

Sandalwood Park News

April 2014



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida

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From the President

First things first... Thank you to Al Brown, Bob Jenne, Larry Fortin, Regina Fortin, Bud Fortin, Larry Reed, Don Souza, and Norm Vandebusch. These folks gave up many hours per day, dragging hoses and driving the pickup full of water, to ensure that the recently replanted palms on Cortina road received plenty of water to become well established in their new locations. This task took them up to 4 hours some days and lasted for over a month before all palms had been watered for at least three weeks.

The March 12th Board meeting was attended by a record crowd, mainly because we planned to consider changing the rules regarding pets. I think there were 130 or so interested parties at the meeting. I wish we could get that much interest in all of the Board meetings. Anyway, many of those folks came out prepared for a lynching, fearing we were going to remove Rover from the park. Fortunately there was nothing like that on the agenda.

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Easter Blessings



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.

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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.



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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!

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

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Regina Fortin is the person who enters all materials for the station. Forms to use for submitting information are available in the office.

Presidents message continued from page 1

I explained that since the pets couldn't read the rules, the problems our residents have must not be with the pets, but with their owners. I mentioned several complaints the Board had received in the recent weeks.

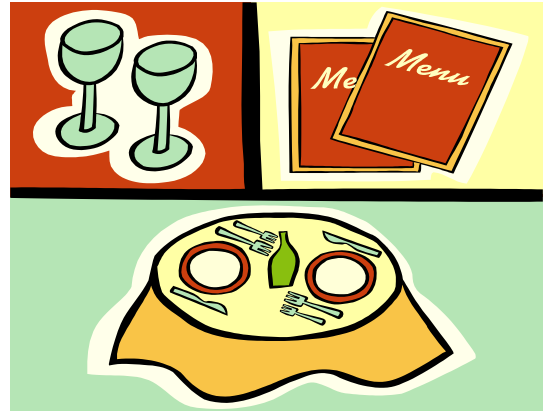
- People walking their dogs on others lawns all the way up to the planters.
- Those extendable leashes that allow their pet to wander far from the owner.
- Pets being tied out without the owner present in the yard.
- Dogs barking constantly when the owner is/is not home.
- And, generally a lack of consideration some owners have for the other residents of the Park.

Rather than instituting new limitations on the pets, we attempted to remind the owners take charge of their pets, and show that they do have consideration for the other residents of Sandalwood Park. If this approach doesn't work then we may have to reconsider new more specific rules regarding pets in the Park.

I described three Ad-Hoc committees in my last newsletter. They have all reported back to the Board as follows:

- To suggest wording for a change to the rules that will insure more spacing between homes.
- This committee reported back that we only needed to make a small change to rule 2.1 changing the maximum width of the home and carport from 44 ft. to 40 ft.
- To look at the feasibility of informing members of meetings via E-Mail.
- After talking with our Park attorney, we have found that Florida statutes make notification of Board meetings this way very difficult and time consuming on the Park.
- To set up specs and obtain quotes for construction of Bocce ball courts
- This committee obtained five quotes and prepared a detailed analysis of them. At the meeting we tasked them to pick the best two and negotiate the best cost for the Board to consider.

Carl D Griffith, President



Tuesday Bunch/Lunch

Restaurant list for April 2014

Lunch is at 12:30pm

- April 1st Pineapples Island Grill
133 Tamiami Trail S
Venice, FL
- April 8th Mama Leone's Restaurant
2300 Tamiami Trail N
Nokomis, FL
- April 15th Hibachi Grill
549 US Hwy 41 N Bypass
Venice, FL
- April 22nd Olive Garden
1341 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, FL
- April 29th Plaza Mexico Bar & Grill
405 US Hwy 41 Bypass
(on left past Left Coast Seafood)
Venice, FL

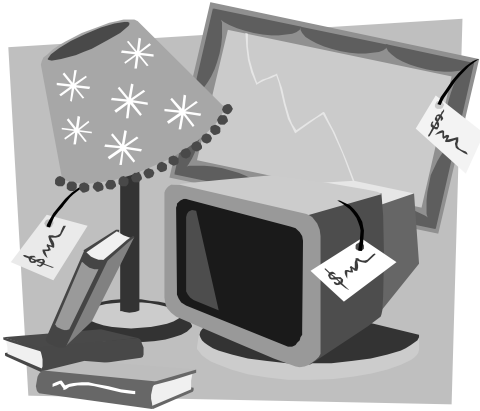
If you are new to the group PLEASE call for reservation with number attending.

Anyone bringing guests please call with the number of guests attending.

Thank you....Sylvia Buchanan (941) 408-6688



Report on 2014 Clubhouse and Carport Sale



This year's sale was another success because of you, the park residents, who contributed household goods, assisted in the set up, worked the sale and tore down for this event.

A mention needs to be made for the people who saw our need for items such as clothing racks, paper trays for the hot dogs, a tent for the furniture display and other things that I cannot recall, thank you!

As you are all aware, the SPH Board cleared one of the sheds for storage for the clubhouse sale items. This gesture relieved Connie's home and my home of a room filled with boxes and furniture. We are very grateful for this goodwill deed.

I think that many of us enjoyed working the sale. One of the best features was the entertainment provided to us by Alice Fitzpatrick on Saturday morning. If you know Alice, giving her the microphone lends to a healthy dose of laughter (yes, I had a microphone and I did hand it over to her). Alice interviewed Al Peterson as he was eating a hot dog, asking him how it tasted and then offering him a free one for participating in the interview but then quickly reneged on the offer since he already had one (hot dog) in hand. Alice also tried to sell Dave Stolsens' beautiful French provincial couch, expounding on how comfortable it looked, offering for people sit on it, to try it out for awhile and maybe even make a little love while there! What a hoot! Not every park sale provides entertainment; this may set us apart from the others.

Now onto the totals of each sale. Our boutique was spruced up this year through the talents of Charlotte Rivard and Susan Smith. Their lovely items were attractively displayed and brought the flow of cash dollars in totaling \$599.50!



Tom and Sally Thompson along with Michael Smith and Al Peterson kept those hot dogs a cookin' and brought in \$398.50. Loretta Demcher and Judy Peterson's Bake Sale profited \$403.76. The clubhouse sale only (this did not include the amounts mentioned above) totaled \$1,303.20. The carport sales for which \$3 were collected per home totaled \$48. Added up, our sale brought in \$2,752.96. Not bad for a period of only six and a half hours.

Once again, Connie and I want to thank all of you for making this event a success. I especially need to thank Connie for making sure the cleanup of the clubhouse, among other things, was done efficiently & properly. As well, a thank you to all the others that chipped in to help her. This is the least attractive of all the jobs, so I greatly appreciate those that brought this chore to completion.

We are looking forward to next year, so stay tuned for changes to enhance the operation of this community event.

Submitted by **Donna Eckmad**

PLANET SATELLITE



Save Sunday April 6th For Farewell Get-Together



On April 6th SAC will be sponsoring our “bye bye” farewell gathering on our outside patio.

Everyone is invited to join in the socializing from 3 to 5 p.m.

Just bring your own drinks and an appetizer or hors d'oeuvre to share with everyone.

Hope to see you all there!



Have a safe trip home.

DVD Library



We have expanded our lending library to include a DVD section! Please check it out in the laundry room.

You will find the DVD's organized in alphabetical order. Please try to keep them that way.

Please use the sign-out and sign-in book for any DVDs that you take. You may take up to 3 DVDs at one time. DVDs may be kept up to 3 days. There is no charge.

We are still accepting DVD donations and SAC will continue to add to the collection.

For any questions, contact Gil at 941-244-2315.

Thank you and enjoy your movie!

As you get ready to leave for the summer!

Just a reminder to all Residents and Tenants

Summer is approaching quickly. A caretaker is required to care for your property while you are away.

Have you filled out the caretaker form and turned it in at the office?

Please review 111. Home sites

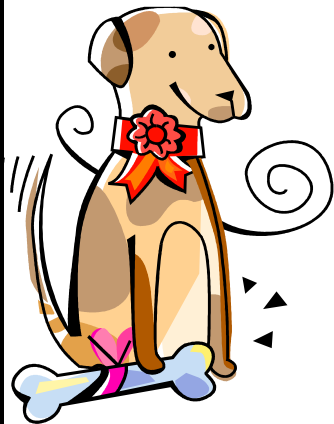
3.1 Home sites shall be kept orderly, neat, clean and free of litter. The overall appearance of the home and the site is the responsibility of the member or tenant. Trimming, weeding, replacement of lawn or grass seed and general care of the lawn, planters and shrubs is the responsibility of the member or tenant.

If it is determined that a home site needs attention, an attempt will be made to contact the homeowner or tenant.

Fourteen (14) days, will be allowed for corrections.

If no action is taken Sandalwood Park will hire someone to perform the necessary services. The member or tenant will be invoiced for the actual costs plus a \$50.00 fine.

Failure to pay will result in a lien on the property.



A Poem From a Dog

You feed me when I'm hungry.
You keep water in my dish.
You let me sleep on anything,
Or in any place I wish.

You sometimes let me lick your hands,
Or even lick your face.
Despite the fact I've licked myself
In every private place.

You taught me how to come when called.
You taught me how to sit.
You let me go out with you at my side,
So I can take a sh.... Stroll.

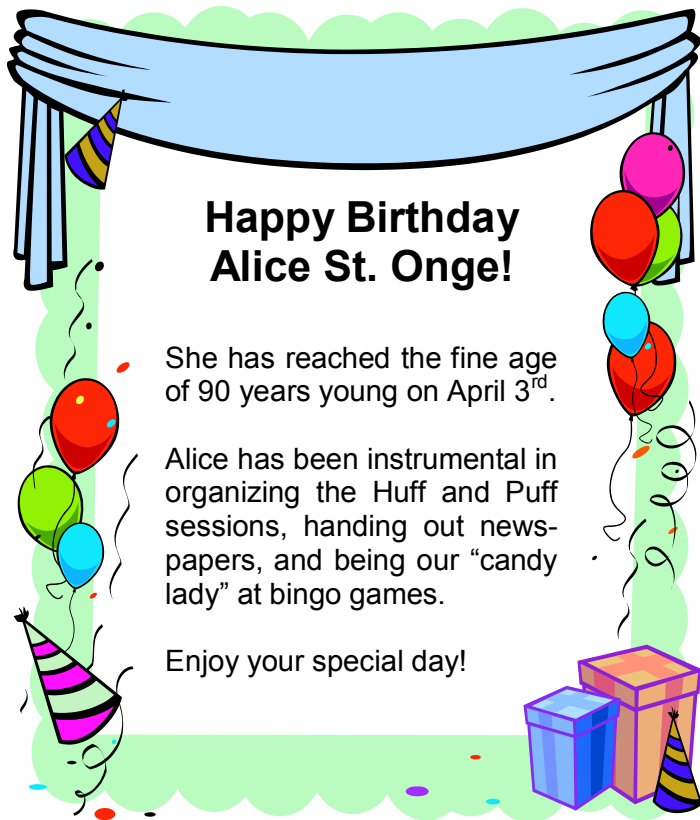
You'll always have my loyalty,
Up to the bitter end.
'Cause after all, it's plain to see...
You are a dog's best friend!

By Doggy Moms and Dads



Endless Thank You(s) for All Workers and Planners during a Busy March...

- * Thank you to everyone for making Bustin' for Bargains such a success. The Hot Dog committee, the Chairmen, and all people who helped bring items, cook food, cashiered, parking help, and everyone involved in any way, made this the best income producer for Sandalwood Park. We brought in over \$2,900!! Wow!!!
- * Our picnic was so great this year, that it produced a \$900 profit and a lot of fun with friends! What great door prizes, food, and games were held. We appreciate all the work that goes into this large gathering of our park. Gracias!
- * A big thank you goes out to Alice Fitzpatrick for organizing those fun bus trips to the Tampa Casino! All the people enjoy the games and frolic on the bus, even if a few dollars were lost at the casino. Thanks, Alice for organizing this for us.
- * Thank you to all the men and women, who have always come forward to rearrange all the chairs and tables before and after all our events this year. With our concerts, meetings, and bingo, many hands have made the work light. Steve Demcher (thank you) hands over his helper list to Larry Reed to call people for the continued help. Thank you for being there, when it has been needed.
- * Tuesday lunches have been well attended, thanks to Sylvia Buchanan. It has been one of the relaxing ways to meet each other and fill our faces. Thanks, Sylvia for calling all those restaurants.



Happy Birthday Alice St. Onge!

She has reached the fine age of 90 years young on April 3rd.

Alice has been instrumental in organizing the Huff and Puff sessions, handing out newspapers, and being our "candy lady" at bingo games.

Enjoy your special day!

Important Notice:



Prior authorization is needed for any new purchases for a SAC event.

Please remember that only a certain amount of money is budgeted per event per year.

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		1 SAC Agenda 10am	2 SPH Agenda 9am	3	4	5
6	7	8 SAC Board 10am	9 SPH Board 10am	10	11	12 Potluck Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:00 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Easter Dinner 2pm	21 	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
	Huff & Puff 9am	Walking at 9am Lunch 12:30 pm	Huff & Puff 9am Ping Pong 1-4pm Mahjong 1pm Poker & Cards 7pm	Breakfast at Perkins 8:30am Walking at 9am Euchre 7pm	Huff & Puff 9am Computer Club 10am Bingo 7pm	

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Sandalwood Activities Committee

Minutes of March 11, 2014 Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present: President, Carmen Wallin; Treasurer, Pam Brown; Secretary, Susan Smith; Barbara Hinkle; Gil Weidemiller; Charlotte Rivard; Betty Pratt

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the February Sandalwood Park News.

Treasurer' Report: Accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bingo continues to be popular not only with residents from and our own park, but Venice Isles as well.

The variety of **Games and Cards** offered continues to be well received. Attendance is excellent and the camaraderie is catching. The shuffleboard players will be having a Pizza Party at 1:00 on March 24 in the Pavilion.

The **Huff and Puff** participants and **Walkers** are enjoying getting more fit.

The Computer Class members are become more technologically adept.

Those who attend **The Lunch Bunch** gatherings are feasting on quite an array of cuisines. (Note: Maybe they should begin to rate the meals/service from 1 to 10 for others seeking new eating venues.)

March's **Movie Night** was cancelled due to the floor refinishing in the Sandalwood room. There was some discussion re: the availability of and interest in new releases to be shown next year.

Old Business

Bustin' with Bargains was a great success. Total sales amounted to \$2, 843.00.

The **Valentine's Day Dinner Dance** was another success story. Everyone had a great time with Bobby Holloway, who, by popular demand, will be our entertainer again next year.

Both the **2nd and 3rd concert series** performers were well received. Remember you **DO NOT** need to have season tickets to attend the last performance on the 30th, for Cover to Cover. Buy a ticket for this last show and be amazed at the caliber of our performers.

The continuation of the Concert Series for next year is still under advisement.

New Business

Larry Reed has agreed to take over the responsibility of forming a team to set up and break down chairs and tables as needed for the various events taking place in the Sandalwood room. Thanks to Steve Demcher who has been awesome in doing this previously.

In conjunction with the SPH Board, the need for more visible **signage** as to events and programs in the park is under discussion as to what we might want and the cost involved. If you have input see a member of either the SPH or SAC boards.

A **DVD library** has been set up in the laundry room. Feel free to use it, but you **MUST** sign the DVD out when you take it and in when it is returned. Already there are over 100 DVD's for your enjoyment.

Results of the **survey** conducted by SAC will be posted on the Bulletin Board in the Clubhouse.

Requests for money for the Horse Races and the Shuffleboard Pizza Party were given.

Night Coming Events

St Patrick's Karaoke/Joke Night-- Saturday night, March 15.

Anniversary Mardi Gras Dinner Dance—Saturday, March 29.

"Bye Til Next Year" in the Pavilion—Sun., Apr. 6 from 3-5. BYOB and munchies.

Susan Smith



COOKS CORNER



April Recipe

Almond Loaf Cake

Use ½ round **loaf** pan. Spray pan well, and sprinkle ½ the almonds on the bottom.

- ¼ cup sliced almonds
- 1 ¼ cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 ½ teas. Almond extract
- Add 1 ¼ c. flour
- ½ teas. Baking powder
- 1 stick melted margarine and remaining almonds

Mix well; pour over almonds in loaf pan.

Bake @ 350 degrees for 40-50 min.

Invert on dish and sprinkle with sugar.

Seminole Hard Rock Casino Trip



The Hard Rock Casino Trip on February 26th was a great success.

Thirty eight fun-loving people boarded the bus at 9:30am and headed for the casino.

The bus trip itself is an important part of the days activities and because of the high spirited people aboard it was filled with fun and laughter. Games were played and many won prizes to utilize at the casino. Many door prizes were given away and if you have ever been on this trip you know how much fun that is.

The prospect of winning something of great value makes everyone tense and all could be seen sitting at the edge of their seat in great anticipation.



Many came home with more in their pockets than they left with but then some of us came home with lighter wallets, happy nevertheless having enjoyed a fun day with friends and neighbors.

Thanks to anyone who donated gifts for the door prizes or helped out in any way.

Submitted by: Alice Fitzpatrick

Huff and Puff

MON, WED & FRI .. 9:00AM



Walking with Huff & Puff

We walk 1-2 miles, after Huff and Puff all three days.

On Tues. and Thurs. walkers start at 9:00 a.m. and walk 2-3 miles.

Please join us.

Community Center for Deaf

Please join us for
Sandalwood Park's Easter Dinner
Sunday, April 20th

Socializing starts at 2:30 pm - Dinner will be served
family style at 3:00 pm in the Sandpiper Room

Appetizers:

Deviled Egg Salad on Toast
Spicy Gazpacho Shots
Dilly White Bean Dip and Chips

Dinner:

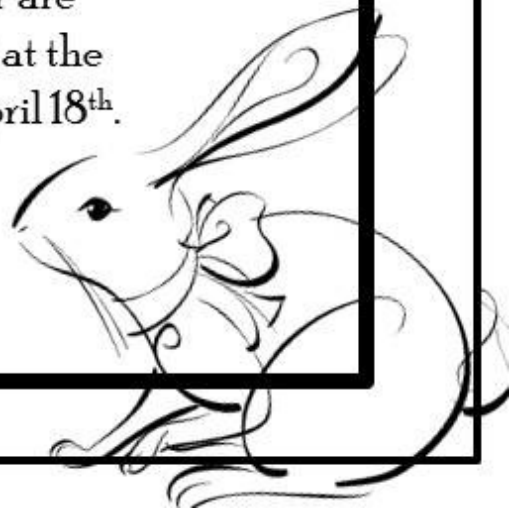
Roasted Fennel and Carrots
Grilled Asparagus in Lemon Vinaigrette
Sweet Potato Casserole with Oatmeal Cookie Streusel
Smashed Potatoes with Roasted Garlic
Pineapple Pecan Stuffing
Baked Ham with Peach Mango Chutney

Dessert:

Strawberry Shortcake with Vanilla Bean Ice Cream
Coffee and Iced Tea

Tickets for this all inclusive ham dinner are
\$10.00 per person and can be purchased at the
office or from a SAC member through April 18th.

Friends and Family are welcome!
Prizes will be awarded for the
"Best Easter Bonnet"!



CROSSWORD PUZZLE

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2014

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Meeting called to order: Carl Griffith, President

Roll Call: All Board Members present

Minutes of February 12, 2014 approved by board

Consideration of Communications:

Letter from Pam Brown: Carl Griffith read letter requesting Board member talk to owner about tying dog outside home.

Reports of Officers:-

Treasurers report for February 2014 approved as presented

Unfinished Business:

Handi-cap access/sidewalk: Regina Fortin presented three (3) quotes for work to be completed. Discussion followed. **Motion by** Mitch Watson **2nd by** Al Burns, To accept quote from Schulte Concrete for \$1,150.00.

Motion Passed

Placement of new homes in park: Al Burns explained Rule Revision (attached) Discussion followed. **Motion by** Lucille Mitton **2nd by** Larry Reed to accept revision as written. **Motion Passed**

Park e-mail: Carl Griffith informed everyone park would not precede per advice of park attorney.

Pet Rule Change: Owner responsibility was discussed and being considerate of all residents. Carl Griffith read samples of rules used by other similar parks, and asked the residents to follow our rules and be responsible owners.

Bocci Courts: Carl Griffith/Mike Smith/Maureen Kiley reported on project (see attachment). Discussion followed. Committee to get best price and report back at April 2014 Board Meeting

Shuffleboard lights: Regina Fortin stated that 4 of the current lights were being replaced with new, and the additional lighting is scheduled.

Cortina Ditch Maints: Larry Reed still waiting on quote. Carl Griffith needs to talk to county.

351 Longwood (Simpson): Carl Griffith stated thru park attorney (e-mail attached) Miss Simpson wanted park to purchase mobile. **Motion by** Carl Griffith **2nd by** Larry Reed to offer her \$500.00 plus refund March 2014 rent \$435.00. **Motion Passed**

543 Aspen (Seymour): Carl Griffith stated that home was in final stage of foreclosure and that park had 3 people wanting to purchase when park gets ownership.

Original Resolutions and New Business:

Volunteers: Al Burns wanted all involved in the watering of palms and hedges to be acknowledged for all their hard work. Larry Reed, Larry Fortin, Bud Fortin, Al Brown, Bob Jenne, Don Souza, Norm Vandebusche, Regina Fortin and Carl Griffith.

New Sign for Cortina Rd.: Regina Fortin stated board was looking into purchasing new face with more modern look.

New reflective stop signs: Regina Fortin suggested replacing some of the old signs that were faded and rusted. Board all agreed.

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Griffith

Next Meeting:

Agenda: Wed. Apr. 02, 2014 @ 9:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Board: Wed. Apr. 09, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Respectfully Submitted
Regina Fortin, Secretary

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