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ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 13TH OF THE MONTH.

PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU WON'T FORGET.

OUTSIDE BULLETIN BOARDS

To help remind you of upcoming activities during the month, the bulletin boards by both entrances are up and running. The boards will be updated twice a month with the scheduled dates and times of our many events. Make sure to take a few moments to read through it when you pass by.

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!

Did You Know...

As identified in our Rules and Regulations date January 10, 2018, any outside modifications to the outside of your unit must be approved by the Board. This includes, but not limited to, changes to landscaping, painting, windows, etc.

2.5 Any outside unit modification is to be completed, in its entirety within 45 days of start.

If lattice work is used to surround a patio, it can be no more than 6 feet in height, placed 12 inches off the ground for a total height of 7 feet. This will allow mowing crews to more easily trim grass.

Openings in lattice work must remain open at all times. Patios cannot be closed off with doors or gates. Outside modifications cannot exceed the specifications as identified in 2.1.

2.6 All modifications to the outside of the unit must be approved by the Board.

BINGO!

Tuesday & Friday 6:30PM

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!!!



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A big thank you to Tony Ellis, Maryanne & Bob Koons, Larry Reed, Trish & Norm Vandenbusche, Ken Lauzon, Susan & Mike Smith, Holli & Tony Koss, Sam Dicks, Jim Harrison, Louis Weatherford, and Mike McDowell for volunteering their time to help with the games.

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.
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Women's Voices

I have a long time client who is trying new hearing aids. We'll call him Bob. Bob has worn hearing aids for years and his lifestyle is very active. He is involved with a few groups in town, regularly attends HOA events and connects with his family frequently. His level of activity is what I define as a demanding lifestyle for hearing.

To ensure a successful fit, I let him try a variety of manufacturers so he was confident in his hearing. He dropped in during one of his demo phases and Karen was in her office, so he popped his head in and said "hi" to her. He made a slight comment about having challenges hearing women's voices, so Karen wanted to dissect exactly what the challenges were so I could help Bob hear his best.


So, Bob mentions he struggles to hear women's voices in TV and music. Also he struggles when he is sitting in the backseat of a car.

Bob is currently wearing a higher end hearing aid that offers more flexibility to attack specific areas of hearing loss. I was able to adjust three internal settings speech in noise, noise reduction and soft speech. I adjusted each of these settings from the manufacturer default setting to one that was specific for Bob's listening preference.

Bob wore the hearing aids with the new settings for a couple of days and reported back that he did hear better with the new settings that were specific to his loss. He was able to hear his wife with less strain.

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Train Movie Attendees

I want to apologize to you all for not reviewing the latest showing of Movie Trains more recently. Although the movie was rated R for pervasive language and violence, I wasn't aware of the extent of these listings. It is a lesson learned, unfortunately with an audience of friends. I can assure you this will never happen again.

My apologizes,
Michael Smith

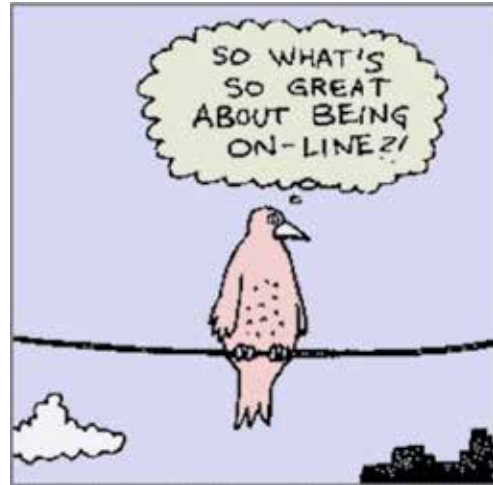
Line Dancing

NOTE DAY CHANGE:

Line Dancing evening will be changed from every other Monday to **every Thursday at 6:30** beginning the 1st week in May.

Trivia

Trivia will continue throughout the year meeting every other Monday evening at 6:30



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SAC BOARD MEETING

Sandalwood Activities Committee
Minutes of April 10, 2018 Meeting

Opened at 10:00 am with Pledge by President, Carmen Wallin

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Susan Smith, Secretary, and a second by Gail Pellitteri to accept the minutes as printed in the April newsletter. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Balance as of March 31, 2018: \$8,933.81. Motion to accept by Susan Smith and second by Joyce Blackney. Motion carried. After discussion as to making our budget more accurately reflect our board meeting schedule and activities, and upon the recommendation of the treasurer, it was moved by Joyce Blackney and seconded by Lucille Mitton that we change our fiscal year from November 1 through October 31. Motion carried. This motion, having carried, Treasurer Johanna Lauzon presented only a summer expenditure budget for 2018. Moved to accept by Susan Smith and seconded by Joyce Blackney. The Board's budget meeting for fiscal year November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 will be held the first week in November 2018 and presented at their November 13th Board meeting. There was also discussion re: the importance of using the Debit Card for purchases. Unless you obtain the debit card or cash from a Board member previous to your purchase, you **WILL NOT BE REIMBURSED**. Debit card and receipts **MUST** be turned in immediately after purchase.

Committee Reports: All activities, with the exception of Bingo, Huff and Puff, Tuesday Lunches, Line Dancing and Trivia have ended for the season. Beginning the first Thursday in May, **Line Dancing will be held EVERY Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the Sandpiper Room, continuing on this schedule throughout next year.** Water Aerobics will continue through July. Trivia will continue on its 2nd and 4th Monday evenings. Depending on the response, Gail Pellitteri may also be adding Ballroom Dancing to the mix. Watch for notices on the bulletin board and park event signs.

Old Business

Laptop and Printer: Per the Board's permission given at their March meeting, the purchase of a new laptop and printer was pursued and made. Information re: purchase of these two items for usage by SAC Board members and committee chairs was presented. Security measures have been made to assure their proper use.

Easter Dinner: Carmen Wallin was commended on yet another "yummy" success. Everyone enjoyed themselves and were heartily fed. Conducting a 50/50 raffle at this event was questioned. After discussion by the Board with input from those present, it was moved by Johanna Lauzon and seconded by Susan Smith that 50/50 raffles will not be conducted at either the Christmas Party or at the Easter Dinner. Motion carried.

New Business

Seating for SHOWTIME: As reported in last month's report, "there has been significant discussion among Board members and residents regarding seating at our SHOWTIME events. Some are in favor of keeping the round tables up in order to make it more "club like" bringing in their own snacks and beverages. Another group has concern that this will facilitate conversation during the show and would like to see it remain in a theater style with rows as has been the set up. A third suggestion is a combination of both, setting up a couple of rows of chairs with tables behind them." As suggested, Carmen took a poll (NOT A VOTE)—also see March's minutes for wording—at the last Showtime event of the year to get a sense of what attendees would prefer before we make any commitment. After further discussion today, it was moved, seconded and carried that a combination of rows and tables would be the set up for next year (2019). Our choice of this option will be revisited when making plans for the 2020 series.

Dances: Gail Pellitteri and Regina Fortin will be attending functions at the Moose Lodge during the summer to review options for DJ's and bands for next year. The final dance of this season is Saturday, April 14.

Chair/Table Set-up and Take Down: Carmen will talk with Sue and Dave Alvis re: their team continuing this job for

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next year. The three main events requiring this change over would be the SHOWTIME series, the CLUBHOUSE sale, and the PICNIC. If they should decide not to continue, Carmen and Lucille will approach our maintenance man to see if he would be willing to do this for us and at what cost.

All Around Tours: As presented in last month's minutes, there has been interest in doing day or several day tours. Charlotte Rivard and Barbara Hinkle continue to work on this possibility. After posting an 'Interested Persons' sign up list on the clubhouse bulletin board, 37 park residents have signed up. Charlotte and Barbara are scheduled to go to All Around Tours this afternoon to speak with them in more detail re: possibilities and costs. The minimum # for a tour is 30. If we don't meet that quota, it was suggested we open it up to Venice Isles residents.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED TO MAKE THIS YEAR 'ONE FOR THE RECORD BOOKS' AND PARTICULARLY TO THOSE WHO HAVE CO-ORDINATED OUR ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS. YOU ARE ALL TO BE COMMENDED. WITHOUT YOU THE SOCIAL EVENTS OFFERED BY OUR PARK WOULD NOT BE A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE DRAW POTENTIAL RESIDENTS HAVE TO COME TO SANDALWOOD. YOU'RE THE GREATEST!!!

Coming Events

Dance—Saturday, April 14

Derby Events—See sign-up sheets on Bulletin Board

Fourth of July Picnic—See sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Smith, Secretary



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The first race of the Triple Crown will be the Kentucky Derby on May 5th at 4:15. The Preakness follows on May 19th and the Belmont is scheduled for June 9th. Signup sheets will be posted before all three. For the first time in many years, we need to increase the admission to \$5.00 to help cover rising costs.

Admission to the Derby buys you a delicious sandwich, chips, dessert, coffee and lemonade or ice tea.

The Derby is known for two things; the first leg of the Triple Crown and hats! Gift certificates for the prettiest and funniest hat will be awarded per attendee's vote. Your imagination and fashion sense just may land you in the winner's circle. Sorry guys, this contest is open to women only.

See you at the betting window!



Water Aerobics At Sandalwood

Water Aerobics will continue until July 1st & resume the 1st Monday in November.



WEEKLY EVENTS MAY 2018

Monday	Water Aerobics, Dance Lessons/Trivia
Tuesday	Bingo
Wednesday	Water Aerobics, Cards
Thursday	Euchre, Line Dancing (6:30)
Friday	Water Aerobics, Bingo

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

(In some instances, the person's name who is in charge of the event, may appear next to it.)

May

- Gail Is Going To Try To Continue Trivia & Line Dancing All Year For Full Time Residents
- 5-Derby-Gail
- 13-Newsletter Articles Due
- 19-Preakness-Gail

June

- 9-Belmont-Gail

July

- 4-Picnic



Garage Sale Items

Joyce Blackney has agreed to collect items throughout the Summer for the Sandalwood Park Sale. If you have any items that you think would sell please contact Joyce at 941-451-9959 . Please refrain from donating items that are not likely to sell at a garage sale such as, televisions, microwave ovens, Christmas items, or any item that is just to "worn out" to be resold. Thank you in advance for your generous giving! This park event, although lots of hard work, has been both enjoyable and profitable for us all.

Trivia And Dance Lessons

Trivia will remain the second and fourth Monday night at 6:30 in order to avoid any confusion that might occur by switching back and forth.

Dance lessons will be held the first and third week, either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 2:00-3:00. The day will depend on what most people preferred on the signup sheet. Keep your eye on the bulletin boards by the front and rear entrances and on channel 195. First dance lesson will be the Merengue.



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Huff and Puff Birthday Party



The ladies from the Monday, Wednesday , Friday Huff and Puff exercise class pictured below, held a surprise birthday party for their exercise leader, Alice St. Onge. Alice, (front row, 3rd from right) who has been leading the classes for as long as anyone can remember, just turned 94! One of the other participants, Dorothy Gilbert, (3rd from left next to Alice) turned 97 in mid-April. HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you both!

Thank You

Thank you to all my “Huff & Puff” friends at Sandalwood for my 94th Birthday Celebration! The cake was delicious (thanks Rose). The balloons, cards and gift was appreciated more than you know!

Again, thank you and God Bless.

Your friend and “leader”,
Alice



(Solution to puzzle on page 19)

Showtime Seating

Following significant discussion by the Board and park residents over the past couple of months and a poll taken at the last Showtime event, the SAC Board has decided to have rows and tables available for seating at the three Showtimes in 2019. This option will be revisited for the 2020 season. Season ticket holders will have reserved seat choices at either a table or a row, which will assure them the same seats at all three shows. Tables will be set up behind the rows. The number of rows and tables, of course, will be determined by how many series tickets are sold as well as leaving some open seating for those who are purchasing individual show tickets at the event. We ask that you all be considerate of your neighbor and fellow show goer as we open up this new venue option.

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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.

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In order that the SAC Board can keep an accurate accounting of all purchases, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you use the **DEBIT-CARD !!** We realize that there are extenuating circumstances where businesses do not accept debit cards (i.e., COSCO). In instances such as this you **MUST** be given cash from the Treasurer or an appointed Board member **PREVIOUS** to your purchase. It may be wise for you to check with the business ahead of time to determine whether or not they will accept the card or if you will need cash. You will **NOT** be reimbursed for cash purchases made with your own money. And, if you are making purchases for varying items at the same business, please make them separately (i.e., food/decorations). That way, Johanna will know exactly what is spent on what and will not have to decipher your receipt, which often has only numbers and not descriptive tallies. On top of receipt write purchasers name, event, and category (i.e., decorations/prizes). It is also important for accounting purposes that you turn in your receipts to Johanna or designated Board member immediately (within a couple of days) after your purchase. If you have need of the debit card or cash, see Gail Pelliterri until Johanna returns in October.

Susan Smith

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 11, 2018

A *Board of Directors meeting* was scheduled for 10:00 A.M. on April 11, 2018, in the Clubhouse.

The meeting was called to order at 10:005 A.M. by the President, Ms. Fortin.

Notice of the meeting was posted on the property prior to the meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were in attendance:

Regina Fortin Tony Koss Sandra Marsocci
Janet Wnek Larry Reed

A Quorum was determined to be present. (*) indicates attendance via speaker phone.

UNDER THE HEADING OF READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES, a motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Ms. Wnek, and it was,

VOTED 18-17: to approve the March 14, 2018 Board meeting minutes as presented.

The motion was unanimously approved by all attending Directors. Motion passed.

UNDER THE HEADING OF DIRECTOR REPORTS, regarding Treasurer's report, Ms. Wnek advised that a CD is maturing in May. That CD will be closed out and another CD opened at another bank with a higher interest rate. A motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Koss, and it was

VOTED 18-18: to approve closing the CD when it matures and using the funds to open a new CD at a bank with a higher interest rate.

The motion was unanimously approved by all attending Directors. Motion passed.

Regarding unit 352, a motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Mr. Koss, and it was

VOTED 18-18: to adjust the accounts receivable balance to remove the \$1.00 short pay for unit 352.

The motion was unanimously approved by all attending Directors. Motion passed.

Regarding Manager's report, Ms. Root reviewed the attached report (see attachment #1).

UNDER THE HEADING OF COMMITTEE REPORTS, regarding Emergency Action Committee, Mr. Koss advised that the hurricane shutter installation is in progress. Gas lines have been spliced into for the generator. The generator will be delivered in approximately 5 weeks.

UNDER THE HEADING OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS, on matters relating to 566 compliance, all compliance letters have been sent to the HOA attorney for further action.

On matters relating to Main hall shades replacement, this was tabled until the fall.

On matters relating to the Lawn Care contract, 3 bids were obtained and reviewed. A motion was made by Mr.

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Koss and seconded by Ms. Marsocci, and it was

VOTED 18-19: to remain with Greenscapes as the landscape service provider.

The motion was unanimously approved by all attending Directors. Motion passed.

UNDER THE HEADING OF NEW BUSINESS, on matters relating unit 479, the property is up for sale. The Board is working with the caretaker regarding compliance issues.

On matters relating to Ducks in the pool, Ms. Fortin advised that they are gone now. She acknowledged they are a nuisance but according to the pool company there is not much more that can be done to deter them.

On matters relating to storm drains, all of the storm drains were checked by Richards Plumbing and found to be clear and working correctly. The drainage ditch was also checked and found to be working as intended.

With no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope Root, CAM, CMCA

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018



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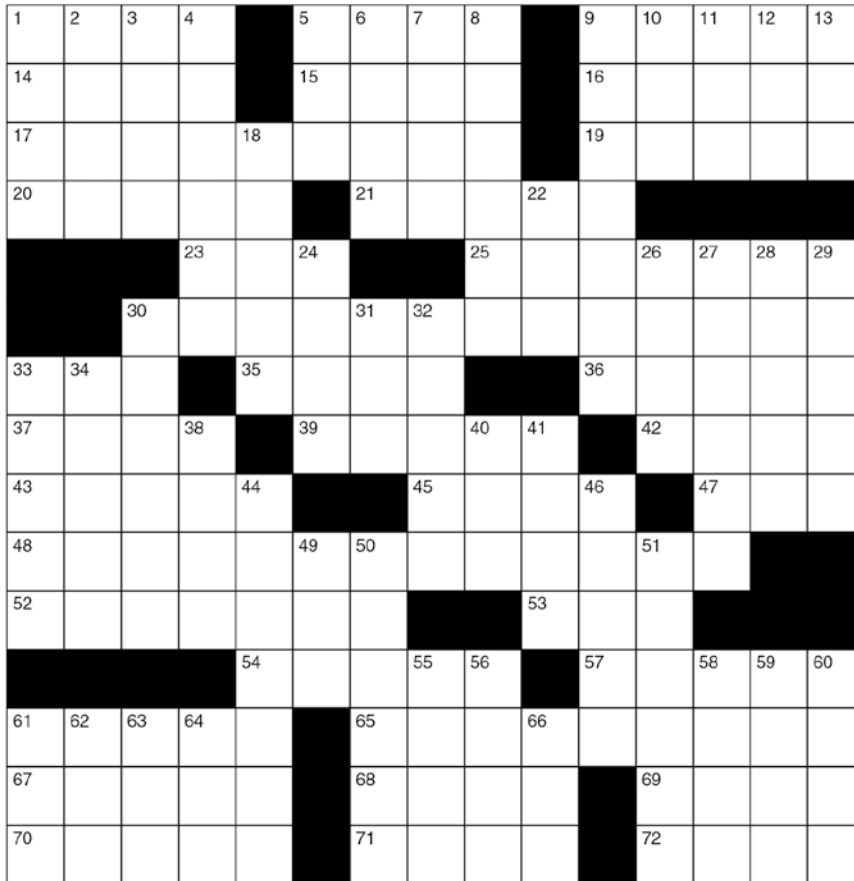
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MAY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword #574JY9LG



Across

1. Scottish island
5. Part of a Latin trio
9. Area north of Khartoum
14. Half of Mongolia's capital
15. "Sign me up!"
16. Do-___ (replays)
17. Reason to interrupt a program
19. Drug cops: var.
20. Lamp dweller
21. Figures (out)
23. Rover's warning
25. Spent
30. Reason for a car to stop running
33. Uru. neighbor
35. Twirled
36. Geometry subject
37. Soil embankment
39. Year's record
42. Potent Polynesian drink
43. "The ___ St. Agnes"
45. Strummed strings

47. No longer working (abbr.)
48. Established as legitimate
52. Divine redeemer
53. Made a meal for
54. Russian refusals
57. "Dallas" family name
61. Astern
65. Kentucky's northern border
67. School for élèves
68. Rip to bits
69. Humanoid race in "Avatar"
70. Snoring, maybe
71. "Over there" in an ode
72. Biol. branch

Down

1. Like some numbers
2. Swiss abstractionist
3. Show ennui
4. Nationality indicator
5. Man, in ancient Rome
6. Sent a quick online not
7. Later, to Luigi
8. Quill accessory
9. All day every day
10. Charlottesville sch.
11. Ending for decem or c
12. Tick off
13. Pack animal
18. North Atlantic threats
22. Afr. neighbor
24. Gifford replacement
26. Wait in hiding
27. On a plane
28. "___ Lucy"
29. Trim, as meat
30. Marsh sights
31. One with a habit
32. World-weariness
33. Crosswise on a ship
34. Cabaret show
38. Scale of mineral hardr
40. Westminster Show orq
41. Piece of lettuce
44. Faked a move
46. Navigate
49. No vote
50. Relativity, for one
51. British author ___ Cur
55. One of the Huxtables
56. We, in Irish Gaelic
58. Lendl of tennis
59. St Petersburg stream
60. Pluck
61. Sask. neighbor
62. Party invitation abbr.
63. Like some crosswd. a
64. Payment for services
66. Bizarre

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