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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

AMENITIES AT SANDALWOOD PARK

Office The office is open for business 9 am – noon

Board Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month November thru April

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:

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Directories One directory per household is available in the office.

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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.

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.

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Articles must be submitted on or before the 13th of the month.

Editor information is on page two.

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

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SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



Did you know that Sandalwood has a Website?

It is a good way to keep up with happenings and reading the newsletters online.

The address for the website is www.sandalwoodpark.com

BEFORE YOU GO!!

Seems like we just got here and already we need to begin thinking about what we need to do to our properties before we leave. Shortly, the Sandalwood Snowbirds will begin their migration away from beautiful Venice, FL. Please remember an increasing number of our residents are “Rounders”, year round residents. To help us to keep our park neat, as well as your property and your neighbor’s property safe, please prepare your property for when you are away.

Before you leave:

- You 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.
- Items should not be stored on a screened lanai. During previous hurricanes, we have had a few screen lanais’ totally blown away, as well as everything that was stored on them. Please store items inside your shed or home.
- Complete your new Caretaker Form and turned it into the office. Even if you have a Caretaker on file from previous years you must complete the new form. This will insure that all of the Caretaker information we have on file is correct and current. Forms are available in the rack, outside the Secretary’s office, in the clubhouse.
- Please read the responsibilities of a Caretaker. These are listed on the form. If your current Caretaker cannot handle these responsibilities, you must find one who can. Remember, the Caretaker has an important responsibility to watch over and protect your property while you are away. It is not just a name on a form to fulfill a requirement. You don’t want to find out the hard way that your Caretaker cannot handle the job.

Once all of the above is complete you will have peace of mind during your time away from Sandalwood. We wish you God speed and fair winds until you return to our little bit of paradise.

YOUR WATER METER SHUT-OFF VALVE

Do you know where your water meter and shut-off is located? In most cases, there are 2 meters and shut-offs located next to each other. They are located under a metal or plastic rectangular cap between you and your neighbor’s home. In many cases, over the years, grass has grown over them. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to keep this cover clear of all grass so the valve can be easily located and accessed either in an emergency or to be shut off when leaving the park for the season. Each homeowner should locate and clear this cover. If you cannot locate your water meter and shut off valve cover try the following:



Check with your neighbor to see if they know where it is.

Try gently poking the ground between you and your neighbor’s home to look for something hard. If you strike something hard check to see if it is the cover.

Check with your Caretaker for assistance in locating the cover.

As a last resort, contact the office and some from the Operations Committee will provide assistance.

Remember, it is recommended that you turn off you water at the meter when you leave for the season.

Season-Ending Pizza Party

The annual bocce/shuffleboard pizza party and awards presentation will be held on the patio on March 21 at noon. It's been a great season and lots of fun whether you've won or lost. So, come and share the comradery of the Sandalwood games. A signup sheet will be posted on March 1st.

Park Picnic


Our annual Park Picnic will be held on March 23 starting at 12:30. Gold Rush will cater our barbeque lunch of pulled pork, beans, coleslaw and corn bread.




Tickets are \$10.00 in the office and must be purchased by March 18th. All residents will get their money back when presenting the ticket at the door. Sorry, but non-residents and no-shows will not get a refund.

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MOVIE NIGHT

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WHAT A SURPRISE!

It took 80 years, but it happened. The best birthday of my life. Aside from my terrific wife, I had my children, Jimmy, Sally, Bernie (and Heidi), Steve (and Melody), and of course, Cindy. Also, my two grandsons, Pierce, Mitchell (and Gayeon), and my brothers, Bud (and Irene), Tom (and Deb), and Dean (and Barbara), were there to help me celebrate. To top all of that off, I had all of my Sandalwood friends there, too.

To tell you the truth, I was overwhelmed.

I want to thank you all for a wonderful night. As we say in the Navy, I wish you all "fair winds and following seas". I have the best wife a man could ask for who made this all possible. So, a special thanks to Regina. Baby, you're the greatest!

Larry Fortin

Snowbird Farewell

This year's Snowbird Farewell will be held on Sunday, March 31st at 3:00 p.m. on the patio (weather permitting). It is a BYOB event, but lemonade will be provided. For those of you who are new to this tradition, it is a time to bid farewell to our seasonal residents and clean out our refrigerators. The fare is appetizer-type goodies and desserts. Hope to see you there. No sign up is necessary. Questions? Call Susan Smith (508) 240-8526.

Did You Know...

If you plan on renting your property, either as a new rental or a renewal, please review the regulations before you accept any money or sign a rental agreement. All rentals require approval by the Board. All Renters are required to have a background check as well as signing a document that they have read and understand the Rules and Regulations as they apply to Renters.



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St. Patrick's Day Dinner

The annual St. Patrick's karaoke & joke night will be on Saturday, March 16, with social hour at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. The SAC board has decided that all special dinners will now be catered. In-house preparations for those dinners are extremely difficult since our kitchen was not designed to cook for such a large number. Also, by doing this, all the board members will be able to participate and enjoy the evening.



Both the Christmas and Valentine dinners were catered and we had very favorable comments about the quality of the food. We used Popi's Place from Ellenton for those dinners and they have agreed to also cater our St. Patrick's dinner. The menu will be corned beef & cabbage, boiled potatoes, carrots, tossed salad, dinner rolls and butter. For dessert we have German chocolate cake and carrot cake.

Tom will again be doing the karaoke and he has thousands of songs available. If you have some song in particular that you want to sing, let me know and I'll see if it's available in karaoke form. You don't have to be a Pavarotti or Amy Grant to sing that night. It's all about having a lot of fun. In the past, some of our most enjoyable performances were from groups. Also, I'm sure you might have a favorite joke to share, so join us and make this the best karaoke yet. Tickets are just \$13.00 and can be purchased in the office.

Carmen Wallin
941/483-4527



Showcase #3

The curtain opens and the show begins. You are being serenaded by some of the greatest musical superstars, one famous singer after another, each one performing one of your favorite hit songs. You won't believe all those incredible voices are coming out of one man. Eric Kearns will be presenting his "Voices of Legends Show" for the last of our Showcase Series at 7:00, Sunday, March 10. All of our shows this year have been WELL received and I'm sure you won't be disappointed with our final show of the year. Eric's repertoire consists of over 22 performers, and he will share many of them with you that night. Tickets are available at the door for \$20.00. Hope to see you there.

Showcase 2020

WOW! Next year's Showcase is going to be great! Last year, we announced that we would do a "Favorites" series. We had the Showcase attendees select their top three choices of the performers we have had over the years. Luckily, we have been able to hire two of the top three entertainers that people wanted to see again. First on the list was Red Hot & Blue Collar, but they are not performing anymore due to a divorce.

Our first show won't be until January 19, which will be better for the snowbirds who come south a little later. The ticket sale will also be later, but that date won't be selected until SAC makes out next year's calendar.

Like all the series on TV that end the season with a cliff hanger, we'll do the same and not announce next year's three fantastic shows until next season. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT.

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BOCCE 2020

The Bocce season for 2019 is winding down after another successful season. Our fun league continues to grow; we had 13 teams this year.

Teams are already being organized for the 2020 season. A sign-up sheet for 2020 has been posted on the bulletin board in the clubhouse. If you think you would like to play next year, we would appreciate it if you register your team and sign-up before you depart for the summer. If you do not have a team, feel free to sign-up as a single; we will pair you with someone. The main thing is to sign-up before you leave. Please print your name, a phone number that you can be reached at prior to your getting back to the park, your email address and whether or not you would like to be a regular or a substitute. We are all busy during the season so substitutes are needed.

Matches are scheduled on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:00am and 2:30pm. If necessary, games can be rescheduled for any other day or night as the courts have lights. If you don't know how to play Bocce, that's not a problem. Fun, teaching, practice sessions will be scheduled before the season begins. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mike Smith @ (508) 221-0977 or Holly Koss @ 413-589-9518.



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Confidence in Social Situations

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We have all been in a situation when we felt uncomfortable. And we have all had that one moment we looked great and knew it. **That confidence**, that indefinable "I feel great about me" that is the feeling I want you to have when you are out socializing.

Take a moment, think about the last four weeks and what activities you confidently participated in. Now, think about **any activities** you may have avoided since you knew it would not go well for you.

Are you limiting your lifestyle due to hearing challenges? If you answered yes, call me. I've met too many people who started limiting their life by giving up social situations simply due to their lack of confidence to hear well. Whether it was to stop attending their place of worship, stop going to certain restaurants or stop attending group meetings, so many social situations require you to hear well. Limiting your social options isn't the best solution.

The number one reason someone avoids a social situation is an inability to hear clearly. Usually the background noise is too distracting. You may experience a table behind you speaking so loudly you can't hear your friends or the clanking of dishes interrupts your conversation.

If you feel like you are losing your conversation to the background sounds I can help you prioritize speech over noise. Better technology recognizes various social settings using internal microchips that provide optimum listening experience.

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Also, please do not leave unmarked items in the refrigerators, as there is some concern that items may be being taken from the refrigerators for personal use. We would hope that you are not one of them. **PLEASE** label your items with your name or the event for which they are to be used.

Last, but not least, if you do come into the kitchen to use the ice machine and an event or program is being held in the Sandpiper Room, please be respectful to those people in attendance by making either as little disruptive noise as possible (I know that's hard with an ice machine) or, if feasible, coming back another time. If you have questions, you can contact a SAC Board member. Common courtesies are contagious. Thanks.

Susan Smith, SAC Secretary

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GUESTS, RENTERS OR TENANTS

5.1 All persons who are not disclosed in a Member's or Tenant's lease agreement shall be considered guests. All overnight guests must be registered with the Park Office upon or before their arrival. Guests of Members or Tenants may remain on Park premises as a guest of the Member or Tenant so long as their stay does not exceed thirty (30) days per year (365 days from first day of guest's arrival).

5.2 Members and Tenants may lease their premises subject to prior written approval by the Board. **Any subletting without Board consent shall be void and constitute a default by Member or Tenant of their lease and/or rental agreement.**

5.3 Members and Tenants may not rent their premises to more than two (2) persons at any time, nor for less than thirty (30) days minimum and at least one person must be at least 55 years of age and any other sub lessees must be at least 45 years of age.

5.4 Renters must have written permission for overnight guests from Management prior to the guests' arrival. The number of guests permitted at one time shall be determined by Management. Guests of Renters may not stay for more than one (1) week without written approval from the Management. Guests of Renters must register at the Park Office upon their arrival.

5.5 Guests and renters are entirely the responsibility of the Member or Tenant. All such persons must comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Park.

5.6 Rental application forms must be submitted to the Board thirty (30) days prior to the anticipated occupancy date of Renter. This will include the authorization form for the background check and a check for the background check fee.

5.7 Members and Tenants may not subdivide home to rent (No rental of rooms).

5.8 Renters and overnight guests are not allowed to have dogs. Other indoor pets are at the discretion of the shareholder. Daily visitor's dogs must remain on the shareholders property and as defined in 6.1 cannot exceed 20 pounds.

ATTENTION ALL NEW ENGLANDERS

Our annual potluck dinner for all the New England states will be held on Saturday, March 2nd at 5:30 PM. There will be surprises regarding the Red Sox World Series and the Patriots Super Bowl. Sorry, Tom Brady is not part of the surprise.

So, come out and have a great time!!!

Lucille Mitton
941/504-3349



March 2019

CHECK, PLEASE

Since having our dinner parties catered, it has become apparent that we need a better way to keep track of ticket sales. Going forward and starting with the St Patrick's Day dinner, payment for events MUST be made by check payable to SAC. If you do not have a checking account, we will certainly accommodate you but all others must have a check in hand. This is also proof of payment should you misplace your ticket(s). Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.



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SAC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 10:00 with Pledge of Allegiance led by President, Carmen Wallin.

Present: Carmen Wallin, President; Lucille Mitton, Vice President; Susan Smith, Secretary; Joyce Blackney; Gail Pellitteri

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Susan Smith to accept as printed; second by Gail Pellitteri. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Not available at this time due to transition of position to new person.

Committee Reports: All well attended and running smoothly.

Old Business:

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance: Good food. Good music. Good time. Due to the lack of reconciliation between money collected and tickets picked up, it was moved by Susan Smith and seconded by Joyce Blackney that payment must be by check. Motion carried. If, however, you do not have a checking account and need to pay by cash, a receipt will be made out in order to have your cash payment accounted for.

Showcase: Christine Joyce presented an enjoyable evening of song and humor. Impersonator, Eric Kearns, will be the 3rd and final Showcase of the season on March 10th at 7:00. Tickets are still available in advance from Carmen Wallin or at the door for \$20.

There will be NO DANCE IN MARCH due to the full schedule of events.

Venice Theater: Money is due by Feb. 25 for the performance of 42nd Street.

Bustin' With Bargains Clubhouse Sale/Bake Sale/Hot Dog Sale/Homeowners' Carport Sales Joyce Blackney, Chair, brought us up to date on the sale. She came well prepared and gave a comprehensive report. This is a park wide effort. Please do your part. Many hands make for less work. Donations for sale—including bake sale—are WELCOME.

New Business

Pancake Breakfast: March 9 from 8:00-9:30. February's breakfast hosted about 90 customers. What a deal for \$3.00—eggs, sausage, pancakes, juice, coffee/tea and good fellowship.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Karaoke: Corned beef and cabbage dinner will be catered by Popi's at \$13.00 pp. Karaoke will again be led by Carmen's son, Tom.

Annual Picnic: This year's picnic will be held on March 23. A catered Bar-B-Q will be provided by Goldrush. Tickets are \$10.00, which will be refunded when you check in at the door. You MUST purchase tickets ahead of time, as with many of our events. (Note: Don your Margaritaville ensemble.)

New Board Members: Two new residents to the park were voted to be members. A motion to accept Judy Oberdick as our treasurer was made by Gail Pellitteri and seconded by Joyce Blackney. Motion carried. To accept Reni Wulfken as a member was made by Joyce Blackney and seconded by Lucille Mitton. Motion carried.

Board of Health Requirement: Lucille Mitton reminded us that we MUST wear gloves when dealing with food in either the kitchen or when setting it out for a potluck.

Movie Night: March's Movie Night will be on Sunday, March 17 at 7:00. (See info. elsewhere in newsletter.)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Smith, Secretary

MARCH SUDOKU PUZZLE

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SAC CALENDAR FOR 2019

MARCH

- 2nd - New England pot luck
- 2nd - Guest sign up for St. Patrick's Day Dinner
- 5th - SAC agenda-10:00
- 6th - SPH agenda-10.00
- 9th - Pancake breakfast-8:00-9:30
- 9th - St. Patrick's Day Dinner sign down
- 10th - Eric Kearns- 3rd Showcase-7:00
- 11th - Trivia-6:30
- 12th - SAC board-10:00
- 13th - SPH board-10:00
- 16th - St. Patrick potluck & joke night 5:30/6:00-?
- 17th - Venice Theatre - "42nd Street"- 2:00
- 17th - Movie Night 7:00
- 21st - Bocce/Shuffleboard Party
- 23rd - Picnic
- 24th - Gospel sing 6:00
- 25th - Trivia 6:30
- 31st - Snowbird Farewell 3:00
- 31st- Resident sign up for Easter dinner

APRIL

- 2nd - SAC agenda-10:00
- 3rd - SPH agenda-10:00
- 6th - Dance-7:00-10:00
- 7th- Guest sign up for Easter dinner
- 8th - Trivia-6:30
- 9th - SAC board-10:00
- 10th - SPH board-10:00
- 14th - Sign down for Easter dinner
- 21st - Easter dinner-2:00
- 22nd - Trivia - 6:30

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

- May 4th – Kentucky Derby
- May 18th – Preakness
- June 7th – Belmont
- July 4th – Picnic
- Sept 2nd – Ice Cream Social
- Halloween Party - TBA

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Huff & Puff-MWF 9:00
- Cards & Poker-Wed. 6:00
- Euchre- Thurs. 7:00-Jan.-April
- Bingo-Tues. & Fri. 6:30
- SCC-Thurs. 9:00-11:00-Jan-April
- Shuffleboard Mon. & Fri. 1:00 Jan.-March
- Bocce- Tues, Wed & Thurs. Jan- March
- Mah Jongg-Mon. 1:00
- Tuesday lunches-12:30
- Line dancing-Thurs.-6:30
- Trivia 2nd and 4th Monday Nov-Apr 6:30
- Cardio-M-S -8:00
- Water aerobics-Mon & Wed-10:00-Jan-March

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
MARCH 2019			Happy St. Patrick's Day! March 17			2 New England pot luck Guest sign up for St. Patrick's Day dinner
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