

Letter from SPH President

From the very first Board of Directors and through the past twenty-two years, I have no doubt that every Board member has wanted Sandalwood to prosper and grow......and we have.

We can take pride in these <u>continuous</u> years of improvements. New roads, beautiful pool and pool furniture, shuffleboard, new patio, road signs, building improvements and the new building! We now have irrigation in most common areas and new plantings. New bocce courts and a golf putting area were added in 2015. Just this past month we installed a new fence along Cortina Blvd. Our Sandalwood sign with LED lighting will be redone within a few weeks. All these amenities and more have been accomplished while still maintaining a healthy financial statement.

The land was purchased in 1996 and a mortgage burning was held in 10 years! The new addition to our clubhouse included a new roof on the existing clubhouse and hurricane windows throughout. These renovations and additions came at a cost of \$500,000. Once again, these expenses were paid off in less than three years! Twenty-two years and the only increases in maintenance has been to pass through our Comcast increases.

We can credit the success of Sandalwood Park to the wonderful people who live here and the dedication of all Board and Committee members who have worked tirelessly for the betterment of our community.

I wish you all a Healthy and Happy 2018!

Regina Fortin, Your President







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The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating the wishes of our shareholders.

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 14inspub@aol.com

DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 15TH 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!



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

SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



Did you know that Sandalwood has a Website?

It is a good way to keep up with happenings and reading the newsletters online.

The address for the website is www.sandalwoodpark.com



Concert Series

Concert series tickets will go on sale at <u>10:00</u>, <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 12</u>. You may select your seats at that time and you may pay by check or cash. We don't have the ability to take credit cards. In the past seats have been selected at the end of December, which made it unfair for residents who didn't return until January. We have three great shows this year and again the price is only \$60.00 for the entire season. The committee always tries to select shows that we feel will be most en-



joyed by our park. Most of the shows we select are musical, but when we saw Dick Hardwick, every member of the committee felt we had to hire him. You'll still be laughing on your way home. Dick Hardwick will be our first concert at 7:00, Sunday, January 21. Our next show is Crystal Gage & Ryan St. Denis on Sunday, February 18. Crystal Gage performed for us years ago and was very well received, and adding her husband, Ryan, has made the show even better. Our final show, Michael D'Amore, is at <u>7:00 on March 25</u>. Michael currently performs as a one-man show around the country performing the very best of the 50's, 60's, 70's and more. We are very fortunate to have such professional shows available right here. Most parks our size don't have the same opportunity.

Many times when people are leaving following one of the shows they say, "You have to have them back!" We're curious to see which shows in the past have been your favorites. At the first concert I'll give each of you a sheet with all of the shows we've had and ask you to select your favorites. Some of you may not remember all the shows so if there were particular things that might help you identify them, I'll try to include a description. I won't include any acts that we have seen more than once, and I won't include any acts that received negative comments.

Valentine Dinner Dance

Make plans now to join us in the Sandpiper Room Saturday February 10th for our Valentine Dinner Dance! This fun night will include live music and a delicious spaghetti dinner. Tickets are \$10.00 each and will be available in the office January 19th for residents and open to guests on January 26th.

Gospel Hymn Sing

There will be a hymn sing at the clubhouse on Sunday, January 28th at 6:00. Come join your friends and neighbors for a great time of fellowship.

Submitted by Johanna Lauzon

The Sandalwood Rhythmettes

Call Ellen Swope 941-416-2388 for information about the Sandalwood Rhythmettes. They will be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on January 4 thru March 18, from 4:00 til 5:00 pm in the Sandpiper Room. We welcome all new members.

LINE DANCING ... this is a new activity

Line dancing every <u>Monday at 6:30 pm starting 1/8/18</u>, at the clubhouse. All levels are welcomed, even if you've never line danced before. Come on out, no matter what level you are, and join us for a fun hour of taught and called line dancing. It's good for your body and your

mind AND IT'S FREE! I'm sure there'll be some laughter as well. Hope to see you there.



Submitted by Lenor Von Hoen



Submitted by Marci Weidemiller

FOR SALE

2 bedroom / 2 bathroom on Boxwood in Sandalwood Park. \$95,000.00 Call Mary @ 231-510-2711

Did You Know?

THE SPEED LIMIT IS

15 mph

Please respect your neighbors and the rules

DRIVE SAFELY

2017 Small Business of the Year



Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences American Conference of Audioprosthology

And Then the Fight Started...

by Karen Post

Robert and Shelley were sitting without saying a word, yet the silence was loud. I was trying to be friendly when I accidently stirred things up. It reminded me of those old jokes that end with the line, "and then the fight started ... "

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.' So, I bought her a scale. And then the fight started ...

When I asked what was going on, Robert didn't hear what I said. He knew I spoke but could not understand what I said. And then the fight started ...

Shelley shared that yesterday they had met with their insurance agent, a young woman, who sat directly in front of Robert and he didn't understand her.

I pulled up his file and Robert has a profound loss, almost as bad as Blair's mother, MaryEllen.

When someone has this significant of a loss, it takes a lot of technology to amplify the right frequency so they can even hear the sounds. If we can increase the volume enough, then their own ability to process words determines success. Robert's discrimination is 68%, which means he can process only two out of three words. So Robert will have to fill-in or guess at the other words.

Having known MaryEllen I understood the pain, fear and frustrations that comes from living with someone with a hearing loss. I know that emotional pain of not being understood by MaryEllen. She wasn't trying to confuse my words, she just had to guess at so many. MaryEllen passed away in 2008 and she wore the best hearing aids back then, but they aren't anything like the amazing technology available now. Maybe if we had the current technology's power, sound reduction and speech enhancers she and I might have been able to talk to each other without confusion and strain.

We understand the strain and emotional pain that comes when living with someone who can't easily hear what you are trying to say. If you or someone you care about is not hearing well and this is straining your relationship, call for an opportunity to try the new technology.



ContemporaryHearing.com

Recipe Corner Zesty Hot Sausage Dip



Ingredients:

1 (8 oz.) package cream cheese, softened 1 can Rotel Original Diced Tomatoes with Green Chilies 1 lb. Bob Evan's Zesty Hot Sausage Roll (or other brand) 1 package tortilla chips

Directions:

Brown Bob Evans' sausage in pan and drain. Heat softened cream cheese over low to medium heat. Add can of Rotel tomatoes and chilies and the cooked sausage to heated cream cheese. Stir ingredients together over heat for 10 to 15 minutes or until warm. Put the mixture into a small crock pot and keep on warm or low heat. Serve with tortilla chips

(Submitted by Trish Vandenbusche....thank you Trish!)

If you have a favorite recipe or anything you would like to share, send to jmellis1025@gmail.com on or before the 15th of the month. Please use the WORD program.



SAC (Sandalwood Activities Committee)

The SAC board will begin our meetings in January. It was decided last year that the board would only meet from January through April. The agenda meeting is at <u>10:00</u>, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 5</u>, and the board meeting is <u>10:00</u>, <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 12</u>. That is also the date that a new board is to be elected. At this time we have two vacancies on the board so we need two more residents to join us. If you would be willing to help us, just contact any of the board members. We have made a new policy which will make serving on the board easier. When a board member is in charge of an activity, other board members are not asked to help. This makes it possible to just enjoy those activities in which they are not involved. If a board members wants to help, that's OK, but not necessary. A new board member WILL NOT be asked to be in charge of any of the activities. We welcome new members and new ideas.

DON'T FORGET WE'LL BE TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS_ <u>AT 9:30, SATURDAY, JANUARY 6.</u>

Reminder for the Clubhouse and Park Sale for 2018

For you folks up north, when you are packing your belongings for Florida or if your feet are presently sunk into the Florida sand, don't forget about our boutique. We always welcome articles for that cute little shop that Susan Smith presents on the day of our sale. Items needed are as follows:

1) China 2) Small decorative lamps 3) Figurines and decorative items 4) Glassware 5) Jewelry 6) Casual Florida Wear 7) Purses 8) Scarves

Connie and myself will also take furniture and household items. Thank you for your co-operation and we also want to encourage you to join us in preparing for and working the day of the sale. We love having as many of you join us that are willing to do so.

See you in January! Connie Bressler 941-412-3911 Donna Eckman 740 369 3105 Susan Smith 508 240 8526

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(solution to puzzle on page 14)



TRIVIA NIGHTS ARE COMING!

SAC is pleased to announce the addition of trivia nights to our entertainment schedule. Our hostess, Gail Pellitteri, will lead us through multiple choice rounds on a variety of subjects which will be fun as well as informative. Our first game will be Monday, Jan. 8th at 6:30, and then every other Monday starting Jan. 22nd.

An entry fee of \$1.00 is required at the door; all proceeds go to the winning table. Please sign up on the bulletin board if interested in attending so we know how many people per table. We hope you will join your SAC board for an evening of fun and useless/useful trivia. Your brain will thank you!

Don't forget to try your luck on the 50/50 too.

Submitted by Gail Pellitteri

Euchre

Beginning Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 pm we will once again be playing euchre at the clubhouse. Hope you can join us for the fun.

Michigan/ Ohio Potluck

<u>Mark your calendars</u> all you Michigan/Ohio residents, (or for all you Ohio' ins.... the "Ohio/Michigan residents")...... for our annual potluck on Saturday, February 3rd. Check the bulletin board for more information and sign up sheet.

Submitted by Connie Bressler



January Potluck

The January potluck will be January 13 at 5:30 for social hour and <u>6:00</u> for dinner. Last year at the potluck we had a "Name That Tune" which many people seemed to enjoy. This will give you a chance to reminisce over some of your favorite songs and a chance to visit with friends at your table. This is a regular potluck, and no entrees will be prepared by SAC. When you sign up, be sure to put your names on both the table sign-up sheet and food selection sheet.



Pancake Breakfast



Mark your calendars for the pancake breakfast this month on Saturday, January 20 at

the clubhouse between 8:00 & 9:30 am. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, sausage, eggs, juice & coffee all for the price of \$3.00. Come and join the fun! It's a great time to relax and visit with your friends and neighbors.

Submitted by Tony Ellis



NEWCOMERS PARTY

The newcomers' party is <u>January 17</u>. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board . Please sign up by <u>January 10, 2018</u>, so the committee will know how much food to prepare.

Meet The SPH Candidates

On <u>Tuesday, January 10th</u>, following the January Board of Directors meeting, please join us for a Meet and Greet with the candidates that are seeking your vote for the Sandalwood Board of Directors. Coffee and refreshments will be available. The Board meeting <u>begins at</u> <u>10:00 am</u>. The Meet and Greet will take place immediately following the adjournment of the Board Meeting.

Hugs

It's wonderful what a hug can do, A hug can cheer you when you're blue. A hug can say "I love you so," Or "Gee, I hate to see you go." A hug is "Welcome Back again," And "Great to see you! Where you been?"

A hug can sooth a child's pain, And bring a rainbow after rain. The Hug! There's just no Doubt about it- -We scarcely could survive without it! A hug delights and warms and charms, It must be why God gave us arms.

Hugs are great.for fathers & mothers, Sweet for sisters, swell for brothers. And chances are your favorite aunts Love them more than potted plants. Kittens crave them, Puppies love them.

Heads of state are not above them. A hug can break the language barriers And make your travels so much merrier. No need to fret about your store of 'em; The more you give the more there's of 'em.

So stretch those arms without delay And give. Someone a hug today!!!

(Submitted by Nancy Burns who sends warm hugs to all her Sandalwood family, especially her friend "Connie".)





SUB-FLOOR & FLOORING EXPERTS!



At the November 8, 2017, monthly board meeting, the Sandalwood Board of Directors unanimously approved the following Regulation changes. These changes have been reviewed by Sandalwood's lawyers. They take effect immediately.

Regulation Changes or Modifications

III HOME SITES

3.11 Garages are not permitted in Sandalwood Park. A garage, as defined by Sarasota County, is a building or enclosure that is used for the storage of motor vehicles. Said building or enclosure has been granted a building permit to be constructed as such.

V GUESTS, RENTERS OR TENANTS

5.8 Renters and overnight guests are not allowed to have dogs. Other indoor pets are at the discretion of the shareholder. Daily visitor's dogs must remain on the shareholders property and as defined in 6.1 cannot exceed 20 pounds.

VI PETS & ANIMALS

6.1 Animals weighing in excess of 20 pounds are not permitted in the Park. All animals must be kept on a maximum of a 6 foot leash, must be under the control of the owner at all times, must not create a disturbance to other residents and may not be tied outside unattended. Animal droppings must be picked up by the animal's owner in all park areas including Cortina roadside, Sandalwood Drive and all ditch areas. Members, Tenants, and their guests should respect the property of all members. Animals should not be allowed to wander on other member's property unless invited to do so.

It is required that your pet take care of its daily functions on your lot. As a precaution, pet owners are required to carry some type of container when walking their pet and to immediately cleanup their feces. Failure to comply will result in a fine or removal of the pet.

6.6. All pets must be registered with the park office. Registration should include a picture of the pet, pet's name, owners name and contact information. As required by Sarasota County ordinance all pets must be current with vaccinations and licensed. Information must be updated in the office yearly.

6.7. The Board of Directors is empowered to order and enforce the removal of any service animal, assistance animal or pet which endangers the person or property of or becomes a source of unreasonable annoyance to any homeowner, occupant or guest.

REGISTER YOUR PETS

Have you registered your pets yet? Rule modifications passed by your Board on Nov. 8, 2017, require all pets in the park to be registered. This is <u>not</u> just for dogs. A copy of your pets inoculation papers and a photo must also be on file in the Park Office. See the regulation details in another article in this newsletter.

Submitted by Tony Koss

The Dumpster

The dumpster is <u>NOT</u> for personal use.

Should you be leaving for the summer or a vacation and need to drop off a bag of rubbish, that is permissible.

Please do not put anything other than rubbish bags in or near the dumpster.

Waste Management will pick up just about anything you put to the curb

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

(In some instances, the person's name who is in charge of the event, may appear next to it.)

January 2018

2-SAC Agenda 10:00 3-SPH Agenda 9:00 6-Take Down Christmas Decorations 9:30 Johanna 8- Trivia Night 6:30 Gail 9-SAC Board-Election 10:00 10-SPH Board 10:00 10-Potluck Sign Down 12-Concert Tickets Go On Sale 10:00 Carmen 13-Potluck-5:30/6:00 Carmen **15-Newsletter Articles Due** 17-Newcomers' Party 20-Pancake Breakfast 8:00-9:30 Ellis 20-Resident Sign-Up For Valentine Dinner/Dance 21-Dick Harwood - 1st Concert-7:00-Carmen 22-Trivia 6:30-Gail 27-Dance- Band 7:00-10:00 27-Guest Sign-Up For Valentine Dinner/Dance 28-Gospel Sing 6:00-Johanna

February

3-Michigan/Ohio Dinner 3-Valentine Party Sign Down 4-Silent Auction Art Sale ??? 5-Movie 7:00-Susan 6-SAC Agenda 10:00 7-SPH Agenda 9:00 10-Valentine Dinner/Dance 5:30/6:00-Regina & Barb 12-Trivia 6:30-Gail 13-SAC Board 10:00 14-SPH Board 10:00 15-Newsletter Articles Due 17-Pancake Breakfast 8:00-9:30 Ellis 18-Crystal Gage/Ryan St.Denis-2nd Concert 7:00-Carmen 23-No Bingo 23-Park Resident Sale ???? 24-Resident Sign-Up For Karaoke/St. Pat Potluck 24-Sale 8:00-1:00-Donna E., Connie B., Susan S. 25-Gospel Sing 6:00-Johanna 26-Trivia--6:30-Gail

March:

3-New England Dinner-Lucille 3-Guest Sign-Up St. Pat Potluck 5-Movie 7:00-Susan 6-SAC Agenda-10:00 7-SPH Agenda 9:00 10-Dance 7:00-10:00-Gail 10-Karaoke Potluck Sign Down 10-Pancake Breakfast 8:00-9:30-Ellis 11-Venice Theatre-2:00-Carmen 11-Residents Sign-Up For Easter Dinner 12-Trivia 6:30-Gail 13-SAC Board 10:00 14-SPH Board 10:00 **15-Newsletter Articles Due** 17-St. Patrick/Karaoke Potluck 5:50/6:00 Johanna 17-Resident Sign-Up For Easter 18-Snowbird Farewell-3:00-Susan 18-Gospel Sing-6:30-Johanna 18-Guest Sign-Up For Easter Dinner 24-Picnic-12:30-Board 24-Guest Sign Up For Easter 25-Michael D'amore-3rd concert-7:00-Carmen 25-Sign Down For Easter Dinner 26-Trivia-6:30-Gail 31-Dance-7:00-10:00 Gail

April

1-Easter Dinner ?
2-Movie 7:00-Susan
3-SAC Agenda 10:00
4-SPH Agenda 9:00
10-SAC Board 10:00
11-SPH Board 10:00
14-Dance
15-Newsletter Articles Due

May

5-Derby-Gail 15-Newsletter Articles Due 19-Preakness-Gail **June** 9-Belmont-Gail

July 4-Picnic ?????

Signing Up For Park Activities

We have been very happy with the participation at our SAC events. There have been times when people in the park were unable to attend an event because of the limited space. By law we are only allowed to have 128 people at an event where people are seated at tables. Therefore SAC has adopted some policies that might alleviate problems. At our dinners the sign-up sheet will be posted by noon three weeks in advance for park members only. Two weeks before the event park residents and guests may sign up and the sign will be taken down one week before the event. The room will be set up in advance for 128 people. We will have a waiting list, so if you are signed up and cannot attend, please call the person in charge so someone can take your place. The SAC board values your input, so feel free to express your concerns to a board member. Thank you!

Carmen Wallin, SAC president

Please look at your mailbox.

Could it use a coat of paint?

Do you need a new mailbox?

Your mailbox is an extension of your home

If there is a problem, please address it.





JANUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- 1. "Star Wars" ice planet
- 5. Slightly above average, gradewise
- 10. Alike, to Alain
- 14. Send off
- 15. Really deep, man
- 16. "____ clue!"
- 17. Skedaddle
- 19. "He's the _____ was telling you about!"
- 20. Pay a brief visit
- 21. Provoked
- 22. Cobalt-60 and iodine-131
- 26. Gets closer
- 30. Chastise
- 34. Come clean
- 35. Prefix meaning middle
- 36. ____ Motor Car Company, maker of
- the Speed Wagon
- 37. Oust
- 39. In need of a nap
- 42. Suffix for hero or nectar
- 43. Banned insecticides

- 47. Analogy words
- 48. Center line on many boards?
- 51. Japanese knife
- 52. Working on a ranch, perhaps
- 54. Clear a windshield, maybe
- 57. Like most adolescents
- 62. Take
- 63. Certain Protestants
- 66. Biblical weed
- 67. Emerald color
- 68. Letters after upsilons
- 69. Ogling one
- 70. Brings up
- 71. Mobutu _____ Seko (former Zaire
- president)

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- 2. Neglect
- 3. Former Yugoslavian president
- 4. Web address start
- 5. Food Network stars
- 6. Play
- 7. Cambodian's neighbor
- 8. Sch. Jefferson founded
- 9. Capital of New South Wales (abbr.)
- 10. Self-interest doctrine
- 11. Abbr. before Grant or Lee
- 12. To _____ (precisely)
- 13. ____ an egg (bombed)
- 18. Raises a flag, say
- 21. King, in Lisbon
- 23. Links gadget
- 24. Photo ____ (campaign events)
- 25. Egg on
- 26. Gymnist Comaneci
- 27. Elysiums
- 28. Fired up
- 29. Brazilian city, for short
- 31. Elrond's daughter
- 32. Heron homes
- 33. "____ Believe in Magic" (1965 hit)
- 38. Letters pronounced like a voiced "th"
- 40. Worn out
- 41. "Either you do it, ____ will!"
- 44. Record players
- 45. Ring result
- 46. B-movie from 2006 starring Nathan
- Fillion
- 49. Perfume scenter
- 50. Funny bit
- 53. Lights on Broadway
- 54. 3/9/70, for example
- 55. PayPal owner
- 56. Aft's partner in rigging
- 58. Takes teeny bites
- 59. Tennis's Arthur
- 60. Some Volkswagens
- 61. To be, in Latin
- 63. Bus. leader
- 64. Before, in verse
- 65. "Not for all the _____ in China!"

(solution on page 7)



Christmas Dinner/Dance



If you didn't attend the Christmas dinner/dance on the 16th you missed a great party! This year the dinner was delicious! There were many who helped Marci and Regina with all that needs to be done to put together a dinner/ dance. Our thanks go out to all involved. Barb Moore worked her magic again creating a salad bar that not only looked beautiful but had everything anyone could have wanted to make the "perfect salad". The entertainment was outstanding, thanks to Sharon Traver for recommending and securing "Daniel Fugazzslls"! Gil handled the decorations and they were beautiful!







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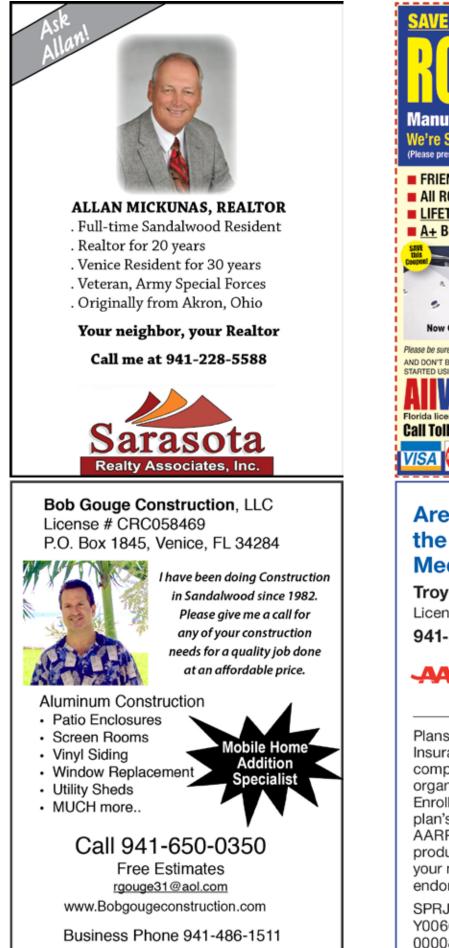


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