

# Fairway Focus

**Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors**

**Fairway Estates Community Association**

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

**January, 2015**

## **Annual Meeting February 3rd**

The annual meeting of the Fairway Estates Community Association will be held at The Dunedin Golf Club on Tuesday, the 3rd of February, at 7pm. All homeowners are encouraged to attend.

The speaker will be Julie Buljaski, Dunedin's new mayor. She'll speak on Dunedin issues, with an emphasis on what's going on in our area of town. Coffee and cookies will be available.

### **Agenda**

- \* Call to order
- \* Pledge of Allegiance
- \* Acceptance of nominees to board positions
  - Election of new board for 2015.
- \* Approval of minutes of 2014 annual meeting
- \* Officers' reports
- \* Reports from board chairpersons
- \* Old business
- \* New business
- \* Program: Guest speaker, Julie Buljaski, Mayor of Dunedin
- \* Adjournment

The 2015 annual dues notice has been mailed and shows how your dues money is being spent. A complete budget for 2015 will be presented at the annual meeting for your review. If you haven't already paid your dues, you can do so at the meeting

Fairway Estates vanity plates are still available and can be purchased at the meeting for just \$6.00. Show pride in our neighborhood by putting one on your car, golf cart or even your bike.



Don't forget to check out our neighborhood website [fairwayestates.org](http://fairwayestates.org) for information and for links to interesting sites.

## **Resident Involvement at its Best**

Wow!!! What a year!!! So many residents stepped up to help with the various activities and events.

Thanks to Richard Gillies, Bob and Kim Kelley, Margie Sigman, Matt Stevens and Rebecca Wellborn for their hard work digging up the old bushes around the Palm Boulevard signs and then replacing them with more appropriate Florida-friendly plants.

The Halloween party alone saw over 30 people helping in various ways, from creating the games, supervising the games, providing food, and helping with set-up and clean-up. Too many people to mention by name, but a special thanks goes to those residents who were sponsors of the event: Hanna Barnes, Confectionistic Tendencies, Kelly Dixon with Re-Max (who provided all the beverages), Peggy Mateer and Molly Lucas with Coastal Properties Group, and Rebecca Wellborn with Keller Williams Realty. Rebecca chaired the party and also got sponsorship from Walgreens at Keene and Main and from Ace Hardware, both providing the prizes. Over 75 people came out to enjoy the fun on a perfect fall afternoon.

The holiday party, organized by Ina Laughton, also saw many residents helping out. Bridget Black and Ceil McCabe once again set up a holiday craft table for the kids, residents provided many yummy desserts, and Kelly Dixon, from Re-Max, again was a sponsor and provided all the drinks; beer, wine and soda. In spite of a cold and windy day, there was a good turnout, with everyone enjoying Rick on his steel drum and Janie the clown, doing her incredible face painting and balloon art.

The annual dues notice was mailed in early January. Labeling (over 1,500 labels needed), then stuffing and stamping the notice to be sent to the over 500 homeowners is a monumental task and about 12 people helped get it ready to mail, doing it in record time. A bonus to the "mailing party" was that new acquaintances were made.

A huge thanks goes to the many residents who pitched in and helped out in so many ways. It was certainly a banner year for resident participation.

# This and That

## City Grant Award

The association applied for, and was awarded some grant money from Dunedin's Enhancement Program for the refurbishing and landscaping of the Palm Boulevard signs. Now that the project has been completed, we have received \$847 from the city.

## Brady Drive Entrances

Frank Brandt, 2131 Sarazen Drive, has taken it upon himself to be in charge of the upkeep of the Robellini palms at both the Brady Drive entrances, trimming the dead fronds and adding mulch around them.

Frank and his wife Linda's home landscaping is a wonderful example of Florida-friendly gardening, using native Florida plants that require less water and pesticides, and using ones that attract birds and butterflies.

## Coyotes in Neighborhood

Once again, coyotes have been spotted in the neighborhood. If you have small pets, be sure to keep them in the house or under close watch, especially at dawn or dusk, and don't leave any pet food or trash outside.

Use negative reinforcement. Make sure the coyotes know that they are not welcome. Make noise, throw rocks in their direction or spray with a garden hose to scare them away.

## Winter Lawn Watering

Your lawn doesn't need to be watered as often in the cooler months. In fact, St. Augustine grass needs less than an inch of water every two weeks so skip a week during the winter months. Your lawn will thank you!



## Advertising on Our Website

A very inexpensive way for residents to advertise their business is to take advantage of the Business Resource page on our neighborhood website, [fairwayestates.org](http://fairwayestates.org). The annual cost is just \$5.00 for dues paying members and just \$20.00 for non-members. To place an ad contact [webmaster@fairwayestates.org](mailto:webmaster@fairwayestates.org).

## Palm Boulevard Speed

With all the activity on the lake portion of Palm Boulevard, with walkers, bikers and skateboarders, the speed of drivers is a real concern.

Matt Stevens, 1250 Palm Boulevard, worked with the city to get them to install a temporary speed sensor sign. It was up for about two weeks and hopefully it made drivers more conscious of the 25mph speed limit. Be very aware of the skateboarders who go up those steep driveways and then shoot down into the street.

## Kudos for Dunedin

In a publication called *Cities Journal* Dunedin took the #1 spot on their list of the Top 20 Best Small Cities in Florida. The article mentions unique shopping, fine dining, an abundance of festivals, and of course, the wonderful beaches of Caladesi and Honeymoon Islands. Also mentioned was an article in *Walking Magazine* from some years back, calling Dunedin "the best little walking town in America."

Dunedin was featured on the PBS WEDU Arts Plus episode, aired last October, highlighting the downtown art and the murals that make Dunedin so unique. It made special mention of the oranges painted all over town. The 100th orange was painted back in 2011 and there are now 256. There are even several in our neighborhood. Can you find them?

## Bird Activity at Lake

Now that winter is here, the bird activity at Lake Saundra is in full swing. There are the daily sightings of the anhingas and ibises, and also commonly seen are the egrets, great blue herons, wood storks, and of course the ducks. Rosie, the roseate spoonbill even makes an occasional appearance.

Take time from your busy day to come down to the park, sit on one of our new benches and enjoy all the bird activity.



## Letter From the President

Annual dues are rolling in. Treasurer Richard Gillies and I take turns going to the PO Box to collect them. In 2014 we had a banner year, with membership in the homeowners' association inching toward 60%, a number we haven't seen in many years. This helped us afford some much-needed improvements, including installing new benches at the lake and sprucing up the monuments at the four entrances.

Your annual dues notice spells out where your \$40.00 goes each year. Indirectly, a portion of this money also supports our volunteer governing body, the Board of Directors (BOD). Why is this important? For one thing, a BOD is required in our by-laws. I believe it also helps you "ease the load" a bit. For example, suppose a family on your street takes to parking vehicles on their lawn, or storing a boat on the driveway. If you aren't comfortable talking to them about it directly, you can contact the Board and we have procedures in place for notifying the homeowner. We've found that very often residents are simply not aware they are in violation of an association and/or city code. As we said in the annual dues notice you received, \$3.33 a month is a bargain.

Margie Signman, FECA President 474-5508



# FEBRUARY 15, 2015

Welcome Fairway Estates Residents

You are invited to come to the Dunedin Golf Club to enjoy a complimentary pancake breakfast, for the first 200 people. *Please present this flyer to the hostess.* Proper attire only.

There will also be a \$5.00 Bloody Mary Bar and \$3.00 Mimosas. Come and enjoy great food, a great view, and great service.

MUST MAKE RESERVATION- 727-733-2134 ext. 210



**Welcome Fairway  
Estates**

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**First 200 People  
to sign up**

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**Free Pancake  
Breakfast**

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**February 15, 2015  
from 9:00 am to  
11:00 am**

Dunedin Golf Club

1050 Palm Boulevard  
Dunedin, Florida 34698

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## Fairway Focus Residents' Column

*This column is your chance to share information of general interest with the whole community. We hope you take advantage of the opportunity to share your stories and ideas. If you have something you'd like to contribute to this column, please email it to Charlotte Murray at [bcmurray2@verizon.net](mailto:bcmurray2@verizon.net), or call her at 736-8944. All submissions are subject to approval by the Board for content and suitability.*

### Kayaking With People of All Abilities

**Terry Hobbs**

Lynn and I are new residents of Fairway Estates, having moved here from Safety Harbor, but have lived in the area since 1984.

As a kayak instructor and part of the American Canoe Association certified adaptive paddling program, I have had the pleasure to meet and become friends with a host of interesting people with disabilities and with the individuals who assist them in kayaking, canoeing and sailing.

I have conducted disability workshops in the area and also in Orlando. The one in Kissimmee was especially rewarding. The turnout was such a success. The participants used modified kayaks supplied by Severn Kayaking and were able to paddle themselves or just enjoy the time on the water. They want to have another session later this year.

One of my special memories is a student who was a marine and lost an arm due to Vietnam. He asked me to

teach him to kayak, so we designed a prosthesis which held the paddle. The highlight of that adventure for me was when he said, "I never, ever thought I would be kayaking across Tampa Bay."

A lot of my volunteer work is with the city of St. Petersburg in their adaptive paddling workshops. What a wonderful group of people they are in the Recreation Department.

In one session a young man with Down's came in to paddle. His coordination was off, which was causing him a lot of difficulty, so I started to sing "The Grand Old Duke of York" trying to get him to relax. He started to laugh and suddenly he is paddling with gusto. "Sing, sing," he said!

With an aging population, the U. S. Census Bureau has estimated that by 2030 more than 70 million Americans will be over the age of 65. Despite the passage of years, many of us want to continue to be active and enjoy different forms of recreation.

I have had the pleasure of teaching a class with an average age of 84 years young, so anyone in the community who would consider kayaking and sharing this wonderful sport - don't hesitate to contact me.

Terry Hobbs 813 514-3107

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### Welcome to New Neighbors

Jose Agosto, Jr	2258 Snead Avenue
Lisa Brunaccini	2336 Middlecoff Drive
Alan & Christine Gustafson	2196 Demaret Drive
Trevor & Christina Kitzul	2325 Jones Drive

Steve & Nancy McCarver	2360 Armour Drive
Randy & Fran Thompson	2368 Harrison Drive
Chad VanPelt & Ildiko Nagy	1530 Fairway Drive
Roscoe & Harleen Vickers	2225 Snead Avenue

### Dunedin Historical Museum Recognized

For the last two years in a row, Tampa Bay magazine has named our local gem the best Historical Museum in the Tampa Bay area.

In addition to their many interesting displays, the museum has ongoing exhibits, the current one being about Dunedin's Boating History, sponsored by the Dunedin Boat Club. Two new exhibits are scheduled to open soon.

The museum hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10am-4pm, and Sundays from 11am-3pm, Admission is just \$3.00. Well worth a visit!!



### Fairway Estates Women's Club

The winter meeting of the Women's Club will be held on Monday, February 16th, 11:30, at the Dunedin Golf Club. Lunch is \$18.00 and new members and guests are always welcome, so bring a friend. Call Ginnie Goddard at 734-1616 if you'd like to attend.

The program for the February meeting hasn't been firmed up yet, but the Women's Club always has interesting speakers or activities, so don't miss the fun. It's a great way for new residents to meet their neighbors.

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## Upcoming Events

**February 3 - Fairway Estates Annual Meeting**  
Dunedin Golf Club, 7pm

**February 6-7 - Dunedin Showcase Kids Theater**  
Community Center, 7pm & 2pm

**Feb. 14-15 - Arts & Craft Festival**  
Downtown, 10am-5pm



**February 16 - Fairway Women's Club Luncheon**  
Dunedin Golf Club, 11:30

**February 17 - Mardi Gras Celebration**  
Main Street, Downtown, 4-11pm



**February 20 - Dunedin Concert Band**  
St. Andrews Church, 8pm

**February 22 - Dunedin Chorus Concert**  
Community Center, 3pm

**March 7 - Trashy Treasures**  
Dunedin Fine Art Center, 10am-2pm

**March 7 - Youth Guild Luncheon & Fashion Show**  
Our Lady of Lourdes, 11am-2pm

**March 7 - History Comes Alive**  
Dunedin Cemetery, 10am-2pm

**March 14 - Mutt Madness**  
Highlander Park, 11am-4pm

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



**March 27 - Pipe Band March**  
Downtown, 6pm

**March 28 - Highland Games**  
Highlander Park, 8:30am-7pm



**April 12 - Dunedin Chorus Concert**  
Community Center, 3pm

**April 18-19 - Island Earth Days**  
Honeymoon Island

**April 20 - Fairway Women's Club Luncheon**  
Dunedin Golf Club, 11:30am

**Films in the Park - Every Friday in April**  
Pioneer Park. Movies begin at dark

**Downtown Market - Friday & Saturday, through June**  
Pioneer Park, Downtown, 9am-2pm

**Fairway Estates Board of Directors meetings**  
Second Monday of the month, at the home of a board member. Call Margie Sigman at 474-5508 for location.