

Fairway Focus

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

October, 2011

Neighbors in the News

Tom and Alice Anderson

Tom and Alice Anderson, of Watrous Drive, have had quite a year of well-deserved accolades from various city organizations.

They were given the History Maker Award for 2011 by the Dunedin Historical Society. In addition, they were Dunedin's Senior Hall of Fame inductees for 2011, an honor they shared with one other inductee. The city's Committee on Aging chooses nominees who have made significant contributions by donating time and abilities to activities serving the community.

Last, but certainly not least, Tom and Alice were chosen as "Mr. and Mrs. Delightful Dunedin" for 2010, an award given by the Chamber of Commerce.

Tom has been the mayor of Dunedin, and then was a State Representative for 8 years. Alice was on the board of the Mease Hospital Auxiliary for 14 years, and was Chairperson of Dunedin's Comprehensive Planning and Advisory Committee for 2010. Even closer to home, Alice is this year's president of the Fairway Estates Women's Club.

In their retirement, in addition to still being busy with their volunteering, they love to explore the country in their RV. Just this summer they chose to explore Florida.

Bill Coleman

Bill and his wife Patti live on Hagen Avenue and are relatively new to Fairway Estates but certainly not to Dunedin. They are both a vital part of the downtown arts and retail scene.

Bill has over 30 years of experience in the design and creation of architectural metal products., and has recently opened the Institute for Creative Arts in downtown Dunedin, on Douglas Avenue. The ICA provides a showcase for Bill's gallery, Arc Angels, as well as providing space for a number of other artists working in stained glass, jewelry, glass blowing, mural painting, etc. The ICA is open to the public, daily from 10am to 6pm.

Arc Angels is committed to producing the finest quality metalwork, from gates and railings to lamps, table bases, sconces and wine racks. Bill works in iron, steel and aluminum and was awarded a patent for inventing a unique aluminum railing system.

Some of Bill's clients have been the government of Russia, MGM Studios in Orlando, the Baltimore Aquarium, Trump Towers in NYC and the Tampa airport.

The new bike racks at the Dunedin library are an example of Bill's exceptional work. Check them out and do visit the Institute for Creative Arts.

Which Renovations Yield the Highest Return on Investment?

Submitted by Rebecca Wellborn

With current home values being down, selling a home is not always an option. Homeowners often turn to renovations and additions to give them the added space or modern features they desire. Which enhancements get you the most for your money when it's time to sell?

According to a report in Remodeling Magazine, exterior upgrades have the highest return on investment, including steel entry doors (135%), garage doors (91%), vinyl windows (77%) and wood decks (77%). Expensive interior renovations yield somewhat less: kitchen remodel (74%), bathroom remodel (65%), master suite addition (67%).

While you may not recoup 100% of your investment, homes with tastefully updated kitchens and bathrooms have a greater appeal to buyers. For a comprehensive list of the average cost and Return On Investment of common renovations and additions, visit www.costvsvalue.com.

This and That

Neighborhood Yard Sale

The annual Fairway Estates community-wide yard sale is coming up on Saturday, November 5th. If you'd like to participate, please call Ina Laughton, Events Chair, at 734-5023 by Thursday, Nov. 3rd. She'll get all the necessary permits and will take care of newspaper ads and signage. It's time to clear out and cash in. You'll probably make at least enough money for a nice relaxing dinner out after a fun, but tiring day.



Some Halloween Safety Tips

Some very basic, but important reminders, were sent to us by the Pinellas County Sheriff's Community Policing Deputy. Halloween costumes should fit well, and face paint, a hat or a wig are safe alternatives to masks. Also, to make children more visible, have them carry a glow stick or attach a reflective strip to their costume. Have fun and be safe.



Website Coming Soon

New board member Rebecca Wellborn is working hard to reestablish a website for Fairway Estates. She hopes to have it up and running early in November. Watch for the website at www.fairwayestates.org.

In addition to a photo gallery, the website will include a history of our community, documents and announcements of interest to residents, a calendar of city and Fairway events and links to other pertinent websites.

In addition, there will be a page for residents to share information, such as items for sale, services available, etc. Rebecca hopes that residents will share photos they've taken around the neighborhood. She can be contacted by email at rebecca@rebeccawellborn.com.

Bulk Trash Pick Up

Just a reminder that yard and bulk debris pick-up is now just once a week and is on Tuesday for Fairway Estates. Household waste is still picked up twice a week.

Historic Tree in Fairway

If you drive past 2386 Demaret Drive, you'll see the 2nd oldest, and probably the 2nd largest, live oak tree in Pinellas County.

According to the city arborist, the tree is probably about 150 years old. Since the tree is considered "protected" the owners have to get approval from the city arborist before any trimming is done.

The oldest live oak tree in the county is in Safety Harbor, but ours is certainly just as impressive.

Community Participation

The association is always in need of extra hands to help maintain Fairway Estates as a desirable place to live. Assistance is always needed; to help with mailings, to be a block captain, or to join the board of directors.

For you new residents, it's a great chance to get involved, meet some neighbors and share your expertise. If you can help in any way, contact Charlotte Murray at 736-8944 or at bcmurray2@verizon.net.



Letter From The President

I was talking to a friend's daughter recently, who lives in a deed restricted community in Trinity. She was sure she was going to be receiving her weekly "Nazi-gram" from her HOA regarding trash cans, or tricycles left out, or who knows what. She's thinking of running for the board of directors just to have a say in how strictly her community should be enforcing their covenants.

At the other extreme are communities where people aren't taking an active role, or a "do-nothing" board is not carrying out their responsibilities. Or perhaps procedures aren't in place for making sure the by-laws and deed restrictions are followed and enforced. Usually this happens because too few homeowners accept the responsibility of becoming involved.

I'm proud that Fairway Estates falls somewhere in the middle of these two extremes. I'd never want to live in a community where a patch of crabgrass becomes a serious issue. But I'd never buy a home in a neighborhood without an active HOA. What keeps an HOA healthy and viable? A reliable pool of people willing to do their part. Fairway Estates has been blessed to have homeowners who understand the value of their HOA and work to keep it strong.

Margie Sigman, FECA President

474-5508



Holiday Party

The annual holiday party at Lake Saundra Park will be on Sunday, December 4th, from 3-5pm.

As in the past, there will be food, drinks, entertainment for the kids, and the guarantee of a good time for all. Bring a chair, a dessert to share, and help kick off the holiday season.



Resident Directory

Work will begin soon on the 2012-2013 resident directory. If you would like to buy ad space in the directory or know of a business who might like to buy an ad, for a very nominal cost, please contact Margie Sigman at msigman@tampabay.rr.com or at 474-5508.



Fairway Estates Women's Club

The Fairway Estates Women's Club held its first luncheon of the year on October 17th at The Living Room, in downtown Dunedin. The speaker was Kim Huettig Greenleaf who talked about "Raising Hope," a local non-profit organization providing emergency clothing and toiletry needs to children going into foster care.

The next gathering, the holiday luncheon, will be on Monday, December 12th at the Dunedin Golf Club. Guests are always welcome. Call Christine Lawrence at 812-9190 if you'd like to attend.

The Women's Club adopts a family in need at Christmas time, and collects non-perishable goods at every luncheon for a local food pantry.

New Board Members

Ceil McCabe

Ceil was born in New York but moved to Florida 18 years ago. She and her husband Jack have been residents of Fairway Estates for 13 years and love the neighborhood.

They have three children and 3 grandchildren.

Ceil enjoys bowling, reading, going to the beach and keeping in touch with family and friends.

She is the board's architectural review and deed restriction member.

Rebecca Wellborn

Rebecca, a real estate consultant, moved to Fairway Estates in January 2011 from Atlanta. She lives with her husband, Richard Gillies, and her mother, Betty Wellborn.

She has a background in non-profit management and in marketing. In her spare time she enjoys international travel, gardening and cooking.

Rebecca serves on the board as FECA's city liaison and as the webmaster.

Marie Wiberg

Marie moved from PA, where she grew up and has lived in Dunedin since 1980, and in Fairway Estates for the last 18 years.

She is the owner/broker of a local company that handles the leasing and managing of commercial and residential real estate.

Marie serves on the board as the beautification member but also adds her expertise in real estate matters. She says "I look forward to working with our board members to keep Fairway Estates a great place to live."



Welcome To New Residents

Bradley & Kara Abington	1230 Taylor Avenue	Michael Hughes	2295 Ben Hogan Drive
Pamela Long Avis	2151 Mangrum Drive	Brian Kelly	1486 Fairway Drive
Anthony DeMatteo	1415 Hagen Avenue	Brian & Tasha McBride	1135 Fairway Drive
Raymond & Denise Gilreath	1189 Burkner Avenue	Scott & Molly Norwood	2205 Webb Avenue
John & Gillian Hartley	2347 Armour Drive	John & Evelyn Rapin	2339 Demaret Drive
Nancy Hale & Karen Hoffman	1320 Fairway Drive	Douglas & Debra Zelman	2340 Watrous Drive

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Upcoming Events

October 28 - Downtown Trick or Treating, 5-8pm

October 29 - Halloween Happening, Highlander Park
5:30-9:30pm

November 5 - **Fairway Estates Garage Sale**
The whole neighborhood - 8am-3pm

Nov. 5-6 - Art Harvest, Highlander
Park, 10am-5pm



Nov. 12 - Dunedin Wines the Blues
Downtown, Main Street, 5-11pm

Nov. 19 - Celtic Festival
Highlander Park, Noon-9:30pm



Nov. 19-20 - Arts & Crafts Festival
Downtown, Main Street

December 3 - Holiday Boat Parade & Tree Lighting
Dunedin Marina, 6-9pm

December 3 - Youth Guild's annual Tour of Homes
Various Dunedin homes 10am-4pm

December 4 - **Fairway Estates Holiday Party**
Lake Saundra Park - 3-5pm



December 10 - Old Fashioned Christmas &
Holiday Parade, Downtown, 4-9pm

December 11 - Holiday Chorus Concert, Community
Center, 3pm

December 12 - **Fairway Estates Women's Club
Luncheon**, Dunedin Golf Club,
11:30 am

Green Market - Every Friday & Saturday,
starting 10/29. Downtown,
Pioneer Park, 9am-2pm



2nd Friday Wine/Art Walk, Downtown & Pioneer
Park, 5:30-8:30pm

Fairway Estates Board of Directors meetings
2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm, at the
Dunedin Golf Club. Any association member is
welcome and encouraged to attend.