

Fairway Estates Newsletter

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

January, 2010



Fairway Estates Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Fairway Estates Community Association will be held on Monday, February 1, 2010, 7 pm, at the Dunedin Country Club. All residents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. If you haven't yet paid your 2010 association dues, you'll be able to do so at the meeting.

Agenda

- * Call to Order
- * Pledge of Allegiance
- * Acceptance of nominations to board positions
 - Election of new board for 2010
- * Approval of Minutes of 2009 Annual Meeting
- * Officers' Reports
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer - 2009 budget review and approval
2010 budget projection
- * Report from Membership Chair
- * Report from Beautification Chairperson
- * Report from Special Events Chairperson
- * Report from Newsletter Chairperson
- * Report from City Liaison
- * Old business
 - Deed Restriction Update
- * New business
 - Election of New Board Officers
- * Guest Speakers
 - Mayor Dave Eggers
 - Deputy Sherri Roberts, from the Pinellas County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit
- * Adjournment

Annual Meeting Speakers

The Board is pleased to have Mayor Dave Eggers as one of the speakers at the Fairway Estates annual meeting. He has been asked to talk about the agreement recently made between the city and the country club, and how it will affect our neighborhood in terms of traffic flow, parking along Palm Boulevard, etc. Mayor Eggers has agreed to take questions from the audience after his talk.

In addition, Sheriff's Deputy Sherri Roberts will speak about the many crime prevention services offered by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office, the importance of the neighborhood watch program and the vital role that block captains play in the success of the program. Deputy Roberts will have flyers to distribute, explaining the various programs she'll address.

2010 Census Information

The first phase of the 2020 census is underway, with workers verifying addresses of households across the country. The next phase will be to gather information about every person living at each address, including name, age, gender, race and other relevant data.

Any census worker coming to your door will carry proper identification (badge and ID). Check their identification before answering any questions. You only need to tell them how many people live at your address, and other basic information listed above. They will not ask personal questions, such as Social Security numbers, credit card or bank information. They may ask for general household salary range, but you don't have to answer.

If you are contacted by phone, only give the same general information. And never open or respond to any email. The Census Bureau will not contact you by email.

Contact Charlotte Murray at 736-8944, or at bcmurray2@verizon.net, with any information for this newsletter.

This and That



Holiday Party

The weather was cool but friends and neighbors came to Lake Saundra Park for the annual Holiday Gathering. There were many familiar faces and some new families with children, which made Jamie, our clown and face painter, very happy. It was a great way to begin the holidays.

Thanks to the many elves who made the gathering happen - Kathie Aubin, Jim and Cathe Bain, Joan Calo, Charlotte Murray, Diane and Don Podnar and Nancy Saad.

The red ribbons on the palm trees along Palm Boulevard add to the holiday spirit and are in memory of Kay Riley, who started the ribbon tradition.

(From Ina Laughton,
Special Events Chair)

Garage Sale

The November community garage sale was a great success for those participating, but the number of residents who signed up was far less than in the past. Perhaps you don't have much to sell anymore, or maybe another date would be better. The board would like to continue to offer this neighborhood event only if you want it. Your thoughts please!! Let Ina Laughton (734-5023) know what you think.

Frost Damage

Our lawns and shrubs took quite a beating from the recent cold spell. What should we do and when? The answer depends on the kind of plant damaged. For an expert opinion, go to <http://pinellasifas.ufl.edu> and search for "frost damage to plants."

New Resident Gathering

Lianne Doglione and Marion Humann, the association welcomers, will host another gathering for new residents sometime in March. Invitations will be sent to those new residents whose names they have. However, since it's very hard to gather names of all new neighbors, they ask that you not be shy and call one of them if you'd like to attend, and to find out date, time and place. Lianne can be reached at 733-4917 and Marion at 734-1801. It's a great chance to meet other new residents as well as the members of your board of directors. Again, please don't be shy. Call Lianne or Marion and let them know you'd like to attend.

Vacation Protection

As one of the many free services offered by the Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Unit, they will check on your home while you're away. Just call 582-6177 several days prior to leaving. Deputy Roberts will talk about this and about other crime prevention services provided by the Sheriff's Office at the annual meeting.



Dunedin Cited Again

The magazine Boat U.S. Trailing featured a wonderful article about Dunedin in its October/November 2009 issue. Even if you're not a boater, the story is a great one about our "Delightful Dunedin." Go to www.dunedingov.com to read this very favorable piece.

Resident Directory

The 2010-2011 Resident Directory is now at the printer and will be ready for delivery in early February.



Hazardous Waste Collection

A collection of hazardous electronics and chemicals will be held on Saturday, February 6 at Dunedin High School, from 9am to 2pm. Among those items that can be dropped off are televisions, cell phones, video game players, paints, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers, etc. For more information about what is accepted, call 464-7500.

Vanity Plates



Fairway Estates vanity plates are still available and can be purchased at the annual meeting for \$12.00. Show pride in your neighborhood by putting one on the front of your car or on your golf cart.

Thanks

- * To Kathie Aubin for serving the board of directors in so many positions over the years.
- * To Manny Farinas for setting up a database of all owners and residents.
- * To Maryellen Farinas for taking on the huge task of producing the directory.
- * To Marion Humann who's always available to share advice and expertise about the association.
- * To Carrie Mahony for all she's done to keep our neighborhood looking great.
- * And to all the residents who support Fairway Estates with their dues and with all the volunteer help they give to our community.

Did You Know?

- ♦ That over 30,000 people used the Dunedin Library in December. That's about 1,000 people a day.



Letter From the President

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2010.

I also hope that everyone will attend the annual meeting on Monday, February 1, 2010, 7pm at the Dunedin Country Club. Please come early to sign in and pay your annual dues, if you haven't already done so. Our guest speakers will be Dunedin Mayor Dave Eggers and Deputy Sherri Roberts from the Crime Prevention Unit of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office.

As most of you know, I'll be stepping down as president of the association. But, if appointed, I will be taking on the position of "Architectural Control and Deed Restrictions." It is something I feel is very important to our community. Previously I have held the positions of membership, vice president, and most recently, as president of the board. My service to the association has been both educational and enlightening, and I hope to continue to serve our community as long as I can.

I'd like to thank the board for all their hard work, but my special thanks go to Lois Phillips, who has worked countless hours and is so dedicated to Fairway Estates. Her work regarding the deed restrictions has been inspiring. She is truly an amazing person and dedicated member of our community. And, of course, all the board members have done an amazing job throughout the year and deserve thanks.

I also want to thank everyone who has contacted me during the year for any number of reasons. The calls and emails were sometimes good and sometime not so good, but I have loved every one of them because they proved to me that people care about our community. Please don't stop!!

Again, please come to the annual meeting. Your vote does count. Thanks and best wishes to all.

Kathie Aubin (434-8865)



Fairway Estates Women's Club

As you may know, The Fairway Estates Women's Club enjoys 4 luncheons annually. The most recent one, the Holiday luncheon, had 64 women attending, including our local Red Hat Club. Mo Freeney and Dave Leffert provided sing-a-long and piano accompaniment to Christmas songs. And as is the ritual, Betty Paul led us all in an animated version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

Our very generous group contributed a substantial amount of money toward gift cards for a needy family of 6, something we do every year. A portion of the collected money also went to support a local food pantry.

In addition, 286 pounds of non-perishable food was collected for the food pantry.

Our next luncheon, on Monday, February 15th, will again be at the Dunedin Country Club. The guest speaker will be Claudia Lewis from Plan C Initiative, a non-profit organization devoted to encouraging communities to develop ecological landscapes. She'll be speaking about using native plants in your garden.

Wish you would join us. We have a wonderful membership of great ladies.

Judie Hutchins, President

For those who haven't yet paid your 2010 association dues, please fill out the form below and mail it, with your payment of \$40.00 to FECA, PO Box 563, Dunedin, FL 34697. Thank You.

Fairway Estates 2010 Annual Membership Dues - \$40.00

Homeowner: _____

Fairway Estates Address: _____

Mailing Address if different from above: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email address: _____

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Upcoming Events

Jan. 30 - Art Show - Pioneer Park, Downtown
Feb. 12 - Mardi Parti for Pups - Pioneer Park
Feb. 15 - **FE Women's Club Luncheon**
Dunedin Golf Club, 11:30am
Feb. 16 - Mardi Gras Celebration, Downtown
Feb. 20/21 - Arts and Crafts Festival, Downtown
March 5/6 - Trashy Treasures Art Sale
Dunedin Fine Art Center
March 6 - Antique Fair, Downtown
March 13 - Historic House Tour, various homes

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Downtown
March 20 - Coastal Clean-Up, Dunedin Causeway
March 20 - Military Tattoo, Dunedin High School
March 27 - Highland Games, Highlander Park
Green Market - Every Friday through April
2nd Friday Wine/Art Walk, Downtown
Fairway Estates Board of Directors meeting
Second Monday of each month - 7pm. Board
meetings are open to any dues paying member of the
association. Call a board member for location.