

Fairway Focus

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

www.fairwayestates.org

February, 2013

Fairway Estates Annual Meeting



The annual meeting of the Fairway Estates Community Association will be held on Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 7:00 pm, at the Dunedin Golf Club. All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Board is looking forward to having Vinnie Luisi, Director of the Dunedin Historical Society and Museum, speak at the meeting.

Agenda

- * Call to Order
- * Pledge of Allegiance
- * Acceptance of nominations to board positions
 - Election of new board for 2013
- * Approval of minutes of 2012 Annual Meeting
- * Officers' Reports
- * Reports from Board Chairpersons
- * Old business
- * New business
- * Program
 - Guest Speaker: Vinnie Luisi
- * Adjournment

Main Street, Dunedin - 1964



Holiday Party Fun For All



As usual, the holiday party was a huge success. It was great to see new residents and so many young families. The kids loved Lacy the clown, as well as the craft table, supplied, set up and manned by Bridget Black and Ceil McCabe.

The 10 yummy pizzas that came from Bambinos were gone in no time, as were all the sandwiches. The cookie exchange didn't become an "exchange" because all the great desserts brought by residents were eaten immediately, with nothing left to take home.

Thanks to Richard Gillies and Bill Laughton for serving as bartenders and soda dispensers. Also thanks to Debra Poulte and her kids, and to Nancy Saad, for helping with the set up and clean up, and to the teenage angels Kyleigh and Cassidy Reeves for being so helpful.

And a special thanks goes to Ina Laughton, the board's events chair, who works so hard to make the holiday gathering a success. It was a great afternoon!!!





Letter From The President

With its Native American shell mounds, sunken treasures, a fabled fountain of youth, and the oldest city in America, Florida has plenty of history to go around. Some of it is right here in Dunedin, as any member of our Historical Society will tell you. Our golf club was one of the earliest homes for the PGA, and Babe Ruth played there. Before WWII, Honeymoon Island made national news with its beachfront cottages for newlyweds. During the war, our local citrus plant supplied most of the orange juice concentrate consumed by Allied soldiers.

Dunedin Historical Museum Director Vinnie Luisi is in charge of preserving artifacts, photos, maps, and archives about the city's history, and also educating modern-day folks about it. Mr. Luisi is not only passionate about history, he's passionate about Dunedin, especially its railroading past. In fact the Dunedin Historical Museum is located in the old railway station at the junction of Main Street and what is now the Pinellas Trail (formerly the Orange Belt Railroad).

Mr. Luisi is our guest speaker at the 2013 Annual Meeting on February 13th, and we've asked him to tell us about the history of the Fairway Estates area. Please join us!

Margie Sigman, FECA President

474-5508

This and That

Busy Yard Sale Day

November 3rd brought lots of traffic into the neighborhood for the annual community yard sale. Ina Laughton, the board's events chair, gets all the necessary permits from the city for each resident, and was informed this year that the permits have to be visible at the home having the sale. More information about this change will be explained in the fall newsletter.

Hopefully it was a good day for all.

Coyotes Spotted in the Area

Be aware that coyotes have been spotted in the area and even again in Fairway Estates. One was seen running from the golf course onto the lawns between 2 houses.

A resident recently lost her small dog, most likely to a coyote. Be sure you keep your small pets inside the house, especially in the evening.

Safety on Our Streets

A neighbor has asked that we remind you again that if you're out walking or biking, especially at dusk or after dark, it's so important that you make yourself visible. Wearing light colored clothing, reflective clothing, or carrying a flashlight make drivers aware of your presence on the road. Walkers should be going against the traffic so they can be seen by drivers and so they can see oncoming cars.

Bikers should ride with the traffic and need to have reflectors on the rear of their bikes.

Lately, lots of skateboarders have been seen on the streets at dusk. It may seem like daylight to them, but to a driver, it's pretty dark and they're not very visible. Is there a way to put a reflector on a skateboard? They need to be seen. Please be aware of your safety while on the streets, especially in the evening.

Wintering Watering of Lawns

Grass doesn't need to be watered as often during the cooler months. One half to ¾ of an inch of water every 10-14 days is sufficient. If we get any significant rainfall, you can turn off your irrigation system and operate it manually.

"Over watering can encourage pests and disease in your lawn," according to the Florida-Friendly Landscaping project manager. "Too much irrigation can also make lawns less able to survive droughts". Skip a week, save money and help your lawn.

Lake Sandra Upgrades

The board has decided not to install a picnic table at the park because of expense and also because of litter potential. They are now looking into refurbishing the benches and maybe installing a bike rack.

Welcome To New Residents



David Colaberdino 2347 Mangrum Drive
Gennaro & Linda Diana 1160 Palm Boulevard
Robert Johnson 2305 Watrous Drive

Max & Beverly Velazquez 1221 Nelson Street
Robert & Ann Wernke 2311 Jones Drive

Our Website Is Full of Information

Our website (www.fairwaystates.org) is a source of timely information and links to interesting sites. For those who don't check the website, here is one of the recent postings of importance to everyone.

“A Sheriff's deputy has told us that an email alert we sent recently about a home break-in in Fairway Estates helped his office eventually make an arrest. Talking to each other, knowing each other, and being alert to activity around us is so important.

We all want to feel safe and secure in our own neighborhood. The deputy also asked us to remind you that they are here to help us. If you see suspicious people, vehicles, or activities, give the Sheriff's office a call by dialing 911.

There are a variety of programs and services offered by the Sheriff's Office where you can learn more about protecting yourself, your family and your possessions. Register your alarm system, protect a disabled loved-one, and learn how to keep your home and family safe by having PCSO staff offer recommendations on landscaping, locks, lighting and more.”

Fairway Focus will keep you informed of important news about the neighborhood, but since it's only published 3 times a year, the website is a great source for more timely news of importance.

Dunedin Golf Club Open To All

The Dunedin Golf Club isn't just for golfers and isn't just for members.

The club is open to the public for breakfast and lunch daily, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, lunch starting at 11:30. In addition, dinners are served to the public on Wednesday through Friday, from 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

Fish and Chips dinners are now being offered every Friday night, from 5:30 to 7:30 for \$9.95. In addition, a Sunday brunch buffet, for \$10.95, is now on their schedule. The next brunch buffet will be on February 17th.

On Easter Sunday, March 31st, there will be an extra special Brunch, with 2 seatings - noon and 2:30 pm.

Call 733-2134, x 210, to learn more or to reserve a table for any of these meals. The Friday night Fish and Chips dinner has been a huge hit so be sure to call ahead.

Take advantage of all the club has to offer. What's better than a good meal within walking distance.

Contact Charlotte Murray if you have corrections or ideas for this newsletter. Send an email to bcmurray2@verizon.net or call 736-8944. Your input and thoughts are always welcome.

Fairway Estates Women's Club

The holiday luncheon of the Fairway Estates Women's Club, held on December 17th at Dunedin Golf Club, was a great time for all who attended. As has become custom, resident Betty Paul led everyone in a lively version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

The next luncheon, on Monday, February 18th, will also be at the Dunedin Golf Club. The program will be a wine tasting, being provided by a local wine broker. Call Janet Dixon (736-3791) or Kim Kelley (238-8485) if you'd like to attend.

The April 15th luncheon will be held at the cafe in the Dunedin Fine Art Center. It should be a fun new venue.

Since 2009, over 1,000 pounds of non-perishable food has been collected at the luncheons for a local food pantry.

Membership is just \$10 a year and the luncheons cost \$18. New members and guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend these fun and informative luncheons. They're a great way to meet new friends and catch up with old ones.

For those who haven't yet paid your 2013 association dues, please fill out the form below and mail it, with your payment of \$40.00, to FECA, PO Box 563, Dunedin, FL 34697. Or pay at the annual meeting. Thank You.

Fairway Estates 2013 Annual Membership Dues - \$40.00

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Upcoming Events

- Feb. 12 -** Mardi Gras Celebration
Downtown 
- Feb. 13 -** **Fairway Estate Annual Meeting**
Dunedin Golf Club, 7 pm
- Feb. 16 -** Mutt March, Highlander Park
11 am - 4 pm
- Feb. 16-17-** Arts and Crafts Festival,
Downtown
- Feb. 18 -** **FE Women's Club Luncheon** 
Dunedin Golf Club, 11:30 am
- Feb. 24 -** Dunedin Chorus Concert
Dunedin Community Center, 3 pm
- March 2 -** Antiques Fair & Classic Car Show,
Downtown
- March 2 -** Dunedin Youth Guild Style Show
Our Lady of Lourdes Community
Center, 11am - 2 pm
- March 17 -** St. Patrick's Day Celebration
Downtown, 11:30 am - 11 pm
- April 6-** Military Tattoo,
Dunedin High School, 7 pm 
- April 13 -** Highland Games, Highlander Park
- April 15 -** **FE Women's Club Luncheon**
Dunedin Fine Art Center Cafe - 11:30 am
- April 20=21 -** Island Earth Days, Honeymoon
Island
- Green Market** - Every Friday & Saturday thru April
Pioneer Park, Downtown
- 2nd Friday of Month** - Wine/Art Walk, Downtown,
and sunset stroll on Victoria Drive
- Fairway Estates Board of Directors meetings**
Second Tuesday of each month - 6:00 pm at the
Dunedin Golf Club. Board meetings are open to any
dues paying member.