

Sandalwood Park News

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From the President

By the time this newsletter is being read, I hope we will have permanently evicted one of the Park's newest and somewhat annoying residents. I'm talking about the COYOTE that has found a cozy den under an unoccupied home in the Park. Several residents have seen it from time to time and it always returned to the same place. While I believe we have little to fear from it, I'm sure many others would not want to meet it on an evening walk. As I sit down to write this letter, the coyote, and how to rid us of it, is something that has been on my mind since it was discovered living here.

Not everyone attends the Board meetings (it's mostly boring stuff anyway) so I want to reiterate something I said at the November meeting in hopes that it gets wider distribution.

We spent over 1,700 dollars last month repairing, and rebuilding the back gate. That wasn't the

board's money, it wasn't the parks money, it was our money, yours and mine, because we as shareholders own the park jointly. The damage is occurring when someone waits at the back gate to allow a vehicle with no sticker to follow them in and the gate closes on the second vehicle. The gate is designed so when the lead vehicle passes through it will close, even if a vehicle without a sticker attempts to follow it in.

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*Merry
Christmas*

Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.

300 Sandpiper Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

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

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In an Emergency Call
911

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Marietta Jones—Office Manager

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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.



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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

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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Also, please observe the “yield to gate traffic” signs. Vehicles coming in can be struck by the gate if they have to stop for vehicles on Longwood drive. There are sensors installed to prevent the gate closing while a vehicle is breaking the light, but you don’t have to go far to be out of the sensor’s direct line.

In the November Board meeting we passed a budget for 2014, which requires no increase in maintenance fees, and adds 40 thousand dollars to the contingency fund (this is the fund that we maintain rather than have designated reserves). We also voted to accept a lawn service proposal from the company that currently does our trimming weeding and mulching (Greenscapes). The cost is about the

same as last year. We expect residents will be much happier with their service.

The new benches that were ordered in the spring have been assembled and make a fine contribution to the looks of the Park.

Don’t miss the annual meeting! The guest speaker(s) scheduled are from the Crime Prevention Task Force, a community service organization of former law enforcement officers.

Carl Griffith, President

Toys for Kids



Once again Sandalwood will be collecting toys for “Toys for Kids”.

The final collection will be at the December Potluck.

Please place your toys on the stage at the Clubhouse.

Thanks!!!

Betty Pratt

Movie Night
November 16th
7pm



Huff and Puff



MON, WED & FRI
9:00AM

SEE YOU THERE

Sandalwood Social Event



At the Pavilion
December 15th
3 pm
Appetizers are welcome
BYOB

Come and enjoy socializing with your Sandalwood Neighbors!

Drama at Sandalwood Park

In the spring the swimming pool at Sandalwood Park was invaded by a family of beautiful ducks, that's right DUCKS!

The ducks found the pool much to their liking because of the clear, clean water and the friendly atmosphere. Like most older humans the ducks were in disagreement, some found the water too warm, while others found it too cold.

In their anger the ducks displayed very poor sanitary habits and made a real mess of our beautiful swimming pool. The pool was cleaned the very next day which was a great expense to the Sandalwood Park.

The visitation of our beautiful friends now became our enemies. Something must be done as the ducks continued to make a evening visit.

It was at this time the SBC called a meeting. The SBC which is short for "Sandalwood Brain Committee" came up with the great idea of purchasing the natural enemies of the ducks at much less expense than the cleaning of the pool.

Great job SBC the idea really works to keep the ducks at bay.

We now have in the center of the pool, tied to our safety rope an alligator with large shiny eyes. The gator has been named "HOMER"



At the east end of the pool are two (2) female owls with rotating heads and large eyes. The females have been named "BETTY and PAT" due to their wonderful behavior.

At the west end of the pool we have two (2) male owls named LARRY and DAN".

DAN is much larger and keeps outstanding financial records.

Now that we have solved the problem of our invading ducks at our beautiful pool, we have now encountered another problem.

A YELLOW DUCK has been seen in the vicinity of the Bingo Room. If anyone can catch the Yellow Duck, please return to Judy Sunzere as she believes that it has escaped from her clothes closet. Judy has always been fond of Ducks since her early childhood.

With the duck situation now in hand it appears we have another drama. Coyotes have been cited within the confines of Sandalwood Park.

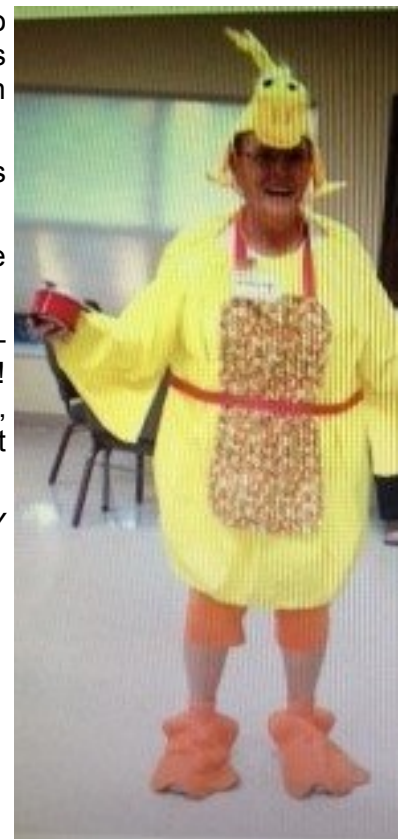
But do not fear or become alarmed because "TRAPPER JOHN" lives in the park.

John is a qualified, licensed trapper for many years. Just recently he successfully trapped four (4) squirrels and only used one (1) quart of Peanut Butter! John has taken from this park one (1) rat, two (2) opossums, three (3) geckos, four (4) grasshoppers all in one (1) week. John claims, however, that his best catch is his wife, whom he trapped while in high school.

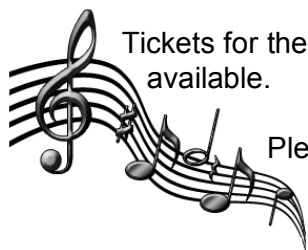
Keep your eyes open for anything new in the park, but more important, "ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS"!

Author Unknown

Alias: Duck Hunter



2014 Concert Series



Tickets for the 2014 Concert Series are now available.

Please submit your payment to the Sandalwood office on or before the purchase deadline of December 20, 2013.

Cost of tickets are \$60 per person, which is a bargain price for such great entertainment. If tickets are purchased at the door, cost will be 20.00 per person, per show.



After Jan. 1st, tickets sales will be open to non residents.

If you are not available to take your payment to the office, you can mail your check to the office or call Carmen Wallin at 941-483-4527.

Cookie Exchange

The annual Sandalwood Cookie Exchange will be held on December 8th at 2:00 pm.



Bring all your favorite cookies etc. and exchange them for others that might look good to you.

If you have any questions you may call Pam Brown at 484-9442



New Year's Eve Party



New Year's Eve is just around the corner and we're hoping to have another great turn out.

Cathy will be preparing the food again, so you know it will be very good.



MENU

Slow-cooked pot roast with potatoes and carrots, oven-baked green beans with bacon and mozzarella cheese

or

Lemon-pepper chicken with baked potato, carrots, oven-baked green beans with bacon and mozzarella cheese

plus

The gourmet salad bar, bread, dessert, and coffee.

ENTERTAINMENT

Phase III, Tom and Brent Wallin and Doug, will be playing the songs you know and love to dance to.

For only **\$20.00** you get a wonderful dinner, an evening of music and dancing, and all the usual New Year's Eve party favors.

The best part is that you don't have to fight the crowds and pay more by going out. Feel free to invite your friends to join you.



Tickets are on sale in the office now.

We would like to have reservations before Christmas. Don't forget to indicate which menu you prefer.

Join us for a great way to greet the New Year.

FLORIDA ANCHOR AND BARRIER, INC

SANDALWOOD PARK DECEMBER 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 SAC Agenda 10am	4 SPH Agenda 9am	5	6	7
8 Cookie Exchange 2pm	9	10 SAC Board Meeting 10am	11 SPH Board Meeting 10am	12	13	14 Christmas Potluck Cocktails 5:30pm Dinner 6:00pm
15 Sandalwood Social Sandalwood Social 3pm	16	17	18 Movie Night 7pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25  Christmas Dinner	26	27	28
29	30	31  Dinner/Dance				
	Huff & Puff 9am	Lunch 1pm Bingo 7pm	Huff & Puff 9am Poker & Cards 7pm	Breakfast at Perkins 8:30am	Huff & Puff 9am Computer Club 10am Bingo 7pm	Coffee & Rolls 9am



Tuesday Bunch/Lunch

Restaurant list for November 2013

Lunch is at 12:30pm

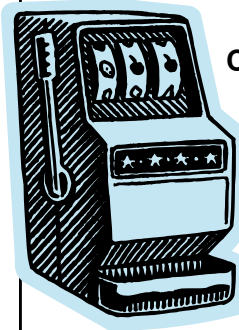
- December 3rd Burgundy Square Café
227 Miami Ave
Venice, Fl
- December 10th Norma Jean's
1635 US 41 Bypass S
Venice, Fl
- December 17th Panda Pavilion Chinese Buffet
1765 South Tamiami Trail
Venice, Fl
- December 24th Olive Garden
1347 Tamiami Trail
Port Charlotte, Fl
- December 31st Cancelled

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

Seminole Hard Rock Casino



Come with us and enjoy a day at the Hard Rock Casino in Tampa.

Wednesday—January 29, 2014

Depart Sandalwood at 9:30 am
Depart Casino at 4:15 pm

Cost is 22.00 per person

Sign up form with complete information is in the Clubhouse

Reservation Deadline is January 15th.

Are you ready to clean out your drawers & closets?

If so, we need the following items for our boutique which is part of our rummage sale:



Jewelry, evening purses, dress pumps or flats, lovely tops, pants or dresses. Also, unusual decorative items such as china, special glass-ware and small lamps.

So, whether you live in Sandalwood or are coming down from the north, please remember to set aside these items and bring them to the sale in February.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you once again!

Donna

DR GRAB BAR

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Sandalwood TV Station

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 13, 2013

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Board members Present: Carl Griffith, Dan Hutchinson, Regina Fortin, Sandra Marsocci, and Larry Reed

Board members Absent: Al Burns, Bob Jenne, Lucille Mitton and Norm Vandebusche

Minutes of April 10, May 16, Aug. 15 and Aug. 30, 2013 approved by board

Consideration of Communications:

Letter from Barbara Hinkle: Carl Griffith stated drain grate in front of home was loose and would be repaired.

Letter from Linda Shane: Carl Griffith state residence wanted to bring large dog into park. Request not approved.

Reports of Officers:-

Treasurers report approved as presented

Committee Reports:

Personnel: Carl Griffith stated resignation accepted from maintenance mgr.

Finance: Carl Griffith asked if any questions or comments on 2014 budget. Motion by Regina Fortin to accept 2nd. by Sandra Marsocci. Motion Passed

Unfinished Business:

401 Longwood: Carl Griffith stated offer accepted and should close this month and after closing home would be opened 1 day for residents before tear down.

Cortina Payment: Carl Griffith stated we were still awaiting payment from Andersons Trust.

Original Resolutions and New Business:

Std. Committees: Carl Griffith stated draft attached and soon to be posted.

Lawn Contract for 2014: Regina Fortin stated 3 bids received. Discussion followed. Motion by Regina Fortin 2nd. by Larry Reed to accept bid from Greenscapes. Motion passed

Cleaning Contract: Carl Griffith stated All Around Cleaning was hired to maintain both clubhouses and pavilion. They were doing excellent work and park would keep them.

Landscape Contract: Larry Reed explained scope of work to be performed and they were the ones doing work now. Discussion followed. Motion by Regina Fortin 2nd. by Larry Reed to contract Greenscape for 2014. Motion passed

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Griffith

Next Meeting:

Agenda: Wed. Dec. 04, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Board: Wed. Dec. 11, 2013 @ 10:00 a.m. (Sandpiper room)

Respectfully Submitted,

Regina Fortin, Secretary

SUPERIOR VAPOR BARRIER

MOBILE HOME DEPOT

YELLOW SUB CAFE

PLANET SATELLITE

SAC Meeting - November 12, 2013

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

Board Members Present: President, Carmen Wallin; Vice-President, Pam Brown; Judee Sunzere, Treasurer; Jane Reed and Gil Weidemiller.

Absent: Susan Smith and Barbara Hinkle

Secretary's Report, read by Pam Brown for Secretary Susan Smith. Approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Approved and filed for audit. Balance as of Oct. 2013, \$3,939.92.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Card and Games are going well.

Bingo is doing very well 50/50 brought in \$741.00 this summer, thanks to Venice Isles.

Movie will be Nov. 18th and playing will be: Last of the Blond Bombshells.

Euchre, shuffleboard, computer club and Sat. coffee have not begun as of yet.

COMING EVENTS:

November 17th- we will be having a Welcome Back Bash on the patio at 3:00pm. Please bring an appetizer and your own drink. This will be in place of Nov. Pot Luck.

November 28th- will be the Thanksgiving Dinner. This will be a family style dinner. Judee has asked for casserole dishes (empty) so she may use them for potatoes etc. Sounds like a great time.

November 30th- we will decorate for Christmas. Starts at 9:00, there will be coffee and donuts then ,and possibly a turkey soup lunch later on.

December 8th- Cookie Exchange. Hopefully, we will have lots of cookies etc. to swap with.

December 10th- SAC Board Meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

Concert Series: Will have pictures of performers on bulletin board soon. Jan. 5th, Jimmy Maas a singer and entertainer, Feb. 16th Rick Starr who is a comedian; March 9th, Donna and Dunning Comedy and singing; and March 30th will be Cover to Cover who are singers. They are all great and hope to see all there. Tickets this year are \$60 per person or \$20 at the door. We will be opening it up to Venice Isles after we get all the people here that want to buy tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

Susan Smith, Pam Brown, Carmen Wallin, Regina Fortin and Sandy Marsocci are the only people to contact Pat Gleckler regarding Newsletter information. She was getting overwhelmed by the amount of people contacting her.

Fish and Flick. Will not be happening this year. Our insurance company says we cannot fry fish in or outside the building. We will discuss other possibilities in the near future.

Gil Weidemiller has started a new DVD library in the new book library. If anyone has old DVD's, they will be welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Brown, Acting Secretary

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ALL WEATHER

AMS