



Winter Shore Lines

A publication by and for Diana Shores Residents!

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Diana Shores Homeowners Association Mailing Address: P.O. Box 540042, Merritt Island, FL 32954-0042

MEETING PLACE

Merritt Island
Public Library

@ 7:00 PM

General Meeting
Monday, March 7th -
7:00 PM

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Jack Van Dusen, President 2011

Well, another year has come and gone. I hope that everyone had a Happy Holiday, and that 2011 will be a good year for all. I know that my family really enjoyed seeing all the beautiful, colorful and creative Holiday decorations and lights that many of our neighbors took the time & effort to share with us.

I hope that many of you took advantage of the opportunity to get your "spring cleaning" done early, earned some extra spending money, or found some great deals during our annual neighborhood garage sale on January 22nd. This is one of the many things that your Homeowner's Association supports by placing ads in the Florida Today & on Craigslist, along with displaying our roadside signs.

A very special thanks to Patricia Tierney and Terry Ryan for coordinating the volunteer effort to place "Flows to Lagoon, Keep Curbs Clean" markers on the 70+ storm drains within Diana Shores. It is an informative, visual reminder that each of us can contribute to the preservation of our beautiful local water system by being mindful of what we do, or more importantly don't, wash into the storm drains by our homes.

Another thank you goes out to the Brevard County Sheriff's Office, who was gracious enough to have Crime Prevention Practitioner Pam Conner and Lt. Mike Qualter speak at our last general meeting about our Neighbor Watch Program. Both were very personable & professional, while sharing with us some very practical tips and advice on how to make our homes & community safer.

Congratulations to Terry Ryan who was elected as our new Vice President at the elections held at our last general meeting! We are still actively seeking volunteers for the following open Board positions: Treasurer and two Directors. Please feel free to talk to any existing Board member about these opportunities to participate in your DSHA.

The next general meeting will be Monday, March 7th, at 7pm at the Merritt Island Public Library. Stop by and share any comments, concerns or suggestions on how our Association can better serve our neighborhood.



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WANTED:

Association Treasurer

The association is in desperate need of a Treasurer. Duties include: receiving and recording dues, donations and ad fees; paying bills, filing a very simple tax return and Florida State Annual Report.

Time involved is about an hour per week average over the course of the year. If you have any questions or are interested in the position, please contact Jack Van Dusen, President, or Terry Ryan, Interim Treasurer.

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UPDATE FROM THE MONEY LADY Terry Ryan, Treasurer

Your annual dues (maintenance fees) are now due. Our annual fee is only \$20.00. This is very low compared to our sister neighborhoods, who charge \$55.00 to over \$250.00 annually.

Your annual fees pay for costs such as the monthly landscape maintenance costs, insurance, document filing fees, Post Office Box rental, web site costs, advertising for the neighborhood yard sales, and newsletter production plus other miscellaneous items.

We thank all 310 residents who paid their dues in 2010. This represents only 58% of the 534 homes in the neighborhood.

Please use the enclosed pre-addressed envelope or hand deliver to one of your association board members. See page 3 for Annual Dues Form.

Thank you for your support of our neighborhood!

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2011 Annual Dues \$20.00

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Address: _____

Mailing Address if different from above:

Telephone: _____

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Would you like to receive your newsletter electronically? _____

If so please provide

Email Address: _____

Please enclose with your dues in the envelope provided

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ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS COMING SOON!

Terry Ryan, Treasurer

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Liz Erickson, Beautification Director

Winner's of \$25.00 Gift Certificate from Ace Hardware

November Yard of the Month - Suzanne & Keith Lord - 1650 Sykes Creek Drive

Dec. Yard of the Month - Josie - 400 Diana Blvd.

December Lights - Karen & Dean Proctor - 1485 Saturn St.

Runners ups for December Lights are too many to mention, the neighborhood was beautiful this year with the decorations and lights! They were judged, the second week in December.

With funds from last year, we were able to complete Diana Blvd. Islands and mulch all Islands on both entryways. Yard of the Month will begin in March 2011 to start off our spring season!. So work on getting your yards beautiful, our past two winters have been hard. Plant heat hardy plants that don't require much water. Remember water restrictions are still in effect. Water meter covers should be clear of debris, which is your responsibility. I've heard from several people who are experiencing higher water bills, check your yard for broken pipes and broken sprinkler heads.

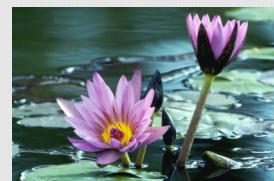
This year we'll be working on painting the wall behind the shopping plaza and raising money to do the last Island on Artemis. Remember dues are a big part of keeping our Islands maintained to county code. Brevard County doesn't provide any funding or support maintaining the Islands. Entryways are owned by the county, but it's strictly up to the subdivision to maintain and insure them. So pay your dues, so we can continue to keep our property values up and keep our entrance beautiful!

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Jim Dewey



DIANA SHORES STORM DRAIN INLET MARKER INSTALLATION
VOLUNTEER EVENT HELD ON SAT., FEBRUARY 12TH

Janine B. Van Dusen, Secretary/Website



75 inlet markers were installed to replace the ones that had been originally installed by Brevard County's Natural Resources Department some time ago.

Storm sewers are meant to prevent flooding during a rain event by rushing the water off our property and streets and into the surrounding waterways. However, as the storm water runoff leaves our properties and flows down the street, it picks up sediment, fertilizer, automotive fluids (which drip from vehicles), pet wastes and anything else in its path.

These pollutant laden storm water runoff enters our canals and creeks and rivers and causes a decline in water quality; unless there is a method to clean it first. In Diana Shores, we have little to no storm water treatment, so the only way to reduce the pollutants to our waterways is to stop at the source. Keeping our curbs clean is helpful. If only rainwater enters the inlets, our waterways would receive less pollution. For more information on how you can learn about Storm Drain Pollution go to Brevard County's website at <http://www.brevstorm.org/watershed.cfm#>. Click on the Pollution Prevention tab on the left for more information.

A big THANK YOU to homeowner, Patricia Tierney, for spearheading this event and the following volunteers who worked to install the markers:



Walter and Janet Gould

Terry Ryan

Judy Schaeffer

Patricia and Jim Tierney

Janine, Rachel and Jacob Van Dusen



This is what can happen, when storm drains get clogged up!



Build A Family Emergency Plan by the Red Cross

No one likes to think about the threat of impending emergencies, much less sprinting out the door to equip the house for every eventuality. However, enlisting the cooperation of your family members to help prepare your household for an emergency is the perfect way to set, fast.

It also presents a great opportunity to begin a family conversation about disaster preparedness, not to mention honing your families research skills along the way!

To get started, recruit your kids to do some research into disaster preparedness. We live in hurricane territory and we need to be ready also for tornadoes and floods. No matter whether you live on the coast, in the woods, in the city, it's important to be prepared for everything - especially if the closest you've gotten to a family emergency discussion is teaching Rover to "stop, drop and roll"!



First things first: a home first aid kit is a household must have. Here's some basics to begin with, as recommended by the Red Cross:

- Adhesive bandages, various sizes
- Sterile gauze pads, various sizes
- Conforming roller gauze bandage
 - Antiseptic wipes\\
 - Antibacterial ointment
 - Cold packs
 - Small scissors\\
 - Tweezers
- Aspirin or non-aspirin pain reliever
 - Anti-diarrhea medication
 - Flashlight
 - Whistle
 - Waterproof matches

Consider stocking up enough food and water for three days for each family member. Don't forget your pets, they need extra food and water too. Get a list of pet friendly hotels, some shelters won't let you bring animals into them. Micro chip your animals, just in case you have to leave them behind. Make a list of emergency contacts & implement your emergency plan. Be prepared!