

SHORE LINES

DANA SHORES PELICAN ISLAND

OCTOBER 2022



CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN EVENT Saturday, October 29

Our young goblins are invited to the Children's Halloween Party at Skyway Park playground from 10 a.m. - noon! We are thrilled to bring this much-loved event back to our neighborhood!

If you are interested in volunteering or making donations to help make this party a success, please reach out to Sabrina Ferrante (813-712-9336) or Holly Simmons (954-464-3532). RSVP here: <https://bit.ly/dshalloweenparty22>



Halloween Decorating Contest

We had homes and yards with great Halloween decorations last year, which was a delight to both children and adults. Bill and Kristin Quinn (Fontainebleau) won our decorating contest. Jennifer Casatelli and Kent Anderson (Versailles Drive) came in second. We hope to have great participation again this year, and families may also vote on their favorite decorations. **Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Halloween, please have fun and stay safe!**

1. Register your home in the decorating contest by Sunday, October 30, at <https://danashores.com/halloween-yard-decorating-contest/> and provide a photo of your decorated yard to info@danashores.com.
2. On Monday, October 31, pictures of the participating yards and a link to cast your household's vote will be sent via email to the Dana Shores Civic Association distribution list and posted on the neighbors-only Facebook group. (Visit <http://bit.ly/SignUpDS> to sign up.)
3. Send in Your Votes. Cast your vote using the link from the email by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1.
4. Votes will be tallied, and winners will be announced via email and the neighbors-only Facebook page Tuesday evening. Winners will also be featured in the December issue of the *Shore Lines*.



GIVING BACK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The 2022 Holiday season is coming right up, and our neighborhood is continuing a tradition that has provided gifts for more than 125 local foster children each year.

Hillsborough County's Guardian ad Litem (GAL) "Voices for Children" program advocates for over 3,500 children in the county's foster care system. This is an opportunity for residents and homeowners in Dana Shores, Pelican Island and The Cove to provide Christmas gifts from the children's wish lists. Without help from groups like ours, sometimes nothing is placed under the tree for these children. We suggest that each gift have an approximate value of \$50.

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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.



****REVISED DATE **** **Zoning Hearing for Scottish Rite Property**

Hearing starts at 6 pm on Oct. 17, 2022
@ Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library
1505 N. Nebraska Avenue
<https://danashores.com/scottishriterezoning/>

Halloween
Saturday, October 29, 10 am – noon
Children's Playground at Skyway Sports Complex

Holiday Boutique
Thursday, December 1, 6:30 pm
Home of Jeffy & Ralph Beaver
3933 East Eden Roc Circle

Last Day to Donate Gifts through GAL
Friday, December 2

Boat Parade
Saturday, Dec 10

3rd Annual Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament
Moving to the springtime to accommodate renovations underway
@ Rocky Point Golf Course

Outdoor events subject to weather conditions

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GIVING BACK FOR THE HOLIDAYS CONTINUED..

The "Wish List" will be posted online at <https://danashores.com/guardian-ad-litem-wish-list/>, with a link so donors can see the child's name, age ranging from infant to teenager, and requested gift. We expect to have requests for anything from Lego blocks and craft kits to sports memorabilia and dolls with buggies. You can choose what you want to give and let us know so we can keep the list updated.

Gifts can be delivered to 3933 East Eden Roc Circle by Friday, December 2. If you need to schedule a gift pick up or have questions, contact Jeffy Beaver at jbeaver1@tampabay.rr.com or text her at 813-857-1167.

For security reasons, gifts need to remain unwrapped. Donations of wrapping paper, tape, bows, ribbons, and tags are accepted so they can be used after inspections are complete.

If you're not a shopper or just can't make a choice, donations are also accepted either as gift cards, cash, or checks made out to "Voices for Children." Because of our residents' generosity, last year we made a large last-minute order through Amazon and were able to provide toys for additional children beyond our original list.

Many thanks to our residents who go above and beyond each year in providing something special for these children, and many thanks to Jeffy for coordinating this initiative. Jeffy's compassion and giving spirit shines through in her work. "I love kids, toys, and Christmas!" says Jeffy. "Working on this project the past two years has been one of the most fun things I've ever done. Even though we don't get to meet the kids, we know they're going to have that visit from Santa, and it just feels good. And in case you were wondering, anything leftover – toys, cash, gift cards – goes into the GAL birthday closet to be used as needed throughout the year."

Holiday Auction

Oh What Fun!



auctioned off that evening, with half the proceeds going to neighborhood improvement projects and half to "Voices for Children."

No matter how you celebrate, bring your checkbooks and holiday spirit and join us for one of our favorite gatherings. The event will be held on Thursday, December 1, at 6:30 pm. Watch for more details in the Evite, which will be sent out in November.



LOVELY WORK!

As residents have undoubtedly noticed, Kyla Possinger (Venetian Way) is continuing her work on behalf of the Dana Shores Civic Association to enhance our entryways. Since our last newsletter, wall colors were selected, walls were painted, and plants have been added in most locations. Work is still underway, and our volunteers have continued to support the neighborhood.

Many thanks to Bart Butler (Versailles Drive) and his company Southern Florida Landscaping for his assistance with the plantings. Likewise, many thanks go to those who helped paint under the squelching sun, including Bill Campbell (Venetian Way), Phil Williams (Dana Shores Drive), Bob Hales (Dana Shores Drive) and his son-in-law, Bethany Fickle (West Eden Roc Circle), Danny Anseeuw (Fontainebleau Drive), Brian Roberts (Americana Drive), and of course Kyla!

TRAIL UPDATE

Good news! As indicated in the DSCA's 2022 annual letter, work is currently underway to close the sidewalk gap that exists on the north side of the causeway between Bayport Drive and the Westin.

This will be a nice complement to the surrounding trails once completed.



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Why was the Jack-o'-Lantern scared??
He had no guts!

Who did Frankenstein take to the prom?
His ghoul friend!

Why do ghosts make good cheerleaders?
Because they have a lot of spirit!

DANA SHORES HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE IS BACK!

In conjunction with our annual Guardian ad Litem/Voices for Children service project, we are bringing back the Holiday Boutique at the home of Jeffy & Ralph Beaver. Attendees are asked to bring an unwrapped gift with a minimum value of \$25 to be

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Ingredients:

- 13.5 oz box (about 7-8 cups) Cinnamon Chex cereal, or Rice Chex
- 12 ounces orange candy melts or pure white chocolate
- 3 teaspoons ground cinnamon, divided
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg*
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves*
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice*
- 1 cup confectioners' sugar
- 1-2 cups mallowcreme pumpkins*

Directions:

Pour the cereal into a large bowl. Set aside.

In 20 second increments, melt the candy melts or white chocolate in a medium microwave-safe bowl. Stir after each increment until melted and completely smooth. Stir in 2 teaspoons of cinnamon, the nutmeg, cloves, and allspice until combined. Pour mixture over cereal and toss gently to coat each square. Be gentle, the squares break easily.

Pour the confectioners' sugar and 1 teaspoon of cinnamon into a large zipped-top bag. Add the coated cereal and shake until each piece is coated. Pour back into a large bowl and discard excess confectioners' sugar. Toss in the mallowcreme pumpkins.

Use 1 - 2 cups, whatever amount you prefer. Cover and store puppy chow for up to 2 weeks.

*Instead of nutmeg, cloves, and allspice - you may use 1.5 teaspoons of pumpkin pie spice.

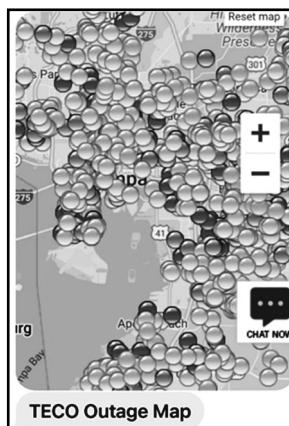
*Instead of mallowcreme pumpkins, try adding 1 cup of Pumpkin Spice M&Ms or Candy Corn M&Ms, 1 cup of Pumpkin Spice Hersheys Kisses, 1 cup of cinnamon chips, 1/2 cup of orange sprinkles, or even 1 cup of salty pumpkin seeds (which will cut the sweetness of the snack mix).



COMING TOGETHER DURING ADVERSITY

HURRICANE IAN

Hurricane Ian caused a major scare for many and delivered a walloping punch to other residents in Florida and the Carolinas. It's during these difficult situations that we see one's true character, including the true character of a neighborhood and its residents. And based on this, we should all be proud of where we live. Our neighborhood came together prior to, during, and after the storm with each resident relying upon others and contributing back based on need and ability.



We pray for the family members and friends of our residents as well as those we don't know who have suffered loss due to Hurricane Ian. Many lost their home, valuables, employment, security, and loved ones.

In contrast, local properties suffered minimal damage – the loss of a large shade tree, gazebo, and a few broken windows were reported in Dana Shores. Surrounding areas seem to have suffered primarily from power outages. According to reports, service was impacted across nearly 300,000 of TECO's local customers.

It was no surprise that our residents, who worked so well together to support and assist one another, quickly began reaching out to help others outside of our area within days of the storm's passing. On our neighbors-only Facebook page, residents quickly began working together to help find shelter for friends and coworkers who had their homes destroyed. They began coordinating supply runs to Port Charlotte and supply drives for people in Ft. Myers. By the time this article is published, we are sure there will be more.



The bottom line from the storm, we believe, is that we were lucky to have missed Hurricane Ian's fury and we are privileged to live in such a caring and supportive neighborhood.

In all occasions, there are opportunities for lessons learned. Here are the top 10 that were developed by the neighborhood after prior storm events, and they seem just as relevant today. And so, we thought we'd share these with you.

1. Add an annual notification at the beginning of the summer to stock up on storm-related consumables (e.g., fresh batteries, a 5-gallon container of extra fuel, MRE kits, and several cases of water).
2. Consider purchasing a few durable goods ahead of time that could help you weather a storm (e.g., a portable grill, a trailer for your boat, large tarps, a generator, and battery-operated camping fans and lights).
3. Have a ready-to-deploy system (e.g., pre-cut plywood, hurricane shutters, sandbags, plastic tarps) that keeps wind and/or water from entering breached areas (windows, garage doors, and other entry points) and lifting your roof off in a major storm.
4. Scan your important records to the cloud.
5. Get rid of stuff you don't need.
6. Test remote operations for your business.
7. Develop plans with Florida family members so adult kids, senior parents, and others can act cohesively. Agree to a common set of expectations surrounding communications and other actions.
8. Check on your insurance (e.g., do you have sufficient wind coverage on your homeowner's policy, are you sufficiently covered if your boat floats off the lift/trailer and causes damage to neighbors' property, and do you have flood insurance).
9. Develop an evacuation checklist (e.g., what to take and what to do with boats, cars, and pets).
10. Install remote-access cameras.

Thanks to the many neighbors who contributed to this list!



2022 Rocky Point Real Estate News



The Rocky Point real estate market in 2022 is still strong despite rising interest rates. Our time on the market is 23 days from listing to contract. However, I listed and contracted 7020 Pelican Island (4/3 non-water \$960,000) within 24 hours of our open house for over list price and 7118 Pelican Island within a week (3/3 \$750,000) also over list price.



Below is a list of homes sold thus far in 2022 in Rocky Point's Dana Shores, Pelican Island, The Cove and Sweetwater. For the top prices when you are ready to sell, call me to discuss my marketing campaign which includes over 30 years' experience in staging, photography, digital advertising, 350+ websites, brochure design, TV ads and professional management of multiple offer situations.

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4111 CROSSTWATER DR	3,120	4	2	1	Private	\$775,000	01/11/2022
4309 SALTWATER BLVD	2,372	4	3	0	None	\$1,250,000	01/24/2022
3901 DORAL DR	2,447	4	3	0	Private	\$1,300,000	01/31/2022
4119 CAUSEWAY VISTA DR	5,278	4	5	1	Private	\$3,500,000	02/15/2022
4301 DEEPWATER LN	2,471	4	2	1	Private	\$705,000	03/28/2022
3920 VERSAILLES DR	4,433	4	3	2	None	\$1,715,000	03/29/2022
4123 CROSSTWATER DR	3,071	4	3	1	Private	\$1,025,000	03/31/2022
7015 PELICAN ISLAND DR	4,000	4	3	1	Private	\$2,575,000	04/05/2022
3935 W EDEN ROC CIR	1,770	3	2	0	Private	\$716,000	04/18/2022
4121 CROSSTWATER DR	2,801	4	2	1	Private	\$811,000	04/28/2022
3910 DORAL DR	2,370	4	2	0	Private	\$1,255,000	05/02/2022
3939 VERSAILLES DR	2,371	3	2	0	None	\$1,000,000	05/06/2022
4117 CROSSTWATER DR	2,828	4	2	1	Private	\$840,000	05/13/2022
4152 ROCKY SHORES DR	4,524	4	3	2	Private	\$2,950,000	05/25/2022
7115 PELICAN ISLAND DR	2,845	3	3	0	Private	\$990,000	05/31/2022
3934 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	2,324	4	3	1	Private	\$1,500,000	06/01/2022
7313 PELICAN ISLAND DR	8,446	5	6	2	Private	\$3,550,000	06/13/2022
3920 DORAL DR	2,196	3	2	0	Private	\$1,190,000	06/16/2022
7108 PELICAN ISLAND DR	2,609	4	3	0	Private	\$826,000	06/22/2022
3933 VENETIAN WAY	2,183	4	2	1	Private	\$1,185,000	06/28/2022
4012 ROCKY SHORES DR	2,080	3	3	0	Commun	\$660,000	06/29/2022
3904 VERSAILLES DR	2,040	3	2	0	None	\$1,266,000	07/22/2022
3946 DORAL DR	1,920	4	2	0	Private	\$875,000	09/01/2022



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SECURING YOUR BOAT, VALUABLES, AND TRAILERS

Living in a waterfront community is typically a unique and delightful experience but it also comes with a few unique security considerations. As many may have read on the neighbors-only Facebook page or email, a skiff was stolen off a boat lift in Dana Shores mid-September. While this is a highly unusual and unfortunate event that is clearly the fault of the perpetrators (not the owners), it's always good to learn from such events when we can.

The vessels in our backyards can largely be secured by turning off power to the lift motors on your dock. This can be performed from the main circuit breaker panel in one's home. Alternatively, some installations have a dock subpanel, allowing the homeowner to switch off power to just the lift motors. If using the subpanel, make sure to add a padlock if it is located outside your home. As part of their normal operating regimen, some neighbors only turn the lift motor circuit breakers on when they are using the lifts and turn them back off after use. In addition to managing power to the lift motors, we've also heard of neighbors tying their home alarm system to the lift motor control box for added security whenever their alarm is set.

And then there are the items inside the boat. Consider removing valuable items when your boat is not in use, purchasing a custom-made cover, or both. The cover has the added benefit of protecting cushions and equipment from sun- and other weather-related damage. It's also suggested that boat owners record serial numbers of all major after-market components (e.g., after-market stereo components and depth finder). 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, it significantly increases the odds of catching the thief and having items returned to their proper owner. (Even if no match is found, this list may still come in handy with the insurance company.)

Boat trailers also tend to become a hot item during economic downturns. They are easy to transport and are sometimes quickly turned into scrap metal. Consider storing your boat trailer at an offsite, secure facility. Add additional security measures using chains through wheel wells and a quality padlock on the trailer tongue. (Quality padlocks have double-locking shackles at the toe and heel, a hardened steel shackle (the larger the diameter the better), a five-pin tumbler, and a key-retaining feature that prevents removal of the key when unlocked.)

Nothing is foolproof, but we can make it more difficult for someone to improperly access neighborhood vessels, trailers, and other valuables.



HOW TO REMOVE AN OIL STAIN!

Many of us have experienced an oil leak at some point caused by vehicles parked on our driveway. This can indicate a need for vehicle service. In addition, some may wonder how to remove the dark stains left behind. Although oil stains are difficult and stubborn, requiring multiple steps to thoroughly remove, they can often be successfully removed from both concrete and pavers using everyday items.

- ◆ Things You'll Need
- ◆ Newspaper
- ◆ Trash bag
- ◆ Clay-based cat box litter
- ◆ Liquid dish detergent with grease-cutting agents
- ◆ Water
- ◆ Scrub brush

Step 1:

Soak up as much of the oil as possible as soon as you can using newspaper. If the oil stain is old, you may still be able to pick up some residual surface oil. Press the newspaper against the stain to collect as much as possible. Place the newspaper into a trash bag and dispose of it outside.

Step 2:

Sprinkle a layer of clay-based cat box litter over top of the oil stain. You want to completely cover the stain so that you can no longer see it through the litter. The amount of litter needed depends on the size of the stain. The litter will soak up the oil from the concrete

Step 3:

Monitor the color of the litter several times while it is sitting on the stain. As the oil becomes absorbed into the litter, it will change to a darker color. When the litter changes colors, remove the old litter by sweeping it up with a broom. Dispose of the discolored litter as you did the oil-soaked newspapers. Sprinkle more litter onto the stain the same way you did in the prior step and continue to let it soak up the oil. Leave the stain covered with litter for a minimum of one day. Clean away all the litter after 24 hours. Sweep up the litter and dispose of it.

Step 4:

Apply a liquid dish detergent with grease-cutting agents to the oil stain. Use a scrub brush to rub the dish detergent into the stain

Step 5:

Pour 1 cup of boiling water onto the dish detergent covered stain. Use your scrub brush to rub the water and the soap into the stain. Take care not to burn yourself with the boiling water

Step 6:

Blot up the now oily and soapy water with newspaper after the mixture has cooled for several minutes. Dispose of the newspaper. Continue to blot the area until you have absorbed all of the oily water

Step 7:

Pour another 2 cups of boiling water over the stain. This will wash away any oily water that was not absorbed by the newspaper.

If there is still some oil left do steps 1-7 again.



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HOW TO DECK YOUR BOAT

Thinking about joining one or more holiday boat parades this year? Here are a few tips on how to deck out your boat easily and create plenty of crowd appeal.

ENERGIZING LIGHTS (Simple Method) If you have a cigarette lighter on your boat and are planning to use strands of LED mini lights, it's relatively easy to power them. Inverters are available online for under \$30 that plug directly into your cigarette lighter and provide a regular household outlet to plug into. No batteries or generators are necessary, but the combined wattage of the lights you plug in must be below the wattage limits that both your inverter and your cigarette lighter can handle.

(Alternative Lighting Options) Purchase an inverter that you can connect directly to the boat's battery posts. The clip-on types are most convenient; the screw-down terminal types are a little more secure but require a little more effort to connect. You can get a much larger inverter than you can when hooking to the cigarette lighter, just make sure you keep your motor running once the inverter is on or have only one battery selected for the inverter.

Some people purchase a spare battery (e.g., a deep-cycle, 31-series battery), set it on the deck, and attach the inverter to it. This is necessary for a higher electrical draw and is often associated with the use of traditional incandescent bulbs.

COLORS If you're looking for a certain color of LED lighting,

<https://www.christmascentral.com/> has plenty of options to choose from with different colored bulbs, wires, etc. Christmas Central also has lights with wide-angle tips, which are even brighter than traditional mini lights.

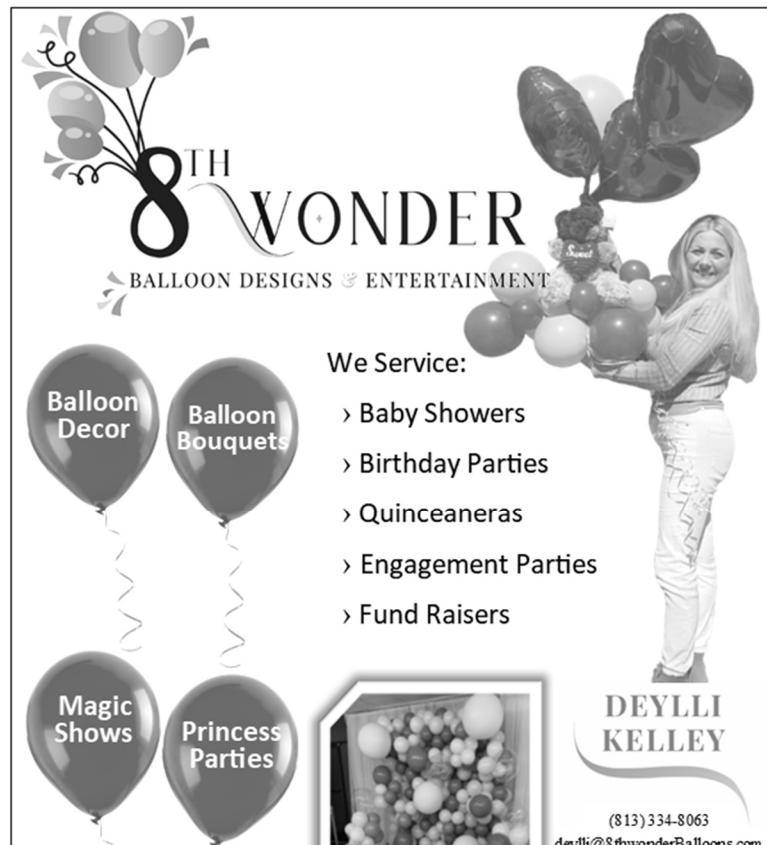
SHAPES If you want to do a shape of some sort that's not readily available, a little imagination and PVC pipe from Home Depot or Lowes can do the trick. (A 24' boat was transformed one year into "Baby shark" using PVC pipe. You'll likely want to purchase the thick-walled, $\frac{3}{4}$ - to 1-inch PVC pipe to keep it from bending under the weight of the lights.)



THEMES It's fun to pick a theme! We've seen many different themes – The Stanley-Cup-Winning Tampa Bay Lightning, Mickey Mouse, Under the Sea, Santa Hat, and others. Picking one theme and running with it can be fun for the crew and a real crowd pleaser!

WORK THE CROWD Play some music. Having your crew sing and dance gets viewers on the docks pumped up and excited. Just remember, play to the starboard side since we will be closest to the docks as we pass them on the right. The port side may still be able to hear and see your boat, but the chance to make the big impression is when you pass by onlookers on your starboard side.

BE CREATIVE, BE FESTIVE, HAVE FUN, AND MOST OF ALL BE SAFE.



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Always use the crosswalk.
Push the button to get the walk signal.

Be visible. Wear bright, reflective colors on your clothes, shoes, belts and wristbands.

Avoid distractions while driving.
Focus on the road.

Pass bicyclists safely.
Allow at least three feet between your vehicle and the bicyclist.

Slow down! Speed is the cause of 32% of all fatal crashes.

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