

# Sandalwood Park News October 2022



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## Halloween Party

SAC will be holding our annual Halloween costume party and dance on Saturday, October 29th from 7:00-9:30. 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. We also have DJ Dan to help get everyone on the dance floor.

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door on the 29th. This is a BYOB and table snacks to share party. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many tables to decorate. Please dress up in a costume (or not) and come enjoy the festivities-a good time will be had by all!





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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:

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

**CABLE TV** BASIC CABLE is free to all shareholders. Please call or go to Comcast/Xfinity office for your digital box. All other services will be billed to you directly. (DVR, internet, etc)

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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.

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# Sandalwood Upcoming Activities

## OCTOBER

25th Box Office – 10:00 - 12:00  
Thanksgiving Dinner

27th Box Office – 2:00 - 4:00  
Thanksgiving Dinner

29th Halloween Costume Party/Dance  
7:00-9:30

## 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.

## 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.

The address is [www.sandalwood park.com](http://www.sandalwood park.com)

## 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.



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We had a woman who heard me speak at her community event. She had asked the question, how do I know I have a loss? I told her only a hearing test would define any loss she had.

Karen heard her share that she was coming in as a favor to her son-in-law who was frustrated enough to say, I love you and I want you to hear what I say, please get your hearing tested.

As Karen remarked, that is a great man, to know that hearing what he says is how to show him love.

The sentence that saddened Karen was when the woman said, I don't think my loss is that bad. My husband and I hear the same things, so it isn't that bad of a loss. Karen didn't point out that hearing the same could mean both of them have a significant hearing loss. That neither are hearing what others are trying to share with them.

How do you know if you have a hearing loss? You have family and friends who repeat things for you. They love you enough to repeat things.

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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 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.

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# 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!

## The Rat Pack Is Back

Venice Performing Arts Center is having a Rat Pack Tribute Show on Sunday, November 20th at 3:00. This premiere show will transport you back to the legendary era when Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Sammy Davis Jr. were all at the top of their game. The music, the swagger and the posture of these amazing and accomplished vocal talents deliver an extraordinary and memorable experience!

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.

## DONATION SHED

Our annual parkwide yard sale, held in February, will be here before you know it. Our shed is fairly empty 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.

**HAVE YOU  
REVIEWED  
CHANNEL 195  
LATELY?**



## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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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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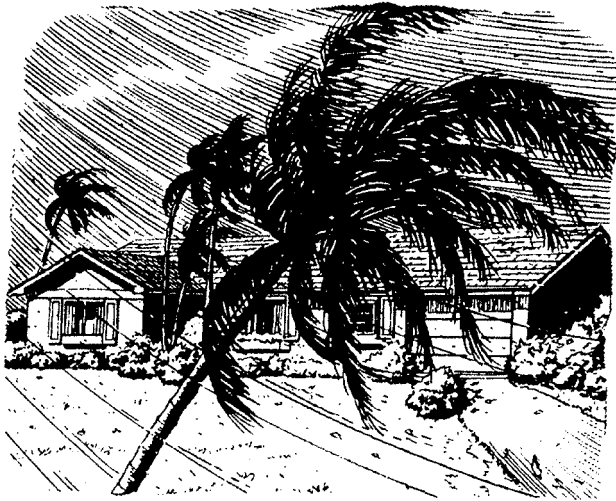


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## LET'S DO LUNCH!

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.



## HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE!

Please secure all loose items outside of your home if you are going to be away for more than a week. Protect your home and your neighbors' homes.

## Looking For A Few Good Men/Women

It has come to the SAC board's attention that many new and older residents need some type of repairs to their home. Unfortunately, calling a stranger can result in no-shows or, if they do show up, want an arm and a leg. If you are a retired plumber, electrician or general handy man, etc., perhaps you would be willing to help your neighbors out. Please put a dated business card or note on the bulletin board under the new Handy Helpers sign on the bulletin board. Of course, your fee will be negotiated directly with the homeowner.



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## President's Corner

### October 2022

Life has been relatively quiet in the park the past month. We have been fortunate so far this season regarding tropical storms and hope this continues. There have been several sales of homes completed over the summer months, so when you return this fall you will see new faces and meet new friends.

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 and will see a reduction in your home bill as high definition is now provided by the park. 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.

Our new maintenance person is Bob Jordan. He is doing a fantastic job keeping our clubhouse and patio/pool area in great shape. You will see him around the clubhouse. He is very personable so please greet him and introduce yourselves.

We have contracted with USA Fence for the repair on the Cortina Rd fence that was damaged by fire. We are awaiting the arrival of the replacement panels, and have been informed that it takes 4 to 8 weeks for the panels to arrive.

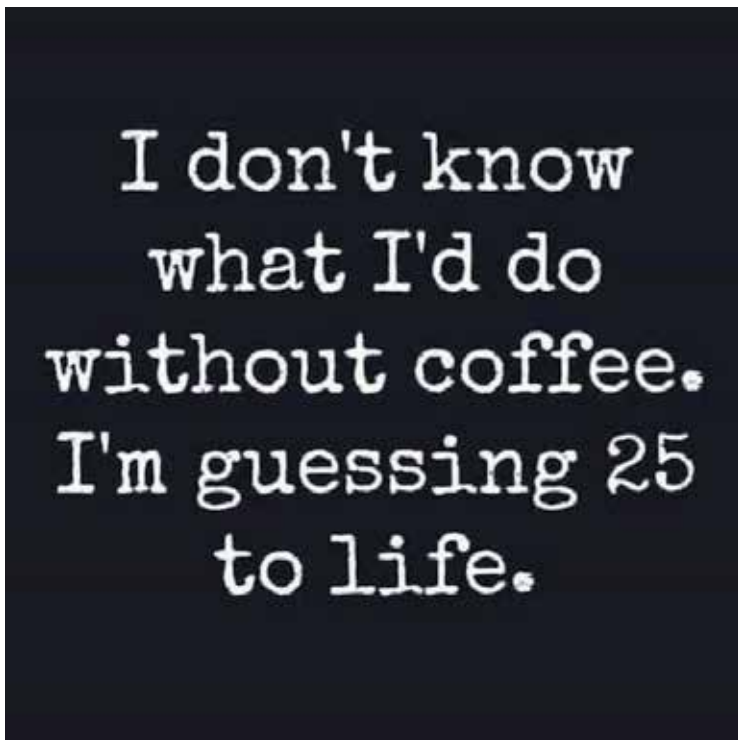
The ARC committee continues to have a few requests for home improvements to be done and have been out checking out the requests and reporting their recommendations. As a reminder, please submit your ARC form PRIOR to beginning any work to the exterior of your home/property.

The Compliance committee continues to do their monthly checks and semi-monthly follow up checks. As a reminder, you are to have a caretaker on file in the office if you are not a full-time resident. These forms are available in the clubhouse, outside the office door in the plastic holder on the wall.

In last month's newsletter we reviewed some of the parking regulations in the park. This month we remind you that parking in other resident's driveways while they are away for the summer months is only allowed with the written permission of the homeowner. There is a form that includes this permission and is available in the clubhouse. It should be completed by the homeowner and returned to the office to be kept on file.

Overall, the park is looking good and in good shape. Thank you for your consideration of others and the park by following our park rules and maintaining your properties. Your efforts to do this help to make Sandalwood Park a wonderful place to live.

*Teresa Hutter*



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*Country Red Mashed Potatoes  
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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.

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