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Letter From The President

Welcome back to so many who have already arrived.

Please read each page of the newsletter, there are so many plans for the first active month of the winter season.

Lighthouse began managing Sandalwood in May. We have had some bumps in the road. That would be expected with any transition. They got to know Sandalwood Park and the task at hand in six short months and stepped up to the challenges.

As Lighthouse acquainted themselves with our documents, they have also made us aware of things that can help us in the future. During this collaboration of the Management Company and the Board, we understand there are some things we could have done better in the past and will do better in the future.

Despite what some may think, our property management company team does not set policy or rules pertaining to Sandalwood, nor does it determine the penalties for non-compliance.

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The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administering 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.

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All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood Editor.

Only information sent by the editor will be published in the newsletters.

Editor information is on page two.

Thanks!

Reporter Wanted



We are looking for a reporter to help with the monthly newsletter.

We will train. Computer experience a plus.

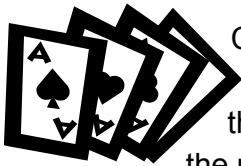
If you are interested, please contact Mary Ann at 603-819-1252

or

sandalwoodnewsletter@gmail.com.

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

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!!!

Huff and Puff

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



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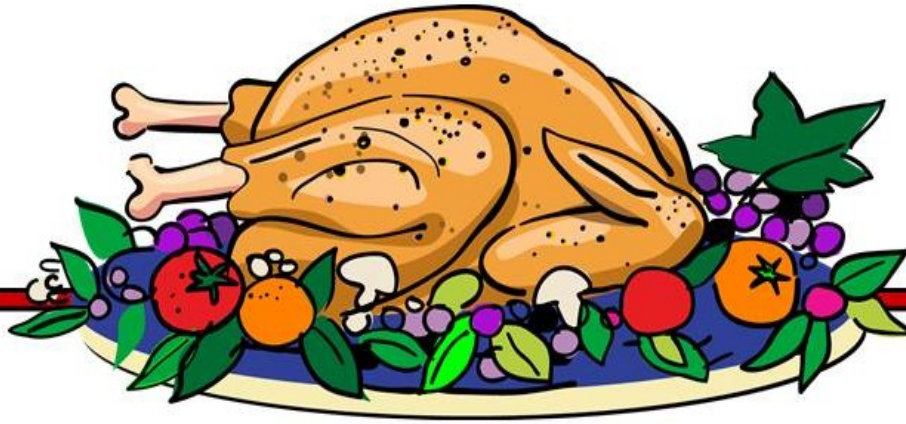
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Thanksgiving Dinner

Make plans to join us for Thanksgiving Dinner in the Sandalwood Room on Thursday, November 26th. The Sandalwood Activities Committee will be providing turkey, gravy and a selection of yummy desserts.

Individual table hosts will be responsible for providing delicious side dishes to serve family style at their own tables of 8. They are welcome to prepare everything themselves, delegate dishes to their guests or hit the deli at Publix.

Table hosts will also be in charge of their own festive table décor. Prizes will be awarded for the “Best Decorated Table” including a \$50.00 gift certificate to Fin’s Restaurant. If you are interested in hosting a table, please contact Marci at strbryte@gmail.com or 941-244-2315. Hosts should plan on attending a special event meeting Tuesday November 10th, immediately following the regular SAC meeting.

The festivities will begin at 2:30 pm for socializing and voting for “Best Decorated Table.” Dinner will be at 3:00 pm. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Seating will be limited so please sign up as soon as possible. Family and guests are welcome.



Upcoming December Parties

Mark your calendars to make plans to join us for the Christmas Potluck Saturday December 19th and on New Year’s Eve for Hors d’oeuvres and dancing.

More fun details to follow in the December Newsletter.

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It is the responsibility of Lighthouse Management to ENFORCE Sandalwood rules, bylaws and regulations set by you and your Board of Directors over the past twenty years. They handle day-to-day operations, perform ongoing maintenance duties and communicate with residents.

Lighthouse not only knows our rules and bylaws they follow them. This may be inconvenient for some but it creates an environment of equity and professionalism.

Lighthouse Management has partnered with the Board of Directors to optimize property values and ensure the best environment for all residents.

Working together and being patient we will have a community of harmony and hopefully more willingness to be on the Board of Directors without the pressure of all the work and criticism.

Gone are the days of agenda meetings and the committees for compliance. These are just a few of the tedious jobs done by our management team.

That being said please step up and "throw your hat in the ring" for a term on the Board of Directors. There will be five seats available this next election. There are many new "year round" residents. This should be helpful.

The 2015/2016 season promises to be a lot of fun!

Regina Fortin
President

Volunteers Welcome And Needed



We know you have lots of great ideas for how to make our park a wonderful place to live. This year raise your hand along with your voice and volunteer to serve on a board or committee. There are lots of opportunities and events coming up this year including Dinners, Breakfasts, Parties, Picnics, Holiday Events, a Chili Cook-off, a Concert series and our hugely successful Annual Rummage Sale so get ready to join in!

The Sandalwood Park Homeowners Inc. meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month and the Sandalwood Activities Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday. Both meetings start at 10:00 am in the Sandalwood Room. We look forward to seeing you there.

Comcast Meet and Greet Nov 5th!

A dedicated Comcast community manager for the park, Brenda Radford will be here on Thursday, November 5th at 10 am in the activity room.

She will be answering questions and providing great tips on your service. Refreshments provided and a prize to be raffled.

If you have any questions, please call Val at the office, 941-485-3646.

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Our Mother's House is a non-profit, non-denominational residential housing program for at risk, single mothers and their children. They provide low cost housing and free child care so that residents can attend school and work. On site programs such as parenting, self-esteem building and budgeting help residents develop life skills for independence and self-sufficiency. House meetings and shared responsibilities are requirements of the program. While living in a private apartment, the community setting encourages skills needed to live as a good neighbor and active community citizen.

If you would like to participate, please bring a wrapped toy, suitable for a child aged three months through three years to the clubhouse and place it under the Christmas tree in the game room by Saturday, December 19th. Please mark the age range of your gift and if it is best for a boy or girl on the outside of the package. Diapers are also always welcome! For more information, please contact Betty Pratt at 231-972-2978.

Update on Tuesday Lunches

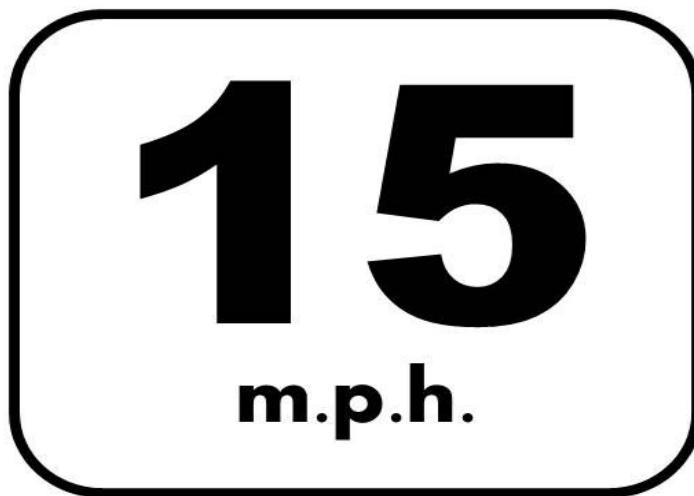


Reservations at 12:30 pm (No earlier, Please)

Due to the problem of obtaining reservations to restaurants in time for the list to be printed in the monthly Sandalwood Newsletter this notice will be discontinued. Notices will continue to be posted on the bulletin boards, inside and outside the clubhouse and on the TV, Channel 195 each week.

Submitted by Sylvia Buchanan

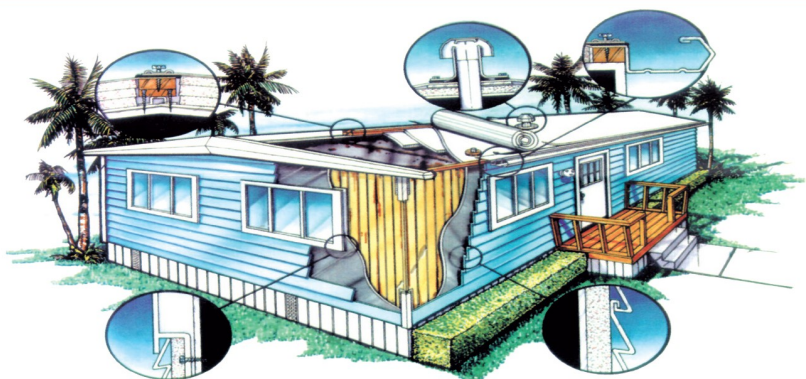
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3  SAC agenda meeting 10:00am	4	5	6	7
8	9 SAC Board meeting 10:00am	10 SAC Board meeting 10:00am	11  SPH Board Meeting 10:00am	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING Thanksgiving dinner 2:30/3:00pm	27	28 Holiday Decorating 9:30am
29	30					
		Lunch 12:30pm				
		Bingo 6:30pm			Bingo 6:30pm	

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The quartet has been performing together for eight years and features John Gualberto (Johnny G.), who has been singing professionally since he was 12 years old; Ed Diana who started singing professionally at 18 with the original five-man group “The Orkells” in New Haven, Conn.; Gary Bloomberg (Gary B), who started singing with bands in the early '60s and went on to become an award-winning actor and director; and drummer James West, who also began performing in his early teens. A trained vocalist and drummer, James is also a guitarist and lyricist.

Tickets for the 2016 Sandalwood Park Concert series go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am. **New for this year, seat selection will be made at the time of purchase on a first come, first serve basis.** Also new for this year, credit cards will be accepted along with the always welcome cash and checks. Advance season tickets, including all three entertainment-packed shows, are only \$60.00 each and will be available after December 2nd on Mondays and Fridays 10:00 am -12:00 pm at the office. Tickets for individual concerts will also be available at the door for \$25.00 each.

Top 40 Professionals 2015



Blair Post, HAS, BC-HIS, ACA
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Healing Relationships



by Karen Post

Marrying into Blair's family was my first experience with people who had a hearing loss. I thought when people wore hearing aids they could hear clearly.

I didn't have any understanding of severity of loss, word discrimination, nor how background noise affects hearing. I thought, they wear hearing aids, they must hear clearly.

Blair's mom, MaryEllen, had a profound loss due to surgery and wore hearing aids. Yet, she still struggled to hear. In the beginning I would get so confused. She seemed really sweet, but then she would completely ignore me. I couldn't figure it out.

I recall one time when I was walking through the garage with her, it was pretty empty and I was wearing my high-heels from work. So there was clacking sounds that reverberated in the empty garage. During all this noise I invited her to come over for dinner on Friday for a barbeque and time with the kids. She didn't respond. But, when we got to the car Blair repeated everything I just said. And with that, she lights up and says how thrilled she would be to come over.

I start fuming, what it's not good enough to come from me, it only matters if the invite comes from Blair? Now. OH, how very humbled I am. She never heard a word I said in that garage. She had no idea I had extended an invitation. Now I understand the difficulty of trying to hear in challenging situations especially when aids don't fit the loss properly.

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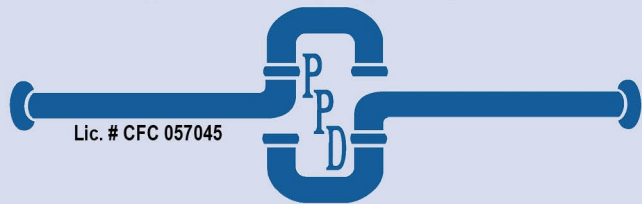
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- 1 cup butter, plus a bit to prep the dish
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp ginger root, peeled and grated



Preheat oven to 375°F.

Prick potatoes and bake on a baking sheet until tender, about 1 1/2 hours.

In a large bowl, mix cookie crumbs with 1/2 cup softened butter...chill until firm.

Scoop out the potato insides and mash in a large bowl together with the remaining butter, sugar, orange juice, marmalade and ginger root.

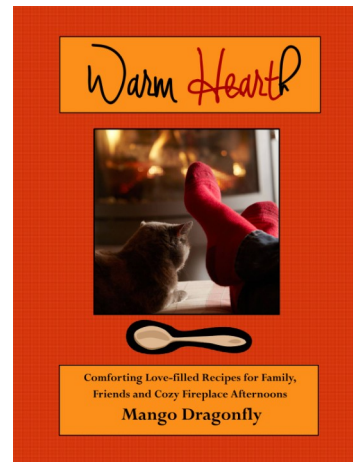
Butter the inside of a 9" x 11" baking dish.

Spread the potato mixture evenly in the dish and top with the buttery cookie crumbs.

Bake 25 minutes...watch that the cookie topping does not get too brown.

Let rest a few moments and serve.

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All residents please fill out the form below and return it to the office by December 31st. You may email it to sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com , fax to 941-484-8882 or drop it off in person.

House # _____

Sandalwood Resident Directory 2016-2017

Please include any information you wish to have included in our resident directory.
If you do not want information such as your e-mail address included, leave the line blank.

Please print legibly!

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I understand this information will not be sold or used for any purpose outside of Sandalwood Park.

Signature Date

Join us for Holiday Decorating



Come join us on Saturday, November 28th at 9:30 am in the Sandalwood Room to help decorate for the holidays. If you haven't already done so, you are welcome to contribute an ornament commemorating your home state to our community Christmas tree. Coffee and donuts will be served and the carols will be playing, so bring lots of holiday spirit and your own scissors!



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