

Fairway Focus

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

January, 2011



Fairway Estates Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Fairway Estates Community Association will be held on Monday, February 7, 2011, 7 pm, at the Dunedin Golf Club. All residents are encouraged to attend this very important meeting. If you haven't yet paid your 2011 association dues, you'll be able to do so at the meeting.

The Board is looking forward to having Vince Gizzi, Dunedin's Parks and Recreation Director, and a Fairway Estates resident, speak at the annual meeting about the completion of Weaver Park, and about the city's acquisition of open waterfront land just north of Mediterranean Manor to use as a public passive park.

In addition, for the first time the board is sponsoring a "trade fair" at the meeting. This is an opportunity for residents to promote their businesses and hopefully get new customers in our neighborhood. It's the board attempt to give preference to our residents' businesses, thereby discouraging solicitors from getting work in Fairway Estates that our residents can provide.

Agenda

- * Call to Order
- * Pledge of Allegiance
- * Acceptance of nominations to board positions
 - Election of new board for 2011
- * Approval of Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting
- * Officers' Reports
- * Reports from Board Chairpersons
- * Old business
- * New business
 - Election of New Board Officers
- * Program
 - Guest Speaker: Vince Gizzi, Director of Dunedin Parks & Recreation
 - Trade Fair

New Name For This Newsletter

You probably noticed that this newsletter has a new name. Thank you, Arlene Walsh, for submitting the new name that the board chose at their December meeting. It certainly expresses what this newsletter is all about, a focus on the neighborhood and also on Dunedin and what makes it so special.

And thanks so much to Cindy Gamblin, Steve and Gayle Holton, Judie Hutchins, Shirley Varney, and David and Diane Wiley for sending their ideas. They were all so good that it was hard to choose. It was great to have so many residents participate. Again, thank you all.

Board President Resigns Due to Relocation

At the December 13th Fairway Estates Community Association board meeting, Stephanie Quartaro, president, submitted her resignation. Stephanie and her husband Nick will be moving to Denton, Texas at the end of this month where Nick has joined the coaching staff of the University of North Texas football team.

In her resignation letter, Stephanie says "thank you for the opportunity to serve and work with so many hard working members of the Fairway Estates community. Continued good luck and success in all you take on. I will remain a homeowner, so I expect to hear from you asking for my yearly dues, which I will gladly continue to support."

In just the 3 years that Stephanie and Nick have lived here, Stephanie has given her all to the community, serving as president of the Fairway Estates Women's Club while she also chaired the Association board. They will be missed by many, but it's great to know that they plan to come back and call Dunedin and Fairway Estates home in their retirement.

Good luck and best wishes, Stephanie and Nick.

Manny Farinas, board vice president, is now the acting president. He can be contacted at 305 799-7219 or at farinas8@gmail.com

This and That



Holiday Party

Wow!!! What a crowd!! More people than ever, and certainly lots more kids, came to Lake Saundra Park for the annual holiday gathering. The kids kept Lacey, the clown and face painter, very busy. Next year we plan to have more activities for kids, but we still can't beat the fun they have climbing that beautiful magnolia tree.

The 10 pizzas that were delivered hot from Bambino's, (an advertiser in our directory) were gone in 1/2 hour, and the sandwiches didn't last much longer. The cookie exchange was a win/lose affair because all the beautiful and yummy contributions were eaten before anyone could take any home. Thanks to all the bakers.

Many people made the gathering such a success; Jim and Cathe Bain, Diane and Don Podnar, Judie Hutchins and Nancy Saad. And of course it wouldn't have happened without the hard work of Ina Laughton, special events chair. Thanks Ina, for a great afternoon.!!

The red ribbons on the palm trees along Palm Blvd., in memory of Kay Riley, add to the holiday spirit and are also the work of Ina and her elves. Thanks again, Ina.

Frost Damage

Just like last winter, our lawns and shrubs took quite a beating last month, the coldest December on record. What should we do and when? The consensus seems to be not to do anything until at least March. If last winter was any indication, the lawns will green up again and many plants will come back in the warmer weather. For more information, check out <http://pinellasifas.ufl.edu>. Search for "frost damage to plants."

Hazardous Waste Collection

A collection of hazardous electronics and chemicals will be held on Saturday, February 5th at Dunedin High School, from 9am to 2pm. Among those items that can be dropped off are televisions, cell phones, paints, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers, fluorescent light bulbs etc. For more information about what is accepted, call 464-7500.

Tree Work At Lake Saundra

After getting 3 estimates, the board recently contracted with Pete and Ron's Tree Service to remove a dead tree at the southern end of Lake Saundra Park and to have hazardous limbs removed from all the trees on the association owned lake property.

World Record Set

Dunedin broke a world record last fall at "Dogtoberfest" held at Highlander Park. Over 426 dogs in costumes gathered in one place, breaking a previous record of 208 dogs at Shea Stadium in NY. Publicity about the event went worldwide and Dunedin will be featured in the the next edition of the Guinness Book of World Records.



Speaking of dogs, if you haven't already seen it, check out the wonderful "Dogedin" mural on the building at the corner of Main Street and Douglas Avenue.

Dunedin Recycles

Dunedin set a record in December with 78,000 lbs of curbside collection from homes and businesses. Home collection costs a one-time non-refundable bin deposit of \$5 and a service fee of \$2.79 month. Call 298-3215, Ext. 24 if you're interested in this recycling convenience.

New Park Grand Opening

The grand opening of Weaver Park will be held on Saturday, February 5th, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm.

There will be entertainment, light refreshments, and demonstrations by members of the Dunedin Fine Art Center. Bus service to the park, from Main Street & Highland Avenue, will be provided by the Jolley Trolley. Don't miss the fun!!

Work on Palm Blvd.

The work on Palm Boulevard at the corner of Greenway is for Dunedin Isles stormwater improvement. Construction of new stormwater treatment ponds is in the works and completion of the project is scheduled for early October.

Welcome to New Residents

If you're a new resident, Mary Lyon, membership chair, has a package of information for you, including the Fairway Estates Resident Directory. Please contact Mary at mary.lyon@hotmail.com or at 733-4018 so she can welcome you to the neighborhood.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CORNER

Since we have no sidewalks, remember that we share the road with walkers and bikers. Some of those walkers and bikers are children. Let's remember that they don't always think about safety.

Just the other day I was coming around a corner and a child on her bike was coming straight at me. Some of the corners in our beautiful neighborhood are hard to see around. So **PLEASE** slow down and keep your eyes open.

By Cyndi Rodts, Neighborhood
Watch Chair

Clarification About and Enforcement of Deed Restrictions

There seems to still be confusion about the status of Fairway Estates as a deed restricted community. Due to the hard work, diligence and extraordinary time spent by Lois Phillips, resident, board member and attorney, it was determined that most of Fairway Estates is still deed restricted, with the exception of the very first parcel built. That section is Palm Blvd., Ben Hogan Drive and Fairway Drive to Palm Boulevard. For all the rest of Fairway Estates, the original deed restrictions never expired. Lois showed a map at last year's annual meeting highlighting exactly what areas were and were not deed restricted. That map will again be at this year's Feb. 7th annual meeting.

Wherever you live in Fairway Estates, it is the intent of the board of directors to assure that the neighborhood remains as attractive and well maintained as it is now. To that end, the board has adopted a policy statement regarding the enforcement of the deed restrictions. It states "It is the policy of the Fairway Estates Community Association to investigate complaints concerning violations of the the Community Deed Restrictions, to seek voluntary compliance with restrictions and to refer violations that are

not voluntarily corrected to the City of Dunedin Code Enforcement personnel." The following procedures will be followed by the board.

Upon receiving a written complaint, the board will investigate by contacting the person filing the complaint, by driving by subject property and talking to neighbors, if necessary, and then contacting the city to determine if the violation is also in violation of city code. The board will then determine if the complaint is a violation.

If, after determining that there is a violation involved, a written notice will be sent to the homeowner. The notice will identify the violation and set a deadline for it to be remedied. The notice will also tell the homeowner that failure to remedy the problem will result in the matter being referred to the city of Dunedin Code Enforcement Officer.

If you have a complaint, please put it in writing and send it to the FECA board at PO Box 563, Dunedin, 34697. Letters can be sent anonymously, but be sure to include the address of the possible deed restriction offender.



Fairway Estates Women's Club

The holiday luncheon of the Fairway Estates Women's Club, held at Dunedin Golf Club, had a large attendance and it was a great time, getting everyone into the holiday spirit. A local singer provided the entertainment, and, as is the custom, resident Betty Paul led everyone in an animated version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

The group generously contributed toward giving a needy family of 4 a very nice Christmas, something the club does every year. In addition, 240 pounds of non-perishable food was collected for a local food pantry.

The next luncheon, on Monday, February 21st, will be at Jonny Primo's in Palm Harbor. The speaker will be Lois

Phillips, a Fairway Estates resident, who will talk about emergency preparedness - having all your papers in order in case of any type of personal disaster.

Membership is just \$10 a year and the luncheons cost \$17. Call Arlene Feehan, (738-0205) or Christine Lawrence (812-9190 if you'd like to attend the February luncheon. New members and guests are always welcome.

Contact Charlotte Murray at bcmurray2@verizon.net with corrections or ideas for this newsletter.

For those who haven't yet paid your 2011 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. Or pay at the annual meeting. **Thank You.**

Fairway Estates 2011 Annual Membership Dues - \$40.00

Homeowner: _____

Fairway Estates Address: _____

Mailing Address if different from above: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email address: _____

If you like to see your name in print, pay your dues now. A list of dues paying members of the association will be printed in the spring newsletter.

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Upcoming Events

Feb. 5 - Electronic/Chemical collection
Dunedin High School, 9-2



Feb. 7 - Fairway Estate Annual Meeting
Dunedin Golf Club, 7pm

Feb. 19 - Mutt March, Highlander Park

Feb. 19/20 - Arts and Crafts Festival,
Downtown



Feb. 21 - FE Women's Club Luncheon
Jonny Primo's, 11:30am

Feb. 27 - Footloose Follies Chorus Concert
Dunedin Community Center

March 5 - Dunedin Youth Guild Style Show
Dunedin Golf Club

March 5 - Antique Fair, Downtown

March 8 - Mardi Gras Celebration,
Downtown



March 12 - Historic House Tour, various homes

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration, Downtown

March 19 - Coastal Clean-Up, Dunedin Causeway

April 2 - Military Tattoo,
Dunedin High School

April 9 - Highland Games, Highlander Park



April 16/17 - Island Earth Days, Honeymoon Island

Green Market - Every Friday through
April, & Saturday through
July, Pioneer Park, Downtown



2nd Friday of Month - Wine/Art Walk, Downtown

Fairway Estates Board of Directors meetings
Second Monday of each month - 7pm at the Dunedin
Golf Club.. Board meetings are open to any dues
paying member of the association.