

Fairway Focus

Strengthening community, fostering communication
Fairway Estates Community Association (FECA) www.fairwayestates.org

Upcoming Events

For questions about events, contact Kelly Dixon at Events@FairwayEstates.org or 727-692-3073. Look for email blasts and posts on Facebook and Nextdoor for updates.

Fall Festival October 29, 2-5pm



Join neighbors at Lake Sandra Park for the Fall Festival. There will be a kids and adult costume contest with prizes, food, alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages along with the popular Chili Throwdown and Cornbread Bake-Off. Contact [Todd Brooks](#) to participate. Bring a spooky dish to share!

Neighborhood Garage Sale Nov. 11

Starts at 8am til 3pm. General signage will be displayed, and ads will be placed in the newspaper and free yard sale websites. Residents are encouraged to place signs as well. No permits required.

Holiday Party December 3, 2-5pm



Clear those calendars for our annual holiday festival at Lake Sandra Park with pizza, refreshing alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and a photo booth from 2-5pm. And you won't want to miss a visit from Santa! Bring a holiday treat to share.

Fairway Estates Women's Club with Monthly Happy Hours

Women residents, you can join the Fairway Estates Women's Club at the [Facebook website](#). With no dues, we do request \$10 donation to support club events. Our next luncheon is Dec 12. See our events on the calendar page for luncheons and happy hours. Watch Facebook and Nextdoor for event details. For questions or event details, call Deb Tully at 727-200-5683.

Note from the President - Todd Brooks

Has the weather changed yet? While I don't feel like it has, the holiday season is fast approaching and we have lots of activities planned! Coming up is the Fall Festival (and Chili Throwdown with the Cornbread Bake-Off which I am managing-so contact me to participate) October 29th at Lake Sandra, the Fall Community Garage Sale November 11, the Holiday Party December 3, the Women's Club luncheon on December 12, and our FECA Annual Meeting on February 5.

The Board has been busy working to keep our community wonderful! We worked with residents to clean up the plantings at our entrance monuments, we fixed the benches at Lake Sandra and one of the monument signs (Matthew Stevens, Ed Kelb), we are working to protect our beloved and historic Magnolia tree and the Park with rules on new signs (Matthew Stevens), we are engaging with Pinellas County Sheriff on our traffic problems (Don Lemmon), and enacting a pedestrian safety project with safety signs (Kathy O'Leary). Don is also keeping up with the Dunedin Golf Course restoration project and reports on this at each Board meeting and in this newsletter.

We have lots of opportunities for residents to get involved with projects and committees. Committee chairs are busy and residents can help. Dave Lindsay is taking care of Lake Sandra, Deb Timko is welcoming new residents, Betsy Morgan is working closely with the City of Dunedin and leading our Nominating Committee, Kathy O'Leary and Diane Garcia are always looking for article ideas and guest writers for our Newsletter, and Kelly Dixon is working tirelessly on Special Events and our website. We are always looking for help with a bit of weeding and trimming at our monuments.

If you are interested in helping with any of these areas, please reach out by clicking the "[Get Involved](#)" tab on our website! Our board meetings (typically the second Wednesday of each month) are always open to residents who want to learn more about how we serve their community!

In our goal to be fiscally responsible, I need to point out this is the last hard-copy edition of the newsletter being sent to residents *who do not pay their dues* due to the cost of printing and mailing. We encourage everyone to receive the newsletter via email or from the [FECA website](#) where you will see all photos in color.

There is a lot going on (and a lot went on during our extended summer) and I hope to see you all out and about during the busy season ahead!

2024 FECA Board Elections by Betsy Morgan Nominating Committee Chairperson



At the annual FECA meeting we hold elections for open positions on the FECA board of directors. Our by-laws allow up to nine board members with 3 year terms, and allow serving board members to run for re-election if they wish.

This coming February we have five board members up for re-election. As nominating committee chair, I have confirmed that each are willing to serve again for a 3 year term: Todd Brooks, Matt Stevens, Ed Kelb, Bill Greenwood and Mary Lyons. If you are interested in being nominated to serve as a board member, please contact Betsy Morgan at 727-214-6376 or at Volunteer@FairwayEstates.org with your request by December 1 and attend at least one Board meeting.

FECA Board Meetings

The FECA Board of Directors meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm from September through June at the Dunedin Golf Club. Residents are welcome to attend and can make comments both before and after the meeting, consistent with [Robert's Rules](#). All board meeting minutes are posted on Fairwayestates.org.

Where Is My Newsletter?



Starting January 2024, we will change how we distribute the newsletters. Newsletters will only be physically mailed to home owners who pay the annual FECA fee.

We are constantly reviewing FECA expenses for potential cost savings and it was revealed that of the 117 owners receiving USPS mailed newsletters, only 34 paid their annual fee this year. The cost of printing and mailing newsletters to owners who do not pay their fees costs us approximately \$115 an issue.

The newsletter committee recommended that this money be used for other purposes, and the Board agreed that it could be applied toward active projects. We've highlighted those projects in this issue. If you have questions, feel free to contact any Board member. fairwayestates.org/meet-our-board-of-directors-committee-chairs/

Fairway Estates Women's Club Farewell And Welcome to Presidents



**Debra Tully and
Rita Kelb**

Rita Kelb is stepping down from her role as FEWC president, a role she held from 2017-2023. Rita initiated many changes including monthly happy hours, the FEWC Facebook page, and the annual Dolphin Cruise. Her focus was to bring the women of Fairway Estates together for fellowship while promoting the great neighborhood we live in.

Debra Tully was installed as President in April after serving as VP since last season. Luncheons will continue, and happy hours will be held the last Thursday of each month.

The dolphin cruise and other outings to our wonderful area will be announced. Members receive communications via postcard, Facebook, Messenger and text. FEWC is looking for a communications person to send postcards once a year, and announce events on Facebook and other channels. Contact Debra at 727-200-5683 if you are interested.

Welcome New Neighbors

Kristen Bridgford & John Haller	1256 Taylor Ave.
Jessica & Frank Delargy	1309 Fairway Dr.
Lorrie & Brian Gibbons	2250 Watrous Dr.
Laura & Seth Howell	1150 Fairway Dr.
Cynthia & David Lawrence	1221 Nelson st.
Hunter Lawrence	2319 Demaret Dr.
Jody & Nelson Llanes	2101 Mangrum Dr.
Lauren Lefave & Sean Delserro	2370 Demaret Dr.
Sean Ness	2121 Sarazen Dr.
Chianne & Devin Shepherd	1376 Fairway Dr.

Stirling Park Update

At the July 27th Dunedin City Commission meeting, it was announced that near-term improvements to the park will include improving trails and installing native plantings, aquatic plants, and benches. Future improvements will be determined at a later date. A location for a dog park has not been identified at this time and Eagle Scout Park has been selected as the location for 10 new pickleball courts.

Lake Saundra's Health and LAKEWATCH by Diane Garcia

When the Lake Saundra Committee Chairperson Dave Lindsey speaks at the FECA board meetings about testing the lake water, I wonder what he's doing out there. A morning on the lake with him and his cohort, Elizabeth Moulin, proved to be informative and fun.

Dave, a botanist with wetlands experience, and Elizabeth, President of the Lake Saundra Shorefront Property Owners Assoc., have been testing the lake water since August 2022 as part of [Florida LAKEWATCH](#), a volunteer lake monitoring program. To participate, Dave and Elizabeth attended a four-hour workshop to learn water sampling techniques and use of specialized equipment. They received supplies so they could monitor our lake.



We scheduled July 6th for the testing trip. When I arrived at Elizabeth's house, she had the kayaks ready at

the shore and the filtering lab set up on her patio.

Elizabeth was the first to launch, then me and then Dave. I was ready to take photos and record voice memos and they were ready



with their testing equipment and data sheets.

We paddled to the first testing site. Elizabeth dropped a Secchi disc, a white eight inch disc with a line marked at one-foot intervals attached to its center, into the water until she could no longer see the white disc. This measured lake clarity of 1¼ ft. The second drop hit the bottom to measure the depth

at 4 ft. Elizabeth filled out a data sheet with the readings, time and cloud cover.

At the same time, Dave was busy using a ½ gallon jug to collect water that he and Elizabeth would filter in the patio lab. He then collected water in a 250ml bottle to be sent to a University of Florida (UF) LAKEWATCH lab in Gainesville. Each bottle was labeled with test site, date and time.



They repeated the whole process at two more sites. Elizabeth said they kayak the circumference of the lake to check for native plant growth

and to look for wildlife and invasive plants.

Time for the lab work. They filtered the water from the first ½ gallon jug to obtain samples of algae. Using a graduated cylinder, Dave measured 150ml of water from the jug and poured it into a cup at the top of the filtering equipment.



During the filtering process, Elizabeth used a hand pump to force the water through a filter that collects the algae. The filter was transferred to an envelope and labeled. This process was repeated two more times.

After the three hour process, Dave's job was to take the samples to Moccasin Lake Nature Center

where there is a local LAKEWATCH collection site. Elizabeth's job was to clean up. My job was to write this story. All in a "mornings" work.

At the collection center, the samples will be frozen and sent to the UF LAKEWATCH lab for phosphorus and nitrogen analysis. Test results are released every January. Lake Saundra test results will be reported in the January Winter 2024 newsletter issue.

My morning on the lake with Dave and Elizabeth taught me two things. The beauty of Lake Saundra needs to be protected and Dave and Elizabeth are just the team to do it. I now fully appreciate their commitment to this project and my hope is that, after reading this story, you will feel the same way about our lake and about Dave and Elizabeth. How can you help? Pick up your *Dunedin Beacon* from the gutter so they don't end up in the lake after a downpour (up to 45 copies have been found in the lake after rain), follow county guidelines for using fertilizers and limit use of pesticides.



Neighbor Spotlight: Bethany Lindemann



Talent, commitment, initiative, service; a combination hard to find. Meet fifteen-year-old Bethany Lindemann who has them all. Bethany was born in Manchester, CT and moved to Dunedin with her family in 2020 to be close to the beach. She loves Fairway Estates' beautiful trees and the friendly neighbors she and her brother Daniel meet as they walk their English Setters, Cooper and Piper.

From a musical family, her mother Kim is a music teacher, her dad Torrey plays the guitar, and her sister Susan plays the cello, Bethany began playing the cello in 4th grade in Manchester. When asked why she chose the cello, she says "It's like Goldilocks looking for just the right porridge. The cello sits in the middle of the violin and the bass and is just the right instrument for me." In 5th grade, she was the youngest musician in the school's orchestra.

After moving here, she attended Palm Harbor Middle and now Dunedin High School. Last year as a 9th grader and member of the school orchestra, she was thrilled to play in the orchestra pit for a performance of the school musical, "Seussical." She was selected for the Pinellas County High School All County Orchestra and intends to audition again this year as well as for the Florida All State Orchestra. She was also selected for the Tampa Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and, for a short time, played the tenor drum in the Dunedin H.S. Scottish Highlander Band.

Bethany is also an artist and created a portfolio for her 9th grade art class that included water color, pen, acrylic, scratch art on paper and clay. This year she is in 3D Art and can't wait to work with clay again and other 3D art forms.

Bethany is in her second year as a cadet in the Dunedin H.S. Navy Jr. ROTC (NJROTC) which teaches service, teamwork, and leadership. Her interest piqued when seeing her brother Daniel, who is also a cadet, at practice meets. Last summer she attended a one week NJROTC Basic Leadership Training in Lakeland where she learned the meaning of teamwork and perseverance, especially while navigating the ropes course. As part of the color guard, she has presented the colors at the Dunedin Veteran's Day Parade and other community events.

Bethany's room is full of houseplants that she propagates in her spare time. Maybe a bit of a scientist showing through? She loves baking, volunteering to run the kid's Spring Fling booth, walking Honeymoon Island beach, and riding her bike to the library to check out her favorite fantasy novels (she read 11 during the summer). Bethany has a bright, endearing smile that you can't miss. Keep an eye out for that smile the next time you walk the neighborhood.

Neighborhood Scavenger Hunt



How well do you know our neighborhood? On April 22nd, thirty Fairway Estates residents had the chance to find out.

Nicole and Derrick Beland orchestrated a scavenger hunt to raise funds for the Florida Giant Dog Rescue where the Belands adopted one of their rescues. There was no cost to participate but voluntary donations raised \$300 for the charity (flgdr.org) This was their fifth scavenger hunt but the first one exclusively in our neighborhood.

The hunt started at Lake Sandra Park at 5:30pm. Ten teams of two or more people had two hours to travel around Fairway Estates by foot, bicycle, or golf cart looking for hidden



1st Place-David Karcher, son David, daughter Emily



2nd Place-Bob & Caitlin Gettler & Tom & Laura

tapes and unopened fortune cookies also had to be found. Points were earned for each correct answer or item collected and more obscure items earned extra points. The competition was very close - the top 3 scores 187, 180, and 177- and

details such as the house with the largest mailbox and the street with the most single car garages. Teams also had to find artwork, decorations and ornaments. Obscure items like sporks, video cassette



3rd Place-Don & Ellie Lemmon



First to finish-Danny Nichols with son Dillon, Glenn McKay with sons Colin & Carter

Derrick presented each with a trophy. All of the homeowners in the event approved using their address and were happy to participate. A big thank you to Nicole and Derrick for a fun evening and a great cause!

Fun, Adventurous Travels of Our Neighbors



Nancy & Mike Lucas at the New York Faerie Festival



The McKay family at Amicalola Falls in the Georgia mountains



Jenn & Jeff Graham at the Colorado River in Moab, UT for the Bronco Off-Road



Shpresa Idrizi & Adam Bottie at the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas



Chianne & Devin Shepherd celebrating their 15th wedding anniversary in Bozeman, Montana



The Marsh family in Geiranger, Norway



The Burbine family swimming with pigs in Exuma, Bahamas

Neighborhood Safety Update

Traffic

Since February Don Lemmon has been coordinating efforts with the Sheriffs Department (PCSO) to keep our community safe. In this process, PCSO found 1273 vehicles exceeding the speed limit enough for a ticket or citation. Over 30 citations were issued for failing to stop at Middlecoff and Fairway - half going to non-residents. Our neighborhood is now upgraded to a medium risk area that gets more priority in officer patrols. Don reminds us, "Please be aware that these traffic patrols will continue and citations will be issued. To report speeders, please call the PCSO non-emergency number 727-582-6200."



Soliciting

Know that soliciting is not allowed in Fairway Estates or Dunedin without a city permit. If a solicitor is working your street you can call the PCSO non-emergency number: 727-582-6200 to report the incident. If a solicitor is belligerent or if you feel threatened by their actions immediately call 911 and remove yourself from risk.



Pedestrian Safety

You might be seeing some safety signs hosted by your neighbors, coordinated by Kathy O'Leary and funded by FECA that remind us how to be pedestrian safe on the road.



and carrying a light when dusk and dark.

By the way, these practices are Florida law and not anyone's opinion.

Thank you to those who are hosting signs, to those who are making an effort to increase our neighborhood safety, and big thanks to Jenni McKay for her design work on the sign!



Dunedin Golf Course (DGC) Liaison Committee Update by Don Lemmon

As chair of the Golf Course Liaison Committee, Don keeps up with DGC communications so he can update the FECA board and residents about the course transition and restoration efforts. His updates will appear in this newsletter and important announcements will be posted on social media.

Update: 97 years after the historic Dunedin Golf Club opened, the golf course and clubhouse will be closed for a well-publicized 8-month renovation, anticipated to reopen November 2024. Note that the driving range at Stirling Park will remain open throughout this time.

The City is investing \$4.5 million dollars to restore the course to the original design by world renowned golf course architect Donald Ross, with no funding coming from Dunedin resident tax dollars. Other funding includes \$2 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and \$2.5 million from the City's golf enterprise fund. In addition, the project was recently awarded a \$500,000 historic preservation grant.

The city plans to hire a new restaurant operator to manage and run the clubhouse. During the search process, improvements will be made to the clubhouse restrooms, locker rooms and interior furnishings. Learn more at the links below.

[Dunedin Government website](#)

[DGC Restoration Master Plan](#)

Dunedin Golf Club News



Golf is flourishing as most residents are getting in their last few rounds before the restoration begins on March 1, 2024.

The Fairway Grille offers a wide variety of sandwiches, salads, and dinner entrees after 5:00pm Tuesday thru Friday. The all day Friday Fish Fry is still a favorite and First Friday All You Can Eat Prime Rib Buffet continues to pack customers in! Reservations are a must. Breakfast is popular on Saturdays from 11:00am to 1:00pm as well as on Sundays from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

For your entertainment pleasure, local pianist Dave Hardy will play on the last Tuesdays in Oct. and Nov. and Mickey Lorden, guitarist/vocalist, will play on the patio the last Fridays in Oct. and Nov.

Mark your calendar for the popular Thanksgiving Lunch Buffet on Thursday November 23, 2023. Visit [Dunedin Golf Club](#) website for golf specials, calendars, menus and event updates. Call 727-733-2134 for reservations.

Beautification Update



Marcia Brehm, Kelly Dixon, Todd Brooks

We welcome anyone who enjoys working with other plant loving neighbors to occasionally spruce up the planting beds around our Fairway Estates signs, and the butterfly garden at Lake Sandra.

In July, President Todd Brooks put the word out for help to weed, trim and mulch the planting beds. Todd's helpers over a couple of mornings included Kelly

Dixon, Marcia Brehm, Gerry Boock and Kathy O'Leary.

Big thank you to the volunteers who helped with the summer cleanup, and those helping with the current project to revamp the Palm Ave monument plantings.



Butterfly Garden at Lake Sandra Park

Welcome Sign with Guidelines for Lake Sandra Park



It is fantastic to see more neighbors enjoying our beautiful Lake Sandra Park. Over the past few years we've added the Little Library, a bike rack, butterfly garden, picnic table and updated benches.

The challenge with the increased use is that there are events of misuse and not following the park rules. Residents have found trash, pet waste and significant

damage to the magnolia tree – one of the oldest in the county.

To help raise awareness and support enjoyment for all residents, the Board installed signs that show some of the rules for proper park use – one by the bike rack and one by the magnolia tree. These guidelines are from the Fairway Estates Common Area Use and Maintenance Plan published in 2019, updated 2023. [The full list of rules are available via the QR code on the sign, or on the FECA website.](#)

Refurbished Benches at Lake Sandra

If you have spent any time at our beautiful park, you may have noticed the rusted bench frames have been replaced.

The Board saw that these dilapidated frames were becoming a hazard and allocated funds to replace them. Keeping costs as low as possible, Matthew Stevens

ordered and installed replacement steel frames during the summer. The Board anticipates these will last another 9-10 years of relaxing park sittings.



Rusted bench frame



Lisa Segal and Fred enjoy a rest at one of the lake's newly refurbished benches, near the cleaned up dog waste station

Dog Waste Station is Shiny

Board member Matthew Stevens is at it again. When he noticed the Dog Waste Station at Lake Sandra (originally donated in 2018 by Eagle Scout Matthew Betzing) needed fixing up, he found out that Kelly Dixon had a new one she could donate.

Matthew replaced the rusted station, ensuring our Lake Sandra Park remains a beautiful spot for our community.



Additional Paid FECA Members

Thank you to all neighbors who have paid their 2023 annual fees of \$55. These fees support the maintenance and insurance of our FECA property and infrastructure, any physical mailings and the software supporting our communications, and a small percentage is used for our social activities. See [winter newsletter](#) for more detail on how FECA annual fees are used. Also, see [FECA website](#) (or come to the monthly meetings) to see the monthly Treasurer's report.

Chris, Nelly Antaya	1141 Burke
Bonnie Appleton	1204 Taylor
Susan Bassi-Brown	2205 Snead
Belle Botello	2359 Middlecoff
Isaiah Change	2397 Watrous
Peter Chiefari, Lois Phillips	1181 Fairway
Charles, Jeanne Cundiff	1155 Taylor
Frank, Jessica Delargy	1309 Fairway
Terry, Mike Duffey	1180 Nelson
Lucy Garvin	1264 Fairway
Hunter Lawrence	2319 Demaret
Glenn, Jenni McKay	1290 Palm
Rika, Ron Randolph	1255 Nelson
Devin, Chianne Shepherd	1376 Fairway
Mary Grace Whittle	1468 Fairway
William Willis	2255 Demaret

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Catch more photos of neighborhood happenings in the online newsletter: [Fairway Estates website.](#)

Upcoming Events

Nov.-May	Dunedin Farmers Market, Dunedin History Museum (parking lot) 349 Main Street Fri & Sat 9am-2pm	Nov. 11	Dunedin Wines the Blues Downtown Dunedin 1-11pm
Oct. 21	Honeymoon Island Fall Festival, 10am-5pm	Nov. 11	Dogtoberfest Highlander Park 11am-5pm
Oct. 26	Fairway Estates Women's Club	Nov. 18	Dunedin Celtic Music Festival Highlander Park 10am-6pm
Nov. 23	Happy Hours Dunedin Golf Club	Nov. 18,19	Dunedin Arts & Crafts Festival Downtown 10am-5pm
Dec. 28	6pm	Dec. 2	Breakfast with Santa Community Center 9am
Oct. 27	Dunedin Downtown Trick or Treat 6pm-8pm	Dec. 2	Dunedin Holiday Boat Parade and Tree Lighting, Marina 6pm-9pm
Oct. 28	Halloween Happenings Highlander Park 5:30pm-9:30pm	Dec. 2	Honeymoon Island Bluegrass Festival 11am-5pm
Oct 29	FECA Fall Festival Lake Sandra Park 2pm-5pm	Dec 3	FECA Holiday Party Lake Sandra Park 2pm-5pm
Nov. 4,5	Art Harvest Highlander Park 10am-5pm	Dec. 9	Old-Fashioned Christmas/Holiday Parade, Downtown 4pm-9pm
Nov. 8	FECA HOA Board Meeting Dunedin Golf Club 6:30pm	Dec. 12	Fairway Estates Women's Club Luncheons Dunedin Golf Club 11:30am-1pm
Dec. 13		Dec.15	Drive In Movie - Elf Highlander Park 5-10pm
Jan. 10			
Nov. 11	FECA Neighborhood Garage Sale 8am-3pm		
Nov. 11	Dunedin Veterans Day Ceremony Edgewater Park 11:00am		