

Sandalwood Park News January 2019



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Letter from SPH President

Happy New Year Everyone!

I wish for you, your friends and family a Healthy, Happy and Peaceful 2019.

Having lived in Venice (on and off since the 80's) Sandalwood has been by far our favorite place to call home.

I am grateful for the friendships made over the years. In 2018 we welcomed over 18 new residents. Sadly, that means saying goodbye to old friends. We miss them already and wish them well.

(We are a community of 239 homes on 44.5 acres. We won't grow but we do change.)

This year marks the 23rd year for Sandalwood. So much has happened in twenty-three years it's impossible to list everything. The improvements and added amenities have made Sandalwood a very sought after place to live.

The greatness of Sandalwood is a community effort. We come together as a family. We have worked together for twenty-three years. Since 1996, Shareholders and Board members have worked together for the betterment of Sandalwood. There may have been a difference of opinion here and there, but never a doubt about the intentions of each Board of Director.

As we continued the tradition of improvements to

Sandalwood, 2018 was no different. In this past year we installed hurricane shutters to the clubhouse windows. Also, in place is a large generator with the ability (in an emergency) to power up our entire community building. Plans are already in the works to resurface the pool. (This will be done in early June)

During the past year most of our building has been repainted inside and out. Through all the years, Sandalwood always maintained a healthy financial position.

On January 17th at 2pm, we will have our Annual Meeting in the Sandpiper room. Please attend, as this is a shareholder meeting.

With three openings for the Board of Directors, there were three Intents submitted:

Tony Koss, Dave Alvis and myself.

The 2019 Board of Directors will be;

Barb Moore, Dave Alvis, Janet Wnek, Larry Reed, Regina Fortin, Sandra Marsocci and Tony Koss.

Over this next year, please consider stepping up to serve on the Board. You will find it both rewarding and educational.

In two short years we celebrate 25 years of Sandalwood. A committee will put together a celebration.

Regina Fortin
Your President



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.



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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 13TH 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.

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.

Come one,

come all.....



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

Please remember our park speed limit is



SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



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Clubhouse And Carport Sale

Bustin' with Bargains Clubhouse and Carport Sale

Saturday, February 23, 2019

8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Bake Sale & Hot Dog Sale included on this day

Pre-Sale for park residents: Friday, Feb. 22, 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Another year and time once again for our Clubhouse and Carport Sale. There are some changes this year. Connie and myself will be assisting Joyce Blackney, who is now the chair of this event. We are keeping the same schedule of events as in years past. Friday evening will be our pre-sale for park residents only. The bake sale will take place along with the clubhouse sale that evening. Saturday will be the day for the public to participate in the clubhouse/carport, bake sale and hot dog lunch on the patio. Parking will be restricted to the right side of the road in the areas of the carport sales. A map of Sandalwood Park, showing the homes participating in the carport sale and items to be sold at these residences will be distributed to visitors on Saturday. "SALE" signs designating the homes conducting a sale will be placed in the front yard Saturday morning. PLEASE DO NOT THROW THE SIGNS AWAY! We will be collecting them after 1:00 on Saturday or you may drop them off at the clubhouse. If you are planning a carport sale, call Gail Hixon who is in charge of gathering your information, as well as accepting the \$3 fee to participate. She and her team will also distribute the "SALE" signs. We request that you try to contribute your items for the clubhouse sale before Friday, Feb. 22. If you are donating furniture, our strong-armed fellows, Mike and Bob, will be glad to pick up your items. We are still accepting items most especially, jewelry, casual Florida wear, and boutique items.

It takes quite a bit of people power to make this event a success. If you would like to help....please let us know and if you don't give us a call...we may call you! It is really a fun day at Sandalwood Park, so don't be shy!

The following is a list of phone numbers of the people heading the following sale events:

Joyce Blackney	941 - 451 - 9959	Chair of the Sale
Connie Bressler	513 - 910 - 2852	Assistant to the chair
Donna Eckman	740 - 369- 3105	Assistant to the Chair Assistant to the chair
Gail Hixon	508 - 963 - 9646	Carport Sales
Susan Smith	508 - 240 - 8526	Boutique Items
Linda Fleming	941 - 445 - 2668	Baked goods

(The above names and phone numbers will be posted on the bulletin board)

As in the past, the profit from all the sales will go towards our Social Activities Club.

Don't Forget to Visit Our Hot Dog Stand

On the Patio during the Park Sale Day, Feb. 23

Hot dogs, salad, snacks and cold drinks will be served starting at 10:00 a.m. We are hoping that Sam Dick and Friends, along with Bubba, will be back once again to entertain us. Don't miss this fun day with your friends and neighbors. What more can you ask for? An affordable lunch that's certain to satisfy your taste buds along with free entertainment and, if you like, dancing on the patio with your friends!

Baked Items

Baked items are needed for our Bake Sale during The Bustin' with Bargains Day, Feb. 23 (also, for our pre-sale on Feb. 22).

This is notice to all our talented bakers in Sandalwood Park. It is not too early to start planning your contributions. A signup sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in January. Your delicious goodies will be gladly accepted in the clubhouse all day Friday and/or Saturday morning. Thanks in advance for your generosity, we greatly appreciate your time & talent.

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Obituary



Jane moved to our Sandalwood family and made you feel like you've known each other for years. It is with great sadness to inform you of the following news.

Jane Lea Emig, nee Schaubert, 64, of Belleville, Illinois, born January 23, 1954 in Herrin, IL, died Saturday, December 1, 2018, at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO.

Jane worked several places through the years including Maritz Corporation, SIU-E, Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, and Tamarack Golf Course. She was a member of Signal Hill Lutheran Church, Belleville, IL. Jane enjoyed spending time in Florida, especially on the beach. She loved caring for others and spending time with family and friends. Jane never met a stranger.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 22 years, James "Jim" Emig, whom she married December 27, 1986, and who died October 25, 2009; and her parents, Cecil C. and Clarice "Virginia", nee Hunt, Schaubert.

She is survived by one daughter, Virginia "Ginni K" Emig, of Belleville, IL; a sister, Pamela "Pam" (Rick) Rose, of San Antonio, TX; and her longtime, loving companion, Gary Thies, of Belleville.

Our Mother's House

Many thanks to all of you who left a child's Christmas present under the tree. 30 gifts were collected which means there were 30 more smiles on Christmas Morning. Now, that's what the Christmas spirit is all about!

Meetings With The Sandalwood Activities Committee

This is your park and your input is important. All suggestions and comments are welcomed and considered. Whether you are a newcomer or a seasoned resident, you can help plan the activities for the upcoming year by coming to a SAC meeting. We meet in the Sandpiper room the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00. Hope to see you there.

SUPERBOWL PARTY?

SAC is considering having a Superbowl party but we need to see how many would be interested in attending. We're not yet sure if it will be a pot luck or not, we're still working on the details.



A signup sheet is posted, please let us know if a Superbowl party is something you'd like to have.

Attention All Ohio/ Michiganders!

Save the Date, Saturday, Feb. 2 for our annual Potluck gathering. Be there or be square!

Showcase Tickets

Don't forget, tickets for our Showcase Series go on sale January 4th. We have three wonderful singers booked for January, February and March. The first show will be on January 13th featuring John Wilson. Tickets are \$60 for 3 shows in advance or \$25 per show at the door. This year, seats will be arranged theater style as well as several round tables set up behind them. Please see Carmen Wallin to purchase your tickets and reserve your preferred seating.

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

Melody Beattie

PROPOSED REGULATION CHANGES

At the December Board of Directors meeting, the wording for the two regulation changes was approved. They are shown in BOLD. The change to the regulations will be voted on at the January 9, 2019 Board Meeting.

The reason for the 2.2 regulation change is to prevent animals from making their homes under houses in Sandalwood. This is a result of problems that arose during the past year. We had a family of coyotes make themselves a comfortable home under some houses. Those animals along with flea infested rabbits, rats, possum, armadillos and other vermin were under other homes. For the safety and health of residents, the 2.2 modification is being proposed

2.2 Newly installed manufactured homes must be set up to include the following appurtenances within 30 days from the date of placement on the lot: Carport (or carport and parking slab) of sufficient length to park all full-time vehicles behind the setback line, under skirting, utility room, sodded yard and front yard landscaping plan. The design of all appurtenances must be reviewed by the Committee and final approval given by the Board. All exceptions to rule 2.1 and 2.2 must be approved by a vote of the Board. Skirting on all new and existing manufactured homes shall be designed to prevent wildlife from gaining access underneath the residence. Siding to the ground or decorative block is acceptable. If decorative


block is used it will be covered by a screening material with grate opening no larger than 1 quarter of an inch in space. Screening material should be a wire material that prevents or discourages the wildlife from "chewing" the material to gain access.

The modification to 2.5 was to help reduce water runoff into the street, storm drains, then on to the gulf. Most of the chemicals that are put on your lawn wash off during heavy rains and end up in the gulf. It has become a recommendation by County Building Enforcement that patios, expansion of driveways, etc., be done with paver block and not concrete. Paver block will allow some absorption of rain water and reduce runoff.


2.5 Any outside unit modification is to be completed, in its entirety within 45 days of start. If lattice work is used to surround a patio, it can be no more than 6 feet in height, placed 12 inches off the ground for a total height of 7 feet. This will allow mowing crews to trim grass more easily.

- Openings in lattice work must remain open at all times. Patios cannot be closed off with doors or gates. Outside modifications cannot exceed the specifications as identified in 2.1.
- Any approved patio, sidewalk or any approved driveway expansion must be done with paver blocks.

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Guests, Renters Or Tenants

5.1 All persons who are not disclosed in a Member's or Tenant's lease agreement shall be considered guests. All overnight guests must be registered with the Park Office upon or before their arrival. Guests of Members or Tenants may remain on Park premises as a guest of the Member or Tenant so long as their stay does not exceed thirty (30) days per year (365 days from first day of guest's arrival).

5.2 Members and Tenants may lease their premises subject to prior written approval by the Board. Any subletting without Board consent shall be void and constitute a default by Member or Tenant of their lease and/or rental agreement.

5.3 Members and Tenants may not rent their premises to more than two (2) persons at any time, nor for less than thirty (30) days minimum and at least one person must be at least 55 years of age and any other sublessees must be at least 45 years of age.

5.4 Renters must have written permission for overnight guests from Management prior to the guests' arrival. The number of guests permitted at one time shall be determined by Management. Guests of Renters may not stay for more than one (1) week without written approval from the Management. Guests of Renters must register at the Park Office upon their arrival.

5.5 Guests and renters are entirely the responsibility of the Member or Tenant. All such persons must comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Park.

5.6 Rental application forms must be submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated occupancy date of Renter. This will include the authorization form for the background check and a check for the background check fee.

5.7 Members and Tenants may not subdivide home to rent (No rental of rooms).

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.

January 2019

ANNUAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The regulations shown below must be performed annually.

Golf Carts

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.

Register Your Pets

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.



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2019 STANDING COMMITTEES

In December, you were mailed a packet from the Sandalwood Office that contains information about the election of officers and the proposed Sandalwood budget for 2019. It is important that we have a strong board to work with Lighthouse Management to govern our park. Not all Shareholders however, are interested in holding an elected position on the Board of the Sandalwood Park Home Owners Association. There are other positions available that a Shareholder may assist the park by serving on. Sandalwood Park has 4 Standing Committees. Responsibilities of these committees range from financial stability, regulation enforcement to resident safety. These committees are made up of Sandalwood Shareholders. Members of these committees are appointed annually and serve for 1 year. Appointments will be announced at the Board Meeting on February 13, 2019. If you are interested in getting more information about any of these committees, or serving on any of these committees, please contact a member of the Sandalwood Board. You can also leave your name in the Sandalwood Office and a Board Member will contact you.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

- Review annual budget as submitted by Lighthouse
- Review monthly financial statements
- Prepare/recommend share price, rent, and maintenance changes to Board of Directors
- Manage and recommend contingency fund investments
- Review committee's requests for expenditures
- Negotiate loans

OPERATING COMMITTEE

- Review lighthouse proposals from contractors, ongoing projects
- Review park maintenance
- Consider proposals for capital improvement projects, coordinate with Finance Committee
- Prepare recommendations for maintenance plans (5-year road plan, painting etc.)
- Assist Board of Directors in management of park assets
- Review plans, and supervise installation of new homes
- Review proposed changes to homes, make recommendations to Board of Directors
- Make recommendations to Board of Directors for park enhancement projects

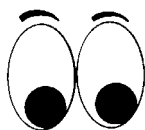
FINING COMMITTEE

- Hearing for residents who have been fined for a violation. Committee to determine if the fine will stand.

EMERGENCY ACTION COMMITTEE

- Identify areas of concern in Sandalwood Park that could become a problem in emergency situations.
- Develop procedures, regulations on how to prevent or handle emergency situations at Sandalwood Park.
- Develop, review and encourage Shareholder training for health or safety measures.

**Residents
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**IF YOU SEE ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS
GOING ON IN THE PARK
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**Don't talk about it!
Do something!**



SAC Minutes for December 2018

Opened at 10AM with pledge of allegiance. Board members present – Carmen Wallin, Lucille Mitton, Gail Pellitteri and Joyce Blackney. 7 residents were also there.

Secretary's report – Susan Smith – Absent

Treasurer report – Johanna Lauzon – Absent

Old Business:

50/50 will be allowed at the Christmas Party and Easter dinner. Tickets will be sold at 2 tables off to the side so as to not offend anyone's beliefs.

Newcomer's party cancelled. "Welcome To Sandalwood" packets are being prepared by Lucille Mitton and will be given to new residents as they move into the park.

November potluck was a success with lots of yummy food choices. Joyce Blackney and Lucille Mitton were thanked for their efforts in making our first potluck a hit.

New Business:

Decorations will be taken down on Jan 5, however, next season, a day other than Saturday will be chosen. It was decided that next year, we will decorate the Monday after Thanksgiving. Lucille Mitton, who heads the decorating committee, would like to see more volunteers come out to help next year. It's a lot of fun and free coffee and donuts too!

Also noted was the lack of Christmas lights at the park entrances. A discussion followed regarding who is responsible for decorating the bushes and trees. Several people planned to bring this up at the SPH meeting.

Gail Pellitteri is taking over the newsletter submissions from Joan Ellis.

It was decided that all big dinners will be catered so that everyone can enjoy the festivities.

Discussion as to whether we should have a "single ladies" table at our events. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

A rep from Our Mother's House may come by during a meeting to thank us for our support and inform us a little bit about their mission. We will look into that possibility.

Possible Super Bowl Party in Feb. A signup sheet will be put up to gauge interest in having one.

It was decided to add 1 free showcase ticket (pp) to the welcome packets.



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February 27, 2019

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To book your reservation you must call All Around Tours at 941-488-9393 and mention that you are with Sandalwood. The cost of the trip is \$75. Payment is due by 1/23/19 and can be made by Visa, Mastercard or check made out to All Around Tours. If you have questions, call group leader, Barbara Hinkle, at 304-642-6886. (Note: We must have a minimum of 40 people for trip to go.)

Website for AAT: www.allaroundbus.com or find them on Facebook. Tour books are available on the shelf in the Activity Room or by calling All Around Tours.



Potluck

This month's pot luck will be held on Saturday, January 26th - a sign up sheet will be posted. Please come and enjoy the wonderful array of foods our residents prepare. Besides a dish, bring your musical ears because Carmen will lead us in Name That Tune afterwards.



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SAC CALENDAR FOR 2019

JANUARY

2nd - SPH agenda-10:00
 4th - Showcase ticket sale-10:00
 5th - Take down decorations-9:30
 5th - Resident sign up for January potluck
 8th - SAC agenda-10:00
 9th - SPH board-10:00
 12th - Dance -7:00-10:00 – Bobby Holloway
 12th - Guest sign up for January potluck
 13th - John Wilson-1st Showcase-7:00
 14th - Trivia-6:30
 15th - SAC board & elections-10:00
 19th - Pancake breakfast-8:00-9:30
 19th - Resident sign up for Valentine dinner /dance
 26th - January potluck-5:30-6:00
 26th - Guest sign up for Valentine dinner/ dance
 27th - Gospel Sing-6:00
 28th - Trivia-6:30

FEBRUARY

2nd - Michigan/Ohio dinner
 2nd - Valentine dinner dance sign down
 5th - SAC agenda-10:00
 6th - SPH agenda-10:00
 9th - Valentine dinner/ dance-5:30-6:00
 10th - Christine George- 2nd Showcase-7:00
 11th - Trivia-6:30
 12th - SAC board-10:00
 13th - SPH board-10:00
 16th - Pancake breakfast 8:00-9:30
 22nd & 23rd - Bustin' with Bargains Sale
 23rd - Residents sign up for St. Patrick's Day dinner
 24th - Gospel Sing-6:00
 25th - Trivia-6:30

MARCH

2nd - New England dinner
 2nd - Guest sign up for St. Patrick's Day Dinner
 5th - SAC agenda-10:00
 6th - SPH agenda-10:00
 9th - Pancake breakfast-8:00-9:30
 9th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner sign down
 10th - Eric Kearns- 3rd- Showcase-7:00
 11th - Trivia-6:30
 12th - SAC board-10:00
 13th - SPH board-10:00
 16th - St. Patrick potluck & joke night 5:30-6:00
 17th - Venice Theatre - "42nd Street"- 2:00
 21st - Shuffleboard/Bocce party
 23rd - Picnic - Barb Moore
 24th - Gospel sing 6:00
 25th - Trivia 6:30
 31st - Snowbird Farewell 3:00
 31st- Resident sign up for Easter dinner

APRIL

2nd - SAC agenda-10:00
 3rd - SPH agenda-10:00
 6th - Dance-7:00-10:00
 7th- Guest sign up for Easter dinner
 8th - Trivia-6:30
 9th - SAC board-10:00
 10th - SPH board-10:00
 14th - Sign down for Easter dinner
 21st - Easter dinner-2:00
 22nd - Trivia – 6:30

MAY

4th - Derby

19th - Preakness

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER events will be announced and put on the calendar at a later date.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Huff & Puff-MWF 9:00
- Cards & Poker-Wed. 6:00
- Euchre- Thurs. 7:00-Jan.-April
- Bingo-Tues. & Fri. 6:30
- SCC-Thurs. 9:00-11:00-Jan-April
- Shuffleboard Mon. & Fri. Jan.-March
- Bocce- Tues, Wed & Thurs. Jan- March
- Mah Jongg-Mon. 1:00
- Tuesday lunches-12:30
- Line dancing-Thurs.-6:30
- Trivia 2nd and 4th Monday Nov-Apr 6:30
- Cardio-M-F -8:00
- Water aerobics-Mon & Wed-10:00-Jan-March

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Jealousy at Lunch

By Karen Post

My friend, Ann, and I were having lunch. The hostess seated us in an almost empty section, yet a young couple were at the table next to us. I was looking at the woman, and Ann was facing the man.

Our waiter took our order, brought drinks, and we were chatting. Then that lull. During this lull I heard the voice of the woman at the next table. She had that nasally, whiny grating pitch of a voice.

I couldn't focus on anything but her voice.

Ann had to speak a few times just to get my attention. I was straining to keep involved in our casual conversation, and this grating voice kept jerking my attention away from what I wanted to focus on.

After listening to the young woman whine about her son's recent test, his teacher's lack of ability, and his coach's unwillingness, I was getting annoyed that all I could focus on was this whiny negative person.

I was at lunch with my dear friend, who I adore spending time with, and this stranger has hijacked my attention.

I asked Ann, "Does this woman next to you distract you?"

Ann looked at me blankly. Then asked, "Who?"

"The lady at the next table who is complaining about everyone," I said.

Ann chuckled, "She is sitting behind me. I have my hearing aids set to listen to people right in front of me. When the waiter came to take our order, I had to turn and face him directly. I can't read the menu and hear him at the same time."

This was the first time that I was truly jealous of my friends who wear hearing aids. Ann can purposefully tune out annoying people.

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JANUARY 2019						
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		SAC agenda	SPH board			Dance-Bobby Holloway
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Showcase-John Wilson	Trivia	SAC Board & Elections				Pancake breakfast Resident sign up for Valentine dinner/dance
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
						Potluck Guest sign up for Valentine dinner/dance
27	28	29	30	31		
Gospel Sing	Trivia					
WEEKLY EVENTS						
	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Mah Jongg 1:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Tuesday lunch 12:30pm Bingo 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Cards & Poker 6:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Line Dancing 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff & Puff 9:00am Bingo 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am



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