

# Fairway Focus

***Strengthening community, fostering communication***

Fairway Estates Community Association (FECA) [www.fairwayestates.org](http://www.fairwayestates.org)

## Upcoming Events

### Annual FECA Meeting February 8th

Our annual homeowner's association meeting is on Monday, February 8th at 7pm, Dunedin Golf Club. Registration begins at 6:30pm. Paid HOA members can participate in discussions and voting on these issues: election of five board member nominees for three year terms and the 2021 budget.

### Fairway Estates Women's Club

The Fairway Estates Women's Club is encouraging donations to Dunedin Cares in this time of need for many families. Remember that you can drop off donations in the lobby of the Dunedin Golf Club and women's club members will deliver them to Dunedin Cares. The next luncheons are on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are in Upcoming Events on page 8. For more information, contact Rita Kelb at 937-470-1459 or [fairwayestateswcl@yahoo.com](mailto:fairwayestateswcl@yahoo.com). Watch for announcements on Facebook and Nextdoor. We hope to see you all soon.

### Ladies of Fairway Estates Social

Everyone is welcome to join us and meet your neighbors at our happy hours from 6-8pm at the Dunedin Golf Club. The next happy hours are Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, March 9<sup>th</sup> and April 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

### Welcome New Neighbors

Gwendolyn & Randal Akers	2345 Harrison Dr.
Leslie & David Bates	2362 Harrison Dr.
Trina & Thomas Burrows	2357 Jones Dr.
Victoria Gossen & William McNulty	2318 Armour Dr.
Barbara Wilkie	2325 Watrous Dr.

## Note from the President - Mathew Stevens



Happy 2021! With all the turmoil in 2020, I hope you were able to take some time and have an enjoyable holiday season.

In 2020 we learned to adapt our daily lives as we wrestled with Covid. While significant strides have been made, there is no crystal ball on when or what it will be like

when we get through this. The board will continue to manage programs and events with the best interest of the whole community in mind. As a community, remember the resources available in times of need – neighbors, the resident directory, the FECA website contact list, NextDoor, and be sure to sign up to receive FECA emails.

FECA will continue several of our programs that have minimal impact from Covid – welcoming new neighbors, beautification activities, newsletter issues, and other programs as appropriate. We continue to exam social events to determine how we can safely celebrate the neighborhood. Contact a board member to learn more, or to volunteer.

Our annual meeting is set for Monday, February 8th at 7:00pm at the Golf Club. Due to Covid, we will have the room set up for social distancing and require attendees to wear appropriate protective equipment. We will not have a guest speaker this year. The agenda includes the 2021 budget review and vote, the review and approval of board nominees, and review of community comments. If you are not comfortable attending but want your vote counted, you can request a proxy. Proxies will not be available at the event and must be requested in advance. Further details are included with your annual dues notice.

Speaking of annual dues...you should have received your notice by now. I hope you will consider where this money goes and how hard we work to stretch that \$45. Insurance, beautification gardening supplies and plants, and general and preventative maintenance are some of the regular costs.

Because of your pride in your home and support of our community, Fairway Estates continues to be one of the most attractive neighborhoods in Dunedin. The board appreciates your support, and we look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood in 2021.

# Your FECA Fees Explained

**1. Who owes the \$45 annual fee?** Every Fairway Estates property owner, per the tax role, is billed an annual fee. Bills are sent out in late December each year and are due Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> in order to vote on issues at the annual meeting.

**2. What does your fee pay for?** The purpose of our fee is to maintain and enhance our neighborhood value while promoting community, security and livability. Your board continuously evaluates ways to most efficiently use the fees which pay for:

- Insurance as required by our bylaws
- Maintenance of Lake Saundra Park which includes mowing, tree trimming, maintenance of the picnic table, park benches, library box, and plantings in the butterfly garden and around the signage.
- Maintenance of the FECA owned section of Lake Saundra which includes monthly water quality/invasive plant treatments
- Maintenance of entranceway monuments, signs, lighting and landscaping
- Publication of a printed newsletter throughout the year
- Maintenance of the website
- Refreshments and activities/entertainment for special events when they are not sponsored

**3. Who pays the maintenance of the Palm Blvd green space divider including grass, plantings, and palms?** The City of Dunedin maintains the Palm Blvd road divider.

**4. Who maintains the neighborhood street lights?** Duke Energy. Please contact them online <https://www.dukeenergy.com> to repair street lights.

**5. Where do I find how the collected FECA fees are spent?** Association expenses are presented at the annual FECA meeting in February and in monthly Board meetings with meeting notes posted to the [FECA website](#). The proposed annual budget is presented at the annual meeting and voted on by the active members.

**6. How can I influence how our fees are used?** Fairway Estates home owners are welcome to attend the monthly FECA Board meetings typically scheduled for the second Wednesday of the month, 6:30pm at the Dunedin Country Club. [Contact](#) a Board member to confirm date and time.

**7. If I don't live on Lake Saundra, do I have to pay to maintain the lake?** Yes, but Lake Saundra homeowners are charged an additional maintenance fee based on the amount of lakeshore they own. The \$45 fee charged to all Fairway Estates home owners includes lake maintenance only for the section of lakeshore along our neighborhood park. FECA owns approximately 1/3 of Lake Saundra and its waterfront park property on Palm Boulevard.

Lake maintenance includes monthly treatment by SOLitude to prevent the overgrowth of algae and invasive plants. With FECA and the lake homeowners sharing expenses, we have a symbiotic relationship. Our community needs the financial support of the shorefront property owners and the shorefront property owners need the financial support of FECA to work together in total support of the health of the lake.

## Annual Meeting Agenda

Note that our annual membership meeting will be held Monday, February 8 at 7pm at the Dunedin Golf Club. Due to Covid, the agenda is simplified and the room will be set up for social distancing for attendees with appropriate protective equipment. Proxies are available for those who want to vote, but not attend the meeting. Your dues notice explains how to request one.

- Presentation of 2021 budget for approval
- Board Members up for 3 year renewal

- Matt Stevens - President
- Todd Brooks - Vice President
- Ed Kelb - Secretary
- Bill Greenwood - At Large
- Mary Lyon - At Large

Learn more about your board members on our [website](#).

## Time for 2021 Homeowners Dues

If you haven't already paid your **2021 dues**, please send \$45 with the form you received in the mail preferably or this form to: FECA, PO Box 563, Dunedin, FL 34697. All payments received will be posted in the next Fairway Focus. Contact Kelly Dixon at 727-692-3073 for questions or more information.

Homeowner Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Fairway Estates Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

## Neighbor Spotlight: Susan Foote



Imagine setting off on the sailing adventure of a lifetime! Our neighbor, Susan Foote, doesn't have to imagine this because with her adventurous soul, she has done it!

Susan started sailing at the age of eight when her dad's cousin became her sailing mentor. As a child, her dream was to live on a boat so she and her imaginary friends, Speedy and Spagga, did just that for a few years on Lake Erie in Ohio. Eventually Susan grew up to become an IT software consultant from 1978-1998. She still travels to Ohio for summers to enjoy her family.

After retiring, Susan and her husband Pete decided this was the time to sail away. Starting at the infamous Lake Erie, they traveled half-way around the world visiting exotic destinations such as Bermuda, U.S. Virgin and British Islands, Aruba, the Galapagos Islands and Polynesia. Susan's most daring adventure occurred in the Atlantic Ocean when she and Pete alone 'weathered' through a severe storm for several days and nights. Susan and Pete were brought to their knees as they watched a wall of water engulf their boat.

Eventually Susan and Pete went separate ways but still remain good friends. To share their adventures, Susan wrote a book called "The Sailing Adventures of La Boatique." For anyone who enjoys sailing, this might be just the book for you as it details all of their adventures, both daring and quiet.

Susan first visited Dunedin in 2004 at the behest of two friends playing matchmaker. They knew Susan from Ohio and Steve Seibert from Dunedin were both adventurers and cruisers, (those who sail their own boats), so Susan flew here to meet Steve. After exchanging sailing escapades, they knew they were meant for each other. Susan moved to Fairway Estates and they married. When Steve was diagnosed with dementia, Susan took over more and more of their business, Canvas Yard, producers of custom made boat covers. She decided to keep it going when Steve died and still runs it part time with the help of her friend Chris.

Every Thursday Susan continues her quest for adventure, racing Dinghy sailboats with the [Windlasses](#), Dunedin's women's sailing club. She is now the Captain with the responsibility of coordinating boat maintenance, and scheduling races, cruises, and parties.

Susan is on the board of "[Friends of the Hammock](#)," a non-profit group that provides support for programs that benefit Hammock Park. She also chairs their butterfly garden committee. When not sailing, Susan enjoys gardening, cooking and riding her bicycle around Pinellas County.

## Dunedin Golf Club: A Safe, Fun Place

Much has transpired in 2020 but the Dunedin Golf Club is still dedicated to its members, neighbors, and community. Club manager Chuck Croasmun says, "We are appreciative of the support you've shown. Our goal is to remain a safe place to play golf, dine and have fun with family and friends".

Sign up for e-blasts or visit the [Fairway Grille Section](#) of the website to see the daily specials. Below are some upcoming special events. Call the club, 727-733-2134, for updates and details.

Feb. 13	Valentine's Dinner Dance
Feb. 14	Valentine's Brunch
Feb. 20	"One Blood" Blood Drive
Mar. 19	St. Patty's Day Week Specials
Apr. 3	Easter Egg Hunt & Breakfast
Apr. 4	Easter Brunch Buffet
May 9	Mother's Day Brunch Buffet

## Time to Try Restaurant Recipes

Miss your favorite restaurant dish? "Don't despair," says Derrick Beland who lives on Armour Dr. Derrick is using his extra Covid time to prepare famous restaurant recipes that have been posted online.

Derrick began remaking restaurant recipes in his 20's when he worked at a restaurant in Roanoke, VA. He loves dining out, then trying to figure out the secret ingredients. Even when he gets inside info from a server, he finds it takes practice to make it just right.

His favorite recipe is Outback Steakhouse's Hearts of Gold Chicken. The [recipe](#) is really for Tilapia, but he likes to substitute chicken, using the tricky but versatile [lemon butter sauce](#).

Derrick has some suggestions for anyone wanting to attempt restaurant recipes:

- Start small with an appetizer, soup, or dessert since restaurant recipes can be very involved.
- Fresh ingredients are key! Try replacing a canned, frozen or dried ingredient with a fresh version. Your kitchen will smell amazing and the flavor is delicious. To replace dried herbs with fresh, use 3 times the dried herb amount.
- Don't give up if your dish is a flop. A flop is often followed by success. I flopped [Emeril Lagasse's Fish Stew](#) the first time because I was afraid to burn the roux, not knowing I was supposed to burn it!

Here is a [list](#) of restaurant recipes released during the pandemic. To share a restaurant recipe you've tried, send the recipe and your comments to [newsletter@fairwayestates.org](mailto:newsletter@fairwayestates.org)

## The Sights of the Season

In case you missed the wonderful holiday decorations displayed by our neighbors, here are some of the highlights. More photos are in the online version.



The Redheaded Raggedy Ann & Andy



The Glowing Girls



The Masked Marvel



The Kinetic Kids



The Dynamic Duo



The Perfect Pair



The Wiley Werewolf



The Seductive Sorceress



The Stately Skeleton

## The Sights of the Season



The Delightful Dogs



The Warm Welcome



The Gregg Dixon  
Great Golf Cart



The Kenny & Carol Scott Grand Golf Cart Cart



The Romantic  
Reindeer



The Super-sized  
Santa

## Our Famous Street Names By Glen Gaither

Sam Snead, one of the top golfers in the world for four decades, is considered one of the greatest players of all time. Admired for his much imitated 'perfect swing', "Slammin Sammy" won 82 PGA Tour events, a record that stood for over 50 years. His wins included seven majors, lacking only the US Open in which he was runner up four times. He had the lowest scoring average four times and was PGA Player of the Year.



Snead was known for his folksy image, wearing a straw hat, and making such statements as "Keep close count of your nickels and dimes," "Stay away from whiskey," and "Never concede a putt." Born in Virginia in 1912, the same year as greats Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson, Snead began as a caddy at age seven. He taught himself the game with a set of clubs carved from tree limbs. He turned pro at 22, joined the PGA Tour two years later, and won his first Greater Greensboro Open at 26. He won it eight times, a PGA record.

During World War II, Snead served in the U.S. Navy as an athletic specialist under Commander Gene Tunney, the great boxer, who was tasked with running the Navy's pilot fitness program. Snead was given a medical discharge for a back injury in September 1944.

After the war Snead continued to rack up wins on the Tour, winning six times in 1946 including the first Open Championship at St. Andrews played in the post war years. In 1949, Snead won nine PGA events including two majors--the Masters and the PGA Championship and was honored as Player of the Year.

Snead called 1950 his greatest year. He won 11 events, including a playoff victory over Ben Hogan at the LA Open and he had the lowest scoring average, an astounding 69.23, a record which stood for 50 years. Snead's last win at Greensboro in 1965, at age 52, made him the oldest player to win a PGA Tour event.

In 1982 at age 69, Snead played a two hole novelty exhibition match with a six-year-old Tiger Woods. In 2019 Woods tied Snead's record of 82 tour wins, a record that had stood for 54 years and places the two far ahead of any other golfer.

Snead, who played at the elite level longer than anyone, was inducted into the Golf Hall of Fame in 1974, and in 1998 received the PGA Tour Lifetime Achievement Award, the fourth person to be so honored.

For all his Tour records, it was Snead's swing that is most remembered. The great Gary Player said there was no question Snead had "the greatest golf swing of any human being that ever lived." Jack Nicklaus said when he closed his eyes and saw the swing he wanted, it was Sam's. Sam Snead died in 2002 at the age of 89.

## Holiday Yard of the Season

Neighbors were ready to light up the neighborhood this year, maybe to help replace the usual festivities that we weren't able to enjoy. Creativity and humor abounded and a few were declared Yards of the Holiday Season.



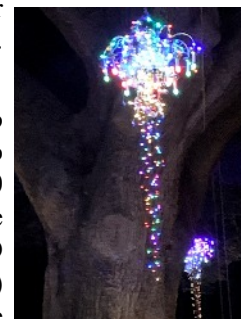
The top winner was David and Diane Wiley at 2308 Jones Dr. They said, "This year has been a challenge for many and the lights bring joy and hope, which is the true meaning of Christmas; and

we are happy to do our part." Their yard was beautiful, festive, creative, and fun. We all chuckled when we saw Santa's and Mrs. Santa's outfits hanging on the clothesline to dry; a Florida snow-woman complete with grass skirt and coconuts, sand pail, fishing pole (with fish!), and a beverage by her side. More traditional decorations included the lighted palm tree next to a statement of JOY with angels, and many other beautiful features.



Honorable mention went to Elana Parker, at 2310 Jones Dr. Her stunning blue light trees, topped with white Moravian stars were another standout of the many Jones Dr. decorated homes.

Honorable Mention was also awarded to newer neighbors Bob and Rebecca Stein at 2240 Watrous Dr., with their creative upside down decorated and LED lit chandeliers (jelly fish?) hanging from their majestic live oak tree.



We also enjoyed and appreciated the timely and creative driveway chalk art by Adrienne Gelfius on Demaret.

# The Spirit of Our Community

## Storm ready

To add to the year's tone, Tropical Storm Eta paid a visit in November, one of 30 named storms, 12 hitting the US in 2020. Many of us lost power and most of us had messy yards, but we all had our eyes out for each other to make sure everyone was ok.



## Halloween reinvented

Neighbors got creative with candy disposal appliances and decorations, ensuring there was a Halloween despite Covid-19. Kelly Dixon held a slightly haunted yard walk-about with cute photo backdrops and lots of candy. She set up a selfie-photo costume contest entered by cute and scary characters.



## Neighbor Santa makes kids smile

The Dunedin Golf Club's annual children's Christmas Party was held this year as a drive-through event for 35 deserving kids, adjusted for Covid safety. Neighbor Rick Lawrence played a critical role in this event's success. (Shhhh, he was Santa!).

## Spirited golf cart parades

Organizer Kelly Dixon led a couple of festively decorated golf cart parades over the holidays. Dunedin's Santa atop his fire truck was followed by our festively decorated neighborhood golf carts complete with music, sirens and donkey heehaws. They took another golf cart outing during the planetary convergence (Saturn and Jupiter) to tour the holiday lights.



## Our giving spirit

Diane Kerfeld: "I mentioned in our Fairway Estates facebook page that my church has a Christmas tree with many tags (gift requests) for the migrant workers' children. I was so impressed with our neighborhood when several neighbors asked me to get them tags so they could donate gifts. We really do live in the best, most giving, neighborhood!"

## Surprise bags



We heard reports of neighbors being 'boo-zed' before Halloween, and 'jingled' around Christmas. Very important goodies left at the doors, but



no one is confessing!

## Charitable scavenger hunt downtown

Derrick Beland held his annual downtown Dunedin scavenger hunt in December in memory of his and his wife's first dog which they adopted from the Pinellas Humane Society. Derrick told us, "Organizing this event helps distract us from the loss while allowing us to help an organization that we believe in."

Even with Covid they had 20 participants, each required to wear their donation - a collar or leash. Teams walked the town to solve clues about Dunedin landmarks and businesses, collected information and submitted them to earn points. Over 30 businesses were happy to participate.



Here is a clue from this year: There is a 1925 novel that follows a cast of characters in the fictional towns of West Egg and East Egg in Long Island during the summer of 1922. This business is named after that novel.

Answer: The business is The Great Giftsby owned by neighbors Steve and Nancy McCarver.

Aside from solving clues, the participants had to sing Christmas carols to the business employees, collect autographs from strangers, take photos of their team with difficult objects to find, and collect scarce items like a brown paper lunch bag or an audio cassette tape.

The event was a success with 22 collars and leashes and 20 dog toys donated. The participants and business owners had a great time for this terrific cause. The winner was a team from Trails West. Derrick is planning next year's event for December 11, 2021. All are invited to participate. Watch for it in our Fall 2021 newsletter's Annual Events Calendar.

**Fairway Estates  
Community Association  
PO Box 563  
Dunedin, FL 34697**



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

## Upcoming Events

Jan-May	Friday and Saturday Downtown Market, 9am-2pm Pioneer Park	TBA	History Comes Alive, Call the Dunedin History Museum 727-736-1176 for updates
Jan-May	Sunset Stroll 821 Victoria Dr. 2nd Friday of month, 5:30pm	<b>Mar 9</b>	<b>Ladies of Fairway Estates Happy Hour, 6-8pm Dunedin Golf Club</b>
Jan-May	Downtown Walking Tour 3rd Fri of month, 10am Dunedin History Museum	<b>Mar 10</b>	<b>FECA HOA Board Meeting 6:30pm, Dunedin Golf Club</b>
<b>Feb 8</b>	<b>FECA Annual Meeting, 7pm Dunedin Golf Club</b>	Mar 13	St. Patrick's Day 5K Race 10:30am Weaver Park
<b>Feb 9</b>	<b>Ladies of Fairway Estates Happy Hour, 6-8pm Dunedin Golf Club</b>	<b>Mar 21</b>	<b>Ladies of Fairway Estates Happy Hour, 6-8pm Dunedin Golf Club</b>
<b>Feb 15</b>	<b>Fairway Estates Women's Luncheon, 11:30am Dunedin Golf Club</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	<b>FECA HOA Board Meeting 6:30pm, Dunedin Golf Club</b>
Feb 20-21	Arts & Crafts Festival 10am-5pm Downtown Dunedin	<b>Apr 21</b>	<b>Fairway Estates Women's Luncheon, 11:30am Dunedin Golf Club</b>
		<b>May 12</b>	<b>FECA HOA Board Meeting 6:30pm, Dunedin Golf Club</b>



## The Sights of the Season



The Wacky Witch



The Peek-a-boo Pumpkin



The Scary Skeleton



The Hapless Hobo



The Spooky Spider



The Colorful Couple



The Tabby Tiger



The Ghastly Ghoul



The Cat Car

## The Sights of the Season



The Angelic Angel



The Defenseless Dorothy



The Talented Tom Brady



The Musical Marshellos and Fiery Fireman



The Cutie Cat



The Fab Family

## The Sights of the Season



The Wretched Witches



The Peeved Pumpkin



The Renowned RGB



The Giddy Ghost



The Perilous Pumpkin



The Beastly Black Cat



The Menacing Mailbox



The Garage Ghoul

## The Sights of the Season



The Frolicking Family



The Dainty Ducks



The Screwball Santa



The Rollicking Reindeer



The Peppermint Puppy



The Frosty Family

## The Sights of the Season



The Christmas Cat



The Sleepy Santa



The Glaring Grinch



The Tantalizing Tree



The Cuddly Christmas Tree



The Fishing Friends



The Sparkling Snowflakes



The Shimmery Santa

## The Sights of the Season



The Joyous Jellyfish Lit



The Joyous Jellyfish Unlit



The Scruffy Santa



The Saluting Snowman



The Precious Pals



The Santa Statue



The Romantic Reindeer



The Bright Branches



The Holiday Hero