

Shore Lines Newsletter



Dana Shores • Pelican Island

September 2026

2026 NEIGHBORHOOD CIVIC ASSOCIATION DUES



With help from our volunteers and vendors, we are busy improving the neighborhood. We rely upon everyone's support to help fund these efforts.

Each owner/resident is asked to contribute \$100 in annual dues per home to support our ongoing efforts. We accept payment via the Dana Shores website or by PayPal, Zelle, or check.



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Mail or drop off your
check to the following:

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



WHAT'S IN THIS EDITION

This edition provides neighborhood event schedules, community program announcements, safety updates, and more.

- **Community events scheduled:** Outdoor Storytime for kids will be held on Oct 6, Nov 3, and Dec 1 at Skyway Park Playground. A GAL Toy Collection runs from Oct 31 to Dec 3. The Holiday Boutique for adults is on Dec 3, and Family Fun Day is planned for Jan 9 at Skyway Sports Complex. Weather-related cancellations and contact information are provided.
- **Sidewalk repair program:** The County Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program application period opens on Oct 1, with the first 100 applications accepted and others waitlisted. Details are available on the county website.
- **Neighborhood dues collection:** Residents are requested to pay \$100 annual dues per home to support neighborhood improvements, payable online or by check mailed to the Civic Association Secretary/Treasurer. Payment methods and website links are provided.
- **Patriot Day remembrance:** An article recounts the 25th anniversary of 9/11, highlighting the maritime evacuation of hundreds of thousands from Lower Manhattan by boat after the attacks, encouraging residents to lower flags and observe a moment of silence at 8:46 AM.
- **Weather alert system installation:** Hillsborough County Parks installed a Perry Weather System with a PA and siren at Skyway Sports Complex to alert visitors to lightning and extreme heat. The system has been tested to minimize neighborhood disturbance and operates with a curfew from 10 PM to 8 AM.
- **Permit expiration changes:** Starting July 1, 2026, new single-family dwelling building permits in the City of Tampa will expire one year after issuance or on the next Florida Building Code effective date, replacing the previous 180-day expiration. Dana Shores residents with construction projects may find value in checking with the County to see if it is making similar adjustments to its expiration terms.
- **Boating communication technologies:** The article explains the limitations of common devices for offshore use and details typical offshore communication tools such as EPIRBs, PLBs, dedicated messengers, satellite phones, and AIS. It stresses verifying coverage, registration, and device functionality before purchase and use.
- **Safety checks and preparedness:** The Coast Guard Auxiliary and Power Squadron offer free vessel safety checks to help boaters understand and verify their equipment. The article also emphasizes the importance of leaving a float plan with someone onshore to improve rescue chances during emergencies.



Outdoor Storytime (Kid's Event)

Tues., Oct. 6, 5:30 – 6:00 PM

Tues., Nov. 3, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

Tues., Dec. 1, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

Skyway Park Playground; Weather-related cancellations posted on Facebook. Call Katie @ 913.706.6657 or Jeffy @ 813.857.1167 with any questions.

County Sidewalk Repair Partnership Program

Application Period Opens Thurs., Oct 1

First 100 applications accepted; others waitlisted. Visit

<https://hcfi.gov/residents/property-owners-and-renters/roads-and-sidewalks/sidewalk-repair-program#sidewalk-repair-partnership-program>



GAL Toy Collection

Sat., Oct. 31 – Dec. 3

<https://danashores.com/GAL/>

Holiday Evening Adult Event

Thurs., Dec. 3

Home of Jeffy & Ralph Beaver

3933 East Eden Roc Circle

<https://danashores.com/holiday-boutique/>

Family Fun Day

Sat., Jan 9

10 AM – 2 PM

Skyway Sports Complex



All Available Boats
See page 4 in this issue

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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Hillsborough County Citizen Advisory Committee	Allison Roberts
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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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WEATHER ALERT SYSTEM ENABLED AT SKYWAY



Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation has installed a Perry Weather System at Skyway Sports Complex. This is the same system you may have seen at various schools.

The system includes a public address (PA) and siren on the light pole closest to the football fields. It will be used to alert park visitors to lightning and extreme heat conditions and to promote safety.

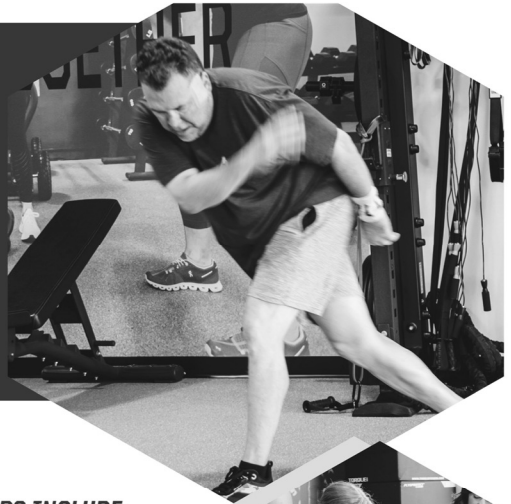
The County has conducted multiple tests of the system to help ensure the siren does not significantly impact Dana Shores residents. A curfew is also set between 10 PM and 8 AM.

To learn more, visit <https://perryweather.com/>.

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Patriot Day, September 11



This September 11 marks twenty-five years since the attacks of 2001. Around the country, flags come down to half-staff and a moment of silence is kept at 8:46 in the morning, the time the first plane struck. Nearly three thousand people died that day. Among them were hundreds of firefighters, police officers, and paramedics who went into the buildings while everyone else was coming out.

There is a part of that day that belongs to people who live on the water, and it does not get told as often.

By mid-morning, Lower Manhattan was cut off. The bridges were closed, the tunnels were closed, and the subways had stopped. Hundreds of thousands of people walked south until they ran out of island and then stood at the seawall with nowhere left to go.

A Coast Guard lieutenant named Michael Day put out a call on the marine radio. Three words rang out: "All available boats." He asked anyone willing to help evacuate Lower Manhattan to report to Governors Island.

The harbor answered. Roughly 150 vessels turned toward a skyline full of smoke, from Staten Island ferries that could carry six thousand people at a time down to inflatable dinghies that could take two or three, with tugboats, fireboats, harbor pilots, and dinner cruise boats in between. A good many were already working the seawall before the call ever went out, because that is what mariners do.

In less than nine hours they carried somewhere between 300,000 and 500,000 people off the island. Dunkirk, the evacuation most of us learned about in school, moved 339,000 soldiers over nine days.

Nobody had drilled for this. There was no plan sitting on a shelf. There were people who owned boats, who heard that other people needed to get off an island, and who went.

In Dana Shores, our boats are largely used for pleasure and fishing, and we hope they never have to be anything else. But the men and women in New York Harbor that morning were running ordinary craft too and, when the call came, they turned toward the trouble instead of away from it.

On September 11, please consider lowering your flag to half-staff and taking a quiet minute at 8:46. It costs nothing, and it honors the people who did not come home, the responders who went in anyway, and the boat crews who spent that day carrying strangers to safety and then turned around and went back for more.

If you would like to share the story with your family, a short documentary called Boatlift, narrated by Tom Hanks, is available online.

CURRENT & UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS...

Changes to Single-Family Dwelling Building Permit Expiration Dates

The DSCA received the following notice through the City of Tampa online permitting and applications system, Accela. We have not received the same from Hillsborough County. If you have a construction project underway or planned, it may be worth reaching out to Hillsborough County Building Services to learn how your project could be affected.

NOTICE FROM THE CITY OF TAMPA (DEVELOPMENT & GROWTH MANAGEMENT)

Who: All Accela Users: Applicants, contractors, owners, and others obtaining new single-family dwelling building permits within the City of Tampa.

What: Pursuant to Florida House Bill 803, the expiration period for new single-family dwelling building permits has changed.

When: This change becomes effective July 1, 2026, and applies to new single-family dwelling building permits issued on or after July 1, 2026.

Details: Under current requirements, building permits generally expire 180 days after the date of issuance unless otherwise extended.

Effective July 1, 2026, pursuant to Florida House Bill 803, new single-family dwelling building permits will no longer expire 180 days from the date of issuance. Instead, these permits will expire one (1) year after the date of issuance, or on the effective date of the next edition of the Florida Building Code, whichever occurs later.

The Florida Building Commission is expected to provide additional guidance regarding extension requests for permits that exceed the expiration periods established by the legislation.

What this means for you: Applicants obtaining a new single-family dwelling building permit on or after July 1, 2026, will no longer be subject to the standard 180-day permit expiration period.

Pursuant to the statute, these permits will remain valid for a minimum of one (1) year from the date of issuance. In some cases, permits may remain valid beyond that period based on the effective date of the next edition of the Florida Building Code.

Questions: If you any have questions about this change, please email CSDHelp@tampagov.net or call 813 274-3100, Option 1.

WHEN THE BARS DISAPPEAR



Most of us who keep a boat behind the house have had the same moment. You head out for a day of fishing and want to provide an update about your location or timing to a loved one but you're unable to get in touch. Perhaps somewhere between you and the last channel marker, the signal quietly gave up. Perhaps its something else including user error or a drained battery. Either way, it can lead to unnecessary worry at home, and it reduces your options should an emergency arise. The good news is that communication options have become more robust and less expensive in recent years.

This following is offered for general interest and to spark additional preparation among our boating community. It does not replace the reader's own research. Coverage areas, products, prices, and terms change frequently, and nothing here is a substitute for the manufacturer's own coverage information or the guidance of the U.S. Coast Guard. Please verify current details with the provider and confirm that any equipment suits your vessel and the waters you travel before relying on it.

What inshore fisherman often use

The following options are often worth having although they are not worth counting on once the land drops below the horizon. Anything that helps inshore, on the way out, and on the way back, has earned its place. The trouble comes when someone relies upon one of the following options believing it covers an offshore trip.

- **Your cell phone's satellite features.** Apple's Emergency SOS via satellite has saved lives, and it is free on recent iPhones. Apple has told the boating press that the service works in coastal waters where rescue services are active and is not currently available in international waters. Boaters have reported it working a few miles out and failing farther offshore. The carrier services work on the same principle. Verizon's satellite texting and T-Mobile's T-Satellite were designed to extend land coverage. AT&T has not launched a comparable consumer service yet.
- **Your VHF radio for reaching shore.** VHF is line of sight, so a Coast Guard shore station is generally out of reach past roughly 20 to 25 miles. At fifty miles, a distress call may still reach another vessel, and that is genuinely valuable, but you then become reliant upon another boat hearing and responding to you rather than the station.
- **Cell boosters and consumer Starlink.** A booster typically buys a few extra miles. Starlink's standard Roam plan stops at 12 nautical miles from shore by design. Going beyond that requires a different and more expensive offshore option.

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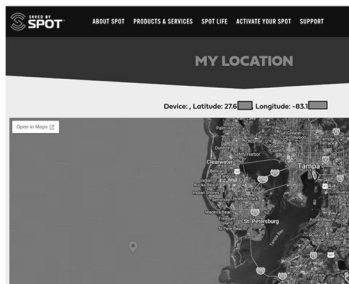
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WHEN BARS DISSAPPEAR CONTINUED...

What more boaters rely upon offshore

- An EPIRB. An EPIRB transmits a distress signal to Cospas-Sarsat, the international search-and-rescue satellite system, which covers the entire planet including open ocean. No subscription, no account, no monthly bill, and a long-term battery. It is registered to your vessel and it is what the Coast Guard is built to receive. For anyone running offshore, this equipment is often viewed as foundational.
- A PLB. The personal version of an EPIRB that is carried in a pocket or on a life jacket. That distinction matters if someone goes over the side, because a beacon on the boat does a swimmer or diver no good. Many offshore crews carry both.
- **A dedicated messenger.** Familiar names include SPOT (<https://www.findmespot.com/>), Garmin's inReach line, and Zoleo. Desirable product features often include sending and receiving text messages, sharing your position with family on a map, and having an SOS button that reaches a monitoring center. All three services require a paid subscription, and the plans vary quite a bit in what they include. As a rough sense of scale, devices tend to run from roughly \$150 to \$400, with service somewhere in the neighborhood of \$8 to \$50 a month.
- **A satellite phone or hotspot.** If you want to hear a voice rather than read a text, an Iridium handset or a device that turns your phone into a satellite phone is an option. This costs more and most of us do not need it, but it exists.
- **Offshore Starlink.** Real broadband past 12 miles is now possible through Starlink's offshore options, which is often also used for weather routing. It involves a mounted dish, meaningful power draw, and a bill to match. Treat it as a convenience and a weather tool, not as your distress plan.
- **AIS.** Worth a mention because at fifty miles the nearest help is often another boat. An AIS transponder puts you on their chart plotter, and an AIS man-overboard beacon puts a swimmer there too.



Questions worth asking before you buy

Whatever catches your eye, ask the dealer or the manufacturer directly, and ask about your water specifically:

- Does the coverage include the water I actually run, at the distance I actually run it? Ask to see the map.
- Does this depend on a cellular carrier's license, or on a satellite network of its own?
- When I press SOS, who receives it, and how does that reach the Coast Guard?
- Does the SOS still work if my subscription lapses or the battery is low?
- Is registration required, and how do I complete it?
- What does it need in order to work at all? (Nearly all of these want a clear view of the sky.)

Ultimately, the most important questions are whether you know how to use the equipment and when to use it. Test it on a calm afternoon with your family on the other end before you need it.

If you choose to purchase one of the above items, also read the full instructions and keep up with any housekeeping items. Register the beacon with NOAA, for instance, and keep the registration current because that is how responders learn who you are and whom to call. Another example is to ensure your VHF has Digital Selective Calling (DSC) and that you have an MMSI number programmed into it. One button on a DSC radio sends your position and your identity to everyone in range.

A complimentary offer worth taking

The Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Power Squadron both perform free vessel safety checks. They will walk your boat with you and talk through exactly these questions with your equipment in hand. It costs nothing but an hour, and it puts a knowledgeable person in front of your actual setup, which is worth more than any article.

A last thought. None of this replaces a float plan left with someone ashore who knows when to start worrying. At fifty miles out, the difference between a bad afternoon and a bad outcome is often just how quickly somebody notices you are late.

LETTER FROM A DOG



Dear Mom and Dad, Let me stay home. It's too hot for me to walk and run next to you. But because I'm a loyal dog, I often go beyond my limits. So, I walk and run beside you, standing still if I have to. And feel my paws burn. I'm looking at you for a moment, but you do not understand. Because in a little over 5 minutes we're at the cool puddle, right? But, those 5 minutes can be fatal to me. Because I sweat through my paws and in this heat, I just cannot get rid of the sweat. My whole body is boiling, but I keep going and then I end up on the cement. In the heat and in the sun.

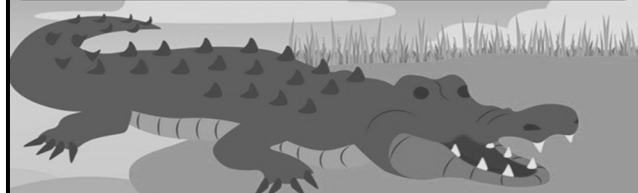
With my tongue out of my mouth and my eyes flashing in the sun. My paws are burning, my tongue is dry and my head is pounding in the heat my body cannot get rid of... Instead, let me stay at home where I can enjoy the sun with a large bowl of cool water, somewhere in the shade in a cool area with grass.

Love, Your Dog
Author Unknown

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR!

What is a nuisance alligator?

Generally, an alligator may be considered a nuisance if it's at least 4 feet in length and believed to pose a threat to people, pets or property. If you're concerned about an alligator, call the Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286), and the county will dispatch a contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation!



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– D. Shields

For those that have interest in selling their home and investigating options for a realty partnership, we couldn't be more pleased with the experience we had with the sale of our home with Debbie Trujillo and Coldwell Banker Realty leading the way. Debbie's knowledge of the Rocky Point area and the recent closings helped us to select a competitive price point. – Clint P.

Address	HTD	BE	FB	HB	Pool	Current Pric	Close Date ↓
4214 DEEPWATER LN	2,821	4	2	1	Private	\$765,000	01/07/2026
4836 TROYDALE RD	2,560	4	2	1	None	\$750,000	01/08/2026
4148 ROCKY SHORES DR	3,543	4	4	0	Private,	\$2,300,000	01/30/2026
3927 VERSAILLES DR	2,901	3	2	0	Private	\$940,000	02/03/2026
4065 ROCKY SHORES DR	2,032	3	3	0	Commur	\$605,000	02/06/2026
3910 DORAL DR	2,370	4	2	0	Private	\$1,075,000	02/06/2026
4302 DEEPWATER LN	2,594	4	2	1	Private	\$715,000	02/19/2026
7303 PELICAN ISLAND DR	5,345	6	5	0	Private	\$2,900,000	03/02/2026
4226 SALTWATER BLVD	2,843	4	2	1	Private	\$875,000	03/17/2026
3936 VERSAILLES DR	2,170	4	3	0	Private	\$1,192,500	03/20/2026
4304 SALTWATER BLVD U	2,435	4	2	1	Private	\$715,000	03/25/2026
7313 PELICAN ISLAND DR	8,446	5	6	1	Private	\$4,250,000	05/01/2026
3932 VERSAILLES DR	2,017	4	2	0	Private	\$1,225,000	05/08/2026
3912 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	2,332	3	3	0	Private	\$775,000	05/26/2026
4202 DEEPWATER LN	2,645	4	3	1	Private	\$975,000	05/28/2026
4908 TROYDALE RD	6,212	5	5	1	Private	\$3,000,000	06/01/2026
3926 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	1,780	3	2	0	None	\$835,000	06/09/2026
3921 E EDEN ROC CIR	2,632	4	3	0	Private	\$730,000	06/15/2026
3924 VERSAILLES DR	2,017	3	2	0	Private	\$1,275,000	06/23/2026
3945 FONTAINEBLEAU DR	1,885	3	2	1	None	\$705,000	07/13/2026
4028 ROCKY SHORES DR	4,808	5	5	1	Private,	\$3,372,000	08/04/2026
3920 VENETIAN WAY	2,070	4	2	0	Private	\$725,000	08/10/2026
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