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The President's Message

By: Ric Garwood



The Annual Membership Meeting was held back in January where the members who were present voted on the open board positions. We did not have any nominees so the current board remains in place. As we've stated in the past, it takes volunteers to keep the Homeowner's Association active so if you are interested or would like additional information about the positions we would love to hear from you. We also have block captains who deliver the newsletter to your door if you do not receive it electronically and we could always use more help. Many of tasks that we perform for you are not very time consuming so please consider supporting your neighborhood by volunteering.

I want to talk about Safety. I know that it is easy to turn off of Courtenay and just press the gas pedal, but please slow down for everyone's safety. Just like when you were young we have children who play outside skateboarding, riding bikes, or shooting hoops. Stop and think how you would feel if you were speeding and hit a child or a family's beloved pet or if it happened to your family. Being SAFE is more important than arriving at your destination one or two minutes earlier.

Is there anything you would like to see in the newsletter? Have you had a block party that you would like to share some pictures? Do you have some Rants or Raves to share anonymously? The newsletter is for you so if you have an article you would like to submit or information to pass along, please let us know. Don't forget the website!

Once again, if you have any suggestions or concerns you want addressed, just contact any board member. Enjoy your summer!

Treasurer Update

By Tammi Belt





It's hard to believe we are almost half-way through the year! For me the time has flown by with home renovations, visitors in town, and work. I keep saying that I'm going to get "caught-up," but that never seems to happen. The \$20 annual membership fee is due each January and so far this year we have almost 50% of the residents current. If you don't think your \$20 matters, it truly does. There are expenses and while they are fairly low, we need your support.


If you are also trying to get "caught-up" and not sure whether you paid your dues or not, just contact me and I will look it up. Deposits are made periodically and once I log the information into the spreadsheet I will e-mail or mail you a receipt. If you send more than \$20 please indicate if you are paying in advance, paying for previous years or sending extra. Thank you to everyone who has paid this year, it's appreciated!


Neighborhood Rants & Raves


By: Tammi Belt

 Some residents are not observing the water restrictions, which are in place year-round in Florida. Currently you are able to water **twice** a week: odd number addresses on Wednesday and Saturday, even numbered address on Thursday and Sunday; no more than one hour per zone and **NO** watering between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Visit www.sjrwmd.com for more information and helpful information.

 Updating our homes continues and I've had some work done as well and wanted to share the names of the local businesses I worked with: G&G Roofing, Brian's Stuck-on-You Stucco, Warren Harrison Painting, and Wagner Pavers. I was very pleased with all of them and it looks like I have a brand new home!

 Speeding in the neighborhood continues to be an issue so please observe the 20 mph and slow down for the safety of all residents, two and four legged alike!

 The members of the Board volunteer their time in support of our neighborhood and we have received some very thoughtful notes from residents expression their gratitude for our efforts. The kind words are greatly appreciated and it means a lot to all of us. Thank you!

 Remember that County Code allows for residents to have only two garage sales a year without a permit. We have been notified of potential violations so please sure you are in compliance to prevent violating code and being issued a citation.

Yard Recognition Program



In the past few years we have seen Diana Shores blossom once again into an inviting neighborhood to live in. People are out working in their yards and making improvements to their homes and it doesn't go unnoticed. The Yard Recognition Program has been reactivated to highlight residents who demonstrate above average efforts in maintaining their property thereby contributing to the overall appearance of our community at large. Additional categories could include yards containing Florida Native Plants, which do not require frequent watering or fertilizing and provide habitat for wildlife and the ever popular home grown vegetable gardens that have become popular with the added benefit of cutting down the grocery bill. If you are selected a decorative sign will be displayed in your yard for a month in addition to receiving a gift certificate from a local business.

Spring is in the air so let us all get out and make Diana Shores really shine and maybe you will be rewarded for your hard work!

Diana Shores Website

By: Terry Ryan



Did you know that your neighborhood has a website? If you have not been there before, please visit www.dianashores.com and check it out. It is always a work in progress and links may need to be updated so if you have any issues please let us know. We want to make it useful for the residents so if you are a member of the association in good standing, you may place free classified ads subject to appropriate content and if you have a business, you could be included in the Business Directory. Do you want to share information about an upcoming play, sports event, or other social activity that other residents may be interested in? If you do or have any suggestions for what you would like to see on the website, please e-mail me at tmryan737@aol.com.

Treasurer Report

By: Tammi Belt



If you have not yet paid your 2014 \$20 dues, please mail your payment to the address below.

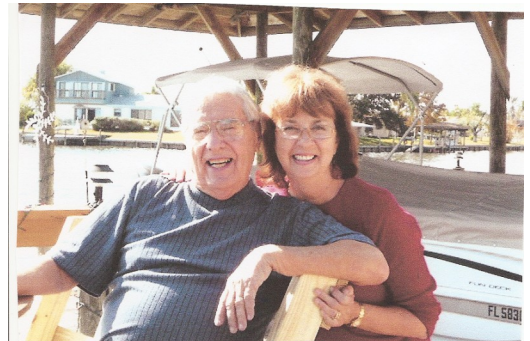
Our address is: DSHA, P.O. Box 540042, Merritt Island, 32954-0042

Ending Balance 12/31/13	\$3,736.73	Ending Balance 2/28/14	\$8,051.04
Expenses in January 2014:		Expenses in March:	
Newsletter Printing	\$112.36	Fertilizer for islands	\$68.81
Walgreens (envelopes/stamps)	\$25.24	Total:	\$68.81
Garage Sale Advertisement	\$81.20	Deposits in March:	
Total:	\$218.80	None	
Deposits in January 2014:		Ending Balance 3/31/14	\$7,982.23
Dues	\$3,485.00	Expenses in April:	
Total:	\$3,485.00	None	
Ending Balance 1/31/14	\$7,002.93	Total:	\$0.00
Expenses in February 2014:		Deposits in April:	
Fla. Dept. of State	\$61.25	Dues	\$655.00
US Postmaster (prepaid cards)	\$10.64	Total:	\$655.00
Total:	\$71.89	Ending Balance 4/30/14	\$8,637.23
Deposits in February 2014:			
Dues	\$1,120.00		
Total:	\$1,120.00		

Who is Your Neighbor?

By: Pat & John Daignault

In the 1960's we left Vermont with General Electric, came to Florida and were one of the 21 homeowners who first bought in Diana Shores. Our home at 1550 Mercury Street was still under construction and we moved in right before Christmas 1966. In 1973 we opened our real estate business and bought a waterfront home at 365 Orion Court where we added a pool and screened patio and spent the next 13 years. After convincing Don Bacon to sell us the lot at 1400 Sykes Creek we built our home and in June 1986 we moved in and have remained for 27 years being fortunate to have great views of Sykes Creek. We raised 5 children all of whom still reside in Merritt Island and we feel we made the best decision ever in choosing Diana Shores back in 1966 and have enjoyed living here for the past 47 years.



Did you Know??

By: Tammi Belt



Some of the items below have been in the newsletter previously, but we want to remind residents of the common violations in an effort to give you an opportunity to correct it. Violations concerning the roadways are reported to the Sheriff's Office and within the property are addressed through County Code Enforcement. We want to keep Diana Shores a desirable place to live for everyone.

- Junk or abandoned (no current license plate or registration) vehicles are prohibited from being parked or stored on the road or personal property. The owner is subject to a citation by law enforcement and potentially fees associated with the vehicle being towed.
- No golf carts, four wheelers, dirt bikes, or other recreational vehicles are permitted on the roadway unless properly licensed and tagged with the county.
- Yard debris in the street is prohibited (ensure your landscaping service isn't blowing grass clippings in the road).
- Residents have the right to trim vegetation hanging over the property line, however may not trespass onto neighboring property. Please contact your neighbor as a courtesy before pruning overhanging branches.
- The outside property must be maintained free of litter and other debris. It is the responsibility of the owner, lessee or tenants and occupants to maintain their property in a litter free condition and to eliminate all litter, trash, junk or debris that is improperly stored outside.
- There is a new program called My Brevard Yard Program. For more information visit <http://mybrevardyard.eventbrite.com> or contact the Brevard County Extension Office at 321-633-1702.

These are a few of the common violations that residents have expressed concern about. Please review and take the necessary action to correct any violations. The Code Enforcement Office addresses with issues within the property and can be reached via e-mail at code.enf@brevardcounty.us or 321-633-2086. Concerns regarding the roadways (abandoned vehicles, trailers/motor homes parked on the road, etc) contact the Sheriff's Office at 321-455-1448. To learn more about County Codes visit www.brevardcounty.us/PlanningDev/Home or <http://library.municode.com> to read the entire code. Animal Control can be reached at 321-633-2024.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



Hello to our new residents!

Ken & Tracy, Tim & Heather, Andrew, Janet & Robert, Megan, Sam & Helen, Tracy, Tim & Carmen, Chad & Diana, Matthew & Lisa, Kendell & Vanessa, Ernest, Clifton & Jennifer, Greg & Rachel, Mindy, James & Ladonna, Guy, and Meagan & Michael.



Please contact any board member if you are interested in volunteering on the board, preparing the newsletter, maintaining the website or delivering the newsletters.

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