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Letter from the President

Over the months ahead we will be addressing the issues that arose before during and after IRMA. We will talk about safety, awareness, preparedness, caretakers and what we should do before and after a storm.

For today I am going to tell you about some pretty awesome people.

Like most, I kept thinking Irma would head east or maybe north. However, as Irma became a reality, the reality set in. Larry and I decided to stay. We would stay unless we had a mandatory evacuation. The mandatory evacuation never came. I still believe there was a disconnect between the community and the county.

Now we had to plan. The residents gathered to discuss what needed to be done. We talked about packing a bag with medications, identifications, and personal items for a few days. People signed up for help to secure their homes. We talked about what we could do to secure the clubhouse. We had a signup sheet for *helpers* to get this done. It was amazing but not surprising. We came together as a community of friends and neighbors.

Thirty plus residents stayed in the clubhouse waiting for a mandatory evacuation. As most of you know, we stayed in the clubhouse through it all. It was surely unnerving. We played cards, watched tv, did some reading and built puzzles! Oh ya, and we ate well.

EVERYONE in that building were helpers. Everyone moved about asking what we could do, can I help? What do you need? Thirty plus busy bees making it happen. In the end, I felt better being there than anywhere else. We cared about each other.

The activities room worked out wonderfully for the pet families. Most stayed with their "lounge chairs" near their pets. Unfortunately, my Tom and Jerry were the most misbehaved, but that's another story.

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Written comments may be sent to the office or e-mailed to 14inspub@aol.com

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DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER ARE DUE ON OR BEFORE THE 13TH OF THE MONTH.

PLEASE MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDARS SO YOU WON'T FORGET.

Procedure for submitting articles to OnTrac Publishing for the Newsletter.

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Helpful Guidelines for Events Now Available for Everyone

There is now a "guideline-help" book on a shelf in the kitchen to help anyone plan and find objects that are needed for any activity.

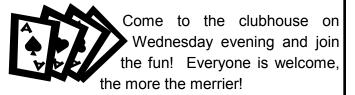
The SAC committee will even suggest an experienced resident, so that a newcomer can organize and run any event at the park's facilities.

The 3-ring, yellow binder explains where the location of all the supplies are, how to reserve the space, and what is necessary for clean-up, placement of garbage cans and activity break down.

This binder is available for anyone who would like to create any event.

WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

Do you like to play cards?



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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!!!



SANDALWOOD WEBSITE



Did you know that Sandalwood has a Website?

It is a good way to keep up with happenings and reading the newsletters online.

> The address for the website is www.sandalwoodpark.com

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After Irma



Other than the 30 plus people who shared this event, the other residents of Sandalwood Park need to know how our "fearless leader" responds to a real crisis. Regina Fortin is a caring, responsible person who made everyone else's problems her own, BEFORE her own, and didn't stop until every problem was solved!

During the nightmare of what was called Hurricane Irma, Regina made sure that everyone was safe, comfortable, and fed in our clubhouse turned hurricane shelter. Yes, she had help - Sue Alvis and Sylvia Olsen were also on the go, non-stop, especially in the kitchen. No one went hungry. These ladies cannot be thanked enough. Without them, our situation would have been awful. With their help, we all made the best of it and got through it. THANK YOU!!! (submitted by Lois Cottrill)



We had intended on having a wonderful newsletter article full of details about the festive Christmas party we have planned. Unfortunately, the Christmas party planning meeting was preempted by the "Irma/end of life as we know it" meeting. For now, plan on joining us in the Sandalwood Room Saturday, December 17. There will be great food, music, and decorations! Specific details to follow.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Regina and Marci

Did You Know...

III. RECREATION FACILITIES

- 4. 1The Clubhouse, pool area, shuffleboard courts and any other activity areas are for the mutual use of all Members, Tenants, invited guests and Renters.
- 4.2 Use of activity areas for other than regular Park functions shall require prior written approval from the Board and shall not conflict with any scheduled commitments.
- 4.3 Each individual Member or Tenant shall be held accountable for any physical damage to the Clubhouse, its contents, the pool, shuffleboard courts or any other recreation facilities that are cause by him/her or the visiting guests. No skating on shuffleboard courts.
- 4.4 Rules for each activity area shall be posted in a conspicuous place within its confines where applicable.
- 4.5 All chairs, tables and any equipment in the Clubhouse shall not be removed for any reason. At no time will equipment be loaned.

Did You Know?

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15 mph

Please respect your neighbors and the rules

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(Letter from the president continued from Pg.1)

Our newest neighbors Tom Blackney and Don Rush worked tirelessly to find the hardware necessary to hang two sheets of plywood for the back windows in the Sandpiper room. Although all plywood was sold out Sylvia Olsen secured two pieces of 4 X 8 from the Lauzon's shed. Thank you, Ken and Johanna! We were grateful for the hours they spent on this project as the wind came in from that direction.

Tom and Don were also part of the team that secured homes along with Dave Alvis and Rich Winek, Larry Fortin and Larry Reed. Dave and Sue Alvis.... **where do I begin**? There is so much they did I am sure I would miss something. Sylvia Olsen reminded us of the missing stop signs in Port Charlotte during their storm. That being said, Dave and Sue removed and stored our stop signs and our flags.

During the hours we were confined Sue ran the kitchen like a pro.

Sue, Sylvia Olsen and Marci pieced together the abundance of food brought by everyone. We had lunch and then dinner of a delicious chicken casserole (a la Dorothy Bostic) American Chop Suey, salads, fruit and breads. Needless to say, everyone ate well.

The power stayed until 3 am Monday. On Monday morning as the sun rose already set out for us were hard boiled eggs with breads and peanut butter. Thank you Sue and Sylvia and the others who helped in the kitchen.

The wind was still whipping as we stepped out to see the damage. People quietly gathered their personal items and went to their homes.

Again, Sue spent most of Monday cleaning the kitchen, delivering items to people who had left things behind and helping where needed. All this in between calls to empty refrigerators. Dave replaced the stop signs and helped others.

We are still plugging along helping each other.

I am proud to be a part of the Sandalwood Park Community.

Regina Fortin Your President

Remembering Our Dear Friend = and Neighbor Bob Overbay



Bobby and Chris have lived in Sandalwood since 1999. He spent 4 years in the Navy before moving to Michigan where he worked for General Motors for 35 years. He is survived by his loving wife Chris, his 4 children, 3 step children, 13 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and 1 brother. Bob left this world to go home to be with his Lord and Savior on September 14th after fighting a brave battle with cancer. His memorial will be held on September 21st in Plymouth Michigan.

Bob and his wife Chris have many close friends in Sandalwood. Bob loved to golf with his Thursday golf buddies and he could often be seen riding his bike or more recently, driving his golf cart around the park with Chris at his side. If you needed help with anything Bob was always there ready, willing and able to help out. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him!

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Sudoku Puzzle #N671YP
Presented by Puzzle Baron

Rated: Medium

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Across

- 1. Edge, as of a hat
- 5. Spanish snacks
- 10. Oscar relative
- 14. "Clair de _____" (Debussy)
- 15. Postponed
- 16. Ooh or tra follower
- 17. Hades' lair
- 19. Like some suntan products
- 20. Jack the Ripper's territory
- 21. Assistants
- 22. Mediums, maybe
- 26. Day Lily, e.g.
- 30. Only you
- 34. Russian-American comedian Smirnoff
- 35. Jedi's furry friend
- 36. Leatherworking tool
- 37. Place for socks
- 39. Became incensed
- 42. Dye brand
- 43. "____ Be in Love" (Kate Bush song)
- 47. ___-Wip (dessert topping)

- 48. Raconteur's offerings
- 51. Barnaby Jones portrayer Buddy
- 52. Not as much as
- 54. In regard to
- 57. Smarts
- 62. Sportscaster Albert
- 63. Jean de ____ (17th century French
- fabulist)
- 66. Dance exercise
- 67. Sister of Napoleon
- 68. Cutting-edge set
- 69. Candy bar by Hershey

(Solution on Pg.15)

- 70. Funny Green, and others
- 71. Spanish golfer Ballesteros

Down

- 1. Dejected
- 2. ____ fever
- 3. They're neither Rep. nor Dem.
- 4. Get together
- 5. Some map dots
- 6. Pain reliever
- 7. ____-squared (circle area formula)
- 8. Knee-injury site, for short
- 9. Because, in Latin
- 10. Plaza brat, in children's lit
- 11. Lady-in-waiting
- 12. Marseilles Miss: Abbr.
- 13. Boos' opposites
- 18. Work on the street
- 21. Top gun
- 23. Female whale
- 24. Yoo-___ (drink)
- 25. Tattoos
- 26. Victim of Hercules
- 27. Put one's ___ (give an unsolicited opinion)
- 28. Go like Dorothy Hamill
- 29. Stranded motorist's need
- 31. Embellishes
- 32. Garbo, for one
- 33. "Murphy Brown" house painter
- 38. Down under jumpers, briefly
- 40. "Am too!" rejoinder
- 41. World Wide
- 44. Elevs.
- 45. ___ offensive (1968 Vietcong attack)
- 46. Wisconsin city on Lake Winnebago
- 49. Shamrock, e.g.
- 50. Actor James Van ____ Beek
- 53. Kournikova and Paquin54. Concert equipment
- 54. Concert equipment
- 55. Polio vaccine pioneer
- 56. Chilly in Chile
- 58. Parent wakers
- 59. Pelt
- 60. "As seen ____!"
- 61. "____ Got Tonight" (Bob Seger tune)
- 63. Nessman of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
- 64. Saloon order
- 65. Conniption

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Programming a hearing aid is a skill I have developed in the 17 years working in this industry. Having worked with over a thousand people, I am very good at translating your description of sounds into what you want the program to deliver. If you struggle to hear well and wonder if there could be a better setting to your program, call for an appointment 941- 244-9300.



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