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Four Decades Of Music Dance

Our January dance will be on Saturday, the 24th at 7:00. Our DJ will play a mix of songs from the 50's through the 80's in random order. The 50's wasn't just D-wop, you'll hear the likes of Frank, Dean and Bobby thrown in too. From the Beatles to BonJovi, everyone will hear songs they'll want to dance to. There is no charge



and no sign up necessary. Mark the date and make sure to come, you're sure to have a terrific evening. Don't forget to boogie your way up to the 50/50 table.



Newcomers's Gathering

SAC is inviting all newcomers to the Park to meet and greet your neighbors, both new and not-so-new. Long time residents are encouraged to attend and welcome the newbies to our terrific Park. You just may find your new best friend. Tentative date is Wednesday, January 28th at 2:00 in the clubhouse. Please plan on attending this fun gathering, come nosh a bit, socialize, and meet new people.



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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.

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Office The office is open for business 9 am – noon, Monday-Friday

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.

Maintenance Fees are due the 1st of January, April, July and October. It is encouraged to use ACH/auto-pay.

Newsletters will no longer be delivered, remember to get your copy at the clubhouse.

Directories One directory per household is available in the office.

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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.

Medical Equipment walkers, commodes, shower chairs, handweights, etc, are located in the laundry room and are available to borrow as needed. Please advise Peggy when you borrow/return something.

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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Pancake Breakfast

Tony Ellis and his "Breakfast Crew" will once again man the griddle to make a wonderful breakfast on Saturday, January 17th from 8:00-9:30. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, orange juice, and coffee are on the menu. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. A full breakfast for \$5.00? Try getting that at Perkins!



TICKET SALES

The SAC "box office" will be open during the two weeks prior to a ticketed event; tickets will be available on Tuesdays from 11:00-12:00 and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 in the activities room. Please try to buy your tickets during these times, if unable to, the names of the chairpersons will be listed. Box office schedules will always be posted in the newsletter. Please remember that checks, payable to SAC, are the preferred payment.



It's All Over For Another Year

It seems like just last week our many volunteers were helping to decorate the clubhouse and grounds for the Holidays. I think we can all agree, they looked terrific. Many, many thanks to Carl and Nancy Schwartz who stepped up to organize and decorate the outside. You're hired for next year! We appreciate all those that pitched in. But, as the old saying goes, what goes up must come down and we, once again, need your help. Our annual "Un-Deck the Halls" get-together will be on Monday, January 3rd at 9:00.



Valentine's Day Dinner/Dance

Our celebration of that little guy with the bow and arrows will be held on Saturday, February 14th at 5:30/6:00. SAC has a lovely evening planned for you. The catered dinner will be Italian roasted chicken and potatoes, green beans almondine, salad, and bread and butter. Bringing your favorite dessert to share would be a SWEET



HEART treat as well. DJ, Toby Robinson, will get you on the dance floor with many of your favorite songs.



Tickets are \$10 for residents, and \$15 for guests and may be purchased at the box office on Tuesday, February 3rd from 11:00-12:00 and Thursday, the 10th from 3:00-4:00.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor

If you know of someone who can't walk or drive but would like to attend our events, please reach out and give them a lift to the clubhouse.

Something New

SAC is hosting a soup and salad social on Thursday, February 5th at 4:30. There will be three or four different kinds of homemade soup to fill your bowl and your tummy. Barb Moore is making her famous salad bar which is always something to look forward to. Admission is \$5.00 at the door. A sign up sheet will be posted later in January, so please make sure to add your name to attend this new, fun, and tasty event.

Ladies, Let's Do Lunch

The "let's do lunch" outing has been a popular event at Sandalwood for many years. But things change and we need for someone new to coordinate these get-togethers. Once a weekly thing, it morphed into a monthly lunch-for-ladies-only over the last few years; I see no reason to change that. Let's get a few of the womenfolk to volunteer to coordinate lunch on a monthly rotating basis. If interested, a signup sheet is on the bulletin board or talk to any SAC member to chair these fun lunches.

Giving Thanks

Over 50 residents came to the Thanksgiving Day Potluck. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner with lots of sides and lots of desserts; nobody left feeling hungry – that’s for sure. A special thank you to Tom and Sue Hart who stayed in the kitchen for hours preparing the feast.



This morning I saw a Comcast truck parked in front of my house, I walked out to see what was going on. The guy in the truck asked "what time is it", I said somewhere between 8 am & 4 pm.



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Sandalwood Upcoming Activities

SAC is planning many more activities over the course of the winter. The newsletter is a good source to find out what's going on in our Park

JANUARY

- 03rd Undecorate Christmas – 9:00
- 12th Trivia – 6:30
- 13th SAC Board Meeting – 10:00
- 14th SPH Board Meeting – 10:00
- 17th Pancake Breakfast – 8:00 – 9:30
- 23rd Annual Meeting – 10:00
- 24th 4 Decades of Music Dance – 7:00
- 26th Trivia – 6:30
- 28th Newcomer's Welcome Gathering – 2:00

FEBRUARY

- 03rd Box Office – Valentine's Party – 11:00-12:00
- 05th Soup and Salad Social – 4:30
- 09th Trivia - 6:30
- 10th SAC Board Meeting – 10:00
- 10th Box Office – Valentine's Party – 3:00-4:00
- 11th SPH Board Meeting – 10:00
- 14th Valentine's Day Dinner Dance – 5:30/6:00
- 18th – 20th Get ready for Sale - TBA
- 20th Resident Presale – 4:30-6:00
- 21st Parkwide Sale
- 23rd Trivia – 6:30

MARCH

- 03rd Box Office- Showtime – 11:00-12:00
- 05th Box Office – Showtime – 3:00-4:00
- 08th Showtime – comedian - 7:00
- 09th Trivia – 6:30
- 10th SAC Board Meeting – 10:00
- 11th SPH Board Meeting – 10:00
- 17th St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance – 5:30/6:00
- 23rd Trivia – 6:30
- 28th Park Picnic -TBA

Hosting Happy Hour

Our Thursday "Happy Hour on the Patio" has become a fun event with terrific attendance. But why limit being happy to just Thursday? Starting this season, happy hour may be hosted by any resident on any day of the week. All residents are invited and asked to bring a food item to share – no signup is required. Those interested in hosting will need to do the following:

Signs for happy hour need to be placed at both entrances 3-4 days ahead of the planned date.

These signs are in our storage room, contact a SAC board member to access.

Bob, our maintenance man, will see the signs and clean up the patio as well as rearrange the tables. If for some reason he's not available, this will be the host's responsibility. Ice buckets need to be filled as well as making sure trash cans have a trash bag inside. Afterwards, cleanup is required (people attending usually help with this), and trash bag(s) should be taken to the dumpster.

Contact any SAC member for the plates, napkins, tablecloths and utensils the day of the event.

What A Kind Gesture

Sue and her loyal bingo players collected \$700 to donate to Our Mothers House in time for the Holiday Season. This extra money was a blessing to OMH and they will definitely put it to good use. Thank you to all who donated their hard-earned bingo money. You Rock!

HAVE YOU BOOKED?

Leigh Leedingham is once again starting up the Sandalwood Book Club for the season. Each month, a new title will be announced as well as the discussion date for the following month. The group will meet in the clubhouse; the date and time will be announced in the newsletter and on Facebook.

The January Book is "Here One Moment" by Laine Moriarty which will be discussed on January 6th at 1:00. So, grab your reading glasses, put your feet up, have a cup of tea (or glass of wine), and relax with a good book. For any inquiries please contact Leigh at 859-640-3441.



Board of Directors Meeting

APPROVED MINUTES

Wednesday November 12, 2025 10 a.m.

Sandalwood Clubhouse

Called Meeting to Order 10 a.m.

Proof of Notice Establish Quorum-posted Monday, November 10, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Members present: Darryl Riegsecker, Larry Reed, Peter Mazzara, Bruce Bailey, Carl Griffith, Patty Mitchell. Member on phone call: Lee Zabel.

Vote to approve October 2025 meeting minutes, motion made by Darryl Riegsecker, 2nd by Larry Reed. Voted yay: Darryl, Larry, Peter, Bruce, Carl, Patty and Lee. Vote nay: 0

President's Comments

Carl Griffith chaired the meeting in Lee's absence. His comments: Thank you, Frank Cacciatore, for helping the office IT. Get your home deficiencies updated by 12/31/2025. We need an ARC before you start your updates. For seasonal residents, we need your caretaker information for our files. Blue Stream fiber optic began their site planning last week.

Treasurer's Report

Operating cash \$214K. Reserve Cash \$866K.

Through September 2025, we are running \$173K over budget. Some under budgeted expenses were as follows: new irrigation pump, new pool filter, bocce court renovation, dog park, new clubhouse HVAC, paving/stripping Cortina, ditch clean/repair, Simply Trees trimmed ALL trees, not just Park trees, engineering study for new pool filter system, new high security locks for offices, pool equipment housing, new shuffleboard awing. Through the Assessment we will be receiving money for much of the overage which will reduce the over budget amount.

The budget will soon be available for residents to review.

2024 Audit close to completion. Banks statements are still a sticking point and will be resolved shortly by Peter & Lee bank visits. The audit should be done in December.

Old Business

- 12/31/2025 is the deadline for home repairs
- Blue Stream was in the Park to begin the layout of the fiber optic plan.
- Delinquent property updates:

#533 has moved out, but legally, we await a summary judgement, which we should receive 12/31/25. At that time, the share will revert to the Park and we can tear down and/or sell. After we demo/sell, we will deduct any unpaid association dues/penalties and attorney fees, and the difference reverts back to the estate.

#439 is up to date on dues, so someone is paying attention. We continue to strive to contact her or a family member, so far, no re-

sponse. We have written letters, discovered a PO box in Laurel, left notes on the resident's door. We will pursue legal action to cancel the lot share to the park if we cannot reach a responsible party.

#412 a wellness check was done over the summer after multiple letters, phone calls and home visits were performed. There was a car in the driveway but no one answered during the wellness check. It left shortly after the sheriff left and did not return. However, mail is being picked up, possibly in the middle of the night. Association fees went into arrears the past quarter. Legal paperwork will be started to revert the share to the Park.

d. Website update-Lori Kay advises a professional consultant was hired. 3 pages with links will be set up, as the suggestion of the consultant to keep it simple. She will design, train, provide 1 hour future follow up and provide video tutorial. Our original domain name has been retained. Who has the proposal? Not in the office files. Lori Kay will obtain.

Vote: motion made by Darryl to spend up to \$1000 on the new website. It was 2nd by Bruce. Yay votes: Darryl, Larry, Peter, Patty, Bruce, Carl. Nay votes: 0

Resident mentioned she felt out of contact with the Park news, Gail Pellitteri will reach out to On-Trac, our newsletter provider, they allegedly have an online tool that we can use to access the newsletter until the website is up.

New Business

a. We are in receipt of the 2026 SRQ Condo Accounting quote for next year and it did not contain an increase over the 2025 quote. Motion made by Darryl to approve the SRQ Condo Accounting proposal for 2026. 2nd was provided by Peter. Yay vote: Darryl, Peter, Larry, Carl, Patty, Bruce and Lee. Nay vote: 0

b. The board would like to hire Debbie Gustafson, a Park resident, to cover the board's new office administrative duties for up to 10 hours/week at \$15/hour. If she works over 10 hours/week, she will donate her time up to a limit. Motion made by Darryl to bring Debbie on as Board Administrative Assistant and pay her \$15/hour for up to 10 hours/week work, volunteering her time up to a limit, after that. 2nd was provided by Bruce. Yay vote: Darryl, Peter, Larry, Carl, Patty, Bruce and Lee. Nay vote: 0

c. Greenscapes has quoted us for the 2026 services, and it results in about \$87/month increase. Patty is asking 3-4 other vendors for a quote. Results are not in yet and it was proposed to put off a vote on landscaping services until the December meeting. All vendors need to be aware of the Cortina Ave overgrowth that should be in the scope of the quotes.

d. The First Annual Meeting Notice was mailed 11/7/25.

e. Towing signs are being installed to warn drivers they cannot leave their cars on the street overnight and we can then elect to tow chronic abusers of the policy.

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(Approved Minutes continued)

f. Committee volunteers are being sought for assisting the Zone Managers, especially in the summer, the landscape committee and the maintenance committee. Idea was floated to create a finance committee to assist the treasurer.

g. Holiday decorating committee is not being run by the Grays this year, as they are moving/consolidating households in the next month or two. Need new volunteers to do the outside, tentatively set for Dec. 2 date.

Flextime

Jan Kroen mentioned the Thanksgiving potluck on 11/27 at 4 p.m. SAC will provide the turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pies. Sign up on bulletin board to bring other side dishes. Cost is \$0 for members and only \$5 for guests.

Gail Pellitteri is organizing Bocce Ball teams. Sign up on bulletin board.

Resident mentioned the FPL light poles are again out all night and/or on all day. Patty will drive around and collect pole numbers to be sent to the FPL website.

Resident mentioned the FL State flag at the Cortina entrance was tattered. Bob has a new one and will install.

Resident mentioned many of the address labels on mailboxes are fading and/or peeling off. It will not be the Park's responsibility, but the members can purchase a pack of numbers at Lowes or Home Depot for about \$1.39/pack. It is a safety issue for the police or

ambulance. Again, not a Park responsibility to replace, but maybe a compliance issue the Zone Managers can handle with residents.

Resident mentioned the Pinebrook gate had a sensitive reader. Can it be fixed? It was suggested members might invest in a new sticker, they only last 3-5 years. Another resident mentioned the bottom of the out gate is scraping the black top and can it be adjusted?

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Larry, 2nd by Darryl. Yay vote: Darryl, Peter, Larry, Carl, Patty, Bruce and Lee. Nay vote: 0

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for Business*

Don't forget the shed is available for your donations for our yearly Park sale. Please call Jan Kroen at 314/750-1914 to gain access. Unfortunately, we cannot take large furniture until a few days before the sale. Please do not leave donations outside the shed to get rained on, chewed on by critters, or grow legs and walk off.

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Games will be played Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM; sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Four, six or 8 players are needed to play. Decide when you want to play and put your name and house # on the selected date and time, feel free to play more than once a week. We also need some alternates in case a team member can't play for whatever reason. Any questions, please call Gail Pellitteri at 941/882-4065.

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SAC Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2025

Board members in attendance were Sue Hart, Joan LeBlanc, Barb Moore, Gail Pellitteri.

Old Business

Thanksgiving Dinner – Potluck dinner this year. 54 attendees, residents at no charge plus 6 guests at \$5 each. Had plenty of food.

New Business/Upcoming Activities in December/January

Thanks to Carl and Nancy Schwartz for organizing the Park decorations for Christmas, and Gail, who set up the coffee and baked goods. Had 20 volunteers to decorate. Undecorate on Saturday, Jan 3rd.

Christmas Dinner/Dance – Saturday, December 20th at 5:30/6:00. Gail Pellitteri and Linda Fleming will chair. \$5 for residents, \$10 per guest. Entertainment Hot Mixx. Broadway to cater an Italian meal.

Box office dates for tickets are Dec. 9th, 11th and 16th.

NY Eve – Wednesday, December 31st at 7:30. Gail and Linda will chair. No signup or charge, bring appetizer to share. Music on playlist.

Showtime scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th is cancelled per Gail.

Decades Dance – Saturday, January 24th at 7:00. Entertainment is Mixx Mobile. Barb to look into music bingo (mingo) during dance.

Pancake Breakfast – first one Saturday, January 17th, 8:00-9:30, \$5 at door. Tony Ellis chair.

Newcomers Welcome Gathering. Wednesday, January 28th at 2:00 is the tentative date. Elise Anton and Patty Mitchell will chair.

Activities in February-March 2026

Soup and Salad Dinner – Thursday, February 5th at 4:30. Barb Moore and Linda Fleming co-chairs. \$5 charge to residents.

Valentines Day Dinner/Dance - Saturday, February 14th, \$10 charge. Joan and Fred LeBlanc will chair. Broadway is caterer. Party Tyme Entertainment, DJ Toby Robinson, booked for entertainment. Box office dates February 3rd and 10th.

Park Sale – Saturday, February 21st Resident pre-sale Friday evening February 20th. Chair TBD. Same date as VI.

Showtime – Sunday, March 8th at 7:00. \$10 charge at door. Co-median Al Ernst

St Patrick's Dinner/Dance – Tuesday, March 17th. Chair TBD. Entertainment is Mixx Mobile.

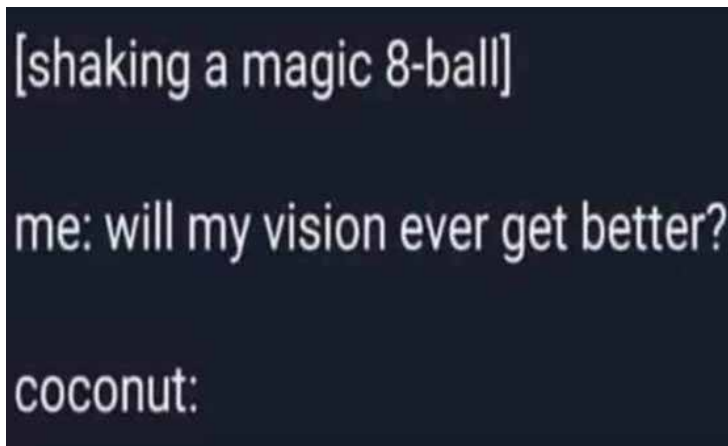
Park Picnic - Saturday, March 28th. Chair to be determined.

Other Business

SAC will look into bringing food trucks to the park. Joan LeBlanc will look into options.

Discussion about a chili Happy Hour in January/February but not a competition.

Discussion to use our new Facebook page restarted by Phil Hellriegel to advertise SAC events.



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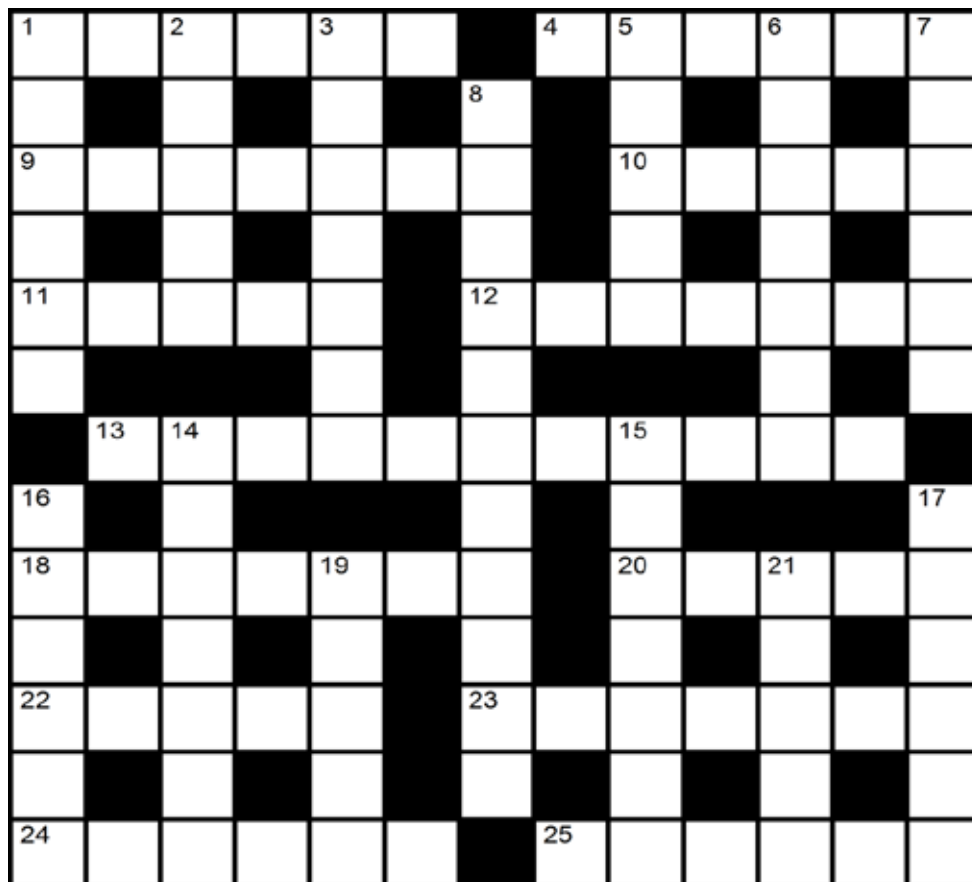
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(solution on page 21)

It took me 30 minutes to find the butter at Grandma's house



CROSSWORD



Puzzle compiled by Bianca Morèl
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Clues:

Across

- 1 Furnish with requirement
- 4 Consuming
- 9 Run of the mill
- 10 People from the Middle East
- 11 Sample
- 12 Exact
- 13 Size
- 18 Circus performer
- 20 Portion
- 22 Uses wool and needles
- 23 Become conscious of
- 24 Adventurous
- 25 Tilted

Down

- 1 Begins
- 2 Iron
- 3 Guides
- 5 Conscious
- 6 European citizen
- 7 Took a convulsive deep breath
- 8 Degree of heat
- 14 Before the expected time
- 15 E-mail for e.g.
- 16 Supported
- 17 Protect a person
- 19 Place to wash up
- 21 Extraterrestrial

(solution on page 20)

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I started working with hearing aids in 1999 and I loved it from the beginning. I took all the classes and extra accreditations including Board Certification and designation from the American Conference of Audioprosthology.

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When Karen married into our family, I saw her get her feelings hurt since she thought my Mom wasn't listening. It was accurate but not on purpose. Both my Mom and Karen enjoy cooking, but a kitchen is an acoustical nightmare.

When they cooked together for our holiday meals, I would have to stand in the middle of the kitchen and translate what Karen was saying to my Mom. It is much easier to hear a deep male voice than Karen's higher pitched voice. Add in an exhaust fan, a clang of a pot and a clink of a dish and this is not an easy place for conversation.

A few years after I got into this industry, I was able to re-fit my Mom with appropriate technology for her very social lifestyle. I gave insight to Karen about her feelings of being ignored. I gave awareness to my Mom about her frustrations and feelings of isolation.

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Unapproved Board of Directors Meeting

**Wednesday December 10, 2025, 10:00
Sandalwood Clubhouse**

Carl called Meeting to Order 10 a.m.

Proof of Notice Establish Quorum-posted Friday, December 5, 2025 at 12:40 p.m.

Members present: Carl Griffith, Larry Reed, Patty Mitchell, Wayne Jones, Phil Hellriegel.

Member on phone call: Bruce Bailey

Absent: Peter Mazzara

Pledge of Allegiance

Vote to approve November 2025 meeting minutes motion made by Larry Reed, 2nd by Patty Mitchell. Voted yay: Larry, Bruce, Carl, Patty, Wayne and Phil. Vote nay: 0

Vote to approve special meetings minutes on November 17 and November 21 motion made by Larry Reed, 2nd by Patty Mitchell. Voted yay: Larry, Bruce, Carl, Patty, Wayne and Phil. Vote nay: 0

President's Comments

Carl introduced the two new board members, Wayne Jones and Phil Hellriegel. Carl spoke about the special meeting that was held to discuss the sale proposal for 427 Boxwood Drive. The investor was

turned down. Carl apologized and took responsibility for how the meeting went and that he shouldn't have let it get out of hand. In that meeting, Lee Zabel and Darryl Riesecker resigned. Peter Mazzara resigned after the meeting, but Carl talked Peter into staying on the board until the January election and Peter agreed to do so. A resident responded that resigning board members had no backing from the board. The resident that asked about the resignations was told to ask the board members that resigned. There are four board openings coming up in the January election. Applications are due by December 14th.

Treasurer's Report

A copy of the proposed budget was available for residents to review. Carl stated that there are some changes to the budget, i.e. labor cost due to office assistance resignation will be removed. Residents had questions about the proposed budget (electric, interest income). Prior to the board meeting, an email was sent to Peter requesting the backup file for the budget, but it has not yet been received. The quarterly HOA for 2026 will possibly be \$510, but Carl will have to confirm that. The proposed budget is not complete therefore there will be a meeting to approve the budget at a later date (TBD).

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(Unapproved Board Meeting continued)

Old Business

1. Home repairs completion date is 12/31/2025. There are homes waiting for permits for work to start. A resident asked how this was going to be monitored. It is up to the zone manager to use the file that was created by the office assistant (Debbie). Carl thanked Debbie and Lonnie for their hard work this summer on gathering all the information and files created for zone managers to monitor their zones. Carl mentioned in the past the Park had a committee for operations, finance, etc. This is something the board will look at implementing next year.

2. Website update-Lori Kay met with the professional consultant. The website is now being updated and information gathered to place on the website. Patty will get with Lori Kay to see what information the board can provide.

New Business

a. Bids were received from Greenscapes, Arias and Hazeltine for lawn care. Greenscapes was the lowest bid. Larry made a motion to approve Greenscapes and Wayne 2nd. Yay vote: Larry, Carl, Patty, Bruce, Wayne and Phil. Nay vote: 0

b. The annual meeting has been moved to Friday, January 23, 2026, at 10 a.m. This is to meet the 40-day requirement. Check in by house number outside before entering the clubhouse. 119 participants are needed to have a quorum. The proxy is for someone to vote in a resident's place that is not going to attend the meeting.

c. There were two suggestions in the suggestion box: 1) more benches at the bocce courts. Carl checked on this and said there should be enough benches there. 2) mailbox numbers. Numbers need to be 3" and house numbers need to be 4", it is the resident's responsibility to have and or replace numbers.

Flextime

Carl said to let the office know if anyone is experiencing fire ants. If so, this needs to be taken care of ASAP.

Per Debbie, there are new forms for all residents to fill out that updates their information such as emergency contact, golf cart, dog owner and caretaker. It is pertinent that everyone fills out the form for emergency contact and any other form that pertains to them.

Carl said there is also a form to fill out if a resident parks in their neighbor's driveway giving them permission to do so. A resident questioned how the board is going to handle violations for golf cart registration, dog owner information, etc. Years ago, there was a fine committee, therefore that is something to look into.

Rick Oberdick volunteered to help Phil and anyone else to gather material and work on the Cortina fence that is missing.

A resident mentioned the erosion behind the houses on Longwood needs to be fixed. Carl responded that this will be investigated.

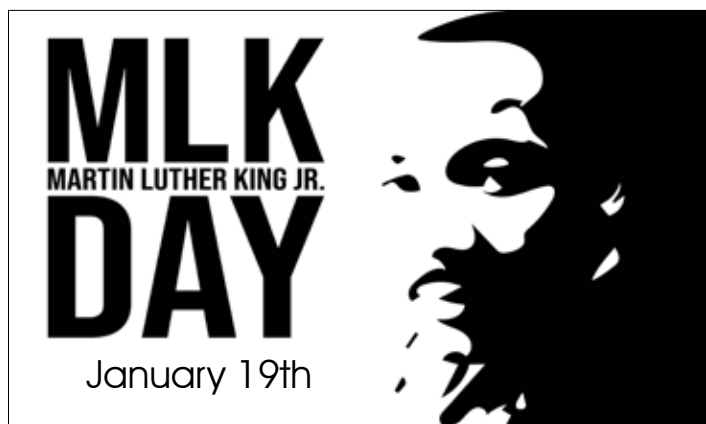
A resident had a concern about residents that are not in the park not being able to participate in board meetings and the annual meeting date getting moved. The concern was about the meeting held when the vote was taken regarding dog weights. The resident was told that residents didn't vote on this, it was a board vote. As far as not being present for the board election, that is what the proxy is for.

The next regular board meeting will be held December 14th.

A resident asked if new board members have been sworn in and they have.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Larry, 2nd by Wayne. Yay vote: Larry, Carl, Patty, Bruce, Wayne and Phil. Nay vote: 0



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