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Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.
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Annual Picnic



The Park Picnic will be held on Saturday, April 4th. Menu and price are still being worked on, so stay tuned.

The theme for this year's picnic is "America the Beautiful." Everyone is encouraged to wear their red, white and blue. If you are available to help with decorations, please contact Susan Smith at 508-240-8526 or susansmith6699@gmail.com.



St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance



The annual "Wearing of the Green" party will be held on Saturday, March 14th starting 5:30/6:00. A traditional corned beef dinner will be served. Our "famous" Valentine's Day salad will be on the menu, too, as well as dessert and coffee. BYO food coloring if you want green beer 😊

This year, we've added live music to the evening's festivities. A party's not a party unless there's music! The duo Twice as Nice is hitting the stage; if you've seen them at the Moose or our Halloween party two years ago, you know how great they are.



Tickets are \$15.00 PP and can be purchased at the Box Office on February 25th, 27th and March 3rd and 5th, 10:00-12:00. So, come and celebrate St Patrick with good food, music and friends. You just might want to do an Irish jig.



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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



SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES

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The SAC Board of Directors has the responsibility to plan, coordinate and implement our many activities and events.

Contact any board member with your suggestions, we will gladly look into it.

AMENITIES AT SANDALWOOD PARK

Office The office is open for business 9 am – noon

Board Meetings are held each month from November through April. SAC meets every second Tuesday, SPH meets every second Wednesday.

Shareholders Annual Meeting is always the third Thursday of January at 2pm

Maintenance Fees are due the 1st of January, April, July and October. It is encouraged to use automatic pay. (Please see the office for a form). If you are not on automatic pay, you should have a coupon book for your payments. If you have misplaced your coupon book, please mail payments to:

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Checks should be made out to. Sandalwood Park HOA

Newsletters are distributed the first week of each month. Volunteers distribute from January through April. May through December the newsletters can be picked up at the clubhouse. The newsletter is also on our website.

Directories One directory per household is available in the office.

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Laundry There are two washers and two dryers available at a cost of \$1.75 per machine and may be used by renters/visitors. We also have clotheslines should you prefer air drying.

Bocce & Shuffleboard equipment is located in the small shed near the shuffleboard courts. Keys to the shed are located in the exercise room and are hanging above the light switch.

CHANNEL 195 The park's communication channel for the most current information and activities in the park.

Website Sandalwoodpark.com

Mowing Lawns are mowed every other week during the winter months. Every week as the weather warms and the grass grows faster.

Plantings All new plantings must be submitted for approval.

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Gail Pellitteri
gbpell@yahoo.com
941/882-4065

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!

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Tuesday & Friday 6:30PM

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Leave all your troubles at home, join your Neighbors at the clubhouse and have a good time!!!

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Notes From SPH Board Meeting

Listed below is a summary of business from the 2/12/2020 SPH Board Meeting.

- **Directors Reports** – Ms. Fortin reported:

- o County is being contacted to remove the overgrown vegetation from the drainage ditches

- o Explained how the uniform mailboxes project is underway. This is a project voted on by the board in Dec. of 2019 with no out of pocket costs to the shareholder.

- o Explained the process of the Park purchasing units. The Park has first right of refusal on any property sold. When the Park does purchase a property, it is usually done to remove the existing home and resell the lot. This is done to improve the property values of all sites in the Park. When it is done, Ms. Fortin handles all the paperwork for the sale and the closing. She receives no commission for the sale and is only acting as an unpaid agent on behalf of the Park.

- **Managers' Report** – Ms. Gwinn, our manager from Lighthouse Management, reported that she does compliance runs monthly. The next one will be done immediately after the board meeting. The first compliance letter that is sent out is just a friendly reminder of a situation that you might have overlooked and needs attention.

- **Unfinished Business**

- o Mr. Alvis is reviewing the plans for the new bathhouse/restroom by the pool. We are still waiting for another bid.

- o Mr. Koss reported the regulation restricting new patios to 120 sq. ft. was voted in place in Dec. 2017. Through his oversight, while being enforced since that date, he had not added it to the list of Rules and Regulations. That has been rectified.

- o Ms. Fortin reported on the quotes for the conversion of all our lighting in the clubhouse, cooking area on the patio and the recreation area to LED. It was voted unanimously to award the contract to Bob's Electric.

- o In Ms. Moore's absence, Ms. Fortin reported the new vertical blinds for the Activities Room have been purchased. Jim, our maintenance man has installed them.

- **New Business**

- o A request was made by Shareholder Mr. Smith for the Park to purchase 2 cement benches to be placed in opposite corners of the common area surrounding the clubhouse. This will provide two resting areas for walkers. Mr. Koss made a motion to allocate up to \$700 for this purpose. The motion was passed unanimously.

- o Carport Sales – Ms. Marsocci reported we have had several requests from shareholders to hold carport sales on the same day as the Park's Bustin with Bargains Sale. The Board voted unanimously to approve those sales with the following conditions:

- o All requests for carport sales must be made to the Park Office in writing

- o The Park will do no advertising for your sale.

- o The Park will not provide maps showing the location of your sale.

- o Smoking – While we currently have a rule that prohibits smoking in certain areas within the Park, Mr. Koss made a motion to modify the definition of Smoking in our Rules and Regulations to include Vaping. The Board passed it unanimously.

- o Mr. Koss made a motion for the Park to purchase the property at 430 Boxwood for \$52,500. The current structure to be removed and the lot resold for \$60,000. The motion passed unanimously.





Let's Go To The Movies

Our continuing Movie Night of the Snowbird Season will be on Sunday, March 15th at 7:00. This month, the audience will be transported to another place and time in movie history with the showing

of Agatha Christie's **The Mirror Cracked** starring Elizabeth Taylor, Kim Novak, Rock Hudson, Tony Curtis and Angela Lansbury. In her often type-cast sleuthing, Angela Lansbury seeks to find the truth in this "murderous romp filled with delectable dialogue and outrageously fun performance."

Curtain Closes On

The Showcase

The final act of our Showcase Series this season will be on Sunday, March 22nd at 7:00. Mary Ellen Hooper is back by popular request. Besides having a great routine, this comedienne is quick witted and can banter back and forth with the audience. Sometimes the funniest stuff is a result of ad-libbing.



Tickets are \$20 at the door. If laughter is the best medicine, you'll be "in the pink" after this show.

Bocce/Shuffleboard Year-End Lunch



The Sandalwood Games may have come to an end, but it's not over till the fat lady sings (or the pizza is gone).

The pizza lunch and awards ceremony will be held on Thursday, March 26th at 12:30. Whether your team won or lost, it was a lot of fun, wasn't it? Please sign-up on the BB.



EASTER PARTIAL-POTLUCK

Our Easter dinner on April 12th, will be a partial potluck this year. SAC will provide the ham; your wonderful sides and desserts will complete our meal. Many of you requested a later time so we are now having dinner at 4:30/5:00. There is no charge to residents, non-residents will be \$5.00 at the door. Please sign up and pick your table on the BB. Remember to bring small bills for the 50/50.

Are You A New Englandite?

The New Englander potluck will be held on Saturday, March 7th at 5:30/6:00. Those interested should sign up on the BB.

TICKET SALES

The Sac "Box Office" will be open two weeks prior to a ticketed event on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00 in the Activities Room; box office hours are always posted in the newsletter. Please remember that checks, payable to SAC, are the preferred payment. If you don't have a checking account, we will certainly accommodate you, but all others must have check in hand. This is also proof of payment should you misplace your ticket(s).



THE 3-I CLUB

New this season, a get together for all residents of Illinois, Indiana and Iowa (thus the 3-I) is scheduled for Sunday, March 1st from 3:00-4:00. This meet and greet will include an ice cream social, a bit of entertainment and a quick talk to get your input for future 3-I events. Please sign up on the BB so we get an idea of how much ice cream to buy.

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MARCH

- 01st 3-I Ice Cream Social – 3:00-4:00
- 03rd SAC Agenda – 10:00
- 03rd Box Office - St. Pat's Party – 10:00-12:00
- 04th SPH Agenda – 9:00
- 05th Box Office - St. Pat's Party – 10:00-12:00
- 07th New England Potluck – 5:30
- 09th Trivia – 6:30
- 10th SAC Board – 10:00
- 11th SPH Board – 10:00
- 14th St Patrick's Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00
- 15th Venice Theater – Guys & Dolls – 2:00
- 15th Movie – 7:00
- 21st Pancake Breakfast – 8:00-9:30
- 22nd Showcase – Mary Ellen Hooper – 7:00
- 23rd Trivia – 6:30
- 24th Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
- 26th Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
- 26th Bocce/Shuffleboard Party – 12:30
- 31st Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00

APRIL

- 01st SPH Agenda – 9:00
- 02nd Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
- 04th Picnic TBA
- 05th Snow Bird Farewell – 3:00
- 07th SAC Agenda – 10:00
- 08th SPH Board – 10:00
- 09th Box Office - Easter Dinner – 10:00-12:00
- 12th Easter Potluck – 4:30/5:00
- 13th Trivia – 6:30
- 14th SAC Board – 10:00
- 19th Movie – 7:00
- 27th Trivia – 6:30

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Sudoku Puzzle #S795ST
Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING January 16, 2020

The Annual Members Meeting scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on January 16, 2020, in the Sandpiper Room, 300 Sandpiper Dr N. Venice, Florida.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m., by Ms. Fortin, President.

PROOF OF NOTICE: Notice of the meeting was posted on the Bulletin Board, and mailed to members, and sent to each Director before the meeting, by the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

There were 151 members present in person or by proxy.

A quorum was established.

READING OF 2019 ANNUAL MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES: On matters relating to the Minutes of the previous, January 17, 2019 Annual Meeting, upon a motion made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Ms. Wnek, and it was unanimously:

Voted 20-05: approve January 17, 2019 meeting minutes as presented

Motion Passed Unanimously

President Fortin announced the ballot counters. Secretary Koss stated the ballot and registration is now closed and counting will begin.

Financial Report – Cheryl Price, Accountant for Lighthouse Management reported that the Association is in good financial shape. The income for year 2019 is \$421,956.00. Expenses for the year were \$431,412.92; which leaves an over budget amount of \$9,456.00. The over budgeted amount is not actual cash since the income covered the expense.

President Report: Ms. Fortin thanked Jim Sebo, maintenance man, for his continued work within the Park. Jim is very proactive and will bring up items that need attention. The cost to have Jim perform the work is less than a contractor. Linda Murray who works in the office has done an outstanding job, she is friendly and is willing to help whenever needed. Janet Wnek has taken on the responsible of doing the estoppels for the Park which generates income for the Park. Dave Alvis takes care of the irrigation system which again saves money for the Park. Larry Reed handles the Park's truck and any back-gate issues. Barbara Moore and Sandra Marsocci volunteer to help in the office and anywhere else they are needed. Tony Koss has spent many hours improving the channel 195 site.

Lighthouse: Jeff McDuffie, CFO, Partner – Jeff thanked the Community for letting Lighthouse be their management company for the past four years. One of the responsibilities that Lighthouse handles is compliance. Your property manager, Tricia, along with a board member go around the community once a month and look for any violations that may occur. Keep in mind that this is not Tricia or the Board setting these violations, they are following what your Documents state. Ms. Fortin stated that the first letter that goes out is to inform you of an area that needs attention that you may not have noticed.

Owners Comments: Noise from the dump trucks across the street, contractors leaving trash during new installs of homes, speeding in the community by residents and delivery companies, landscape, trash, and caretaker.

New Business:

Announcement of New Directors: The two members voted by the membership are Sandra Marsocci and Barbara Moore.

Vote to Waive the financial requirement for 2019:

In Favor – 146 Opposed – 5 PASSED

Hearing no further discussion to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM

Tricia Gwinn, CAM, CMCA Managing Agent for Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.

DATED: This 16th day of January 2020

(Puzzle on Pg.11)



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Guys And Dolls

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You're Invited

Michael and Susan Smith extend an invitation to all Sandalwood residents to join them between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, for their annual St. Patrick's Day party. Punch and water will be provided, but please BYOB and a snack to share. This is a time not only to enjoy fellowship with your Sandalwood neighbors but also to meet or reacquaint yourselves to newer people to the park. Try your luck at corn hole too, whether a seasoned player or a newcomer to the game, it's always fun. Contact Susan Smith at susansmith6699@gmail.com for info.

ATTENTION ALL SANDALWOOD RESIDENTS

This is an official notification that the Sandalwood Activities Club will be holding an election of Directors to the SAC Board on Tuesday, March 10, 2020. It is important that you attend the March meeting to vote, so please mark your calendars NOW!

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8	9 Trivia - 6:30	10 SAC Board 10:00	11 SPH Board 10:00	12	13	14 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance 5:30/6:00
15 Venice Theater 2:00	16	17	18	19	20	21 Pancake Breakfast 8:00-9:30
Movie 7:00						
22	23 Trivia - 6:30	24 Box Office - Easter Dinner 10:00-12:00	25	26 Box Office - Easter Dinner 10:00-12:00 Bocce/Shuffleboard Party 12:30	27	28
29 Gospel Sing 6:00	30 Box Office - Easter Dinner 10:00-12:00	31				
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