

Fairway Focus

Special Summer Covid Issue

Strengthening community, fostering communication

Fairway Estates Community Association (FECA) www.fairwayestates.org

Your Board's Reflections

Kelly Dixon – Treasurer, Events

I always love to be a part of anything that brings our neighborhood together. Our driveby celebrations have been a chance to acknowledge special events – birthdays, graduations, anniversaries – with neighbors who couldn't have their usual parties. Getting neighbors to participate has been the easiest part of organizing these while weather has been the challenge.

Mary Lyons – Board at Large

When Covid hit, I found the time to completely sort through my parents' things that have been in the garage since I moved into their, now my, home in 2007. I finished on April 19 which would have been my grandfather's 125th birthday. That grandfather is the one who built the home next to mine in 1959!

Todd Brooks – VP

Going through the past few months, my family has learned that we need to value the time we have right now while still planning on a "normal" future (whatever that brings). We have enjoyed being together, be it playing games, building puzzles, doing chores or having the time to eat meals as a family again!

Mathew Stevens - President

Hello neighbors. These days we face changes in our lives because of Covid-19, community reactions to human and civil rights issues, and an upcoming national election. And we have our daily personal and family lives to manage. How can we, as a community, best weather the storm?

We live in a wonderful community that thrives on respect and caring between neighbors. We see examples of this daily, especially over the past several months some of which are highlighted in this special newsletter issue. As our overwhelming challenges continue this year, please consider how to help keep our community caring and connected.

Personally, I have found it possible to connect with others by having conversations that focus on who we are as individuals. With this I start to understand someone else's journey, can start to relate to them better, and can make smarter decisions. I hope that those of you with an interest in current issues will choose constructive ways to learn and contribute – solution-oriented dialogue, civic involvement, and donations of time or money.



Chalk art by Adrienne Gelfius

Ed Kelb – Secretary

We live in the most densely populated county in FL so when Safer-at-Home was announced, my family and I had a rare glimpse of what St. Joseph Sound looked like before the crowds. It was amazingly peaceful and quiet. For a few short weeks we had a view of what settler Henry Scharrer experienced when he arrived on Hog Island in 1883. We truly live in one of the most beautiful areas in the USA.

Marilyn Parnell – Membership

I have experienced some positive things since Covid-19 appeared. Publix and Bealls Outlet are missing me since I am not shopping these days. I have learned how to host a street cocktail party. I've been able to eat through my freezer food leaving space, finally, for ice cream. And I learned that I like my home more than ever - I am a happy camper.

Bill Greenwood – Board at Large

I found being at home gave me time and focus to work on our rose garden that covers a boring wall. Thanks to Covid-19 and Home Depot we worked to expand this garden from two to eleven beautiful rose bushes in red, pink, and white. We enjoy them daily.

Celebration



Celebrations were made extra special with golf cart-car drivebys, front yard decorations, and social media wishes. Here are just a few of the celebrations over the past few months



Frank & Sandy Kneen

Tammi Janinga - The parade was very easy. The recipients loved it!



Steve & Deb Timko
celebrating 50 years together.



Drs. Anita and Hugo Freudenthal celebrating 65 years together. Their family from around the US canceled their visit due to Covid. Neighbors helped fill in, and even included Anita and Hugo's daughter in the celebration via Facebook.



Cecia LaFleur Bennett - My husband Damian and I celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary in quarantine. Our daughter set up a nice table on the lanai for us. It was just as nice as going out!

Alex Buric celebrated his 30th birthday.



Jenni McKay - The parade for our daughter Rory was such a joy! Getting to see our friends and neighbors was so fun, and Rory was ecstatic! She still goes to the window and asks for parade!



Diane Garcia - My 70th birthday started with daughter Nicki and her partner Lou dropping off a bouquet of gorgeous flowers at 7am. Then off to Honeymoon Island for collecting shells and a long beach walk. We had takeout sushi for lunch and my partner Frank's eggplant parmigiana for dinner. What more can I ask for?



Kelly Dixon - Oh my gosh, I can't even tell you how surprised I was all day long.....from the PERFECT Cowgirl Flock in my yard to the balloons and sunflowers (my favorite) and the gifts and all of you that made the driveby tonight.

Celebration



Graduates Reed (from diapers), birthday boy Oliver and Linley Aldrich



Graduate Makena Oglesby



Graduate Nick Markussen



Friend Finley with Ava James-Booth

Kimberly Griffith - My Jeep club has participated in several birthday drivebys. It's amazing to see the smiles on children's faces. This pandemic has affected them deeply too. And they may not understand why it's all happening. So making them feel special is the best we can do in these times.



Cecia LaFleur Bennett - participated in some drivebys and had one driveby for my 2 kids, **Cameron** and **Brooke**, who are graduating high school this year.



Graduate Noah, Mom Angela and Graduate Sarah Meadows

Elana Parker - I participated in several drivebys. We also did a cul-de-sac social distanced celebration for neighbors who shared the same birthday week. All have been great fun and wonderful examples of our FE spirit!



Steve McCarver & Todd Brooks



Paula Washburn & Kelly Cook

Community Spirit

Vicki Love - Neighbor Spotlight



What does a software engineer who has a love of nature do to make the world a better place? Create a nonprofit that promotes the sustainable use of our land and water resources. That is what Vicki Love, our neighbor on Nelson Street, did with her sister Tracy Love Tippin. In May 2019 they created Blue-Green Connections to help inspire and educate people and organizations to protect our waters and land which are intrinsically

connected; hence Blue-Green Connections.

Vicki and her husband Michael moved to Fairway Estates from Dallas five years ago to be close to her two sisters - Tracy and Fairway Estates resident Jacki Love. She says, "It's a very friendly community. I love the history of it. The location is fantastic!"

Since she now works from home part time, Vicki had time with Tracy to do a grass roots effort to make their idea a

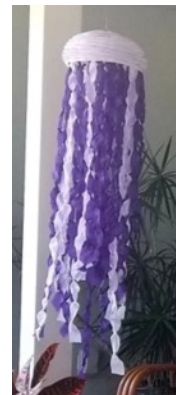
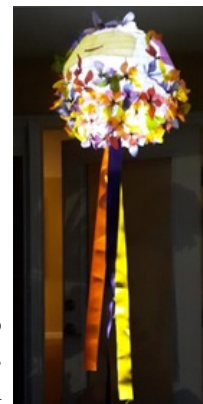
reality. After personally calling individuals, cities and organizations, they generated the support needed to get started. As Tracy says, "Vicki is a get-it-done kind of person."

Their first project, completed in August 2019, was to help get our Florida gulf waters recognized as an international Mission Blue Hope Spot – a designation that identifies places across the earth that are critical to the ocean's health. Mission Blue was created by oceanographer, first female chief scientist of NOAA and Dunedin resident Dr. Sylvia Earle and works with more than 200 ocean conservation groups and organizations to research these vital ecosystems.

The current focus of Blue-Green Connections is to collaborate with cities like Dunedin, organizations and businesses to expand education and outreach activities on sustainability issues.

Since the onset of Covid-19, Vicki has noticed that more people have the time to appreciate their local natural habitats. To find out more about their projects, check out the Blue-Green Connections website or contact Vicki at info@bluegreenconnections.org.

Dunedin Businesses Keep Their Light



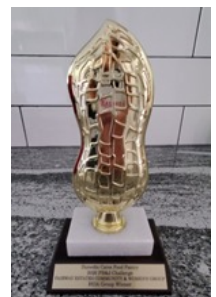
In support of Dunedin's merchants, the Chamber of Commerce sold paper lanterns to display, and to represent that Dunedin will never lose our light! Some creative neighbors enjoyed the chance to decorate and light their lanterns around the neighborhood in support of our local businesses.

Dunedin Cares' Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge



Food banks have requested more donations during this time of need. Fairway Estates jumped on Dunedin Cares' Peanut Butter and Jelly Challenge. Fairway Estates Women's Club regularly donates and Kelly Dixon had the idea to rally the neighborhood around the challenge.

We raised 1375 pounds of food and cash equivalent making Fairway Estates the winner in the Community Association Division, complete with the coveted peanut award! Rita Kelb, president of FE Women's Club and Kelly Dixon received the award from Dunedin Cares president Joe Mackin.



Community Spirit

Artist Adrienne Gelfius



Adrienne Gelfius is a busy wife, mother, nurse and artist. Many of us met Adrienne because of her whimsical, clever and beautiful driveway chalk art. When the Safer-at-Home order came out and she started to see the neighbors creating chalk art, she ran out to get chalk so she could join in.

Adrienne is an artist who usually paints seascape and portraits using acrylics. She'd never used chalk before but today her creations are wildly anticipated. Most drawings are Disney or cartoon character-themed which appeals to the kid in all of us. She adds masks, commentary and context that reflect our daily Covid experiences.

For Adrienne, doing this has been fun and a stress reliever, but she also feels like she is giving the neighbors something to look forward to seeing

when they take their daily walks. She has found thank you notes, a painted rock and even a vase of flowers left by appreciative neighbors.

Five of her driveway drawings were selected by the Tampa International Airport for their collection of Tampa Bay area residents' chalk art on [view](#) at the airport this summer.

Summer Yard of the Season



The winner of our Summer Yard of the Season belongs to Jodie and Dan Jerger at 2352 Mangrum Drive. In the words of one of their neighbors, "The transformation of their house and yard over the last few months has been incredible. They have worked tirelessly to paint, landscape, remove overgrown bushes in their backyard, and all the while being the friendliest neighbors we have met. Their yard looks so beautiful and inviting, just like Jodie and Dan. They have done all the work, in rain or shine, to make their home look better. Their latest addition of flowers has brightened up our street on Mangrum."

The Jergers moved to Fairway Estates in October of 2019 from Greendale, Indiana, near Cincinnati. They, along with their cat Reggie, are proud to say they live in Fairway Estates!

Honorable Mentions go to the well designed and maintained yards of Elana Parker at 2310 Jones Dr. and Debbie Runyon at 2257 Watrous Dr. Congratulations to all for helping make our neighborhood beautiful.

Fairway Estates Women's Club

We are happy to announce that we will be restarting our monthly Ladies Happy Hour July 22. Covid has disrupted our plans to date, but we are hoping to schedule fun outings for our ladies in the future.

Please check Facebook or NextDoor for updates. If there is anything the FEWC can do to assist you, our neighbors, please contact a board member to let us know. Stay safe!

Dunedin Golf Club



Covid-19 has affected all of us but we are up and running, serving on the patio and inside (50%). Our employees are still masked and sanitizing to keep our patrons, members and staff safe. We will continue to be cautious as we comply with all regulations. Since we have opened after the Covid closures, we've been expanding our hours and our menus. Check our [website](#) for the latest. We are keeping our prices at pre-Covid levels and continue to give golfers a 10% discount.

Please be aware that, although we use approved chemicals on our course, they may be harmful to pets. We look forward to a completed Cart Barn in August.

Thank you for being great neighbors. Stay safe and be well. Ken, Dunedin Golf Club Manager.

Time Reinvented



Need a mask? **Stephanie Dorr** loves sewing so when our community needed face masks, she combined talent and time to sew hundreds of colorful masks from scrap material. She is giving them away and any donations are going to Dunedin Cares.



Jenni McKay - We have been walking at least once, sometimes twice, a day around the neighborhood. My big kids ride their bikes and the little ones love riding in the stroller. It has been so nice to slow down and not be on the go constantly!

Kathy O'Leary - I've had time to NOT be in the gym (where I work) and to challenge myself with an interesting outdoor workout every day. Its been fun, healthy and relaxing and I really do not look forward to training my clients in a gym again. So, I'm training them outdoors when the weather cooperates. They ALSO love it!

Diane Kerfeld - Talking on the phone a lot more, and for me that's not necessarily a good thing because I truly hate talking on the phone.

Tom Shores - Putting on weight.

Rebma Granger - To Tom Shores, same here.

Vicki Love - Gardening - aiming for a 100% edible yard! And cooking and enjoying nature. Reading a lot more too.

Whitney Marie - Our family has started, and been able to tend to, a small vegetable garden. We are usually on the go so much that we can't keep plants alive but ours are flourishing. And most of the seeds were donated by Rika Randolph and Ronald Randolph. We have also been watching our monarch caterpillars eat our milkweed, make cocoons and emerge over and over again.



Dennis D Martin - One of my projects: paint the porch ceiling.

Debra Tully - Indulging my love of cooking and baking (and eating.)



Rika and Ronald Randolph - Gardening and making homemade sausage.



Laura Westley - I started a "Non Essential Employee of the Month" program for my department and send them t-shirts when they get nominated.



Lots of puzzle swapping happening. **Dawn Snow Roe** offered her and her mom's puzzle collection to neighbors in need of jigsaw puzzles.

Time Reinvented



Dawn Snow Roe and her mom shared memories while trying on hats belonging to Dawn's grandmother.



Rosemary McNamara - Linda is learning to play bass guitar and I am learning rock and blues

Jo Anderson - As Chair of Trustees of First UMC Dunedin we actually sold two church properties. I signed the contracts on our front sidewalk. Ted has been gardening.



Debra Tully - LeLu was my foster to adopt from a litter I fostered. She keeps us in stitches with her antics. She adores her big Sister **Sophie**.

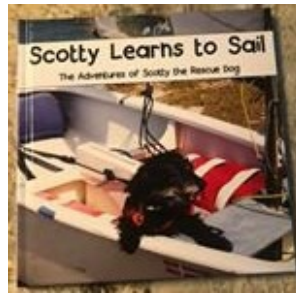


Kathy O'Leary - My husband has become a crazed bread baker who's goal is to come up with the most unique herbal bread he can. I keep hiding the loaves and rolls in the freezer so I don't eat them!

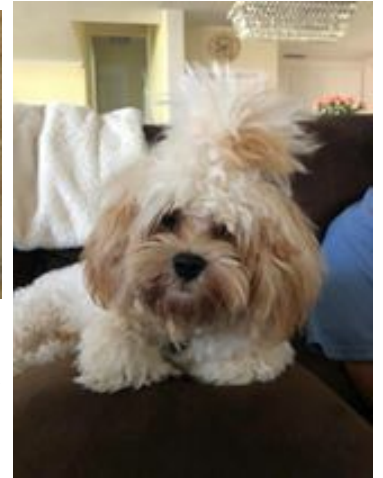
Sandra Moskowitz - Doing a lot of baking!



Kara Phillips - Lots and lots of to-go adult beverages.



Tammi Janiga - Wrote and illustrated my third children's book. Ride bikes 10 miles every morning. Adopted a rescue pup. **Teddy** is 100% rascal and the sibling of Lelu.



Frank Makowski - Time for Tomatoes!



Elana Parker - Lots of yard & fence projects!

Ina Laughton - I dug a lot of my old recipes out and cooked soups, stews, casseroles, cookies and pies. Things I haven't made in years. Nothing exotic just a lot of comfort food. Cleaned out closets and rearranged cupboards. Just tried to follow the rules and make the best of a bad situation. Also made sure to keep ourselves safe. I think I saw friends twice in that first two month period.

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Appreciation

Thank you to our healthcare neighbors who are working to help keep us safe and healthy. Some reached out to us: Jennifer Coll, OT, PTA, DOR; Christine Leigh, respiratory therapist; Seth Leigh, interventional radiological technologist. And some shared their thoughts with us.

Amber Granger, Fairway Dr

I work as an ICU nurse at a local hospital and Covid has changed everything for me. My work is a source of pride, but it has become a source of stress and fear as well. I am isolated from my 5 year old for almost a month anticipating a surge that thankfully did not happen. While I worry that neighbors will avoid me due to my work, I continue to focus on caring for my family and patients.

Andrienne Gefius, Demeret

I am an ICU nurse and having a child at home who is immune suppressed has made being a nurse right now even more challenging. It's a balance between taking care of my community, my child and myself in the process. I want to be the best at everything while not compromising anyone in the process. If I have learned anything during this pandemic it's the importance of slowing down and appreciating what you have.

Stephen Pearce, Jones Dr

As an Occupational Therapist I focus on a patient's basic self-care. If a patient has mobility deficits, we and physical therapists might be the only ones to get them on their feet, essential to retain or gain strength.

As the Covid pandemic grew, our hospital had up to 4 wings full of people who had tested positive or were awaiting results. We were told to await test results before working with any of these patients which could take almost a week. I came out as gay in 1987, in the midst of the AIDS crisis, so refusing care to patients with a scary virus stirred up old pain and rage.

The stress was extreme. There were so many unknowns, and our protocols changed daily. Nurses spent 12 hour shifts in the stifling PPE that had me soaked in sweat and exhausted after 3 hours. Working in the Covid ward put not just us but our families at risk. Would showering when we got home be enough to protect our loved ones, or should we quarantine ourselves in the garage? We just didn't know.

As I accepted that fatigue and uncertainty can sometimes get on top of us, I started to let go of anger and grief I had held since the 80s. Negligence in the AIDS wards didn't mean those caregivers were hateful; they were scared, for themselves and their families, and they were exhausted. The signs outside the hospital call healthcare professionals super heroes, but we're not - not then, not now. We're human. Sometimes we fail and need to be forgiven.