

# Ripples

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SKYE LOCH HOME OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER  
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**BOARD MEETING AND ASSOCIATION FORUM: THURSDAY, MARCH 3 at 6:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Community Building and Zoom**

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**DIRECTORS CORNER:** Have a mattress, box spring or large appliance that needs to be disposed? The trash dumpsters are NOT the place to put them. The City of Dunedin will pick up these items. Please refrain from overloading the community dumpsters. All cardboard boxes should be broken down to save space. If you have furniture, mattresses, or other large objects to discard, please contact Kim Bramson at Ameritech at [kbramson@ameritechmail.com](mailto:kbramson@ameritechmail.com) or 727-726-8000 x253. Kim will contact the city to insure that the pickup is completed. There is a pickup fee, usually less than \$20, to the resident from the city for the service. Using the dumpsters for these items is disrespectful to your neighbors and causes a health problem when the dumpsters are full and regular trash bags end up on the ground around the dumpster. Any questions can also be directed to any Board member. Thank you for your support to help limit additional costs from the dumpster pick up company.

**LADIES LUNCH:** It's Time! The Out to Lunch Bunch is going to the Chick Salad Chick on Wednesday, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. Please make your reservation with Mary Jane Hough, 404-433-5251 by Monday, March 7. The restaurant, which is located at 35271 US 19 North, Palm Harbor, can accommodate 16-20 of us.

**DUNEDIN CARES FOOD BANK:** We are so thankful to all who have participated in donating food. The response here has been great and the needs are greater. Therefore, we will continue collecting non-perishable, unexpired food items for the month of March. Please bring your donations to the community building and place on the cart in the kitchen.

**SKYLOCH VILLAS SIDEWALK SALE:** Any interest in having a SIDEWALK SALE in Skyloch Villas? Basic information is as follows: Any Villa can participate by putting their "items for sale" in their own carport. Clean up your area after sale closes. Help keep traffic flow, by asking customers to park on designated side of your street. (We would determine which side – closer to the date of sale.) Looking for a couple of volunteers to run a small sale outside the clubhouse which would benefit the Women's/Social club. People could donate items to that, along with any overage of books, puzzles or DVD's. If you have items to donate to the Skyloch table please bring the "clean" items to the billiards room and place on the left side. Date is March 26th, Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR TEXT JANICE BURKE 207-671-6808



**LAKE HAVEN RECYCLING CENTER:** Please recycle! Cardboard, newspapers, plastic bottles and jugs, glass bottles and jars and cartons. Everything should be clean and dry. It will keep our dumpsters from overflowing and help the environment. Please help. The Recycle Center is less than 5 minutes away and 1.2 miles away. Here are directions:

1. Turn left onto Patricia Ave.
2. Turn right onto Virginia
3. Turn left onto Lake Haven Rd.
4. 810 Lake Haven Rd. The containers are on the left.

(If you reach Peggy Ray Dr. you've gone a little too far)

**WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS:** James LaLonde and Bernie Avendano

**GET WELL WISHES:** To Linda Vierday and to Ann Marie Gardner.

**TIME CHANGE:** Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 13. Remember to turn clocks ahead 1 hour.



### **SMOKE DETECTOR INFO:**

**Installing smoke alarms:** Choose smoke alarms that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory.

\*Install smoke alarms inside each bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home, including the basement.

\*On levels without bedrooms, install alarms in the living room (or den or family room) or near the stairway to the upper level, or in both locations.

\*Smoke alarms installed in the basement should be installed on the ceiling at the bottom of the stairs leading to the next level.

\*Smoke alarms should be installed at least 10 feet (3 meters) from a cooking appliance to minimize false alarms when cooking.

\*Mount smoke alarms high on walls or ceilings (remember, smoke rises). Wall-mounted alarms should be installed not more than 12 inches away from the ceiling (to the top of the alarm).

\*If you have ceilings that are pitched, install the alarm within 3 feet of the peak but not within the apex of the peak (four inches down from the peak). Don't install smoke alarms near windows, doors, or ducts where drafts might interfere with their operation.

\*Never paint smoke alarms. Paint, stickers, or other decorations could keep the alarms from

working.

\*For the best protection, interconnect all smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds they all sound. Interconnection can be done using hard-wiring or wireless technology.

\*When interconnected smoke alarms are installed, it is important that all of the alarms are from the same manufacturer. If the alarms are not compatible, they may not sound.

\*There are two types of smoke alarms – ionization and photoelectric. An ionization smoke alarm is generally more responsive to flaming fires, and a photoelectric smoke alarm is generally more responsive to smoldering fires. For the best protection, both types of alarms or combination ionization-photoelectric alarms, also known as dual sensor smoke alarms, are recommended.

\*Keep manufacturer's instructions for reference.

**Testing smoke alarms:** Smoke alarms should be maintained according to manufacturer's instructions.

\*Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button.

\*Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond.

\*Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working well. The instructions are included in the package or can be found on the internet.

\*Smoke alarms with non-replaceable 10-year batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years. If the alarm chirps, warning that the battery is low, replace the entire smoke alarm right away.

\*Smoke alarms with any other type of battery need a new battery at least once a year. If that alarm chirps, warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.

\*When replacing a battery, follow manufacturer's list of batteries on the back of the alarm or manufacturer's instructions. Manufacturer's instructions are specific to the batteries (brand and model) that must be used. The smoke alarm may not work properly if a different kind of battery is used. (source: National Fire Protection

## **OUTDOOR WATERING RESTRICTIONS**

**REMINDER:** Please look over the Sky Lochs Rules & Regulations, updated March 25, 2008. Article 6.8 states that outdoor watering is limited to one hour in the morning and one hour in the evening on Tuesdays for addresses with even numbers and Fridays for addresses with odd numbers. It also states that over watering won't be tolerated and a violation of this R & R could result in a fine of \$100 per incident. This watering schedule follows the City of Dunedin Water Use Restrictions, effective date March 1, 2017. There is a copy of the Dunedin Water Use Restrictions on the bulletin board in the community building kitchen.

## **HISTORY OF DUNEDIN LIBRARY:**

The Dunedin Public Library is the oldest public library in Pinellas County. Its origin dates back to 1895 when Mr. Christopher B. Bouton, a winter resident from Cleveland, presented 200 books to Dunedin "for public use". His brother owned the town's meeting hall and conveyed ownership to the Dunedin Library Association for the purpose of housing a public library and free reading room. The building from that time forward became known as Library Hall, and was located on the waterfront in what is now called Edgewater Park. The City took over the Library in 1935 when the collection had grown to 7,000 volumes. The steady growth of Dunedin and the corresponding increase in library usage and size of the book collection demanded more space. Thus, with community support, new libraries were built in 1956 on Loudon Avenue and again in 1964 on Main Street, the latter presently housing Dunedin's City Hall. The Dunedin Friends of the Library were founded on August 10, 1962 and continue to support the library and its services today. In 1976, the Library moved into leased space vacated by the W.T. Grant Company in the Douglas Plaza Shopping Center, increasing its size from 5,000 to 22,325 square feet. In 1986, the City of Dunedin purchased the Plaza to provide a home for the Library. The Dunedin Library became a member of the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative when it began operations on October 1, 1990. Dunedin signed an

Interlocal Agreement with the member cities of Gulf Beaches, Gulfport, Largo, Oldsmar, Palm Harbor, Pinellas Park, Safety Harbor, St. Petersburg, St. Petersburg Beach and the County Commission to provide library service to the unincorporated areas of Pinellas County. Residents in the unincorporated county had approved a referendum in March, 1989, to levy up to .5 mils for library service. In 1989, the entire estate of retired attorney Franklin Chase Milliken was left to the City of Dunedin for the benefit of the Dunedin Public Library. His bequest made the possibility of a new library a reality. Library Director Julia Noah submitted a study of the library facility to the Library Advisory Committee in 1990. In 1993, the consulting firm of Design Matrix completed a space needs assessment for a new facility and in 1994, the City Commission approved funding for a 38,000 sq. ft. building at a cost of \$3.5 million. The Library celebrated its 100th anniversary in April of 1995. Shortly after the centennial celebration, the Library moved into trailers at the west end of the site. The old building was torn down and a beautiful new building was built where the old building once stood. Architects for the new building were Harvard Jolly Clees Toppe, P.A. The building was constructed by Metric Constructors, Inc. and September 3, 1996, was opened to the public. A Grand Opening celebration was held on Friday, October 4th. Since the opening of the new building, the Dunedin Public Library has continued to grow in services and collections. Electronic technology and new material formats have expanded the dimensions of the Library's collections and services. As we plan for the future, keeping pace with technological developments that will meet the needs of the residents of Dunedin and the broader community becomes an important aspect of the library services the Dunedin Public Library aims to provide. We look forward to fulfilling the directives of the Long Range Plan and continuing the Library's reputation for providing excellent library services. For a detailed account of the Library's past, view a history of the Dunedin Public Library at [www.dunedinlibraries.govt](http://www.dunedinlibraries.govt)