

This newsletter is a reflection of the interests and events involving our residents of Fairway Oaks and Pasco County. We welcome all submissions of articles, photographs, shared recipes and/or data to the web site and newsletter. Email your news and photos to Cliff Gill at reportercliffgill@yahoo.com or call him at 727-860-4903, or Nancy Wade at nmw0151@gmail.com or call 727-857-7060.



PASCO COUNTY LIBRARY - HUDSON EVENTS:

Spring Book Sale. Tuesday, March 1 - Saturday, March 5, 2016 during library hours. All week long the Friends of Hudson Library will be hosting their annual Spring Book Sale! Stop by for great prices on a large selection of fiction and non-fiction books.

Tuesday Night Stitchers. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 4:45 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. This group instructs and shares ideas with knitters of all skill levels, beginning to advanced. New faces are always welcome. The group gathers at the tables near the New Books section.

Ask a Master Gardener Plant Clinic. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Master Gardeners from the Pasco County Extension Office will be in the library lobby to answer specific gardening and plant related questions.

Gardening Seminar: Beautiful Bromeliads. Tuesday, March 1, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. Want to grow colorful, striking bromeliads? This free University of Florida Pasco Extension program will cover bromeliad propagation, pest management, and soil selection. For more information, please call the UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension Office at 352-518-0156. For adults.



Senior Social. Wednesday, March 2, 2016 from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. at Pasco County Public Library. Join us for coffee, games, and conversation. Make new friends, discuss common interests, and play cards or board games. For seniors and all adults.



Early Voting for the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary. From Saturday, March 5 through Saturday, March 12, 2016, the Hudson Library Meeting Room will serve as an Early Voting site for the 2016 Presidential Preference Primary. Early Voting dates and times are as follows:

Saturday, March 5 – Saturday, March 12, 2016

Saturdays and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Please note: Polling hours differ from the library's public operating hours. To know when the library's regular services will be available, please see the Hudson Library's operating hours above, in blue, or call 727-861-3040.

For more information about Early Voting in Pasco County, including a complete list of Pasco County Early Voting sites and schedules, please visit PascoVotes.com.

Home Owners Beware!

Homeowners across the state have been getting letters in the mail asking them to request a copy of their home's deed. It's from a company called Local Records Office offering a copy of your home's deed for \$95. But beware – this is a scam!

"If you look at the document it looks very governmental," said Mike Fasano, Pasco County tax collector. A worried senior citizen who received the letter tipped off the Tax Collector's Office, and now the Attorney General's Office is now involved. "They quickly took action they're investigating it," said Fasano.

A representative from a local title company said, "You don't need a certified copy, you don't even need a copy. This letter looks like a bill so these people are going to make a lot of money offering a service that's not necessary."

The state Division of Consumer Services recommends if you need a copy of your deed or related documents then go to your local property appraiser's office or your local clerk of courts and pay a small fee. Most of those documents are also available online for free.

According to the Attorney General's Office, "Local Records Office" isn't even registered to do business in Florida. Consumer Services says it has received multiple complaints about the company. 10News WTSP tried calling its 800 number several times to get only a recorded message asking to leave a message.

"It definitely is a scam. They have a Tallahassee address that pretty much doesn't exist, but it's a California company," said Mike Fasano.

The best advice if you receive one of these letters is to throw it away and save your money.



PASCO COUNTY FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

Fairway Oaks residents can beat the winter doldrums by attending some of the varied fun activities and festivals along the Nature Coast, hosted by Pasco, Hernando & Citrus Counties Tourism and local communities.

Enjoy food, music, car shows, history and more at events during the months of January and February. Read all the details of the Nature Coast festivals at this link, and on the next pages.

<http://naturecoaster.com/festival-season-kicks-off-this-weekend/>

SENIOR ACTIVITIES

CARES Rao Musunuru M.D. Enrichment Center:

The Hudson **CARES Rao Musunuru M.D. Enrichment Center** located at 12417 Clock Tower Parkway and also at the Elfers or New Port Richey CARES locations offer Travel Club bus trips to local festivals and events. The CARES senior centers also offer daily activities such as the “Silver Sneakers” exercise program, Yoga classes, line dancing, crafts and bridge. Each Friday at 6pm – 9pm the center hosts karaoke night with Roy. Cost is \$3 for karaoke night. Check the center’s calendar for complete times and dates of their many diverse activities.

Tue, March 1st

A bus day trip is being offered by the Hudson CARES to the **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino** at 5223 Orient Rd in Tampa.

Bus transportation cost is \$15 per person and departs from the Kmart parking lot at 8:30am. Call the CARES center for ticket information and reserve seating.

Strawberry Festival - Plant City Fairgrounds March 3 – 13th

CARES Strawberry Festival trip on March 10-11th

Strawberry Festival with Tommy Dorsey: Enjoy the midway, exhibits, strawberry short cake. CARES Travel Club bus will be there in time for the free admission to the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra.

Fee of \$24 includes Festival admission and transportation. Bus Leaves New Port Richey at 8:30am; Bus Leaves Hudson K-Mart lot by 8am.



Fashion Show & Luncheon

Saturday, Feb. 27th at 11:30am at the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**. Tickets are \$15 each for advance sales only. Fashions are from the church Thrift Shop Boutique. Call 727-849-4330 for information. St. Stephen's is located one block east of U.S. Rt. 19 off Gulf Drive at 5326 Charles Street in New Port Richey.



Calusa Wood Carvers Annual Show & Sale

Saturday, Feb. 27th 10am -4:00pm

Sunday, Feb. 28th 10am – 3:00pm

Veteran's Memorial Park at 14330 Hicks Rd., Hudson

Come out to see hundreds of carvings, wood burnings, books, tools, wood & supplies and refreshments. Donation of \$3 requested.



Crab and Shrimp Festival

When: Fri, 03/18/16 - Sat, 03/19/16

Where: SunWest Park, 17362 Old Dixie Hwy, Hudson, FL 34669

Family fun at a tropical paradise setting makes it the ideal weekend destination event for the whole family. Feast On Savory Seafood, Live Island Music / Entertainment, Craft & Art Show, Boat Show, Interactive Kids Area & More!



St. Patrick's Day Dinner

March 12th 6:15 at the Link's Club House

Irish Corn beef and cabbage dinner and show for \$16 per person. Wear your Emerald Isle green and celebrate the luck of the Irish with great food and fun entertainment. BYOB – soda & ice will be provided.



Will McLean Music Festival

March 11 -13th, 2016 - Florida Folk Music in Hernando County

Spend a weekend camping and listening to great Florida Music or come for a beautiful day!

Music workshops, fiddle fests, banjo music and arts & crafts.

Location: Sertoma Youth Ranch, 85 Myers Rd Brooksville, FL 34602



Weeki Wachee Swamp Festival

Fri-Sat., Mar. 11, 12th - 9 am to 5 pm; Sun., Mar. 13th - 9 am to 4 pm

Weeki Wachee Springs State Park – Admission \$8 at gate

The Weeki Wachee Swamp Fest has grown from a small local community fundraising festival to a statewide annual event attracting over thousands of fun seekers and featuring more than one hundred and forty arts and craft vendors.

Enjoy a great variety of food including fried grouper, bar-b-que chicken, crab cakes, Alligator, bloom in' onion, jambalaya, beans and rice, fried green tomatoes, hot dogs, burgers and more!

Entertainment program includes dancers, folk, country and instrumental music throughout the weekend.

The “Swamp Monster” contest has always been a favorite with the crowd, and with clever and wildly creative costumes, kids and adults alike vie for the cash prizes.



Recipe of the Month:

Sunflower Strawberry Salad



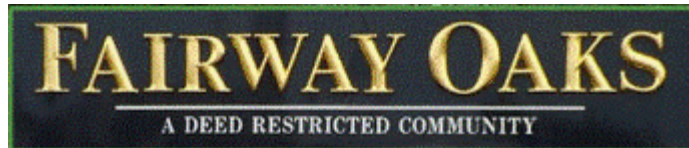
Ingredients

- 2 cups sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 medium apple, diced
- 1 cup seedless green grapes, halved
- 1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup strawberry yogurt
- 2 tablespoons sunflower kernels
- Lettuce leaves, optional

Directions

1. In a large bowl, combine strawberries, apple, grapes, celery and raisins. Stir in the yogurt. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Add sunflower kernels and toss; serve on lettuce leaves if desired. Yield: 6 servings.





Advertise on the Fairway Oaks FL Home Page and Web site!

Home owners, businesses and individuals can now promote their businesses, special events or hobbies on our new web page for a nominal fee. Special this year: since the web site is new, initial advertisers will get thirteen-months of advertising for the price of twelve months. Anyone advertising in 2016 will have their ad on the website through beginning of 2017.

Each ad will cost an initial set up fee of \$20 for a standard size ad 2 ½” by 3” or pixels of 450 x 258 with lines of text and graphic. Your own business card may be scanned and enlarged to fit this size and format easily. Advertising fees are set at \$25 per year for a Fairway Oaks homeowner and \$50 per year for a non-homeowner or business. This is a great way to get your company name and business known at a very affordable fee. Visit our web site at <http://fairwayoaksfl.com/> . Advertising copy may be changed throughout the year for a \$20 fee.

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