

# Fairway Focus

***Strengthening community, fostering communication***

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

## Upcoming Events

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

### Fall Festival October 27, 2-5pm



Join neighbors at Lake Saundra Park for adult and kid's costume contests, food, beverages, and a photo booth. Bring a spooky dish, or your favorite chili and cornbread to be showcased! for a surprise contest in which everyone can participate, see page 6.

### Neighborhood Garage Sale Nov. 9

Starts at 8am. 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 8, 2-5pm



Clear those calendars for our annual holiday festival at Lake Saundra Park with pizza, festive drinks, games and a photo booth. And you won't want to miss a visit from Santa! Bring a holiday treat to share.

### Fairway Estates Women's Club (FEWC) with Monthly Happy Hours

The popular club is looking for women interested in the positions of President, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications. If you are not a member, you can join at the FEWC [Facebook website](#). A \$10 donation is requested to support club events. See the calendar on page 8 for happy hour dates. Watch Facebook and Nextdoor for event and open position details or contact President Deb Tully at 727-200-5683.

## Note from the President - Todd Brooks

We have been through some challenging weather this summer and I am so proud to have seen our community pull together to support and assist one another. This is what makes Fairway Estates so special – each of you helping one another. I hope to see you (and your Chili dishes) at the upcoming Fall Festival October 27<sup>th</sup> at Lake Saundra to celebrate our endurance and welcome back our winter neighbors. Also coming up is the Neighborhood Garage Sale in November, the Holiday Party in December and the Annual Meeting in February, and various Fairway Estates Women's Club activities.

The Board has been busy! We completed the much-needed new irrigation system at Lake Saundra Park, while continuously working with our Sheriff on traffic and safety concerns (page 7), with volunteer residents to maintain the plantings at our entrances, and monitoring our Lake Saundra waters along with the lakeside homeowners. We are working on the Brady monument sign replacements and hope to have an update on that soon.

We are excited to announce that our historic magnolia tree will be getting a name. You will have a chance to name it! Submit ideas at the Fall Festival. Learn more about the tree and naming on page 6.

Want to get more involved in your neighborhood activities? There are many opportunities available to you. Contact the committee chairs to find out more. Dave Lindsay is taking care of Lake Saundra, Deb Timko is welcoming new residents, Betsy Morgan is working closely with the City of Dunedin, Don Lemmon is 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. 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 are the second Wednesday of the month and are always open to residents wanting to learn more about how we serve the community.

I know we are all excited for the opening of the Dunedin Golf Course and Golf Club bar and restaurant in November. Learn more on page 4, and watch for announcements on Facebook. If you haven't already, sign up for [FairwayEstates](#) and the [City of Dunedin](#) groups on Facebook to stay current with local activities. This can be especially helpful in emergency situations.

As our cooler season is starting, I hope to see you all out and about. When you are enjoying your morning or evening walks, please remember to face traffic and carry a light if it is dark. This way we can keep one another safe.

## 2025 FECA Board Elections by Don Lemmon Nominating Committee Chairperson



Elections for open FECA Board positions take place at the annual FECA meeting in February. Our by-laws allow up to nine board members with 3 year terms, with serving board members allowed to run for re-election.

This coming February we have three board members up for re-election and each is willing to serve another 3 year term.

If you are interested in being nominated to serve as a board member, please contact Don Lemmon at 727-455-7513 or at [Volunteer@FairwayEstates.org](mailto:Volunteer@FairwayEstates.org) by December 1. You will need to attend the November and December board meetings. I look forward to hearing from those of you who are interested!

### City Guidelines: Election Signage

Its that time when we have the privilege of participating in the future of our government. This includes proudly announcing our designated candidates using yard signs and flags.



Fairway Estates follows City of Dunedin laws covering residential properties, including election signage. Per City code for residential zones: Each parcel may

display up to four temporary signs which shall not exceed four (4) square feet in sign area, and four (4) feet in height for residential properties.

Prohibited: Obscene signs that meet the definition of obscenity under Florida Statutes § 847.001.

### FECA Board Meetings

The FECA Board of Directors meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. Residents are welcome to attend and can make comments. All board meeting minutes are posted on [Fairwayestates.org](http://Fairwayestates.org).

If you are interested, please contact a board member to find out the meeting location which is in flux as the Dunedin Golf Club is under renovation.

## Meet Gerry Boock Beautification Chairperson



Gerry was born and raised in the Washington DC metro area and spent six years in Chicago before moving with his wife Yin to Fairway Estates in 2019. Washington DC is where he met Yin while protesting at the Burmese Embassy. Most of his career has been involved in healthcare information technology.

One reason Gerry moved to Florida was for the chance to grow tropical plants. His interest in, and enjoyment of, gardening has been a respite from his work and has motivated him to chair the Beautification Committee. He admits that his yard is completely plant-filled and in this role, he can continue to garden along with the committee volunteers to help keep our neighborhood beautiful.

Gerry asks neighbors to [contact him](#) with gardening ideas and their interest to participate in gardening maintenance and projects. [Beautification@FairwayEstates.org](mailto:Beautification@FairwayEstates.org)

### Beautification Update

Do you like to tend to plants, play in the dirt, and meet plant-loving neighbors? Gerry Boock, our new Beautification Chairperson wants to hear from you. Gerry knows that everyone can't always make specific dates and times to meet for garden maintenance projects. He is introducing 'Adopt a Garden'.

Adopt a Garden lets you pick one or more of the entrance gardens, butterfly garden or Lake Sandra sign garden to nurture, along with others who sign up for the same. Gerry provides guidance, ensures that approved expenses are reimbursed and guides the gardening to a common goal.

The main advantage is that you can plan maintenance around your schedule. Gather your plant-besties and contact Gerry to coordinate and share ideas.

Call, email, and look for Facebook announcements. [Beautification@FairwayEstates.org](mailto:Beautification@FairwayEstates.org) 240-401-0114.

### Welcome New Neighbors

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| Kristen & Joe Barbagallo    | 1189 Burke Ave.     |
| Sonia & Jonathan Engelhardt | 1164 Ford Lane      |
| Tamara & William Hanlin     | 1115 Fairway Dr.    |
| Alison & Stephen Lundstram  | 2131 Sarazen Dr.    |
| Kathleen Schutters          | 2324 Middlecoff Dr. |

## Neighbor Spotlight: Alex Fawbush



As a child of ten Alex Fawbush, our neighbor on Fairway, discovered a trove of old bottles hidden in the woods near his home in Georgia. The excitement of this experience added to his love of history and the outdoors influenced his decision to become an archaeologist.

Alex moved to this area eight years ago from Nashville to attend college. When Alex and his wife, Ashley, were shopping for a home, they saw a house on Fairway. They passed on it due to needed renovations, but a second look made them rethink their decision. The house's bones were good so Alex, who loves working with his hands, took on the projects. Alex and Ashley are happy living here, especially since the birth of their children Gwendolen, 2 ½ years old, and Marcus, 6 weeks old.

After graduating high school in Grayson, GA, Alex joined the Navy. His eight year experience in Electronic Warfare and Anti-Ship Missile Defense sharpened his analytical skills and attention to detail; skills that are invaluable in deciphering complex archaeological data.

After the Navy, Alex attended USF, graduating Cum Laude with a BA in Anthropology. He also attended an Archaeological Field School excavating right in our own backyard at Philippe Park, and has worked as an archaeological field tech for private industry. He was a Member of Tau Sigma National Honor Society and Student Veterans Association

Alex is currently at USF pursuing an MA in Applied Anthropology and is a member of the Veterans National Honor Society. In addition to going to school, Alex works full-time at USF as a Research Support Specialist where he uses LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) laser scanning to create 3D models of artifacts and cultural heritage sites.

Alex's most interesting adventure, so far, was as a volunteer with [American Veterans Archaeological Recovery](#). He traveled to Caltagirone, Sicily for 2 months in 2021 to search for the remains of downed WWII pilots. While in Sicily, he visited the ruins of [The Villa Romana del Casale](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and considered one of the finest examples of an ancient Roman villa. This visit to Casale came full circle when he started working at USF where he is digitizing 3D scans that were taken by the lab of the Villa.

Alex loves hiking and camping with Ashley and their children when he is not doing projects. Ashley tells us that Alex's best characteristic is his 'dedication', and we can see that. Working full time, while working on getting a master's degree and helping to raise their children does take a dedicated person.

## Our Award-Winning Neighbors



Congratulations to our own Dave Lindsey, first person on the left, who was recognized as an Environmental Hero of Dunedin!!!! This is defined as: "those whose actions protect and conserve the natural environment and contribute to the sustainability of the City of Dunedin." Dave is our own Fairway Estates environmental champion in many ways including his role as Committee Chair overseeing the aquatic health of Lake Sandra in conjunction with the Lakefront Property Owners.



Coach and neighbor Glenn McKay, son Collin McKay and family traveled to Defuniak Springs, FL for the Florida Little League State All-Star Tournament as District 12 champions. Congratulations also go out to the Dunedin Majors Little League team that won districts, sections and finished 5th in Florida!

## Additional Paid FECA Members

Thank you to all neighbors who have paid their 2024 annual fees of \$55. These fees support the responsibilities of our Fairway Estates Community Association. See the [winter newsletter](#) for more details on how FECA annual fees are used and the [FECA website](#) for the monthly Treasurer's report.

Susan Bartelloni

William and Tamara Hanlin



## Fall Yard of the Season

Winners: Kate & Brad Myers at 1171 Burke Ave.



Kate and Brad have lived in Fairway Estates for three years. After living in Weybridge for twenty years, it was time to down size and they knew this is where they wanted to live the next phase of their lives. Kate grew up in Dunedin and Brad is from Palm Beach. They met in college and have lived in Dunedin since marrying.

When they purchased their house, it had been vacant for seven years so they did a complete interior renovation. But the yard was in better shape so their goal was to maintain the house's mid-century modern charm by keeping the pops of color and Florida natives that surrounded the house. They further anchored the yard by adding more Florida natives like the cabbage palm, sea grape, coontie and clusia. Kate and Brad also added trees such as the Adonidia palm, Areca palm, Fiddle-leaf fig tree and Ligustrum tree.

To add more color, they chose a variety of flowering plants that includes purple plumbago, pink hibiscus, orange bird of paradise, bougainvillea and white crinum lily.



Kate's favorite garden space is the arbor in the side yard with its sea grapes, cabbage palms and arecas. Deckers Lawn and Landscaping designed the custom wood arbor.

An interesting side story is that the Myers home is historically famous. It is one of the 75 near identical mid-century modern homes called [The Scholz Mark 58](#), selected by *House Beautiful* magazine as the House of the Year for 1958. These one-of-a-kind homes were built across the country, using prefab materials designed and manufactured by the Scholz company. The Mark 58 was available in four sizes and the only changes made were for lot topography, climate, and local requirements.

So now Kate and Brad are famous for two reasons, Fall Yard of the season and living in the architecturally recognized Scholz Mark 58.

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



The latest update is that the course is set to open on schedule on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Golfers will be happy to see the following improvements: a new irrigation system, TifTuf Bermuda grass known for lower water requirements on fairways, new bunkers, new championship length tees, improved drainage and renovations to rediscover the original Donald Ross design. Look for grand opening details in the news on social media.

Click on the links below to see more information.

<https://www.youtube.com/@wkphotography>

[DGC Restoration Master Plan](#)

### New Restaurant Also Debuts Nov. 1st

Christina and Zachary Feinstein, Co-Owners of The Feinstein Group known for the Black Pearl and The Living Room restaurants, are opening their latest venture: The Highland House at Dunedin Golf Club.



They promise a dining experience that blends exceptional food with elegance in the beautiful setting of the newly renovated Dunedin Golf Club.

“Zach’s first job was at the Dunedin Golf Club, so there’s a nostalgia that comes along with this project; the Club is in our back yard, and it’s near and dear to our hearts,” said Christina. “We feel a responsibility to give the Dunedin community a special space where they can have a great meal, hold events and make memories.”

The Highland House will offer upscale casual dining for members and nonmembers at affordable prices with a New American menu designed by Chef Rob Reinsmith — Executive Chef & Co-Owner of the renowned Wild Child in St. Pete and a recent star on Beat Bobby Flay. His innovative and unique dishes will include favorites like his Arancini “Tater Tots”, Nashville Hot Chicken Sliders, Double Cut Pork Chops, and S’mores Bread Pudding.

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A 4,500 sq. ft. private dining facility seating up to 200 and a cozier 1,200 sq. ft. private room will be available for booking weddings and parties on Dec 1. Food and beverage catering are included. Be one of the first to taste the cuisine of Chef Reinsmith and enjoy the new club.

## Summer Travels of Our Neighbors



**Harvey Foote watching daughter, Susan Foote, windsurf on Lake Erie in Vermilion, Ohio. Harvey, a 96 year old Korean War veteran, watches traffic at the corner of Mangrum and Brady during the winter.**



**Susan Lucas posing with her pirate crew at NY Renaissance faire.**



**Trafford, Whitney, and Zac Marsh in Olden, Norway**



**Kelly Dixon's bucket list trip to Chincoteague Island VA for pony swim week**



**Rebma Granger and daughter on their way to Wisconsin to visit Family.**



**Mark Kinaci and Kathy O'Leary (in the car) stuck in the snow near Oregon/California border.**



**Vickey and Will Sare in Switzerland in front of the amazing fountain at the Lindt Home of Chocolate.**



**Sharon Herman and Melissa Hughes in front of Denali with a full view. It's only fully visible 10% of the time.**



**Victoria & Bill Gossen-McNulty visited St. Andrew's Scotland golf course on their 12 day British Isles cruise.**



# The Story of Our Magnificent Lake Sandra Magnolia Tree

## Let's Find A Name



But 70 years is nothing! My magnolia family is believed to be the earliest known flowering plant; 100 million years of lineage. This is before there were bees. So, we rely on beetles who eat the magnolia flower's pollen to do the pollinating.

These beautiful flowers represent special things to different cultures. Because they've existed for millions of years, they represent perseverance. In China they are gifts of great respect.



My boughs are arms that hold these beautiful giant magnolia flowers each spring. Magnolia boughs are actually fragile and can easily break if a strong wind, or a person decides to pull on them. Because I am a slow healer, it can take years to repair a broken or cracked branch. When I spend my energy to heal, I don't have as much for growing and making flowers.



Please be kind to me, help take care of me so that I can shade you, give birds a home, and bring you flowers.

Thank you!

Hi,  
Let me introduce myself. I am probably older than you think, possibly the oldest magnolia tree in Dunedin, and have seen many changes over my lifetime so far. Will you give me a name? To help you out, here is my story.

### When I started

I became a resident of Fairway Estates in 1956 when the neighborhood was being planned. So much was going on then. The Sunshine Skyway Bridge had opened 2 years earlier and our neighbor, Clearwater, was the fastest growing city in the US. The Gulf coast of Florida was changing!

Around me, Elvis Presley's songs Heartbreak Hotel and Don't Be Cruel were heard everywhere. I Love Lucy was the most popular TV show. 72% of American households had a television, and now you carry shows and music on your phone.



### My story

I, and my kind, are known for our big, fragrant magnolia flowers. I developed as a red seed, one of many, that comes from those flowers. While those seeds can be carried by wind or birds, Dunedin arborist Rick Moore thinks I was planted as a small sapling when the

neighborhood was starting. Thank you to that special person!

You can see how big I am. That's because I can grow about one foot a year and get as tall as 8 stories high! Since I've been here almost 70 years, I've seen all of your homes being built, watched kids start the school year and play around the lake in the summer. I really enjoy your neighborhood parties under my branches with food, drink, music and games.

### How To Name Me

Please come to the Fall Festival at Lake Sandra Park and write down your name recommendation.

You can vote for your favorite at the Holiday Party, and I get to find out at the Spring Fling! I can't wait to find out which name you pick.

## Neighborhood Safety

In this day and time, please follow the advice from our law enforcement: if you see something, say something. If it is an emergency, call 911. If not an emergency, call the Pinellas County Sheriff non-emergency number 727-582-6200.



**Crime Viewer** - Pinellas County tracks all crimes by address in their website: the Pinellas County Crime Viewer. You can request to receive notifications directly from the site to your email. <https://egis.pinellas.gov/apps/CrimeViewer/>

**Traffic** Since February 2023 Don Lemmon has been coordinating efforts with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Department (PCSO) to keep our community safe. In this process, PCSO has issued citations and warnings to speeders and to those failing to stop. Half of these have gone to non-residents. Don reminds us to report speeders by calling the PCSO non-emergency number.



### Pedestrian Safety

Vehicle safety is not one-sided. Because we have no sidewalks, our walking neighbors and pets are vulnerable on the street. We can increase our own personal and pet safety by choosing to face traffic, and carrying a light when dusk and dark.

By the way, these practices are Florida law and not anyone's opinion. Let's keep our neighborhood safe

### 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 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.



### Break ins

While we don't have a big break-in problem here, it does occasionally happen. PCSO reminds us that it is always good to remove all items from your vehicle and lock the vehicle doors when parked in any driveway, road or parking lot. At home, keep the garage doors closed and your house doors locked, especially when you are not at home. Do not open the door to anyone you don't know or can't identify.

## Exciting New Park Sprinkler System



A portion of your annual dues is used to maintain Lake Sandra Park and the Association's portion of the lake. The Board realized that the roots of our growing trees caused problems with the park's sprinkler system that resulted in a dying lawn and growing dirt pits.

Several irrigation companies proposed on the project and Charlie's Wells of Oldsmar was selected. They came out

in September and installed sprinkler lines with flexible tubing to withstand pressure from pedestrians and machinery without damage. Additional zones were added and sprinklers were placed closer to one another in order to provide full lawn coverage.

It was a big project, but one that should last for years to come. Thanks to Todd Brooks for running with this to quickly resolve the issues.

## Debby and Helene Visit Dunedin



Late summer has been busy for us this year. In August, Debby visited as a windy, rainy day. But that rain on top of a summer of record breaking rains was too much for some of our trees.

Devastating Hurricane Helene succeeded in outdoing all recent coastal storms with a historic storm surge that our area will need years to recover from. While some fallen trees, broken branches, and less than a week of lost power were annoying, we can appreciate our 'high ground' neighborhood that kept us safe from the water that was only blocks away. Thanks to all of those who helped in all the ways you did!!





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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	<b>Nov. 13</b> <b>Dec. 11</b> <b>Jan. 8</b>	<b>FECA Board Meeting</b> <b>Location TBD 6:30pm</b>
Oct. 25	Dunedin Downtown Trick or Treat 5:30pm-7:30pm	Nov. 16	Dogtoberfest Highlander Park 11am-5pm
Oct. 26	Halloween Happenings Highlander Park 5:30pm-9:30pm	Nov. 23	Dunedin Celtic Music Festival Highlander Park 10am-6pm
<b>Oct 27</b>	<b>FECA Fall Festival</b> <b>Lake Sandra Park 2pm-5pm</b>	Dec. 7	Breakfast with Santa Community Center 9am
<b>Oct. 31</b> <b>Nov. 28</b> <b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>Fairway Estates Women's Club</b> <b>Happy Hours See Facebook</b>	Dec. 7	Dunedin Holiday Boat Parade and Tree Lighting Marina 6pm-9pm
Nov. 2,3	Art Harvest Highlander Park 10am-5pm	Dec. 7	Honeymoon Island Bluegrass Festival 11am-5pm
Nov. 9	Dunedin Wines the Blues Downtown Dunedin 12-10pm	<b>Dec. 8</b>	<b>FECA Holiday Party Lake Sandra</b> <b>Park 2pm-5pm</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>FECA Neighborhood Garage Sale</b> <b>8am</b>	Dec. 14	Old-Fashioned Christmas/Holiday Parade Downtown 4pm-9pm
Nov. 11	Dunedin Veterans Day Ceremony Pioneer Park 11:00am	Dec. 14	Wreaths Across America, Dunedin Municipal Cemetery 11:30am
		Dec. 20	Dunedin Goes Carting staging at VFW 5:30pm