

Sandalwood Park News *September 2021*



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FACE MASKS

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 sweeping Florida. The number of cases has increased 10-fold in Sarasota County during the past month. Hospitals have once again restricted visitors. 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. The Board reinforced this requirement with a unanimous vote to require masks in the Clubhouse at a Special Board Meeting on August 4th. This will apply to everyone, vaccinated or unvaccinated. Regardless of your personal views, we request you respect your neighbor and wear a mask whenever you are in the Clubhouse.

LABOR DAY ICE CREAM SOCIAL CANCELLED

Due to the rise in cases of the delta variant of Covid and the requirement of masks in the clubhouse, it is with much regret that we need to cancel the ice cream social.



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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



SANDALWOOD ACTIVITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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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 P.O. Box 4008. Sarasota, Fl. 34230-4008
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

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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.

Air pump is located by the shed near the putting green.

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To our valued customers;

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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.

As a further suggestion, most items can be bought at a dollar store. Any questions should be addressed to Mary Ann Jenne at 603/819-1252. Thank you for your kind generosity.



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To our valued customers;

Our top priority is the health and safety of our employees and of our customers. Our employees are closely following the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines and recommendation, like frequent hand washing, social distancing, and staying home if they are feeling ill.

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 30, 2021

A Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for 10:00 AM on June 30, 2021 in the Sandpiper Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by the President, Ms. Fortin. Notice of the meeting was posted on the property prior to the meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were in attendance:

Regina Fortin Tony Koss Larry Reed Teresa Hutter Barbara Moore* Butch Greene*

A Quorum was determined to be present. (*) indicates attendance via speaker phone.

UNDER THE HEADING OF READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: a motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Ms. Moore to approve the prior meetings minutes, and it was:

VOTED 21-25: to unanimously approve the May 5, 2021 Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented.

UNDER THE HEADING OF REPORTS:

President's Report: Dead palm trees along Cortina and one tree by the pool have been removed. The Oak tree by the pool will be replaced after consulting with the landscape company for a suitable replacement.

UNDER THE HEADING OF NEW BUSINESS:

Comcast Proposal: The Board has spent considerable time with Comcast to negotiate the new contract. Comcast will no longer supply standard definition video and equipment; going forward they will provide HD service and equipment. You do not need a HD TV to receive cable. The quarterly increase for this service is \$30.00 per owner. The Board is looking into options to help cover some of this cost over the next two years. More discussion with Comcast will take place with more information to follow. Once finalized, a letter will be mailed to each shareholder with the details.

Input from Shareholders: Internet service, comcast cell phone service, stop signs and speed bumps/humps.

The next Board Meeting Date is Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 10:00AM unless posted otherwise.

With no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Mr. Reid to adjourn the meeting at 10:38AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 04, 2021

A Board of Directors meeting was scheduled for 10:00 AM. on August 04, 2021 in the Sandpiper Room. The meeting was called to order at 10:00AM by the President, Ms. Fortin. Notice of the meeting was posted on the property prior to the meeting in accordance with the requirements of the Association Documents and Florida Statutes.

The following Directors were in attendance:

Regina Fortin Tony Koss Larry Reed Teresa Hutter Janet Wnek *Butch Greene

A Quorum was determined to be present. (*) indicates attendance via speaker phone.

UNDER THE HEADING OF READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Ms. Wnek and seconded by Ms. Hutter to approve the prior meetings minutes, and it was:

VOTED 21-26: to unanimously approve the June 30, 2021, Board of Directors meeting minutes as presented.

UNDER THE HEADING OF REPORTS:

None.

UNDER THE HEADING OF NEW BUSINESS:

Comcast Proposal: A motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Ms. Wnek to not take any action on the proposal as the current contract is good through the end of 2022, and it was:

VOTED 21-27: to unanimously not take any action until 2022.

Shareholder Request To Ban Parking On grass On Sandpiper S: Put off until next meeting so we can speak with the landscaping company.

CDC COVID GUIDELINES: Request from the floor giving Bingo players the option to not wear masks. A motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Mr. Greene to continue with the requirement that face masks be worn whenever in the clubhouse, and it was:

VOTED 21-28: to maintain current policy of requiring a facemask to be worn in the clubhouse. The motion passed unanimously.

498 Longwood Property Auction: Under advisement of our attorney, this discussion was tabled.

REAR GATE SECURITY: With changes in technology, a proposal was put forward to have the barcode system at the rear gate tied into the office computer for better control when barcodes should be disabled. This requires internet capabilities at the rear gate. Comcast has agreed to install that capability at their expense. Along with that, a proposal was put forth from ADT for 2 number plate cameras on the rear gate. A motion was made by Mr. Koss, seconded by Mr. Reed to:

VOTED 21-29: to allocate \$8,000 from Ancillary Building Reserves for the Rear Gate Security Project.

The motion passed unanimously.

RESERVE STUDY: The Park has never done a study to ensure our reserves are still valid and current. Our insurance company has suggested we do one for the past couple of years. A motion was made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Ms. Wnek to:

VOTED 21-30: to allocate \$3,920 and hire Reserve Associates to do a study before we establish our 2022 budget. The motion passed unanimously.

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(Unapproved minutes continued)

INPUT FROM SHAREHOLDERS: A question was asked concerning the location of the stairs on the new home at 409 Longwood.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting Date is Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 10:00AM (special meetings will be called as necessary).

With no further business to come before the Board, upon a motion made by Mr. Koss and seconded by Mr. Reed to adjourn the meeting at 11:16AM.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Dated this 04 day of August 2021.

In a packed elevator, everyone is silent.

Stomach: I will now demonstrate the mating call of a whale.

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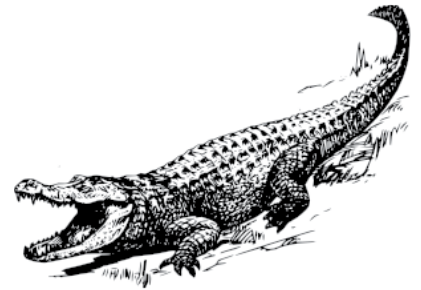


Recently, we have witnessed a large population of Iguanas. Ridding ourselves of these pests is now going to be challenging. Those who already have them around and under their homes can attest to the difficulties they have faced. They may seem cute and harmless but they are very invasive. They are not 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.

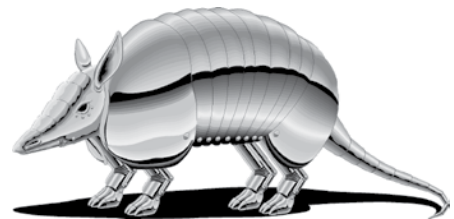


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Like Sandalwood, most HOA's have rules about not feeding wildlife and not having bird feeders. One resident recently hired Assurance Wildlife Trapping/Casey McVey 941-456-TRAP.

If you have a problem with these Iguanas or any other pest, they are willing to give a discount to Sandalwood residents for two weeks of trapping.



4th of July BBQ

After being on lockdown for 15 months, the residents of Sandalwood were ready to get back into the swing of things. Our July 4th BBQ was a big success with almost 60 people attending. All enjoyed hot dogs and burgers as well as many tasty sides and desserts. The clubhouse was decorated in red, white and blue and looked very patriotic.

Many thanks to Rodney Ackerman, Mike Fleming and Larry Reed for standing over the hot grills to cook-it was brutal out. Also, a high five to all those who brought side dishes and desserts and helped clean up afterward.



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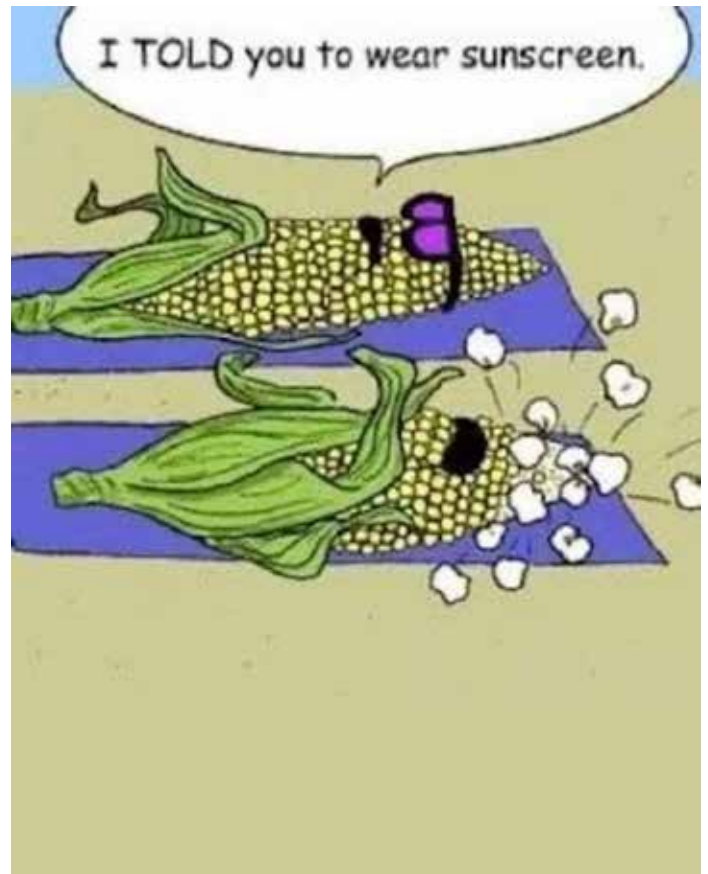
Begin by standing on a comfortable surface, where you have plenty of room at each side.

With a 5-lb potato bag in each hand, extend your arms straight out from your sides and hold them there as long as you can. Try to reach a full minute, and then relax.

Each day you'll find that you can hold this position for just a bit longer.

After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato bags. Then try 50-lb potato bags and eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato bag in each hand and hold your arms straight for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level).

After you feel confident at that level, put a potato in each bag.



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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.

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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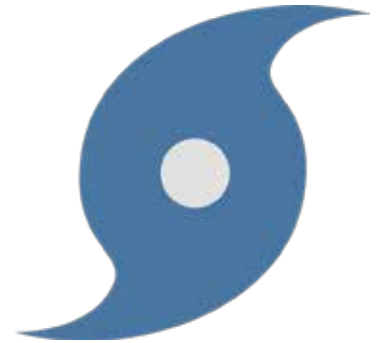
Part 2

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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Look what the wife dragged in, was the opening line from a new client. Karen burst out laughing and tried talking through her hysterics. It was one of those rare days when Karen was at the front desk.

You might think it was funny to Karen since it is a riff on what the cat dragged in, but it was funny since it brings to mind our theory that the only way to drag in a husband for a hearing test is to bash him over the head caveman style and drag him in. (We are not encouraging violence.)

Karen and Madge talked about how she was able to drag in her husband. To be fully transparent here, there was a threat of violence but no harm came to any husbands.

Madge owned up that she did threaten to suffocate him in his sleep if he didn't get this corrected and soon. Apparently, lack of breathing was the initiating factor in his decision to come in and see Blair for new options.

I would love to help all the wives who have struggled with husbands who don't hear well. I wish I had that one line, that recommended saying that could get him to make an appointment and get his hearing tested, unfortunately I haven't discovered what it is.

Although I have noticed that Karen is still searching for a line that can get husbands to do what a wife wants them to do, maybe she wants me to do something.

If your husband struggles to hear at the dinner table, you might suggest "pillow" therapy or he could set an appointment for a free hearing test and demo, 941-244-9300. Wishing you peace in your home.

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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.

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.



I'm not self medicating myself with booze. The guy at the liquor store wrote me a prescription. Well, he called it a receipt.....whatever.

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