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Labor Day Ice Cream Social

Our annual Labor Day ice cream social will be held on Monday. September 2nd at 2:00.

A variety of ice cream flavors and toppings will be available for your enjoyment.

I promise to make sure the whipped cream and cherries are on the table this year.



A minimal charge of \$1.00 per person will be collected at the door. Please sign up; the sheet will be taken down on the 1st.

So, come and enjoy a sundae this Labor Day with your Sandalwood friends. Guests are welcomed too.

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Gail Pellitteri 941|882-4065



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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. sandalwoodoffice@gmail.com



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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 the second Wednesday of each month November thru April

Shareholders Annual Meeting is always the third Thursday of January at 2pm

<u>Maintenance Fees</u> 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 P.O. Box 4008. Sarasota, Fl. 34230-4008 Checks should be made out to. Sandalwood Park HOA

<u>Newsletters</u> 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 website.

<u>Directories</u> One directory per household is available in the office.

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<u>Laundry</u> 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.

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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All articles and information for the Newsletter are to be submitted only through the Sandalwood editor. Anything sent directly to OnTrac Publishing will not be printed. All articles must be in Microsoft Word and submitted on or before the 13th of the month. Please send your information to:

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BINGO!

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

Please remember our park speed limit is 15 m.p.h.

HURRICANE TIME



As much as we don't like to think about it, this is Hurricane Time in Florida. Hurricane season runs from June 1 until November 30. Your Emergency Committee has already met to discuss actions that must take place should Sandalwood Park face a weather event. A copy of the Sandalwood Emergency Preparedness booklet was distributed to everyone 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 an event happens; become familiar with it now. If you do not have a copy, please contact the office.

Over the summer months, your Emergency 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 outdoor 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 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 Emergency Committee strongly encourages residents to follow county and state evacuation orders, we do understand that not all residents will evacuate but seek refuge in the clubhouse instead. Following a storm, the clubhouse will gladly 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.

Over the next couple of months, we will discuss preparation for staying in the clubhouse.

PARK SALE

Although the season is ending, your SAC board is already planning next year's park rummage sale. We have decided to not have the carport sales next year. Please bring your items to the clubhouse a few days prior to the sale. The money we make goes to our many activities that are run for your enjoyment.

Please note that we will no longer be taking clothing donations. Also, on the Do Not Donate list is Holiday decorations, TV's and microwaves. We will be accepting items in good condition during the summer. Please contact Joyce Blackney at 941/451-9959 or Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065 if you want your item(s) to be put in the shed.

CARDED?

Just a reminder to all shareholders, if your guests are staying in your property without you being there, one person must be at least 45 years of age.



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Resident Arts And Crafts Exhibit

On Thursday, January 16, 2020, SAC will be sponsoring an Arts and Crafts Exhibit in the Clubhouse Activity Room. Come witness the many talents of Sandalwood's residents as they showcase their creativity. This exhibit will be open prior to and following the park's Annual Meeting. If you have a talent you would like to share, please contact Susan Smith (susansmith6699@gmail. com) in order that we can arrange the room accordingly. Space per exhibit will be determined by the number of participants. Reserved space must be made by November 1, 2019. Although this is being promoted as an exhibit, participants will have the option to sell.

POTENTIAL EXHIBITORS: I know you are out there. I have only had a couple of responses. Please contact me as soon as possible as I want to get spaces allotted while I am down for a couple of weeks in November so you know what kind of space you have to work with. THANKS!!!!!



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Women's Voices

I have a long time client who is trying new hearing aids. We'll call him Bob. Bob has worn hearing aids for years and his lifestyle is very active. He is involved with a few groups in town, regularly attends HOA events and connects with his family frequently. His level of activity is what I define as a demanding lifestyle for hearing.

To ensure a successful fit, I let him try a variety of manufacturers so he was confident in his hearing. He dropped in during one of his demo phases and Karen was in her office, so he popped his head in and said "hi" to her. He made a slight comment about having challenges hearing women's voices, so Karen wanted to dissect exactly what the challenges were so I could help Bob hear his best.

So, Bob mentions he struggles to hear women's voices in TV and music. Also he struggles when he is sitting in the backseat of a car.

Bob is currently wearing a higher end hearing aid that offers more flexibility to attack specific areas of hearing loss. I was able to adjust three internal settings speech in noise, noise reduction and soft speech. I adjusted each of these settings from the manufacturer default setting to one that was specific for Bob's listening preference.

Bob wore the hearing aids with the new settings for a couple of days and reported back that he did hear better with the new settings that were specific to his loss. He was able to hear his wife with less strain.

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IN MEMORIEM TONY MALDONATO



Formerly of Dumont, NJ, Anthony "Tony" Maldonato of Venice, Florida, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 28, 2019 due to complications from Colon Cancer. Tony was born March 30, 1924, in New York City, NY. He was the first of five children born to Jenny Scala and Orazio Maldonato. He is survived by his devoted and much-loved wife of more than 70 years, Louise, his children, Sandra Miller and James Maldonato, four grandchildren and three great grandchildren, sisters Felicia Vinciquerra and Nancy Florio, and brother Joseph as well as a host of nieces, nephews and God children. He is predeceased by his parents and brother Frank.

As a young man, Tony played on the Bergenfield High School Soccer Team and was an elite Tumbler. He was a proud American and patriot and enlisted in the US Army right out of high school during the height of World War II. He served in the Asiatic Pacific attached to the 56th Medical Depot Company. During his time in the Army he was awarded the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Philippines Liberation Ribbon and the World War II Victory Medal. He was a life member of VFW Post 6467 of Bergenfield, NJ, and served as the Chaplain for many years.

After serving in the military, he wore many hats working in New Jersey at the Hill Bus Company, Guarantee Petroleum, Nicholson File, Scholastic Magazine and Bergen Community College where he spent 20 years as an HVAC Technician. After retiring from the college, he and Louise moved to Sandalwood Mobile Home Park and he went back to work at Jeld-Wen Windows and Doors of Venice until he retired a second time.

He was an active member of the Sandalwood Activities Committee (SAC) and served as Vice President for many years. He took up Bocce and Shuffleboard and served as Captain of the annual Shuffleboard League formulating scheduled team play. He loved telling jokes at the weekly Saturday breakfasts. He was well known as the money collector and cash prize distributor at our twice weekly bingo games and was an avid bingo player for 27 years.

Tony was a friend to all and would go out of his way to help someone in need. He had a knack for repairing whatever needed fixing and could do just about anything. He loved his life in Venice and in particular the people of Sandalwood. Most all of the important events of his last 27 years were celebrated with his Park friends and he so enjoyed his ability to travel to California and New Jersey to visit his children and grand-children.

His wish was to have no formal service and in accordance with his wishes his family hosted a Bingo event on Friday August 2nd with his favorite sweets, Klondike Ice Cream Bars and See's lollypops, to share with all his friends. Interment will be private at Venice Gardens and Gulf Coast Cremations are handling the arrangements.

For those who choose, the family requests tax-deductible contributions made in Tony's name to: Tidewell Hospice; Philanthropy Department; 5955 Rand Blvd; Sarasota, FL 34238.







HURRICANE TIME

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 be necessary. 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. You must apply for this service in advance. If you need assistance with completing the forms and registering, contact the office, the Emergency Committee will assist you. This must be done now, not when a weather event is pending.



The first, and probably the 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 upto-date list of current medications. Those individuals with special dietary needs or power dependent equipment must make special arrangements with Sarasota County's Special Needs Registry.

- Two-week supply of prescription drugs with instructions for their use and a full description of the drug
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, antacids, anti-diarrhea medication.
- · 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 and friends

Also remember that not all people sleep at the same time. While every effort will be made to accommodate everyone, 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.

You should also put together a "GO BOX" which contains copies of your important documents. These should include passports, insurance documents, both life and property, 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 Emergency Committee, want to know who is here.

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 Emergency Committee.

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Tips on Giving to Charity

from the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services www.freshfromflorida.com

All charities soliciting within the state of Florida, excluding religious, educational and governmental entities, are required to register and file financial information with the department. To check whether or not a charitable organization is properly registered and to find out how that organization spends your donation, contact our consumer hotline at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) from within Florida, (850) 410-3800 calling from outside of Florida, or you can visit our online Gift Givers' Guide.

Consumers are often asked to donate to charities – whether it's at a grocery store, on the phone or by mail. Donating hard earned money to a worthy cause can be very fulfilling. Be sure to keep these helpful hints in mind when donating to a charity:

- Charities and organizations know they must ask for money to receive money. Choose which ones you wish to support and contribute as often and generously as you can afford.
- Don't judge a charity solely on an impressive sounding name. Many organizations have names similar to well-known charities and organizations. Know who is asking you for money.
 - Be wary of emotional appeals, and be suspicious of organizations with only vague plans for dispensing the funds.
- Ask the charity or organization why it is asking for donations. What purpose will be served? Ask questions and do not donate until you get satisfactory answers.
- Some solicitors use pressure tactics, and may even offer to send a "runner" to pick up your money. Reputable charities and organizations are just as happy to receive your gift tomorrow as today.
- Florida law gives the prospective donor the right to request and receive a copy of a charity's financial report before donating. ASK FOR IT.
 - NEVER GIVE CASH. Contribute by check and make it out to the organization.
- Remember, you are not required to contribute to enter a sweepstakes. Donating money does not enhance your chance of winning.
- Not all organizations soliciting in the name of benevolence are true charities eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. If this is important to you, ask about the organization's federal and state eligibility for receiving tax deductible donations. Typically, such donations fall under Internal Revenue Code section 501(c)(3).
- Some "sweepstakes" are done in the name of charity. If you enter a "charity sweepstakes," read the rules carefully or your entry may be disqualified. Check the odds. "Guaranteed winners" often receive prizes worth less than the price of a postage stamp.
- Gifts to donors may be an incentive, but they add to fundraising costs. You can donate directly to an organization and forego the gifts. The organization will then have a larger percentage of the contribution to use for its programs.
- Be conscious of groups or individuals who solicit by telephone, mail and door-to-door. Other groups to be wary of are ones who solicit on street corners. While they ask for charitable contributions, little is known about their charity or charitable purpose.
- Be aware that many telephone appeals for funds are made by paid solicitors, not volunteers. The solicitors often work for a for-profit firm hired by the organization. Telemarketing is expensive and may entail substantial fundraising costs.
- Some organizations have 900 phone numbers. When you call the number, the cost of the call is automatically billed to your phone. Before dialing, make sure you wish to donate the price of the call (it may be expensive) to that particular cause.
- Charities must spend money to raise money and they must pay fair salary to their employees. Most cannot function on volunteer help alone. Every organization will have some administrative and fundraising costs.
- Often times the elderly are taken advantage of because of their vulnerability. Elderly consumers are encouraged to discuss charitable giving with a trusted family member or friend.

Visit our online Gift Giver's Guide at www.800helpfla.com. From there you can search for specific charities financial and registration information. You can also call our consumer hotline at 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352) from within Florida, (850) 410-3800 calling from outside of Florida, and a consumer specialist will be happy to assist you.

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All Shareholders are invited to attend and participate.

The meetings will be held every Wednesday, beginning June 5, 2019 and run through September 25, 2019, unless the review process is completed earlier.

All meetings will begin at 9:00am and will last for approximately 1 hour. Time my be extended to finish discussions for a particular section.

Occasionally, additional agenda items will be added as Sandalwood HOA business dictates. When this happens, the agenda changes will be posted as required by state regulations.

Singles Wanted

Please try to bring small bills to any activity that requires singles and/or fives (50/50, trivia, horse races, ice cream social, etc.). It is often difficult to make change for a \$20. Thank you for your cooperation.



SAC CALENDAR FOR 2019

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Sept 2nd – Ice Cream Social 2:00 October 26th – Halloween Costume Party 7:00

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Huff & Puff-MWF 9:00
- Cards & Poker-Wed. 6:00
- Euchre- Thurs. 7:00-Jan.-April
- Bingo-Tues. & Fri. 6:30
- SCC-Thurs. 9:00-11:00-Jan-April
- Shuffleboard Mon. & Fri. 1:00 Jan.-March
- Bocce-Tues, Wed & Thurs. Jan- March
- Mah Jongg-Mon. 1:00
- Tuesday lunches-12:30
- Cardio Class-M-S -8:00
- Water aerobics-Mon, Wed & Fri -10:00
- Pinochle-Mon. 6:00



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HALLOWEEN PARTY

SAC will be holding a Halloween costume party and dance on Saturday, October 26th 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. The DJ also teaches line dancing and will show us a few steps to add to our line dancing repertoire.

Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased from Gail Pellitteri starting October 1st or at the door on the 26th. This is a BYOB and table snacks to share party.

Everyone who attended last year had a blast, so dress up in a costume (or not) and come enjoy the festivities

Pinochle Players Wanted

We have started playing pinochle on Monday nights at 6 p.m. and are looking for additional players. If you are interested in joining, just show up and grab a chair. If you need more information, call Janet Wnek at 941/223-1819.





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- 20. ___ Field (Mets ballpark)
- 21. Disembowel
- 22. There, in Latin
- 23. Genuflect
- 25. Valhalla chief
- 27. Old expression of disgust
- 28. For an extra charge
- 31. "___ out!" (ump's cry)
- 32. Fourth-largest state
- 33. Asner and Harris
- 36. Prohibition spirits
- 40. Shrug sound
- 41. Neverland pirate

- 42. Stuffed
- 44. Perfect starter?
- 45. AT&T rival, once
- 46. Israeli leader Golda
- 47. ADD aid
- 49. Dunk in liquid
- 52. Helium or hydrogen
- 53. Islamic clerics
- 54. Adages
- 55. Makes wider
- 56. Brightness
- 57. Beer producer

Down

- 1. "More than you can shake ____ at"
- 2. Endurance
- 3. Enticed
- 4. Came back (with)
- 5. Intestine sections
- 6. Laura or Bruce
- 7. While starter
- 8. Ethan Allen, for one
- 9. Indian queen
- 10. Make sour
- 11. No-cost item
- 12. Jack Russell, for one
- 14. Begin
- 15. Mork's comment
- 24. Branch
- 25. Soothing salves
- 26. "Let's ___ twist"
- 29. Making a wedding speech
- 30. Chemists' areas
- 33. Catherine I or II
- 34. Old Testament temptress
- 35. Sleep
- 37. Conservation concern
- 38. Utter repeatedly
- 39. Horse
- 43. Like formal parties
- 45. Oldest astronaut
- 48. Henri's girlfriend
- 49. Website for film fans
- 50. Naturalist John
- 51. French miss: Abbr.

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Sondheim: A Celebration at Carnegie Hall a Success!

Thank you to everyone who came out Sunday, August 4th to enjoy an exciting night of Broadway's finest. We had a great turn out and after expenses, were able to make a generous donation of \$100.00 to local charity, Our Mother's House, to assist with their deserving self-sufficiency program. A lovely thank you note from their Program Director, Joyce Scott, is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board. Requests for more events like this in the future have been heard-stay tuned!

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