

Sandalwood Park News

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**LABOR DAY
2011**

September 5th



From the president:

Our streets are repaved. I'm sure it has improved the appearance of our park. But, more importantly, it has improved the safety in our park. As these streets are also sidewalks, bike paths, and scooter paths, being rid of all the cracks and holes is a huge improvement. It is all being paid for out of reserve funds, keeping us debt free.

When we sell additional shares, we expect to be able to fund additional improvements. We should consider resurfacing Cortina at some time. I do hear a lot of interest in adding a sidewalk which might be possible along with

resurfacing. This could be costly but the cost is shared with Venice Isle and some other users of Cortina. Let the board know your thoughts about this or other needs.

Wow! I just read that our "up north" town of Goshen, IN was chosen by Forbes as one of the top ten most inexpensive places to live. That's why several of us from Goshen can afford to spend our winters in Sandalwood Park, one of the most inexpensive luxury communities in a warm climate.

Carl Van Gilst

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300 Sandpiper Drive
Venice, Florida 34285

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

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In an Emergency Call
911

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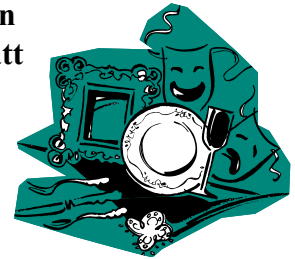
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WEDNESDAY IS GAME NIGHT

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 Janet Wnek, Judy McLaughlin 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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SANDALWOOD PARK HOMEOWNERS, INC.
Board of Directors

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Marietta Jones - Assistant Secretary

The Sandalwood Board of Directors has the responsibility of administering 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.



ADVANCED MOBILEHOME SYSTEMS

SANDALWOOD PARK 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

SANDALWOOD MAINTENANCE FEES
Sandalwood quarterly fees are due on or before
October 1, 2011



Maintenance fees 328.00
Lawn care 60.00 (Optional)

**If you are paying both Maintenance
and Lawn Care, submit one
check for 388.00.**

MOBILE HOME DEPOT

Name this Resident

Hopefully, this newsletter article will bring in lots of old pictures. Do you know who this is? Can you guess??



Older Than Dirt Quiz

Count all the ones that you remember (not the ones you were told about).

1. Blackjack chewing gum
2. Wax Coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water
3. Candy cigarettes
4. Soda pop machines that dispensed glass bottles
5. Coffee shops or diners with tableside juke boxes
6. Home milk delivery in glass bottles with cardboard stoppers
7. Party lines on the telephone
8. Newsreels before the movie
9. P.F. Flyers
10. Butch wax
11. TV test patterns came on at night after the last show and were there until TV shows started again in the morning. (there were only 3 channels [if you were fortunate])
12. Peashooters
13. Howdy Doody
14. 45 RPM records
15. S & H greenstamps
16. Hi-fi's
17. Metal ice trays with lever
18. Mimeograph paper
19. Blue flashbulbs
20. Packards
21. Roller skate keys
22. Cork popguns
23. Drive-ins
24. Studebakers
25. Wash tub wringers



If you remembered 0-5 = You're still young

If you remembered 6-10 = You are getting older

If you remembered 11-15 = Don't tell your age

If you remembered 16-25 = You're older than dirt!

We might be older than dirt but those memories are some of the best parts of our lives!



HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

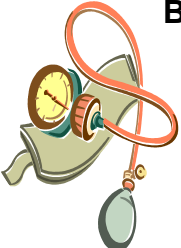
Did you just hear something? No one hears the silent killer (High Blood Pressure) coming, but there are ways to disarm him!

- ⇒ Know your numbers! Blood pressure, cholesterol, lipid ratio, weight, body mass index and fasting blood sugar.
- ⇒ Watch your salt.
- ⇒ Watch your weight.
- ⇒ No smoking!!
- ⇒ Exercise!
- ⇒ Control stress.



Check your blood pressure regularly and often. See a provider for a top number that stays over 140 or a bottom number that stays over 90.

The silent killer is treatable, BUT if not treated, he can damage your kidneys, heart, brain, EVERYTHING!



BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK UP

Keep your blood pressure under control with a **FREE** monthly check up.

Every 3rd Thursday
10:00am-11:00am

IN THE SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES ROOM

PROFFESIONAL
PLUMBING & DESIGN

National Grandparents Day Sunday, September 11, 2011



FLORIDA ANCHOR & BARRIER



Sandalwood SEPTEMBER 2011



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SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

ANNIVERSARY OF A TRAGIDY

September 11, 2001-September 11, 2011

It is the 10th anniversary of September 11, 2001 and that is a day we will never forget.

A day that changed our lives. Some of us still live in fear and some have learned to live each day to the fullest. Most importantly is that everyone learned a lesson on this day. A lesson of compassion, to love as if it were our last day and know that we are blessed each day we live in peace.

Our thoughts go to those who made the ultimate sacrifice on this day 10 years ago and the families who survive.

Wildlife in Sandalwood



We had a coyote running around the park for a couple of weeks. He was spotted by many residents including myself. I tried to catch him with a county trap but he was too smart for that. He hasn't been seen for several

weeks now. My legally blind mother told me she saw a large black animal come out from behind the house next door. Then it "ran like hell" through the back yards. the following day I was driving on Pinebrook Road, only to see a dead black panther on the side of the road. A young deer was also reported to be seen by several residents. Also one woman reported seeing a kangaroo in the field where the maintenance shed is. I've had my camera ready to get a picture but haven't had any sightings.

NOW, for the not so good news. A four and a half foot Cottonmouth was found on the Cronan's doorstep. This snake was killed. Another three foot Cottonmouth was spotted while spraying the rear ditch. This one is still on the loose. Joe Marsocci killed a Pygmy Rattler on his carport. He also saw a scorpion on his morning walk, and it stood up ready to attack. Two coral snakes have also been seen but not killed. It's been an active season - and it's only July!



Submitted by Charlie Kane



SENIOR MOMENT

A self-important college freshman took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen that it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation. "You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one" the student said loud enough for others to hear. "The people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have computers with lightning speed and many more things you didn't have in your day."

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responds as follows: "Your right son. We didn't have those things when we were young....so we invented them. Now, you arrogant little brat, what are you doing for the next generation??"

The applause was amazing!

Courtesy Cancellations

If you sign up for a function and can't attend, PLEASE call and cancel as food is ordered for the number of people who sign up. Thank you so much. Submitted by J&J

4TH OF JULY PICNIC ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS



Pat McLaughlin & Richard Wnek

Picnics are so much fun, especially on the 4th of July. No matter what part of the country we come from picnics are synonymous with this holiday. Sandpiper hall was a sea of red, white, and blue provided by the attire of the picnickers and the decorations. The patriotic colors were proudly displayed. The day opened with the Salute of the Flag led by Tony Maldonato, WW, Army veteran, Lois Cottrill led the singing of God Bless America. Both were performed loudly and clearly by Sandalwood residents showing their pride in America.

A lunch followed consisting of the regular picnic food followed by dessert and coffee. A satisfied look of the faces in attendance proved that everything was tasty and much enjoyed. A lighted candle and a Happy Birthday song were bestowed upon Vernice Schlemmer who will be celebrating her 98 birthday on July 5th. Dorothy Zimmer was also serenaded as her birthday is the 5th also. Both were advised that we had plenty of candles and would see them same time, same place next year.

The MC spoke of the many people who volunteer all year doing the many things that keep Sandalwood working. No one expects or wants recognition but sometimes it is worthwhile to make mention and give thanks to let them know they are appreciated. The following were acknowledged: Janet & Rich Wnek, Judy & Pat McLochlin, Joyce Dagg, Sandra Yarrington, Pat & Harry Stevens, Lois & Ken Cottrill, Judy Pennington, Alice St. Onge, Louise & Tony Maldonato, Rayolyn Bliss, Charlie Kane and Leo Flinn. Grace Bysiewicz, a former resident was thanked for taking pictures at all events. She puts them in book form in the library for all to see.

As the program continued the hall was transformed, in mind only, into the Swiss Alps and the audience became the Von Trapp Family. Eight captains were chosen to be

responsible for the performance of six people who were assigned a note of the scale to sing. Thus the Do, Re, Me song!!! One round of practice was planned, but after being reprimanded by the MC for the poor performance, in a jovial manner, another practice was allowed. After much chiding the singers responded in a fun spirited rendition of the song. Everyone seemed to have a good time and they may go on tour next season. The Von Trapps would be proud.

Ten games of Bingo were played and it was great fun as many had not played before and this added a different dimension to the games. A lot of ad-libbing from the players to the callers added to the fun. Rich and Pat took turns calling the numbers and took the abuse from the players in good spirit.

Many thanks to my hard working committee for getting things done quickly and efficiently. Janet & Rich and Judy and Pat. Special thanks to the guys who stood in the heat cooking while the rest of us stayed in the air conditioned hall. The cleanup was quick, everyone pitched in proving many hands make the job easier. As usual Bob Cronan was seen washing dishes, shows up every year for this job. See you all again next year!!

Submitted by: Alice Fitzpatrick

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 or rent 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

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.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Life in Lee's eyes

I've been a lifetime practicing Republican but there is one Democrat I really admire and that is Harry Truman. While disagreeing with some things he did or didn't do while president, one has to see the down to earth human person he was. I've been reading one of the ten or twelve books written by Margaret Truman. When thinking about her one has to chuckle at the thought of her dad threatening to punch in the nose of a New York music critic who dared to be critical of Margaret's singing ability. Her debut on national television made Harry very proud and like a proud father he wasn't about to let anyone put down his daughter.

When the Truman's left Washington, after his time in White House, they drove home to Independence, Missouri in their own car unaccompanied by secret service protection and settled in the house built by Bess's father. Harry's government pension was something like \$25,000 per year.

Compare the simple life of the Truman's compared to the outrageous spending of today's politicians, including that proposed by the President. If Truman were alive today you can imagine the bare knuckle words he would use on greedy politicians. The thought of a congressman receiving full pay for the rest of his or her life, after just one term, would infuriate Harry. Of course that expense to the taxpayers would only cost millions of dollars per year. The three trillion dollar cut in government expense proposed by the president and congress is another story. What was the intent of the expenditure? If the three trillion dollar cut is for services not needed now, for what was it intended in the first place.

Unfortunately the majority of citizens are embarrassed by the government. There was a time when politicians were looked up to but those days are over. It seems like a good time in the next election to really clean house. Vote all politicians out of office whether we think they are good or bad. It's the only way to get a fresh sensible start. And while we are at it let's demand a constitutional convention to set term limits and a host of limitations needed for the Congress and the Presidency. When voting age was lowered from 21 to 18 a constitutional provision was required and took only six weeks to enact. Wouldn't it be nice to know that a politician still works for the electorate and should not have privileges unavailable to those who put him in office.

Regardless of your party preference please become active in this next election and let your voice be heard.

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CARE CORNER

Remember the residents dealing with health issues with cards and prayers.

Joni Ellis has had an eventful, (although not pleasant events) summer. She is now recovering from back surgery in May and knee replacement in July. Her address is: Joan Ellis, 6514 Natahki Dr. Irons, MI 49644.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

I want to be able to contact someone immediately if you have an emergency and it is of utmost importance that I have the contacts up to date. The simple form below will bring our records up to date. If you have not submitted this form please do so immediately. Thank you for your consideration. Marietta Jones

EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Relationship of Contact: _____

LE CORP

COMFORT COVER

ALL WEATHER

“MEALS ON WHEELS”

Venice Area Mobile Meals

provides warm, nutritious noon-time meals, 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday, 52 weeks a year, including holidays. The meal cost is minimal and the service is available as long as needed.



Who needs Meals On Wheels....*The widow or the widower who cannot prepare a meal for themselves, the disabled who are physically compromised, the recently hospitalized who have returned home in a weakened condition and the elderly who are consistently in need of at least one nutritious meal a day. The volunteer who delivers the meals are sometimes the only personal outside contact the recipient has during the day.*

If you would like this service, or know someone who needs this assistance, a good meal is only a phone call away.

488-1889

Monday-Saturday 8am-11am