



March 2013

Diana Shores Homeowners Association



Spring Shore Lines

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Meeting Place:
Merritt Island Public
Library 6:30 PM
March 25, 2013

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The President's Message

By: Ric Garwood



Hello Everyone,

If you attended the recent annual meeting at the end of January, then you know that several new officers were elected to the DSHA Board of Directors:

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ric Garwood—President | Larry Foster—Vice President |
| Nancy Garwood—Secretary | Dave Katarski—Director |

Tammi Belt will continue as Treasurer, Jack Farley—Director and Terry Ryan—Director, Past President. I want to thank the previous board members for all of their hard work in support of our neighborhood.

As the new President, the first task at hand was to complete drafting the new proposed By-Laws for DSHA. It also falls to me to write an article for the newsletter so I want to focus on the By-Laws. This revision will bring us in line with the current operation of our association. The draft February 2013 By-Laws are posted on the website at <http://www.dianashores.com> for your review and comment. The list below summarizes the changes so you will be aware of them:

- Payment of dues is required for membership in the Association and enables you to cast your vote.
- Membership in the Association is voluntary.
- Honorary membership has been removed.
- Director positions have been reduced from five to three - two directors and the immediate past president.
- Membership meetings have been reduced from five per year to one annual meeting with the option of additional meetings if required.
- Board of Directors meetings have been reduced from one per month to one per quarter.
- The requirements for specific standing committees for Membership and Nominations has been deleted and will be replaced by committees being appointed as necessary.

That's it, not too extensive, but provides more flexibility for managing the Association. A vote on these amended By-Laws will occur at the next membership meeting on March 25, 2013 to be held at the Merritt Island Public Library at 6:30 pm. I urge you to attend, cast your vote and meet the new board!

Thank you, Ric

Who is Your Neighbor?

By: Tammi Belt

Meet Kathleen and Ken Dickinson, who live on Sykes Creek Drive. They have been residents of Diana Shores since October 31, 1983, but how did they end up here?

Kathleen describes themselves as army brats. Ken served in the military for 30 years and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, N. Carolina prior to arriving at his last duty station—Patrick Air Force Base (PAFB). There was a shortage of living quarters PAFB so they began to venture out in search of a home of their own to purchase. After looking around the county, they came to the conclusion that Merritt Island and specifically Diana Shores met their needs. The local schools, proximity to Orlando, PAFB and being on the water played a huge role in their decision to buy in Diana Shores.



In 1983, their house was one of only a few built on Sykes Creek Drive (see picture below). After retiring from the Army in 1987, Ken was employed by Vinnell Corporation in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Kathleen retired from her civil service job 1988 and joined Ken in Saudi Arabia for the next four years.



After finally retiring completely in 1993, “we are extremely pleased that we chose such a great and beautiful community. Where else can one enjoy dolphins and manatees in their back yard?”

I want to thank Kathleen and Ken for sharing their story and for the picture of the two of them in front of their canary date palm and their house at the end of the cul-de-sac with a single neighbor next door.

Please e-mail tammibelt@gmail.com with your story and any pictures you may have and be included in the next newsletter.



Calendar of Events:

- **March 16, 2013:** 5th Annual Whiskers, Wags, & Wine event to benefit the Central Brevard Humane Society held at Hayes Meats, 285 Fortenberry, Merritt Island at 12:00 pm.
- **March 22-24, 2013:** Tico Warbird Air Show at Space Coast Regional Airport.
- **March 25, 2013:** Membership Meeting and voting of proposed new By-Laws to be held at the Merritt Island Public Library, 6:30 pm
- Check out <http://www.brevardcountyevents.com> for a complete listing of local events.

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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| Ending Balance 12/31/12 | \$5,939.77 | Expenses in February 2013: | |
| Expenses in January 2013: | | US Postmaster (cards) | \$55.50 |
| US Postmaster | \$17.50 | Florida Dept of State | \$61.25 |
| Newsletter Printing | \$172.41 | Total: | \$116.75 |
| Garage Sale Ad | \$81.20 | Deposits in February 2013: | |
| Office Supplies | \$4.23 | Dues | \$260.00 |
| US Postmaster | \$17.50 | Dues | \$635.00 |
| Total: | \$292.84 | Dues | \$360.00 |
| Deposits in January 2013: | | Total: | \$1,255.00 |
| Dues | \$460.00 | Ending Balance 2/28/13 | \$9,580.18 |
| Dues | \$155.00 | | |
| Dues | \$505.00 | Residents that have submitted dues as | |
| Dues | \$500.00 | of March 2, 2013: | |
| Dues | \$565.00 | | |
| Dues | \$610.00 | | |
| Total: | \$2,795.00 | | 39% |
| Ending Balance 1/31/13 | \$8,441.93 | | <i>Come on...we can do better than that!</i> |

Neighborhood Reminders and Alerts

By: Tammi Belt

Periodically I hear from neighbors regarding various topics so I wanted to include some of them here:

- Animals are required to be on a leash. Not everyone appreciates cats doing their "business" in the flower bed.
- The speed limit is 20 mph and many residents speed through the neighborhood. Please slow down for everyone's safety. We certainly don't want to have to install speed bumps.
- Lawn watering restrictions currently allow for once a week. Visit <http://floridaswater.com> for more information.
- Dispose of cigarette butts properly—several small fires have started on the islands so please think first.
- Do not block sidewalks and review County Codes and Ordinances regarding proper storage of boats, etc.

Crime in the Neighborhood: Contact the Sheriff if you see anything or are a victim of a crime.

- Taurus Court—the rear windows of a vehicle broken out.
- Sykes Creek Drive—tires on rims stolen from the property.
- Mars Street—decal numbers applied to mailbox without permission.



1943 picture of what is now Diana Shores



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Welcome to the Neighborhood!



January 2013

New neighbors on Cepheus Ct. and Scorpius Ct.

We hope you enjoy living here!



Go GREEN!

Want to receive your newsletter electronically and get alerts about the neighborhood? Simply e-mail me at tammibelt@gmail.com or go to the website and complete the form.