

Fairway Estates Newsletter

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

October, 2010

Quite a Sight to See!!

Imagine you're at home and someone comes to your door offering to buy the 25' canary island palm tree that's been in your yard for the past 45 years. He says his company will pay quite a lot of money, cash, to remove the tree, and will even replace it with a new small palm tree. At first you might say no, but after checking out the company and finding they sell trees all over the state, including to Disney World, the decision is "why not."

The day of removal brought a crew of 5 men who dug around the tree with only shovels. It was then lifted out of the ground by crane, and the roots trimmed. The tree was then put on the ground, the root ball wrapped in burlap and plastic and then the fronds carefully tied. The tree was then loaded onto a flatbed bound for Miami, where one would like to think it graces the front yard of Sylvester Stallone's Florida home, or maybe it went to the Super Bowl. Such a magnificent palm tree is surely being enjoyed by someone, and our neighbor loved the experience (and the extra money in the bank).

(Margie Sigman contributed to this article)

Solicitors in the Neighborhood

"No Soliciting" signs have now been posted at all entrances to Fairway Estates. Although it has helped a bit, it's still an issue and residents need to help by confronting these solicitors to discourage their presence.

According to the Dunedin City Clerk's office, those people leaving ads on your doorknob must apply for a "handbill permit" by filling out an application at the City Clerk's office. Copies of this application are sent to the code enforcement officers and to the Sheriff's office. These solicitors aren't given any identification to present to the resident but they are on record as having gone through the proper channels.

For those solicitors ringing doorbells, a "solicitor's permit" is needed and is issued by the Sheriff's office. Those solicitors are given identification to verify that they have been issued the necessary permit, so be sure to ask to see that identification before talking to them.

In addition to confronting these unwelcome intruders, the best recourse is to call a code enforcement officer (Mike Kepto 298-3212, or James Leavengood 298-3190). You can also put a "no soliciting" sign at your front door. This problem will never completely go away but we can all do our part to discourage solicitors.

If you know your neighbor is out of town, do them a favor by removing any ads left at their door, and if you see suspicious "salespeople" around a house, call the Sheriff's office non-emergency number (582-6200).

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This and That

Community Garage Sale

Time to clean out the garage and the closets. The annual Fairway Estates community garage sale will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 8am to 3pm.

If you are a member of the association and would like to participate, call Ina Laughton at 734-5023 by Thursday, November 4th. The association will obtain the necessary group permit, and will take care of advertising and signage.



It's a great time to make a little extra money, or maybe to find a treasure that you didn't know you needed.

Please, Please Name This Newsletter

This newsletter really needs a name!! If you have an idea, please send it to bcmurray2@verizon.net. The choice will be announced in the next newsletter and the winner will receive a \$30 gift certificate to a restaurant of your choice.

Take a Walk Around Downtown

Things keep changing in our "delightful Dunedin." so it's time for another visit downtown. There's a new restaurant and a new bakery on Scotland Ave, right on the trail, and a couple of new restaurants and several new stores on Broadway. Also, the Dunedin Fine Art Center has studios and a gallery on the 2nd floor of the Stirling Commons building on Broadway. Then walk around the corners and check out the new businesses on Douglas and Highland Avenues. And don't forget the old standby stores and restaurants who have helped Dunedin earn the reputation of "delightful."

Speed Humps

At a public meeting held on October 6th by the city's traffic division, it was stated that 2 of the speed humps on Brady Drive are scheduled to be removed, leaving only the one closest to Mangrum Drive. The city realized the impact the humps made on the increased traffic to Sarazen Drive. There will now be added enforcement by the sheriffs on Sarazen Drive. Expect to see that added presence and please adhere to the 25 mph speed limit throughout the neighborhood.

Don't Forget to Vote

If you haven't already voted by mail, don't forget to go to the polls on November 2nd. The last item on the ballot is a Dunedin referendum question asking "shall the city amend its Charter to provide for a term of office for the Mayor and City Commissioners of four years." They now serve a 3 year term. This change in the charter would enable the city to have its local election in November in conjunction with state and national elections, thereby eliminating the need for, and expense of, a separate election in March for local government officials.



Welcome to New Residents

A gathering to welcome new residents is being planned for sometime in November and will be hosted by Lianne Doglionne and Marion Humann. Invitations will be sent, but if you're new to Fairway Estates and don't get an invite, please call either Lianne at 733-4917 or Marion at 734-1801 to let them know you'd like to attend. It's a great chance to meet other new neighbors. And be sure to come to the Holiday party at the lake on December 5th.

Holiday Party

This year's annual holiday party will be held on Sunday, December 5th, from 3-5pm. There will be food and beverages, as well as live music, and activities for the kids.

Bring a chair and a dessert to share, and plan to have a great time kicking off the holiday season.



Ina Laughton, the special events chair, organizes and coordinates the event, with the help of a great team of volunteers. If you'd like to lend a hand, give Ina a call at 734-5023.

Hope to see you on December 5th.

Directory Corrections

2391 Armour Drive - phone # is 727 608-0931.

1420 Fairway Drive - Kay and Joe Miller.

2131 Mangrum Drive - David and Joyce Ketchem.

2141 Mangrum Drive - John and Carolyn Earley.

2352 Sarazen Drive - Faith and David Barnard.

Neighborhood Watch

What is Neighborhood Watch? Well, it's exactly what it says....neighbors watching out for neighbors, not just watching for suspicious behaving strangers, but also watching out for the simple things.

One time I left my garage door open. As it was getting dark, one of my kind neighbors called to let me know. Let's all be good neighbors and watch out for each other. You never know when you might be the one needing a call.

By Cyndi Rodts, Neighborhood
Watch Chair

Trade Fair in the Works

The board of directors is planning a resident “trade fair” to be held at the annual meeting on February 7th, 2011. The intent of the fair is to give our Fairway Estates neighbors who have a business an opportunity to let our community know what they do and what services they offer.

If you’re a resident and have a business or a service to provide, please consider participating in this event. Contact Manny Farinas at farinas8@gmail.com or Stephanie Quartaro at squartaro@gmail.com if you’re interested. In order to get an idea of how many people will be part of the fair, and because space will be limited, please let Manny or Stephanie know of your interest as soon as possible. The deadline for signing up to participate will be December 30th.

If you’re a resident in need of a service (handyman, screener, plumber, electrician, contractor, realtor, etc.) attending the meeting will hopefully provide you with the name of a neighbor who can help you.

This is the board’s attempt to give preference to our residents’ businesses, thereby discouraging outside solicitors from getting work in the neighborhood that our own residents can provide.

The board is looking forward to this being a fun and informative event for all involved.



Fairway Estates Women's Club News

The Women’s Club held its first luncheon of the new season on October 18th at the The Living Room on Main. The guest speaker was Sgt. Denise Nestor from the Pinellas County Sheriff’s office, who discussed “personal safety for women.”

In addition to hosting 4 luncheons a year, the Women’s Club supports the community in several ways. They adopt a needy family at holiday time, and collect canned food at each luncheon for a local food pantry.

They also give an annual scholarship to a deserving Dunedin High School student. This is the third year they’ve given the scholarship to the same young woman who’s now a junior at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

Their next luncheon will be the holiday gathering on December 13th at the Dunedin Golf Club, always a fun, lively afternoon. All are welcome

Annual membership dues are just \$10 and the luncheons cost \$17.00. If you would like to attend future luncheons, please call Christine Lawrence at 812-9190 or Stephanie Quartaro at 733-1861.

Please contact Charlotte Murray at 736-8944 or at bcmurray2@verizon.net with corrections, or with information you’d like included in future newsletters.



Letter From The President

Fall is here and with it comes a welcome break to the heat and humidity. Our board enjoyed a summer break, but we’re now back at work in an effort to continue to make Fairway Estates a safe and comfortable place to live. Our “neighborhood watch” is very important and we can’t express enough **how important** it is to know your neighbors and be aware of activities on your street. It’s comforting to know that we watch out for each other and are respectful of one another.

We’re looking forward to the annual Holiday Gathering by the lake. We’re also thinking about a possible “Spring Fling” as well . . . and how about a dog parade? The lake is such a great spot that we’d like to have more activities there. Do you have some other ideas?

The annual meeting of the association will be on February 7, 2011 at the Dunedin Golf Club. Mark your calendars!! Our monthly board meetings are held there as well, on the 2nd Monday of each month, at 7pm. We are always looking for new board members – are you or someone you know interested in getting involved?? Please let anyone on the board know and feel free to attend a meeting.

Enjoy the lovely Florida fall weather. And thank you all for helping to keep Fairway Estates a great place to live!!

Stephanie Quartaro, President

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Upcoming Events

October 29 - Downtown Trick or Treating

October 30 - Halloween Happening, Highlander Park

November 6 - **Fairway Estates Garage Sale**
The whole neighborhood - 8-3

Nov. 6-7 - Art Harvest
Highlander Park



Nov. 13 - Dunedin Wines the Blues
Downtown, Main Street

Nov. 20 - Celtic Festival
Highlander Park, Michigan Ave.



Nov. 20-21 - Arts & Crafts Festival
Downtown, Main Street

December 4 - Lighted Boat Parade & Tree Lighting
Dunedin Marina

December 4 - Youth Guild's annual Tour of Homes

December 5 - **Fairway Estates Holiday Party**
Lake Sandra Park - 3-5pm

December 11 - Old Fashioned Christmas &
Holiday Parade, Downtown



December 12 - Holiday Chorus Concert, Community
Center

December 13 - **Fairway Estates Women's Club
Luncheon**, Dunedin Golf Club,
11:30 am

Green Market - Every Friday, starting 10/29
Downtown, Pioneer Park,
8am-1pm



Saturday Market - Every Saturday at Pioneer Park

Fairway Estates Board of Directors meetings
2nd Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Dunedin
Golf Club. Any association member is welcome and
encouraged to attend.