

# Fairway Focus

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

[www.fairwayestates.org](http://www.fairwayestates.org)

January, 2012



## Fairway Estates Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Fairway Estates Community Association will be held on Monday, February 6, 2012, 7 pm, at the Dunedin Golf Club. All residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The Board is looking forward to having Ron Barnette, Dunedin's Vice Mayor, speak at the annual meeting. He'll tell us how Dunedin does it right, keeping the city in a good financial state.

In addition, the board is again sponsoring a "trade fair" at the meeting. This is an opportunity for residents to promote their businesses and hopefully get new customers from our neighborhood. It's a great way to promote your business and discourage solicitors from getting work in Fairway Estates that our own residents can provide.

If you haven't yet paid your 2012 association dues, you'll be able to do so at the meeting.

## Agenda

- \* Call to Order
- \* Pledge of Allegiance
- \* Acceptance of nominations to board positions  
- Election of new board for 2012
- \* Approval of minutes of 2011 Annual Meeting
- \* Officers' Reports
- \* Reports from Board Chairpersons
- \* Old business
- \* New business
- \* Program  
Guest Speaker: Ron Barnette, Dunedin's Vice Mayor
- \* Trade Fair
- \* Adjournment

## Holiday Party



This year's holiday gathering at Lake Sandra on December 4th saw perfect weather and was bigger and better than ever.

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

Climbing that beautiful magnolia tree is always great fun for the kids. But this year was even better. In addition to Lacey, the clown and face painter, for the first time there was a craft table for the kids, thanks to Bridget Black. Bridget supplied all the craft supplies, and with the help of her husband Hugh, and Ceil and Jack McCabe, they had the kids entertained with making holiday ornaments.

Thanks to Jim Bain for serving as bartender and soda dispenser for the entire time, to Cathe Bain, Joan Calo, Bill Laughton and Nancy Saad for helping with the set up and clean up, and to the 3 teenage "angels" for being so helpful. Unfortunately, we don't have their names but they were truly "angels."

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

Speaking of terrific parties, Rebecca Wellborn, Richard Gillies and Betty Wellborn hosted a very well attended, very fun New Resident/Halloween party in October. It was great to see so many creative and crazy costumes.

## Visit The Fairway Estates Website

Be sure to visit [www.fairwayestates.org](http://www.fairwayestates.org), our association's website for neighborhood news, links to important sites, business resources, and for some great pictures, including ones of the holiday and new resident parties.

Rebecca Wellborn is the webmaster who created, and is maintaining the site. She's done an incredible job. Thank you Rebecca.

# This and That

## Red Bows

Ina Laughton remembers when former resident Kay Riley took it upon herself to decorate all the palm trees along Palm Boulevard in Fairway Estates with red bows for the holidays. In memory of Kay, Ina has carried on this tradition. Each year she replaces tired and faded bows and gets her holiday elves to help her put them on the trees. Thank you, Ina.



## Hazardous Waste Collection

A collection of hazardous electronics and chemicals will be held on Saturday, February 4th at Dunedin High School, from 9am to 2pm. Among those items that can be dropped off are televisions, cell phones, paints, motor oil, pesticides, fertilizers and fluorescent light bulbs. For more information about what is accepted, call 464-7500.

## New Resident Directory



The 2012-2013 Resident Directory is in the works should be printed and ready for delivery in March. If you want any changes made to your listing as it is in the current directory, please contact Charlotte Murray at [bcmurray2@verizon.net](mailto:bcmurray2@verizon.net)

## A Reminder

Once again, please be reminded that yard and bulk debris pick-up is now only done on Tuesdays. Please don't put your debris out on the curb until Monday evening.

## The Osprey Nest

Go to [www.dunedinospreycam.org](http://www.dunedinospreycam.org) to watch the goings on in the osprey nest at Alt.19 and Palm Blvd., by the Stirling Links driving range. It's a great site, well worth looking at often.

## Reclaimed Water Usage

A recent letter from the city states that automated control valves have been installed throughout the reclaimed water system. The control valves will be utilized from February 1 through June 30.

The letter states "**the times that reclaimed water will not be available to customers throughout the City are:**

- \*All day Wednesday
- \*9am to 6pm daily
- \*10pm to 5am daily"

Please be aware of these times and set your sprinklers accordingly.

Contact Charlotte Murray at [bcmurray2@verizon.net](mailto:bcmurray2@verizon.net) or [newsletter@fairwayestates.org](mailto:newsletter@fairwayestates.org) for corrections or ideas for this newsletter.



## Letter From The President

Staying within a budget seems to be on a lot of people's (and candidate's) minds these days. I'm happy to report that while the Board of Directors had expected a shortfall in 2011, it turns out that we are ending the year with a slight surplus due to well-managed expenses and an increase in the annual dues collected. And that leads me to the subject of the speaker for the Fairway Estates Annual Meeting on February 6th.

When I was fishing around for a speaker this past December, several friends suggested Vice Mayor Ron Barnette, so I asked him if he'd join us at the annual meeting.

At the time I invited him, Largo and Tarpon Springs were in the news with various money woes. Yet all we ever seem to hear and see from Dunedin is how we've purchased gulf-front parkland, expanded our fine art center, budgeted for more recreational facilities, and so on. How can this be, I asked? We're surrounded by cities who have no money. and yet we do. It's more than just good fiscal management! Come to the meeting and be part of the dialogue with Ron Barnette, the City Commissioner now serving as Vice Mayor.

Margie Sigman, FECA President

474-5508

## Welcome To New Residents



James & Sharon Appler	2373 Mangrum Drive	Michael McKenzie	2321 Harrison Drive
Conrad & Marie Gifford	1468 Fairway Drive	Richard & Maribel Perice	2384 Armour Drive
Michael & Bonnie Graney	2370 Demaret Drive	James & Vanessa Rupe	1145 Fairway Drive
William & Cathleen Greenwood	2239 Watrous Drive	Richard Weinacht	2310 Mangrum Drive
H.R. & Maureen Howarth	2351 Mangrum Drive		

# Young Neighbors in the News

## Teen to Serve an Young Ambassador

When Alex Valentino, a resident of Taylor Avenue, and a student at Palm Harbor Middle School, heard about a chance to represent the Clearwater Sister City program as a Young Ambassador in Nagano, Japan, he told his parents he would do anything for a chance to go. They told him to earn money to help pay for the trip, and that's exactly what he's doing. Alex is looking for odd jobs in the neighborhood. He can do yard work, run errands to nearby stores, and care for pets, among other things.

The Clearwater Sister City program began in 1959 and the student exchange program began in 1990. Alex obtained teacher recommendations, wrote an essay, and completed an interview before he was invited to participate.

This summer Alex, along with a small group of local middle school students, will get a chance to experience Japanese culture by staying with a host family for one week and by visiting important cultural sites near Nagano the second week.

Please call Alex at 238-8909 to help you with odd jobs and to help send him on his way to Nagano.

## Twins Featured in Parks and Rec. Magazine

What fun to have one our young neighbors gracing the cover of the Dunedin Parks and Recreation Magazine. Sporting a pink tutu and grinning from ear to ear, Sophie demonstrates a ballet move that most of us can only dream about. Sophie's twin sister Lucy (right) is pictured on page 7 of the magazine. Both 4 year olds take youth dance classes at the Dunedin Community Center.



The Community Center is a wonderful resource for exercise, cultural events and social opportunities. It offers dance, music, martial arts, and fitness classes, as well as many other classes and activities, and has a branch of the library as well. And it's within walking or biking distance from Fairway Estates.

Stop by the Community Center to pick up a copy of the Parks and Recreation Magazine, or view it online by visiting [www.dunedingov.com](http://www.dunedingov.com) or by going to the Links page at [www.fairwayestates.org](http://www.fairwayestates.org).



## Fairway Estates Women's Club

The holiday luncheon of the Fairway Estates Women's Club, held at Dunedin Golf Club, was a great time for all who attended. Mo Freaney and Dave Lefforts provided the holiday musical entertainment, and, as usual, resident Betty Paul led everyone in an lively version of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

In addition to the over 200 pounds of non-perishable food collected for a local food bank, the Women's Club members generously gave money to support "Stepping Stones," a Hospice program for children.

The next luncheon, on Monday, February 13th, will also be at the Dunedin Golf Club. The speaker will be Beth Warren, from "Welcome Home." She will speak about "Organizing and De-Cluttering."

Membership is just \$10 a year and the luncheons cost \$17. Call Arlene Feehan, (738-0205) or Christine Lawrence (812-9190) if you'd like to attend the February luncheon. New members and guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend the fun and informative luncheons.

For those who haven't yet paid your 2012 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 2012 Annual Membership Dues - \$40.00

Homeowner: \_\_\_\_\_

Fairway Estates Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_


If you would like to receive this newsletter by email instead of by mail, check here \_\_\_\_\_

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## Upcoming Events

**Feb. 4 -** Electronic/Chemical collection  
Dunedin High School, 9-2 

**Feb. 6 -** **Fairway Estate Annual Meeting**  
Dunedin Golf Club, 7pm

**Feb.13 -** **FE Women's Club Luncheon**  
Dunedin Golf Club, 11:30am 

**Feb. 18 -** Mutt March, Highlander Park

**Feb. 18/19 -** Arts and Crafts Festival,  
Downtown

**Feb. 21 -** Mardi Gras Celebration  
Downtown 


**Feb. 26 -** Chorus Concert  
Dunedin Community Center

**March 3 -** Dunedin Youth Guild Style Show  
Our Lady of Lourdes Community  
Center, 11am - 2pm

**March 17 -** St. Patrick's Day Celebration  
Downtown, 11:30am - 11pm

**March 24 -** Antiques Fair, Downtown

**March 25 -** Taste of Dunedin, Downtown,  
11am-4pm

**April 14-** Military Tattoo,  
Dunedin High School, 7pm 

**April 14/15 -** Island Earth Days, Honeymoon  
Island

**April 16 -** **FE Women's Club Luncheon**  
Kally K's - 11:30 

**April 21-** Highland Games, Highlander Park

**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 Monday of each month - 6:30pm at the  
Dunedin Golf Club. Board meetings are open to any  
dues paying member of the association.