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Dana Shores • Pelican Island

September 2024

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We rely upon everyone's support to help better our neighborhood and the surrounding community.

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Outdoor Storytime (Kid's Event)
3rd Tues. of Each Month (Sept. – May)
Tues., Sept 17, 6 PM

Dana Shores Volunteer Club
Rocky Point Golf Course Clubhouse
Sun., Sept. 8, 3 – 4 PM
See flyer for additional details

Guardian ad Litem Toy Collections
Fri., Nov. 1 – Weds. Nov. 27
Details in upcoming edition

Holiday Boutique
At the home of Jeffy and Ralph Beaver
3933 E. Eden Roc Circle
Evening of Thurs., Dec. 5

Rocky Point Boat Parade
Evening of Sat., Dec. 14
Learn more at <http://bit.ly/rpboatparade>

2nd Annual Family Fun Day
Skyway Sports Complex
Sat., Feb. 8, 2025, 9:30 AM – 1 PM

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STREET REPRESENTATIVES AND ROCKY POINT LIASIONS

Rocky Point Boat Parade	Michelle Lightbody, Anne Carney
Americana	Greg Dorion
Dana Shores Drive	Ooneen McGettigan, Holly Simmons
Doral Drive	Susan Huston, Jennie Wang
Eden Roc East	Chantel & Brian Heilter
Eden Roc West	Emmy Reynolds
Fontainebleau Drive	Mary Chiricos
Pelican Island	Gail Fabrega, Jacque Reina Debbie Trujillo, Middy Veal
Sweetwater	Donna Lentz, Michael Jordan
Venetian Way	Ginger Wayne
Versailles Drive	Jonathan Kaplan, Tiki Kirk, Tina Mawn

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Courtney Campbell Scenic Hwy. Corridor Advisory Committee	Allison Roberts, Brian Roberts
Hillsborough County Citizen Advisory Committee	Allison Roberts
Law Enforcement	Doug Longfellow, Collen Quinn-Adams
Tampa Airport Community Noise Forum	Drs. Eli & Janet Marley Rose

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We are halfway through Hurricane Season 2024, and once again we have been spared. The market is still quite active for houses priced right at fair market value. Call or email me for a free value analysis and to hear about my marketing program which includes 350+ websites, YouTube ads and more.

Address	HTD	BE	FB	HB	Pool	Current Price	Close Date
4067 ROCKY SHORES DR	2,032	3	3	0	Commur	\$649,000	02/02/2024
7106 PELICAN ISLAND DR	4,404	4	3	1	None	\$762,300	02/22/2024
3952 VERSAILLES DR	4,189	4	3	0	None	\$2,000,000	02/27/2024
4107 SALTWATER BLVD	3,193	4	2	1	Private	\$1,700,000	02/29/2024
4111 CAUSEWAY VISTA DR	4,611	5	5	1	Private	\$3,000,000	04/08/2024
3950 VERSAILLES DR	2,553	4	3	0	Private	\$1,420,000	04/22/2024
3945 VERSAILLES DR	2,064	3	2	0	Private	\$825,000	04/26/2024
3911 DORAL DR	2,360	4	3	1	Private	\$1,013,000	05/01/2024
3922 W EDEN ROC CIR	1,773	2	2	0	Private	\$710,000	05/06/2024
3913 FONTAINBLEAU DR	1,722	3	2	0	None	\$775,000	05/13/2024
4133 ROCKY SHORES DR	2,080	3	3	0	Commur	\$685,000	05/20/2024
3919 E EDEN ROC CIR	2,836	3	3	0	Private	\$1,150,000	05/24/2024
3934 DORAL DR	2,641	4	2	0	Private	\$1,299,000	05/29/2024
4115 SALTWATER BLVD	3,199	4	3	0	Private	\$1,400,000	05/31/2024
4153 SALTWATER BLVD	2,895	4	3	0	Private	\$1,600,172	06/24/2024
4309 DEEPWATER LN	2,390	3	2	1	Private	\$630,000	07/01/2024
3928 AMERICANA DR	2,133	3	2	0	None	\$1,200,000	07/05/2024

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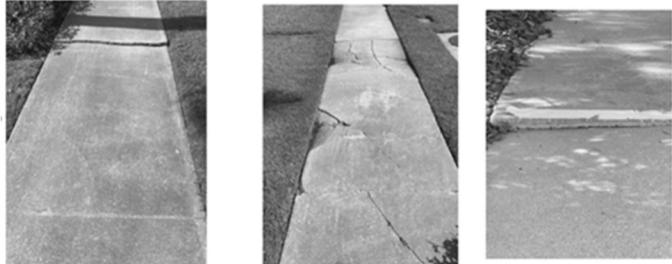
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SIDEWALK REPAIR PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



Earlier this year, it was reported to us that 8 Dana Shores homeowners applied for the Hillsborough County Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program. This program allowed approved homeowners to work directly with a contractor to have the sidewalk adjacent to their home repaired; the County then paid the contractor directly for the agreed upon work. This was a good start, and we appreciate the work done by these neighbors!

We estimate another 40 – 45 separate Dana Shores homeowners could qualify for this program. This is an opportunity for those homeowners to return some of our tax dollars to the community and improve safety. In addition, there may be some other emerging reasons to take advantage of this opportunity. Although these don't appear to be mainstream issues today, we have heard reports of at least one homeowner's insurance carrier issuing notices of cancellation in Hillsborough County for faulty public sidewalks in front of residential property. In our reading, we also found where liability has been partially shifted from the local municipalities to adjacent residential property owners for faulty public sidewalks in parts of Florida.

SAMPLE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA)

Raised/splinted/cracked sidewalks of more than 1/4 offset between panels.
Sunken sidewalks actively pooling more than 1/2" of water after rainfall/irrigation
New sidewalk installation to fill gaps of up to 20' between sidewalks

We've been informed that the sidewalk program will be available again starting October 1 with funding available for up to 100 approved homeowners throughout the County. In the last cycle, a single neighborhood had 30 applicants. Approval will be provided for those who qualify on a first-come, first-serve basis. Neither the civic association nor another entity can qualify for this program – it's only available to the homeowner who has a sidewalk in need of repair in front of (or in some cases to the side of) their home.

Mark Cahill General Contracting performed the majority (if not all) of the work for the approved homeowners earlier this year. Based on feedback from multiple people, he made the entire process easy, and his crew performed quality work.

If you are interested in using the program, Mr. Cahill has offered to schedule time ahead of October 1 (time permitting) to help homeowners prepare the required documentation so they can submit paperwork immediately once the program re-opens. [If interested, contact Mark Cahill with Cahill General Contracting, 727-243-6199 or markcahill1000@gmail.com.]

For more information about the program, visit <https://hcfl.gov/residents/property-owners-and-renters/roads-and-sidewalks/sidewalk-repair-partnership-program>

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT

WHAT IS IT FOR? WHAT IS AT STAKE?

“Shall Hillsborough County renew the existing local government infrastructure surtax, known locally as the community investment half-cent sales tax, commencing December 1, 2026 through December 31, 2041, to be shared with the municipalities and the School Board to fund infrastructure for transportation and public works, public safety, public facilities, public utilities and public schools?”

Given the number of questions and concerns raised by residents and homeowners regarding funding for County infrastructure, we drafted this article to help explain the above language anticipated on the November ballot and some of the context behind it. We do not intend to sway your vote, only to help inform readers based on our research and understanding, which has come primarily from County leadership.

Twenty-eight years ago, Hillsborough County voters passed a half-percent sales surtax commonly referred to as a community-investment tax (CIT). It is set to expire November 30, 2026, and Hillsborough County voters are being asked to renew it on the upcoming ballot.

Since 1996, the County’s CIT has been used to fund a wide variety of capital improvement projects – fire stations, roadway resurfacing, stormwater improvements, the maintenance and renovation of parks and sports facilities, and more – throughout both unincorporated and incorporated areas of Hillsborough County (Cities of Tampa, Plant City, and Temple Terrace). According to Temple Terrace Mayor Ross, 75-90% of the capital projects in his area are funded through this tax in a typical year.

The funding that would be available to Hillsborough County through a renewed CIT is estimated at **\$2,661,400,000 over 15 years.** (Yes, that’s roughly 2.7 billion dollars.) If passed, capital improvement projects that could be funded include the following:

- **Transportation / Public Works** – Roadway resurfacing, sidewalks, intersection improvements, bridges, trails, stormwater
- **Public Safety** – Fire stations and apparatus, law enforcement/jail facilities & vehicles, emergency management facilities, courthouses
- **Public Facilities** – Community centers, pet resource shelter, parks, athletic fields, sport facilities maintenance and renovations
- **Public Utilities** – Septic-to-sewer, treatment facility maintenance, water connections, line extensions, landfill closures



Fifty percent of the funding (\$1.3 billion) is planned for transportation-related projects. That is, of course, a hot button for Dana Shores. The Hillsborough County Public Works team has been moving forward with project development for the resurfacing of Dana Shores Dr. and the Dana Shores neighborhood finger streets. Work-to-date has included geotechnical engineering analysis and some initial pavement design. The County’s plan has been to fund our project through the return of \$256M from the 2018 Transportation Surtax referendum, which is separate from the CIT. But this is not yet finalized. Rather than returning the surtax funds to the County to allocate as they see fit, we understand that FDOT will determine which roadway work will be paid for with these funds. Although they are aware of the County’s priorities, as of our most recent update, FDOT has not yet shared the approved list with the County. While we remain hopeful as of this writing, it is our understanding that if FDOT excludes our project from the list, we will very likely be fully reliant upon the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners budgeting process to proceed and, as indicated above, that is largely reliant upon funding through the CIT.

While residents may want to consider other local projects that could be eligible for funding under the CIT (e.g., Town ‘N Country regional stormwater improvements, nearby bicycle/pedestrian trails, and synthetic turf replacement at Skyway), it’s equally important to consider the broader transportation impacts and other infrastructure needs throughout the County.

Officials indicate that Hillsborough County already has billions in unfunded needs. Any lapse in this tax would by all accounts reduce local infrastructure investments further (at least until an alternative funding source could be created), further widening the gap between citizens’ expectations and reality. This would likely force local municipalities to shift strategies and increase ad valorem property taxes instead.

Because the CIT is a sales surtax, an estimated 20% of it is paid by individuals who reside outside of our County – those who come here for seminars, conferences, work, and leisure. This is a benefit of using a sales surtax to fund infrastructure in a top tourist destination. If funding shifts to an increase in ad valorem taxes, 100% of the tax will be paid by local property owners.

What about federal tax dollars?

Federal dollars are sometimes available for infrastructure projects. News articles from 2021 show, for instance, that \$40M was allocated by the American Rescue Plan Act to Hillsborough County roadway improvement projects. But the approved work focused on major roadways and “vulnerable communities” – we were not included on either list.

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING WILL BE ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT CONTINUED....

The final motion to support the CIT ballot measure was supported unanimously in a 7-0 vote by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on July 17, 2024. It also received support from the partner municipalities of Tampa, Plant City, and Temple Terrace

Although the measure was supported across political lines and we have tried to provide objective and relevant information, we still suggest each resident broaden their understanding of this topic through their own research. The presentation on this topic at the BOCC July 17, 2024, meeting starting at the 1-hour mark with a presentation by Greg Horwedel, Deputy County Administrator. You may access the meeting on the County's YouTube channel or directly @ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mmXAeYcT6rY>

PSA FOR NEW DRIVERS & A REMINDER FOR THE REST OF US: **Motorist and School Bus Safety Tips**



- All drivers moving in either direction on a two-way street must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- On a highway divided by a paved median, all drivers moving in either direction must stop for a school bus displaying a stop signal and must remain stopped until the road is clear of children AND the school bus stop arm is withdrawn.
- On a highway divided by a raised barrier or an unpaved median at least 5 feet wide, drivers moving in the opposite direction do not have to stop for the bus. (Painted lines or pavement markings are not considered barriers.) However, these motorists should slow down and watch for students loading or unloading from the bus.

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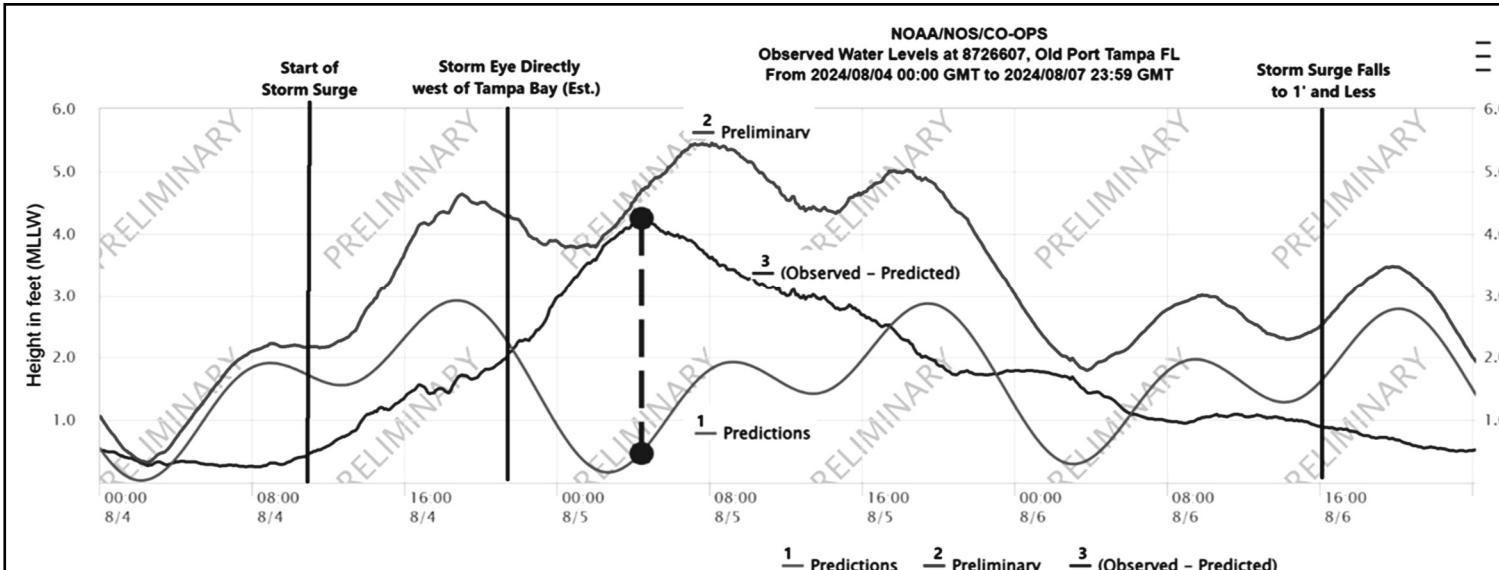
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MINOR HURRICANE, MAJOR SURGE – Insights from Hurricane Debby

When the eye of Tropical Storm Debby passed north of Tampa Bay, many nearby homeowners and residents sighed relief. The storm had not yet developed into a hurricane, and it had remained west of us. But NOAA's water level chart taken from the Old Port Tampa station (located just south of Gandy Bridge) told us that the storm surge was far from over and that the surge from this storm (although masked by the timing of the tides) was one of the largest we've experienced in decades.



The above chart shows water levels from Aug. 4 through Aug. 6. The **predicted** water levels (1) are based on predicted tidal changes. The **preliminary** reported water levels (2) reflect observed water levels and result from the combination of tidal influences, storm surge, wind, and other factors. The third horizontal line (3) shows the difference between the observed water levels and what was predicted; generally speaking, this is the storm surge.

The x-axis shows the timeline at 8-hour increments at GMT. The storm surge began building around 6 AM EST on Aug. 4 (see first labeled vertical line). Roughly 11 hours later, the storm eye passed to the north of Tampa Bay (see second labeled vertical line). The preliminary water level line (2) shows that water levels increased multiple times over the following 20 hours or so due to the combination of tides and storm surge. The last labeled vertical line shows that the storm surge remained a significant factor ($>1'$) for more than 2 days. Debby, in the meantime, had moved all the way to the Atlantic coast near the Georgia – South Carolina border.

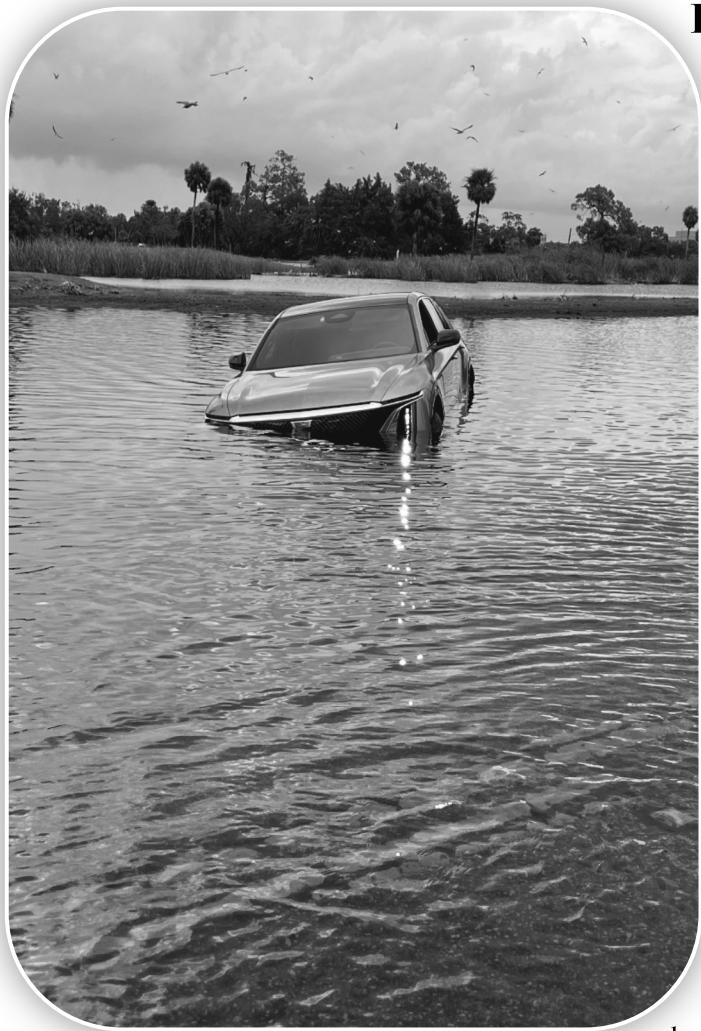
Perhaps one of the most important elements of this chart occurs along the vertical dashed line, where we see that the storm's maximum storm surge (4.22') occurred near the bottom of our low tide (.48'). If the high tide and surge had occurred at the same time, we could have experienced water levels roughly 2.4' higher than we actually experienced.

Luckily, the overall damage for most homeowners and residents in our area was minimal. Hurricane Debby was, nonetheless, a good reminder of many things, including the following ...

- Storm predictions are helpful, but a sudden change in the rate at which a storm is moving, changes in its intensity, or a jog to the right or left could mean the difference between a non-event and a major event. An up-to-date storm plan and storm season prep are critical. Now is the time to take care of both.
- Don't just worry about the upper, right quadrant of the storm -- the entire eastern side of the storm can create significant storm surge in our area. Just like Hurricane Idalia in 2023, Debby made landfall north of us in the Apalachee Bay/Big Bend region. Due to the storms' rotational patterns, Tampa Bay is highly sensitive to storm surge when storms land in this region.
- Maximum storm surge can occur well after a storm passes our area, and waters can remain elevated over an extended period and over multiple tidal changes. This period can be further prolonged by slow moving storms.

We hope this information is helpful, and we certainly hope that all were safe from this storm, and all remain safe in the future. A pilot page has been set up online with several volunteer-recommended resources and reminders. Log into the www.danashores.com website and navigate to the Resources tab, where you will find the Major Storms page.

If you have not yet signed up for a Dana Shores website account, email info@danashores.com requesting a website account be created on your behalf. Please include your name, email address, and street address. We cross-reference requests with our volunteers, dues payments, or other sources. Once you receive a response back indicating that your account has been created, navigate to <https://www.danashores.com>, and click on Resident Login. Next, you will be taken to the login screen. From here, click on "Lost your password?" and navigate to the Major Storms page once logged in. Please do this ahead of any storm watches or warnings. Our volunteers will not be handling account setup during this period, as they themselves will be preparing for the storm.



Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes. - Oscar Wilde

By Debbie Trujillo (Pelican Island resident and Liaison to the Dana Shores Civic Association)

The recent storm was a scary reminder for me of last year's Hurricane Idalia. Though I've lived in our neighborhood for 28 years, I made the MISTAKE of venturing out of my house last year....before the stormwaters receded. I'd like to pass on the hard lesson I learned so you will never have to EXPERIENCE the fear and loss I did.

Upon exiting Pelican Island and turning right on Dana Shores Drive, there was no delineation between the water on the golf course, the street, and the front yards of houses. However, since I was able to still see the yellow line of the street through the wide span of water, I thought it would be safe to drive through. Probably 50 feet later, my brand new electric Cadillac Lyric started to float and spin around with the current, leaving me with no control of the vehicle. The next thing I knew, the car was being pulled backwards toward the golf course. Thinking I was going to be sucked into the lake and with water pouring into both doors, I lowered the driver's side window. My wheels caught on the ditch, so while the water rushed up to the steering wheel, I was able to crawl onto the hood. Thankfully, a kind neighbor in a large-wheeled truck rescued me. My poor car was totaled and had to continue to

sink into the water until ALL the water on Dana Shores Drive receded. Only then would the tow truck retrieve the car. This was an extremely traumatic experience for me, and one I hope none of you go through. While I know another neighbor had a similar experience just a few weeks ago, I encourage all of you to stay home during Tropical Storms and Hurricanes until the waters recede from the roadways. A large car could "float" in about 18 inches of water and a small car in 12 inches, so please do not take a chance with your safety.



LOOKING AHEAD: Exhibitors Can Sign Up Now for 2025 Family Fun Day

Scan for more info



Hillsborough County's Parks and Recreation Department will be hosting the 2nd Annual Family Fun Day at Skyway Sports Complex on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Although it may seem early, exhibitors are starting to sign up. Exhibitors will have a chance to engage with a diverse audience and showcase their products and services to the local community. This is a family-oriented event with more than 300 attendees anticipated of all ages. You are invited to join as an exhibitor.

Should you have any questions or want to be included, please contact Mikah Collins at 813-981-3640 or collinsmh@hcflgov.net for a copy of the application.



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SEPTEMBER

- Identify service project for October to be conducted in conjunction with community Halloween celebration
- Assign roles for service project planning and related deadlines

OCTOBER

- Finalize details for service project
- Perform service project

NOVEMBER

- Share successes and lessons learned
- Begin discussions around Spring Semester project opportunities and a potential December project

DECEMBER

- Cookie party – celebrate Fall Semester successes
- Layout detailed plan for Spring semester

UPCOMING MEETING

Sun., Sept. 8, 3 – 4 PM

Rocky Point Golf Course Clubhouse



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