

Sandalwood Park News *January 2023*



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.
Venice, Florida

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Cabaret

Something New At Sandalwood

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

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

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

60's/70's Dance



Although SAC is still working on our planned activities for the upcoming season, we are all set for a 60's/70's dance party on Saturday, January 14, 7:00-9:30. These were awesome decades for dance music and our DJ will play songs that will make you say, "I used to love this song!". Dress the part, (or not), just be sure to make the scene for a funky good time. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door but please sign up on the bulletin board. Don't forget to shake your booty up the the 50/50 table. This is a BYOB and table snacks to share event.





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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



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The SAC Board of Directors has the responsibility to plan, coordinate and implement our many activities and events.

Contact any board member with your suggestions, we will gladly look into it.

AMENITIES AT SANDALWOOD PARK

Office The office is open for business 9 am – noon

Board Meetings are held each month from November through April. SAC meets every second Tuesday, SPH meets every second Wednesday.

Shareholders Annual Meeting is always the third Thursday of January at 2pm

Maintenance Fees are due the 1st of January, April, July and October. It is encouraged to use automatic pay. (Please see the office for a form). If you are not on automatic pay, you should have a coupon book for your payments. If you have misplaced your coupon book, please mail payments to:

Sandalwood Park HOA
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
PO Box 30439, Tampa, FL 33630
Checks should be made out to. Sandalwood Park HOA

Newsletters are distributed the first week of each month. Volunteers distribute from January through April. May through December the newsletters can be picked up at the clubhouse. The newsletter is also on our web-site.

Directories One directory per household is available in the office.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY AND NEWSLETTER

Trash and Recycling are on Thursdays.....Fridays if there is a holiday during that week

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Clubhouse is open to all shareholders. Should the office be closed, use your key. Unless open for an event, please do not access the clubhouse between the hours of 10pm and 6am. Your key to access the clubhouse also gives you access to the back gate on Pinebrook Road.

Laundry There are two washers and two dryers available at a cost of \$1.75 per machine and may be used by renters/visitors. We also have clotheslines should you prefer air drying.

Bocce & Shuffleboard equipment is located in the small shed near the shuffleboard courts. Keys to the shed are located in the exercise room and are hanging above the light switch.

CHANNEL 195 The park's communication channel for the most current information and activities in the park.

Website Sandalwoodpark.com

Mowing Lawns are mowed every other week during the winter months. Every week as the weather warms and the grass grows faster.

Plantings All new plantings must be submitted for approval.

Air pump is located by the shed near the putting green.



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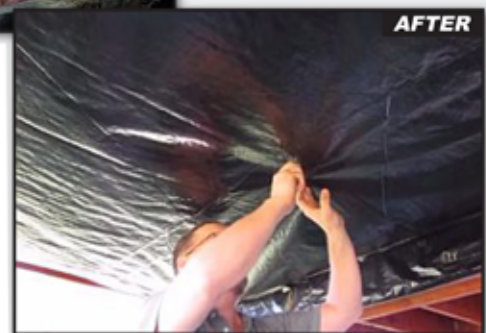
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Sandalwood Upcoming Activities

JANUARY

- 02nd Take Down Decorations – 9:00
 03rd Box Office - 10:00-12:00
 Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
 03rd SAC Agenda Meeting – 10:00
 04th SPH Agenda Meeting – 10:00
 05th Box Office – 2:00-4:00
 Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
 09th Trivia – 6:30
 10th SAC Board Meeting – 10:00
 10th Box Office – 10:00-12:00
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 Cabaret – Jason Newcomb
 14th 60's/70's Dance – 7:00
 17th Box Office - 10:00-12:00
 Valentine's Day Party
 19th Box Office - 2:00-4:00
 Valentine's Day Party
 19th Annual Meeting – 2:00
 21st Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30
 21st MI/OH Pot Luck – 5:00
 23rd Trivia – 6:30
 24th Box Office - 10:00-12:00
 Valentine's Day Party
 26th Box Office - 2:00-4:00
 Valentine's Day Party
 26th Cabaret – Jason Newcomb 7:00
 28th Pot Luck & Name That Tune - 5:30
 31st Box Office 10:00-12:00
 Cabaret - Jimmy Mazz

FEBRUARY

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 11th Valentine's Day Party – 5:30/6:00
 13th Trivia – 6:30
 14th SAC Meeting – 10:00
 15th Craft Show – TBA
 18th Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30
 19th Cabaret - Jimmy Mazz – 7:00
 24th Resident Presale – 4:30-6:00
 25th Parkwide Yard Sale – 8:00-1:00
 27th Trivia – 6:30
 28th Box Office – 10:00-12:00
 St Patrick's Day Party

DONATION SHED

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

Cleaning Up Cortina

Many thanks to Vic Pellitteri and Sue Alvis for spearheading the final cleanup of Cortina. Sue texted a few people and before you know it, many of our residents came out to help with the effort. Thank you all, Cortina looks terrific!

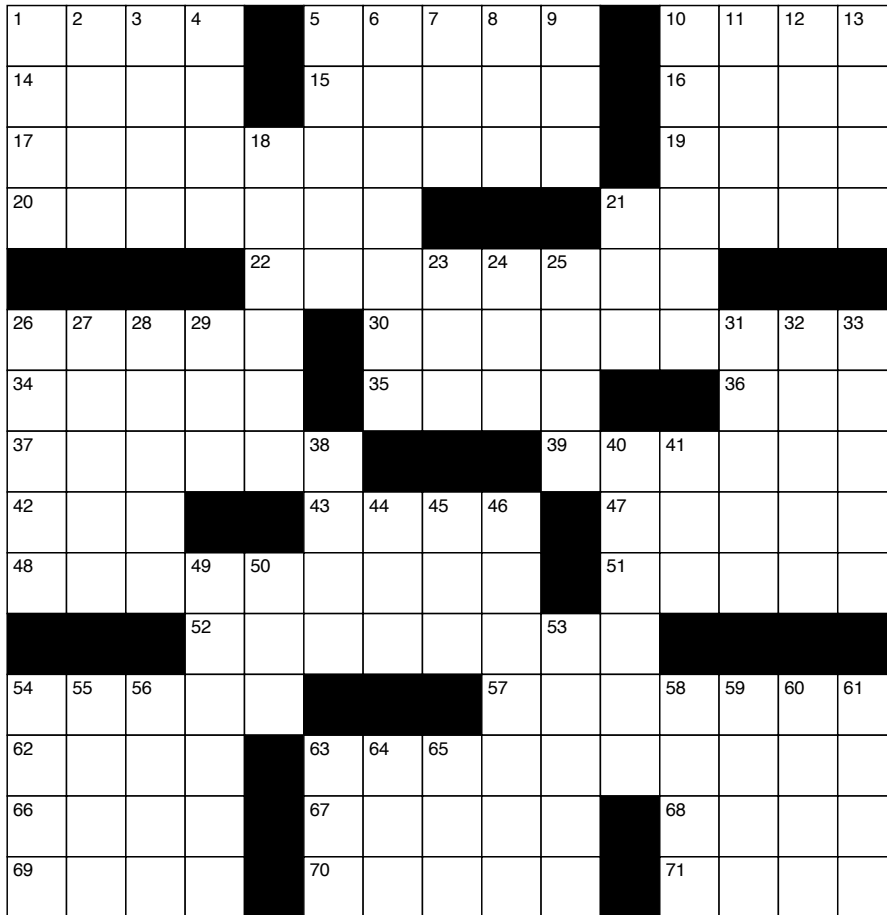
SANDALWOOD WEBSITE

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.sandalwood park.com

JANUARY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword #W8PN97S6



Down

- One of three literary bears
- "You don't get ____ all!"
- "____ seems"
- Letters for Spock
- Sports trainer
- Wilder classic
- 502, to Flavius
- 1977 Steely Dan hit album
- Francisco may follow it
- Gilbert and Sullivan operetta, with "The"
- Congressional Black Caucus, e.g.
- "This should come ____ surprise..."
- Swedish make
- Prison employee
- Senator type (abbr.)
- Mideast federation (abbr.)
- Taxpayer's ID
- Moby Dick mariner
- Army uniform material
- Great Lake
- Military doctor
- Adam's mate
- Old Dodges
- Remote control buttons
- Hair arrangement
- Lake ____, Blue Nile source
- Propelling a scull
- Montevideo's land (abbr.)
- Buck Rogers actor ____ Gerard
- Supped
- Dorm buds
- Peter of "My Favorite Year"
- Obtain
- Nursery V.I.P.
- Scripts
- Flemish painter Jan van ____
- Tricky maneuver
- Way, way off
- Kind of dancer
- Discord deity
- Jeans label from Donna
- Day, in Düsseldorf
- Chant at the Olympics
- Brit. med. syst.

Across

- Unclassified items, briefly
- Closings in scores
- Execs' degs.
- Molecule part
- Mystical board
- "Casablanca" love
- Robin Hood's love
- Hawaiian coffee
- Magnetize
- Ghostly visitor to Ebenezer
- Grand
- Official language of Cambodia
- W.C.'s
- Egg, to Eduardo
- "99 Red Balloons" singer
- Ancient Egy. mother goddess
- Fervent
- Bligh's craft
- Kyoto carp
- Seaweed extract
- Shakespearean sprite

- Costumed
- Charlotte ____ (rich dessert)
- "Spanglish" actress
- Transplant, as a plant
- Was the boss
- Phone lead-in
- Pitch finder
- Modern sci. course
- Blanched
- Opposed to, in backwoods lingo
- Scottish island
- Full of idle talk
- Full of promise

(solution on page 13)

Crafts And Chit Chat

SAC is looking to form a craft and chit chat get together on a weekly basis starting January 4th. If you knit, crochet, paint or do other crafts, come to the Sandpiper room on Wednesdays at 1:00 to meet with your fellow crafters. Get to know each other, trade tips and work on your project in this fun hour of crafting comradery.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

SAC is pleased to announce that Jimmy Mazz will be performing at our second Cabaret on Sunday Feb 19th at 7:00. He's promised a brand new show and anyone who saw last year's act knows how terrific he is. Tickets are \$12.50 pp and can be purchased at the Box Office on Tuesday, Jan 31st and Feb 7th 10:00-12:00 and Thursday, Feb 2nd and 9th 2:00-4:00.

TICKET SALES



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

Buy For One, Buy For All

Since we have several events within a short time span, tickets for the Cabarets and Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance may be purchased at the same time. Box Office hours are posted in the newsletter and 195. **Tickets for different events must be paid separately.**

Day Tripper, Yeah

There is so much to see and do in this area, but like most "locals", we don't bother to be tourists. Well, maybe we should - if only to get out of the house for a few hours and see something new. SAC would like to organize day trips starting this month. We're looking for suggestions to get a group together and do some touristy things; Selby Gardens, Edison's house, and Mote aquarium are just a few places to consider. Of course, we will have our annual trip to Pirates's Cove miniature golf later this season. Carpooling is always available. Please come to our meetings and let us know your ideas.

Movie Matinees



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

LET'S DO LUNCH!

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

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GET YOUR MOTOR RUNNING

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

Arts and Crafts Exhibit

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

F.Y.I.

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

Looking For A Few Good Men/Women

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

**HAVE YOU
REVIEWED
CHANNEL 195
LATELY?**

Michigan/Ohio Pot Luck



Sue Alvis will be hosting a pot luck on January 21 at 5:00 for our residents from Michigan and Ohio. Everyone from these states will be contacted by Sue at a later date. Don't forget to mark your calendar for this fun two-state get together.

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LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE ACTIVITIES BOARD

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

TRIVIA IS BACK

Trivia fans, mark your calendar for the second and fourth Monday of each month starting January 9th at 6:30. Admission is 1.00 at the door with all proceeds going to the winning tables(s). So come and join a team of your friends and neighbors and test your knowledge on a variety of subjects.



Pot Luck

Our first pot luck of the season will be on Saturday, January 28 at 5:30/6:00. SAC will now be providing meat at all our pot lucks. After enjoying the many wonderful dishes prepared by our residents, Carmen will be leading everyone in the game of Name That Tune. Please sign up on the bulletin board and indicate what type of dish you'll bring. Do not bring serving utensils, we have plenty (many belong to you from past events).







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 ODDS OF TWO SERIAL
 KILLERS BEING IN
 THE SAME CAR WERE
 EXTREMELY UNLIKELY.

Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

Our celebration of that little guy with the bow and arrows will be held on Saturday, February 11th 5:30/6:00. SAC has a lovely evening planned for you. Along with a fully catered meal (TBA), you can work that full belly off with the music of Hot Mix, a group that's performed for us several times and is always a hit.

Tickets are \$17.50 pp and can be purchased at the box office on Tuesday, January 17th and 24th from 10:00-12:00 and Thursday, January 19th and 26th from 2:00-4:00.

Pancake Breakfast

Tony Ellis and his "Breakfast Crew" will once again man the griddle to make a wonderful breakfast from 8:00-9:30. Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, OJ and coffee are on the menu. Due to inflation, the tickets now cost \$4.00 and can be purchased at the door. Full breakfast for \$4.00-what a bargain! Mark your calendar for January 21st, February 18th and March 11 to come and enjoy these morning feasts.



"How Italian is this tree?"



Inflation Affects Everyone

New prices for 2023

Anyone who goes food shopping knows the sticker shock when the register is totaled. Most of us think, "how did I spend so much?" Well, caterers have the same problem and the prices charged for our catered dinners have increased. Unfortunately, SAC must raise our prices to reflect these pricier times. Starting 2023, prices for dinners will go up a mere \$2.50 per ticket. Thanksgiving dinner will be \$15.00 and dinner dances will increase to \$17.50. Dances and Cabaret tickets will remain the same. We hope you understand and will continue to support SAC events.

LOOKING FOR ME?

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



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



PROCEDURE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER

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:

Gail Pellitteri
 gbpell@yahoo.com
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The reason I don't eat everybody's cooking. The reason I'm not a fan of potlucks.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

On Wednesday, January 11th, we will be holding a Meet and Greet for the candidates that are running for a position on the Sandalwood Board of Directors. Each candidate will introduce themselves and give a summary of their qualifications and experience; you will also be able to ask questions. This informative session will begin immediately after the monthly meeting which begins at 10:00. Voting will take place at the annual shareholders meeting on January 19th at 2:00.



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22	23 Trivia – 6:30	24 Box Office - 10:00-12:00 Valentine's Day Party	25	26 Box Office - 2:00-4:00 Valentine's Day Party Cabaret – Jason Newcomb 7:00	27	28 Pot Luck & Name That Tune
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WEEKLY EVENTS						
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Really Cool Gadget

By Karen Post

Do you know how cool your hearing aids are? I mean really, really cool.

This is the coolest gadget you can wear. It not only helps you listen to the people in your life, it also listens for you. It hears the hum of the AC in your car and softens this noise. It listens for the wind and takes that noise away. It listens for voices and amplifies them, so you hear the people around you.

The new "smart" hearing aids determine sound quality in the room you are in and provide automatic adjustments. If you are in a small room and adjust the volume for louder sound, your hearing aid will remember this. After a few times of this same action on your part, your hearing aid will automatically provide sounds at the louder volume in these settings.

Imagine you drive to our office to see Blair. While you are in your car, your hearing aid is using a program to soften mechanical sounds and amplify voices. As you step out of your car and the wind tousles your shirt, your hearing aid switches to a program that removes noise caused by wind. Then when you entered our office and the doorbell dings, your hearing aids change to its primary program and began looking for voices to amplify.

When you walk down the hallway and step into Blair's office, your hearing aid switches again to decrease any echo sounds that occur in smaller areas. As I mentioned in the beginning of this article, if you repeatedly upped the volume in smaller areas, your hearing aid will automatically increase the volume to your preference.

Overtime, this hearing aid learns what you prefer in different settings and will help you hear without having to fiddle with buttons.

This little device that hangs on your ear all day listens intently, to give you the sounds you want and squash the sounds you don't want, so you hear clearly in conversations.

If you are interested in trying a really cool smart hearing aid that works to help you hear better in any situation, call for a free demo.



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