

Sandalwood Park News *July / August 2022*



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Venice, Florida

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July 4th Picnic

Our annual Fourth of July picnic will be held on Monday, July 4th (when else?) at 12:00. SAC will provide grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings as well as a cold beverage. We are asking that you bring some picnic-type sides and a few desserts to round out the menu.

Please sign up on the bulletin board by June 30th and indicate what you'll bring so we don't have too many duplicate dishes. As always, there is no charge for residents but non-residents are being asked for a \$5.00 cover charge. Don't forget to bring small bills for the 50/50. So, come and celebrate the red, white and blue with your friends and neighbors. See you on the 4th!





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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.

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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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Sandalwood Upcoming Activities

JULY

04th July 4th picnic – 12:00

AUGUST

21st Theater – 3:00

BOCCE COORDINATER NEEDED

We are looking for a computer-minded (and bocce player?) person to organize the Bocce games. There are several downloads on the computer to help create a spreadsheet. Please contact Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 if interested.

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

Movie Matinees



In an effort to come up with things to do during the summer months, 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. You can either get there on your own or carpool, leaving from the clubhouse 20 minutes before the movie starts. Call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 if you need a lift. So, get out of the house for a few hours and catch a movie with us. See you at the concession stand!

Venice Performing Arts Center

SAC is planning an outing to VPAC on Sunday, August 21st at 3:00 to see **ASSISTED LIVING: THE TALES GRANNY WILL NEVER TELL**. If you’ve ever seen the original Assisted Living, you know how funny it is. If you haven’t, here’s your chance to laugh at getting older. Tickets are \$38.00 (\$34.00 + \$4.00 fee), however, 10 or more gets us a discount, which I’m trying to find out what that is. Sign up on the bulletin board, tickets must be paid for by July 20th. As always, transportation will be provided if needed.

We are also planning to see **THE RAT PACK TRIBUTE** on Sunday, November 20th, but more about that later.



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HAVE YOU REVIEWED CHANNEL 195 LATELY?

HURRICANE TIME

As much as we don't like to think about it, this is Hurricane Season in Florida which runs from May 15th until November 30th. Your Safety Committee has plans that must take place should Sandalwood Park face a weather event. A copy of the *Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness* booklet was distributed to homes during the Spring of 2018. This booklet contains some very important information that you should be aware of. Please do not wait to read the booklet the day before a storm happens; become familiar with it now. If you do not have a copy, please contact the office.

Over the summer months, your Safety Committee will be publishing some suggestions and reminding you of regulations that you need to keep in mind during this season. The first is regulation 3.12 listed below:

3.12 Any resident who will be away for 7 days or more during hurricane season, May 15th through November 30th, or is evacuating because of a hurricane, must stow away all outdoor objects not securely attached to a permanent structure or anchored into the ground. All closable shutters and awnings must be closed and secured as they are often ripped off during high winds. Remember, when you leave, don't store all your patio furniture, bikes, decorations, etc. on your screened lanai. Those rooms have a habit of disappearing during high winds. If that happens, all stored items will become projectiles. Items need to be stored inside your home or shed. Don't forget, there are also plenty of storage facilities in the immediate area.

The 2nd item that needs to be reaffirmed is the notice found on the back of the *Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness* booklet and is posted on the entrance doors of the clubhouse. It states:

The clubhouse is not a certified shelter

Use of the clubhouse during severe or extreme weather conditions is done at your own risk.

While the Sandalwood Safety Committee strongly encourages residents to follow county and state evacuation orders, we do understand that not all residents will evacuate and will elect to seek refuge in the clubhouse. During and after a storm, the clubhouse will be used as an oasis. As happened following Hurricane Irma, the park could be without power for an extended period of time. The clubhouse is generator powered and will be able to provide air conditioning, refrigeration, cooking facilities, internet and cable TV for Sandalwood residents without utilities post-event

Please keep in mind you could be using the clubhouse as "home" for 5 days or more. This includes eating, resting and sleeping overnight. Also, keep in mind that you will be sharing the facility with other residents. Those individuals with special dietary needs or power dependent equipment **must** make special arrangements with Sarasota

County's Special Needs Registry. **The Sarasota County Special Needs Application** forms are available in the Sandalwood office or on the Sarasota County website. **You must apply for this service in advance.** If you need assistance with completing the forms and registering, contact the office, the Safety Committee will assist you. This must be done now, not when a weather event is pending.

It is critical that you maintain an accurate up-to-date list of your current medications. You should ready a two-week supply of prescription drugs with instructions for their use and a full description of the drug. Don't forget to bring non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, antacids and anti-diarrhea medication. Listed below are the suggested medical supplies taken from the Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness booklet

- Dentures and cleaning solutions
- Extra eyeglasses/contacts and cleaning solutions
- Hearing aids and extra batteries
- Medical support equipment, CPAP, canes/walkers, oxygen supplies
- Incontinence supplies
- Name, phone number, address of doctors, pharmacists, and caregivers
- Written instructions regarding your medical care
- Phone numbers of family, emergency contacts and friends

Also remember that not all people sleep at the same time. While every effort will be made to accommodate everyone, some lights may be left on and activity happening well into the night. Ear plugs to deaden sound and sleep masks to eliminate light are also suggested. During the weather event, the clubhouse will be **pet friendly**. Pets should have a carrier as well as a 6' leash. Pets will only be allowed in the Activities Room and must always be under your control. Do not forget to bring food and any medication that might be needed for your pet(s). Litter boxes, pee pads and cleaning supplies for accidents are also required.

You should also put together a "**GO BOX**" which contains copies of your important documents. This includes passports, insurance documents-both life and property, deeds, wills, living wills, and emergency contact information, etc. If it looks like a hurricane will be coming our way, an organizational meeting will be held to discuss food, water, etc. that you should plan on bringing. These meetings will be mandatory if you plan on staying in the park during a hurricane. We, the Board, and the Safety Committee, want to know who is here. If you elect to leave the park during the storm, please let the office know.

The best information is to be prepared now, not when an event happens. Please read your *Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness* booklet. If you have any questions, you can contact any member of the Board or the Safety Committee.



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As a company, we want your business and there is no need for any contact if you so choose. Our business is deemed an "Essential Business" and we are here for you when you need us. You can schedule your inspection by calling 1-800-681-3772.

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The generosity of Sandalwood residents to Our Mother's House throughout the season, has been a blessing to the young moms and their babies. They are looking forward to our continuing support throughout the summer.

A list of needed items is on 195 as well as the desk in the Activities Room.

Items should be placed in the Activities Room; our liaison, Sue Alvis, will pick up and deliver your donations at the end of each month.

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.

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.

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President's Corner

June 14, 2022

The board members and committees are caring for the ongoing needs of the park property, the maintenance of the park buildings, and projects that have been underway for several months. We have been interviewing for a maintenance staff person as applications have slowed to a trickle. The increase in the price of gasoline diminished the applicants further as many cannot afford the increase in the cost to commute any distance. We did recently interview a gentleman from Bay Indies who has experience in handyman services, construction and is a retired electrician (not licensed in FL). He has been offered the job and is going through the process through Lighthouse for hiring and needs to give his current employer two weeks' notice. We are hoping to have him on board before the end of June.

The back gate project continues, Comcast did come and relocate the cable to where it needed to be, and we finally have an electrician to run the needed electrical work and install the NEMA box so that ADT and Anchor Gate can come in to install their part. I had hoped to have a date from the electrician for the scheduled work to be done prior to this newsletter but unfortunately that did not happen. I continue to believe that this project will be completed before the return of snowbirds this fall!

The Maintenance committee has been seeking bids for routine pool maintenance as you have probably seen in the minutes from May 18th meeting that the cost from Galaxy has increased. We are looking to compare cost to get the best service possible for the best price.

Landscape committee has been continuing to monitor the irrigation system and to look for options to provide irrigation to the plants in the back of the clubhouse that have not had any irrigation. They are also working with Greenscape to try to improve the Verbena that line Cortina Rd. The plants inside the pool fence that were cut back by Greenscape are beginning to flourish.

The ARC committee has had a few requests for home improvements to be done and have been checking out the requests and reporting their recommendations.

The Compliance committee continues to do their monthly checks and semi-monthly follow up checks. They have asked that the shareholders be reminded that when you (or your caretaker) remove weeds in driveways and walkways, the areas where the driveway/walkways meet the road are to be cleared of weeds also.

The Finance committee is continuing to review the Reserve Study that was completed last fall. They are comparing the findings with the moneys in our Reserve Funds to make sure we are on target to avoid the need for any special assessments to the shareholders. They will

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also be working to review and plan the budget for 2023.

Thank you to all the committee members who have been working so hard over this summer to stay on top of things in the park.

The county has not done the repairs and painting of the wall along Pinebrook nor has FPL repaired the short to the streetlight in the northeast corner of the park. Calls to both continue to be made on a regular basis in an attempt to have this work completed. It is turning into a long waiting period!

This month's two rules we are reviewing pertain to registration of guests and the registration of pets. Please read these sections of the rules in their entirety. We are highlighting the following:

V. Guests, Renters, or Tenants

5.1 All overnight guests are to be registered in the office upon or prior to their arrival.

VI. Pets and Animals

6.6 All Pets must be registered with the park office. This is to include a picture of the pet, the pets' name, owners name, and contact information. Sarasota County requires all pets have current vaccinations and license. Information must be updated in the office yearly.

Thank you for your consideration of others by following our park rules.

Teresa Hutter

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YOUR NEIGHBORS,
DO NOT WALK THROUGH
THEIR PROPERTY.**

Arts and Crafts Exhibit and Sale



Due to COVID our Arts and Crafts Exhibit has been on hold for two years. I am hoping to get it up and running again for next year, making it an afternoon event in the Sandpiper Room. Details, including a date, still need to be worked out. Please let me know if you might be interested in participating as an exhibitor. Selling your art or craft is not a prerequisite. It is primarily showcasing the talents of our residents, although several sales were made two years ago. I can be reached at 508-240-8526 (phone or text) or by email, susansmith6699@gmail.com.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**May 18, 2022**

A Special Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for 10:00AM on May 18, 2022, in the Sandpiper Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:05AM by the President, Ms. Hutter. Notice of the meeting was posted on the property prior to the meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statute.

The following Directors were in attendance:

Janet Wnek Larry Reed Teresa Hutter Dave Le Monier
Wayne Jones Barbara Moore* Butch Greene*

A Quorum was determined to be present. (*) indicates attendance via speaker phone and/or Zoom.

UNDER THE HEADING OF READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Jones to approve the prior meetings minutes, and it was: **VOTED 22-28:** to approve the April 13, 2022 Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. LeMonier and seconded by Mr. Jones:

VOTED 22-29: to approve the April 18, 2022 Special Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARC: Three requests received; 537 – expanding lanai, 468 – repainting their home, 555 – request placement of new home on their lot. All were recommended for approval by the Committee. A motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Jones:

VOTED 22-30: to approve the three ARC applications as submitted and recommended by the Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Landscaping: There is an issue with the irrigation system on the back side of the clubhouse. Dave's Sprinklers will be contacted to fix.

UNDER THE HEADING OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Electrician for back gate, increase in cost of project: Last year the Board voted to spend \$8,000 out of the Reserves for this project. New information has been received and the total cost of the project will be closer to \$16,000. The Board agreed that due to misleading information received last year they would not have voted to do this

project. The Association is already approximately \$6,000 into the project and contracts have been signed. After some discussion, the Board agreed to continue with the project. A motion was made by Mr. Reed and seconded by Mr. Jones: **VOTED 22-31:** to approve another \$8,000 to complete the back gate project. The funds will be taken from the Operating Account and applied against surplus. The motion passed unanimously.

ADT ordered NEMA box, increase in cost of project. Cost of box is \$1,000 and was motioned for approval 22-31.

Anchor Gate to install car reader upgrade. Cost is \$5,050 and was motioned for approval 22-31.

UNDER THE HEADING OF NEW BUSINESS:

Pool service: Galaxy contract is going to \$450 a month and they have not been providing good service. We will get other bids to compare.

Policy for collections review: The policy was reviewed, and the terms of collections goes along with our Documents. The Board would like to edit the part about sending to the attorney automatically. A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Greene:

VOTED 22-32: to approve the collection policy as amended with the President and Treasurer giving approval to send an account to attorney for collection.

Home at 564 status: The homeowner recently passed away and we were notified that a paper was left stating that the Park could have possession of the home. This letter was signed but not notarized. The President would like permission to have the Association's attorney reach out to the family to find out what their intentions are for the home. The Board agreed to have this call made.

Input from Shareholders: Parcel next to park will be paying their share of the road assessment.

The next Board Meeting Date is Wednesday, November 9, 2022 at 10AM.

With no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made by and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:10AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Tricia Gwinn, CAM

Dated this 19th day of May 2022.

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