

Sandalwood Park News

October 2010



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida



From the President:

On behalf of many Sandalwood residents, I express condolences to Pat Gleckler on the passing of her husband Bill on August 26. Pat and Bill were Sandalwood residents for several years and many of us got to know and appreciate both of them. Pat continues her association with Sandalwood Park as editor of our newsletter and manager of our website. Our prayers and best wishes are for her as she adjusts to life without Bill.

Sandalwood Park recently received notification that we had been selected for the "Best of Venice" award by the US Commerce Association. We, of course, got pretty excited until we were asked to pay for our trophy. Our diligent treasurer, Dan Hutchinson, did a bit of research and discovered that the US Commerce Association is into trophy sales and picks potential customers. They obviously had done nothing other than visit our website to pick us for their "Award".

However, by dumb luck, I think they got it right! If there were a "Best of Venice" for mobile home parks, we'd be it. I keep reminding myself how fortunate we are to have selected Sandalwood back in 1998. We were a great place then, and just keep getting better.

When visitors come to Sandalwood, I enjoy listening to their comments regarding our facilities, our landscaping, and our open spaces. Recent rule changes now better protect our open spaces.

Our clubhouse addition has proved to fill our needs very well in allowing many new activities and adequate room for previously established activities. It gets lots of compliments from visitors.

I'm pleased that we have learned to respect each other and consider differing opinions. This is not easy with such a diversity of backgrounds, origins, and interests. But, we all agree on enjoying the amenities of Sandalwood Park. I'm particularly pleased with how productive Board of Directors meetings have become. We get good input from residents allowing us to make decisions for the betterment of the Park.

And the best thing is our financial situation. We have money in the bank to meet most any emergency while our clubhouse debt is down to less than \$100,000. Our maintenance fees are probably the lowest in Venice, have not increased in several years, and are not expected to increase in the foreseeable future.

Yes, we are the best of Venice. Tell your friends as SPH has two properties for sale at \$50,000 each including the share and a home.

Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.
300 Sandpiper Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

*Resident Owned Community for persons
55 years of age and older*

Office Number
485-3646

In an Emergency Call
911

SANDALWOOD MANAGEMENT STAFF

Marietta Jones—Office Manager
Charlie Kane -Maintenance

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Board of Directors

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- Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary
- Joe Cromwell – Assistant Treasurer

The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administrating 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 vangilst@maplenet.net



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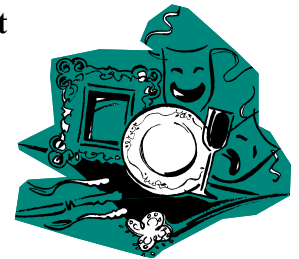
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WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

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 7 PM

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!!!***



NEWSLETTER MAILBOX

Submit letters or articles to Alice Fitzpatrick, 346 Longwood Drive or Pat Gleckler at patanee@copper.net. All correspondence must be signed. Contents may be edited for space, clarity and suitability for print.

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IN MEMORY

William Gleckler

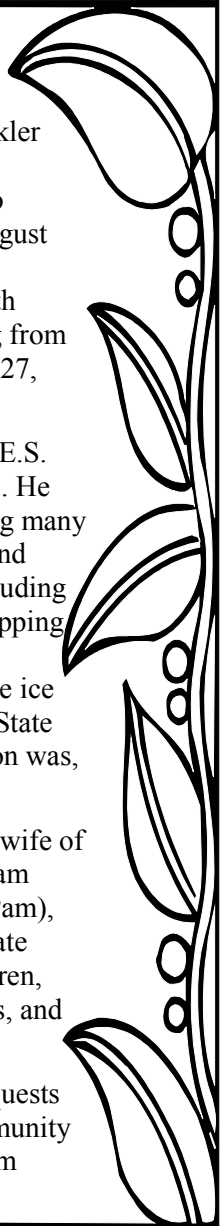


William (Bill) Gleckler former Sandalwood resident, passed into eternal peace on August 26, 2010 after an 11-year struggle with disabilities resulting from two strokes. He was born on April 27, 1936 in Metamora, Ohio.

Bill was a bridge carpenter for the E.S. Wagner Company, retiring in 1998. He was also a master carpenter creating many masterpieces treasured by family and friends. He had many hobbies including beekeeping, gardening, fishing, trapping and hunting. He loved treating his family and friends to his homemade ice cream. Bill was also an avid Ohio State sports fan whose favorite expression was, "GO BUCKS!"

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Patricia Ann; sons, William Shawn (Mary) and Stacey Allen (Pam), and daughter, Dawn Annette Holgate (Mark Gingrich); and 7 grandchildren, Bill is also survived by six brothers, and six sisters.

In lieu of flowers, Bill's family requests contributions be made to the Community Hospice Foundation, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32257.



CONDOLENCES



YOUR COOPERATION IS NEEDED

Everyone wants to keep Sandalwood a clean, well kept community, so it's important that each resident has a registered caretaker for their property. (EVEN IF **YOU** ARE THE CARETAKER).

Forms are available outside the office door in the Activities Room.. Please pick one up and take a couple of minutes to complete it. **THANKS**

Thank You



A heartfelt "Thank You" to the Sandalwood residents who have shown so much caring support to me during Bill's illness and death.

Pat Gleckler

SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



The Sandalwood Website is getting lots of action and viewed by many each day. There are many requests for seasonal rental properties .

The current newsletter is on the website, along with past newsletters. Homes for sale by owner can be advertised on the website.

If you have anything to publish in the website contact Pat Gleckler at patanee@copper.net or webmaster@sandalwoodpark.com.

The address for the website is www.sandalwoodpark.com



BREAKFAST AT PERKINS

Thursdays at 8 am

Starting on October 21, 2010

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Sandalwood October 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Bingo 7PM	2
3	4	5 Bingo 7PM	6	7	8 Bingo 7PM	9
10	11	12 Bingo 7PM	13	14	15 Bingo 7PM	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE
17	18	19 Bingo 7PM	20	21 Breakfast at Perkins 8am	22 Bingo 7PM	23 Coffee 9:00 AM
24	25	26 Bingo 7PM	27	28 Breakfast at Perkins 8am	29 Bingo 7PM	30 Potluck Cocktails 5:30PM Dinner 6:00 PM
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SUMMER IN SANDALWOOD

Oh it has been a hot one! I managed to go North for the month of August and though the weather was very hot there it can't compete with Florida. Even if the temperature is the same, it's much more humid here. I was glad to visit Boston again but found when I returned and came through the back gate I felt that yes, this is home. Never thought I would say that!

Not very much happening this time of year, after the Fourth of July picnic, things came to a standstill. Bingo is a survivor though. Thanks to a few from Venice Isles the numbers hold up for a reasonable payoff. But, it is more the sociable part of the game that entices one to play.

Charlie Kane can be seen working the park and keeping things in pristine condition. Veteran's Park is a most attractive addition especially since it is one of the first things you encounter as you enter Sandalwood. Charlie seems none the worse since his recent surgery and hopefully things will be cool sailing in the future.

Can't wait for some neighbors to return from vacation or the snow birds to return. It is extremely quiet around the Park. It makes you feel like a school kid anxious to get back to school. A new mobile home came in on Longwood Drive and it is clear to see the future of the Park, each new addition adds a new dimension to the neighborhood.

First sign of migration, Jared & Mary Ann Hastings have returned! Welcome back!

Submitted Alice Fitzpatrick

ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER CALENDAR

Information for the newsletter calendar is taken from the calendar in the clubhouse. Therefore, it can only be as complete and accurate as that information provides.

Don't forget to place your event on the Clubhouse Calendar. Please enter the EVENT and TIME OF EVENT, plus any other important information.

SPH BOARD MEETINGS ALL MEETINGS HELD IN SANDPIPER ROOM

AGENDA NOVEMBER 3, 2010 9:00AM

BOARD NOVEMBER 10, 2010 10:00AM

ANNUAL MEETING FEB. 17, 2011 2:00 PM



COOKS CORNER

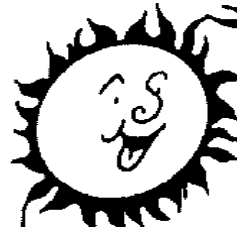


QUICK AND EASY LAST MINUTE MEAL

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Peel, core and slice 4 small apples.
- Place apples in bowl and sprinkle with 1 tbs flour, 1 tsp cinnamon, ¼ tsp nutmeg.
- Prepare 1 6-ounce package stuffing mix as directed and spread in bottom of 9/13 pan.
- Place 4 boneless pork chops on top of stuffing and cover each with apple mixture.
- Cover Pan with aluminum foil and bake for 1 hour.

THREE NEW IDEAS FOR BACON

1. Cook 8 slices bacon. Chop 6 slices; add to 24 ounce jar Vodka sauce in saucepan and simmer. Toss with 1 lb cooked penne; top with ¼ cup grated Parmesan and remaining slices bacon, chopped.
2. Blend 6 chopped hard-cooked eggs, 2 ribs chopped celery, 1/3 cup light mayo, ½ tsp Dijon mustard and 3 slices chopped cooked bacon. Season with salt and pepper. Serve with crackers.
3. Place 1 lb thick-sliced bacon in single layer on large broiler pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Blend 3 tbs dark brown sugar and 1 ½ tsp hot chili powder. Turn bacon and top with sugar mixture. Bake 25 minutes more, until crisp. Serve for breakfast or with salads.



Thanks

Look around and you are sure to see someone doing something that deserves a "THANK YOU" in the Newsletter.

Many, many thanks to Charlie Kane and Lois Cottrill for their very special help during my absence from the park. My daughter died August 13th in Indiana and Charlie, who I have known for years, took in my mail and daily checked my home for the 5 days I was gone.

Lois Cottrill noticed my sewer cap had disappeared and she called Charlie. Thanks to her I avoided what could have been a disaster.

Thank you to Charlie and Lois for their much needed help!

This Park is so understanding and amazing and I am so thankful to be living here!

Mady Antonsen (Madeline)

SANDALWOOD PARK FLU CLINIC

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

9:00AM TO 12:00 NOON

PLACE: ACTIVITIES ROOM

PRE-REGISTRATION AVAILABLE
WALK -INS - WELCOME

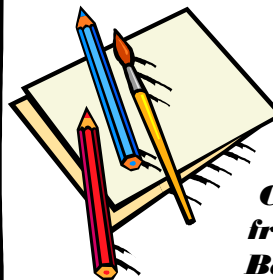
COST COVERED BY MEDICARE AND SOME
OTHER INSURANCES

CASH OR CHECK \$29.95

GIVEN BY: CVS PHARMACISTS



Basic Drawing for Beginners



Drawing classes will be offered beginning in November.

Classes will be conducted free of charge, thanks to Barbara Browne, an experienced Art Teacher and Sandalwood Resident.

A sign up sheet will be posted in on the bulletin board in the Activities Room.

Watch the November Newsletter for dates and times of classes.

SANDALWOOD PARK

SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS CLUBHOUSE RULES

1. No notices, other than emergency or official, are to be attached to any walls, doors, windows, etc. inside or outside of the building. Bulletin boards are provided for sharing information. Push pins or cellophane tape are not to be used for any purpose on walls and doors.
2. Decorations for holidays or events must avoid damage to walls or ceilings.
3. Any group using the facilities is expected to pick up trash and do basic cleaning of equipment and furnishings. Park maintenance personnel will dust and mop floors as needed.
4. Event leaders (or last to leave the building) are to turn off heat or air, turn off interior lights, audio/visual equipment, appliances, etc. and lock all doors.
5. **NO PARKING** in the portico outside Sandpiper Room. This facility is for dropping off and picking up only. Do not block the drive to the portico. Short term parking is allowed in front of the laundry and office while conducting business but must not block the drive. Primary parking for Sandpiper Room is in the marked grass areas to the south. Overflow parking is allowed across Sandpiper in the grass. Bicycles should park in the grass in front of the Portico.
6. Official room designations are "Sandpiper Room", "Activities Room", "Exercise Room", "Library", "Office", "File Room", "Laundry", and "Information Hall".

Adopted by the Board 4/8/09

STAY INFORMED WITH CLOSED CIRCUIT TV Channel 117 or 795



Sandalwood Park has a unique way to keep residents up to date on activities and updates. Make it a habit to tune to 117 or 795 each day when you turn on your TV.

Be sure to keep residents up to date by having upcoming events or changes posted on the TV. Forms are available in the Activities Room by the Comcast controls.



I joined a health club last year,

Spent about 400 bucks.

Haven't lost a pound.

Apparently you have to go there!



Save your towels, blankets and bedspreads for the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary. Call 488-7851 for pick up. Janet Mervine



An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation.

As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son.

"Yes, Dad, what is it? "

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife...."

NEED HELP WITH MAINTAINING YOUR PROPERTY WHILE HERE OR AWAY?

THERE ARE RESIDENTS WHO ARE OFFERING PROPERTY CAREGIVER SERVICES IN SANDALWOOD PARK.

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD AT THE CLUBHOUSE FOR DETAILS.

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