

# Fairway Focus

Strengthening the sense of community and fostering communication between neighbors

Fairway Estates Community Association

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

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## Political Signs



A huge exaggeration for sure of what a neighborhood could look like in a hotly contested election year. Luckily our neighborhood doesn't look at all like this and certainly won't in the short time we have before the local, county, state and national elections, coming up on November 6th.

But please be aware that our deed restrictions say "no signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except one sign of not more than five (5) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent."

## Free Recycling Now in Effect

We've all received our recycling bins and are hopefully putting them to good use. We can now put most everything in the barrel, without separating anything. All colors of glass are now accepted.

Cardboard boxes can be included, without being broken down, but they need to be emptied of any styrofoam or plastic packing materials. Styrofoam and plastic bags are the only things not accepted in the bins, but they can be recycled at Publix.



Although recycling is voluntary, the city hopes that enough people will take advantage of it that they can eventually reduce the garbage pick-up to once a week. But that's in the future. In the meantime, the recycling will be picked up on Tuesdays along with yard and bulk pick-up. And garbage pick-up is still the same, twice a week, on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The cost for solid waste services remains at \$17.10 a month, no additional cost to us.



## Letter From The President

Walking the dog the other morning, I turned onto Sarazen and knew something was different but couldn't quite put a name to it. Then I realized yet another of our white houses had been painted a lovely darker shade of taupe/mushroom/khaki, call-it-what-you-will. That started me thinking about others of our aging but much loved homes that are getting makeovers, great and small, from landscaping to new roofs to driveways with pavers. If you start looking for these improvements, I think you might be surprised at how many there are.

Not only is this saying something about our recovering real estate market, it also speaks to the pride so many residents take in their homes. Perhaps it's wishful thinking on my part, but as someone who walks or rides nearly every day in our little bit of paradise, I truly believe that Fairway Estates is looking better and better.

Which brings me at last to the subject of this letter. Without question, being a registered voter in a critical swing state in 2012 has had its moments. I've found that when I can't stand another second of pollster calls, TV ads and news articles, I step outside and it all disappears. (Happily, there are no political signs in view from my yard!) May I suggest the same for you? It's a free, easy fix for those pre-election annoyances, and it's a fine way to enjoy the makeovers that are gracing our streets.

Margie Sigman, FECA Board President

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# This and That

## Annual Neighborhood Yard Sale Coming Up

The annual Fairway Estates community yard sale is coming up on Saturday, November 3th. It's that time of year again, time to clean out your closets and garage. You



thought you got rid of everything last year, but now you say, "where did all this new stuff come from?" Here's your chance to get rid of all that new stuff.

Call Ina Laughton, the Board's Events Chair, at 734-5023 by Thursday, Nov. 1st if you'd like to participate. She'll get all the necessary permits and will take care of newspaper ads and signage. Time again to clean out and cash in.

## Library to Close for a Week

The main library will be closed the week of October 13th for installation of new carpeting. It will close at 4:30pm on the 12th and reopen on Saturday, the 20th.

The Friends branch library at the Community Center will be open extended hours during that week. It will be open every weekday from 9:30am to 6pm, except on Wednesday, when it will open at 10:30am and close at 7pm.

## Holiday House Tour To Include Fairway Home

The home of Rebecca Wellborn and Richard Gillies, 1242 Taylor Avenue, will be one of several featured on the Dunedin Youth Guild's annual holiday home tour.

The tour is on December 1st, from 10am - 4pm. Don't miss it.

## Halloween Events Nearby

There are several fun Halloween happenings in town worth noting.



Honeymoon Island has a two day event, October 26 & 27, from 6-10pm. The cost is \$10 and includes 10 game tickets. They'll be a haunted house, bungee jump, dunk tank, and lots lots more.

In addition, Dunedin Parks and Rec. is sponsoring "Halloween Happenings" on October 27 at the Community Center, from 6:30-9:30pm. And don't forget Downtown Trick & Treating on the 26th from 5-8pm.

## Vote



Let your voice be heard on November 6th. The Community Center is our polling location for those who haven't already voted by mail.

## Don't Miss the Holiday Party

The annual Fairway Estates holiday party at Lake Sandra Park will be on Sunday, December 2nd, from 3-5pm.



We plan to have Lacey, the clown and face painter, there again to delight the kids, and hopefully Rick will join us again this year with his steel drum. And there'll be a craft table for the kids, a big hit last year.

As in the past, there will be pizza and sandwiches, soft drinks, beer and wine, and the guarantee of a good time for all.

Bring a chair, a dessert to share, and help kick off the holiday season with your neighbors.

## A Directory Correction

Please correct your directory to read John and Dianna Cox at 2378 Demaret Drive.

Contact Charlotte Murray at [bcmurray2@verizon.net](mailto:bcmurray2@verizon.net) or at 736-8944 with any corrections or with ideas for future articles for this newsletter.

## More Association Members

The May issue of this newsletter had an insert with a list of all dues paying members. The list below is of those Fairway Estates members who haven't been previously acknowledged. Thanks to all for supporting the association.

William & Anna Baralt  
Esther Brooks  
Barry & Susan Brown  
Pat & Carol Cates  
Brian & Lee Cook  
John & Dianna Cox  
Gary & Patricia Daily

Steven & Sharon DeMatteo  
Walter & Linda Dickson  
Chris Ford  
John French  
Teri Gellini  
Nancy Hale & Karen Hoffman  
John Hubbard

Corinne Lillioth  
Peter & Janice McCulloch  
Godula Piper  
Damon & Deborah Runyon  
Dave Whiteaker  
Douglas & Debra Zelman

# The Science of Lake Sandra

Submitted by Margie Sigman

The birds, animals, and insects in and around our little lake may get all the attention, but part of the reason they are there at all is because of a native species of grass called southern naiad. You can see this member of the water nymph family (*Najas guadalupensis*) along the shoreline, where its wispy, fragile-looking branched stems are visible under the lake's surface.

Before hydrilla made such a "splash" in Florida as an exotic invasive species, southern naiad was considered a pest plant here, mostly in narrow drainage and irrigation canals where it could impede the water flow. Its prolific seed production can pose problems in small bodies of water like Lake Sandra; however, as a native species, the naiad is a major forage plant for waterfowl, especially ducks, and for reptiles. Its spreading growth habit also provides valuable habitat for various fish specials as well as for their prey.

Southern naiad is not all that fussy about its environment, but too much algae on the lake surface impedes light and can affect its growth, as can too much sediment in the bottom muck, or poor water quality. Like all submerged aquatic plants, the naiad is food for micro and macro invertebrates. Even after a naiad plant dies and sinks to the bottom, its decomposition by bacteria and fungi creates detritus, which supports the invertebrates that are food for so many of the animals we enjoy watching on the lake.

(source: "Southern Naiad: A Neglected Native" by Phil Lawson, Dept. of Fisheries & Aquaculture, University of Florida.)

*(Editor's Note: This is the first of some occasional articles about the science of Lake Sandra.)*



## And Speaking of the Lake . . .

It's great to see how many people enjoy the lake and the park. The beautiful magnolia tree calls out to be climbed by the kids, the benches are often enjoyed as a resting place for bikers and walkers. Families are seen feeding the ducks, and occasionally there is someone fishing, trying to catch the wide-mouthed bass that are reported to be in the water.

It's been said that one of our residents who grew up in Fairway Estates used to swim across the lake, and there was once a woman who took her daily dip. Swimming is certainly not encouraged, though, as there have been alligator sightings in the past.

To encourage even more use, the Board of Directors is looking into buying and installing a picnic table in the park. What a great place to enjoy your noon sandwich or an evening picnic. Since residents will surely leave with their trash, no trash receptacle will be provided.

## Fairway Estates Women's Club

The Fairway Estates Women's Club will have its first luncheon of the year on October 22nd at the Dunedin Golf Club. The speaker will be Beth Warren, who has her own business called "Welcome Home." She'll be talking about organizing and de-cluttering.

The annual dues for the Women's Club are just \$10.00, and the cost of the October luncheon is \$18.00. Guests and new residents are always welcome. If you'd like to attend, call Pam Avis at 352 467-9605.

The holiday luncheon will be on Monday, December 17th, also at the Dunedin Golf Club. It's great fun!!!

The Women's Club either adopts a family in need at Christmas, or supports the Hospice children's gift program. It also collects non-perishable goods at every luncheon for the RCS food pantry.



## Welcome To New Residents

Gary and Pat Daily  
Jon and Eileen McManis  
Frani Melda

1215 Fairway Drive  
2301 Mangrum Drive  
2217 Snead Avenue

Ken and Jenae Newton  
Thomas Pels & Julie Graham-Pels  
Mike and Debra Pulte

1130 Fairway Drive  
2217 Webb Ave.  
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## Upcoming Events

**October 18-21** - Our Lady of Lourdes Fall Festival  
Various hours - call 733-3606

**October 20** - Antiques Fair & Classic Car Show  
Downtown - 8:30am to 5pm

**October 21** - Taste of Dunedin, 1-4pm

**October 22** - **Fairway Estates Women's Club Luncheon**, Dunedin Golf Club, 11:30am

**October 26** - Downtown Trick or Treating, 5-8pm

**October 27** - Halloween Happenings, Highlander Park  
5:30-9:30pm

**November 3** - **Fairway Estates Garage Sale**  
The whole neighborhood - 8am-3pm

**Nov.3-4** - Art Harvest, Highlander Park, 10am-5pm

**Nov. 10** - Dunedin Wines the Blues  
Downtown, Main Street, 5-11pm

**Nov. 17** - Celtic Festival  
Highlander Park, Noon-9:30pm



**Nov. 17-18** - Arts & Crafts Festival  
Downtown, Main Street 10am 5pm

**December 1** - Youth Guild's annual Tour of Homes  
Various Dunedin homes 10am-4pm

**December 1** - Holiday Boat Parade & Tree Lighting  
Dunedin Marina, 6-9pm

**December 2** - **Fairway Estates Holiday Party**  
Lake Saundra Park - 3-5pm

**December 8** - Old Fashioned Christmas &  
Holiday Parade, Downtown, 4-9pm

**December 9** - Holiday Chorus Concert, Community  
Center, 3pm

**December 17** - **Fairway Estates Women's Club Luncheon**, Dunedin Golf Club,  
11:30 am

**Fairway Estates Board of Directors meetings**  
2nd Monday of each month, 6:30 pm, at the  
Dunedin Golf Club. Any association member is  
welcome and encouraged to attend.

