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Christmas Carols, Anyone?

The Venice Performing Arts Center is hosting the Venice Chorale for a spirited night of carols on Sunday, December 11th at 7:00. Their "Holiday Harmony – Jingle all the Way" concert will brighten up your holidays with this festive evening of choral masterworks, seasonal favorites, and an audience sing-a-long. This ever-popular holiday program will also feature favorite choruses from the Messiah. Tickets are only \$20-\$25pp. Please sign up on the bulletin board by the end of November. As always, carpooling is available.



Christmas Party



Our annual Christmas party dinner/dance will be held on Saturday, Dec 17 starting 5:30/6:00. A catered dinner (TBA) and music by DJ Joe Travato will make for a terrific night. Tickets are \$15pp and can be purchased at the box office on November 25th, 2:00-4:00, November 29th 10:00-12:00 and December 1st, 2:00-4:00. If you cannot get your tickets during those times, please call Gail at 941/882-4065. We need a head count ASAP!





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300 Sandpiper Drive

Venice, Florida 34285

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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



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
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
PO Box 30439, Tampa, FL 33630
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

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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 Upcoming Activities

NOVEMBER

- 28th Decorate for Christmas - 9:00
- 29th Box Office - 10:00 - 12:00

DECEMBER

- 01st Box Office - 2:00-4:00
Christmas Party
- 06th SAC Agenda Meeting - 10:00
- 07th SPH Agenda Meeting -10:00
- 11th Venice Choral – 7:00
Holiday Harmony
- 13th SAC Board Meeting - 10:00
- 14th SPH Board Meeting - 10:00
- 17th Christmas Party - 5:30/6:00
- 31st NYE Party - 6:30

JANUARY

- 02nd Take Down Decorations – 9:00
- 03rd Box Office - 10:00-12:00
Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
- 03rd SAC Agenda Meeting – 10:00
- 04th SPH Agenda Meeting – 10:00
- 05th Box Office – 2:00-4:00
Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
- 09th Trivia – 6:30
- 10th SAC Board Meeting – 10:00
- 10th Box Office – 10:00-12:00
Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
- 11th SPH Board Meeting – 10:00
- 12th Box Office – 2:00-4:00
Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
- 14th 60's/70's Dance – 7:00
- 19th Annual Meeting – 2:00
- 23rd Trivia – 6:30
- 26th Cabaret – Jason Newcomb 7:00

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DO NOT WALK THROUGH
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BOCCE COORDINATER NEEDED

We are looking for a computer-minded (and bocce player?) person to organize the Bocce games. There are several downloads on the computer to help create a spreadsheet. Please contact Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 if interested.



SANDALWOOD WEBSITE

Did you know that Sandalwood has a website? It's a good way to keep up with the happenings and reading the newsletters online.

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LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE ACTIVITIES BOARD

SAC, Sandalwood Activities Committee, is in need of new members to join our board. We meet twice a month, the first and second Tuesday at 10: 00. From November to April, we plan the many events that are enjoyed by our residents. There are lots of new faces joining the Sandalwood family, getting involved with your park is a great way to make new friends. New friends and sharing in the planning of fun things to do-hey, it's a win-win. FYI, you don't have to be a full timer to join. If interested, please come to our agenda meeting the first Tuesday of the month.

DONATION SHED

Our annual parkwide yard sale, held in February, will be here before you know it. The shed room has been repaired and SAC is reaching out to the community to donate unwanted items in good/clean condition. Remember, the money we make from this sale helps SAC run it's many activities and events for all to enjoy. We accept most things except microwaves, TVs, Holiday décor and clothes. Please call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 to have your donations stored in our shed.



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appetizer pot luck (hot plates will be set out) which has been very successful in the past. Please come at 6:30 to settle in and have a bite to eat; the music starts at 7:30. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door but please sign up on the bulletin board to get a head count.

Hey, where else can you go on NYE to dance, have snacks and get home safe all for \$5.00? So, please BYOB, appetizers to share and your dancing shoes, it's gonna be a blast. Don't forget to bring small bills for the 50/50.



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 with the approximate age and gender 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 8th and will delivered for their Christmas party on the 15th. Nothing says Christmas Spirit more than a child's smile at opening a gift from Santa.

Movie Matinees



Your SAC board is designating Tuesday afternoons as "let's go see a movie" day. The Venice Galleria Movie Theater has a special price of \$5.75 on that day and we will pick out whatever movies that start around the same time so that you have a choice. All showings will be early afternoon and won't interfere with dinner and/or bingo. Watch channel 195 or check out the shadowbox for the weekly schedule. So, get out of the house for a few hours and catch a movie with us. See you at the concession stand!

Keep Fit By Groovin'

We are happy to announce that another class has been added for your exercising pleasure. Mauria DeMarkles has started a Keep Fit by Groovin' class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:00, in the Activities Room. It's a fun way to get in shape while socializing with others in the class. No sign up necessary, just show up and get your groove on!

Keep an eye out for when Sue's cardio class, Huff and Puff and water aerobics with Linda will start again.



TICKET SALES



The SAC "box office" will be open this month in the activities room for Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas Party. During the two weeks prior to a ticketed event, tickets will be available on Tuesdays from 10:00-12:00 and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00. For your convenience, box office schedules will always be posted in the newsletter and on channel 195. Please remember that checks, payable to SAC, are the preferred payment.

LET'S DO LUNCH!

The Tuesday Lunch Club has been a popular event at Sandalwood for many years. Since Donna Dane left the park, we are in need of someone to coordinate these get-togethers. Although it was a weekly thing, the new Lunch Lady (or Grub Guy) can make a schedule of their choosing. Donna left a lot of menus and notes for the new person, please call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 to get this info.

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Sue Alvis' cardio class is resuming Monday through Friday at 8:00AM in the Activities Room. It's a great way to start your day off with this fun cardio workout.

Arts and Crafts Exhibit

Calling all artists and crafters. We will be resuming our Arts and Crafts Exhibit in 2023. The date for this season's event is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, which will be held in the Sandpiper Room at the clubhouse. Although it is presented as an exhibit, you will have the opportunity to sell your product if you wish. Please email Susan Smith at susansmith6699@gmail.com if you wish to participate as an exhibitor or have questions. Our initial event before COVID was well received. Susan looks forward to another success.

F.Y.I.

Did you know that Sandalwood has some medical equipment that can be borrowed if needed? Wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc. can be found in the laundry room.

Looking For A Few Good Men/Women

It has come to the SAC board's attention that many new and older residents need some type of repairs to their home. Unfortunately, calling a stranger can result in no-shows or, if they do show up, want an arm and a leg. If you are a retired plumber, electrician or general handy man, etc., perhaps you would be willing to help your neighbors out. Please put a dated business card or note on the bulletin board under the new Handy Helpers sign on the bulletin board. Of course, your fee will be negotiated directly with the homeowner.

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Something New At Sandalwood

The first leg of our Cabaret will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 7:00. This date was picked as to not interfere with the Super Bowl playoffs (you're welcome :).

In an attempt to bring new and interesting things to the park, SAC has hired Jason Newcomb, an entertaining psychic. He will do handwriting analysis and palm reading as well as amaze you with his psychic abilities. Don't worry, you will not have your mind "messed with" nor cluck like a chicken every time you hear the word "Ohio". This will be a fun and entertaining evening and, as already stated, something totally different.

Tickets are \$12.50 pp and can be purchased at the box office on Tuesday, January 3rd and 10th, 10:00-12:00 and Thursday, January 5th and 12th, 2:00-4:00.

LOOKING FOR ME?

Several items were left in the kitchen after Ian. If you're wondering what happened to your crockpot, electric fryer, salad spinner or plastic storage bowls – mystery solved. Please come to the kitchen's lost (forgotten) and found box to pick up your stuff.

60's/70's Dance



Although SAC is still working on our planned activities for the upcoming season, we are all set for a 60's/70's dance party on Saturday, January 14, 7:00-9:30. These were awesome decades for dance music and our DJ will play songs that will make you say, "I used to love this song!".

Dress the part, (or not), just be sure to make the scene for a funky good time. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door but please sign up on the bulletin board. Don't forget to shake your booty up the the 50/50 table. This is a BYOB and table snacks to share event.



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All articles and information for the newsletter are to be submitted only through The Sandalwood editor. Anything sent directly to On Trac Publishing will not be printed.

All articles must be in Microsoft Word and submitted on or before the 13th of the month.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
DECEMBER 2022						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		SAC Agenda Meeting 10:00am	SPH Agenda Meeting 10:00am			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holiday Harmony 7:00		SAC Board Meeting 10:00am	SPH Board Meeting 10:00am			Christmas Party 5:30/6:00
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
						NYE Party 6:30
WEEKLY EVENTS						
	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff and Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00pm Hand and Foot 6:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Keep Fit by Groovin' 10:00am Bingo 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff and Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Cards & Poker 6:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Keep Fit by Groovin' 10:00am Euchre 7:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff and Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mexican Train 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm	

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In August the FDA issued a final rule for over-the-counter (otc) hearing aids. There is some good news here and some confusion on what it means.

The best way to think of these hearing aids is the same as 'cheater readers' eyeglasses. These glasses aren't for all losses. If you have severe or complex issues you still see your eye doctor.

Otc hearing aids are for people who only have a mild loss. In the 15 years we have been in business we have only met four people who would have been a good fit for these hearing aids. Their audiogram looks like a straight or slight dip in a line near the top. These aren't for anyone whose loss looks like a ski slope in the middle of the range.

Why are these otc hearing aids only good for so few people? The small range otc aids can fit.

Research shows that people are aware of their hearing loss for over seven years before they take action. By the time they seek help their loss has deteriorated into a moderate to severe loss range. This type of loss would not benefit from otc hearing aids.

The good news is with otc hearing aids people might seek help sooner. And doing so they may retain more comprehension. Waiting to get help reduces someone's ability to grasp the meanings of the words in the conversation.

Other great news is hearing aids no longer have the stigma they once had. A few decades ago, everyone wanted the smallest, most discreet in-the-canal hearing aid, so no-one would know they were wearing hearing aids. The tiny size limited who could wear them with quality results. These weren't a good fit if you hear low frequency well, they weren't a good fit if you spent time in crowds.

Again, the good news is wearing hearing aids no longer has the stigma it once did. And people might get something for their hearing loss sooner and retain more of their comprehension ability.

Will otc hearing aids replace us? No. Just as cheater readers have not replaced opticians.

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