

# *Sandalwood Park News* *January 2017*



## **Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.** **Venice, Florida**

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### Letter from the President

2017! Who knew? Yet here we are. As I approach the New Year, like most I am reflecting on the past. I have spent a great deal of my last four years on the Board here at Sandalwood. It has its challenges. For the most part it has been a wonderful experience.

Being challenged has always been rewarding to me personally. So, I have benefited in many ways from serving on the Sandalwood Board. As a Director, the Secretary and then as Vice President (under Carl Griffith...who taught me so much) and now for two years as President.

In a past letter I said that "serving on the Sandalwood Board has given me the opportunity to get to know people personally. Not only knowing your name, but who you are, where you come from and how you got here". Nothing can ever change that.

This election the Board of Directors will be losing Mitch Watson. Mitch has served for years on the Sandalwood Board. In recent years, he has served as Vice president and has been invaluable to me as a mentor and a friend. He has certainly served his time and I want him to sit back and enjoy his efforts.

Norm Vandenbusche has also made the decision to not run for reelection. Norm also has been instrumental in much of the progress of Sandalwood. He too will be missed.

Last year we asked Barb Moore and Tony Ellis to step up for two vacancies. I thank them for their willingness to be a part of the team. Tony will be getting back to his golf game and Barbara Moore has submitted her intent to run for reelection in January.

You have probably received your paperwork for the upcoming election which will be on held January 19th at 2pm in the Sandpiper Room.

Along with Barbara Moore we have Sandra Marsocci and Dave Sherwood on the ballot.

The past few years we have made many small improvements. We have also added major amenities, like the Boccie Courts and a Golf Putt area. There is talk of a better fitness room and more landscaping with flowers for the common areas.

We enjoy this beautiful park in paradise and the growing amenities because of the diligent efforts of the SPH Board of Directors, and the work of the Sandalwood Activities Committee who provide us with fun and entertainment. However, it is the FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS that make Sandalwood a wonderful place to live.

I thank you again for giving me to opportunity to serve on the board and more importantly, the friendships I have made.

I wish you all a Healthy and Happy New Year!

*Your President, Regina Fortin*



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*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 14tinspub@aol.com.*

## DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 14TH OF THE MONTH.  
PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU WON'T FORGET.

### Procedure for submitting articles to OnTrac Publishing for the Newsletter.

All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood Editor.

Only information sent by the editor will be published in the newsletters.

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Editor information is on page two.

### Helpful Guidelines for Events Now Available for Everyone



There is now a "guideline-help" book on a shelf in the kitchen to help anyone plan and find objects that are needed for any activity.

The SAC committee will even suggest an experienced resident, so that a newcomer can organize and run any event at the park's facilities.

The 3-ring, yellow binder explains where the location of all the supplies are, how to reserve the space, and what is necessary for clean-up, placement of garbage cans and activity break down.

This binder is available for anyone who would like to create any event.

### 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.

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### SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



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## Michigan/Ohio Dinner

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**Saturday, February 4, 2017**

Anyone who lives or has ever lived in Michigan or Ohio is invited to join in the food, fun, and fellowship. Sign up & bring a dish to pass.

## SPH MEETING

Sandalwood Park Homeowners  
January monthly meeting will be on  
Wednesday, January 11th at 10 am.

## ELECTION

The Annual SPH meeting and Election will be  
Thursday, January 19th at 10am.

## Golf Cart Regulations

The board has decided to feature a Sandalwood Regulation in the monthly newsletter. The Dog leash rule has been featured in the last couple. This month's feature is the golf cart regulations, (see below). 7.8

- Golf carts are permitted within the park, but must be registered at the park office and operated safely under the following guidelines:
  - Golf Cart Registration Form must be completed and signed by all applicants.
  - Golf Carts must be properly registered and a current proof of insurance on file with Management before it can be operated in the park.
  - The Golf Cart "owners" will place 4 inch reflective numbers of the "owners" Unit Number on each side of the golf cart at time of registration and before the golf cart can be operated in the park. These numbers must be displayed while the golf cart is in operation in the park.
  - No golf cart can be operated within the park by anyone younger than 16 years of age.
  - Only one golf cart is allowed per home.
  - Golf Carts must be parked on driveways, never on the grass.
  - Golf Carts must follow all the rules and regulations of motorized vehicles.
  - Golf Carts must be equipped with headlights and red taillights if operated before sunrise and after sunset.

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## Sandalwood Comfort Club

SCC (Sandalwood Comfort Club) is meeting in the Sand-piper room every Thursdays from 9 - 11 am. Come join us as we work together to make plastic sleeping mats for the homeless in our community. There is a job for everyone. There is a box in the clubhouse where plastic bags are collected (from Walmart, Public, etc.). Thank you for donating them. We always need help folding, cutting, looping, and finally crocheting the mats. Come and enjoy the fellowship, meet your neighbors, and maybe fold a few bags. We deliver the finished mats to the Presbyterian church on Rt. 776, and they distribute them to the people who need them. They are very appreciative of what we do.

## Blood Drive

Sandalwood Park will have a Blood Drive Monday, February 6th, 9 am to noon. Please see the bulletin board and inquire in office.



## Newcomers' Welcome To Sandalwood Party

Wednesday January 18th, 2017 at 2:00 P.M.

Please join us to make our newcomers welcome to Sandalwood Park.

It's your opportunity to meet and warmly welcome our new residents as well as introduce them to some of the wonderful happenings in our lovely park and for them to get to meet us also. Refreshments will be served.

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1 	2	3 SAC Agenda 10:00am	4 SPH Agenda 9:00am	5	6	7 Remove Christmas decorations at 9:30am
8	9	10 SAC Bd. Mtg. 10:00am	11 SPH Mtg 10:00am	12 Craft Class	13 News articles due	14
15 Concert Series 7:00pm	16	17	18 Newcomers Welcome 2:00pm	19 Election 10:00am	20	21 Pancake Breakfast 8-9:30am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Potluck
29 Gospel Singalong 6:00pm	30	31	<b>JANUARY 2017</b>			
<b>WEEKLY EVENTS</b>						
	Huff & Puff 9:00am Shuffleboard	Lunch 12:30 pm Bocce Bingo 6:30 pm	Huff & Puff 9:00am Poker 6:00pm Cards 6:30pm	Bocce	Huff & Puff 9:00am Bingo 6:30 pm Shuffleboard	

# SAC CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016-2017

## REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Bingo-Tues. & Fri. 6:30 All year

Poker-Wed. 6:00 Nov.-April

Cards-Wed. 6:30 Nov.-April

Huff & Puff-MWF 9:00 October.-April

Computer Club-Fri. 10:00 Jan.-April

Euchre-Thurs. 7:00 Jan.-April

Tuesday lunch-12:30 All year

Mah Jongg-Wed.-1:00 Jan.-April

Bocce-Tues. & Thurs. -Jan.-March

Shuffleboard-Mon. & Fri. Jan. -March

Walkers-Tues. & Thurs.-9:00 -Jan.-March

Rhythmettes-Tues. & Thurs.-4:00

Sandalwood Comfort Club-Thurs. 9:00-11:00-Jan. -April

SAC agenda meetings-1st Tues.10:00 Nov.-April

SAC board meetings-2nd Tues. 10:00 Nov. -April

SPH agenda meetings 1st Wed. 9:00

SPH board meetings-2nd Wed. 10:00

Dinners 5:30 social/6:00 dinner unless announced otherwise

Sign-up for seating for dinners will be at noon three weeks before event for park residents only, two weeks before event for residents & guests, and sign-up to come down one week before event.

## MONTHLY EVENTS

### JANUARY

3rd-SAC agenda

4th-SPH agenda

4th-Newcomers' sign up guests

7th-Sign-up for January potluck for residents only

7th-Take down Christmas decorations-98:30

10th-SAC board-board election

11th-SPH board

11th-Newcomers' sign down

12th-Craft class

13th-February newsletter articles due

14th-Sign-up for January potluck for residents & guests

15th-First of Concert Series-"Wallstreet"

18th-Newcomers' Party-2:00

21st-Pancake breakfast-8:00-9:30

21st-Sign-up sheet for January potluck to come down

21st -Potluck

28th-Sign-up for Valentine dinner/dance/potluck-for residents only

29th-Gospel Sing-6:00

### FEBRUARY

4th-Michigan/Ohio dinner

4th -Sign-up for Valentine potluck for park residents & guests

7th SAC agenda

8th -SPH agenda

9th-Craft class

11th-Pancake breakfast

11th-Sign-up for Valentine potluck comes down

13th-March newsletter articles due

18th-Valentine Potluck-Bobby Holloway

18th-Sign-up for St.Patrick's Karaoke Potluck for residents only

19th -Second Concert-Katie Brooks Show 7:00

24th & 25th-Sale

25th-Sign-up for St. Patrick's Karaoke Potluck for residents & guests

26th-Gospel Sing-6:00

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**MARCH**

- 1st-SPH agenda
- 4th-New England dinner
- 4th-Sign-up for St. Patrick's Karaoke Potluck  
to come down
- 7th-SAC agenda
- 8th SPH board
- 9th-Craft class
- 11th St. Patrick's Karaoke potluck
- 12th-Final concert-William Florian- "Those Were  
the Days Show" 7:00
- 13th April newsletter articles due
- 14th SAC board
- 19th Venice Theatre Musical 2:00
- 24th Shuffleboard/Bocce party 12:00 ??
- 25th-Variety Show 7:00
- 26th –Gospel Sing-6:00
- 26th-Easter potluck sign up residents

**APRIL**

- 1st-Picnic12:00
- 2nd-Anne Marie Rideout Wine & Cheese/Art  
Silent Auction-4:00
- 2nd-Easter potluck sign up guests
- 4th SAC agenda
- 5th SPH agenda
- 9th- Snowbird Farewell-3:00
- 9th- Easter potluck sign down
- 11th SAC board
- 12th- SPH board
- 13th April newsletter articles due
- 16th Easter Dinner 2:30

**MAY**

- 6th- Kentucky Derby
- 20th –Preakness

**JUNE**

- 10th –Belmont
- JULY-Picnic**
- 4th-Picnic



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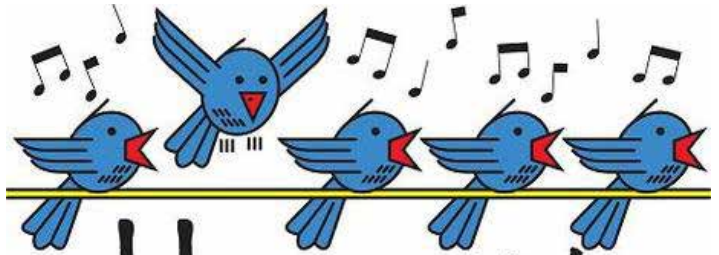
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## Newsletter Article From SAC

The monthly Monday night movies will be discontinued. The attendance for the most part has been small and doesn't warrant the effort it takes to provide this activity. There was no charge for the movies, and even free popcorn was provided. Gil Weidmiller has worked very hard to get the movies, to set up the room, to pop the popcorn, and to clean up everything afterwards. Thank you so much, Gil. SAC appreciates your hard work!

The SAC board election is at the regular SAC meeting at 10:00 on Tuesday, January 10. We have some vacancies on the board and we urge you to join us to help make Sandalwood a fun place to live. If you would be willing to help us, please contact any SAC member so we can visit with you about what would be involved for you. Don't be afraid to be a part of our board, because you have the opportunity to select those things in which you wish to participate and those you do not. We always welcome and encourage new ideas.

The January potluck will be January 28. The sign-up sheet for that event will be posted for residents only by noon on January 7 and sign-up for residents and guests will be January 14. Ordinarily the sign would be taken down a week before the event, but that applies to those events where SAC provides the meat or food. Since this is a potluck only, the sign won't be taken down until Thursday, January 25.

### NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 13.

The first concert of this year's concert series is a variety instrumental and vocal group, "Wallstreet". They will be in the Sandpiper room at 7:00 P.M on Sunday, January 15, and they should have something to please everyone. If you don't have a season pass, you can buy a ticket at the door for \$25.00. You won't want to miss them.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST**-Saturday, January 21-8:00-9:30 Tickets \$3.00

The sign-up for the Valentine's dinner/dance/potluck on February 18 for residents only will be on January 28. Guests and residents may sign upon February 4. The sign-up sheet will come down on Thursday, February 15. Bobby Holloway will be returning by popular request. This will be a traditional potluck, and SAC will not be providing an entree. SAC will provide plates, silverware, and coffee, so bring your favorite recipes and your own drinks. We've had so many wonderful comments about the food at the recent potlucks, so we can all look forward to a great evening.

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## Can You Help My Ears?

Expo season is upon us. We have already been in the Chamber Expo, which hosts local businesses. Then we were part of the Sun Fiesta. We have upcoming events in some of the homeowner community events.

When Karen has attended events, she has heard the husbands say, "I hear fine." And Karen always responds, "You don't get a vote, your wife does." Then she turns to the wife and, more often than not, the wife says, "He needs to come in and see you."

At these events, people approach us and tend to ask similar questions. Sometimes people who ask me, "What's new in hearing aids?" just aren't sure what other questions they could ask. They might have a hearing loss, or someone they love does, and they might not be ready to proceed.

This is a difficult conversation to have.

The real question Karen discovered while having lunch downtown with a new acquaintance is, "are you just gonna sell me hearing aids or try to help my hearing loss?"

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