# Sandalwood Park News

# *May 2014*



# Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida

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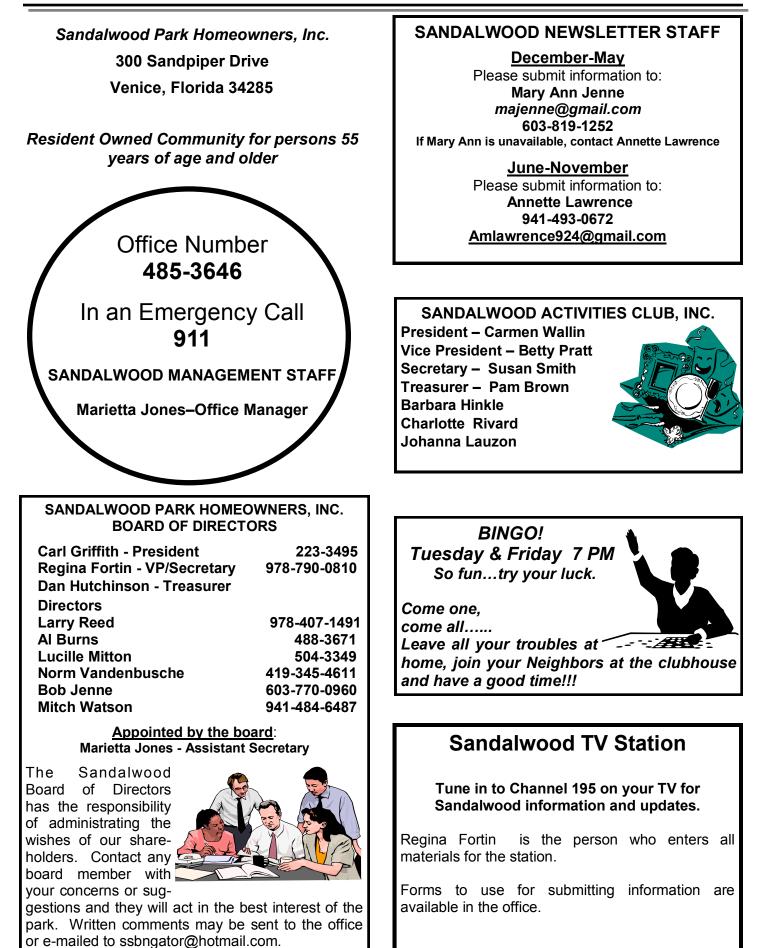
From The President

As many of us leave for the summer please take care on the road, and spend the summer enjoying yourself. Remember life is too short-- get the most out of it.

Once again it's time to spread some thanks around to the folks that gave up some time and effort to make other's lives a little better in the park. Al Brown, Larry Moore, Larry Reed, and I spent part of our Sunday and Monday removing dead citrus trees at two homes in the Park. Much of the dry wood will be used for camp fires, and enjoyed as much as the fruits were. Thanks a lot guys!

We are up and running on Facebook! Regina spent one late night getting us set up. Look to that for info on what's happening.

Last month we received a letter asking the board to announce Board meetings to all via E-Mail notices. We discussed the concept with our attorney and soon realized that meeting the requirements of Florida statutes in regard to notification, made that approach extremely onerous. Using Facebook is an approach to satisfy part of the request for more access to information about the Park.



#### Presidents message continued from page 1

While trimming some overhanging branches for the mowers along Cortina road, I picked up 16 of those 100 ml bottles of whiskey (empty of course). Two days last week I picked up 6 in the park and the entrance/exit. That is a very expensive way to drink, and more importantly, someone in our park is driving while drinking 3 1/2 ounces or more of liquor.

I signed the contract to have two Bocce ball courts constructed next to the shuffleboard courts. They will make a great addition to the amenities in the park. We should all give it a try, as it has a great reputation among many people. Several parks are standing by to have inter-park matches with us. We had allocated capital improvement money in the 2014 budget to cover such things, and don't need to go into our bank savings for the construction.

The horseshoe pits will be moved to a new location next to the Bocce courts, and some improvements will be added by the same company that is constructing the Bocce courts.

Our ice machine died just in time for the Easter Sunday dinner, we hope to have a new one in place in time to have some ice for that event. We have bids from several companies, and want to buy locally to ensure that knowledgeable service is always available to us.

The sign on the corner of Center road and Cortina is peeling and looking shabby. We have chosen a new design in keeping with the sun and warmth of Florida, which will be installed in May. The walls at the west entrance will also be refurbished and new signs added.

Next comes a part of the letter that I don't like to write. Last month we discussed the concept of pet owners having more consideration for the feelings of those in the Park who are not enamored of their pets on their property. To be honest we haven't noticed much change. People have always been great about cleaning up, but the looooong leashes etc. are still garnering comments. Sadly two cats succumbed to their owners errors last week and disappeared, either by predator or other causes. Remember all pets must be on a leash and attended while outside.

Lastly, we all bought into a park that allows pets, and we knew that going in, so some consideration for our neighbors from all of us will go a long way toward improving the feelings we have for our community.

Carl Griffith



## Tuesday Bunch/Lunch Restaurant list for May 2014 Lunch is at 12:30pm

There is only one regular luncheon date scheduled for the month of May.

May 6th

Casey Key Fish House 801 Blackburn Point Osprey, FL

This is the **last** regular Tuesday lunch for the season. The new 2014/2015 season will begin again in October, 2014.

Thanks to everyone who has made this a great season with the average number of 36-40 attending. Hope to see everyone in the fall.

Have a great summer.

Sylvia Buchanan

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# Note:

Please remember to call or send via email all articles for the newsletter to Annette Lawrence during the summer months.

See phone number and email address on page 2



# <u>Cooks Corner</u>

Submit your favorite recipe to share!

# May Recipe

Cool Summer Drink Recipe by Mango Dragonfly

# Watermelon Agua Fesca

8 cups seedless watermelon, cubed 1 cup water <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup sugar <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup lime juice 1 Tbsp. lime zest 1 liter club soda Lime slices, for garnish

Place half of the watermelon, half the water and half the sugar into a blender and puree until liquefied. Transfer into a large pitcher.

Repeat with the remaining watermelon, water and sugar.

Stir in the lime juice and zest. Refrigerate until chilled.

When ready to serve...gently stir in the club soda and garnish with lime.



# To Our Sandalwood Friends

It is with mixed emotions that we send this note to our friends at Sandalwood.

Our hearts are torn between joy, sorrow and gratitude at this time. No two people could have been more surprised to arrive at the patio area 3/18/14 to be met by so many of our friends and neighbors clapping and wishing us well and Godspeed on our new venture in New Jersey. It was a wonderful occasion, one we will never forget.

We came to Sandalwood 19 years ago and have enjoyed every minute of it We've made great friends and had many good times. It is with somewhat of a heavy heart, but still with great anticipation, that we now move on to another chapter of our lives.

We will never forget Sandalwood and hopefully Sandalwood has not seen the last of us.

Remember the old saying "wait till next year!"

Thank you,

Steve and Loretta Demcher



**Community Center for Deaf** 

# Horse Racing Socials Planned For This Summer

Ready, set, goooooo!

The three national horse races are scheduled, and Sandalwood viewing will take place in our Sandpiper Room. May 3 is the date for the Kentucky Derby, on May 17 the Preakness will take place and the last race, the Belmont Stakes is on June 7.

This event is sponsored by SAC and Venice Isles is also invited.

The social events begin at 4 p.m. with pizza at 5 p.m. and the race at 6:30 p.m.

Rick Wnek and Pat McLochlin will manage the events, and will promise exciting times.

With only twenty (20) horses in each race, your two dollar bet may win a lot more.

The entry fee is \$4 for the games, the pizza, cupcakes, coffee and lemonade or BYOB.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the races and the fun.

# **Bocce Ball Report**

by Michael Smith



- --Initiated in spring of 2013 by Michael T. Smith (476 Boxwood Dr.) and Moe Kiley (466 Boxwood Dr.)
- --In Feb. 2014, the SPH Board appointed an ad hoc committee of 4— Michael Smith, Moe Kiley, Norm Vandenbusche, and Dan Hutchinson to investigate the feasibility of Bocce Ball courts and to report back at the March, 2014 meeting.
- --On March 12, 2014, Michael submitted 7 bids in chart form to the board listing who was bidding and their base price and option costs. The committee was charged to come back to the April meeting with their two top choices for a complete Bocce Ball system (2 courts).

--On April 9, 2014, Stewart Tennis Courts bid was offered as the best bid. The SPH Board voted to accept their bid and go forward with the project.

--On April 11, 2014, the contract was signed by President Carl Griffith.

Anyone wishing to play (or learn to play) Bocce Ball next year, please contact Michael Smith (<u>mikesmith6699@gmail.com</u>). Although the official practice will not begin until early January, you are encouraged to use the courts when they are complete—hopefully, by the first of July. Bocce balls are in the shed next to the shuffleboard courts. Intra/extra mural games will begin in February, 2015. Have fun while you get some outdoor exercise.

Watch the newsletter for updates.



# List of Activities for the 2014/2015 Season

NOV. 4, 2014	SAC AGENDA	FEB. 4, 2015	SPH AGENDA
NOV. 5, 2014	SPH AGENDA	FEB. 7,2015	VALENTINES DANCE
NOV. 8, 2014	POTLUCK		(BOBBY HOLLOWAY)
NOV. 10 2014	MOVIE NIGHT ?	FEB. 8, 2015	2 <sup>ND</sup> CONCERT SERIES
NOV. 11, 2014	SAC BOARD MEETING		(TERRY CONNOLLY)
NOV. 12, 2014	SPH BOARD MEETING	FEB. 10, 2015	SAC BOARD MEETING
NOV. 27,2014	THANKSGIVING DINNER?	FEB. 11, 2015 FEB. 14, 2015	SPH BOARD MEETING PANCAKE BREAKFAST
NOV. 29, 2014	DECORATE FOR CHRISTMAS	FEB. 14, 2015 FEB. 18, 2015	CASINO TRIP
	(COFFEE & DONUTS)	FEB. 21, 2015	
DEC. 2, 2014	SAC AGENDA	FEB. 28, 2015	
DEC. 3, 2014	SPH AGENDA		CANADIAN POT LUCK
DEC. 8, 2014	MOVIE NIGHT ?	,	3 <sup>RD</sup> CONCERT SERIES
DEC. 9 2014	SAC BOARD MEETING		(MUSIC CITY BRASS)
DEC. 10, 2014	SPH BOARD MEETING		5 ANNUAL PICNIC
DEC. 13, 2014	CHRISTMAS POT LUCK	MARCH 15, 201	5 VENICE THEATER
DEC. 31, 2014	NEW YEARS EVE COCKTAIL PARTY		
JAN. 5, 2015	FISH & FLICK	MARCH 21, 201	5 ST. PATRICKS POT LUCK (KARAOKE)
JAN. 6, 2015	SAC AGENDA	MARCH 29, 201	5 VARIETY SHOW
JAN 7, 2015	SPH AGENDA	APRIL 5, 2015	EASTER DINNER
JAN 10, 2015	PANCAKE BREAKFAST	APRIL 7, 2015	SAC AGENDA
JAN 11, 2015	1 <sup>ST</sup> CONCERT SERIES	APRIL 8, 2015	
	(MARLINAIRES)	APRIL 12, 2015	
JAN. 13, 2015	SAC BOARD MEETING		(PAVILLION)
JAN 14, 2015	SPH BOARD MEETING	•	SAC BOARD MEETING
JAN 17, 2015	NEW ENGLAND DINNER	MAY	SPH BOARD MEETING KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY
JAN. 21, 2015	NEW-COMERS PARTY	MAY	PREAKNESS
JAN. 22, 2015	ANNUAL SPH MEETING	JUNE	BELMONT STAKES
JAN. 24, 2015	SPAGHETTI DINNER	JONE .	
FEB. 3, 2015	SAC AGENDA		
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# **Regular Weekly Activities**

MON., .WED., & FRI.	HUFF & PUFF	9:00 AM
TUE., & THURS.	WALKING	9:00 AM
TUES LUNCH	LUNCH	12:30 PM
TUES. & FRI.	BINGO	7:00PM
WED.	MAHJONG & PING-PONG	1:00PM
WED.	CARDS	6:30PM
THURS	BREAKFAST (PERKINS)	8:30AM
THURS.	EUCHERE	7:00PM
FRI.	COMPUTER CLUB	10:00AM
MON & FRI	SHUFFLEBOARD	AS SCHEDULED

# SAC Plans New Events For 2015

If you are interested in showing and/or teaching a special craft once a week next year Jan.-April, please contact Sue Smith to discuss the possible arrangements.

SAC is trying to offer new activities, because of the suggestions from the survey conducted earlier in the year. Craft classes were requested; baseball games were suggested, a Variety Show, being organized by Judee Sunzere, is planned for next Spring, and Bocce courts are being installed.

If you are willing to coordinate baseball tickets to the Ft. Myers, Florida baseball field, please contact Pam Brown to let her know.

These ideas will definitely make next years' activities a fun-filled year.

# Bocce Training and Games Scheduled for 2015

Mike Smith presented the SPH Board with all the details for 2 new Bocce courts to be installed at Sandalwood Park this summer.

It was approved by the board, and bocce instruction will begin on January 15, 2015.

There is a sign-up sheet now on the bulletin board to join practices for next year.

If interested, reserve your Tuesday and/or Friday afternoons for 2015.

Thanks to Mary Ann Jenne for serving as editor for the Sandalwood Newsletter for the winter season.

It takes time and dedication and her efforts should be appreciated by all.

# Important Notice to All Residents

For all social functions that require a sign up in advance for pre-planning purposes, prior registrations on the bulletin board (or tickets bought) <u>MUST</u> be made by the Thursday (2 days) before the Saturday event.

This will allow enough meats and supplies to be prepared for you, as well as the correct amount of tables being set-up in advance.

Therefore, the sign-up sheet from the bulletin board will be the check-off sheet used at the door, as you enter. Please include all guests on the sign-up sheet, so the numbers will be accurate for set-up.

Please consider the efforts of the volunteer workers at all these events. Walk-ins are discouraged, because of planned table and food supplies. Just remember the old adage of "Prior planning prevents poor performance."

Thank you in advance for your pre-planning for the benefit of everyone's pleasant and enjoyable evening.

> Be Informed Watch Channel 195 Sandalwood TV Station

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	Sat	3 Kentucky Derby	10	17 Preakness Race	24S	31	
2014	Fri	2	o	9	23	30	Bingo 7pm
<b>VOOD PARK MAY 2014</b>	Thu	F	œ	15	22	29	Breakfast at Perkins 8:30am
OD PAF	Wed		7	14	21	28	
SANDALWC	Tue		9	13	20	27	Lunch 12:30 pm Bingo 7pm
SA	Mon		ю	5	6	26	
	Sun		4		18	25	

#### SANDALWOOD PARK



#### YELLOW SUB CAFE

## **ALL WEATHER**

# Sandalwood Activities Committee Minutes of April 8, 2014 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; Treasurer, Pam Brown; Secretary, Susan Smith; Barbara Hinkle; Charlotte Rivard; Betty Pratt; Gil Weidemiller

Secretary's Report: Accepted as printed in the March Sandalwood Park News.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted as presented. Balance = \$6,903.47

**Committee Reports:** All persons responsible for carrying out the activities of SAC this past year are to be commended for their exemplary service to the Park's social calendar. Most groups will be winding up the season the end of April. We look forward to the addition of some new activities for next year. Keep your eyes and ears open.

#### Coming Events:

Monday, April 14, at 7:00-Train travel movie Through the Canadian Rockies

*Sunday, April 20*—Easter Dinner: 2:30 Social Time; 3:00 Dinner. \$10 pp. See Gil Weidemiller for tickets

*Saturday, May 3*—Derby Party: 4:00 Social Time; 5:00 Food; 6:30 Races. Signup sheet is in hallway in clubhouse (Belmont and Preakness times will be the same as for the Derby Party)

#### **New Business**

*Newsletter articles:* must be in NO LATER THAN THE 15<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH !!! Summer coverage will be done by Annette Lawrence (941-493-0672)

2014-2015 Calendar: Reviewed; will be posted and in newsletter

**Board Member Resignation:** Replacing Gil Weidemiller will be Johanna Lauzon. Thank you Gil, for your dedication to the SAC Board and activities.

Sign-up and Cut-off Dates for Potlucks and Dinner Dances: There was significant discussion related to this topic. The Result: The Thursday before the event will be an absolute cut-off for signing up. There will also be a check-in at the door upon arrival. If your name is not on the list, you will be asked to leave. Please make note of this new policy.

*Concert Series:* \$50 for season ticket holders; \$20 at the door; Jan. 11—The Marlinaires trio with comedy and singing; Feb. 8—Terry Connelly, pianist, singer and comedian; March 8—Music City Brass, back by popular demand.

Bocce Ball: Michael Smith making final presentation to SPH Board on Apr. 9 for approval.

*Mitch Watson, SPH Board member,* presented an idea that will be discussed at the SPH Board meeting tomorrow—Free Picnic-no purchased tickets. He also suggested that the meat for potlucks to be provided.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Smith, Secretary

## SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC. April 09, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

All present stood for the pledge of allegiance

Meeting called to order: Carl Griffith, President

Roll Call: All Board Members present, except Norm Vandenbusche

Minutes of March 12, 2014 approved by board

#### **Consideration of Communications:**

Letter from Carl Van Gilst: Regarding group e-mail.

Letter from Maureen Kiley: Regarding volunteers and part-time maintenance person.

Letter from Mike Smith: Regarding maintenance person and hot tub.

Carl Griffith read letters, long discussion followed. Handyman will be hired on an as needed bases.

#### Reports of Officers:-

- Treasurers report for March 2014 approved as presented
- Carl Griffith speech about who runs the park and how it is run

#### Unfinished Business:

**Bocci Courts:** Mike Smith presented quote. Discussion followed. **Motion by** Regina Fortin **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Larry Reed to accept quote from Stewart Tennis Courts in the amount of \$42,540.00. **Motion Passed** 

**Placement of new homes in park:** Carl Griffith explained revised Board Policy on new home placement (guidance for ops committee) (attached) Discussion followed. **Motion by** Al Burns **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Bob Jenne to accept revision as written. **Motion Passed** 

**351 Longwood (Simpson):** Carl Griffith stated thru park attorney (e-mail attached) Miss Simpson wanted \$4,000.00 for home. Discussion followed. **Motion by** Regina Fortin **2<sup>nd</sup> by** Mitch Watson to decline counter offer and demand the property be maintained. Carl Griffith to compose response letter. **Motion Passed** 

New Chairs: Carl Griffith stated information was still being collected on chairs to replace old pink ones.

**Cortina Road Sign:** Regina Fortin showed various designs. **Motion by** Regina Fortin **2<sup>nd</sup>. by** Al Burns to purchase sunset design. **Motion Passed** 

#### **Original Resolutions and New Business:**

**Donation to SAC: Motion by** Regina Fortin to increase donation to \$1,500.00. Discussion followed with amendments to **motion by** Mitch Watson to \$3,000.00, **motion** amendment by Larry Reed of \$2,000.00. Larry Reed's **amended motion 2<sup>nd</sup>. by** Regina Fortin. **Motion Passed** Regina Fortin withdrew the original motion. It was also decided SPH would host and pay for the annual picnic at no cost to residents. SAC agreed to work with SPH to ensure a successful event.

**Putting Green:** Carl Griffith appointed a committee of Tony Ellis, Larry Reed, Carl Heintz and Pam Brown to research and report at Nov. 2014 Board meeting.

**Newcomers Party:** Regina Fortin suggested serving cake and drinks only. SPH discussed to purchasing Tervis tumbler glasses with Sandalwood imprint to give to new shareowners as welcome gift. All agreed. Regina Fortin to get costs.

**2016 Anniversary Party:** Mitch Watson and Regina Fortin to look in venue to rent for event and report back in Nov. 2014 Board meeting.

**Hot Tub/Spa:** Carl Griffith appointed a committee of Joan & Tony Ellis, Lucille Mitton and Ken Lauzon to research and report at Nov. 2014 Board meeting.

**New Mail Boxes:** Bob Jenne asked about uniform posts and boxes thru out park. Tabled until Nov. 2014 Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned by President Carl Griffith

Next Meeting:

Agenda:	Wed.	Nov.	05, 2014	@	9:00 a.m.	(Sandpiper room)
Board:	Wed.	Nov.	12, 2014	@	10:00 a.m.	(Sandpiper room)

**Respectfully Submitted** 

Regina Fortin, Secretary

# Are You the Chairman of a Sandalwood event?

When purchasing decorations or food supplies for an event, please borrow and use the SAC credit card or your own card for the purchases.

Keep SAC items on a separate check out slip, so that reimbursement can be easily calculated.

Please do not add our SAC supplies to your own personal items' sales slip, as this causes much additional work for our records and our bookkeeping. Keep the SAC supplies separate for easy and convenient repayment.

We appreciate your efforts in this regard.



We all have regrets in life. I have one or two. We all have dreams and plans that sometimes work out and sometimes do not. The road of life takes an unexpected turn and we can find ourselves in unexpected places in unexpected situations. When that happens, it is good to have the support of good people around us. That is what I learned about Sandalwood Park this past season. It is a place that is filled with good people around me.

Of course, I expected to spend many, many years in our new home in Sandalwood with my husband. A curve in the road...and I ended up in Venice alone last December. It did not take long for my neighbors, the Sandalwood community, to reach out to me with caring. My heart has been truly blessed and I have to thank so many of you that I can not name all the names. I'll hope you know who you are!

Still, there was that one incident and I do feel compelled to single out my neighbors, the Rideouts and the Satkowiaks. I knew that Eugene was looking out for me on a night when a light illuminated the back side of my place. He said that somehow his bicycle light mysteriously turned itself on, but I felt protected from things that bumped in the night. And the next night, I learned that I could count on the Rideouts as well because Annemarie saw the light flashing on my place in the early morning hours and got Ken up to check out a possible intruder.

Maybe someone pranked Eugene by putting a motion detector on his bike light. Maybe raccoons playfully flipped the switch. All the same, there were no intruders about, only angels.

Something I will never regret is having a home in Sandalwood Park.

Olga Hebert 512 Ashwood Drive



# Memories of a wonderful winter in Sandalwood



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