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FACE MASKS

And so it begins...



Just as we felt things were finally returning to normal, along came a new, more highly contagious, variant of COVID. As of this writing, the Delta Variant is still sweeping Florida. The number of cases has increased 10-fold in Sarasota County between August and September. Hospitals have once again restricted visitors. Schools are opening and mask mandates have been ordered in most counties.

We have at least 2 cases of COVID in the park and are awaiting the results of others being tested. As a precaution, we shut down Bingo for at least a week. Your Board of Directors has always elected to follow the CDC guidelines and recommendations. The current CDC recommendation is for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people to wear a mask when indoors. As such, with the Board's top priority being safety and health for all, the Board implemented a requirement for everyone to wear a mask in the Clubhouse. This requirement will stay in effect for now and will apply to everyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated. Regardless of your personal views, we request that you respect your neighbors and wear a mask whenever you are in the Clubhouse.

Halloween Party?

SAC has planned a Halloween costume party and dance on Sunday, October 31st from 7:00-9:30. Whether or not it will happen is still up in the air depending on the CDC's latest ruling on indoor masks. If masks are not mandated by that time, we are asking that everyone who would feel safe attending to sign up on the BB by October 20th.



In the event we have the party, costumes are not necessary, of course, but will add to the fun. Prizes for the scariest and funniest costumes will be awarded per everyone's vote. Although we cancelled the DJ, in-house dance music will be provided to get the party started.

Since we are not paying for a DJ, the dance is free. This is a BYOB and table snacks to share party. So, dress up in a costume (or not) and come enjoy the festivities.

Another thought is to hold the party on the patio depending on the weather.



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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.
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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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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.

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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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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 this year.

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

October: Products for doing laundry and dishes.

November – December 6: Wrapped Christmas gifts for ages 0-3. Please indicate gender and age.

December 7-31: Paper and plastic goods.

January: Diapers, sizes 5-6 and items for changing baby.

February: General house cleaning products.

March: Personal items for the moms.



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My mom, MaryEllen, was profoundly hard of hearing and struggled with higher frequencies, like small children.

When we asked her to babysit, she said she was not confident being alone with Evan. It took us a while to understand her lack of confidence, because we knew she had raised two boys of her own.

When we asked her about her hesitation, she explained that she wasn't sure she would be able to hear his cries.

Looking back, it was probably this heightened anxiousness that prompted her to get a better-quality hearing aid that enabled her to hear with ease in these situations.

As we know, kids, whether our own or our grandkids, are chaotic and create complex listening situations.

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A Blast From the Past

While straightening out the library, we came across many albums filled with photos of past events. Each book is labeled with the date and event and was put together by former resident, Grace Bysiewicz. There are many nice pictures of everyone who attended, maybe some you would like to have. These albums will be kept in the small library room until January when they will be discarded. Please take a few moments to sit, browse, and revisit these happy times. Of course, please feel free to take any pictures you want to keep.



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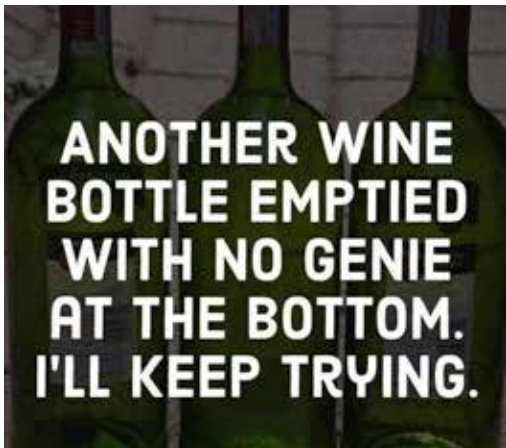
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Happy Birthday Marge!

A nice crowd gathered outside Marge Meyer's house for her 99th birthday on August 22nd. Marge was both surprised and delighted as everyone sang Happy Birthday and gave her well wishes along with cards. The park's other 99ers welcomed her to this elite club.



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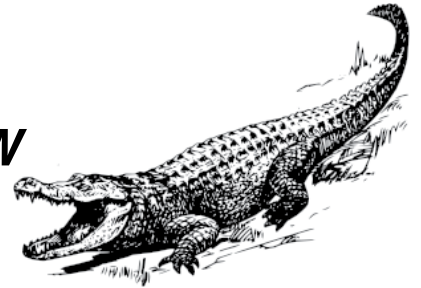


Recently, we have witnessed a large population of Iguanas. Ridding ourselves of these pests is now going to be challenging. Those who already have them around and under their homes can attest to the difficulties they have faced. They may seem cute and harmless but they are very invasive. They are not aggressive to humans but they can dig lengthy tunnels (up to six feet underground), damaging pavements and foundations. They can sometimes carry salmonella bacteria. Please check your yards regularly for dropped fruit.

DO NOT feed any wild animals.

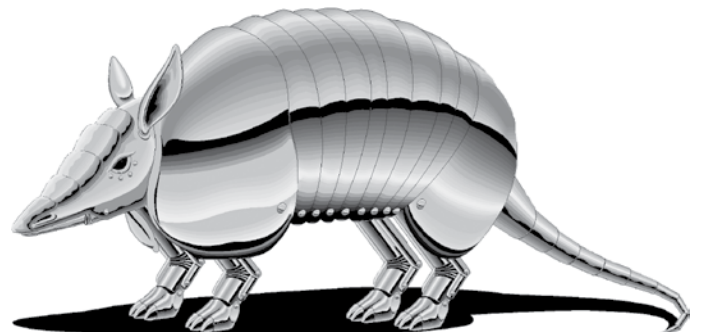


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Like Sandalwood, most HOA's have rules about not feeding wildlife and not having bird feeders. One resident recently hired Assurance Wildlife Trapping/Casey McVey 941-456-TRAP.

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NEWSLETTER

Just a reminder that our newsletter will not be delivered to your home from April to November. Please pick up your copy in the Activities Room.

Bustin' With Bargains 2022

Although our annual park sale was cancelled, the shed is available for donations for next year (it will be here before you know it). Other than clothes, furniture, holiday decor, TVs and microwaves, donations in good condition will be accepted by Gail Pellitteri 941/882-4065.



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HURRICANE TIME

Part 1

As much as we don't like to think about it, this is hurricane season in Florida which runs from June 1 until November 30. Cheer-up, it begins on May 15th in 2022. Your Safety Committee has plans in place that will happen 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 now. Please do not wait to read the booklet the day before an event 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, June 1 through November 30, 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 can 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:

NOTICE

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. Following 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.

Should the track of a hurricane become evident that it will impact the Venice area, the Safety Committee and the Board will hold a resident organization meeting in the clubhouse to discuss preparation steps.

AGENDA ITEMS

If any Shareholder has an item to be added to the Agenda for discussion at the monthly Board meeting, it can be added two ways. First, it can be submitted in writing and given to Linda in the Business Office. Mark AGENDA on the envelope. The second method is to submit it via email to sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com. Please enter AGENDA in the subject line. In both submittals, please put your name and lot number on it in case there are questions. Your submittal should arrive in the Business Office by the 1st Wednesday of the month. You should also plan on attending the next Monthly Board meeting for discussion.

Please Note

Amenity Changes Cable 195

During this ever and quickly changing time, rules for the use of the pool, clubhouse and other amenities can change overnight. To get the most current conditions for using these amenities, please check **Channel 195** frequently. This is where the latest updates will be posted first.



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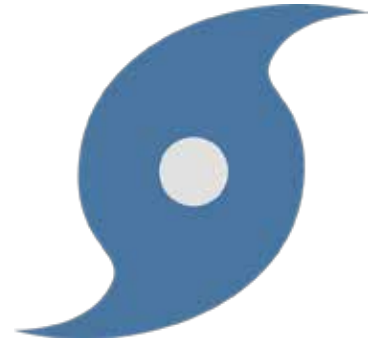
Part 2

Previously, we discussed the use of the clubhouse as an oasis during and following a weather event. In this article we will discuss what you should plan to bring with you should such an event occur. Please keep in mind you could be using the clubhouse as “home” for 5 days or more. This includes eating, resting and overnight sleeping. Also keep in mind 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.

The first, and most important, is medical supplies. Listed below are the suggested medical supplies taken from the **Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness Booklet**. It is critical that you maintain an accurate up-to-date list of your current medications. Please have 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, antacids and anti-diarrhea medication. Included in your to-bring list should be the following:

- 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, 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 be always under your control. Do not forget to bring any food and medication that might be needed for your pet. Litter box or 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 which should include passports, life and property insurance documents, deeds, wills, living wills, 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 weather event, please let the office know.

The best information is to be prepared now, not when a hurricane is bearing down on us. Please read your **Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness Booklet**. If you have any questions, you may contact any member of the Board or the Safety Committee.



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