



Oct/Nov 2013

Diana Shores Homeowners Association



Fall Shore Lines

www.dianashores.com

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 540042, Merritt Island, FL 32954-0042

Next Meeting:

January 23, 2014
Merritt Island Public
Library, 6:30 pm

Community Garage Sale:

Saturday, January 18,
8-2pm (rain date 25th)

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The President's Message

By: Tammi Belt (on behalf of Ric Garwood)



Hello Everyone,

The summer sure went by fast! Time flies when you are having fun! I'm looking forward to cooler temperatures and the upcoming holidays that are sure to include gatherings with friends and family, which is what life is all about.

It's that time again where we are looking for nominees for the Board. The following positions will be open: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The term for each of these positions is one year beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Membership Meeting where as a member of the Homeowner's Association, you will be given the opportunity to vote for the Board Members. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at the Merritt Island Public Library at 6:30 pm.

There are other options for volunteering and supporting your neighborhood. For example, the newsletter is delivered to your door unless you requested electronic delivery. Currently we have 18 Block Captains who deliver the newsletters and some of those folks take care of more than one street. If you like to walk, please consider volunteering to deliver the newsletter, which is published 4 times a year. Speaking of the newsletter, would you like to put your creative side to work and be the Newsletter Editor? The final version is e-mailed to a local printing company where they are printed and folded within a few business days and ready for pick-up.

Have you noticed the fall wreaths on the entrance signs? We want to thank Kathy LaRochelle, who previously volunteered on the Beautification Committee for taking the time to make sure our entrances look festive and welcoming!

As you can see, there are many ways that you can get involved in your community and volunteer. Whether being on the Board, delivering the newsletters, or preparing the newsletter, none of these tasks require a lot of your time, but they are invaluable in keeping our neighborhood a great place to live. If you are interested in any of these opportunities or would like more information, please contact any of the folks identified in the left hand column. We look forward to hearing from you!

Regards,

Tammi Belt, Treasurer & Newsletter Editor

Neighborhood Rants & Raves

By: Tammi Belt



The new standard issue trash cans (64-gallon) have arrived! You may request a 96 or 36 gallon cart at no charge as long as you contact Waste Management within 60 days from start of service (September 30th). There will be a \$25 delivery charge for each cart after December 1, 2013. The standard issue carts are larger than what many residents previously used and I've had some residents contact me about the new cans being kept on the driveway in full view. PLEASE be considerate of your neighbors and improve the curb appeal of your home by storing them out of sight, it would be greatly appreciated.



Driving through the neighborhood the other day I noticed a lot of home improvements in progress. Many residents were out working in their yards, trimming trees, installing new sod, and updating the look of their homes with stucco, pavers, and new landscaping. It is so exciting to see! I am currently getting estimates for similar work and decided to see what other residents have done to get ideas and I've got to say there are many fantastic, well taken care of homes in our neighborhood! It is a reflection of how much pride the owner has in their property and I am encouraged that home values in Diana Shores will continue to rise, which helps all of us. Keep up the great work!



The islands on Diana and Artemis were COMPLETED! Thanks to the residents who paid their dues!

Calendar of Events & Local Information

By: Tammi Belt



- The **Diana Shores Community Garage Sale** is fast approaching! With cooler temperatures approaching now is the time to clean out the garage and organize the closets and make some money to boot! An ad will be placed in the Florida Today newspaper for **Saturday, January 18th** from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (rain date is January 25th) and signs will be placed at the entrances as well. Another plus is that you'll have room for those new trash cans!
- Enchanted Forest Sanctuary to host **Annual Forest Festival** on **November 2nd** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary Management and Education Center in Titusville. Activities will include Florida wildlife and reptile presentations. There will be live music, guided hikes on the trails, environmental exhibitors' booths, native plants for sale by the Florida Native Plant Society, tours of the Butterfly Gardens, Artists with displays and painting on site. There will also be a Kids Corner with crafts, children's activities, face painting and more. This is a fun event for all ages and FREE of charge. For further information, call the Enchanted Forest Sanctuary at 321-264-5185.
- Construction of a **New Playground at Wickham Park** has been completed and is now open to the public. Wickham Park is located at 2500 Parkway Drive in Melbourne and for more information visit www.brevardcounty.us/Wickham or call the main office at 321-255-4307.
- The unique environmental features of Brevard County are a key part of what makes our area such a desirable area to both live and visit. In addition to 72 miles of beautiful Atlantic Ocean beaches, and the largest collection of endangered wildlife and plants in the continental United States, Brevard is within the watershed of North America's most diverse estuary: the Indian River Lagoon. These features provide access to a variety of recreational activities for everyone to enjoy. The Environment page of the Brevard County website was created to help residents Explore, Learn About and Protect the Environment of Brevard. Visit www.brevardcounty.us/Environment to learn more.

Treasurer Report

By: Tammi Belt



Have you paid your \$20 Dues for 2013? Not sure? No problem, just give me a call at 452-2866.

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

Ending Balance 6/30/13	\$9,358.41	Ending Balance 8/31/13	\$3,789.59
Expenses in July 2013:		Expenses in September 2013:	
Newsletter Printing	\$173.82	None	
Diana/Artemis Islands (plants)	\$5,555.00		
Total:	\$5,728.82	Deposits in September 2013:	
Deposits in July 2013:		Dues	\$105.00
None		Total:	\$105.00
Ending Balance 7/31/13	\$3,629.59	Ending Balance 9/30/13	\$3,894.59
Expenses in August 2013:			
None			
Deposits in August 2013:			
Dues	\$160.00		
Total:	\$160.00		

The annual \$20.00 maintenance fee is due each January, but if you would like to pay early just reflect that you are paying for 2014. Other associations in close proximity charge \$50+ so we need you in order to keep our rate so low. Thank you!!

Welcome to the Neighborhood!



June/July/August/September 2013

Charles & Brenda, Deborah, Jameson & Janet, Christopher & Heather, Howard, David & Laurie, Harold & Dawn, Mark & Rosemary, Gary & Georgina, Philip & Janet, and Karl & Sharon

We hope you enjoy living here!



Go GREEN!

Want to receive your newsletter electronically and get alerts about the neighborhood? Visit www.dianashores.com and complete the form. E-mail addresses are not shared and are "blind copied" for all communications. Be sure to let us know if your e-mail address has changed.

Did you Know??

By: Tammi Belt



- A resident of a single lot, parcel or tract of land within the unincorporated areas of Brevard may only have two garage sales within a 12 month period and they must not be carried on for more than a 48 hour period. If you have more than two garage sales you must receive a permit from the County.
- Yard debris is prohibited from being placed on the street. If you have a large pile of debris, you may need to contact Waste Management and schedule for a special truck to pick it up.
- No junk or abandoned vehicles are allowed to be on the property. It is also unlawful to have such vehicles along the roadway. The owner is subject to citation by law enforcement officials and if not removed the vehicle may be towed at the owner's expense.
- There are specific guidelines on where boats/trailers, recreational vehicles can be parked (not allowed to cross the sidewalk or be parked in the yard).
- It is unlawful to park any motor vehicle or trailer across or upon any sidewalks for pedestrians OR park on the road right-of-way in any manner that would create a health/safety concern for the public. The Sheriff's Department may issue citations to violators.
- What should be done if a dog is running loose or a neighbor's dog barks all the time and creates a nuisance? Contact Animal Control at 321-633-2024 to report the disturbance. Also, residential area properties are only permitted to have 4 adult dogs.
- Vegetation, walls or other obstructions blocking the view of traffic is a violation.
- Trash, debris, junk or discarded contents are not permissible in the yard.

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 for specifics.

Support Your Neighbor

By: Tammi Belt



Are you looking to have something done at the house? Maybe a new roof, painting, or a remodeling project? How do you find a reliable company or contractor? Word of mouth and social media can make or break a business. What if one of our residents has a business providing the service you need? For example, if you are getting ready to go on vacation and don't want to board your animals or just want someone to get your mail and keep an eye on the house contact Kathy Foster at 321-505-3559.

If you haven't been to the website lately, [visit www.dianashores.com](http://www.dianashores.com) and click on the business directory to see what some of our residents have to offer. There is a short form to complete if you would like to include your business. Supporting your neighbor is a Win-Win for both parties!

We would also like to hear from you if you've recently worked with a company and were happy with the experience and would like to make a recommendation. Relating back to my "rave" I've talked to several residents regarding who did their stucco or installed their roof. Seeing the completed work first hand is better than looking in the yellow pages. Besides if some of your neighbors want the same work, you may get a discount!