# Sandalwood Park News

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From the President

In 18 years in residence at Sandalwood, I have never been in the Park in June, July, August or September. Therefore, I do not know if or how the anniversary of our country's founding is celebrated in the park.

In Lincolnville Maine, Pat and I usually host a golf tournament for a bunch of friends, some are good golfers and some are not, but all have fun, and no one really cares about the scores. Then we all gather



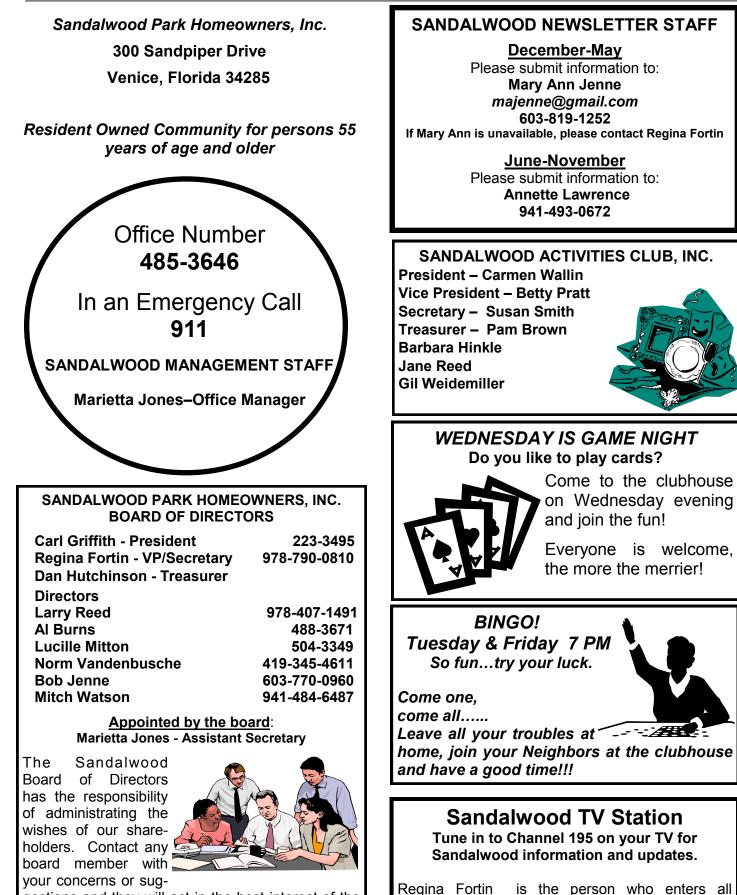


at my cottage on a small lake for a cook-out and some adult beverages. Occasionally we get a pile of lobsters, clams and corn on the cob for a clam-bake (it's not really a bake because all those items are steamed in salt water).

After dark, because the state of Maine, as of last year, thinks we are responsible enough to handle it, we can have real fireworks (mortars, rockets etc. not just sparklers etc.) just like adults, which we launch from our swim float, alternating with other residences along the shore.

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gestions and they will act in the best interest of the park. Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to ssbngator@hotmail.com.

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materials for the station.

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#### Presidents message continued from page 1

I hope you all (Y'all) have an enjoyable and safe 4th of July holiday.

I have photos of the new signs and the plantings, and they look great! Once the new plants mature, and with the help of the irrigation system, the colors should be spectacular.

The Bocce courts are coming along and will be a good addition to the facilities of the park.

Continuing last month's theme, all of the projects now underway in the Park were put in place before the summer break by the Board, along with the needed maintenance items. There are committees working on gathering information on several projects requested by members during the past year, but these have not been approved by the Board, nor were the funds approved for their inclusion. Just looking at the number of documents I have signed, home and share sales continue to be active. It appears we could sell every home in the Park if they were available. I'm not suggesting anyone should leave - where would you find a Park as nice and well situated as Sandalwood? If you look at our latest financials, along with how well it's been run for the last 18 years, you just won't find a park anywhere better than ours.

There have been a lot of volunteers, both as Board members and others, that have made that happen.

Everyone enjoy the summer, and plan on being thrilled with the changes in the Park's appearance when returning in the fall.

Carl Griffith





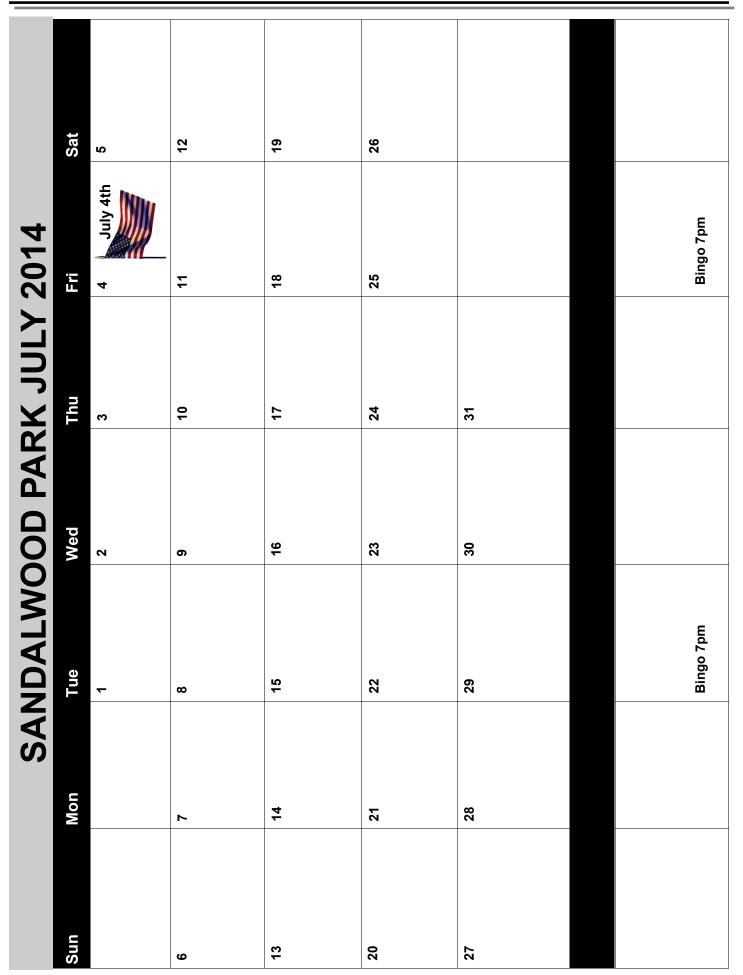
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Regina Fortin

## **Belmont Races**

A great time was had by all at the Belmont Stakes, including a dancing chorus line while everyone sang along to "New York, New York".

On behalf of everyone at Sandalwood, a Big "THANK YOU" goes out to Janet and Rich Wnek along with their team, Tony and Louise Maldonato, Lois Cottrill, Pat and Judy McLochlin for all the work they put into making these events happen.

Also, thank you Janet for the wonderful homemade cupcakes.

# 2014 Preakness & Belmont Races

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the Preakness was held with 45 people in attendance. There were 66 winning tickets paying \$6 each. Sub sandwiches from Publix with potato salad, chips and cupcakes were served.

Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> the Belmont running for the Triple Crown had 48 people in attendance, with 25 winning tickets paying \$20 each. A KFC dinner box with cupcakes was the menu served.

Alice Fitzpatrick led us in a rousing rendition of New York, New York accompanied by a chorus line of Sandalwood and Venice Isle fillies.

Again, I want to thank my committee members, Alice Fitzpatrick, Tony & Louise Maldonato, Lois Cottrill, Pat & Judy McLochlin, Regina Fortin and Janet Wnek.

Rich Wnek



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