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Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year



Letter From The President

It's great to see so many residents have already returned for the season. Our first meeting was well attended. A report was given of improvements and repairs during the last six months. Everyone agreed Sandalwood Park looks great! Twenty years of growing and it's obvious we are heading in the right direction. There are no properties for sale and our last vacant lot on Boxwood has been sold.

As mentioned in the meeting, many repairs and improvements have been done during the past six months.

Now, the Sandpiper room will be getting a fresh look with new chairs. Hopefully, we will have them before the end of January.

At our December meeting you will have the opportunity to say hello to our newest board members, Harley Wheeler and Tony Koss.

Please watch the bulletin board for all the upcoming events. There are so many fun parties and concerts to attend!

**I wish you all a wonderful
Christmas and a Happy New Year.**



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We are looking for a reporter to help with the monthly newsletter.

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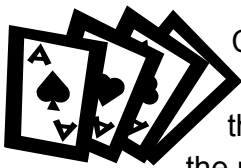
Thanks!

Things to remember....

- BINGO now starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Huff and puff has already begun.
- Movie night on Dec. 14 with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir (7 p.m.)
- Put Gifts under the tree for our Mother's house before Dec. 14th.
- Sign up for concerts on Dec. 2, 10 a.m.
- There is NO tai chi scheduled.
- Sign-up for the Christmas party, Dec. 19th with the Venetian Harmony Chorus.
- Decide to run for the SAC board.

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,

come all.....



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

Huff and Puff

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



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*Being the
Go-To Guy*

One of our clients, I'll call him Charlie, came in for his routine clean and check and shared a story with me.

His home-owners association (HOA) meetings was the other night and he noticed for the first time that he had confidence with his hearing. He knew what was being said, by whom, and about what.

When he said it, I was rather puzzled. Charlie has been wearing his new hearing aids for a few months. I know some HOA's don't meet during the summer so I asked him, "weren't you going before?"

He clarified, "yes but this was the first time I noticed my confidence. It was the noticing of my confidence that changed."

I asked, "What happened that you noticed this time?"

He answered, beaming, "I became the Go-To Guy."

Honestly, I was hesitant to ask what he meant since he said it in a way that seemed I should understand, but I had to ask, "What is a Go-To Guy?"

"I'm the guy in the group that the other men ask what was said. I'm the guy sitting in the HOA meeting that the other men around me turn to and ask what was said. I'm now the Go-To Guy.

"I've been attending these meetings for years, and I always sat behind someone in case I needed help understanding what someone said. This past meeting I sat in the front and about half way through a neighbor tapped me on the shoulder and asked me, what did he say? I answered him turned around and realized that I had become the Go-To guy."

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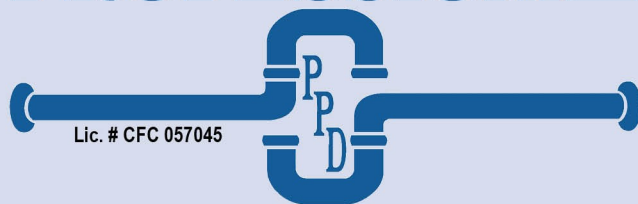
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**Christmas Party Potluck
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This year we have a special treat for all who come to our celebration on December 19th.

*The **Venetian Harmony Chorus** will be entertaining us with angelic melodious singing, just what we needed to celebrate this great season of love. SAC will be providing the meat and dessert, so please bring your favorite casserole or vegetable or salad.*

*Don't forget to sign up on the bulletin board with **the cut-off date of December 17**. You must sign-up if you plan to attend, as we need to set-up chairs and tables for your arrival. We need a final count by the 17th. So wear your holiday get-ups, and bring your dish.*

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Life in Lee's Eyes.....

Some people still yearn for the good old days. If their minds are so far gone that they can't remember what the good old days were really like then, let them yearn. They must not remember the blistering hot days without air conditioning or the cold winter night trips to the outhouse or the Saturday night baths in the kitchen sink.

A friend recently emailed some interesting facts from the year 1909, just a hundred years ago. Only 14% of families had a bathtub. Life expectancy was 47 years....sugar was 4 cents a pound....the average wage was 22 cents per hour....20% of the population couldn't read or write....women washed their hair once a month, using Borax or egg yolks for shampoo and there were only 230 murders in the entire USA. There aren't too many people who would remember any of this, but how long will it be before life expectancy will be well over 100 years?

Personally, I liked the good old kid days...like stealing watermelon days. Usually teenagers met in the school yard and compared notes about which farmer had the largest watermelon patch hidden in a cornfield. Ringleaders then devised a safe strategy. Where should we park the cars? Who's driving? Keep your head down. Keep quiet!! No one ever knew for sure if a farmer's shotgun held pellets or real bullets. It didn't matter. When the shots were fired, hopefully overhead, it was time to grab a melon and run. Back at the school yard sometimes upper classmen would inject vodka into the watery feast with a bovine syringe. That was a good night to sneak home and get in bed undetected.

Halloween was always a favorite time. Back in the 40's, many families still had outhouses with Montgomery Ward catalogs for reading material. Halloween night was not a good night to order merchandise. Most outhouses in small towns were tipped over, occupied or not. Professional tricksters outdid themselves by transporting several such structures to the school grounds and blocking the building entrance. Even the teachers seemed to enjoy that gimmick. Older people with kid instincts, probably parents, got their kicks by dismantling a piece of farm equipment, hoisting it to the top of a building and then reassembling it. Trick or treating in those days involved the entire family and dividing the loot, after scaring the natives, became a true lesson in sharing.

Who remembers May Basket Day? Pre-teenagers put candy in a homemade basket, placed it on the doorstep of a member of the opposite sex, knocked on the door and ran. The recipient's job was to chase the donor and when caught, give him or her a kiss. That's how the term "taking a fall" got started. It took a while in those days to master the art of falling down early during the chase.

Now that some of us have reached the age of significant chronological maturity, another life event requires attention. How and where and when do we celebrate Christmas? The usual family gatherings have taken a hit now that kids, grandkids and great grandkids are geographically scattered. And since they are all growing up, shopping for everyone is a challenge.

We celebrated Christmas in Omaha this year on November 8th. If the true meaning of Christmas is remembered, the calendar date probably doesn't matter. What mattered this year were the blizzard conditions in Colorado. When Denver freezes, our area is on schedule for the same. Getting to Florida becomes a high priority. I met a person one time who had never seen snow...never slid down a hill on a sled...never had a snowball fight....never built a snow fort or got stuck in a snowdrift. How unfortunate. He probably ran off to Florida with no good reason.

It's great to enjoy the benefits of Sandalwood in the winter months. The new clubhouse, thanks to some farsighted leaders, will be a haven for Christmas activities. We will miss the family on December 25th, but they will experience the joy of starting another tradition with our grandchildren and great grandchildren, and thanks to ma bell we will share some of it with them. Happy Holidays to all!!!

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4rd Annual Christmas Toy Drive



This year SAC is excited to be holding their fourth annual toy drive to benefit local Venice charity, Our Mother's House.

Our Mother's House is a non-profit, non-denominational residential housing program for at risk, single mothers and their children. They provide low cost housing and free child care so that residents can attend school and work. On site programs such as parenting, self-esteem building and budgeting help residents develop life skills for independence and self-sufficiency. House meetings and shared responsibilities are requirements of the program. While living in a private apartment, the community setting encourages skills needed to live as a good neighbor and active community citizen.

If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped toy, suitable for a child aged three months through three years to the clubhouse and place it under the Christmas tree in the game room by Saturday, December 14th. Please mark the age range of your gift and if it is best for a boy or girl on the outside of the package. Diapers are also always welcome!

If you would like to send additional needs for the mothers, here are a few of the suggested items that you could put under the tree:

1. first aid kits
2. food gift certificates or restaurant
3. certificate for an oil change
4. basic tool kits

Also needed for our Mother's House are a few general items that each new mother needs. Please donate what you would like to give as an "extra" gift for the house. Here are some routine items needed by each new mother: new twin sheets, new bath or kitchen towel sets, twin mattress sheets and pads, set of dishes, pots and pans, waste baskets, a first aid kit, an oil change gift card, shower curtains with rings or gift cards from Walmart or others.

This is the perfect time to pitch in and help a new mother get started on a new path with her child.....and it is local for us. We will deliver these non-wrapped items along with the other toys on Dec. 14th. Thank you in advance of your generous giving.

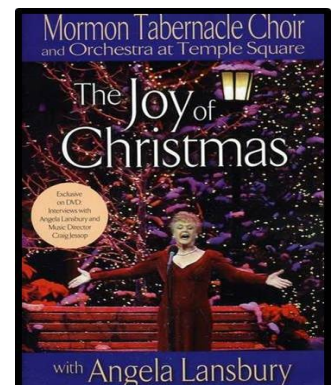
For more information, please contact Betty Pratt at 231-972-2978.



Movie Night

Join us Monday December 14th at 7:00 pm in the Sandpiper Room for "The Joy of Christmas" featuring the Mormon Tabernacle Choir with guest star Angela Lansbury.

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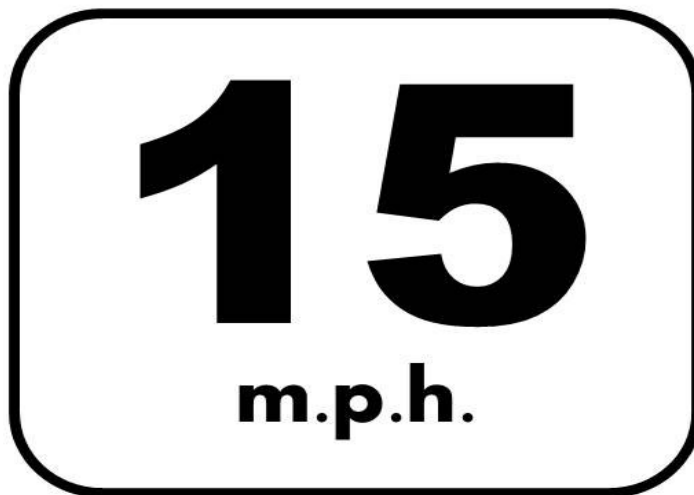
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Sandalwood Park December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 SAC Agenda MTG (Board only) 10am	2 SPH Agenda MTG (Board only) 10am Pay & seat sign up for shows	3	4	5
6	7 SAC MTG 10am	8 SAC MTG 10am	9 SPH MTG 10am	10	11	12
13	14 Wrapped Gifts for Kids deadline Christmas Movie Night 7pm	15	16	17	18	19 Christmas Party 5:30 pm Cocktails 6:00 pm Dinner
20	21	22	23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31  New Years Eve Party 7 pm		
	Huff & Puff	Lunch 12:30pm Bingo 6:30pm	Huff & Puff		Huff and Puff Bingo 6:30pm	

2016 Sandalwood Park Concert Series

Sunday, January 17th 7:00 pm

Red Hot Blue Collar Show

Dale, Eric's lovable country character, teams up with NYC singing sensation, Kari Ringer. Moving quickly between many music genres and hilarious comedy, this dynamic variety show is sure to please any audience!



Sunday, February 21st 7:00 pm

Brian Roman

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Sunday, March 13th, 7:00 pm

The Goldtones Show

Southwest Florida's hottest Doo-wop group! Featuring all your favorite music form the 50's, 60's and 70's!

THE GOLDTONES



Tickets go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am!

Advance season tickets, including all three shows, are \$60.00 each and go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am at the SAC box office located in the Activities Room. Seat selection will be made at the time of purchase.

Cash, Checks or credit cards will be accepted.

Regular SAC Box Office Hours Monday and Friday 10:00 am -12:00 pm

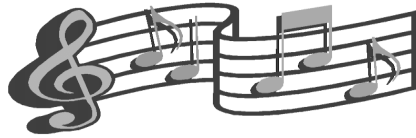
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2016 Concert Tickets on Sale December 2nd



Tickets for the 2016 Sandalwood Park Concert series go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am.



New for this year, seat selection will be made at the time of purchase on a first come, first serve basis.

Also new for this year, credit cards will be accepted along with the always welcome cash and checks.

Advance season tickets, including all three entertainment-packed shows, are only \$60.00 each and will be available after December 2nd on Mondays and Fridays 10:00 am -12:00 pm at the office through December 21st.

A seating chart is available for review below. Please note seats R1-7, R1-8. R2-7, R2-8. R3-7, R3-8 are reserved for those needing wheelchair access.

Tickets for individual concerts will also be available at the door for \$25.00 each.

SEATING CHART FOR CONCERT SERIES

Sandpiper Room Concert Seating Chart

STAGE

L1	6	5	4	3	2	1	R1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7-H	8-H
L2	6	5	4	3	2	1	R2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7-H	8-H
L3	6	5	4	3	2	1	R3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7-H	8-H
L4	6	5	4	3	2	1	R4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L5	6	5	4	3	2	1	R5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L6	6	5	4	3	2	1	R6	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L7	6	5	4	3	2	1	R7	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
L8	6	5	4	3	2	1	R8	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Here comes the New Year 2016

Get your dancing shoes ready!

There is a New Year's Eve party waiting for you. It is planned for December 31 at 7 p.m. with CD's rolling out the tunes.

Party noisemakers will be provided for your puffing pleasure.

Bring your favorite hors d'oeuvres and BYOB.

*We will welcome the New Year at 10:00 p.m.
(It's midnight somewhere.)*

January Pot Luck Slated



POTLUCK DINNER

Put this date on your new calendar...
January 16.

Our first pot luck supper will have a luau theme; so feel free to wear all your Hawaiian gear, including your hula skirts or moo-moos.

5:30 cocktails and dinner at 6 p.m.

We will be entertained by "Women of Steel", a duo playing metal pans.

Watch for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board, and save your seat today.

Assorted Boxes needed for Christmas Party

We need empty, and assorted sized boxes ASAP for the December 19 party decorations.

Please make them smaller than a shoe box and place them in the bag next to the box of sacks in the hallway by the bulletin board.

We appreciate them being Christmas wrapped with bows to look like gifts. Thanks for your wrapping time.



**Joke: What did the buffalo say to his son when he went off to college?
(answer hidden in newsletter....try to find it!!!!)**



Strawberry Supreme Salad

- 3/4 cup sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen strawberries, thawed
- 2 bananas chopped
- 1 (16 oz.) pkg. whipped topping
- 3/4 cup chopped nuts (optional)

Cream the sugar and cream cheese in a large mixing bowl. Fold in the pineapple, strawberries, bananas, whipped topping and nuts. Spoon the mixture into a freezer-proof serving dish. Freeze, covered, until firm. Let stand for 45 minutes to thaw before serving. Yield 20 servings.

Fruit salad with Lime Zest

- 2 Granny Smith apples, chopped
- 1 cup seedless red grape halves
- 1 (11 oz.) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 1 1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 3/4 cup French vanilla yogurt
- Grated zest of 1 lime
- 2 Tbs. chopped pecans

Combine the apples, grapes, oranges, marshmallows, yogurt and lime zest in a bowl. Add the oranges and toss to combine. Sprinkle the pecans over the top. Yield: 4-6 servings

Just a Reminder



If you are up north and getting ready for your trip to Sandalwood Park or if you are down in Florida tidying up your residence...don't forget to think about contributing items that you no longer need for our big clubhouse sale in February.

If you remember our Boutique shop is held on stage in the clubhouse. Items needed are: gently used Florida wear, jewelry, purses, small lamps, containers, small decorative pieces to name a few.

Articles needed for the clubhouse sale are as follows: furniture, small appliances, large decorative pieces, dishes, pots and pans, utensils, linens, garden tools, garden equipment, tools in general, lawn chairs and tables, rugs and on and on. Basically, we take most anything that is useable.

Since Connie and I will not be in Florida until the last days of December, our office manager, Valerie, has the keys to the shed so that you can rid your home of those items as soon as you make the decision to do so.

Betty Pratt and Charlotte Rivard also agreed to help out in the same manner since they also have keys to the shed. We are thankful to these gals for assisting us with this part of the sale. Once Connie and I arrive and place our feet on that warm (hopefully not too soggy) Florida soil, we will be glad to meet you at the shed.

Looking forward to another fun filled winter with every one of you!

Donna Eckman

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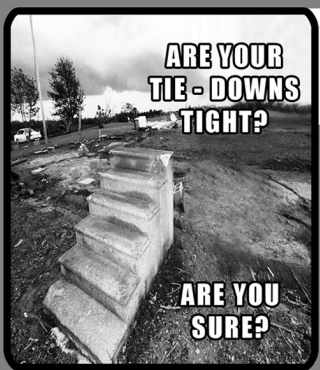
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Sandalwood Activities Committee
Minutes of November 10, 2015 Board Meeting

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, Marcie Weidemiller; Johanna Lauzon; Charlotte Rivard

Treasurer' Report:

Motion to approve made by: Charlotte Rivard, Seconded by: Carmen Wallin, Motion passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports on Bingo, Huff and Puff , Poker, Cards, Tai Chi, Tuesday Lunches were all favorable.

Movie for December – Joyous Christmas - (an entire concert of joyous Christmas music performed by the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square).

If you have an interest in any of these activities, please see a Board member and we can refer you to the appropriate person in charge.

Tuesday Lunch restaurant schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board.

If you are a regular and do not plan to attend one of these luncheons, it is important to let Sylvia Buchanan know. Also, if you would like to join the group on a particular Tuesday, please give her a call. (941) 408-6688.

OLD BUSINESS

Thanksgiving Dinner - Cancelled due small attendance sign up.

Concert Series season tickets will go on sale Dec 2, 2015 10:00 – 12:00. Can be paid cash, check or credit card. Please see December Newsletter for seating chart.

Decorating for Christmas on November 28th A sign up sheet will be available as jobs will be assigned before work commences.

Carmen Wallin has requested empty small and medium boxes which will be decorated and used as table decorations.

Bingo changed to 6:30

NEW BUSINESS

Volunteers needed in January to run for SAC board positions

Christmas toys needed for children at Mother's House. Please label gift with age and gender of child. Donations to be brought in by December 19th and placed under Christmas tree in games room.

Christmas party Dec 19th 5:30/6:00 featuring Venetian Harmony Chorus. Pot luck supper, SAC will be providing meat & desserts participants to bring side dishes. Sign up sheet will be posted on bulletin board.

New Years Eve Party December 31 at 7:00. Music & hors d'oeuvres

January Pot luck supper SAC will be providing meat & desserts participants to bring side dishes. January 16th. Luau theme.

Ragtime- Musical at Venice Theatre Sunday, March 6 at 2:00 . Please see Carmen Wallin for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Johanna Lauzon for Secretary Susan Smith

Sandalwood Annual Christmas Caroling

December 24.....5pm



Once again the Sandalwood voices will be caroling to the pleasure of many!

If you love to sing and give the Christmas Spirit to others, please join us for this festive event.

We will meet on Christmas Eve, December 24th in the Activities Room. Decorate your golf carts and bikes, put on your brightest holiday apparel and be there at 5pm prompt.

Music will be provided, so you don't have to remember every word to every song....

If you have questions, call Regina Fortin at 978-790-0810

DECEMBER SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku Puzzle #K941IH
Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

1	3	5	9	6	4	7	8	2
2	6	4	8	7	3	5	9	1
7	8	6	5	2	1	3	6	4
9	4	8	6	1	7	2	3	5
3	5	1	2	4	8	9	7	6
6	2	7	3	9	5	4	1	8
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MINUTES OF THE BUDGET WORKSHOP BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 1, 2015

A special board meeting was scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on September 1, 2015, in the Sandpiper Room.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by the Manager, Ms. Korte.

Notice of the meeting was posted on the property prior to the meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were in attendance:

Regina Fortin Larry Reed Joe Nofziger Bob Jenne* Mitch Watson* Al Burns* Norm Vandebusch* Ken Lauzon*

A Quorum was determined to be present. (*) indicates attendance via speaker phone.

UNDER THE HEADING OF MATTERS RELATING TO THE 2016 BUDGET AND RESERVE SCHEDULE, 2 budget options, one with funding reserves and one with waiving reserves, were presented to the Board for review. Each option was discussed in detail. After further discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lauzon and seconded by Mr. Vandebusch, and it was **VOTED**: to forego a membership vote on waiving the reserves, to allocate \$388,890 of current surplus funds into the 2016 reserve line items and to fund reserves for the 2016 fiscal year.

Regina Fortin, Larry Reed, Joe Nofziger, Bob Jenne, Al Burns, Norm Vandebusch and Ken Lauzon were in favor. Mitch Watson was opposed. Motion passed.

The proposed budget (see attachment #1), with funding reserves, will be mailed to all Shareholders with notice of the meeting at which the budget will be adopted.

With no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting

adjourned at 10:33 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope Korte, CAM, CMCA

Dated this 8th day of September, 2015

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*NEWCOMERS' WELCOME PARTY
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 20th 2016
at 2:00 p.m.*

Please join us to welcome our newcomers to Sandalwood Park.

It's a chance for the newcomers to meet us and us to meet them as well as introduce them to some of the wonderful happenings in our lovely park.

Refreshments will be served.



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