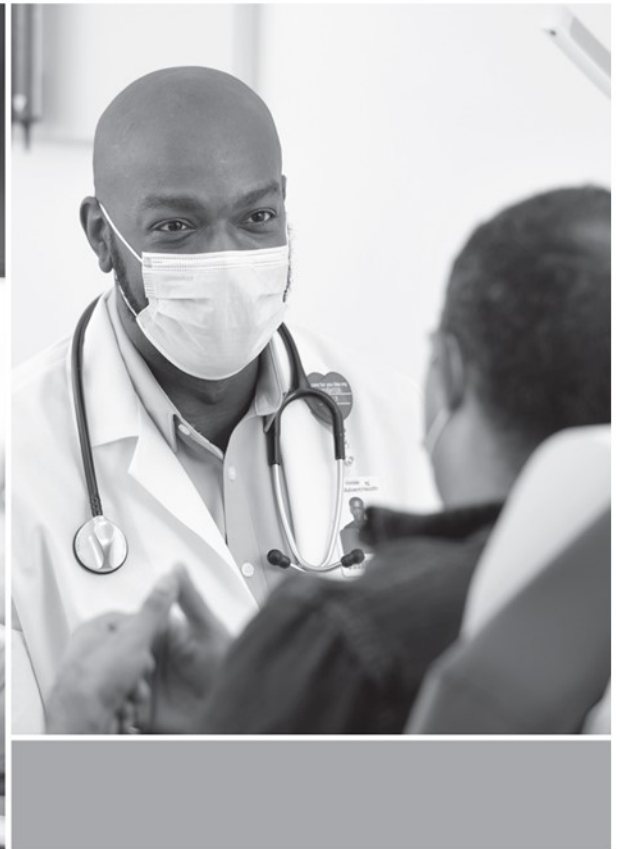
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