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This past month a new board took office with a promise to uphold the bylaws and the rules of Sandalwood Park and abide by the code of ethics when making decisions that that promote the wellbeing of all residents of our community. I have no doubt that

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

these are the intentions of everyone elected.

Our outgoing President, Carl Griffith lived by that statement and I was proud and grateful to work with Carl on the Board for three years. I've only known Carl since moving to Sandalwood Park (almost ten years ago! where has the time gone?). During this past nine plus years he has taught me much about the park and being on the Board. Never has there been doubt in my mind about his intentions for Sandalwood Park and the community. He has been diligent in protecting the finances, while working tirelessly for improvements and always striving for a friendly community. For almost twenty years Carl has devoted his time to the betterment of Sandalwood Park. Thank you Carl for your untiring hours, your efforts and all the good you have brought to our community.

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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 14tinspub@aol.com.

Top 40 Professionals 2014



Hype or

Blair Post,

Board Certified Hearing Instrument Sciences American Conference of Audioprosthology

In the beginning of this month I am back in training with another manufacturer. They are intending to educate me about their new product line. The changes in product lines occur by altering how sounds are prioritized and processed within the chip platform they select for their hearing aids.

The new sound quality will have an emphasis on speech priority and a broader music sound.

As with all of our hearing aids, each manufacturer has a sound quality difference. Some people prefer the smoother sounds from manufacturer R, others the crisp sound from manufacturer O.

I won't know until after the training how these new changes affects the quality of the sound.

The manufacturer of this aid has this HYPE... automatically makes speech clearer and listening easier, no matter where your day takes you.

Whether the HYPE is accurate or not, I don't know. What I can do is offer you a chance to experience this new technology platform.

I need feedback from you to determine if the quality of the new sound lives up to the hype. If you would be willing to provide me your feedback, call Karen at 244-9300, and set up an appointment.



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JUDEE SUNZERE -231-972-0259 VARIETY SHOW IS MARCH 29TH AT 7PM.

WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?

Come to the clubhouse Wednesday evening and join the fun! Everyone is welcome, the more the merrier!

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!!!



Hi from Mike

Bocce is well on the way. Many days you can see the courts full with park members practicing or playing.

Please call your scheduled team if you can't make your game and reschedule with them.

We have 2 or 3 slots open for team playing or substitutes.

Come and watch. Be a judge or practice.

Carmen's thoughts.....

Recently, while looking for something in my house, I came across all the articles Lee (late husband) had written for the newsletter and I started reading them.

I was surprised at how much I enjoyed them, even though I had read them many times before.

People in the park have told me so many times how much they too enjoyed his articles, so I will be putting one of his articles in the newsletter each month.

There are many new residents in the park who have not read them at all, so I hope everyone will read them and enjoy them.

They make me smile......

Lee's article starts on following page

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Life in Lee's eyes....



It was on a Sunday morning when our kids and grandkids took us out for breakfast to celebrate some special occasion. The restaurant was packed with other families celebrating something special.

There were no seats available in the waiting area so we stood around the walls like dozens of other celebrants waiting for a table. All of a sudden a couple sitting nearby got up and offered their seats to us. The couple had to be in their mid-sixties at least. "No thank you" said I. "We are fine." The couple insisted we take their chairs, because as the lady said "we know how it is. Younger people

have done the same for us and we just want to pass along their thoughtfulness." "Well lady, how naïve do you think I am. You are doing that for a reason....do you think I'm so old and feeble that I might fall on my face or are you trying to make making us feel guilty if we don't give up our seats for someone in the next older generation....go sit down and mind your own business", thought I. My spouse probably read my mind and was not amused. "Thank you very much", said she to the couple. "He needs to sit down before he falls. He doesn't realize how old he is getting. I have to yell at him to remember his cane, but his hearing is so bad he just walks away without it."

It's not right to argue with your spouse in front of your kids and grandkids, but after we were seated in the dining area and our orders were taken, I could not contain my irritation. "Why do you tell people I'm getting old? said I. "I just turned eighty this year and I know people who are older....even in their nineties. That couple did not have to offer us chairs. They looked older than me." "Look in the mirror," said she.

Most people over fifty think they are thirty-five, and will stay that age forever. All of a sudden aches and pains are noticeable in parts of the body most oldsters can't identify, and they can't understand why that is happening so early in life. As an ad on television says, "Life comes at you fast." How did eighty years slip by unnoticed?

Turning eighty was not that bad until that smart aleck teenager called me "sir." The way he said sir, sounded like he was saying "hey you old geezer." I almost sir-ed him with my cane, but unfortunately I forgot where it was.

Several nationwide restaurants give a ten percent discount to "senior citizens"....those who are 55 and older. Big deal. They just raise prices to make up that loss. If restaurant entrepreneurs were really generous, they would give discounts on a sliding scale....like 10% at 55....15% at 60....20% at 65 etc. 80 year olds would get a 35% discount and that would be fair and sensible. A 10% discount at age 55 and the same 10% twenty five years later doesn't consider inflation as a factor.

I'm not sensitive about my age and don't think about it constantly, but reminders keep cropping up. For example, the other day I was walking down an aisle in Wally-marts and noticed an old guy coming towards me. He looked absent.....walked slowly while scratching his bald head. He kept getting closer and then BAM!! I ran into the full sized mirror. Embarrassed? You ask. Not at all.

When you are eighty, you can tell Wal-Mart to move their stupid malfunctioning mirrors or get sued.

Welcome Newcomers

Newcomers Reveal Their Personal Histories



A Welcome goes out to *Debbie and Lonnie Grooms*! After raising 2 sons and 2 daughters, 4 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren, they are finally relaxing in retirement. They have left their jobs of Director of Manufacturing and a Store Manager to read, bike, play poker and just sit by the pool or beach. Lonnie had also been in the Army for six years, and likes our lot sizes and neat home appearances at Sandalwood. They now reside at 482 Beachwood Drive full-time.

Mary Ann and Michael Riley have taken up residence at 475 Sandrift Drive for warmer weather, and left their winter home in New Jersey. They both left their teaching careers up north, and now plan to read, walk, study the Bible, and golf. They like to watch baseball (Yankees), and love to eat American or Italian foods. Mary Ann and Mike have one daughter and one son, with one grandchild. Listening to oldies and classic rock, help them pass the time away.





Helen Smith at 405 Longwood Dr. loves the smaller park. She has a pet cat named Skeeter, and will garden in her spare time. She is looking forward to playing Bingo, poker and attending all our dinners, so she can eat pizza and popcorn. Since she grew up in Sarasota, she didn't have far to travel. After 27 years with the Venice Police Department as an Administrative Assistant, she looks forward to relaxing. She raised 6 children, and is now enjoying her 9 grandchildren.

Joanne and William Brill, snowbirds, left Illinois, and have settled at 531 Walnut Circle to avoid the wicked winter this year up north. In semi-retirement they plan to try their hand at bowling, ride bikes and play cards. They celebrated their 51st Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 8, and have 1 son, 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren. Joanne still keeps her fingers in real estate, and enjoys 50's and 60's music. William likes tinkering with his lathe, and making bottle stoppers, etc. When they eat out, they will find a restaurant that has sea food or Italian meals.





A new crafter, *Pamela Swett*, has joined us for the wintry months at 348 Longwood Dr., leaving Windham, Maine behind. After working as a Manager in sales and marketing for 30 years, Pamela plans to walk her dog, Wally, and enjoy going to the beach. She loves photography, and works with stained-glass in her free time. She has two children, and a granddaughter, and likes to eat pizza and "lobsta".

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Retired postman, *Victor Laymoore*, 356 Longwood Drive, loves this area and will be here fulltime. He enjoys country music and watches Tampa baseball in his free time. He served three years in the Navy and nine years in the Army. Victor has a dog and a cat to keep him company, when he's not at the gym.





Lee and Terri Zabel from Ohio have decided to make their home here at Sandalwood, at 533 Walnut Circle, permanent. Even though they haven't retired yet, they still have time for bocce, the sun and the beach. They enjoy all sports, especially the Browns, and love to eat anything fried. Maddie Mae is their dog, and they listen to oldies and country music in their spare time. They are high school sweethearts, married 39 years. He played basketball for his father-in-law, Al Burns, 150 pounds ago. They work in restaurant equipment and supply sales, and as a rental agent for Midnight Cove in Siesta Key. Having two sons and one daughter, they can now enjoy their five grandchildren.

Being full-time residents now of Sandalwood, *Marie and Allan Mickunas* still work as a Realtor, and as a Dep. Tax Collector. They found this Park, because of its lifestyle and its location. Allan was part of the Army Special Forces, and now they both like kayaking and traveling. They share their likes of rock and roll music and Italian foods. They decided on 461 Longwood, and have one daughter and two grandchildren. Welcome!





Ronald and Grace Heimbecker of 457 Longwood Drive, hail from Ontario, CN. Being snowbirds, they enjoy their retirement by walking, reading and listening to Western music. They have two sons and one daughter with seven grandchildren to keep them busy. They heard that Sandalwood was a good park, so they left the machinist and civil servant jobs behind and play bocce and bowl to keep busy. Ron's dog Hansome likes it here too.

Telecommunications Nagrid and Teaching are the jobs that **Bill and Nancy Edwards** left behind in New York. Being snowbirds gives them plenty of time to golf, bike and hike. They have relatives in the park, and left their son and daughter and three grandsons for the sun here. They reside at 443 Spruce Ave. Nice to have you both aboard.





Dave and Bonnie Sherwood of 401 Longwood Drive will be with us full-time, while still working as a remodeler and Pre-K teacher. Bonnie likes to knit, decorate and read; hubby Dave enjoys softball and golf. They have two daughters, and four grandchildren, and coach their granddaughter's softball team. They both enjoy country music, while working on their new home here at Sandalwood.

Presidents Message continued from page 1

Lucille Mitton resigned from the SPH board for personal reasons. She has been a pleasure to work with, and a true asset on the "Problem solving Committee". Lucille is always professional, yet kind and gentle at the same time. We wish her well and hope she will return when feeling better.

We welcome to the Board Ken Lauzon and Joe Nofziger. Joe and Ken have a great sense of humor, but more importantly, they are intelligent and fair minded men who will be a great addition to the Sandalwood Board.

Joe moved from Ohio to Sandalwood last year. He and his wife Angie are full time residents. They love Sandalwood and can usually be seen at the pool on warm days.

Since 2009 Ken has spent his winters with us here in Venice. He and Johanna reside in Ontario during the warmer months. Joe is on the SPH Board and Johanna is very active on the SAC Board. They are readily available with a helping hand when needed.

Several projects were approved at the February board meeting. The back entrance/exit will be getting the much needed attention and repair and the new land-scaping should begin within a month. Our fitness room will have a new air conditioner installed, which will make exercising more comfortable.

The golfers are happy, because after a year of investigating and planning the Putting and Chipping Green was finally approved.

I want to thank the people who gave me support through the election process. It was heartwarming to say the least. With that being said, I believe there is one thing about me that has always been clear, my love for Sandalwood Park, and the people who live here.

I wish for nothing more than harmony among us. Let us come together as a community to enjoy our Park and it's facilities. Whatever our differences, I feel confident everyone wants to live in a community of peace and friendship.....and fun of course.

Speaking of fun, I would like to commend the Sandal-wood Activities Committee. SAC also elected some new members this year. This committee (SAC) works many hours for the fun and enjoyment of Sandalwood residents. Please attend their meetings and hear what they have to offer. You have a voice with SAC, just as you do with SPH.

Come, join the SAC activities and be a part of the community. There are still many events to enjoy through March and April. The SAC 2015/2016 calendar will be posted soon.

Sincerely, Regina M Fortin, President



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Saint Patrick's Day Pot Luck will be Saturday, March 21 in the Sandpiper Room

Bring some clean jokes to tell if you like.

Cocktails 5:30

Dinner 6pm

Karaoke with Tom at 7pm.

Wear your green whether you are Irish or not and we'll have a blast.

Need volunteers for decorating and organizing.

Please call Arlene 244-0773.

Sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.









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Tuesday Bunch/Lunch

Restaurant list for March 2015

Lunch is at 12:30pm

March 3rd Helios Restaurant

1740 E Venice Ave' Unit 1

Venice, FL

(next to Gulf Coast edical)

March 10th Landys Restaurnat

1400 Aqua Lane (the old Howard's) Englewood, FL

March 17th Hibachi Grill

549 Hwy 41 N ByPass

Venice, FL

March 24th Stefano's Restaurant

401 S. Indiana Ave Englewood, FL

March 31st Left coast Seafood

385 US Hwy 41 Bypass

Venice, FL

Anyone attending lunches for the first time and anyone bringing guests please call Sylvia Buchanan (941) 882-2699 for seating reservations. Those who attend regularly don't forget to call if you cannot attend. Thank you

REMINDER



Sandalwood Maintenance Fees

Sandalwood quarterly fees are due on or before April 1, 2015

Maintenance fees \$343.00

Lawn care \$60.00 (Optional)

If you are paying both Maintenance & Lawn Care, submit one check for \$403.00

Come travel by train

Monday, March 16th 7:00 pm

Travel around the country and North America with your conductor, Mike Smith.

Huff and Puff

Huff & Puff is Mon-Wed-Fri .. 9:00am







Join The Club!

S. C. C

(Sandalwood Comfort Club)



Sandalwood Room.

Submitted by Judy Peterson

DVD's Needed....

There are free DVD's available for anyone to borrow in our Club House.



Our supply seems to be dwindling. If you borrow a movie,

please return it when you are done viewing it. We are missing about 30% of the DVD's out on loan. For the others who are waiting to see that movie, please be patient. Someone will bring them back in a timely manner. We will anxiously await them.

Thanks in advance.





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Sandalwood Park

Annual Picnic

Saturday March 14, 12:30 pm

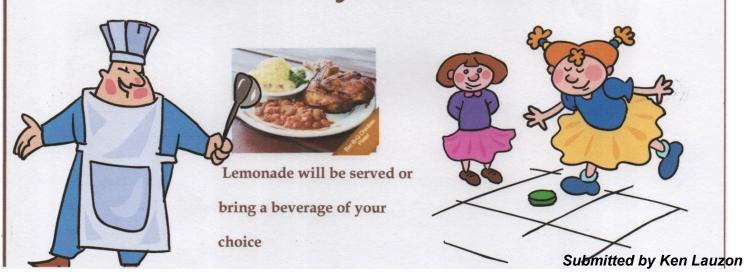
Please come and join us for some good fun,

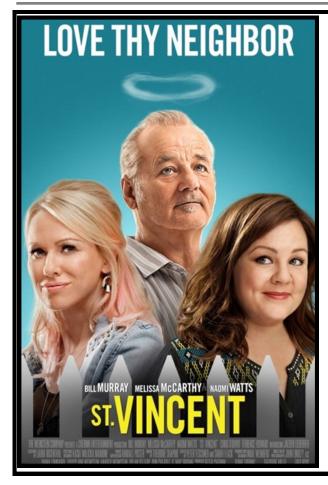
great food, exciting games and prizes at the

"Beach Party Picnic"

There will be a \$7.00 charge that will be refunded to you upon attendance. Tickets will be sold at the office or see Betty Pratt, Connie Bressler, Jane Reed or Johanna Lauzon before March 7, 2015.

Catered by Gold Rush





Movie Night

Monday March 9th Free Popcorn and Drinks

A young boy whose parents have just divorced finds an unlikely friend and mentor in the misanthropic, bawdy, hedonistic war veteran who lives next door.

The film had its world premiere at the 2014 Toronto International Film Festival where it won 2nd runner up as "People's Choice Award for Best Film."

Stars: Bill Murray, Melissa McCarthy, Chris O'Dowd and Naomi Watts. Rated PG-13.

Join us for popcorn and an entertaining movie Monday March 9that 7:00 pm.

Additional movie night on March 16:
All about trains.

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OOD PARK MARCH 2015	Thu	5 Mats by SCC 9-11 am	12 Mats by SCC 9-11 am	19 Mats by SCC 9-11 am	26 Mats by SCC 9-11 am		Walking 9-10am Mat Making 9-11am Tai Chi 10:30am Euchre Club 7:00pm
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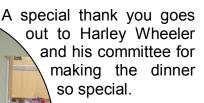


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Sold Out Spaghetti Dinner gets high praise!



His committee not only gives of their time, but also pays at the door.

Thank you to all who give of their time and money.



We all benefit from their efforts. Yum!!

NOTE:

Deadline for Newspaper entries is the 14th of each month.

When you deliver your article to Mary Ann and it needs to be retyped or proofed, please have it to her by the 14th.

Articles submitted after that date, will be held over for the following month.

All articles need to have the author's name as a byline. Please check the spelling of all other names mentioned in your article.

Help



Needed

Anyone interested in helping with "DOOR PRIZES"

for the annual picnic on March 14th please see the bulletin board for letters from Regina.

In the past we have asked our favorite restaurants, hair dressers, pet groomers, golf resorts and other service providers.

Any service or gift certificate would be appreciated.

Concert Series 2016 Being Planned Now

A huge thank you to the organizers, attendees and performers who made this year's Sandalwood Concert Series a smashing success.

The Concert Committee is already hard at work securing a fresh batch of exciting talent for next year.

Pre-season tickets for this three concert series will go on sale December 1st.

There are two new changes this year; SAC will be accepting credit cards and you will make your seat selection at the time of purchase.

Watch this newsletter for specific details as we get closer!



Sandalwood Park Residents

I would like to take this opportunity to ask the Board to address a growing problem within the boundaries of Sandalwood Park. While I personally enjoy dogs and may intend to own a dog in the future, I do believe being a dog owner in a community such as Sandalwood or any other residential community there are common sense best practices with respect to neighbors and shared community properties that need to be addressed.

Previous discussions with resident members resulted in miscommunication or a lack of *understanding*. The majority of dog owners are accountable for the maintenance of their dogs on their own property. I am thankful that this is just a minority that I am addressing in this letter. However for the minority of residents who walk their dogs and allow them to defecate and urinate on our property and those of our neighbors is becoming a problem. Each day there is a least six to twelve dogs that relive themselves on our property. The six foot leash rule is sometimes being obeyed, sometime not. Not only do dogs urinate and defecate on the lawn but, I have seen them walked up to my neighbor's planter boxes, driveways and other property areas and go. This is not an occasional problem but a habitual problem. There is no excuse for the dog owner's disrespectful abuse.

I have enjoyed being a dog owner most of my life. This is not an issue of if a fellow shareholder of Sandalwood has the right to have a dog, they do. They have the right to walk their dog throughout the park and enjoy their dog. This is an issue of respect for each other's property. I cannot stress this point enough.

It has been over a year since the last discussions have taken place. While it was never my intent to address this issue in a legal tone it is my right as a resident of Sarasota County and Sandalwood Park to enjoy our community and my property. The people that choose to be disrespectful are knowingly and with intention causing harm. The people that continue to allow their dogs to violate common sense and disregard my personal feelings have made the choice for me.

Unfortunately this issue now needs to be addressed by education, followed by legal action from the board. (Revised bylaws), to include an enforcement policy.

Sandalwood by-laws imply that we are a cooperative with each shareowner has the right to enjoy the lot and living space that is specified in their certificate of ownership. My enjoyment of 509 Spindrift includes walking barefoot on the grass, enjoying the landscaping, and taking pride in any of the improvements made to our property without the interference of dog urine and feces. While the term At Large is how the county describes any animal that is not within the owners own personal property it may seem out of context for our discussion but, it is how the legal definition is outlined.

Sarasota County has a dog control ordinance that reads as follows:

Sec. 14-41. - Dogs and cats running At Large.

- (a) No person shall cause, permit, or allow a Dog or cat to stray or in any manner to run At Large, unless the Dog or cat is leashed, in any of the following circumstances:
- (1) Upon any public street, sidewalk, or other public property unless specifically allowed through other ordinance, resolution, or Board action;
- (2) The property of another;
- (3) Common areas of condominium, mobile home park, or other aggregate living where the property is held by an owners association or similar entity.

At all times a dog must be under the direct control of its owner or other responsible person. "Direct control" is defined as the immediate and continuous physical control of the dog at all times by means of a fence, leash, cord or chain of sufficient strength to restrain the dog.

Further the Ordinances of Sarasota County state:

Sec. 14-39. - Public Nuisance Animals.

- (a) The term "Public Nuisance Animal" shall mean and includes, but is not limited to, any Animal that:
- (1) Is repeatedly found At Large;
- (2) Damages the property of anyone other than its Owner;
- (3) Chases vehicles on the public right-of-way;
- (4) Makes excessive disturbing noises, including but not limited to continued or repeated howling, barking, whining or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance or discomfort to the neighbors or to others in close proximity to the premises where the Animal is kept or harbored.

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- (5) Is offensive or dangerous to the public health, safety or welfare by virtue of the number or types of Animals kept or harbored; or
- (6) Attacks other Animals.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Public Nuisance Animal does not include any Animal certified as a Vicious Animal pursuant to this Article.

- (b) It is a violation of this article for any Owner to allow an Animal to create a public nuisance. The Owner of any Public Nuisance Animal shall be in violation of this article, regardless of the knowledge, intent or culpability of the Owner.
- (1) Upon investigation by an Animal Services Officer in identifying a Public Nuisances Animal the officer may demand to see all Animals upon the violator's property for the purposes of investigating a public nuisance related to any other Animals on the subject property.
 - (a) No companion Animal shall be allowed to unreasonably annoy humans, to endanger the life or health of other Animals or persons acting lawfully, or to substantially interfere with the rights of others thereby interfering with the reasonable use and enjoyment of property. It shall be prima facie evidence of nuisance if a companion Animal:
- (1) Causes unsanitary, dangerous or offensive conditions, including the fouling of the air by offensive odor emanating from excessive excrement; or
- (2) Creates a pest, parasite, or scavenger control problem, which is not effectively treated.

If an animal is found to be "at large" are legally allowed to impound the dog and are entitled to enter onto the private property of another for the purpose of capturing the dog for impoundment.

The people that allow their dogs to enter lots that are not their own within Sandalwood Park are in violation of the Sarasota County Ordinances for the following reasons:

1) Common areas of condominium, mobile home park, or other aggregate living where the property is held by an owners association or similar entity.

The individual lots of the Shareholders of Sandalwood are not "Common Property". It is my understanding that our lots extend to the edge of the street. Allowing the dog to enter the property, uninvited, is a violation of the ordinance.

- 2) Sec. 14-39. Public Nuisance Animals.
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 - (2) Damages the property of anyone other than its Owner;

I and other park members try to maintain their property to the best of their ability. Dog waste kills grass and stains structures.

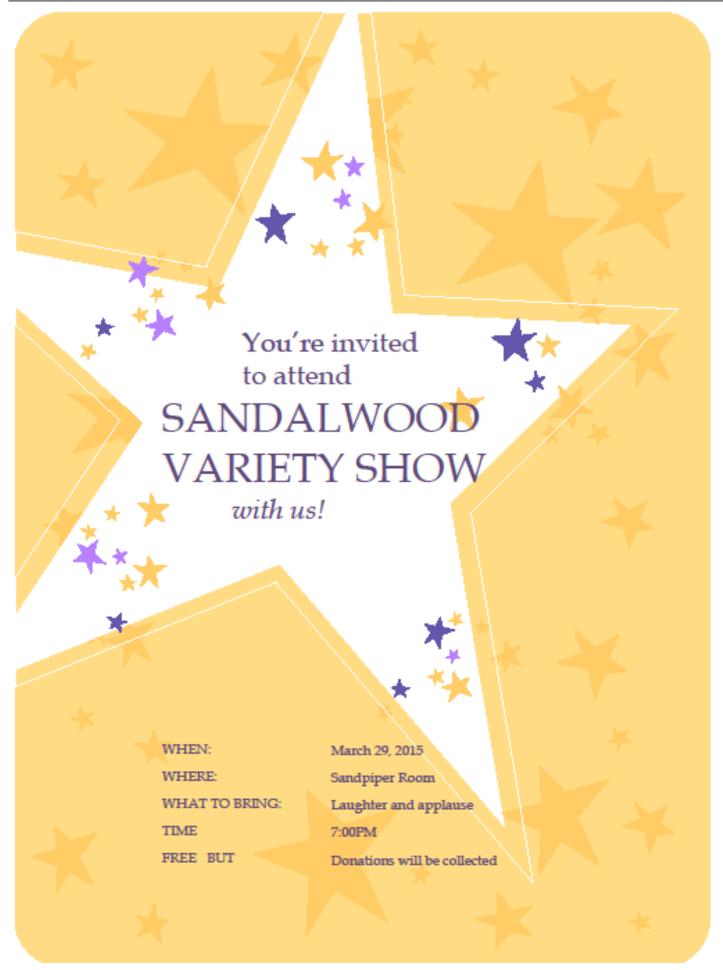
- 3) (a) No companion Animal shall be allowed to unreasonably annoy humans, to endanger the life or health of other Animals or persons acting lawfully, or to substantially interfere with the rights of others thereby interfering with the reasonable use and enjoyment of property. It shall be prima facie evidence of nuisance if a companion Animal:
- (1) Causes unsanitary, dangerous or offensive conditions, including the fouling of the air by offensive odor emanating from excessive excrement; or
- (2) Creates a pest, parasite, or scavenger control problem, which is not effectively treated.

A property owner should be able to walk, barefoot if they choose, about and enjoy their own lot. Dog waste, even feces that has been picked up leaves a residue, may contain the following:

- Hook worms In people, these larvae usually migrate in the skin causing an itchy red track to develop.
- Round worms Can cause vision problems and nervous deficits.
- Cryptosporidium- Common symptoms include diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea and dehydration. May be fatal to people with depressed immune systems.
- Campylobacteriosis A bacterial infection carried by dogs and cats that frequently causes diarrhea in humans.
- Giardia- Can cause extreme diarrhea.

These parasites can be transferred into living areas of the home via the bottoms of shoes and feet.

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Sec. 14-52.

Penalties for negligence action which is stated as unlawful by the county of Sarasota outlines specific citation penalties. Considered as a civil infraction. The maximum civil penalty for a civil infraction is \$500.00.

"If a Person who has committed a civil infraction does not contest the Citation, the civil penalty shall be the amount established by the (Sarasota County) Board for the civil infraction." By resolution, the (Sarasota County) Board shall establish the amount of any civil penalty for a civil infraction."

I invite the board to investigate means to inform fellow shareholders, residents and guests of the park that living in a "Pet Friendly" community comes with responsibility. We all, as residents, have the right to enjoy our individual lots. If some owners wish to own a pet they should only allow the pet to relieve themselves on their own lot. Even allowing

the pets to relieve themselves on common grounds potentially limits the enjoyment of the common ground by all residents.

Using common grounds for a dog poop park is not a solution. It is not a right of the dog owner to use this common ground for this purpose. Dog owners should use their own property, not impose on other association member's property or common park areas. If you choose to own a pet use your own property to relieve your dog...bottom line.

The board may have to amend the bylaws to include Sarasota County Law language that prohibits pet owners allowing dogs to be "at large" as defined by the Sarasota ordinances.

Ken Rideout



SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

Board Meeting

February 11th 10:00 am

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Meeting was held in the Sandpiper Room

Meeting: Called to order by President Regina Fortin

Roll Call: By Annette Lawrence, all Board Members present and accounted for

Proof of notice of meeting: Posted by Annette Lawrence on 01/27/15

Reading of Meeting Minutes: Motion by Bob Jenne to waive reading of minutes 2nd by Al Burns. Motion

Passed

Treasurer Report: Paul Lawrence went over the financial statement as of January 31, 2015. Motion by Norm Vandenbusche to accept as read 2nd by Joe Nofziger Motion Passed.

Regina Fortin took a moment to thank Lucille Mitton for her work on the Board. An engraved clock was presented to Carl Griffith for his service to the park as past president. Also Regina officially introduced John Dane's new wife Katherine Schweer to the park members.

Thank you to Paul & Annette Lawrence for redoing the Board Member pictures in clubhouse.

Consideration of communications: Letter from Mr. Holbrook 381 Longwood was discussed regarding care of Mrs. Holbrook. **Motion by** Al Burns to allow due to circumstances, **2nd by** Bob Jenne. **Motion Passed.**

Letter from Rideouts 509 Spindrift was discussed, 6 foot leash law should be enforced and suggested that dogs should be allowed to use own property 1st 10 minutes then walk the dog. **Motion by** Bob Jenne that 6 ft leash be implemented, 2nd by Larry Reed. All in favor, **Motion Passed**.

Reports of Committees: Regina Fortin read off the committees that have been formed and their purpose. The following committees have been formed for the betterment of the park:

Personnel Committee

"Review" Committee

Finance Committee

Problem Solving Committee, and

Investigative Committee CAM – Community Association Manager

Reports of Committees:

Tony Ellis reported on his research regarding the Putting Green, comments were accepted by members, discussion took place. **Motion by** Mitch Watson to allow up to \$25,000.00 for new Putting Green, 2nd by Larry Reed, all in favor, **Motion Passed.**

Unfinished Business: The Walkup situation should be closed by 14th or 15th of February. Habitat should not be using the dirt road after these dates. Correspondence from our lawyers states that we have every right to put up a fence to ensure it will not be used, also for any future problems. One problem with putting up the fence at this time is the new Harvest Church that is going in. Mitch Watson and Regina Fortin will be talking to the people from to church to coordinate putting up the fence after construction of retention pond is complete. **Motion by** Larry Reed to wait until meeting with Church officials to construct fence, 2nd by Bob Jenne, all in favor **Motion Passed**.

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Siesta Keys Barbeque Sauce

- ♦ 1 cup ketchup
- ♦ 1 cup dark brown sugar
- ♦ ½ cup mango nectar
- ♦ ½ cup passion fruit juice
- ♦ ½ cup orange juice
- ♦ ½ cup pineapple juice
- ♦ ¼ cup lime juice
- ¼ cup grapefruit juice
- ♦ ¼ cup corn syrup
- 1 medium onion, chopped finely
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- ♦ 1 Tbs. cayenne pepper
- ♦ 1 Tbs. cumin
- ♦ 1 tsp. salt
- 3 Tbs. corn starch

Whisk everything but the cornstarch together in a large heavy saucepan.

Transfer ¼ cup of sauce to a small bowl, add the cornstarch, and whisk until dissolved.

Whisk cornstarch mixture back into the pan.

Cook over medium heat until the sauce comes to a boil. Boil for one minute, stirring frantically.

Remove from heat; allow to cool and think of something fun to baste mmmmscallops.

While you are mulling this over make an amusing rum punch with any leftover mango, passion fruit, or juices.

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Huston/JKA is still doing business out of his home at 452 Longwood Dr. A letter to the attorney with pictures shows that deliveries are still going to that address. Letter from the attorney has been sent to stop, and it was pointed out that it is still on the web site.

Motion by Mitch Watson to pursue it further legally, 2nd by Larry Reed, all in favor. Motion Passed.

Regina Fortin took Paul Lawrence to CPA firm to meet with our manager Sydney, we were told that since all the work is done here at the office by Marietta Jones and the CPA firm only reviews the figures that our CPA firm can and will do the Audit Review. The review will be done as soon as possible

Original Resolutions and New Business: Joe Nofziger gave his presentation for the back gate project. With all the work needed, i.e. irrigation and landscaping, proposal comes to approximately \$9,300.00. Motion by Regina Fortin to go forward with back gate beautification 2nd by Bob Jenne. Board vote RF, MW, PL, AB, BJ, LR, JN, KL, yes, NV no. Motion Passed.

Ken Lauzon reported on his research done regarding defective Bryant air conditioner. Cost to repair old Bryant \$1,300.00. Three estimates given and it was decided to go with comfort maker. **Motion by** Norm Vandenbusche to accept 2nd by Larry Reed. **Motion Passed**.

Motion by Bob Jenne to adjourn the meeting, 2nd by Al Burns.

The meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted

Annette Lawrence, Secretary

Sandalwood Activities Committee

Minutes of February 10, 2015 Board Meeting

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

Board Members Present: President, Carmen Wallin; Vice President, Betty Pratt; Treasurer, Marcie Weidemiller; Secretary, Susan Smith; Johanna Lauzon; Pam Brown; Charlotte Rivard

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the February Sandalwood Park News with one correction: Barbara Hinkle's term was over; she chose not to run again.

Treasurer' Report: Accepted as presented

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Reports on Bingo, Poker, Cards, Euchre, Mah Jongg, Shuffleboard, Bocce, Ping Pong and Huff and Puff were all favorable. If you have an interest in any of these activities, please see a Board member and we can refer you to the appropriate person in charge.

The **Tuesday Lunch Bunch** restaurant schedule is posted on the Bulletin Board. If you are a regular and do not plan to attend one of these luncheons, it is important to let Sylvia Buchanan know. Also, if you would like to join the group on a particular Tuesday, please give her a call.

Computer Class on Friday has been very helpful and informative. Check with Mike Belanich for questions re: this offering.

OLD BUSINESS

Mats for the Homeless: Judy Peterson reported that the group, SCC (Sandalwood Comfort Club), has completed 3 mats (2100 plastic bags) for the homeless. Join the group on Thursday mornings anytime between 9:00 and 11:00, if you want to assist in this worthwhile project.

Concert Series: Sunday evening, Feb. 8, the concert goers enjoyed the multi-talented entertainer, Terry Connelly, originally from Ireland who now travels between Canada and the US. The three programs for the 2016 Season were presented. A "Box Office" format for choosing seats will commence December 1, 2015. They will be available over the phone with a credit card or in the park on given days and hours. Ticket price will stay the same @ \$60.00 for the three shows.

Articles for the Newsletter: It was reiterated that if you have an article for the newsletter it must be to Mary Ann Jenne (majenne@gmail.com) by the 14th of the month in order for it to be included in the following month's newsletter. PLEASE, if you are submitting names, make sure they are spelled correctly.

Thanks to Johanna Lauzon and Charlotte Rivard for the successful coordination of the **Newcomers Party**. It was enjoyed by all. Wonderful food and fellowship!

A commendation was given to all who helped with the **Spaghetti Dinner** which was a sellout. Thanks, particularly, to Harley and Mitch for all their fine work.

Fish and Flick: Following significant discussion, it was a majority vote by the Board not to continue to sponsor this event due to fryers NOT being a part of our insurance coverage. Options will be explored. Input from park residents is welcome.

The **Valentine Potluck/Dinner Dance** was a successful precursor to Valentine's Day. Thanks to Susan Smith and her committee for this event. Bobby Holloway, again, was a hit for this annual event.

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NEW BUSINESS:

On Friday, February 13, SAC will be providing **cupcakes for Bingo**. This has been an annual donation thanking all who participate, particularly to those in Venice Isles, who help support us with their 50/50 contributions.

Cost of Plastic vs Polyester Round Tablecloths will be investigated by the Board.

Marci Weidemiller will investigate the cost of **name tags** for Board members.

3-Day/2 Overnight Trip to Charleston, SC: Gil Weidemiller reported that the 40 person commitment needed to make this \$169 3-day/2 overnight tour is a reality, but that there is still room for a few more people. Cost includes the round-trip fare, two night stay in a hotel, continental breakfast, and the bus tour with guide of Charleston. Information and signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse hallway.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pancake Breakfast: February 14 8:00—10:00 am (Tony)

Casino Trip: February 18 (Alice Fitzpatrick)

Michigan/Ohio Dinner: February 21 (Connie Bressler)

Bustin' With Bargains Clubhouse and Carport Sales: Feb. 28 (Donna Eckman) Pre-Sale for

residents is Friday, Feb. 27 from 4:00 to 5:30 NOTHING will be held or sold beforehand.

Canadian Dinner: March 7 (Johanna Lauzon)

Music City Brass: March 8 (Carmen Wallin)

Annual Park Picnic: March 14 (Johanna Lauzon or Regina Fortin)

Mary Poppins: March 15 Ticket cost is \$25.00 per person (Carmen Wallin)

St. Patrick's Day Dinner: March 21 (Arlene Harrison)

From the Floor

A request was made to purchase **new cards for Poker.** Approved.

Thanks to Larry Reed and his workforce who set up and break down the Sandalwood Room for our various park events and festivities.

Respectfully submitted, Susan Smith, Secretary



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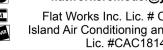
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