

Sandalwood Park News

March 2013



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From the President:



First and foremost I want to thank the retiring members of the Board. They performed their duties with the best interest of the Park and its members always in mind. Joe and Mitch handled the difficult task of the Problem Solving Committee with calm, but resolved steadiness that kept things from becoming bigger problems than necessary. Carl VanGilst in his seven years as President led the Board through some big ideas and big projects that benefit us all. He did this while maintaining the friendly atmosphere of the Park, and managing to keep little things from becoming big problems.

Second I want to congratulate the three new Board members; Bob Jenne, Lucille Mitton, and Larry Reed, on their election. I hope to make this a rewarding and enjoyable experience for them.

Well here I am, first two days on the job, and already begging for help. I encourage you to volunteer for one of the standing committees that make recommendations for action by the Board of Directors. I would like to have the committees filled mostly with non-Board members. I believe this would make the best approach to problem solving available to the board.

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Happy Easter



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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!

**SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Carl Griffith President
Sandra Maroscci Vice President
Regina Fortin Secretary
Dan Hutchinson (2015) Treasurer
Norm Vandebusch (2014)
Al Burns (2014)
Bob Jenne
Lucille Mitton

Appointed by the board:

Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary

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 ssbngator@hotmail.com.



BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 7 PM
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!!!*

Sandalwood TV Station

**Tune in to Channel 195 on your TV for
Sandalwood information and updates.**

Roger Bliss of 350 Longwood Drive is the person who enters all materials for the station. Forms to use for submitting information are available in the office.

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If we could get the level of involvement with Park operation that we get with assistance at SAC functions it would be fabulous. So come and get involved. It may only take a few hours a month out of your retirement.

By the time this is published you will probably have noted that I called for a special Board meeting on Mar 1, 2013. The major focus of the meeting is to refresh the Board members understanding of the small mountain of regulations that affect how we operate and maintain the park. As usual at board meetings all SPH members are invited and

encouraged to attend, and to comment on all agenda items. This however is primarily a training session for Board members.

I am really looking forward to working for and with all residents of Sandalwood. The Board members are always open to suggestions and really want to take prompt action to solve problems as they arise.

For the Board

Carl Griffith

Sandalwood Annual Picnic

Saturday, March 9, 2013

12:30 p.m.

"Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer"



On the New Patio

Everyone is invited!!!

- Fun and Games
- Prizes from local merchants
- Food Fun Friends
- Raffles and Prizes Galore!
- BYOB

Tickets \$7.00; now available in the front office

Call Regina Fortin, Barb Moore or Connie Bressler with any questions.



Come help celebrate

An open house will be held at the clubhouse on March 10th from 2pm – 3pm in celebration of Verneice Schlemmer’s 100th birthday.

Everyone is invited. Come and join the festivities, planned for this most special occasion.



Tuesday Bunch/Lunch

Restaurant list for February 2013

Lunch is at 12:30pm

March 5th Stefano's Family Restaurant
401 S Indiana Ave
Englewood, FL

March 12th The Sand Trap
4145 S Tamiami Trail
Venice, FL

March 19th Pelican Alley
1009 W Albee Road
Nokomis, FL

March 26th Alvaro's Family Restaurant
14512 Tamiami Trail
North Port, FL

Regular attendees bringing guests or unable to come and if you are a newcomer please call (941) 320-9284.



GRAND CHAMPIONS!

The very first corn hole tournament at the Venice Moose lodge was won by team "NUTS".

We've learned that team "NUTS" consisted of Sandalwood residents Tom Bressler and Harold Noel.

Way to go guys, you make us proud

Remember



Check your smoke alarm monthly.

It could save your life!

HUFF AND PUFF



MON, WED & FRI

9:00AM

SEE YOU THERE

Important Notices!!

Write these on your calendar and your "to do" list.

- No a.m. breakfast on March 9
- March 18: Monday's Movie Night
- Articles and pictures for the newspaper must arrive BEFORE the 13th of each month.
- Sign up on the bulletin board, if you (male or female with muscles) can help set up chairs and tables for events.
- Any reporters available to cover information this summer?? Contact Mary Ann Jenne at 941-244-6221.
- Have a baby picture and want us to guess who it is? Have a great recipe? Give to reporter before 13th of the month.

HELP WANTED

Summer Newsletter reporter needed from June to December issues.

Please email Mary Ann Jenne at majenne@gmail.com or call 941-244-6221. No experience necessary; will train.

SUPERIOR VAPOR BARRIER



COOKS CORNER



Date Coffee Cake

Cream:

- 2 sticks of butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla

Add and mix:

- ½ lb. cut up dates (Dromedary or Dole box)
- 2 cups chopped nuts

- Add: 4 eggs and mix well
- Add: 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. salt

Mix well

Pour into greased and floured pan: 8x12 or 9x13.

Bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.

Sprinkle with granulated sugar, when warm (not hot).

Enjoy!

Volunteers Needed To Continue Activities For 2014 Events

Our social calendar is a major reason why people choose Sandalwood Park to live.

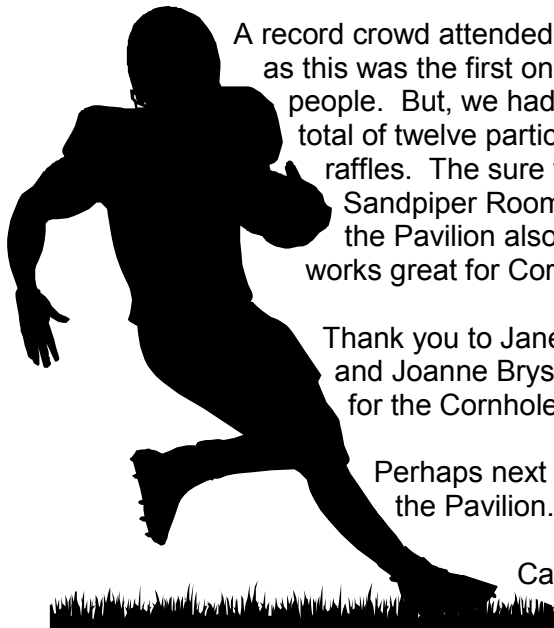
In order to continue these events and create new ones next year, we need some interested people to help provide direction.

We are fortunate to always have past chairmen and women available to give advice, and need more volunteers to help put together the details for next year's planning.

Please contact any SAC committee member if you are available to contribute your time and effort (small or large) to keep us all neighborly and happy.

We do not want to eliminate the well-attended socials and activities, and we welcome your brilliant ideas!

SUPER BOWL PARTY



A record crowd attended the Sandalwood Super Bowl party. Of course, that was a given as this was the first one in our clubhouse. We actually could have held quite a few more people. But, we had a great time with some fantastic tailgate foods for "grazing". A total of twelve participants got to celebrate personal wins on the game board and raffles. The sure thing is that our projection TV works GREAT. Every place in the Sandpiper Room had great viewing and listening of the game and the speaker in the Pavilion also provided the play by play. And we also learned that the Pavilion works great for Cornhole.

Thank you to Jane and Larry Reed for coordinating the food, to Shirley Van Gilst and Joanne Bryson for handling the game board and raffles, and to Tom Bressler for the Cornhole in the Pavilion.

Perhaps next year it'll be the Patriots vs. Packers and we'll need to add a TV in the Pavilion.

Carl Van Gilst

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

February Mid-West Party Is A Smash Hit



A terrific time was had by the fifty-three attendees of the annual Ohio-Michigan potluck on Feb. 4th.

The food was outstanding, the camaraderie was enjoyable and the entertainment by Sam Dicks, Johanna Lauzon and Bob Koons was delightful.

Betty Pratt also made a cameo appearance as Bob Koons sang "Always on My Mind" to her.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who attended and helped to make this a great event. A special thanks to committee members Suzanne Belanich, Donna Eckman and Betty Pratt for a JWD (job well done).

By Connie Bressler

Have a Blessed Easter



Thanks

Look around and you are sure to see someone doing something that deserves a "THANK YOU" in the Newsletter.

Thank you Carl Van Gilst!

Carl has left the Sandalwood Board of Directors having served 8 years, 7 of them as your President.

Every Sandalwood resident owes Carl a handshake and a pat on the back. His leadership made the Board a resident friendly, outgoing, and productive Board. Let's review some of the accomplishments during his tenure:

We have greatly improved our financial condition. We retired our debt and burned our mortgage in 2007.

Carl drew plans for a new Clubhouse addition on his computer, posted them for everyone to make suggestions, then got the Board to approve them and get bids from contractors. When the bid came in at \$500,000, Carl made sure it was completed on time and below the bid. Now we all enjoy the beautiful Sandpiper Room, and Sandalwood enjoys many activities (such as the Concert Series) which were heretofore impossible.

Last summer a new Pavilion was added just adjacent to the Sandpiper Room. We did all this without raising our maintenance fees by using money from the sale of lots, and we still have money in the Bank available for any future projects.

Our Swimming Pool has been renovated, and the heater was replaced. We built new Shuffleboard Courts that are in constant use by residents. Sandalwood's streets were resurfaced, and we recently had Cortina done with the addition of a bike path and the cooperation of our neighbors. The best part is that all of this and more has been done with a spirit of cooperation and comradeship between the Board and the Residents. New homes are being constructed in Sandalwood every year.

We are going to miss you Carl! Thank you for a job well done, and enjoy your retirement.

John Dane



Link Family Harmonizes with Award-winning Music

Performing on March 14



From the Ozark Mountains of Missouri, the Link Union Family delivers a powerful performance with world-class harmonies and hard driving instrumentals on March 14 at 7 p.m. The warmth and high energy of this multi-award winning family band is inspiring, and will more than meet the expectations of the Sandalwood listeners with a customized performance. The whole family sings Bluegrass, Gospel and Modern; they play and entertain together with their talent and musical abilities and swing off the charts!

They have won the "Band Showcase Award" at the 2011 National Quartet Convention, the Group of the Year 2012 at the FAME Awards, the SPBGMA Midwest Award for Vocal Group of the Year 2012, and have appeared in many other states across the US.

This is the last part of the Concert Series that you don't want to miss here at Sandalwood Park. Pick up your \$15 tickets at the door early, as there will be a packed crowd attending. Tickets limited; first come first served.

St. Patrick's Potluck And Karaoke Night



Saturday, March 16, 2013
5:30pm Cocktail Hour
6:00 pm Dinner

The St. Patrick's Potluck supper and Karaoke night will be held on March 16th in the Sandpiper Room.

Good singing voices and Irish jokes are required for attendance.

There will be a contest for the best Irish joke, and everyone is invited to enter with their favorite joke.

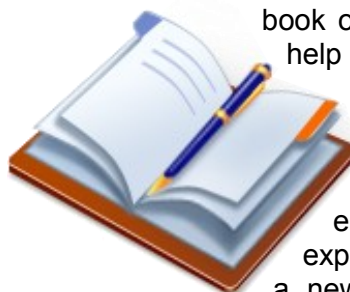
Laughter and humor is a must!

Bring your own plastic dishes and silverware, with dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. and 5:30 BYOB.

Call Betty Pratt with any questions.

March 2013

Helpful Guidelines for Events Now Available for Everyone



There is now a "guideline-help" book on a shelf in the kitchen to help anyone plan and find objects that are needed for any activity.

The SAC committee will even suggest an experienced resident, so that a newcomer can organize and run any event at the park's facilities.

The 3-ring, yellow binder explains where the location of all the supplies are, how to reserve the space, and what is necessary for clean-up, placement of garbage cans and activity break down.

This binder is available for anyone who would like to create any event.

Great goin' SAC committee!!!

FLORIDA ANCHOR & BARRIER

SANDALWOOD PARK MARCH 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		SAC Agenda 10am	SPH Agenda 9am Casino Trip			No Breakfast Annual Picnic
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Venice Theater "HELLO DOLLY"		SAC Meeting 10am	SPH Meeting 10am	Link Family Concert 7pm		St. Patrick's Pot Luck Dinner 5:30 cocktail hour 6pm Dinner
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Happy  St. Patrick's Day	Movie 7pm					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						
Easter Dinner 2pm 						
	Huff & Puff 9am	Lunch 1pm	Huff & Puff 9am Poker & Cards 7pm	Breakfast at Perkins 8:30am Euchre 7pm	Huff & Puff 9am Computer Club 10am Bingo 7pm	Coffee & Rolls 9am

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.
PRESIDENTS ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD ACTIVITIES
ANNUAL MEETING 2/14/13

It's been a bit of a challenging year to keep the Board all pulling the same direction. However, when all is said and done, we did get a lot done!

We successfully completed two major improvements to our property. The first is the new Pavilion. At a cost of only \$25,000, we eliminated unsightly old Bocce courts and built a structure which looks attractive and is expected to attract many parties and events. It also serves as an overflow for our clubhouse for such events as the annual picnic.

The second major improvement is the resurfacing of Cortina and addition of a safety lane for bicycles and pedestrians. The sidewalk has been talked about since the purchase of the park and finally accomplished at a very reasonable price. By adding the safety lane along with resurfacing, its cost was only \$7,000. Cost of this entire \$67,000 project was shared by various easements making our net cost under \$20,000. We've heard many thanks from the residents of Venice Isle Estates who contributed more than we did to the project.

We have also contracted for sealcoating all internal roads this summer at a cost of \$26,500.

A new favorable cable TV contract was negotiated with Comcast. By adding a free digital receiver box, the net contract was at no increase. We're assured that we got a better deal than those contracts negotiated by paid professional negotiators.

We cleaned up our rule to allow small scooters limited use in sandalwood but not motorcycles.

Due to bankruptcy of our previous mowing service, a new contract was approved with Valley Crest. This national company will perform the service with no increase in cost. We anticipate improved service.

Numerous dead trees have been removed by volunteers.

Maintenance fees were again held steady although there was a \$5.00 pass through for Comcast service.

A free estate planning seminar was provided by a qualified Attorney.

An insurance specialist was chosen to address our annual meeting.

A wireless router will soon provide free internet in the entire clubhouse/recreation area.

We've initiated maintenance of the North ditch even though we do not own it. This is for the safety and benefit of Sandalwood residents.

A viburnum hedge has been approved for installation between Cortina Rd and our west retention ditch. We anticipate action on this project soon.

Home sales have been very brisk with many units selling quickly. Inventory of units for sale is down from nineteen a year ago to an all time low of three.

Many homeowners have made improvements in their properties by painting, paving and planting to enhance the total beauty of our community. We hear a lot of compliments regarding the beauty of our park.

We continue to operate very efficiently with two part time employees. We are blessed with many volunteers and several committees that get things done.

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Sandalwood Activities Club continues to be a major part of our program. They constantly add and improve the social activities that we all enjoy.

The Board of Director serving for the year consists of Carl Van Gilst, President; Joe Cromwell, vice-president; Carl Griffith, Secretary; Dan Hutchinson; Treasurer; Al Burns; Norm Vandebusch; Sandra Marsocci; Mitch Watson; and Regina Fortin. Marietta Jones serves as appointed Assistant Secretary. The Board again thanks the Shareowners for great and orderly participation at Board meetings. Your opinion is always valuable in shaping our thinking before we have our discussion and make decisions.

Our share price remains at \$50,000 and we have pledged to never lower this price. This assures us that our corporation value is a minimum of \$12,000,000. We currently have 3 shares with lots for sale and have eight renters. Value of unsold shares is \$550,000. Our savings have increased by over \$100,000 this year to nearly \$450,000. Our financial position is the best ever, making shares a very good investment. We proudly remain debt free.

I personally thank all Shareowners for your tremendous support during the seven years you allowed me to serve as your President. Together, we made this a really great community!

Respectfully submitted by Carl Van Gilst, President

YOU'RE INVITED!!
Traditional Easter Dinner
Premiers in Sandpiper Room

Sunday March 31 at 2 p.m.

No Charge - Bring a dish

Easter Bonnet and *Easter Tie Contests

Traditional Creative Easter Egg Contest

Bring ONE decorated egg at 1:30 p.m. for competition.

Prizes awarded!!

The first Easter Dinner will take place here in Sandalwood Park at 2 p.m. on March 31.

Dinner will be served family style, and Virginia baked ham will be provided by the SAC committee.

You are asked to bring one of your "traditional" favorite Easter dishes or desserts to pass and serve to 8-10 people at your table.

This invitation will include yourself and one other registered guest, so that the ham can be ordered in advance.

There is NO advance seating.

An RSVP is requested with a definite sign up on the club house bulletin board.

Please call Gil at 941-244-2315, if a large family group is requested; special arrangements need be made with an added small charge.

Transportation will be provided for anyone needing a ride upon request.

This is a first for SAC, and we thank Gil Weidemiller in advance for the wonderful holiday suggestion and plans.

Sandalwood Activities Committee

Minutes of February 12, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Board Members Present: President, Carmen Wallin; Vice President, Pam Brown; Treasurer, Judee Sunzere; Secretary, Susan Smith; Barbara Hinkle; Jane Reed; Gil Weidemiller

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$7,774.80

Audit: An audit of the books by Diane Souza found "all to be in order."

Committee Reports

Bingo—Lois Cottrill—Good as usual

Wednesday Game Night—Harley Wheeler and Carmen Wallin—Great; have added Texas Hold 'em

Saturday Morning Coffee—Cancelled for rest of month due to Pancake Breakfast on 2/16 and Rummage/Bake Sale on 2/23

Tuesday Lunch Bunch—2/12 Chicanos Mexican Restaurant; 2/19 The Grill at West Beach; 2/26 Lock 'n Key

Huff and Puff—Judy Peterson— a Tues and Thur. walking (video) class has been added @9:00 am in addition to showing it following regular Huff and Puff on Mon., Wed., and Fri.

Thursday Morning Breakfast @Perkins—George Taylor—few attendees

Thursday Evening Euchere—Connie Bressler—4 to 5 tables

Movie Night—Gil Weidemiller—Fish and Flick on 2/18; dinner at 6:00 and movie, "Flight," at 7:00; cost is \$7.00. Menu—fish, potatoes, coleslaw and dessert; cooks are Carmen Wallin and Steve Demcher

Friday Morning Computer Class—Donna Eckman—4-6 people attending

Coming Events

Fri., 2/15--**Cupcakes for Bingo**—Cupcakes will be served as a "Thank You" for their generous monetary contribution to SAC

Sat., 2/16--**Pancake Breakfast** 8:00 to 9:30 am; menu is pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee

Next Year's Concert Series—Carmen Wallin will be meeting with those who have seen the Showcases to determine next year's line up

Sat., 2/16--**Valentine's Potluck** 5:30 Snacks and 6:00 Dinner; attendees will enjoy a demonstration of our new piano

Fri., 2/22--**NO BINGO**

Sat., 2/23--**Rummage and Bake Sale**— Rummage Sale chair is Donna Eckman; Bake Sale co-chairs are Judy Peterson and Loretta Demcher; Gail Hixon is in charge of Carport Sale; Barbara Hinkle and Tom Thompson are serving the lunch; there will be a pre-sale on Fri., 2/22 for park residents from 3:30 to 5:00 pm; a request for \$300 was made to cover the initial costs of several nice raffle gifts; a motion to accept this request was made by Pam Brown and seconded by Gil Weidemiller.

Sun., 2/24--**Concert Series**--Spittin' Image @ 7:00 pm

Tues., 3/5--**SAC Agenda Meeting**—@10:00 am

Wed., 3/6--**Casino Trip**—please pay Alice Fitzpatrick ASAP

Sat., 3/9—**Annual Picnic**—Chairs, Regina Fortin and Barb Moore; cost--\$7.00 pp; purchase tickets early; seek donations for door prizes

Sun., 3/10—**"Hello, Dolly"**--Ticket money due by 2/14 (\$26 pp)

Tues., 3/12—**SAC Board Meeting** @10:00 am

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Old Business

Super Bowl Party—Good time had by all; put on calendar for next year

New Business

SAC Budget—It was voted by the Board to allocate the following for dinners:

Oct. ('13)--\$50 Nov. ('13)--\$50 Dec.--\$350 (Xmas Party)

Jan ('14)--\$200 Feb. ('14)--\$300 (Valentine's Day Dance)

Mar. ('14)--\$400 (Sonny and Sable) 5th Anniv. of clubhouse Apr. ('14)--\$50

Note: Discussion and investigation continues re: New Year's Eve costs

Holiday Dinners—Gil Weidemiller has taken over chairing this committee. He explained the format of this year's Easter Dinner which will be held at Clubhouse. Invitations to the family style dinner will focus is on those single park owners who do not/cannot get out to other park activities/events. Three prizes will be awarded: Best Egg; Best Easter Bonnet; and Best Man's Tie

From the Floor

Line Dancing--Has been canceled for the remainder of this year

Lois Cottrill will cover the Treasurer's position during the summer months when Judee Sunzere is not here

Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Smith, Secretary

ADVANCED MOBILE
HOME SYSTEMS



Ada and Ray Luff

Ada and Ray live in Grand Falls, NL, CN during the summer months, and on 436 Spruce Ave. in the winter months.

They have two daughters, and three grandsons, and one granddaughter.

They're glad that a relative told them about Sandalwood Park, and look forward to relaxing around the swimming pool.



Don and Phyllis Hadley

Don and Phyl Hadley, snowbirds, hail from Kerrville, TX and now reside at 482 Beechwood Drive.

They love being in a small community that offers shuffleboard and card playing.

They have one son and two daughters with two granddaughters.

Don was in equipment sales, and Phyl is an RN, who loves, sewing, knitting and playing the guitar and the piano.

They both share their love of country western music.



Tom and Annice Heintz,

Tom and Annice Heintz, snowbirds, live on 376 Longwood Drive, and are from Pittsburgh, PA.

Annice is an RN and still works part-time.

They both share in their love of golf, reading, going to the beach, and yard work. Seafood and steak are what they enjoy on the table, and get pleasure from watching the football Steelers and listening to the oldies.

They are blessed with one son and one daughter, as well as three grandsons and one granddaughter.



Les Bricker

432 Boxwood Drive is now the residence of Les Bricker, who returns to Warsaw, IN in the summer months.

He has one son and one daughter with three grandsons and two granddaughters.

He originally worked for Donnellea and Sons in shipping, and now relaxes with yard work and boating.

Les roots for the Colts, and loves all types of music. He plans to visit the casino in his spare time.

W RESIDENTS



Sandra and Gerald Marcoe

Sandra and Jerry (Gerald) Marcoe, a Navy veteran, arrived from Fonddulac, WI, and now resides at 349 Longwood Drive for their winter months.

They have one son and four daughters with nine grandsons and one granddaughter, and one great grandson.

Jerry retired from his own heating and air conditioning company, while Sandra worked as a receptionist secretary. Now they want to work on their new home, bike, and read, or just watch the Green Bay Packers on TV.

Sandra likes to create cards, crochet, and play pinochle in her spare time. They look forward to attending pot luck suppers, and to having a mid-west evening get-together. Kirby and Katie are the names of their two dogs.



Martin Donohue

New Jersey is the state where Martin Donohue, who served in the Naval Air, lives in during the summer. He is now residing at 355 Longwood Drive for the winter.

Martin is a chiropractor, and loves to ski, hike, weight lift, and travel.

He has two sons and one daughter, and four grandsons and one granddaughter. He roots for all the Philly teams and the Boston Red Sox, and looks forward to good times with good people.

In his free time Martin listens to oldies and Broadway music. He feels he has found the right match for his retirement at Sandalwood Park.



Debra Gogo

Debra Gogo now lives full-time at 403 Longwood Drive, and will enjoy spending the next year remodeling her new place.

She has two sons, one grandson, and one granddaughter. She loves to do a little of everything, such as pulling weeds, reading, gardening, and taking care of snowbirds' homes. Debra travels, plays cards and bingo, and spends time with her grandchildren. She has a dog named Mia, roots for the New Orleans' Saints, and enjoys walking.



Sally Horning

561 Longwood Drive is now owned by Sally Horning, who hails from Akron, Ohio.

As a full-time resident and nurse, she likes to play cards, shuffleboard, ping pong and art. She listens to country music, and watches basketball with the Heat dribblers, or goes to the movies in her spare time.

Her cat Sugar keeps her busy, and Sally loves to walk around the park.

Watch for more new residents in April issue of newsletter

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 13, 2013

- All present stood for the pledge of allegiance
All board members Present
Meeting: Called to order by Carl VanGilst
Minutes of January 9, 2013 and special meeting January 18, 2013 approved by the board.
Reports of Officers:
Treasurers report approved as presented
- Carl VanGilst reminded all of the annual meeting to be held the following day February 14, 2013
- **Unfinished Business**
 - *Carl Griffith made a motion for approval of a condensed set of rules to be distributed to the owners of rental properties. These rules are not new, they are a one page condensed version of all our rules. Hopefully this would make it easier for owners to post in the homes that are being rented. Mitch Watson wanted #4 and 11 of this document to be addressed. Smoking in our common area's....specifically the laundry area. After some discussion, Sandra Marsocci seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously passed.
 - *Mitch Watson thanked the committee who are working on the rules: Bud Fortin, Sandra Marsocci, Larry Reed and Carl Griffith
 - * A new document holder will be hung outside the office for our rules and newsletters
 - * Cortina road Project: Norm Vandebusch gave an update of the cost and payments. the cost was \$67,000 and we have received payments from Venice Isles, Puritan Arms, and Ogden Road. We are still waiting for payments from Anderson, Community Bank and Florida Power and Light. Carl Van Gilst said we should not have a problem collecting the monies.
 - * Charlie Kane talked about a possible hedge along Cortina Road. Carl Van Gilst suggested we wait for the new board to vote on this project. Charlie gave prices from a new nursery. After discussion about putting it on the agenda for the next meeting Carl Griffith made a motion that we do the planting and vote on it immediately. Al Burns seconded this motion and the motion was unanimously passed. A committee will be placed by the new board.
 - *Charlie Kane talked about sealing of the roads and over spray on to the driveways. Norm Vandebusch said he spoke with the company and they assured him they would be hand squeegee along the driveways.
 - * Clubhouse router: Carl Griffith will be installing the router very soon and will give us an update at the next meeting
*North ditch cleanup: Carl Van Gilst and Charlie Kane have spoken with our landscape company about maintaining the ditch at the cost of \$50.00 per quarter/\$200.00 per year. Dan Hutchinson made a motion to accept responsibility for the ditch, it was seconded by Norm Vandebusch and passed unanimously.
 - * 401 Longwood: Mitch Watson thinks we should clean up the property as we expect from the other residents. He thinks it will sell faster with the home on the property. Should there be any interest to purchase, the board will consider removing the home. Charlie will power wash the home soon. Mitch made the motion the maintain the property and it was seconded by Regina Fortin ...Passed unanimously.
- **New Business**
 - * Carl VanGilst : SAC has asked that we do not charge a deposit or fee when the room is going to be used for a park/resident function. Reservation of the spaces are still required.
 - The board agreed
 - * Carl Griffith requested having a Merrill Lynch presentation for informative purpose only. Regina Fortin made a motion to allow the speaker and it was seconded by Carl Griffith.
- Motion passed

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- * Charlie Kane is waiting for bids for the shuffleboard courts. Nidy is proposing a new type surface with will not require waxing. The board will discuss this again after we receive the additional estimates. Tabled to the March meeting.
- *Solicitation in the park: People were in the park trying to sell and were asked to leave. Carl Griffith reminded everyone NO SOLICITATION in the park. Report cases of solicitation to the office or to any board member.
- Meeting was adjourned by Carl VanGilst

Next Meeting:

Agenda: Wednesday March 6, 2013 (Sandpiper room)

Meeting: Wednesday March 13, 2013 (Sandpiper room)

Respectfully Submitted

- Regina M. Fortin, Secretary

**Michael and Susan Smith's
Annual St. Pat's Day Party**

YOU'RE INVITED

Sunday, March 14 from 2 to 5 pm



Susan and Michael Smith
476 Boxwood Dr.

PLEASE JOIN US

BYOB

(Water and Punch will be available)

CHIP "THE ESCAPE ARTIST"



While Jack Bivin was in the hospital, he entrusted the care of Chip, (his Jack Russell Terrier) to Joe and Sandy Marsocci. He warned them that Chip was an escape artist.....so beware!

As Sandy was ready to leave for the Board Meeting On February 13th, Chip managed to escape to the wild outdoors. She could have beat any greyhound the way she ran down the street with Joe and Sandy running after her. Before long, many residents were out in the street trying to help catch her to no avail.

She went from the ditch on Pinebrook to the ditch on Cortina and hit every yard in between. By the time she finally arrived back to her house (four hours later) she was full of mud. George Dagg and Sandy finally got her to go into her own home.

Sandy is happy to report that both Chip (the dog) and Jack (in the hospital) and all the residents of Sandalwood Park are fine.

Sandy also wants to thank all of you for your help and Chip thanks you for giving her the one of the best days of her life! What could be better for a dog than having all the residents playing and chasing her.

By the way Sandy did make it to the Board meeting .

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