

# *Sandalwood Park News* *November 2019*



**Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.**  
**Venice, Florida**

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## **Looking For New Members For The Activities Board**

Recently, Lucille Mitton, regrettably handed in her resignation after 5 years of working on the SAC board. She has been a constant help in planning and implementing our many activities and we thank her for the valuable services she provided over the years.

As you may or may not know, Joyce and Tom Blackney left Sandalwood for new digs on Venice Isle. Joyce, too, volunteered on the SAC board and was a hard worker who will be missed.

That being said, we are in need of new members to join our board. We meet twice a month in season to plan the many events that are enjoyed by our residents. There are lots of new faces joining the Sandalwood family, getting involved with your park is a great way to make new friends. New friends and sharing in the planning of fun things to do- hey, it's a win-win. Of course, our seasoned residents are welcomed on the board too, your input and opinions on where/how to improve things are invaluable.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Carmen Wallin at 941/483-4527.

## *Thanksgiving Day Potluck*

SAC is happy to announce that our regular November potluck on the 23rd will now be celebrating Thanksgiving. Many of our residents are not able or willing to make a big Thanksgiving Day meal, so here's your chance to partake of all the Thanksgiving Day goodies without all the fuss.

SAC will provide the turkey and gravy but we need several people to make potatoes, candied sweets, dressing, veggies, desserts, etc. (Don't forget the cranberry sauce!). If you don't like turkey, feel free to bring a meat dish of your choice. Please sign up as early as possible; once we have an approximate headcount, we can let you know how many pounds of potatoes and other things we will need.

Don't forget to stick around after dinner as we will have fun and games to round out the evening.

We are also looking for several volunteers to help set up. Things like decorating the tables, putting out the utensils and plates and all the other little things that need to be done. If you wish to help out (and we hope you do), please add your name to the signup sheet.



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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](mailto:sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com)



## SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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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**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.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS ARE LISTED IN THE DIRECTORY AND NEWSLETTER**

**Trash and Recycling** are on Thursdays.....Fridays if there is a holiday during that week

**CABLE TV** BASIC CABLE is free to all shareholders. Please call or go to Comcast/Xfinity office for your digital box. All other services will be billed to you directly. (DVR, internet, etc)

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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.

**Plantings** All new plantings must be submitted for approval.

**Air pump** is located by the shed near the putting green.



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All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood editor. Anything sent directly to OnTrac Publishing will not be printed. All articles must be in Microsoft Word and submitted on or before the 13th of the month. Please send your information to:

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!

**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!!!



**FALL BACK!!**

*Daylight Saving Time  
ends November 3rd.*

*Change clocks back one hour.*

*And...Don't forget to  
change the battery in  
your smoke detector.*



**SANDALWOOD WEBSITE**



Did you know that Sandalwood has a Website?

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### OUR MOTHER'S HOUSE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

Our Mother's House of Venice is looking forward to our yearly donation of children's gifts again this year. Gifts from 8 months up to age 3 are needed. Please wrap your gift and put a note on top, telling the approximate age and sex for the item. Diapers do not have to be wrapped; sizes 5 & 6 especially needed.

For your information, Our Mother's House is a facility of Catholic Charities and is a place for young moms and babies who need a home. Moms can finish school or look for a job close-by and are taught self-sufficiency through education, vocational training and personal growth. Should you wish to increase your help for a young mom as they get settled (household items and bedding), please contact the home directly.

Your gifts need to be placed beneath our Christmas tree in the Activity Room before December 8th for Our Mother's House annual Christmas party on December 19. Gifts will be delivered to them on December 9th by a member of SAC. Nothing says Christmas Spirit more than a child's smile at opening a gift on Christmas morning.

Suggestions:

- Diapers – all sizes
- Educational toys/games
- Books
- Arts/crafts...age appropriate
- Puzzles
- Toddler plate/bowl sets
- Dolls
- Trucks and cars



Even though Sandalwood donates Christmas presents for the children, it has been suggested to also help the mothers for three additional months. Therefore, there will be a box in the Activity Room of the clubhouse to donate these following items:

- February- paper and plastic goods: towels, tissues, tall garbage bags, sandwich bags, and toilet paper
- March- liquid goods: laundry detergent, dish detergent, hair conditioner, shampoo, and body wash
- April- personal items: toothpaste and toothbrushes, diapers, feminine products and bars of soap

If there are any comments or questions, please contact Mary Ann Jenne @ 603-819-1252. She will pick up the items at the end of each month and deliver the products to the Mother's House, Venice. As a further suggestion, most items can be purchased at a dollar store inexpensively. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

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## PARK SALE

Although the season is just starting, your SAC board is already planning next year's park rummage sale. We have decided to not have the carport sales next year. Please bring your items to the clubhouse a few days prior to the sale. The money we make goes to our many activities that are run for your enjoyment.

Please note that we will no longer be taking clothing donations. Also, on the Do Not Donate list is Holiday decorations, TV's and microwaves. We will be accepting items in good condition during the summer. Please contact Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 if you want your item(s) to be put in the shed.

## CARDED?

Just a reminder to all shareholders, if your guests are staying in your property without you being there, one person must be at least 55 years of age.

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## CHECK, PLEASE

Since having our dinner parties catered, it has become apparent that we need a better way to keep track of ticket sales. 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 check in hand. This is also proof of payment should you misplace your tickets(s). Thank you all for your cooperation in this matter.

## TICKET SALES

The SAC "box office" will be opening this month in the Activity Room of the clubhouse. During the two weeks prior to a ticketed event, tickets will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00-12:00. For your convenience, box office schedules will always be posted in the newsletter. Please remember that checks are the preferred payment.



## Decorating For Christmas

Our annual "deck the halls" get together will be on Monday, December 2nd at 9:30 AM. This is a chance to start getting into the Christmas spirit by helping to decorate our clubhouse. FYI Newbies; we decorate 2 trees and have many Holiday pieces that need to be put out, so there's lots to do.

This year, SPH is having the outside areas professionally decorated (yeah, so take that, Venice Isle-haha), so we'll be looking very Christmassy both inside and out.

Coffee and donuts will be served to all those who volunteer their time. So, come and beautify your clubhouse for Christmas and get free coffee and donuts to boot. Sounds like a plan to me!



## Christmas Party

Our Christmas dinner dance will be held on Saturday, December 14th from 5:30/6:00 to 9:30. Gulf Drive Duo will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure so mark your social calendar. Menu and ticket price will be posted shortly as SAC is still working on this. The box office will be open on November 16th, 21st, 26th and December 3rd and 5th from 10:00-12:00.



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POTENTIAL EXHIBITORS: I know you are out there. I have only had a couple of responses. Please contact me as soon as possible as I want to get spaces allotted while I am down for a couple of weeks in November so you know what kind of space you have to work with. THANKS!!!!

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# SAC CALENDAR FOR 2019


## NOVEMBER

- 01st Signup for "Thanksgiving Day" Potluck
- 05th SAC Agenda - 3:00
- 06th SPH Agenda - 9:00
- 11th Trivia - 6:30
- 12th SAC Board - 10:00
- 13th SPH Board - 10:00
- 19th Box Office Opens 10:00 - 12:00
- 21st Box Office Opens 10:00 - 12:00
- 23rd "Thanksgiving Day" Potluck - 5:30/6:00
- 25th Trivia - 6:30
- 26th Box Office Opens 10:00-12:00
- 28th Thanksgiving 

## DECEMBER


- 02nd Decorate for Christmas 9:30
- 03rd SAC Agenda – 10:00
- 03rd Box Office Opens 10:00 - 12:00
- 04th SPH Agenda – 9:00
- 05th Box Office Opens 10:00-12:00
- 09th Trivia - 6:30
- 10th SAC Board – 10:00
- 10th Signup for New Year's Eve Party
- 11th SPH Board – 10:00
- 14th Christmas Party - 5:30/6:00
- 23rd Trivia – 6:30
- 31st New Year's Eve Party - TBA

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I said, "No. I would have his hearing checked if he works to hear you or your family. If he struggles to hear then have his hearing checked."

If you wonder if you or a loved one should have your hearing checked here are four questions to ask:

- \* Does your spouse complain that the TV is too loud?
- \* Does your spouse complain that you don't listen?
- \* Do you strain to hear in crowds?
- \* Do you strain to hear your grandkids?

If you answer yes to TWO of these questions, you should get your hearing tested.

Does answering yes mean you have a hearing loss? No, these are just indicators. They suggest you should get a hearing test so know your baseline.

After the hearing test when I review your results with you, I will give you tips to hear better during these situations.

There is no fee to have the test.

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		SAC Agenda - 3:00	SPH Agenda - 9:00			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Trivia - 6:30	SAC Board - 10:00	SPH Board - 10:00			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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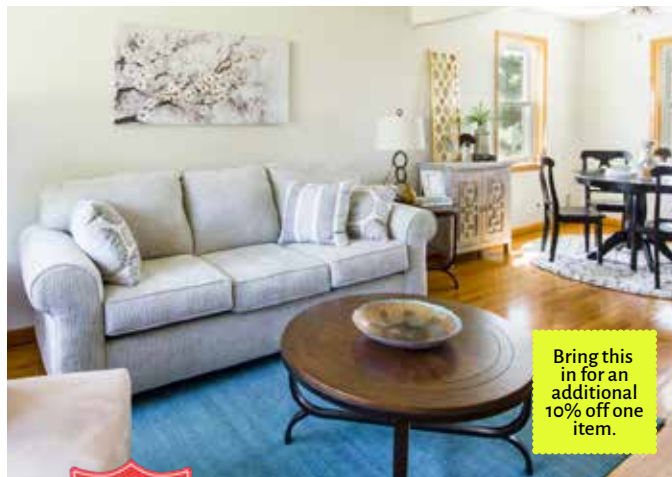
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