

# *Sandalwood Park News* *December 2023*



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.  
Venice, Florida

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## *Christmas Party*



Our annual Christmas dinner dance will be held on Saturday, Dec 16th starting at 5:30/6:00.

A delicious catered dinner by Joey D's and music by DJ Bobby Gray will make for a terrific night.

This year, we are asking residents to bring in cookies on Friday for a cookie assortment table.

Tickets are \$15.00pp and can be purchased at Patty Mitchell's house - 468 Spindrifft Drive.

The box office hours are Tuesdays, November 28th and December 5th and Thursdays, November 30th and December 7th from 2:00-4:00.

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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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Carmen Wallen	941-483-4527	2024

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 ACH/auto-pay. Credit cards and your bank online bill-pay are also accepted. Please mail payments to: RealManage. 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 Homeowners, Inc.  
c/o RealManage  
PO Box 30424  
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

**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.

**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.

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**Rules and Regulations**  
**Review Meeting**

At the Sandalwood Park Clubhouse

All members are encouraged to participate!

**Friday 12/1/2023 at 10 a.m.**

**Thursday 12/14/2023 at 10 a.m.**

**Friday 1/5/2024 at 10 a.m.**

The committee members thank you for attending

Bill, Darryl, Larry, Lee, Lonnie, Lori and Tom

**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 3 are needed. Please wrap your gift and put a note on top with the age and gender of 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.

Your gifts need to be placed beneath our Christmas tree in the Activities Room by December 7th and will be delivered for their Christmas party on the 14th. Nothing says Christmas Spirit more than a child's smile at opening a gift from Santa.



**New Years Eve**  
**Festivities**

Our NYE party will start at 7:00; tickets are \$5.00 at the door. As usual, this will be an appetizer potluck and hot plates will be set out. 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. No sign up is necessary but don't forget to bring small bills for the 50/50. Any questions, please contact Judy Oberdick or Gail Pellitteri.



**Happy Hour On The Patio**

Now that the snowbirds are flying south again, we will be resuming our Happy Hour on the patio on Thursdays at 4:00. This is not a scheduled event, per se, but will be held when a volunteer comes forward to host. Talk to any SAC member for more info.

**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.

The address is [www.sandalwoodpark.com](http://www.sandalwoodpark.com)



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## Something New For Sandalwood Park

Do you like having current information about Sandalwood Park at your fingertips? Do you belong to FaceBook?

If you do, you will be happy with the NEW former Sandalwood Park FaceBook page.

Marcie Abel is the new administrator for the page that Regina formerly managed. Marcie will keep current information on the park updated on the FaceBook page.

Think of it as the NEW channel 195. If you'd like your information posted, just send Marcie a message.

## LET THE GAMES BEGIN

The lan-induced damage to our bocce and shuffleboard courts have finally been repaired and most players are anxious to resume the games. Unfortunately, there's no one to organize a schedule for bocce. This is something a computer-minded person can easily (from what I'm told) set up. You don't need to play bocce, you just need a computer. Please contact Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 for info.

## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

Please make sure to check in with Peggy in the office when you come back for the season.

## NEWSLETTERS

Starting in January, your monthly newsletter will be delivered to your door.

## Newcomer's Gathering

SAC is asking all who live in the park to come and meet your neighbors, both new and established. You may just meet your new best friend! Although the time has not yet been decided, this will be an informal event on Wednesday, January 17th with refreshments provided. Please plan to attend.



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# Sandalwood Upcoming Activities

## 2023

### NOVEMBER

- 28th Box Office 2:00-4:00 Christmas Party  
30th Box Office 2:00-4:00 Christmas Party

### DECEMBER

- 01st Rules & Regs Mtg – 10:00  
05th SAC Agenda Mtg – 10:00  
05th Box Office 2:00-4:00 Christmas Party  
06th SPH Agenda Mtg – 9:00  
07th Box Office 2:00-4:00 Christmas Party  
12th SAC Board Mtg – 10:00  
13th SPH Board Mtg – 10:00  
14th Rules & Regs Mtg – 10:00  
16th Christmas Party Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00  
31st NYE Party – 7:00

## 2024

### JANUARY

- ??? Take Decorations Down – TBA  
02nd SAC Agenda Mtg – 10:00  
03rd SPH Agenda Mtg – 9:00  
05th Rules & Regs Mtg – 10:00  
08th Trivia - 6:30  
09th SAC Board Mtg – 10:00  
10th SPH Board Meeting – 10:00  
13th Chile Cookoff – TBA  
17th Newcomer's Party – TBA  
18th Annual Meeting – 2:00  
24th Showtime! – comedian – 7:00  
27th Dance – 7:00

Sometimes the thoughts in my head  
get bored and go out for a stroll  
through my mouth.  
This is rarely a good thing.

## FEBRUARY

- 03rd MI/OH Potluck – TBA  
05th Food Truck - TBA  
06th SAC Agenda Mtg – 10:00  
07th SPH Agenda Mtg – 9:00  
12th Trivia – 6:30  
13th SAC Board Mtg – 10:00  
14th SPH Board Mtg – 10:00  
14th Valentine's Day Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00  
18th Showtime! – singer – 7:00  
24th Potluck & Name That Tune – 5:30/6:00  
26th Trivia – 6:30  
28th Set Up For Sale - TBA

## MARCH

- ??? Food Truck - TBA  
01st Resident Presale – 4:30-6:00  
02nd Bustin' With Bargains Sale – 8:00-1:00  
05th SAC Agenda Mtg – 10:00  
06th SPH Agenda Mtg – 9:00  
10th 10th Showtime! – comedic magician – 7:00  
11th Trivia – 6:30  
12th SAC Board Mtg – 10:00  
13th SPH Board Mtg – 10:00  
17th St Patrick's Day Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00  
25th Trivia – 6:30

## APRIL

- 02nd SAC Agenda Mtg – 10:00  
03rd SPH Agenda Mtg – 9:00  
06th Annual Picnic – TBA  
08th Trivia – 6:30  
09th SAC Board Mtg – 10:00  
10th SPH Board Meeting

## SIGN UP SHEET

If SAC is running an event that includes food, please make sure to sign up on the bulletin board located in the long hallway in the clubhouse. This will ensure that we have adequate food for everyone. If you can make it to the clubhouse to eat, please make it to the clubhouse to sign up.

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# Halloween Party

Our Halloween party was small in attendance but big on fun. We danced, talked and laughed and generally had a good time. Winners of the costume contest were Barb Moore dressed as a very pregnant lady and Bob Gray who came as an awesome vampire, complete with black nails. Both received a \$20 gift card from Dairy Queen. Congrats to Barb and Bob.



## Looking For New Members For The Activities Board

The Sandalwood Activities Committee is in need of new members to join the board. They meet twice a month in season to 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-hy, it's a win-win. Of course, our seasoned residents are welcomed on the board too, your ideas, input, and opinions are welcomed.

If you're interested in learning more, please call Judy Overdick at 740/312-9245



## CHILI COOKOFF

Calling all gourmet chefs! Our very first Chili Cookoff will be held on Saturday, January 13th. Please list all major ingredients such as meat, sauce, beans, etc as well as the "heat" level.

No condiments should be brought with your pot of chili as we want to taste the chili, not the sour cream, cheese, or any other condiment. There is no fee/admission charge and the winner will be chosen by all in attendance. Please make enough chili for all to taste, cups will be provided for samples. Who knows, this may just become an annual event!



## PUZZLE PLACE

Just a reminder that our many varied puzzles are located in the laundry room. Nothing is more annoying than completing a puzzle only to find pieces missing. Should you take a puzzle and find this to be the case, please recycle it.

# DECEMBER SUDOKU PUZZLE

Sudoku Puzzle #S250YM  
Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium



(solution on page 16)

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# DECEMBER 2023



SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Rules & Regs Mtg 10:00	2
3	4	5 SAC Agenda Mtg 10:00 Box Office 2:00-4:00 Christmas Party	6 SPH Agenda Mtg 9:00	7 Box Office 2:00-4:00 Christmas Party	8	9
10	11	12 SAC Board Mtg 10:00	13 SPH Board Mtg 10:00	14 Rules & Regs Mtg 10:00	15	16 Christmas Party Dinner Dance 5:30/6:00
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 NYE Party 7:00						
WEEKLY EVENTS						
Pinochle 2:00	Cardio Exercise 8:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Water Aerobics 8:00 Mah Jongg 1:00 Hand and Foot 6:00	Cardio Exercise 8:00 Bingo 6:30 Euchre 7:00	Cardio Exercise 8:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Poker 6:00	Cardio Exercise 8:00	Cardio Exercise 8:00 Chair Yoga 9:00 Water Aerobics 10:00 Mexican Train 1:00 Bingo 6:30	

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**Sandalwood Park**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Board Meeting 9-13-23 Minutes**  
 Sandpiper Room/Zoom

Date: 9-13-23

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Sandpiper Room/Zoom

Administrative

- Called Meeting to order & Establish Quorum

Administrative:

- Motion was made to approve the purchase of Lot # 397 by the Tanners. Motion was seconded and approved.
- Motion was made to waive all late fees and money owed by previous renter of lot 390. Motion was seconded and approved.

General Park Business:

- Discussion about budget that would be presented by Real Manage prior to the end of 2023 for 2024. Pete discussed he would also be putting a budget together to compare to Real Manage.
  - Discussion about verifying current committee members of various committees and if all the committees are needed.
  - Blue Stream Fiber Optics. Discussed them now being in Venice Isles replacing Comcast due to better rates. Took Blue Stream 1 year to run the Fiber Optics in Venice Isles. Also Blue Stream sent Sandalwood a letter asking for an easement down Cortina to run a secondary Fiber Optics line into Venice Isles. Letter said they want to run it on the east side of Cortina and the Board discussed we would rather have it run down the West side of Cortina. Also, we may use the approval of the easement to negotiate a future rate discount on a possible switch from Comcast. However it was pointed out that Sandalwood is under contract with Comcast through July of 2025.
  - Discussed the deadline for repairs on property in the park is 2 years from the date of Hurricane Ian, which is September 28th, 2024.
  - Discussed that compliance letters will be started back up in September or October.
  - Discussion and possible solutions for reporting landscape issues in the park.
  - Lonnie reminded residents about the Rules and Regulation meetings coming up in December and January.
  - Reminder was given about dogs needing to be kept on a leash when they are outside.
  - Fema house was discussed and it was confirmed that it would remain in the park for 18 months from the date of the Hurricane.
- Motion was made to adjourn, seconded and meeting was adjourned

**Sandalwood Park**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Shareholder Meeting 10-11-23**  
 Minutes  
 Sandpiper Room

Notice was posted 48 Hours in advance in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association and the Florida Statute that a Board of Directors meeting is being held at the following date, time and place.

Date: 10-11-23

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Sandpiper Room

Administrative Matters

- Called Meeting to order & Proof of Notice
- Establish that a quorum was present
- Pledge of Allegiance

Talking Points

- Simply Trees

Update was given on the stump grinding of palms and trees we lost during Hurricane Ian. Some stumps still remain that are being addressed. Yearly palm trimming is set for middle of December.

- Blue Stream Fiber Optics

Discussed that this is a new TV and internet supplier that is now in Venice Isles. We contacted them for pricing and they are looking into a quote. They also sent us a letter to ask Sandalwood for a variance to put a secondary Fiber Optics line down Cortina. We are going to contact Blue Stream to see if they were going to pay for the variance and to change the location to the west side of Cortina.

- Compliance

It was discussed that some homes have not yet turned in ARCS for their repairs from Hurricane Ian. It was noted that residents have 2 years from the date of the hurricane to complete repairs which would make the repair date September 28th 2024. It was discussed to send out letters to all residents that have either not turned in an ARC or have not completed their repairs.

- Landscaping

Rick discussed the possibility of getting fencing on Cortina from the start of our property to the entrance due to the bushes dying. It was decided to get pricing and table the discussion.

- Operational Budget

Pete discussed that he had a preliminary budget put together and he would be finalizing it for the November meeting. Motion was made to adjourn

# Sandalwood Park Board of Directors

## Shareholder Meeting 11-08-23

Minutes

Sandpiper Room

Notice was Posted 48 Hours in Advance in accordance with the By-Laws of the Association and the Florida Statute that a Board of Directors meeting is being held at the following date, time and place.

Date: 11-08 -23

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: Sandpiper Room

Administrative Matters

- Called Meeting to order & gave Proof of Notice
- Establish that a Quorum is present
- Pledge of Allegiance

President's Report

• Board Elections > Dave gave notice that if anyone is interested in running for the Board there will be two openings. Lonnie Grooms has fulfilled his 1 year term and Larry Reed has served 8 consecutive years and per Florida HOA rules cannot serve another consecutive year unless no one runs. Anyone interested should get a form from the office and submit a resume. Cut off date for applying is Friday December 8th.

• CPA Review of 2022 Financials > Pete announce that the CPA did a review of 2022 and found everything to be okay. A resident asked why an audit was not done since the Board voted to do an audit and not a review? Lee stated that a mistake was made in the engagement letter prepared by Real Manage and then signed by the Board President and sent to the CPA. He stated that the Board had voted and passed for an audit of 2021. The mistake was discovered too late and when the CPA was contacted he had already gone too far into the review of 2022 to start over with an audit of 2021. Another resident stated that an audit is supposed to be done every 3 years and another resident said that an audit can be waived at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders. Lee stated that an audit had not been done in the Park for 9 Years. It was also stated that the audit would have been \$ 10,500.00 and the review was \$6,500.00 and a normal tax return would have been \$450.00 which Lee stated was all that was needed in lieu of the audit.

• Employee 5% Wage compensation> It was discussed that we have two employees that are paid by Sandalwood Park, Peggy in our office and Bob who is our Grounds Keeper. It was proposed by the Board to give them both a 5% raise starting in 2024. Residents and the Board acknowledged the good job they both do. A Motion was made by Rick to approve the 5% raise and it was seconded by Larry and it passed Unanimously.

• Blue Stream Fiber Optic Variance on Cortina for Venice Isles > Dave stated that the Park had received a letter from Blue Stream asking for a variance to bring a secondary line into Venice Isles down Cortina on the east side of the road. After Board discussion, Dave asked Blue Stream why it could not be put on the west side of Cortina and if

Blue Stream was going to pay any compensation for the variance and the fees to our attorney for preparing the variance? Blue Stream declined any compensation so the Board is not addressing or allowing the variance.

Treasurers Report

• Budget Estimate for 2024 > Pete explained he used the July and August actual expenses along with the previous years data to prepare the budget for 2024. It was explained that due to the increase in utilities and lawn care the quarterly HOA dues will need to be increased to \$488.78 in 2024. Pete made mention of a line item noted as "Contingency" for \$10,000.00 that will more than cover the 5% raise previously approved in this meeting. The conversation shifted to insurance and it was stated that our insurance company had dropped us for 2024. It was further stated by the Board that we received approximately \$ 37,000.00 for fencing but nothing for the repairs of the clubhouse roof or any other repairs. It was stated by a resident and the Board that we should consider "Self Insuring" the park and only carry liability since we have nearly \$800,00.00 in reserves. The Board said they will be getting insurance estimates and Pete noted any insurance savings would go toward reserves.

General Business

• Simply Trees Update > Larry stated that most of the stumps had been removed but there were still some that need to be taken out. He said the annual palm trimming will take place on December 19th. A resident made a comment that he felt the palms should be done right before Hurricane season. Larry said that for years it has always been done in the late fall. It was also mentioned that the owner of Simply Trees who is an arborist looked at the palms in May and said they didn't need trimmed.\*

• Bob's Electric > Larry stated that we had received a quote from Bob's Electric for \$2,350.00 to provide and install 3 new ceiling fans on the rear patio, replace 2 photo cells behind the clubhouse, adjust the timers on the front security lights of the clubhouse, replace a photo eye on the sign at Cortina & Center Road and provide and install 2 LED lights in the supply room. Larry wanted to increase the quote to \$ 2,550.00 to cover a couple other items needing repair. Lee made a motion to approve and increase the quote to \$ 2,550.00, it was seconded by Lonnie and approved unanimously.

• Hurricane Compliance Letter > Vote was needed to have Sandalwood handle the issuing and monitoring of letters to 46 Homes in the Park that have not yet completed their hurricane repairs in lieu of having Real Manage handle It. The repairs must be completed by September 28th 2024. ( Normal grievance letters to remain through Real Manage ) Dave stated that the Board was divided on this decision

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and that historically all letters of notice are sent out by the management company. Lee stated that Real Manage has not done a good job of handling all their duties for the park and other letters such as compliance for golf carts was never sent out. He felt the Sandalwood office should handle the issuing of the letters and monitor the responses due to the importance of the situation. Also that there could be some residents that are financially unable to do the repairs and that the park needs to be ready to address those situations. Lee made a motion to have the park handle the compliance letter for the home repairs still need to be done on the 46 homes but continue to let Real Manage handle normal compliance letters. It was seconded by Larry. Dave and Butch voted NO and Lee, Lonnie, Rick, Pete and Larry voted YES so the motion passed. It was also noted that the Board was getting quotes from two other management companies and that the Board was looking at

## SAC AGENDA MEETING November 14th, 2023

President Judy Oberdick called the meeting to order at 10am, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board members in attendance were Judy Oberdick, Patti Mazzara, Carmen Wallin, Sue Hart, and Jan Kroen. Not in attendance - Rose Buffington

### Old Business

Sac will provide meat at all potlucks  
 Pricing           \$15.00 for dinner with band/DJ  
                       \$12.50 Thanksgiving  
                       \$ 5.00 Any dance without meal

If there are leftovers, the price will be determined, but no more than \$5.00 per take home/extra plate/container. The horse races were canceled in 2023 but will try it again in 2024.

July 4th had a loss of \$152.00  
 Ice Cream social was a success but a number of people did not sign up so there was a slight rationing of the ingredients. This is an event that should be signed up for in advance so that the SAC Chair can plan accordingly. Anytime food is bought for an event there is a sign up. Halloween had a loss of \$145.00. 19 people attended.

### New Business

Patti Mazzara motioned to accept Arlene Harrison's resignation, seconded by Sue Hart. Sue Hart will fill in as secretary, temporarily.

Nov 23rd-Thanksgiving, Patti Mazarra Chair- plans are being arranged to prepare the dinner within the park. Dinner at 5pm with turkey, stuffing, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, rolls, butter and dessert. Patti will sell tickets Tues & Thur 10-12, dead line is Nov 17th. Make an announcement at Bingo

Nov 27th-Decorating for Christmas- Bob & Stephanie Gray will chair. 9:00 inside & out no tape on the walls, decorate at will.

Dec 16th- Christmas- Patty Mitchell, Chair-Joey D's will cater, Bobby Gray- DJ pick up dinner at 5:30pm discussion on menu and ticket sales

Dec 31st-Judy Oberdick, Chair along with Gail Pellitteri-No pre-sale, bring appetizers

Jan13th-Chili Cookoff-No entry fee/no admission charge and will be a judged event by the crowd in attendance.

Jan 17th-Newcomer's gathering-still working on this, thinking no tables maybe circle of chairs.

Jan 27th-Dance- Judy & Gail Chair- DJ is MIXX 7:00-9:30, 50's thru 80's mix

Feb 3rd- Food Truck- Jan, Chair- planning in the works

Feb 14th-Valentine's Day-Jan Kroen & Sue Hart – no plans yet Catered & music by Jukebox Dreams Duo

Feb 24th- Pot Luck-Carmen, Chair- Ham or meat loaf will be purchased by SAC  
 game- name that tune

March 2nd- Community Sale

March 17- Traditional fare will be cooked & served. DJ is Mike Juare

Date for Showtimes- Jan 24th- Mike Parenti, Comedian  
 Feb 18th- David Daviski, Singer  
 March 10th- Greg Solomon, Comedic Magician

Price will remain at \$12.50 pp Need to purchase new signs

Day Trips-Chair needed to organize day trips, short discussion.

Happy Hour-If you would like to host a Happy Hour,, please see a SAC member, need to check on the patio.

Craft Class- discussion on paint & sip, anyone can host a craft.

195 is to be up and running again soon.

Look on FB for events

Discussion on purchasing a new MahJongg set?

Discussion on having outdoor games, an organizer would be needed.

Newsletters will be delivered in January

Patti Mazzara motion to adjourn the meeting with Jan Kroen seconding at 11:00.



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## Chair Yoga

Linda Fleming will be bringing chair yoga to Sandalwood. This new class is replacing Huff n Puff and will start on Wednesday, November 8th. Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00-9:45 (before AquaAerobics), you will learn stretching and balance movements; both beginners and experts will benefit from this class. Comfortable clothing and shoes are all that's needed, we'll supply the chair.



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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. Please send your information to:

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## Yet, Another Name Change

Our winter concert series has gone through several name changes over the years. The last name change to Cabaret was confusing to many who envisioned dancing girls. So, in order to avoid any misconception, the new name is Showtime!

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## LEFTOVERS

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