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Letter From The President

A mailing was sent out to every Shareholder in September. The following was included in this letter.

Statement of the October assessment

Form to sign up for the "Auto Pay" program

Letter about the September budget meeting

Copy of the 2016 budget

Collection of assessments has not been a problem. Generally everyone pays their quarterly dues. While most pay quarterly, some pay semiannually and others pay annually. The problem for some of us is remembering. Yep, sometimes we forget things!

This is why it can be helpful to us individually and cost saving to sign up for the new "**Auto Pay**" program.

Sandalwood is now offering this new way to pay your quarterly fees. "Auto pay" gives you the choice of paying annually or quarterly. If you have any questions or need assistance please call Valerie in the office.

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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 14tinspub@aol.com.

Procedure for submitting articles to OnTrac Publishing for the Newsletter.

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!

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

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A letter was included to explain the September meeting and the 2016 budget. This year the Board of Directors has chosen to fund "Reserves" This doesn't mean that our cash has disappeared. It simply means we have allocated some of the monies to this "Reserve Fund". Just as we set up a budget to pay our monthly and annual bills for the following year, we are now budgeting for the future improvements and upkeep of our property.

Although this has not been done in the past, the board felt we now have more than sufficient funds to handle this and still maintain a healthy free cash position.

It is also important to note that this <u>does not af-</u><u>fect our maintenance fees.</u>

I am pleased to say we have received a positive response from those who have called and come by the office.

On another note, I would like to thank Paul Lawrence, Larry Reed and Joe Nofziger for their work over the summer. Sandalwood continues to operate during the summer months and requires attention and decision making on a weekly basis. Lighthouse is our management company but they require approval and take direction from the Board of Directors.

I look forward to the 2015/2016 season as it is always a new beginning. As we continue to enjoy the warmth of Florida and the wonderful Sandalwood amenities I wish those up north a safe return.

Regina Fortin President

Volunteers Welcome



We know you have lots of great ideas for how to make our park a wonderful place to live. 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 Cookoff, a Concert series and our hugely successful Annual Rummage Sale so get ready to join in!

The Sandalwood Park Homeowners Inc. meets on the 2^{nd} Wednesday of the month and the Sandalwood Activities Committee meets on the 2^{nd} Tuesday. Both meetings start at 10:00 am in the Sandalwood Room.

We look forward to seeing you there.



2016 Sandalwood Park Concert Series

Sunday, January 17th 7:00 pm Red Hot Blue Collar Show

Dale, Eric's lovable country character, teams up with NYC singing sensation, Kari Ringer. Moving quickly between many music genres and hilarious comedy, this dynamic variety show is sure to please any audience!





Sunday, February 21st 7:00 pm

Brian Roman

Brian Roman's passion for music and entertainment has brought him all over the world, performing contemporary classics and wonderful original music for thousands of fans.

Sunday, March 13th, 7:00 pm The Goldtones Show

Southwest Florida's hottest Doo-wop group! Featuring all your favorite music form the 50's, 60's and 70's !



Tickets go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am!

Advance season tickets, including all three shows, are \$60.00 each and go on sale Wednesday, December 2nd at 10:00 am at the SAC box office located in the Activities Room. Seat selection will be made at the time of purchase. Cash, Checks or credit cards will be accepted. Regular SAC Box Office Hours Monday and Friday 10:00 am -12:00 pm **300 Sandpiper Dr. Venice, FL 34285**



BRIAN ROMAN PERFORMING IN FEBRUARY

The second act performing in the Sandalwood Park's 2015-2016 Concert Series is showman extraordinaire, Brian Roman. At the age of 42, Brian did something that most of us only dare to consider; he followed his dream. The successful insurance salesperson decided to switch careers and become a singer, but he wasn't prepared to play the night club scene for the next 20 years waiting for that one lucky break. So he created his own. He mortgaged the family home and rented the Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto to launch his singing career.

"I'd always wanted to make music - it's such a passion. It was always on the backburner but I never thought of it as a living. I had a wife and kids and a successful career and music was always going to be just one of those things on the side that you love to do."

What changed Roman's mind and allowed him to make his leap of faith occurred in April 2005, during the last days of Pope John Paul II. Roman was touched by the Pontiff's life story, and the adversities he'd faced as a child growing up in poverty, motherless and in the Communist-run country during the Nazi regime. He marveled at what the Pope had achieved in his lifetime, going from an impoverished upbringing to holding a position that had a profound effect on the world. Roman's risky move paid off, Roy Thomson Hall was sold out and the concert reviewed to critical acclaim.

His passion for music and entertainment has brought Brian all over the world, performing contemporary classics and wonderful original music for thousands of fans.

His rich and versatile voice gives passionate renditions of great music by such favorites as: Frank Sinatra, Tom Jones, Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, Bobby Daren, Paul Anka, Bozz Skaggs, Rod Stewart, Van Morrison and many more. He will be bringing his magic to the Sandalwood Room Sunday, February 21st at 7:00 pm.

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.

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Looping Programs

Quite a few years back at Venice Isle's clubhouse, looping equipment was installed. We have worked with this looping equipment company over the years to provide education for the hearing aid wearers. It was during this event that I bumped into my first awareness of under-programmed t-coil settings. (T-coil is the program setting to receive the looping transmission.)

A couple came up to me and mentioned that they weren't hearing much different whether they put on the t-coil setting or put it on the first program of their hearing aids. They wondered what the purpose of the looping equipment was if there wasn't much difference.

You should hear whatever is being broadcasted much cleaner, crisper and without distortion. There should be a noticeable difference when hearing the broadcast sounds without t-coil to hearing with t-coil.

I asked if they had the t-coil programmed. They weren't sure. I suggested they come into my office to have the t-coil program reviewed. They came in and sure enough their t-coil was active and under programmed. This is a problem I run into too often. While many aids have the technology to connect to t-coil, many are not correctly programmed to give the listener clarity.

I was able to help this couple by using the looping equipment in my office to adjust his program settings which enabled him to hear the crisper sounds that are provided through the looping equipment both at his clubhouse and when he went to the Venice Theatre.

If you want to know if your hearing aids can connect to t-coil or feel like you're not getting clarity from the program, I invite you to stop by my office for a checkup.



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Lentil Soup with Sage and Italian Sausage

2 cups lentils

- 1 tbsp salt
- 10 cups water
- 3 tbsp sage leaves, chopped
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb sweet Italian sausage, casings removed
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp marjoram
- 1 cup tomato puree

Place the lentils, salt, water and sage in a large heavy pot or Dutch oven.

Bring to a boil then reduce the heat and simmer 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Add the sausage and sauté until the sausage is half cooked.

Reduce the heat to low and add the onion, garlic and marjoram.

Continue cooking until the onion is softened and the sausage cooked, about 5 minutes.

Add the sausage mixture and tomato puree to the lentils and mix well.

Reduce the heat to warm and take a nap... serve whenever.

Superfast Creamy Tomato Soup

1 46 oz bottle spicy V8 juice
2 garlic cloves, minced
8-12 oz tomato paste
1 cup sour cream
1 tbsp whatever herb is available...basil, rosemary, thyme...

Pour the V8 juice into a large sauce pan, add the garlic and bring to a simmer over medium heat.

Slowly stir in the tomato paste, spoonful by spoonful until you reach the desired thickness.

Stir in the sour cream and serve with some herbs sprinkled on top.

Smile and be gracious when this soup gets more compliments than the casserole that you devotedly slaved over for 15 hours last weekend.

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October 2015

A Halloween Rite

Jack o' Lanterns originated in Ireland where people placed candles in hollowed-out turnips to keep away spirits and ghosts on the Samhain holiday. Since turnips were hard to come by in the New World, Irish immigrants used pumpkins as a substitute.

Candy Corn was invented by a candy maker at the Wunderle Candy Company of Philadelphia in the 1880's. It was originally called "chicken feed" since corn was commonly used as livestock food and had no association with Halloween or fall. After World War II, advertisers began marketing it as a special Halloween treat due to its colors and ties to the fall harvest.

Versions of trick-or-treating have existed since medieval times. In the past, it was known as "guising" or "souling." Children and poor adults went around in costumes during the feast of "All Saint's Day" also known as Hallowmas, begging for food in exchange for songs or prayers. Again, thanks to the Irish trick-or



treating became very popular in America but died out during WWII when sugar was rationed. After the rationing ended in 1947, children's magazine "Jack and Jill," radio program "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet," and the "Peanuts" comic strip all helped to repopularize the tradition.



Thanksgiving is really right around the corner. Make plans now to join us in the Sandalwood Room for dinner on Thursday, November 26th at 2:30 pm. 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 10. 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.

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board, Monday October 12th. Seating will be limited.

Family and guests are welcome.











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