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Venice, Florida

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Letter From The President

Here we are, June already!

Sandalwood has been busy.

Lighthouse Property Management started on May 1st. All seems to be running smoothly. A letter of introduction was sent out to all residents of Sandalwood Park. Should your mail get crossed in the trip up north, do not worry. Valerie will be in the office Monday thru Friday, 9am – noon to answer any questions you may have.

A couple points made in the letter:

Their main office is located at 16 Church St., Osprey, Florida, 34229.

The Venice office telephone number is (941) 412-1666 .

The hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Mon thru Fri.

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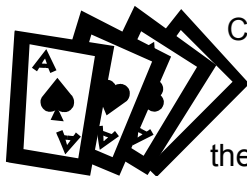
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Editor information is on page two.

Thanks!

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!!!

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The Lighthouse Professional TEAM to service Sandalwood is:

- | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Hope Korte | Property Manager |
| Valerie Emery | Onsite Office Assistant |
| Janet Armstrong | Administrative Assistant |
| Natalie Lipkan | Accounts Payable |
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The official transition was on May 1, 2015.

Until Further Notice, all maintenance fees should be made payable to:

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Please send payment to:

**Sandalwood Park Homeowners Inc.,
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
16 Church Street Osprey, Florida, 34229.**

MAINTENANCE FEES ARE DUE JULY 1

Our road sealing was completed on time and everything looks great.

Sandra and Joe Marsocci delivered the scheduling map for the roads to everyone still here in the Park. This made it much easier for everyone to know when their area was being done.

Thank You Sandra and Joe!

Sincerely,

Regina Fortin



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Life in Lee's eyes....



Anyone who has ever gone to a ball game, a concert, a parade or spent a long time in a shopping mall knows that sooner or later rest room directions are the most important factor in life. Sometimes medical problems present the same need. A person cannot ignore Mother Nature nor medical science. Planning head is a virtue.

Most of the people who attended President Obama's inauguration probably were not suffering from a medical diagnosis but they certainly were suffering from the demands of nature. How many hours can millions of people control their natural body pressures? Event planners contracted for thousands of portable rest room facilities. That was an intelligent decision, but what did it do to the prestige of the site?

Washington D.C. is a beautiful city. The buildings and monuments are as young people today say, awesome. It is unfortunate that the streets and byways had to be lined with outhouses. If my memory is correct outhouses years ago had two functions. The most important one was to provide entertainment at Halloween by tipping them over...when occupied preferably. It is doubtful that that happened to the inaugural outhouses. Security is very tight these days.

According to news articles some very rich people spent \$50,000 dollars to attend some very rich people parties and a place to sit and watch the swearing in ceremony. It probably is safe to say that those people had their own private gold-plated port-a-pottys with some kind of privacy features. You couldn't expect the celebrity crowd to function like common folk. Their body systems are probably arranged differently.

You could see that ordinary people were really enjoying the program even when they were squirming on their fold yup chairs. Their glassy eyes look must have been caused by emotion but how many do you think were wishing they had worn something else?... "Depends?"

When Andrew Jackson was inaugurated his rowdy friend ran through the White House drinking moonshine and using available outside trees as their relief site. That was the ladies. Men didn't bother looking for trees. That "change" was certainly needed. During Grover Cleveland's presidential bid his critics accused him of fathering an illegitimate child. They taunted him with the slogan "Momma Where's my Pa?" Cleveland, of course, won the election and went on to Washington. He and his supporters had the last laugh. His campaign staff couldn't resist changing the critics slogan "Momma Where's my Pa?...Gone to Washington, Ha, Ha, Ha." Cleveland's followers were not rowdy at his inauguration but unimpressed with today's political correctness.

It's interesting the way former adversaries seem to become bosom buddies after an election. When the Bushes and the Obama's left the White House for the ride to the capitol one would think they were all going to a Lamaze class together.

The inaugural address was historical and outstanding. The fact that a black man is now president of a country that at one time bought and sold black people on the auction block is stunning.

My forefathers would certainly be inspired by these current events. Maybe someday a man or woman of Scandinavian descent will have a chance at being president and will serve lutefisk and absolute vodka at State Dinners. We have several grandchildren and a great grandson who will be eligible.

I wonder how much a Senate seat will sell for twenty-five or thirty years from now.



Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

And then there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it - Dad.

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Run For the Roses



Sixty-nine racing fans gathered in the Sandalwood Room to watch America Pharaoh win the Kentucky Derby.

Several people brought snacks and mint juleps to enjoy while they intensely studied their racing forms. Delicious sub sandwiches were served and luck ran high with sixty-three winning bets.

Thank you to Rich and Janet Wnek, Pat and Judy McLochlin, Tony and Louise Maldonato, Lois Cottrill and Alice Fitzpatrick for putting together such a great event!

Check the bulletin board for information on the Belmont Stakes Party, Saturday, June 6th



Venice Train Depot



The Seaboard Air Line (SAL) was the first railroad to expand its network into Sarasota County, Florida, extending tracks first to Sarasota in 1903 and Fruitville in 1905. The SAL extended their network into Venice in 1911, at the instigation of Mrs. Potter Palmer, whose family had just purchased thousands of acres adjacent to the Venice area. The first depot in Venice was located originally at the junction of what is now Tampa and Nokomis Avenues.

For a town as small as Venice was, the train station was huge, boasting a 400-foot-long platform, baggage and freight rooms, a prominent tower and extensive arcades spanning the length of the platform. The total cost of the depot was \$47,500. It opened for service in March, 1927.

The Venice Seaboard Air Line Depot became an important point of transit for the city over the next forty-five years. It was served by great SCL trains such as the *Camellia* and the *Orange Blossom Special*. The station regularly welcomed students and faculty from the Kentucky Military Institute. Once the Army established an air base in Venice in 1942, it became the primary point of entry to the city for U.S. Army material and personnel. In the sixties, 1960s, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey Circus used it for shipping their equipment and operations around the country.

Passenger service to the station finally ceased in April 1971 with the consolidation of nearly all the nation's passenger trains into the new National Railroad Passenger Corporation also known as Amtrak.

If you are a train fan, be sure to check next year's calendar for the monthly train movies in the Sandalwood Room.

Summertime Bocce



Mike & Susan are safely back on Cape Cod.

Due to the daytime heat, Bocce has shifted to nights. When you see the lights on, come to watch or to play.

Please send Mike an Email (mikesmith6699@gmail.com) if you intend to play in 2016. Official practice will start on Jan. 4th and team playing begins on the 11th. Of course, if you arrive before that date, you are free to use the courts at any time for practice and/or your own competitive games.

March 25th will be the last play date and the end-of-the-year party on Sat., March 26th. I hope by next year the fine clay will be on the 2 courts.

Submitted by Mike Smith, Chair



New Time for Bingo



Please note that Bingo will now start at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

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- * Duck and a flea=27
- * Top of the house =90
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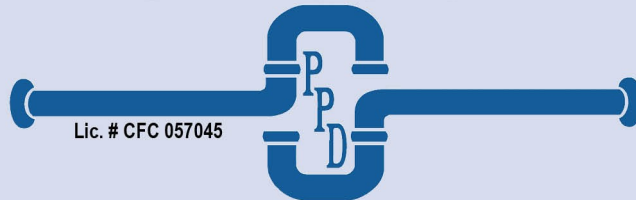
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Welcome to our new office assistant Valerie Emery. Valerie lives in Venice and has been enjoying the Florida sun for two years. She is originally from Nebraska and has two daughters that live there. She loves cooking, being outdoors and confesses to being a terrible golfer.

Fourth of July Potluck

Come enjoy the pool and celebrate the 4th of July with us!

Festivities will get underway at 3:00 on the patio.

Watch the bulletin board for details and a signup sheet.

REMINDER



Sandalwood Maintenance Fees

Sandalwood quarterly fees are due on or before
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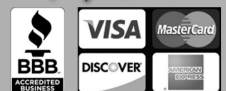
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You may see that something has nibbled a little bit before you got there...take it as a sign of good, tasty, organically grown corn and move past this.

Replace the husks and soak the corn in a tub of cold water for 15 minutes.

Prepare the grill to medium high.

Place corn on the grill rack and cook for about 15 minutes...turning frequently.

When done remove the husks...careful of embers and serve with butter and lots of pepper.

Lemon Herb Butter

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 tsp black pepper, coarsely ground
- 2 tsp thyme
- 2 tsp sage
- 2 tsp lemon zest

Stir ingredients together until well blended.
Refrigerate until ready to serve

Chili Lime Butter

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 tbsp paprika
- 1 tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 tsp cumin

Stir ingredients together until well blended.
Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Ginger Wasabi Butter

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 2 tsp ginger, peeled and finely grated
- 1 tsp wasabi powder
- 1 tsp soy sauce

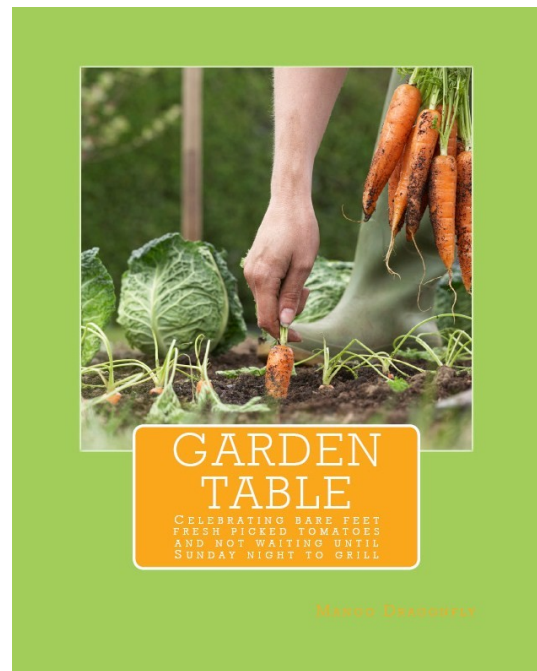
Stir ingredients together until well blended.
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Garlic Parmesan Butter

- 1 stick butter, softened
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese, grated

Stir ingredients together until well blended.
Refrigerate until ready to serve

From: “Garden Table: A Celebration of Bare Feet, Fresh Picked Tomatoes and Not Waiting Until Sunday Night to Grill,” by Mango Dragonfly.



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2016 Sandalwood Park Concert Series

Sunday, January 17th 7:00 pm

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Sunday, March 13th, 7:00 pm

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Regular SAC Box Office Hours Monday and Friday 10:00 am -12:00 pm

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Venice Named as Top Ten “Happiest Seaside Town”

Time Inc.’s Coastal Living magazine, the leading authority on coastal home and travel, has named its fourth annual top ten list of America’s Happiest Seaside Towns. The unranked list includes top beach destinations across the United States:



Corona del Mar, CA
Delray Beach, FL
Monterey, CA
Narragansett, RI
Ocean Springs, MS
Portsmouth, NH
Southport, NC
Tybee Island, GA
Venice, FL
Wellfleet, MA

The list is based on each town’s rank on the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index, percentage of sunny days, air quality, healthiness of beaches, commute times, crime ratings, walkability, standard of living and financial well-being of the locals, geographic diversity, and Coastal Living editors’ assessment of each town’s “coastal vibe.”

Sandalwood Activity Committee Plans for Next Season



Thank you to everyone who attended the May Sandalwood Activity Committee meeting.

We were able to finalize the calendar and budget for what will be an entertaining, fun and busy 2015-2016 season.

Lots of exciting new activities have been added.

Please watch the newsletter and bulletin boards for upcoming announcements and information.

Volunteers are always welcome! If you are interested please contact a SAC board member or event chairperson.

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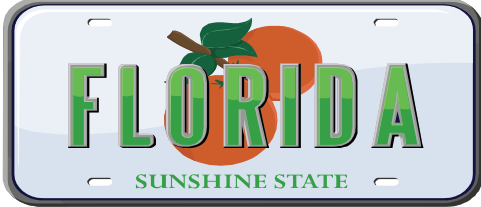
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- 12. River near York
- 13. Bay Area law enforcement org.
- 18. Requires scratching
- 21. Honey maker
- 23. Some Duracells
- 24. Some chessmen (abbr.)
- 25. Breakfast chain, for short
- 26. Rock on a stage
- 27. Pee Wee of Ebbets Field
- 28. Get ____ on the wrist
- 29. Fed. disability support org.
- 31. Reddish equines
- 32. Church nooks
- 33. Suspicious (of)
- 38. '50s Red Scare gp.
- 40. Inspirational saying
- 41. Monogram of "the Sage of Concord"
- 44. Maj.'s superior
- 45. Book before Esth. in the Bible
- 46. In ____ (agitated)
- 49. Tlaxcalteca enemies
- 50. Moscow loc.
- 53. Our, to Henri
- 54. Breakfast brand
- 55. Actress Adams of James Bond films
- 56. Apple gadget
- 58. Form-fitting
- 59. Grow weary
- 60. Words before occasion or account
- 61. Polite rural reply
- 63. Sister of Helios
- 64. Approximation suffix
- 65. Italian article

Across

- 1. Grey in black and white
- 5. Spay or neuter
- 10. Groups entering Noah's ark
- 14. Get in ____
- 15. "____ Trouble" (1994 movie)
- 16. French breakfast staple
- 17. Incensed
- 19. Thin smoke trail
- 20. Magic or Bird, e.g.
- 21. Divulged
- 22. More run-down
- 26. Computer mishap
- 30. Amiens attraction
- 34. Wiesbaden's state
- 35. Italian word before "buco"
- 36. Not closed, in poetry
- 37. Pleasurable appreciation
- 39. Short musical passage
- 42. "Love ____ Battlefield" (Pat Benatar hit)
- 43. Forearm bone
- 47. Dog's master
- 48. Apart
- 51. Not neat

- 52. Veggie
- 54. Sends out
- 57. Famed Russian author
- 62. Goggle
- 63. Last birthday of some octogenarians
- 66. Nacho topper, slangily
- 67. Famous Canadian physician
- 68. Holders of ashes
- 69. Ends' partner
- 70. Oxford attachment?
- 71. H.S. class

Down

- 1. '90s cohost of "CBS This Morning"
- 2. "This is ____ for Superman!"
- 3. Auto parts giant
- 4. Supreme rulers (abbr.)
- 5. Mideast monetary unit
- 6. Crete-born artist
- 7. ____ tam (Thai salad)
- 8. Spacewalk, for short
- 9. Checked off
- 10. In the direction of
- 11. Film director Peter

Solution on page 4

Colorful Park Residents

To say that some of our park residents are colorful would be an understatement! Florida is a birder's paradise. Thanks to what was the most aggressive public land acquisition program in the world, one-quarter of the state is protected as public conservation or privately protected land. Four major stops on the Great Florida Birding trail are right in our backyard; Jelks Preserve, Venice Audubon Rookery, Shamrock Park and Nature Center and Casperen Beach. In a pattern very similar to their two-legged neighbors the 515 species on the Official Florida Bird List breaks down as follows:



- ◇ Permanent residents: 142
- ◇ Spring/summer residents: 29
- ◇ Solely Migrants: 49
- ◇ Winter residents: 137
- ◇ Very rare or Casual: 132
- ◇ Non-breeding sea birds: 22
- ◇ Extinct: 4



The beautiful creatures in the photos are some that have been spotted in Sandalwood Park.



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