

Sandalwood Park News

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Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc. Venice, Florida

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I want to talk about “them”. “They” are the ones who cause all of the controversy and problems in the park. “They” cannot, or will not, understand that the rules that govern and ensure smooth operation of the Park apply to “them”. I have looked through the lists of Members, Tenants and Renters, and could not find any “thems” or “theys”. It appears to me that the lists only comprise of the names of residents of Sandalwood Park. Let’s all concentrate less on them and us in order to foster a sense of community that all residents can enjoy. The Park rules were put in place by Park residents, to create a sense of order, and ensure our investments don’t go down the drain due to the deterioration of Sandalwood Park and the residents homes.

In 2013 we hired a landscaper to provide us with a design for the park entry area off Cortina road. The results of those changes and others around the Park will be readily apparent as we return from our summer homes and other visits.

When we return in October, I plan to have some training sessions primarily for Board members, but as usual all SPH members are invited to attend, and discover the joys of bureaucracy. The major focus of the meeting is to refresh the Board members understanding of the small mountain of regulations that affect how we operate and maintain the park. In the words of our attorneys “bylaws, bylaws, bylaws know your bylaws”.

A petition was delivered to the Board expressing concern about the increasing number of home purchases strictly for rental. I explained that we have the tools to control that, and only need the Board to be aware and employ them.



Happy Labor Day



Sandalwood Park Homeowners, Inc.

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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 ssbngator@hotmail.com.



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Sandalwood TV Station

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Regina Fortin is the person who enters all materials for the station. Forms to use for submitting information are available in the office.

Presidents message continued from page 1

I will be drafting a letter to all those members whose homes are primarily rented to others. This letter will explain to them their obligations to Sandalwood and to the Board of Directors. A condensed set of park rules was approved by the Board for distribution to, and use by, renters only (those people that rent from a homeowner, not tenants who rent from the park). A copy of these rules will be included in the letter, and should be given to and discussed with their renters. Copies of those are also available in the display outside the office door.

I have also written a letter to all residents explaining the procedure for guests when the owner is not present, and enclosed a copy of the condensed rules for renters to be used by guests.

Just looking at the number of documents I have signed, home and share sales continue to be active. It appears we could sell every home in the Park if they were available. We have contracts on two empty lots as of this writing, and expect to have homes on them in accordance with the timing specified in our rules and the proprietary lease.

Another letter expressed the need for better handicapped access to the pool and patio area. As a result of this letter, we have extended the sidewalk in front of the handicapped spaces to meet the rear clubhouse sidewalk and compressed a few parking spots to put a direct walkway from the road to the rear sidewalk.

The Board as always encourages suggestions from all residents for ways to improve the look and function of our park. Please inform the Office or a Board member if something in the park is not right, or needs attention.

It will not be long before we all gather in sunny Florida for another winter and work on making Sandalwood the envy of our neighbors.

We are now into the visitor/guest season, and I must remind everyone to register your overnight visitors and guests. In addition to being a requirement of our rules and proprietary lease, it is purely a safety consideration should something happen to them. Registration of guests/visitors is not the same as asking permission to have guests. Permission to have guests is not required. Just let the office know who is coming and when, by dropping in to see Marietta, send her an E-Mail, or leave a message on the office answering machine.

In the spring, rather than instituting new limitations on the pets, we attempted to remind the owners take charge of their pets, and show that they do have consideration for the other residents of Sandalwood

Park. It appears that approach did not work. We may have to reconsider new more specific rules regarding pets in the Park. One resident was injured as a result of an unleashed dog, and one or those extended leashes on her dog getting wrapped around her legs.

Here again are several complaints the Board had received in regard to pets in the park.

- People walking their dogs on others lawns all the way up to the planters.
- Those extendable leashes that allow their pet to wander far from the owner.
- Pets being tied out without the owner present in the yard.
- Dogs barking constantly when the owner is/is not home.
- And, generally a lack of consideration some owners have for the other residents of the Park.

I am really looking forward to working for and with all residents of Sandalwood. The Board members are always open to suggestions, and really want to take prompt action to solve problems as they arise.

Carl Griffith

Thank You



To all my
friends at
Sandalwood
Park.

I would like to
thank each and
every one of you for all
my get well cards; they
really helped me
through my ordeal.

You are all very dear to me and I
truly appreciate every one of you.

Love and God bless everyone.

Alice St. Onge

And The Oscar Goes To.....

I moved to Sandalwood in 2002 and one of the first things I did was order the newspaper. Since my retirement one of my greatest pleasures is that first cup of coffee and leisurely reading the paper.



You can imagine my delight when the first day of my delivery of the paper appeared at my back door very, very early in the morning. My first thought was "WOW what a place to live". For fourteen years this was the case, eventually I found out that it was a lady, Alice St. Onge who performed this luxurious feat for her neighbors.

Did she have any idea of the pleasure she brought to people? I was so thankful to her for this, but I found I was very spoiled because I didn't want her to take vacations. Going up North to visit her family was wonderful for her but I kept wondering "WHEN IS SHE COMING BACK??"

Alice has found that she could no longer continue because of health reasons and we have come to realize what a wonderful part of our lives she has been and how much joy she has brought to all of us.

WELL! Things have changed around in my household, since Alice's retirement I have had to get new slippers and new pajamas and a robe, comb my hair and try to look presentable when I crawl out to pick up my paper. It is hard in full season when the snowbirds are here because for some reason they all love to walk very early in the morning. I peek up and down the street, OH no one is coming, go now, just as I get to the end of the driveway around the corner they come; but in my new outfit on I cheerfully say "Hello".

The moral of the story is to appreciate the good things happening on a daily basis and appreciate people like Alice St. Onge, who unselfishly do things for others in a quiet way and enjoys doing it. She is still volunteering at the Health Park; gives out treats at all the bingo games and I'm sure many more things we don't know about.

SO!!! The Oscar this year goes to Alice St. Onge, may she enjoy good health for many years to come and know that her kindness has been truly enjoyed and appreciated.

Written by someone on her newspaper route

REMINDER

First annual meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 12th @ 10:00.

Please mark your calendars
and plan to attend.

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!

Take a Shot while Drinking & Driving, We'll Provide the Chaser



~ *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign starts this weekend ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The Florida Highway Patrol will concentrate its enforcement efforts on drunk driving over the next two weeks as part of the national *Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over* campaign that begins today and runs through Labor Day on Sept. 1. The Patrol will join law enforcement and highway safety agencies across the nation to remove impaired drivers from our roadways in an effort to save lives.

“Take a *shot* at drinking and driving, and we’ll provide the *chaser*,” said FHP Director Col. David Brierton.

“The choice to drink and drive is a bad decision that could have grave consequences. Be responsible, don’t drink and drive.”

To arrive at your destination safely, **ALWAYS:**

- **Drive sober, and only sober**
- **Eliminate distractions**
- **If you do drink, plan ahead and have a designated driver**
- **Observe and obey all speed limits**
- **Buckle up**

The campaign coincides with the upcoming Labor Day holiday weekend which marks the traditional end of the summer travel season. All uniformed FHP personnel, including those normally assigned to administrative duties, will patrol interstates and other major state roads during the four-day holiday. FHP Auxiliary troopers also will volunteer to augment the Patrol during the travel period. The Patrols increased presence throughout Florida will deter traffic violations and enhance services to motorists who break down or who need other assistance while traveling.

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- 2 cans Veg-All

Combine water, bouillon cubes, onion, whole crushed tomatoes and hamburger (broken up into small pieces) in large pot, bring to a boil, then turn down to medium and simmer for 10 minutes or until meat is cooked and onions are translucent.

Add Orso cook an additional 15 minutes, add tomato paste, stirring occasionally, then add 2 cans of Veg-All and cook 10 more minutes.

Serve.

REMINDER



Sandalwood Maintenance Fees

Sandalwood quarterly fees are due on or before
October 1, 2014

Maintenance fees \$343.00

Lawn care \$60.00 (Optional)

If you are paying both Maintenance & Lawn Care,
submit one check for \$403.00



Labor Day Get Together

Please plan to attend our impromptu gathering on Labor day.

When: September 1st

Time: 1:00 p.m.

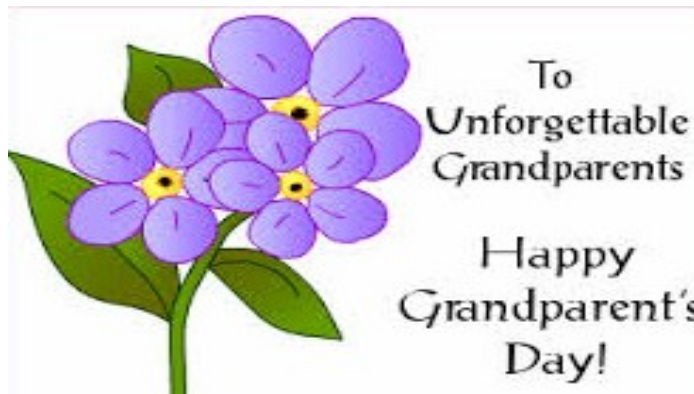
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My Inherited Passion

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I have many memories from my early childhood of talking into my Grandpa's pocket, so his body-aid would pick up my voice. Both my grandfather, Howard and my Mom, MaryEllen, were profoundly hard of hearing.

My Mom's hearing was due to surgical procedure. She had been wearing hearing aids for years before I came into the industry 14 years ago. The first time I fit her with aids she was startled by how much better she heard. I knew the technology had not improved dramatically so it wasn't until I realized she had been using moderate technology levels. That experience showed me how much it had cost her in connecting with others and being part of the group by wearing aids not fit for her busy lifestyle.

She didn't have to buy a moderate set, I just don't think she knew how much benefit and ease of listening a higher level of technology would provide for her challenging hearing and busy lifestyle.

I do understand that there are times when you have to compromise due to financial strains. If you have to compromise do so knowingly. Be aware of what you are choosing between.

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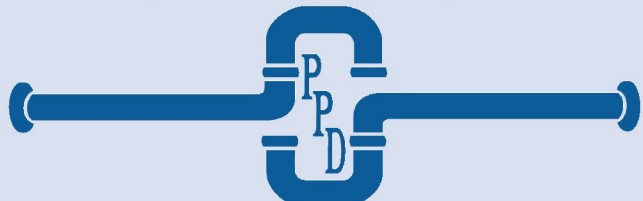
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