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Letter From The President

Many of us are preparing to leave for the summer. As you check off the important "things to do" please keep in mind that Sandalwood continues to operate as a year round residence.

We don't have all the recreational activities as in the winter season. However, we will be very actively staying ahead of the weather. The heat and rain keep us busy with weeds. Weeds not only grow in the driveway and around your home, they also grow out of our gutters if they are not cleaned regularly.



Having your home power washed twice a year will keep the mold off your home and your gutters clean.

The threat of storms has us moving our lawn items in and out. Please store all outdoor items in your unit or shed. When we are dealing with high winds these items take flight and become projectiles. The wind can be intense even without hurricane force. Set the temperature in your home to avoid mold.

If you have a rain barrel...EMPTY IT AND LEAVE IT EMPTY. Allowing these containers to stay full invites mosquitoes. Do you have a fruit tree? Clean up any fruit that has fallen and you should pick what fruit is still on the tree. Caretaker information must be left in the office.

This is the first month for Joan Ellis as the editor of our newsletter. Welcome Joan and thank you for accepting this position.

I would also like to thank Mary Ann Jenne for the years she has given us as editor. Enjoy your retirement.

Regina Fortin



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Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to 14tinspub@aol.com.

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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 14TH OF THE MONTH.

PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU WON'T FORGET.

Procedure for submitting articles to OnTrac Publishing for the Newsletter.

All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood Editor.

Only information sent by the editor will be published in the newsletters.

Articles must be submitted on or before the 14th of the month.

Editor information is on page two.

Huff and Puff

Huff & Puff is Mon-Wed-Fri .. 9:00am



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 6:30PM

So fun...try your luck.
Come one.



Leave all your troubles at home, join your Neighbors at the clubhouse and have a good time!!!

SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



Did you know that Sandalwood has a Website?

It is a good way to keep up with happenings and reading the newsletters online.

The address for the website is www.sandalwoodpark.com

Reminder...

Your attendance is very important to those volunteering for SPH and SAC boards. SPH Meeting is the 2nd Wednesday and SAC meeting is the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Sandalwood Park Sale – Huge Success!

Thanks to everyone who worked to make our park Carport and clubhouse sale a success! We received many positive comments from our visitors on that day. They were impressed with the beauty of Sandalwood Park, the friendliness of our residents and the organization of the park sale.

It is estimated that we had between 400 and 500 people attend this event. Three hundred maps were distributed at the gates and in the clubhouse. Fifty more were made by Al Peterson; however, by 10:45 the back gate's supply was depleted. Not wanting to shortchange our new visitors, the fellows recycled the used maps as people were leaving the park. Good thinking!

To insure everyone's safety, each street was designated as a one-way street and parking was restricted to the right side of the roadways. Also, traffic control people were assigned to heavy traffic areas to keep order, as well as, to assist visitors in finding their way around the park. Unfortunately, we were remiss in telling our residents about this change. Please accept our apologies. Next year we will do better!



Adding to the festivities of the day was music and songs provided by Sam Dick and friends on the patio. People lingered to enjoy the entertainment, to dance and to eat their hot dog lunch. We are thankful to Sam for offering this venue to our sale. There is no doubt that music lifts one's spirits and gives us something to share with one another. We are hoping that Sam and friends will be back next year.



The bake sale gals, Judy Peterson and Diane Souza did a wonderful job of organizing the cooks, cashiers and their cleanup crew. The aroma of the sticky buns and coffee made our crowds a little happier as they entered the clubhouse. They sure did gobble up those goodies—what a bargain for \$1!

This year, beans and coleslaw were added to the hot dog sale to make a complete lunch. This went over so well that we ran out of these items early on. Next year we will order enough to satisfy everyone's hunger. Thanks to Jim Pratt and Steve Demcher for so graciously taking over Tom Thompson's hot dog stand. Neither Tom and his trusty assistant Mike Smith were able to cook this year since both were recuperating from surgeries. Tom assured me he will be back next year! Thank you Tom for making the effort to oversee this year's operation and thanks also goes to Sally, his wife. Bringing the lunch operation to completion was Kathy Harmeing and Julie Friedman. They worked diligently to keep hungry customers happy. When it came to clean up those girls did not leave a speck of dirt on their counters or under their feet! Thanks also to Susan Smith's sister for managing the cash drawer.

A special thank you to Bob Eugair, Mike Fleming, Harold Noel and Butch Green, the fellows who helped with the heavy lifting and other jobs. Bob deserves the designation, "Bob, the Handyman". Before, during and after the sale, Bob repaired and took apart various items. He can certainly make a kitchen knife work miracles!

Thank goodness for Betty Pratt for making sure the Sandpiper room was put back to its original order. Betty, you sure can put people to work along with pushing that big mop around the room!

Our sales this year topped last years at \$3,707. There is no question that The Boutique won the

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prize for their profit of nearly \$800. Charlotte Rivard, Susan Smith and Pat Breame presented a lovely display of items that certainly sold well. The approximate numbers from the other areas of the sale are: Hot Dog Stand \$560, Bake Sale over \$500, Carport Sale Fee \$45 & the floor sales \$1,802. We still have to subtract our expenses and in some cases the start up cash. That will show in the treasure's report for the April S.A.C. meeting.

Thanks again to everyone who joined in this endeavor. So many of you offered to help, even relatives who were visiting joined in! As well, many people worked every day starting on Wednesday, all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday. What dedication! Many commented on how much fun they had participating and wanted to be included in next year's sale. Connie and I are so grateful to every one of you. It is your willingness to help that keeps us going. Now onto next year.....

Bake Sale/Garage Sale

We had another very successful bake sale and we want to thank everyone who contributed.

The baked goods were wonderful and "flew" off the table.

A big thank you to those who worked during the sale: Barb Moore, Rose Boudrot, Sherry DiDonatto and Loretta Demcher. Our apologies to anyone we may have missed.

A special thank you to Maretta Jones who dealt with all those "sticky buns". We look forward to an even bigger sale next year.

Diane Souza and Judy Peterson

Rummage Sale Cops

I would like to thank all who donned the orange vests to help direct traffic during our park rummage sale.

Thanks to a great group of volunteers, all visitors came and left safely. The one-way traffic on roads was an added help.

Keep well, keep safe,

Al Peterson



Be Sun Aware

always remember to use sun block



SAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016-2017 REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS

Bingo-Tues. & Fri. 6:30 All year

Poker-Wed. 6:00 Nov.-April

Cards-Wed. 6:30 Nov.-April

Huff & Puff-MWF 9:00 October-April

Computer Club-Fri. 10:00 Jan.-April

Euchre-Thurs. 7:00 Jan.-April

Tuesday lunch-12:30 All year

Mah Jongg-Wed.-1:00 Jan.-April

Bocce-Tues. & Thurs. -Jan.-March

Shuffleboard-Mon. & Fri. Jan. -March

Walkers-Tues. & Thurs.-9:00 -Jan.-March

Rhythmettes-Tues. & Thurs.-4:00

Movies-2nd Monday-7:00 Nov.-April

Sandalwood Comfort Club-Thurs 9-11Jan-April

SAC agenda meetings-lst Mon. 10:00 Nov.-April

SAC board meetings-2nd Mon. 10:00 Nov. -April

SPH agenda meetings 1st Wed. 9:00

SPH board meetings-2nd Wed. 10:00

Dinners 5:30 social/6:00 dinner unless announced

otherwise.

Sign-up for seating for dinners will be at noon three weeks before event for park residents only, two weeks before event for residents & guests, and sign-up to come down one week before

event

MONTHLY EVENTS

OCTOBER

14th-Newsletter articles for November due

29th Sign-up for November potluck-park residents only-12:00

NOVEMBER

1st-SAC agenda

2nd-SPH agenda

5th-potluck sign up for park residents & guests

8th-SAC board

9th-SPH board

12th-Sign-up sheet for November potluck to come down

14th-Movie

14th-December newsletter articles due

19th Potluck

26th-Decorate for Christmas-9:30

26th-Sign-up for Christmas party for park residents only-12:00

DECEMBER

2nd-Concert tickets go on sale at 10:00 in activity

3rd-Sign-up for Christmas party for park residents & quests

10th-Sign-up for Christmas party to come down

12th-Movie

13th-January newsletter articles due

16th -Money due to All Around Tours for trip

17th-Christmas party

31st -New Year's Eve party-7:00-

JANUARY

2nd-SAC agenda

3rd-SPH agenda

6th-Take down Christmas decorations-9:30

6th-Sign-up for January potluck for residents only

8th-Movie

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9th-SAC board-board election 4th-Sign-up for St. Patrick's Karaoke Potluck to come down 10th-SPH board 7th-SAC agenda 13th-February newsletter articles due 8th-SPH agenda 14th-Sign-up for January potluck for residents & guests 9th-SPH board 11th-St.Patrick's Karaoke potluck 15th-First of Concert Series- "Wallstreet" 12th-Final concert-William Florian- "Those Were 17th-Newcomers' Party-2:00 The Days Show" 7:00 21st-Pancake breakfast-8:00-9:30 13th-Movie 21st-Sign-up sheet for January potluck to come 13th-April newsletter articles due down 14th-SAC board 28th-Potluck 19th-Venice Theatre Musical 2:00 28th-Sign-up for Valentine dinner/dance/potluckfor residents only 24th-Shuffleboard/Bocce party 12:00 ?? 29th-Gospel Sing-6:00 25th-Variety Show 7:00 30th through Nov. 1-Trip 26th -Gospel Sing-6:00 **FEBRUARY APRIL** 4th-Michigan/Ohio dinner 1st-Picnic 12:00 4th-Sign-up for Valentine potluck for park resi-2nd-Anne Marie Rideout Wine & Cheese/Art dents & guests Silent Auction-4:00 7th SAC agenda 4th-SAC agenda 8th -SPH agenda 5th-SPH agenda 11th-Pancake breakfast 9th-Snowbird Farewell-3:00 13th-Movie 10th-Movie 13th-March newsletter articles due 11th-SAC board 18th-Valentine Potluck-Bobby Holloway 12th-SPH board 18th-Sign-up for St.Patrick's Karaoke Potluck for 13th-April newsletter articles due residents only 16th-Easter Dinner 2:30 19th -Second Concert-Katie Brooks Show 7:00 MAY 24th & 25th-Sale 6th- Kentucky Derby 25th-Sign-up for St. Patrick's Karaoke Potluck for 20th-Preakness residents & quests JUNE 26th-Gospel Sing-6:00 10th-Belmont MARCH **JULY** 1st-SPH agenda

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4th-New England dinner

4th-Picnic



My Inherited Passion

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I have many memories from my early childhood of talking into my Grandpa's pocket, so his body-aid would pick up my voice. Both my grandfather, Howard and my Mom, MaryEllen, were profoundly hard of hearing.

My Mom's hearing was due to surgical procedure. She had been wearing hearing aids for years before I came into the industry 14 years ago. The first time I fit her with aids she was startled by how much better she heard. I knew the technology had not improved dramatically so it wasn't until I realized she had been using moderate technology levels. That experience showed me how much it had cost her in connecting with others and being part of the group by wearing aids not fit for her busy lifestyle.

She didn't have to buy a moderate set, I just don't think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly . Be aware of what you are choosing between.

Having my life, my family so directly affected by hearing loss I am truly passionate about helping others hear their best. I lived in a family that had frustrations that occurred from not hearing someone or frequent misunderstandings.

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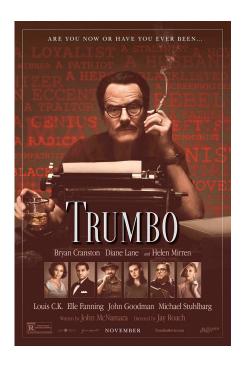
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April Movie Night

"Trumbo" Showing for April Movie Night



Join us Monday, April 11th, at 7:00 pm for the showing of "Trumbo", starring Academy Award nominee Bryan Cranston as screen writer Dalton Trumbo.

In addition to writing the screenplays for classic award-winning movies, including Spartacus, Exodus, The Roman Holiday, The Brave One and Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo, Trumbo was famously one of the Hollywood Ten — a group of Hollywood players who were accused by the U.S. Government of spreading Communism. In 1947, Trumbo was brought before the House Committee on Un-American Activities where he refused to answer questions on Communism, an act that landed him an 11-month prison sentence and a spot on the blacklist.

The film is directed by Jay Roach and also stars Helen Mirren, John Goodman, Diane Lane and Louis C.K.



The family of Eugene Satkowiak greatly appreciates the prayers, kindness, concerns and cards during Eugenes 7 month battle with terminal lung cancer and passing on February 22nd.

Eugene valued the visits from friends and neighbors upon returning to Venice this season. He was so anxious to get back.

He was a man with a plan! In my heart I feel he knew his time was very limited, although he never gave up hope.

Thanks for the support shown me as well.

Sincerely, Jean Satkowia



"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today". MX

Pancake Breakfast



The pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 20, was a big success.

The team of men, Tony Ellis, Harry Jenkins, Bob Overbay, Roger Ungrey, and Norm Vandenbusche seemed to have it down to a science and worked very well together (at least that's their story and they're sticking to it).

Even with a power outage due to an uncooperative circuit breaker, they were able to resume cooking and managed to feed the hungry customers. The addition of scrambled eggs to go along with pancakes and sausage was a big hit. Good food at good prices, and a chance for neighbors to visit, seemed reason enough for almost 100 Sandalwood residents to stop in for breakfast.

Trish Vandenbusche did a great job selling tickets for the 50/50 drawing. The winning ticket, held by Ken Williams, went for \$37.50. Ken generously donated his winnings back to SAC to be used for activities in the park. Thank you, Ken.

We also want to thank some of the ladies, including Joan Ellis, Linda Jenkins, Helen Ungrey and Trish VandenBusche, who helped the men out by selling tickets, serving drinks and the "ever-popular" clean up.

These breakfasts are planned for Saturday, January 21 & February 11 from 8:00-9:30. We hope to see you at these breakfasts in 2017.





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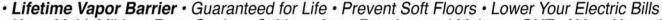
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Looks like these four fellows were everyone's "Valentine" at the Valentine's Day Dinner! Word is out that it was one of the best Italian Dinners ever! Thanks a bunch to Larry Moore, Tony Ellis, Bob Overbay & Norm Vandenbusche for serving the dinner!!

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Frank Luisi

Our sincere condolences to the family of Frank Luisi who passed away on March 9, 2016.

Frank and his wife Kathy (Whippen) were married for almost 50 years and had recently returned to Sandalwood Park where they planned to live.

They were blessed with two daughters, Karen (husband Kevin), Janet (husband David), a son, Ron (wife Tricia) and 9 precious grandchildren.

Upon returning to Sandalwood they immediately reacquainted with old friends and quickly made many new friends.

Frank will be greatly missed by us all.

New Policy

We have been very happy with the participation at our SAC events this year, but this has also created a problem we haven't had before.

There have been times when people in the park were unable to attend an event because of the limited space. By law we are only allowed to have 128 people at an event where people are seated at tables. Therefore, SAC has adopted some policies that might alleviate this problem.

At our dinners the sign-up sheet will be posted by noon three weeks in advance for park members only. Two weeks before the event park residents and guests may sign up and the sign will be taken down one week before the event.

The room will be set up in advance for 128 people. We will have a waiting list, so if you are signed up and cannot attend, please call the person in charge so someone can take your place.

The SAC board values your input, so feel free to express your concerns to a board member.

Thank you for making this such a good year.

Carmen Wallin, SAC President

Alice St. Onge and Her Happy Huff & Puff Group



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Across

- 1. " Small World"
- 5. Rock and Roll Hall of Famer James
- 9. Brother of Romulus
- 14. Rating unit
- 15. Water vessel
- 16. Perrier rival
- 17. Writer's technique
- 19. Belly part
- 20. "___ Me" (Steve Martin film)
- 21. Lake Volta's country
- 23. Not a good place to get stuck
- 25. Always on the move
- 30. Pushy quality
- 33. Tommy's brother on "Rugrats"
- 35. Arabian prince
- 36. Purse part
- 37. To the ___ of the earth
- 39. Versifiers
- 42. "I Little Prayer"
- 43. Sacha Baron Cohen character
- 45. Sotto ___ (in an undertone)

- 48. Like a condemned condo

47. 2010 film about Facebook (abbr.)

- 52. In an anxious manner
- 53. Alarming shout
- 54. Snorkeling destinations
- 57. Shrek et al.
- 61. Stake
- 65. 21
- 67. Word attached to approximate dates
- 68. Football field division
- 69. Water, in Oaxaca
- 70. Chainsaw brand
- 71. Send out
- 72. Crow's-nest site

Down

- 1. California Representative Darrell
- 2. Texter's sign-off
- 3. O.T. prophet
- 4. Shaded recesses
- 5. Wriggly fish
- 6. Branch offshoot
- 7. Yanni contemporary
- 8. Italian fashion giant
- 9. Changes titles
- 10. Spacewalk, for short
- 11. Four times CCLI
- 12. Mideast federation (abbr.)
- 13. Skit-filled NBC show
- 18. Functional
- 22. Fall mo.
- 24. Fill-in worker
- 26. Hill builders
- 27. Lower the grade of
- 28. "So ___ to dis guy..." (Brooklyn speak)
- 29. Congressional broadcaster
- 30. Buzz the astronaut
- 31. Duran Duran hit of 1982
- 32. Famous fountain
- 33. First showing
- 34. "___ ear and..."
- 38. Opposite of avec
- 40. Rug rat
- 41. Nonunion worker
- 44. Part of BTU
- 46. Digital reading material
- 49. Sam Adams product
- 50. "So long"
- 51. Backup at the lumber mill
- 55. Baloney
- 56. Bollywood costume
- 58. Sitar music
- 59. Old gold coins of France
- 60. Three-handed game
- 61. Adds to an email
- 62. Afire
- 63. GWB spokesman Fleischer
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- 66. Summer time in New Orleans

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SANDALWOOD PARK

Sandalwood Activities Committee Minutes of March 8, 2016 Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present: Carmen Wallin; Susan Smith; Johnna Lauzon; Betty Pratt; Kathy Harmening;

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

Treasurer' Report: Accepted as presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All weekly scheduled activities have been going well.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanks to all who made the **Spaghetti Dinner** a successful event.

February's Concert received less than an enthusiastic response. It was felt that music rather than comedians is preferred.

The Pancake Breakfast had a good showing (see Treasurer's report) and will be continued next year.

2017's trip to the Venice Little Theater will be to see "Crazy for You."

The Bustin' with Bargains clubhouse sale, Bake Sale, Boutique, Hot Dog Lunch and carport sales received rave reviews from residents and outside shoppers. They loved our park, the organization of the sale and traffic control. Thanks to Donna Echman and Connie Bressler for all the time and energy they put in to make this a smashing success.

There was significant discussion regarding the **sign up for meal events** that are held in the club house. In a motion by Susan Smith and a second by Johanna Lazon, the following procedure was voted on by the Board: **Sign up for an event will be posted on the bulletin board 3 weeks prior to the event. Sign ups the first week will be open to ONLY park residents; the second week will be park residents and outsiders; on the day one week before the event, the list will be removed from the bulletin board, so plans can be appropriately made for seating and needed purchases. There will be no exceptions to this cut off date.**

NEW BUSINESS

The March calendar in the Sandalwood Park News stated that the SAC Board Agenda meetings are only for Board members. This was an error. **Board meetings as well as Agenda meetings are open to everyone.**

A motion was made by Betty Pratt and seconded by Johanna Lazon that the **request for \$150** be given to the Bocce and Shuffleboard groups for their annual Pizza Party.

A motion was made by Johanna Lazon and seconded by Kathy Harmening that money be given to Barbara Moore for the purchase of a 2nd coffee pot, an industrial can opener replacement, and another griddle. **The cost of these items is \$500 +/-.**

SAC Calendar of Events (November 2016 through June 2017) has tentatively been set. Finalization will be available at the next meeting at which time a copy will be posted on the bulletin board in the Clubhouse hallway and posted in the May edition of the Sandalwood Park News.

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Next Year's Concert Series will be January 15th, February 19th and March 12th.

Betty Pratt provided information for the **trip to St. Augustine** January 30, 31 and February 1, 2017. Reservations must be made through the tour company 45 days prior to the trip. Cost is \$399 pp/double occupancy. Specific information is available from Betty Pratt or Charlotte Rivard and also posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

Coming Events

St. Patricks/Karaoke/Joke Night—Saturday, March 12 Goldtones—Sunday, March 13, 2016 Annual Picnic—Saturday, March 19 (12-4 pm) Shuffleboard/Bocce Pizza

FROM THE FLOOR:

RE: Event Sign ups: Residents were reminded that next year no event sign ups would be accepted after the cutoff date.

RE: Sign ups and Seating: Residents were informed that a new process will be put in place next year regarding sign ups and seating for each event. More info to follow. Watch your newsletters and bulletin board for details.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Smith, Secretary

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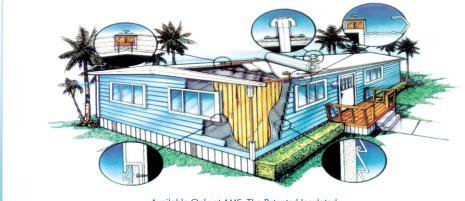




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