

# Sandalwood Park News December 2020



## Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida

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### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This has been a tough year for everyone. Yet here we are, still looking forward to better times. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a much happier and healthy New Year. It seems not all that long ago we were all together celebrating St Patrick's Day. So much has happened since that night but those days will come again.

Although there are no activities or events for socializing, we have adjusted to seeing each other at the pool or walking in the park and stopping to say hello. As someone recently said, we keep our distance now so we can come together later. One event that will be held next year is our annual meeting. We will practice social distancing and masks will be mandatory.

There are two seats on the Board of Directors that need to be filled in 2021. Janet Wnek and Larry Reed will thankfully stay on the Board if re-elected. Janet and Larry both contribute so much to Sandalwood. Janet has been outstanding as the treasurer. Keeping informed of our finances, moving CD's to get the best value and sometimes going above the call of duty calling a shareholder who may have forgotten to send their maintenance fee. Janet has also assumed the estoppel process, saving us \$2000-\$5000 a year!

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If you are returning from out of state, please familiarize yourself with the Phase 2 information found on page 5 before using any amenities.

- If not previously done, each shareholder, tenant, or renter is required to sign a waiver.
- We request that you self-quarantine for 14-days before using any Sandalwood amenities.
- Watch Xfinity Channel 195 for changes that might occur.

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The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating the wishes of the Shareholders.

Contact any board member with your concerns or suggestions. They will act in the best interest of the park.

Written comments may be sent to the office.  
[sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com](mailto:sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com)



## SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The SAC Board of Directors has the responsibility to plan, coordinate and implement our many activities and events.

Contact any board member with your suggestions, we will gladly look into it.

## AMENITIES AT SANDALWOOD PARK

**Office** The office is open for business 9 am – noon

**Board Meetings** are held each month from November through April. SAC meets every second Tuesday, SPH meets every second Wednesday.

**Shareholders Annual Meeting** is always the third Thursday of January at 2pm

**Maintenance Fees** are due the 1st of January, April, July and October. It is encouraged to use automatic pay. (Please see the office for a form). If you are not on automatic pay, you should have a coupon book for your payments. If you have misplaced your coupon book, please mail payments to:

Sandalwood Park HOA P.O. Box 4008. Sarasota, Fl. 34230-4008  
Checks should be made out to. Sandalwood Park HOA

**Newsletters** are distributed the first week of each month. Volunteers distribute from January through April. May through December the newsletters can be picked up at the clubhouse. The newsletter is also on our web-site.

**Directories** One directory per household is available in the office.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY AND NEWSLETTER**

**Trash and Recycling** are on Thursdays.....Fridays if there is a holiday during that week

**CABLE TV** BASIC CABLE is free to all shareholders. Please call or go to Comcast/Xfinity office for your digital box. All other services will be billed to you directly. (DVR, internet, etc)

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**Clubhouse** is open to all shareholders. Should the office be closed, use your key. Unless open for an event, please do not access the clubhouse between the hours of 10pm and 6am. Your key to access the clubhouse also gives you access to the back gate on Pinebrook Road.

**Laundry** There are two washers and two dryers available at a cost of \$1.75 per machine and may be used by renters/visitors. We also have clotheslines should you prefer air drying.

**Bocce & Shuffleboard** equipment is located in the small shed near the shuffleboard courts. Keys to the shed are located in the exercise room and are hanging above the light switch.

**CHANNEL 195** The park's communication channel for the most current information and activities in the park.

**Website** Sandalwoodpark.com

**Mowing** Lawns are mowed every other week during the winter months. Every week as the weather warms and the grass grows faster.

**Plantings** All new plantings must be submitted for approval.

**Air pump** is located by the shed near the putting green.



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## SANDALWOOD PARK PHASE 2

At the September SPH Board meeting, it was decided to continue with our Phase 2 status as it is. Until further notice, none of the amenities will be open to guests. Shareholders, tenants, and yearly renters cannot use any of the open amenities unless a signed waiver is on file for their unit. Waiver forms can be obtained from the park office during normal business hours. A mask must be worn anytime you are in the clubhouse regardless of the reason. No Mask, No Entry. We are only trying to protect our staff.

The following amenities are open to Sandalwood residents:

### POOL

- No Guests
- A maximum 12 residents inside the pool fence at any time
- Wipe down the chairs or lounges, with available spray disinfectant before you use them
- Do not move furniture
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Pool time limited to 1 hour if someone is waiting
- To use the small restroom, please enter the clubhouse by the generator door only. Do not enter through the Exercise Room

### EXERCISE ROOM

- No Guests
- Mask must be worn
- A maximum of 2 people in the room at any time
- You must log in at door giving date, time, unit number and printed name
- Maintain Social Distancing
- Wipe down the equipment you are going to use with available spray disinfectant before you use them

### ACTIVITIES ROOM

- No Guests
- Mask must be worn
- Open for exercise class only during the day
- Maintain Social Distancing
- A maximum of 6 residents using the room at any time
- Must wipe down any surfaces you come in contact with
- No cards, bingo, or games

### LIBRARY

- No Guests
- Mask must be worn
- Library is open to get and return books and puzzles
- Please wipe down and books or puzzles you are returning
- Please gain access to the library through the front clubhouse door by the office

### LAUNDRY

- Remains open
- Mask must be worn
- Please wipe down any surfaces you come in contact with washer lids, dryer handles, folding table surfaces, etc. before you use them

### SMALL RESTROOM BY LAUNDRY

This is the only restroom that is open in the clubhouse

**The remainder of the clubhouse is closed. This includes the Sandpiper Room, kitchen, and Sandpiper restrooms. These restrooms will be locked. All amenities will be reviewed at the Oct. 14th Board Meeting.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any board member.

# SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

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## **UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING November 11, 2020**

A Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for 10:00 AM on November 11, 2020 on the patio. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by the President, Ms. Fortin. 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 Tony Koss Larry Reed Sandra Marsocci Janet Wnek Barbara Moore Butch Greene

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

**UNDER THE HEADING OF READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** a motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Reed to approve the prior meetings minutes, and it was:

**VOTED 20-47:** to unanimously approve the October 14, 2020 Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented.

### **UNDER THE HEADING OF DIRECTOR REPORTS:**

**Update on FPL Lighting** – Ms. Fortin. All 9 lights have been placed. Community feedback is positive.

**Update on Water Main Project** – Ms. Fortin. Completed.

**Managers' Report** – Eight new violations were opened. Budget mailer was sent out and rental letters were mailed in Oct.

### **UNDER THE HEADING OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Patio Shades:** Shades ordered.

**Redoing Floors in Clubhouse:** Completed.

**Security Cameras:** Cameras ordered. Electric needs to be put in and will be completed in about two weeks.

**Repaint/Replace Gutter and Downspouts:** Painting completed.

**Review Next Phase Opening of The Park:** COVID numbers are on the rise and no further openings will happen at this time. A motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Ms. Wnek to:

**VOTED 20-48:** To remain with current park restrictions. The motion passed unanimously.

### **UNDER THE HEADING OF NEW BUSINESS,**

**Estimate for Raising Roof of Pool Pump House:** Two estimates received, one for \$5,000 and one for \$3,900. A motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Mr. Reed to:

**VOTED 20-49:** To approve the estimate for \$3,900. The motion passed unanimously.

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**CD Renewal:** One CD for \$103,000 is up for renewal and the Treasurer would like to renew with the best rate offered. A motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Ms. Marsocci to:

**VOTED 20-50:** To renew the current CD for the best rate and time frame. The motion passed unanimously.

**2021 Budget Review/Approval:** A motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Koss to:

**VOTED 20-51:** To approve the proposed operating budget and reserve schedule for 2021 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Input from Shareholders:** FPL mail.

**The Next Agenda Meeting Date is Wednesday, December 2, 2020 9:00AM.**

**The next Board Meeting Date is Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 10:00AM.**

With no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made by Ms. Fortin and seconded by Mr. Reed to adjourn the meeting at 10:16AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dated this 11 day of November 2020

## **CODE RED GONE**

The old emergency alert system for Sarasota County, CODE RED, is being replaced. The new system is called "Alert Sarasota County". It is hosted by EVERBRIDGE in a partnership with the state of Florida, the cities of Sarasota, Venice, North Port and Longboat Key. Alert Sarasota County will be used to notify us of public health and safety topics affecting county residents. Available alerts will be issued for severe weather, sewerage spills, mosquito management and boil water notices.

You will need to download the app from Google Play Store or your iPhone store. You will need to go to <https://www.alertsarasotacounty.com/> or search "Alert Sarasota County" and create an account.

Additionally, severe weather alerts are available through the National Hurricane Center, [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov), the Weather Channel, [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com), or your local cable television channels.

## *Be Santa To A Child*

### *Our Mother's House Christmas Donations*



Our Mother's House of Venice is looking forward to our yearly donation of children's gifts again this year. Gifts from 0 up to age 3 are needed. Please wrap your gift and put a note on top, telling the approximate age and sex for the item. Diapers, which are sorely needed, do not have to be wrapped.

For your information, Our Mother's House is a facility of Catholic Charities and is a place for young moms and babies who need a home. Moms can finish school or look for a job close-by and are taught self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and personal growth. Should you wish to increase your help for a young mom as they get settled (household items and bedding), please contact the home directly.

**Your gifts need to be placed beneath our Christmas tree in the Activities Room by December 6th.** The presents will be picked up and delivered to the kids for their Christmas party. Nothing says Christmas Spirit more than a child's smile at opening a gift on Christmas morning.

Even though Sandalwood donates Christmas presents for the children, it has been suggested to also help the mothers for three additional months. Therefore, there will be a box in the Activities Room of the clubhouse to donate these following items:

- February - paper and plastic goods: towels, tissues, tall garbage bags, sandwich bags, and toilet paper
- March - liquid goods: laundry detergent, dish detergent, hair conditioner, shampoo, and body wash
- April - personal items: toothpaste and toothbrushes, diapers, feminine products and bar soap

If there are any comments or questions, please contact Mary Ann Jenne @ 603-819-1252. She will pick up the items at the end of each month and deliver the products to Our Mother's House. As a further suggestion, most items can be purchased at a dollar store inexpensively. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity

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**Am I like the cutest Jack-O-Lantern you've ever seen-or what?**



**Having a (hot)doggone good time!**



**Oh, oh, this bunch looks hungry**



**Even Longwood's werewolf and friends came out to watch**



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**Okay, where's the dog that's dressed like a Pepsi?**



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## What's in a Name?

With the approval of the SPH Board, the name of Sandalwood's Emergency Planning Committee has been changed to the Safety Committee. The name change better defines the changing mission of the committee. While their previous work identified shortcomings in the emergency aspects of the park such as storm shutters, generator power for the clubhouse and AED equipment for the clubhouse, the new name defines their overall responsibilities.

The committee's responsibilities will now include identification of daily safety concerns within the park. Concerns such as everyday recommendations for pandemic situations, hazardous situations, park access, the pool, street markings, safety signs, etc. as well as preparing the park for emergency situations such as hurricanes, storm surge, and flooding.

If you have an interest in serving on this committee, please contact any SPH Board member or the park office.



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Over the holidays Chuck had some friends down to visit. Chuck noticed that John wasn't hearing well in the great room with everyone in it. They got talking about hearing aids and John was wearing the same brand as Chuck.

Chuck called me and talked to me about John's struggle. I had room in my calendar, so they came in, and I read out the program on John's hearing aids. Not only did they have the same brand, they had the same model. When I read out the program, I noticed that John's settings were not taking advantage of all the bells and whistles available for these premium hearing aids.

Since John was visiting for two weeks, we had time to adjust his program and John could go out and try the new settings while eating out or visiting with a group of friends.

Now both Chuck and John can take advantage of all the bells and whistles available in their hearing aids.

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(President's letter continued from Pg.1)

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So, when you see Janet or Larry in the neighborhood please let them know you support them.

Regina Fortin  
Your President

## Please Note

### Amenity Changes Cable 195

During this ever and quickly changing time, rules for the use of the pool, clubhouse and other amenities can change overnight.

To get the most current conditions for using these amenities, please check **Channel 195** frequently. This is where the latest updates will be posted first.



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SAC CALENDAR FOR 2020-2021**

**DECEMBER**

02nd –SPH Agenda – 9:00  
09th – SPH Board Meeting – 10:00  
12th - Christmas Party - **CANCELLED**  
31st - NYE Party - **CANCELLED**

**2021****JANUARY**

05th – SAC Agenda – 10:00  
06th - SPH Agenda – 9:00  
09th – Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30  
11th – Trivia – 6:30  
12th – SAC Board Meeting – 10:00  
16th – Potluck & Name That Tune – 5:30/6:00  
20th – Newcomer Party - TBA  
21st – Annual Shareholders Meeting – 2:00  
23rd – Dance – 70's Theme - 6:30/7:00  
24th – Showcase – 7:00  
25th – Trivia – 6:30  
31st – Gospel Sing – 6:00

**FEBRUARY**

02nd – SAC Agenda – 10:00  
03rd - SPH Agenda – 9:00  
04th -- Arts and Crafts Exhibit  
06th – MI/OH Potluck – 5:30  
08th – Trivia – 6:30  
09th – SAC Board Meeting – 10:00  
10th - SPH Board Meeting – 10:00  
12th – Silver Anniversary Party - **POSTPONED TO 2022**  
13th – Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30  
21st – Potluck & Newlywed Game – 5:30/6:00  
22nd – Trivia – 6:30  
23rd - Box Office - St. Patty's Day Tkts – 1:00-3:00  
26th – Bustin' With Bargains Presale – 4:00-5:30  
27th – Bustin' With Bargains Sale – 8:00-1:00  
28th – Gospel Sing – 6:00  
TBA - Showcase

**MARCH**

02nd - SAC Agenda – 10:00  
02nd – Box Office – 1:00-3:00  
03rd – SPH Agenda – 9:00  
04th – Box Office 10:00-12:00  
06th – NE Potluck – 5:30  
07th – 3 I Ice Cream Social - TBA  
08th – Trivia – 6:30  
09th – SAC Board Meeting – 10:00  
09th – Box Office 1:00-3:00  
10th – SPH Board Meeting – 10:00  
13th – St Patty's Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00  
20th – Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30  
22nd – Trivia – 6:30  
23rd – Box Office – Easter Dinner Tkts – 1:00-3:00  
25th - Box Office – 10:00-12:00  
28th - Picnic – 12:00  
28th – Gospel Sing – 6:00  
30th – Box Office – 1:00-3:00  
31st – Snowbird Fairwell - TBA  
TBA – Venice Theater – 2:00

**APRIL**

04th – Easter Dinner - TBA  
06th – SAC Agenda – 10:00  
07th – SPH Agenda – 9:00  
12th – Trivia – 6:30  
13th – SAC Board Meeting – 10:00  
14th – SPH Board Meeting – 10:00  
26th – Trivia – 6:30

## HOLIDAY CANCELLATIONS

Due to COVID, SPH and SAC need to cancel our usual holiday plans for 2020. Decorating inside the clubhouse, the Christmas party and our NYE party have all been taken off the schedule. There will, however, be a tree in our Activities Room. Hopefully, this time next year, things will be back to normal and we will be able to resume our many activities. Stay tuned to Channel 195, Facebook and the newsletter for information regarding events in 2021.



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