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Venice, Florida

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TURKEY DINNER

Our Thanksgiving Day dinner will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 24th at 3:00. This year, SAC has hired a new caterer, The Seasonal Bounty Co. here in Venice. Chef Autumn Day (yes, that's her real name) will prepare the wonderful meal as well as set up and slice the turkey in our kitchen. **(See flyer on page 13)**

Price is still \$12.50pp; checks payable to SAC are preferred. We will be opening the Box Office for ticket sales in the Activities Room on Tuesday, October 25th and November 1st from 10:00-12:00 and Thursday, October 27th and November 3rd from 2:00-4:00. Chef Day would like 3 weeks notice of a head count so please get your tickets during these times.



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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



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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:

Sandalwood Park HOA
C/O Lighthouse Property Management
PO Box 30439, Tampa, FL 33630
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 web-site.

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

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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.

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.

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



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Sandalwood Upcoming Activities

NOVEMBER

- 01st Box Office – 10:00-12:00
Thanksgiving Dinner
- 03rd Box Office – 2:00-4:00
Thanksgiving Dinner
- 08th SAC Board Meeting - 10:00
- 09th SPH Board Meeting - 10:00
- 20TH Rat Pack Tribute
Venice Performing Arts Ctr - 3:00
- 22nd Box Office – 10:00-12:00
Christmas Party
- 24th Thanksgiving Dinner - 3:00
- 25th Box Office – 2:00-4:00
Christmas Party
- 28th Decorate for Christmas - 9:00
- 29TH Box Office – 10:00 - 12:00
Christmas Party

DECEMBER

- 01st Box Office – 2:00-4:00
Christmas Party
- 13th SAC Board Meeting – 10:00
- 14th SPH Board Meeting – 10:00
- 17th Christmas Party – TBA
- 31st NYE Party - TBA

BOCCE COORDINATER NEEDED

We are looking for a computer-minded (and bocce player?) person to organize the Bocce games. There are several downloads on the computer to help create a spreadsheet. Please contact Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 if interested.

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YOUR NEIGHBORS,
DO NOT WALK THROUGH
THEIR PROPERTY.**

Our Mother's House

Our Mother's House is a facility of Catholic Charities and a place for young mothers and their 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.

The generosity of Sandalwood residents to Our Mother's House throughout the season, has been a blessing to the young moms and their babies. They are looking forward to our continuing support throughout the summer.

A list of needed items is on 195 as well as the desk in the Activities Room.

Items should be placed in the Activities Room; our liaison, Sue Alvis, will pick up and deliver your donations at the end of each month.

SANDALWOOD WEBSITE

Did you know that Sandalwood has a website? It's a good way to keep up with the happenings and reading the newsletters online.

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The Rat Pack Is Back

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Please sign up on the bulletin board by October 29th or call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 to reserve your spot. The guys will probably want to stay home and watch football, so ladies, sign up and let's have a Girl's Day Out.



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TICKET SALES



The SAC "box office" will be open this month in the activities room for Thanksgiving dinner and the Christmas Party. During the two weeks prior to a ticketed event, tickets will be available on Tuesdays from 10:00-12:00 and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00. For your convenience, box office schedules will always be posted in the newsletter and on channel 195. Please remember that checks, payable to SAC, are the preferred payment.

Arts and Crafts Exhibit

Calling all artists and crafters. We will be resuming our Arts and Crafts Exhibit in 2023. The date for this season's event is Wednesday, February 15, 2023, which will be held in the Sandpiper Room at the clubhouse. Although it is presented as an exhibit, you will have the opportunity to sell your product if you wish. Please email Susan Smith at susansmith6699@gmail.com if you wish to participate as an exhibitor or have questions. Our initial event before COVID was well received. Susan looks forward to another success.

DONATION SHED

Our annual parkwide yard sale, held in February, will be here before you know it. The shed room has been repaired and SAC is reaching out to the community to donate unwanted items in good/clean condition. Remember, the money we make from this sale helps SAC run it's many activities and events for all to enjoy. We accept most things except microwaves, TVs, Holiday décor and clothes. Please call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 to have your donations stored in our shed.



Movie Matinees



Your SAC board is designating Tuesday afternoons as "let's go see a movie" day. The Venice Galleria Movie Theater has a special price of \$5.75 on that day and we will pick out whatever movies that start around the same time so that you have a choice. All showings will be early afternoon and won't interfere with dinner and/or bingo. Watch channel 195 or check out the shadowbox for the weekly schedule. So, get out of the house for a few hours and catch a movie with us. See you at the concession stand!

Keep Fit By Groovin'

We are happy to announce that another class has been added for your exercising pleasure. Mauria DeMarkles has started a Keep Fit by Groovin' class on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00-11:00, in the Activities Room. It's a fun way to get in shape while socializing with others in the class. No sign up necessary, just show up and get your groove on!



Keep an eye out for when Sue's cardio class, Huff and Puff and water aerobics with Linda will start again.



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As a company, we want your business and there is no need for any contact if you so choose. Our business is deemed an "Essential Business" and we are here for you when you need us. You can schedule your inspection by calling 1-800-681-3772.

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LET'S DO LUNCH!

The **Tuesday Lunch Club** has been a popular event at Sandalwood for many years. Since Donna Dane left the park, we are in need of someone to coordinate these get-togethers. Although it was a weekly thing, the new Lunch Lady (or Grub Guy) can make a schedule of their choosing. Donna left a lot of menus and notes for the new person, please call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 to get this info.

F.Y.I.

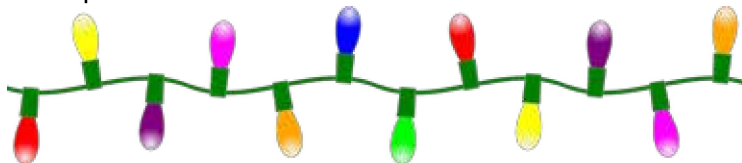
Did you know that Sandalwood has some medical equipment that can be borrowed if needed? Wheelchairs, walkers, commodes, etc. can be found in the laundry room.

Decorating For Christmas



Our annual "deck the halls" get together will be on Monday, November 28th at 9:00. This is a chance to start getting into the Christmas spirit by helping to decorate our clubhouse and activities room. FYI Newbies; we decorate 2 trees and have many Holiday pieces that need to be put out, so there's lots to do.

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!



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First and foremost, I want to express deep appreciation to all residents who had worked so hard to cook and help in the clubhouse during the hurricane; also, the residents, volunteers from outside the park, the Venice High School students post hurricane who helped make emergency repairs, clean up debris, stack Styrofoam, help their neighbors, help to temporarily tarp roofs, separate metal from other debris and locate and list resources on the bulletin boards and 195. Dean's Trees has been very hard at work removing trees, cutting, and moving tree debris and metal. In addition, he was able to locate someone he knows who is now removing all the metal in yards from carport, roofs and homes that has blown off. Most of the metal has been moved to piles in front of homes for removal. Again, a thousand thanks to all who have so generously lent helping hands. Also, thanks to our maintenance man, Bob and our office manager, Peggy, both of whom have put in extra hours.

Sarasota County has very specific requirements for debris pick up and different types of debris cannot be mixed! Volunteers have worked very hard to separate the metal, Styrofoam, and yard waste (trees). PLEASE DO NOT THROW your trash bags, and other trash, furniture, etc. into these piles. If you do, THEY WILL NOT PICK THEM UP. We have a tremendous amount of damage to the park and are trying to keep some cost down by accessing the available FEMA and County pick up.

If you lost your mailbox during the hurricane the post office will have your mail. Information about where to obtain your replacement box and post is available on 195 or on the bulletin board in the clubhouse.

This has been a very stressful time for everyone and we appreciate your understanding, assistance, and cooperation during this prolonged process of clean up and reconstruction.

Please remember to check out channel 195, it has a great deal of information about resources and what is going on in the park for hurricane relief and pick up. Much thanks to Marcie Abel for keeping the channel up to date with information that is important during this difficult time.

There is a new Facebook page that has been created that will allow the Board to provide information to residents about official park business. The Sandalwood Park Homeowners Facebook page is a private individual's page. You can find the Sandalwood official page by searching Sandalwood Park HOA Inc. Official Page or you can add this link to your Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/486357273211402/>

As a reminder, the new Comcast contract took effect as of August 1, 2022. You should have received a flyer-type of notice in the mail from Comcast. If you already had high-definition service, you may not need to return your boxes for exchange. If you did not have high definition previously then you will need to contact Comcast for further information on obtaining the high-definition equipment. Please contact Comcast to schedule an appointment.

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LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE
ACTIVITIES BOARD

SAC, Sandalwood Activities Committee, is 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. Our first meeting will be on November 8th at 10:00. 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 here, it's a win-win. Of course, our long term residents are welcomed on the board too, your input and opinions on where/how to improve things is invaluable.

If you're interested in joining our board, please come to our agenda meeting on Tuesday, November 1st at 10:00.

PROCEDURE FOR
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All articles and information for the newsletter are to be submitted only through The Sandalwood editor. Anything sent directly to On Trac Publishing will not be printed.

All articles must be in Microsoft Word and submitted on or before the 13th of the month.

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HURRICANE TIME

As much as we don't like to think about it, this is Hurricane Season in Florida which runs from May 15th until November 30th. Your Safety Committee has plans that must take place should Sandalwood Park face a weather event. A copy of the *Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness* booklet was distributed to homes during the Spring of 2018. This booklet contains some very important information that you should be aware of. Please do not wait to read the booklet the day before a storm happens; become familiar with it now. If you do not have a copy, please contact the office.

Over the summer months, your Safety Committee will be publishing some suggestions and reminding you of regulations that you need to keep in mind during this season. The first is regulation 3.12 listed below:

3.12 Any resident who will be away for 7 days or more during hurricane season, May 15th through November 30th, or is evacuating because of a hurricane, must stow away all outdoor objects not securely attached to a permanent structure or anchored into the ground. All closable shutters and awnings must be closed and secured as they are often ripped off during high winds. Remember, when you leave, don't store all your patio furniture, bikes, decorations, etc. on your screened lanai. Those rooms have a habit of disappearing during high winds. If that happens, all stored items will become projectiles. Items need to be stored inside your home or shed. Don't forget, there are also plenty of storage facilities in the immediate area.

The 2nd item that needs to be reaffirmed is the notice found on the back of the *Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness* booklet and is posted on the entrance doors of the clubhouse. It states:

The clubhouse is not a certified shelter

Use of the clubhouse during severe or extreme weather conditions is done at your own risk.

While the Sandalwood Safety Committee strongly encourages residents to follow county and state evacuation orders, we do understand that not all residents will evacuate and will elect to seek refuge in the clubhouse. During and after a storm, the clubhouse will be used as an oasis. As happened following Hurricane Irma, the park could be without power for an extended period of time. The clubhouse is generator powered and will be able to provide air conditioning, refrigeration, cooking facilities, internet and cable TV for Sandalwood residents without utilities post-event

Please keep in mind you could be using the clubhouse as "home" for 5 days or more. This includes eating, resting and sleeping overnight. Also, keep in mind that you will be sharing the facility with other residents. Those individuals with special dietary needs or power dependent equipment **must** make special arrangements with Sarasota County's Special Needs Registry. **The Sarasota County**

Special Needs Application forms are available in the Sandalwood office or on the Sarasota County website. **You must apply for this service in advance.** If you need assistance with completing the forms and registering, contact the office, the Safety Committee will assist you. This must be done now, not when a weather event is pending.

It is critical that you maintain an accurate up-to-date list of your current medications. You should ready a two-week supply of prescription drugs with instructions for their use and a full description of the drug. Don't forget to bring non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-acids and anti-diarrhea medication. Listed below are the suggested medical supplies taken from the Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness booklet

- Dentures and cleaning solutions
- Extra eyeglasses/contacts and cleaning solutions
- Hearing aids and extra batteries
- Medical support equipment, CPAP, canes/walkers, oxygen supplies
- Incontinence supplies
- Name, phone number, address of doctors, pharmacists, and caregivers
- Written instructions regarding your medical care
- Phone numbers of family, emergency contacts and friends

Also remember that not all people sleep at the same time. While every effort will be made to accommodate everyone, some lights may be left on and activity happening well into the night. Ear plugs to deaden sound and sleep masks to eliminate light are also suggested. During the weather event, the clubhouse will be **pet friendly**. Pets should have a carrier as well as a 6' leash. Pets will only be allowed in the Activities Room and must always be under your control. Do not forget to bring food and any medication that might be needed for your pet(s). Litter boxes, pee pads and cleaning supplies for accidents are also required.

You should also put together a "**GO BOX**" which contains copies of your important documents. This includes passports, insurance documents-both life and property, deeds, wills, living wills, and emergency contact information, etc. If it looks like a hurricane will be coming our way, an organizational meeting will be held to discuss food, water, etc. that you should plan on bringing. These meetings will be mandatory if you plan on staying in the park during a hurricane. We, the Board, and the Safety Committee, want to know who is here. If you elect to leave the park during the storm, please let the office know.

The best information is to be prepared now, not when an event happens. Please read you ***Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness*** booklet. If you have any questions, you can contact any member of the Board or the Safety Committee.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Box Office 10:00 - 12:00 Thanksgiving Dinner	2	3 Box Office 2:00 - 4:00 Thanksgiving Dinner	4	5
6	7	8 SAC Board Meeting 10:00am	9 SPH Board Meeting 10:00am	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Rat Pack Tribute Venice Performing Arts Center - 3:00pm	21	22 Box Office 10:00 - 12:00 Christmas Party	23	24 Thanksgiving Dinner	25 Box Office 10:00 - 12:00 Christmas Party	26
27	28 Decorate for Christmas 9:00am	29 Box Office 10:00 - 12:00 Christmas Party	30	NOVEMBER 2022		
W E E K L Y E V E N T S						
	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff and Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mah Jongg 1:00pm Hand and Foot 6:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Keep Fit by Groovin' 10:00am Bingo 6:30pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff and Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Cards & Poker 6:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Keep Fit by Groovin' 10:00am Euchre 7:00pm	Cardio Exercise 8:00am Huff and Puff 9:00am Water Aerobics 10:00am Mexican Train 1:00pm Bingo 6:30pm	

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