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THE STREETS OF DANA SHORES & THE FOUNDING OF AMERICA

Dana Shores has always stood out for its distinctly glamorous street names: Americana, Doral, Eden Roc, Fontainebleau, Venetian, and Versailles. Those names were not random.

When the community was developed in the postwar boom years of the late 1950s and early 1960s, Florida developers drew heavily on the names making headlines in South Florida at the time. The Doral Country Club opened in 1962 when real estate pioneers Doris and Alfred Kaskel combined their own names to brand their new waterfront golf resort. The Fontainebleau and Versailles hotels were the glamour capitals of Miami Beach. The Venetian Causeway connected Miami to its barrier islands. These were the aspirational names of a confident, prosperous Florida, and Alfred Dana borrowed them to give the new Dana Shores waterfront community the same upscale feel.

But the French names carry a deeper patriotic resonance that connects right back to the Revolution. France was the very first country to officially recognize American independence, signing the Treaty of Alliance in Paris on February 6, 1778. The Palace of Versailles and the Forest of Fontainebleau were at the very center of that alliance.

This year makes it especially resonant, as 2026 marks 250 years of American Independence and U.S.-French relations. It is an opportunity to honor shared sacrifices in the name of freedom and democracy.



Nearby 4th of July Celebration
Sat., July 4
9 PM Fireworks
5 PM – 9 PM Family-Friendly Celebration



Safety Harbor City Park, 940 7th Street S
(New location; see article for related details)

Outdoor Storytime (Kid's Event)

Tues., July 14, 5:30 – 6:00 PM

Tentative. Watch Facebook for Updates.

Family Fun Day Sat., Jan 9, 2027

10 AM – 2 PM

Skyway Sports Complex

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DANA SHORES ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OTHER KEY CONTACTS

Board of Directors	Danny Anseeuw, Katie Heckert, Allison Roberts, Holly Simmons
Garden/Entryways/Decorations	CJ Chesbro, Tiki Kirk, Janet Rose, Ely Galvez
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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	Malia Powers, Jennie Wang, Amy Veith
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	Tiki Kirk, Tina Mawn

THIRD - PARTY and GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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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

Report Lost & Found Items, Crime or Suspicious Activity
Post at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/danashores>
Or Email us at info@danashores.com

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

If you have not done so already, you may also consider signing up for the **Dana Shores, Rocky Point (Neighbors ONLY)** Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/danashores>. It has an average of 2 to 3 posts per day and more than 650 members who share, collaborate, and provide a positive support network to one another. This page complements the Dana Shores – Rocky Point, FL public Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/DanaShoresTampa>.

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Dana Shores Civic Assoc.
c/o Katie Heckert, Secretary/Treasurer
3910 E. Eden Roc Circle
Tampa, FL 33634

The Streets Of Dana Shores & The Founding Of America continued...

Locally, Tampa is marking the milestone with multiple celebrations. One of the largest celebrations will be "Liberty by the Bay" on July 4th at Julian B. Lane Park, featuring a 250-drone light show followed by a fireworks display over the Hillsborough River. For neighbors who prefer something closer to home, Safety Harbor's Independence Day Celebration moves to Safety Harbor City Park this year (.7 mile SW of the marina and roughly .3 mile inland), starting at 5 p.m. with live entertainment and family activities and capped by fireworks at 9 p.m.

Visitor Docking at Safety Harbor...

On a somewhat related note, several Dana Shores and Pelican Island residents have inquired about visitor docking at Safety Harbor. DSCA representatives reached out to Mayor Ayoub and confirmed that docking along the park seawall will be available again once the harbor reopens. Work is also underway to rebuild the pier, with construction on both projects expected to wrap up sometime in August, barring any major surprises. After November, Safety Harbor will reassess its budget and, if funding remains intact, it is our understanding that additional visitor docking alongside the pier will be on the table for discussion.

NEW TREES TAKE ROOT AT SKYWAY



Founded in 1989, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful has become a leading force for environmental stewardship throughout Hillsborough County, engaging thousands of volunteers each year in community cleanups, tree plantings, sustainability initiatives, and educational programs. Its mission is simple: to inspire individuals to take an active role in creating a cleaner, greener, and more resilient Tampa Bay.

One of the organization's recent efforts was held close to home. In May, Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful partnered with United Airlines and the Arbor Day Foundation to plant 15 trees at Skyway Sports Complex. Many thanks to these organizations and Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation for bringing a little more shade and beauty to our community.

2026 Rocky Point Real Estate News



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4214 DEEPWATER LN	4	2	1	2,821	Private	\$765,000	01/07/2026
4148 ROCKY SHORES C	4	4	0	3,543	Private,	\$2,300,000	01/30/2026
3927 VERSAILLES DR	3	2	0	2,901	Private	\$940,000	02/03/2026
4065 ROCKY SHORES C	3	3	0	2,032	Commur	\$605,000	02/06/2026
3910 DORAL DR	4	2	0	2,370	Private	\$1,075,000	02/06/2026
4302 DEEPWATER LN	4	2	1	2,594	Private	\$715,000	02/19/2026
7303 PELICAN ISLAND	6	5	0	5,345	Private	\$2,900,000	03/02/2026
4852 TROYDALE RD	4	2	1	3,704	Private	\$1,200,000	03/02/2026
4226 SALTWATER BLVD	4	2	1	2,843	Private	\$875,000	03/17/2026
3936 VERSAILLES DR	4	3	0	2,170	Private	\$1,192,500	03/20/2026
4304 SALTWATER BLVD	4	2	1	2,435	Private	\$715,000	03/25/2026
7313 PELICAN ISLAND	5	6	1	8,446	Private	\$4,250,000	05/01/2026
3932 VERSAILLES DR	4	2	0	2,017	Private	\$1,225,000	05/08/2026
3912 FONTAINEBLEAU	3	3	0	2,332	Private	\$775,000	05/26/2026
4202 DEEPWATER LN	4	3	1	2,645	Private	\$975,000	05/28/2026
7108 PELICAN ISLAND	4	3	0	2,609	Private	\$1,250,000	06/01/2026
4908 TROYDALE RD	5	5	1	6,212	Private	\$3,000,000	06/01/2026
3926 FONTAINEBLEAU	3	2	0	1,780	None	\$835,000	06/09/2026



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MANATEE: Love 'em But Leave 'em Be

Manatee sightings are up lately, and with so many new neighbors joining the community, the Dana Shores Civic Association thought it would be a good time to share a few pointers on manatee manners, drawn from the Save the Manatee Club and FWC.

On the water

- Look, but don't touch. Avoid excess noise and splashing. Disturbance from human activity can cause manatee to leave a safe area for waters with heavier vessel traffic.
- Practice passive observation: watch from above water and at a distance. If you want to get a closer look, cut your motor and observe quietly. Fifty feet is the suggested minimum safe distance.
- Resist the urge to feed manatee or offer them fresh water. Feeding can alter their natural behavior; a "tamed" manatee may approach boats expecting a handout, only to be injured by a propeller or become entangled in fishing gear.
- Before starting your engine, always scan around your boat for manatee. Manatee surface quietly and are easy to miss.
- Know your speed zones. "Idle Speed, No Wake" means the slowest speed at which you can maintain steerage, with no wake produced. "Slow Speed, Minimum Wake" means fully off plane and completely settled in the water. Tampa Bay has more than 150 designated speed zones, and ignorance of the signs is not a defense.
- Stay in marked deep-water channels when possible to provide additional clearance. But be aware that manatee also use deep-water channels when traveling, so stay alert even when you're not in the shallows.
- Protect seagrass beds by avoiding boating over them entirely when you can. If you must, trim up your motor and idle to a safe depth before getting on plane and carefully push your boat off if you run aground. Prop scars on seagrass can take years to recover, and seagrass is a primary food source for manatee.
- Stash your trash. Discard monofilament line, hooks, and other waste properly. Entanglement is a serious and preventable cause of manatee injury.



Reporting

If you see an injured, dead, tagged, or orphaned manatee, or witness one being harassed, contact FWC immediately: call 1-888-404-3922, dial #FWC or *FWC on your cell phone, email or text Tip@myfwc.com, or hail VHF Channel 16 on your marine radio. Please enter FWC'S contact information in your phone so you have it handy. If you do strike a manatee, seek help for the animal right away. The sooner it is located and assessed, the better its chances of survival.

The law

The manatee is protected under federal law by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, making it illegal to harass, hunt, capture, or kill any marine mammal. Florida's Manatee Sanctuary Act of 1978 adds state-level protection, defining harassment as any activity that alters the animal's natural behavior. Violations of state law carry a possible fine of up to \$500 and up to 60 days in jail. Federal conviction can result in fines of up to \$50,000 and up to one year in prison. In cases of extreme harassment resulting in injury or death, Florida may pursue prosecution under federal law.

Get involved

To learn more, visit Save the Manatee Club at savethemanatee.org. The organization holds a 4-out-of-4-star Accountability & Finance rating on Charity Navigator and was co-founded in 1981 by former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham and singer-songwriter Jimmy Buffett.

If you would like to join your neighbors in posting a manatee awareness sign on your dock, email info@danashores.com. We have received 10 reflective manatee awareness signs that we will attempt to evenly distribute at key locations throughout the neighborhood.

Reminder, to please photograph or film any sightings throughout Dana Shores and surrounding waterways on the north side of the Causeway and enter the photo contest. Please be sure to note the location and **submit your photos and videos** by posting on the Neighbors -Only Dana Shores Facebook page or emailing info@danashores.com. (Refer to the June edition of the Shore Lines for additional details.)



SKYWAY SPORTS COMPLEX: More Than a Park

Most Dana Shores neighbors know Skyway Sports Complex as the park just down the road. Many have walked the trail that connects to the Courtney Campbell Causeway or watched a game on one of the baseball fields or synthetic turf football fields. **What fewer neighbors may realize is the range of organized programs operating out of Skyway, from youth recreational leagues to competitive travel teams to semi-professional soccer.**

Several of these programs are open to the public. In addition, Hillsborough County offers designated Open Play fields on a rotating schedule throughout the week, free and open to the public for pickup games and athletic training. Before heading over, check the current Open Play field schedule at hcfl.gov/locations/skyway-sports-complex to see which fields are available that day. (Training and exercise is for individual training only, no paid trainers are allowed to operate without a permit.) Beyond Open Play, the complex currently serves nine distinct organizations spanning almost every age group and skill level.

For the youngest athletes: Pre-K through high school

RISE Flag Football brings recreational flag football to children from pre-K through 8th grade through its South Tampa program. Registration is open to the public, making it one of the most accessible entry points for young athletes at Skyway. RISE emphasizes fun and fundamentals, and the flag football format keeps it age-appropriate for even the smallest players.

Limitless Lacrosse operates a competitive travel program for students in 3rd through 12th grade. While lacrosse has historically been less visible in Tampa Bay than in the Northeast, programs like Limitless are part of a wave of growth the sport has seen in Florida over the past decade. Tryouts for the travel team are open to the public.

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SKYWAY SPORTS COMPLEX: More Than a Park

Building toward college: High school and beyond

Two third-party programs at Skyway focus specifically on the pathway from youth athletics to collegiate competition. A separate County program also provides field access to select travel teams for practice.

Strive Soccer Academy offers a one-year residential college prep program in Tampa, designed to prepare student athletes for the academic, athletic, and social demands of college soccer. The curriculum was developed by coaches with over 50 years of combined college coaching experience and mirrors the NCAA two-semester model. The program is open to domestic and international athletes who have recently graduated high school, and tryouts are held at Skyway. For serious young soccer players, this is a rare local resource.

AB-4 Baseball Academy is a selective academy that operates a competitive baseball program for enrolled student athletes. The program focuses on developing players with college and beyond in mind.

TEAM Hillsborough County provides baseball and softball field access for approved local travel teams and coordinates competitive youth programs across County facilities including Skyway.

For adults: Leagues, training, and semi-pro competition

Skyway is not just for youth. Several adult programs call the complex home as well.

Tampa Bay Club Sports runs both adult soccer and adult flag football leagues with open registration, offering a social, competitive outlet for adults who want organized team sports without the commitment of a travel program.

The Central Florida Amateur Baseball League brings adult recreational baseball to Skyway with open registration, a great option for former players who miss the game.

Athlete Innovations offers personal training and multi-sport athletic development for adult clients through their trainers' private clientele arrangements at Skyway.

And at the highest competitive level, Shock City FC, founded in Tampa, competes in the United Premier Soccer League (UPSL) at both the Premier and Division 1 tiers. The club holds open tryouts for players looking to compete at the semi-professional level, making Skyway the training ground for one of Tampa Bay's most competitive amateur soccer clubs.

How to get involved

Each organization manages its own registration and tryout process. The table below summarizes who each program serves and where to learn more. If you have a child who has been looking for a sport, or if you are an adult who has been meaning to get back into the game, Skyway may have exactly what you are looking for, and it is just down the street. Continued on page 8



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Table 1, Skway Sports Complex Leagues (as of May 2026)

Organization	Ages	Open To	More Info
AB-4 Baseball Academy	Student Athletes	AB-4 Academy Student Athletes	ab4academy.com
Limitless Lacrosse	3rd-12th Grade	Competitive Travel Team, Open to Public	limitlesslacrossefl.com
RISE Flag Football	Pre-K-8th Grade	Open to Public	southtampaf1.riseflagfootball.com
Strive Soccer Academy	Youth & 1 Yr Post-High School	Open to Public (Applications)	ssacollegeprep.com
TEAM Hillsborough County (Baseball/Softball)	Youth	Approved Local Travel Ball Teams	hcfl.gov
Athlete Innovations (Multiple Sports)	Adult	Personal Trainer's Clientele	athleteinnovations.com
Central Florida Amateur Baseball League	Adult	Open to Public	cfableague.com
Shock City Fútbol Club	Adult	Semi-Pro, Tryouts Open to Public	linktr.ee/shockcityfc
Tampa Bay Club Sports (Soccer & Flag Football)	Adult	Open to Public	tampabayclubsport.com

