



July 2013

## Diana Shores Homeowners Association



# Summer Shore Lines

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### *The President's Message*

By: Ric Garwood



Hello Everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July celebration and were able to spend time with family and friends. I want to thank all of you who attended the meeting in March and approved the new By-Laws. Our next project is the completion of the islands on Diana and Artemis, which is scheduled for the weekend of July 27-29.

You might notice that we are not planting ornamental grasses in the new islands. Brevard County no longer approves of the tall grass as it can block vision so at some point in the future when funds warrant we will be removing the grasses from the front islands. The remaining islands will include flax lily, which is less maintenance than the grasses.

In talking with residents they tell me that they do not pay the \$20 annual dues because they do not see anything happening in DSHA that reflects where the money goes. Well, the beautification and maintenance of the islands is where the majority of the dues money is spent. In fact, we could not complete them except that many residents who do pay their dues pay a little extra. That extra is, in effect, subsidizing those residents who do not pay dues. There may be extreme situations where \$20 a year would be a hardship, but for most residents \$20 a year will hardly be missed. Your participation in the homeowner's association is extremely important and we really need all of the residents to participate to ensure we can continue to meet our expenses. Your \$20 goes a long way.

Hurricane season is upon us so please be sure you and your family are prepared and have a plan in place in the event you need to evacuate. Don't forget to gather your important papers, medicine, and what hotels are pet friendly. The National Hurricane Center website [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) has information on preparedness and helpful links.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns and enjoy the summer!

Thank you, Ric

## Waste Management News

Information From: [www.BrevardCounty.us/solidwaste](http://www.BrevardCounty.us/solidwaste)

Beginning October 1, 2013 residents of unincorporated areas of Brevard County will have a new curbside collection agreement with Waste Management. A major change will be the automatic cart collection system. Two standard 64-gallon carts will be delivered to each customer at no charge between August 1st—September 27th. One cart will be for garbage, the other for recycling (yellow lids).

Some frequently asked questions are below:

- Can I change from the standard issue (64-gallon) carts and how is that done? Yes, within the first 60 days from the start of service there is no charge to switch out your standard issue cart(s), however, after that there is a \$25 delivery charge per cart.
- What about press releases before the program starts? Waste Management will develop press releases about the program and each cart delivered will receive an informational brochure. A postcard mailer will also be mailed to each resident’s home approximately 14 days before their carts are delivered.
- Will my schedule or collection hours change? Some areas may see a change and will be notified before the start of program. Collection hours will be 6:00 am to 8:00 pm.
- I have a disability—will there still be backdoor service? If there is no able-bodied person living at the residence to get the carts to and from the curb; Waste Management will still provide backdoor service with a letter confirmation from the customer’s doctor.
- I want to purchase my own cart; do I have to use Waste Management? Residents can purchase carts from Waste Management for \$75 (includes tax, delivery). Or residents can purchase their own compatible containers from Home Depot or Lowes (must meet standard for semi-automated/automated collection).
- I may have items that won’t fit in the cart, how is this handled? If you have bulk items that don’t fit in the container; contact Waste Management Customer Service and they will notify the customer what day they will be by to pick it up. Collection of bulk items will be available weekly.
- What if I need additional carts? Additional carts can be rented for \$4/month or purchased for \$75.
- If my cart is lost or damaged, what do I do? Damage to carts under normal wear and tear is replaced by Waste Management; however residents will have to pay \$75 for a replacement cart if stolen or subject to abuse or neglect by the customer.

Carts	Standard issue for garbage and recycling		
	96 Gallon	64 Gallon	36 Gallon
Dimensions are approximate			
Height	44 inches	41 inches	37 inches
Width	26 inches	25 inches	19 inches
Depth	32 inches	28 inches	24 inches

- Can I keep my old recycle bins? You can coordinate with Waste Management to have them picked-up or you may choose to keep them.
- Are there any changes to my yard waste collection? No, yard waste is not part of the automated collection and will continue to be collected as before.

# Treasurer Report

By: Tammi Belt



Have you paid your \$20 Dues for 2013? Not sure? No problem, just give me a call and I'll let you know. To keep our dues low we really need your participation in order to pay our expenses.

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<b>Ending Balance 2/28/13</b>	<b>\$9,580.18</b>	Expenses in May 2013:	
Expenses in March 2013:		Island Maint (Dec - April)	\$575.00
Newsletter Printing	\$172.41	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$575.00</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$172.41</b>	Deposits in May 2013:	
Deposits in March 2013:		Dues	\$415.00
Dues	\$475.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$415.00</b>
Dues	\$330.00	<b>Ending Balance 5/31/13</b>	<b>\$10,052.77</b>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$805.00</b>	Expenses in June 2013:	
<b>Ending Balance 3/31/13</b>	<b>\$10,212.77</b>	Insurance	\$814.36
Expenses in April 2013:		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$814.36</b>
None		Deposits in June 2013:	
Deposits in April 2013:		Dues	\$120.00
None		<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$120.00</b>
<b>Ending Balance 4/30/13</b>	<b>\$10,212.77</b>	<b>Ending Balance 6/30/13</b>	<b>\$9,358.41</b>

**45% of homeowners paid their 2013 Dues. Thanks to all of you!**



## Calendar of Events:

- **Open Now:** KSC Visitor's Center, Space Shuttle Atlantis Exhibit
- **July 27th:** King Center, Classic Albums Live, The Beatles: Sgt. Pepper
- **July 27th:** Brevard Zoo, Summer Saturday Nights
- **September 28th—October 20th:** Cocoa Village Playhouse, South Pacific
- Check out <http://www.brevardcountyevents.com> for a complete listing of local events.

## *Do You Know Your Neighbor?*

By: Tammi Belt

I bought my house in 1996 and started working on a total tear out and renovation. After six weeks I was finally ready to move in and by then I had already met my neighbors, who watched as the piles of debris ended up on the driveway. Since then we've had several street parties, talks while being outside and kept an eye on each other during hurricanes and tropical storms.

In the last newsletter I introduced you to Kathleen & Ken Dickinson, who have lived in Diana Shores since 1983. I was curious how long other residents have been here so I started to review our records. It turns out that we have twenty-one homeowners that bought their house in the 1960's so I'm guessing they are the original owner (my house was built in 1966 and I'm the third owner). Eighty-two homeowners bought in the 1970's, eighty-seven in the 1980's and one hundred seven since the 1990's. How long have you been here?

As a community we've gone through tough times with the end of the Apollo Program in 1972 and the Space Shuttle Program in 2011, but the economy is starting to improve and we're still a highly desirable neighborhood to purchase a home. People are taking pride in their homes and several remodeling projects are going on, which is great to see. Yards are starting to look good again with the recent rains and the entrances are finally going to be completed! The neighborhood just keeps getting better and better.

Several homes have sold over the past few months so have you met your new neighbors? Do you know everyone on your street? Maybe you've met residents while walking your dog or just going for a walk in the evening. Whatever you do, I hope you get out there and meet your neighbors; you may meet a new life long friend! I don't know about you, but I like a neighborhood where people wave to each other and say hi! It's refreshing!



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## **Welcome to the Neighborhood!**



February/March/April/May2013

New neighbors on Mercury, Artemis, Venus, Mars, and Vega.

We hope you enjoy living here!



## **Go GREEN!**

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