

# Sandalwood Park News

April 2013



## *Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida*

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From the President:



First let me thank all those residents who answered the call, and volunteered to serve on one of the standing committees. Your spirit and community service is well appreciated by the Board, and me in particular, as I was told that not many people would be prepared to join a committee.

### **Attention all snowbirds!**

Please make sure before you leave for the black fly and mosquito seasons in the north, that you have registered a summer caretaker for your home and grounds with the office. Forms for this are available in the display outside the office door. Also please verify your northern contact information so that we have the most up-to-date records. Third, if there is a local point of contact with a key, make sure the office has that information too. We hope that nothing happens that require access, but things have a way

of falling on us when we are not prepared. "An ounce of prevention is worth pounds of cure".

As far as our fiscal status goes, we are in excellent shape, with close to \$500,000 in the bank. So we are well prepared to deal with almost any contingency without tying ourselves up to, and locked in to, designated reserves.

We have purchased an entertainment center for the

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**Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.**

300 Sandpiper Drive  
Venice, Florida 34285

**Resident Owned Community for persons 55  
years of age and older**

Office Number  
**485-3646**

In an Emergency Call  
**911**

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**SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES CLUB, INC.**

President – Carmen Wallin  
Vice President – Pam Brown  
Secretary – Susan Smith  
Treasurer – Judee Sunzere  
Barbara Hinkle  
Jane Reed  
Gil Weidemiller



**WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT**

Do you like to play cards?



Come to the clubhouse  
on Wednesday evening  
and join the fun!

Everyone is welcome,  
the more the merrier!

**SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

<b>Carl Griffith President</b>	<b>223-3495</b>
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**Appointed by the board:**  
Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary

The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating the wishes of our shareholders. Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions and they will act in the best interest of the park. Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to [ssbngator@hotmail.com](mailto:ssbngator@hotmail.com).



**BINGO!**

**Tuesday & Friday 7 PM**  
*So fun...try your luck.*



*Come one,  
come all.....  
Leave all your troubles at  
home, join your Neighbors at the clubhouse  
and have a good time!!!*

**Sandalwood TV Station**

**Tune in to Channel 195 on your TV for  
Sandalwood information and updates.**

Roger Bliss of 350 Longwood Drive is the person who enters all materials for the station. Forms to use for submitting information are available in the office.

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clubhouse activities room that replaces the “gym locker” that housed that equipment. It should improve the look of that area of the clubhouse.

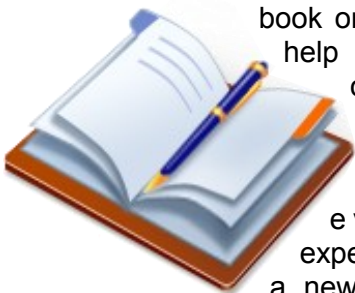
The WI/FI router is up and functioning in the clubhouse. I used my tablet and was logged on in both the activity, and sandpiper rooms, as well as in the pavilion, and as far as the far end of the shuffleboard courts. See the office or any Board member for the access codes. This router is not intended to replace home WI/FI access, but to allow some use while enjoying some fresh air in the new pavilion, or some sun at poolside. As with any such access point the more people using it at one time the slower it goes.

A condensed set of park rules was approved by the Board for distribution to, and use by, renters only (those people that rent from a homeowner, not tenants who rent from the park). Copies of those are available in the display outside the office door, and should be given to all renters.

I called a special Board of Directors meeting on 1 March to go over the park bylaws with all Board members as a group. In the words of our attorneys “bylaws, bylaws, bylaws know your bylaws”. The meeting was well attended and the discussions provided all those present with an appreciation for one of the park governing documents.

We hired a landscaper to provide us with a design for the park entry area off Cortina road. I am looking forward to the recommendations from the Beautification Committee in regards to that project.

## Helpful Guidelines for Events Now Available for Everyone



There is now a “guideline-help” book on a shelf in the kitchen to help anyone plan and find objects that are needed for any activity.

The SAC committee will even suggest an experienced resident, so that a newcomer can organize and run any event at the park’s facilities.

The 3-ring, yellow binder explains where the location of all the supplies are, how to reserve the space, and what is necessary for clean-up, placement of garbage cans and activity break down.

This binder is available for anyone who would like to create any event.

Great goin’ SAC committee!!!

## BAKE SALE THANK YOU

As usual, we had a very successful bake sale. Thank you very much to all who contributed all the wonderful baked goods, money, and those who gave their time to price and sell.

We appreciated all the help we got.

Loretta Demcher & Judy Peterson

## HUFF AND PUFF



**MON, WED & FRI**

**9:00AM**

**SEE YOU THERE**

**Be Informed..Watch Channel 195..Sandalwood TV**

*IN MEMORY*

**BIVEN, JOHN D. "JACK"**



BIVEN, JOHN D. "JACK," 72, of Louisville, passed away on Friday, March 15, 2013.

He retired July 21, 2000 as senior vice president at Jaymar Ruby in Michigan City, IN. During his retirement, he spent the winter months at his home located in Venice, FL.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, and loved his two Jack Russell Terriers, Poker and Chip, that were his companions during his retirement years. Jack was a longtime friend of Bill W., and was a member of Persimmon Ridge Golf Club for many years. He very much appreciated the many friendships during his life and had a deep feeling of gratitude for them.

Jack was preceded in death by his wife of 25 years, Connie Jo.

He is survived by his two sons, John A. Biven "Tony" (Amy) and Robert Lee Biven "Bobby" (Laura); and four grandchildren, Sawyer, Madison, Ethan and Preston.

Jack's memorial service will be at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2013, at Highlands Funeral Home, 3331 Taylorsville Road.

A memorial visitation will be on Tuesday, from 4-8 p.m. at Highlands. His ashes will be privately entombed in Cave Hill Cemetery.

Expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Cancer Society or Hosparus of Louisville.



**Tuesday Bunch/Lunch**

**Restaurant list for March 2013**

**Lunch is at 12:30pm**

- April 2nd      Hibachi Grill and Buffet (old Marco Polo's)  
549 US Hwy, 41 N. Bypass  
Venice, Fl
- April 9th      N'Tino's  
660 S Tamiami Trail  
Venice, Fl
- April 16th     Olive Garden  
1341 Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte, Fl
- April 23rd     Stefano's Family Restaurant  
401 S Indiana Ave  
Englewood, FL
- April 30th     Ophelia's Pasta House  
1097 N Tamiami Trail  
Nokomis, Fl

Regular attendees bringing guests or unable to come and if you are a newcomer please call (941) 320-9284.

As of May 1st there will be no list of restaurants in the newsletter, on TV or on the bulletin board until October 1st.

During the summer months restaurants will be chosen each week by those who are at the lunches. Thank you and have a great summer. See you in the fall.

Sylvia Buchanan

**sudoku**

**SUPERIOR VAPOR BARRIER**



## COOKS CORNER



### *Easy Crumb Cake*

- Yellow/lemon cake mix
- 2 c. sifted flour
- ½ lb. margarine (2 sticks)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 3 tsp. cinnamon
- Confectionary sugar (if desired)

Prepare yellow cake mix according to directions on box. Pour into jelly roll pan (cookie sheet), and bake at 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes.

Topping: Combine all remaining ingredients, using a pastry blender. Place crumbs on hot cake. Return cake to oven for an additional 5 minutes. Cool cake and sprinkle with confectioner's sugar, if desired.



## RUMMAGE/BAKE SALE REPORT

Thank you to everyone who made the rummage sale, hot dog and bake sale a success! After the bills were paid, a total of \$2,277.84 was our profit.

The hot dog stand proved to be a hit thanks to Tom and Sally Thompson and their crew. If you had not heard, Tom sold all of his famous Koegels Hot Dogs (100 of them!) before noon. After a mad dash to the grocery, 30 more dogs were cooked in order to satisfy those hungry lunchtime appetites. Tom says that the new grill worked fine for the occasion and people enjoyed resting and eating their lunch on the new patio.

Loretta Demcher and Judy Peterson headed the bake sale for another year. Gosh, how many years have they been faithfully at this? They and our talented Sandalwood cooks created an attractive display of cakes, cookies and pies that sold out well before noon. Great job gals!

Kudos to Steve Demcher and his crew for setting up and tearing down the tables for this event and to his orange vested parking lot attendants and fellows working the back gate. They kept park residents and park visitors safe and free of any incidents. Thanks guys—job well done.

Next year we will be doing the same but we would like to enhance our Boutique. If you noticed, it was on stage this year. Charlotte Rivard was responsible for making that section a special and attractive addition to our sale. However, we will need your unused items that may be laying in your drawers and cupboards. Jewelry would be one of those, also, evening purses, or decorative items such as special china and glassware items and lamps. So, whether you live in Sandalwood or go up north in April, please remember to set aside these items and bring them to the sale next year.

Again, Connie and I thank all of you who helped with all facets of the rummage sale: those who placed signs on the roadways and wrote and submitted the sale ads to the newspapers; others who helped load up and deliver items to the clubhouse, arranging and pricing the items; cashiers, baggers, floor walkers and last but not least, the cleanup crew! And a special salute to the park residents who so willingly contributed their goods to the sale—all of you made this a success!

In ending, it can be said that this is a wonderful community function where we can meet and work with our neighbors while having fun. We look forward to doing this again next year.

Connie and Donna

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**FLORIDA ANCHOR & BARRIER**



# SANDALWOOD PARK APRIL 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 SAC Agenda Mtg 10:00am	3 SPH Agenda Mtg 9:00am	4	5	6
7	8 SAC Board Meeting 10:00am	9 SAC Board Meeting 10:00am	10 SPH Board Mtg 10:00am	11	12	13 Potluck Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				
	Huff & Puff 9am	Lunch 1pm	Huff & Puff 9am Poker & Cards 7pm	Breakfast at Perkins 8:30am Euchre 7pm	Huff & Puff 9am Bingo 7pm	Coffee & Rolls 9am



*Michael and Susan Smith dressed for the Lazy Hazy Days of Summer Picnic.*

## A Special Thank You For Our Picnic...

Thank you to Regina Fortin and Barbara Moore and all their staff for an outstanding, fun-filled day at the picnic. It was a great gathering, and everyone was thrilled with the food, prizes, and conversations with our new and existing neighbors. We all know what effort and time it took to organize and carry out such a large undertaking, bringing in over 170 residents to the party.

Our sponsors made it even more enjoyable by gifting us with wonderful presents.

**Thank you to all the following companies, stores and restaurants for donating items for our benefit:**

- **Bangz Hair Studio**
- **Anita's Restaurant**
- **Stylin Family Salon**
- **Gold Rush BBQ**
- **Althea's Restaurant**
- **Brindley's Liquor**
- **Obee's Soup and Salad**
- **The Hair Spot**
- **Fletcher Music**
- **Thai Spice Restaurant**
- **Wee Blew Inn**
- **Bealls**
- **Partridge Barber Shop**
- **Strictly Nails**
- **Trees Pots and Plants**
- **Fannie Smith Beauty Salon**
- **Classy Claws at Barbara's Hair Salon**
- **Scrambled Eatery**
- **Yoders**
- **and our own SAC.**

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## ANOTHER WONDERFUL PICNIC

Thank you to all who contributed to the Sandalwood annual picnic.

First I want to extend a special thank you to my co-chair, Barb Moore who made the annual picnic a fun and successful event. Barb's experience in the food industry always makes it a pleasure to work with her on any event.

Larry Moore was in the kitchen serving the BBQ chicken and fixings along with Bud Fortin, Jim Pratt and my better half, Larry Fortin. Bud and Irene Fortin were in the serving line taking tickets and checking to be sure everyone had an entry for the great door prizes. Also, thanks to Jane and Larry Reed for setting up the night before and serving the wonderful strawberry shortcake.

Betty Pratt is an entertainer herself and it's always enjoyable to have Betty in charge of the microphone

Steve Demcher set up and organized all the games. Steve and his team are a big part of our picnic. Everyone had a great time competing. While Steve was outdoors, Loretta was inside selling raffle tickets along with Judy Petersen.

Susan Smith did an outstanding job on her decorations, and came dressed for a "good old fashioned picnic". Love her style!

Thank you Connie Bressler, Betty Pratt and Marietta Jones for selling the tickets.

The prizes ranged from manicures and restaurant certificates to baskets made up by a generous group of girls in Sandalwood Park.

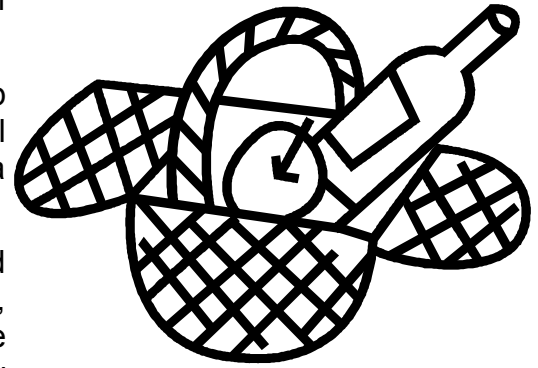
It was also great to see our new patio full of partygoers.

For all the gifts donated by individuals and our local vendors we were grateful.

Barb and I know that the success of our picnic was because of all who gave their time.

Thank you.

Regina Fortin and Barb Moore



**MOBILE HOME DEPOT**

### HELP NEEDED

Sandalwood Park is seeking help with entering information on Channel 195.

This does not require a lot of time and is not difficult to learn.

Please consider volunteering for this opportunity to keep your community informed.

## Sandalwood Activities Committee

Minutes of March 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Board Members Present:** President, Carmen Wallin; Vice President, Pam Brown; Treasurer, Judee Sunzere; Secretary, Susan Smith; Barbara Hinkle; Jane Reed; Gil Weidemiller

**Secretary's Report:** Approved as printed

**Treasurer's Report:** Balance of \$7,299.57

### Committee Reports

**Bingo--**Lois Cotrill--Going fine

**Wednesday Game Night--**Carmen Wallin--Going well

**Shuffleboard--**Bob Koons--Is over for the season; will be a Round Robin on Fri., 3/15 @11:00 am

**Saturday Morning Coffee--**No report

**Huff and Puff--**Considered being held all year long

**Euchre--**Connie Bressler--Will continue through April and reconvene in Jan., 2014

**Thursday Morning Breakfast @ Perkins--**NR

**Friday Morning Computer Class--**Going really well

**Movie Night--**Gil Weidemiller--This month's movie will be "Argo"

**Easter Dinner--**Gil Weidemiller--Fliers and " invitations" have been distributed; a lot of effort has gone into planning this event; encourage park singles who don't get out to other park activities to attend

### Coming Events

**Thurs., 3/14--**Link Family--last of this year's concert series

**Sat., 3/16--**St. Patrick's Day Potluck; 5:30 Snacks and 6:00 Dinner; prizes for best joke and karaoke

**Mon., 3/18--**Pizza Party @ noon for Shuffleboard participants

**Mon., 3/18--**"Argo" @ 7:00 pm

**Sun., 3/31--**Easter Dinner @ 2:00 pm

**Tues., 4/2--**SAC Agenda Meeting @ 10:00 am

**Tues., 4/9--**SAC Board Meeting @ 10:00 am

**Sat., 4/13--**April Potluck--Jane Reed, Chair; no entertainment; opportunity to wish everyone "good-bye;" sign up will be posted on bulletin board

### Old Business

**Fish and Flick--**Fish was DELICIOUS--Kudos to Carmen and her staff; movie was Flight starring Denzell Washington

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**Rummage/Bake/Carport Sale and Lunch**--Congratulations !!!!! to Donna Eckman and all who worked to make this event such a success; receipts for the day were: Rummage Sale=\$1,928.04; Bake Sale=\$426.00; Hot Dogs=\$547.00 TOTAL=\$2,901.04

**"Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer" Annual Picnic**--Another smash hit event for Sandalwood. (Note: When you see Regina Fortin and/or her committee members, tell them what a great job they did planning this event.)

**"Hello, Dolly"**--A group from the park attended this Venice Little Theater production on March 10. Next year's selected show is "Oklahoma;" group rate (20 or more) is \$26 pp versus the \$28 pp ticket purchase

**New Business**

**Next year's calendar and budget**--will be set up at the April Board's Agenda Meeting in order to give advance notice for your planning for next year; however, Concert Series dates and featured performers will probably not be available at that time.

**From the Floor**

**Monthly Hot Dog Get Togethers on the Patio**--Tom Thompson suggested this as an opportunity for people to get together informally once a month and offered to co-ordinate

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Smith, Secretary

**ADVANCED MOBILE**

**SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.**

March 13, 2013  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance  
All Board members present  
Minutes of Feb. 13, 2013 approved by board

**Reports of Officers:-**

- Treasurers report approved as presented

**Committee Reports:**

**New Residents Comm.-** Lucille Mitton, Bob Jenne, Diane Souza, Sue Smith, Carmen Wallin and Alice Fitzpatrick. Lucille Mitton reported the comm. had organized a welcome packet to be given to all new owners.

**Consideration of communications:**

Carl Griffith received letter from Lois Cottrill regarding park channel 195. Board will look into getting more people to trained to use and length of time items are to be kept on.

Carl Griffith received note from Pam Brown regarding stage spot lights and benches at shuffle board courts. Both items are being look into and will report back.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Carl Griffith spoke about condition of home at 401 Longwood. Full board to inspect the home and report back.
- Carl Griffith stated that at this time no repairs would be made to shuffle board courts because resurfacing (at \$4500.00) will not prevent or fix cracks.
- Carl Griffith reported the WI-FI was up and running.
- Charlie Kane stated the plants for Cortina would be delivered on Thurs. 3/14 and Valley Crest to start planting on Mon 3/18.
- Norm Vandenbusche reported we had received payment from FPL and expecting Comm. Banks anytime. He had spoken with paving contractor, several patches were completed, but still not happy with over-all project. He stated we may want park attorney to compose a letter on parks behalf.

**New Business:**

- Sandra Marsocci expressed concern about guests bringing pets while visiting in park.
- Sandra Marsocci presented Violation Ticket and how they would be used.
- Sandra Marsocci reminded everyone they needed 3" address numbers on the front of their homes.
- Lucille Mitton, Joan Ellis and Trish Vandenbusche to compose guide lines for owners who rent their homes.

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Griffith

**Next Meeting:**

Agenda: Wed. Apr. 03, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)  
Board: Wed. Apr.10, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Respectfully Submitted

Regina Fortin, Secretary

## April Suggestions For Northbound Snowbirds

When closing down your home, keep in mind the *Salvation Army* food receptacle in our Activities Room. They will take any non-perishable, unopened boxed or new canned food items. Please don't throw them away, when someone else could make use of them.

Pick up a form on the wall at the Activities Room, and let everyone know what restaurants you/family/children enjoyed, and what ones you did not like and why (poor service?). You could also recommend mechanics, contractors, golf courses, etc. and other places to visit. Please include your approximate costs for these items. The newcomers next year would appreciate your ideas and your suggestions, as we will include them in one of our Fall newsletters.

## Sandalwood Park Homeowners Need Your Volunteering Help

Each committee member of the SPH has a responsibility to work on a committee for our Park.

The board would appreciate some extra help from anyone in the Park to assist them with their duties.

Please contact a person from the committee in the front of your Resident Directory (new 2013 members), and let them know if you could give a hand on any of the following groups:

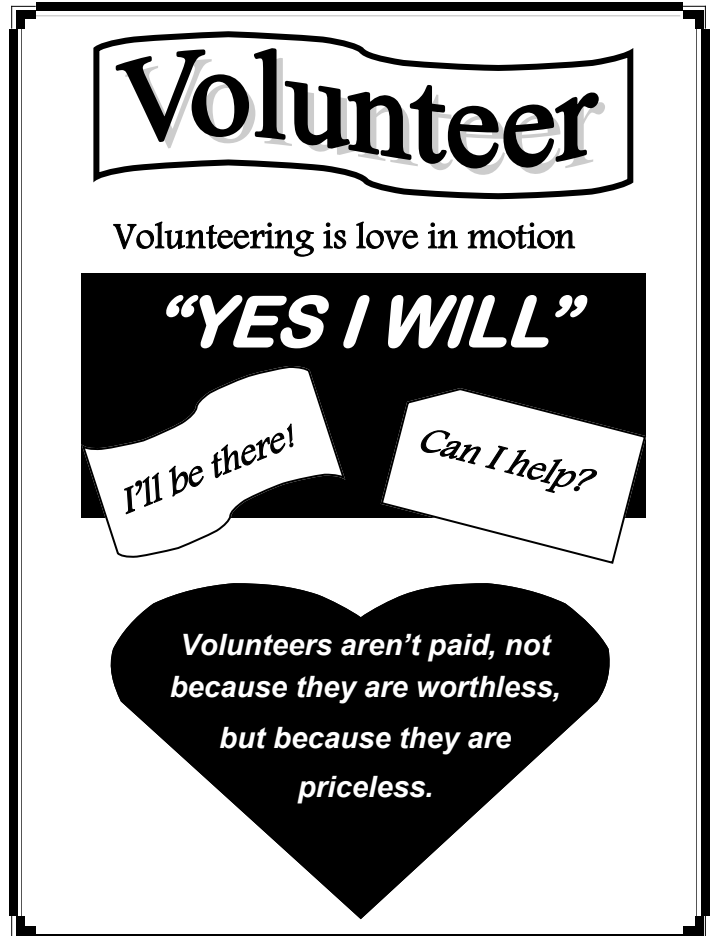
- Park Beautification
- Finances
- Problem Solving/Rules
- Operating
- New Residents.

Your suggestions are appreciated.

## Thank You For Volunteering...

We thank Sandy Marsocci for volunteering to take over the reporter's job for several summer and fall months, starting in the June issue (May 14 deadline).

If you have news to print, please send them to her attention via email at [sandyjoe23@comcast.net](mailto:sandyjoe23@comcast.net), or call her at 941-492-5742.



## Farewell Pot Luck Supper Slated For April 13<sup>th</sup>

No dish too large or too small!

Come and say goodbye to your northern Snowbird neighbors, as they hit the road again.

Empty those pantry shelves, put together a delicious casserole or whatever, and bring it to the potluck supper

on Saturday the 13th in the Sandpiper Room.

Bring your own dishes, silverware, and BYOB.

Cocktail hour usually begins at 5:30 p.m., and dinner starts at 6:00p.m.

Singing and dancing are optional.



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## SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS CLUBHOUSE RULES

1. No notices, other than emergency or official, are to be attached to any walls, doors, windows, etc. inside or outside of the building. Bulletin boards are provided for sharing information. Push pins or cellophane tape are not to be used for any purpose on walls and doors.
2. Decorations for holidays or events must avoid damage to walls or ceilings.
3. Any group using the facilities is expected to pick up trash and do basic cleaning of equipment and furnishings. Park maintenance personnel will dust and mop floors as needed.
4. Event leaders (or last to leave the building) are to turn off heat or air, turn off interior lights, audio/visual equipment, appliances, etc. and lock all doors.
5. NO PARKING in the portico outside Sandpiper Room. This facility is for dropping off and picking up only. Do not block the drive to the portico. Short term parking is allowed in front of the laundry and office while conducting business but must not block the drive. Primary parking for Sandpiper Room is in the marked grass areas to the south. Overflow parking is allowed across Sandpiper in the grass. Bicycles should park in the grass in front of the Portico.
6. Official room designations are "Sandpiper Room", "Activities Room", "Exercise Room", "Library", "Office", "File Room", "Laundry", and "Information Hall".

Adopted by the Board 4/8/09