



# Shore Lines Newsletter

Dana Shores • Pelican Island

April 2025

## RECONSTRUCTING OR ELEVATING YOUR HOME?

We are thrilled to share a significant achievement that showcases the power of teamwork within our community. Through dedicated collaboration with Hillsborough County officials, we successfully worked together to amend the building code, paving the way for mitigation efforts on elevated and rebuilt homes.

A special acknowledgment goes to Allison Roberts, whose dedication and leadership were instrumental in making this milestone possible. Her efforts on behalf of the Dana Shores Civic Association, along with those of many others, exemplify the spirit of collective action and commitment to our community's resilience.

Likewise, we appreciate the incredible cooperation and support provided by County personnel and others who contributed their time, energy, and passion to this endeavor. Their efforts continue to strengthen the fabric of our community and the broader Tampa Bay area.

Here's to continued progress and partnerships!

Cheers! Chris and Renee Caruso

Last month, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners unanimously passed Hillsborough County Ordinance #25-17 (Land Development Code Amendment (25-0348)) to assist homeowners in flood-prone areas with their recovery and resiliency efforts. The ordinance amends Sec. 6.01.03 of Hillsborough County's Land Development Code (LDC) to allow existing structures in the Special Flood Hazard Area that are either elevated or reconstructed within 110% of the existing building footprint to have stairs necessary for access in the required front yard. Prior to this change, the LDC established a 3' height limitation on stairs in the required front yard, making it difficult in some areas and essentially impossible in other areas to elevate and reconstruct homes in compliance with FEMA regulations without going through a costly multi-month variance process.



**Children's Easter Event**  
**Sat., Apr. 19, 10 a.m. – noon**  
**Watch for Details via Email and on Facebook**

## 2025 NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES



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

As such, each owner/resident is asked to contribute \$100 of annual dues per home to support our ongoing efforts.

We accept payment via our website (preferred), by PayPal, or by check.

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Mail or drop off your form (enclosed in this newsletter) and check to:

### **Dana Shores Civic Association**

c/o Katie Heckert, Secretary  
3910 E. Eden Roc Circle  
Tampa, FL 33634

## DANA SHORES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER KEY CONTACTS

Board of Directors	Danny Anseeuw, Doug Gregory, Katie Heckert, Allison Roberts, Holly Simmons
Garden/Entryways/Decorations	CJ Chesbro, Tiki Kirk, Janet Rose, Ely Galvez
Giving Back	Jeffy Beaver, VeeAnn Mahdiah
Neighborhood Pet Lost/Found (including microchip reading)	Elsie Fewer (813) 614.4074 Shara Szirtes (813) 504.3147
Upper Tampa Bay Golf Tournament	Bob Wolf
Welcoming and Sponsorships	Danna Ferguson (931.220.3030) ddferg266@gmail.com
Hospitality & Events	Sabrina Ferrante, Jeffy Beaver, Holly Simmons

## 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

## THIRD - PARTY and GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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

## OTHER RESOURCES

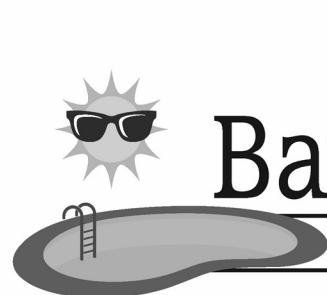
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## SIDEWALK INSTALLATIONS



If you are constructing (or reconstructing) a home in Dana Shores, the County is likely

to tell you that a sidewalk must also be constructed in front of your home because of our location vis-à-vis the Urban Service Area (USA). But several years ago, the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners directed staff to apply common sense to sidewalk construction; and single-home sidewalks in already established neighborhoods often don't make sense. Therefore, if your parcel is located on Eden Roc Circle or Fontainebleau Drive (finger streets that do not have sidewalks) and you would prefer not to install a sidewalk in front of your new home, it may make sense to request "a review". Last we heard, these reviews were performed weekly by senior County leadership on a case-by-case basis and did not require homeowners to pursue a formal variance.

## INTERESTED IN SAVING MONEY ON YOUR TAXES?



### TAX BREAK FOR HURRICANE LOSSES

Victims of hurricanes Helene and Milton may qualify for a tax deduction for losses using the "casualty loss tax deduction". An article written late last year indicates that the calculation is complicated. Frankly, the entire article is somewhat complicated, so we are providing the link and suggest that you reach out to a qualified expert for any additional advice. [See https://www.cnbc.com/2024/10/15/tax-deduction-natural-disaster.html](https://www.cnbc.com/2024/10/15/tax-deduction-natural-disaster.html)

## INCOME TAX CREDITS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT & CLEAN ENERGY UPGRADES

Through 2032, federal income tax credits are available to homeowners that allow up to \$3,200 annually to lower the cost of energy efficient home upgrades by up to 30 percent.

- Save Up to \$2,000 on Costs of Upgrading to Heat Pump Technology
- Save Up to \$1,200 on Energy Efficiency Home Improvements including qualified Windows, Doors, Insulation, Water Heaters, and More

It's possible that you have recently purchased qualified items or that you have upcoming purchases that may qualify.

In addition to the energy efficiency credits, homeowners can also take advantage of the modified and extended Residential Clean Energy credit, which provides a 30 percent income tax credit for clean energy equipment, such as rooftop solar and battery storage through 2032, stepping down to 22 percent for 2033 and 2034.

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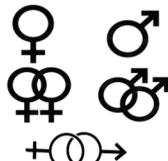
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## 2025 Rocky Point Real Estate News



**Our real estate market in Rocky Point continues to evolve. While we have nearly 20 houses on the market, there have been very few sales in our area since the storms.**

**When you have to disclose a flood, you will see buyers expect a discount from sales prices we generated pre-flood. There will always be buyers who want to live on the water and willing to take a risk of a future hurricane. Keep the faith but know that proper pricing and marketing are invaluable in our current market. Call, text or email me to discuss your options and learn about my global marketing plan. Below are the only sales in our area since the hurricanes:**

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Call Debbie Trujillo for your real estate needs.

- Selling homes in Tampa Bay since 1988.
- Pelican Island resident since 1996.
- Master's degree in public relations and mass communication from USF.
- 20-year breast cancer survivor!
- Despite not selling any houses in the third quarter of 2024 due to the hurricanes, I was still in the top 5% of the country for sales for Coldwell Banker.

Address	BE	FB	HB	HTD Pool	Current Price	Close Date
3938 VERSAILLES DR	3	2	0	1,972 Private	\$865,000	10/11/2024
3913 W EDEN ROC CIR	3	2	0	2,175 Private	\$677,000	10/30/2024
4121 SALTWATER BLVD	4	3	1	3,495 Private	\$1,365,000	11/15/2024
4215 DEEPWATER LN	4	3	0	3,286 Private	\$1,384,750	12/20/2024
3912 VENETIAN WAY	4	3	0	2,207 Private	\$805,000	01/31/2025
4069 ROCKY SHORES DR	3	3	0	2,080 Community	\$675,000	02/24/2025

*I have put two houses under contract within one week (Bay Crest Park and Dana Shores) and both had multiple offers to consider, so there are buyers who are optimistic about our area and who want to buy despite the flooding issues of 2024.*



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## UNDERSTANDING TIRE INSURANCE AND ITS BENEFITS

Submitted by Jeff St. Cyr

Nails and other debris are commonly found on roadways surrounding construction areas. Based on a quick scan of Dana Shores and the degree of new construction that is underway, odds are that several of us will have tire damage in the foreseeable future. In addition, as excited as we are about the upcoming plans to resurface our neighborhood roadways, the roads are still pretty rough in the meantime. These circumstances have prompted discussion within my own family about the benefits of tire insurance. I hope the following summary may be helpful to others as well.

Tire insurance, often referred to as road hazard protection, is a specialized coverage designed to shield drivers from unexpected expenses resulting from tire damage caused by common road hazards such as potholes, nails, glass, and other debris. Unlike standard auto insurance, which typically excludes coverage for tire damage unless it results from a collision, tire insurance specifically addresses these everyday risks. This type of coverage can be particularly beneficial for individuals who frequently drive in areas with poor road conditions or for those who have vehicles equipped with high-performance or specialty tires.

One of the primary advantages of tire insurance is the financial protection it offers. Costs associated with repairing or replacing damaged tires can vary widely – from roughly \$25 to \$50 to plug a nail hole to substantial amounts for tire replacement, especially for premium or specialized tires. Depending on the terms, tire insurance can cover the cost of repairs and replacement, as well as mounting, balancing, labor, and wheel or rim damage.

Beyond the financial aspects, tire insurance may also enhance convenience and safety. Many policies include provisions for roadside assistance, ensuring that drivers are not left stranded due to a flat or damaged tire. Some providers offer services such as towing, on-site tire repair and replacement, and alternative transportation to minimize downtime and inconvenience.

The decision on whether to obtain coverage is largely about finding the right balance between cost, convenience, and peace of mind for you and your family.

For drivers seeking tire insurance options, several providers offer comprehensive coverage plans. Two well-known providers in this marketspace are listed below. You may also contact roadside assistance companies like AAA, your auto insurance carrier, or perform your own search.

### Allstate®Tire & Wheel Protection Plan

[vehicleprotection.allstate.com](http://vehicleprotection.allstate.com)  
Allstate's plan covers the cost of repairing or replacing tires and wheels damaged due to road hazards, helping you get back on the road without unexpected expenses.

### Good Sam Tire & Wheel Protection Plan

[Tireandwheel.goodsam.com](http://Tireandwheel.goodsam.com)  
Good Sam offers coverage for the repair or replacement of damaged tires and wheels, extended coverage for connected vehicles in tow, and year-round nationwide service available 24 hours a day.

## ANNUAL 2025 DUES



AT ROCKY POINT

- 1) Visit <https://bit.ly/dsca2025> to pay online -- OR --
- 2) Complete the form below and include a \$100 check payable to **Dana Shores Civic Association** for each property you own. Mail to **Dana Shores Civic Association** c/o Katie Heckert \* 3910 E. Eden Roc Circle \* Tampa, FL 33634

Dana Shores Home Address(es)

(#1) First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Email Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

(#2) First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Primary Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Secondary Email Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to become involved in improving Dana Shores. Please contact me to discuss opportunities.

I would like the opportunity to promote my business to residents. Please contact me to discuss options.

Gift for the New-Neighbor Basket

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Sponsorship of a Main Event (e.g., Boat Parade)

Special Project Sponsorship with Physical Memorial

In-Kind Services

Other \_\_\_\_\_

In addition to my annual dues, I have added funds in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for

Supplemental law enforcement means and efforts

Future water quality improvements

Additional enhancements at the Skyway children's playground

Mailing Address (if different from above)



## ONLINE PET DIRECTORY



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