

SANDPIPER BAY COMMUNITY

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Important Notice



FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - 2021 -THE YEAR THAT WAS!!!

Just when we thought we were on the down slide of Covid-19 we are now seeing a rise in cases, younger people are getting sick and even people who have been vaccinated, getting a return of symptoms. Your Board and Volunteers have been continuing to work to increase membership and making Sandpiper Bay a better place to live. We are the original planned community in Port St Lucie, so we are the senior neighborhood, and the city looks to this area for our accomplishments.

The city has gone back to their rules of a year ago and your board has decided to follow those guidelines and there will be no meeting in January. We were able to have a very successful Holiday Dinner between Covid outbreaks. You will see by the treasurer's report that we had a profit for 2021. Our plan is to have a bang-up party/picnic as soon as possible after this variant gets low enough. Any dues that were paid in 2021 for 2022 do not show in the 2021 treasurer's report.

Even through these tough times our membership has grown by 20% to the end of December. The only way we can grow right now is "Neighbors Telling Neighbors", and that is the part where we need your help. You can either direct your neighbors to www.sandpiperbaycommunity.org or send an email to members@sandpiperbaycommunity.org with their name, address and phone number if you have it and we will send them an enrollment package.

A motion was put forward by Phil Millevolte and seconded by Connie Hitchcock to increase the number of directors to 9. The motion was passed. Therefore, as no vote is needed your board of directors for 2022 are: Sandra Lee Gigi Woods, Connie Hitchcock, Dan Hammer, Barry Lee, Phil Millevolte, Kathy Dunkel, Sandra Pikulski and Robin Montcerisier. The board will meet once they are all better to elect all of the executive and will send that information to you as soon as possible. I thank all the people for putting their name forward.

We have 38 members so far that have said that they would be volunteers to help Sandpiper Bay Community grow.

Many of you pay your dues at our annual meeting so please consider paying on our web site www.sandpiperbaycommunity.org or print the renewal form from the front page of the website and mail in your check. This form can also be given to your neighbors who are not members.

I know that what we are doing this January is not normal, but we are trying to keep ourselves and all of our members safe. I hope that you agree. Your board will still be working for you and if you need our assistance, do not hesitate to contact one of us. Within the next week I will send the contact information for all of the positions.

Treasurer's 2021 year- end report:

We ended the year with a profit of \$2,373.85 in spite of the fact that we are a not-for-profit. That is primarily because we had no functions due to COVID19. We're hoping that the pandemic subsides soon so that we can get together at meetings and social events. There were many in 2021 that had to be cancelled. A full report is on the website.

Here is a summary of Parks and Membership for 2021 by Robin Montcerisier:

Assisted with membership mailings, compiling contact information and filling envelopes with Sandpiper Bay Community information to new residents. I am pleased to report that membership has increased 20% even through these hard times.

Brought the idea of the memorial bench program for our Sandpiper Bay Park. This bench program is modeled after the North Palm Beach program in Palm Beach county. Our park has had two benches, ADA compliant picnic table and matching garbage can installed. A plaque for Chic Chilson, found buried in the park. It will be installed into a second park bench. Chic was the lead promoter for our association to turn this property into a park and also the initiator of the first community patrol in the city.

Sandpiper Bay Homeowners Association Park has a new sign calling it the **Sandpiper Bay Neighborhood Park**. This 11-acre park on Westmoreland Blvd. near Gowin St. and bordered by the Howard Creek was originally donated to the city by General development in 1998. It was dedicated to the Sandpiper Bay Homeowners Association (now called Sandpiper Bay Community) because of their influence to turning it into a park instead of more development lots.

Goals for 2022:

Acquire more benches and seating options for the Sandpiper Bay park on Westmoreland Drive and Gowin Drive and use the park for Sandpiper Bay events. The city will be removing all the invasive foliage in the near future so we have better use of the park.

Frank Quaille who headed up our membership had help from Robin Montcerisier. From a list of new homeowner addresses that Shelly Hammer provided, these two people would locate who the new owners are and we send them a welcome package. Thanks to you both.

I would like us to have more social events, increase membership and attendance at our monthly meetings.

Communications:

Louisa and Gary Beckett have come forward as volunteers to head up our social and print media. They are in this business now, so it is great to have volunteers with experience. If you have information that you would like sent to our members, please send your material to media@sandpiperbaycommunity.org. Gary will be the Chairperson for Communications and will be looking for others to help.

Sandra Pikuski who is a member and a web designer volunteered to build us a new web site and tie in a better merchant accounting system is nearing the end of her work. We do need some help in filling in some of the blanks and find some advertisers to sponsor the expenses of the web site. If you have some time please contact Sandy at webmaster@sandpiperbaycommunity.org

2021:

1. Updated current website – removed data material and errors. Updated software
2. Installed and set up new cloud-based membership management software (MembershipWorks) on staging website.
3. Worked with MembershipWorks staff to set up software to meet the needs of SBC
4. Went live Nov1.
5. Trained our Treasurer on use of the software
6. As the first test of the new program, utilized software to register guests for Holiday Party.
7. Updated website to work smoothly with membership program (ongoing)
8. Attended all but 1 meeting
9. Assisted other volunteers to work with mail program (Mailchimp)

2022:

1. Maintain Membership Works and assist members that have question regarding its use
2. Determine ways to save costs for email / website
3. Work with other board members to utilize website features to assist in marketing
4. Begin tracking website visits in order to use that information to market to prospective sponsors
5. Work with volunteer(s) to get meaningful content on website

Assist board, volunteers, members with any IT related projects

The Adopt-A-Street has continued to operate under our volunteer Chairperson Ivars Mazjanis. If you are out walking your neighborhood, Ivars would like you to join in his program or better yet help him by starting a group in your neighborhood. Sandpiper Bay is a large area and we need a co-chairperson to open other areas. If you have some time to organize a new area please let us know.

Sandpiper Bay Community Patrol suspended operations for several months and finally started to operate again only to suspend operations again because of the spread of the new Covid variant. It is operating as I write this but is expected to suspend again.

Social & Events:

We have missed offering social events in 2021. We planned to start with a bang up get together in September at the Saints Pub but again we couldn't make decisions or plans until there is a lowering of covid-19 infections. Kathy Dunkel is our chair for social and as I keep saying she welcomes your input and help.

SBC Civic Committee chairperson Phil Millevolte Annual Report for 2021

Sandpiper Bay Community is one of 35 Neighborhood Community Associations chartered in the City of Port Saint Lucie. One purpose of Sandpiper Bay Community is to ensure that our older section of the city is not obsoleted in amenities and infrastructure compared to the newer and more modern developments in this fast-growing city. Not only are there newer areas of the city but also changing demographics and changing social needs that need to be addressed.

While Sandpiper Bay was originally developed as a vacation and retirement center for the city to be developed from, it is now evolving into a family residential area with children of all ages. The city's research into the social need of the current and future generations show the need for increased emphasis in multimodal transportation, more inclusive and improved Park Systems, and the coordination and use of all city property for the social benefit off its residents.

The SBC Civic Committee is not only involved in providing guidance to city council from our Sandpiper Bay neighborhood perspective, but to be involved with the goals and implementation of all neighborhood services and security. In this last year (2021), we have had numerous meetings with city managers in the Neighborhood Services Department, Police Department, Public Works department, the City managers Office and with our District Councilwoman Jolien Caraballo. and the past Mayer. In addition, we hosted an official city meeting with our residents on the future use of the Wilderness Park. The major efforts this past year were in the areas of: Wilderness Park, Sandpipe Bay park needs, a Park bench donation policy, updating the plaque memorial for Chick Chilson, the Coyote issue, Bike Lanes at Roundabouts, code compliance, the naming on the Sandpiper Bay park sign, and the ability to post our notices on city property. A summary of the key issues follows.

Wilderness Park – The city-wide plan for multi-use pathways will use the Wilderness Park as its initial project. Wilderness Park is an 85-acre park bounded by Cambridge Rd, Morningside Boulevard and Westmoreland Boulevard. It was deeded to the city in exchange for zoning considerations, for the development of the now Revella and Visconti projects, about 1998. Residents at that time insisted it be deemed a "PASSIVE" park to avoid neighborhood congestion. SBC hosted a city meeting with residents

to review an initial city plan for the park which included many other features besides the multi-path concept. The meeting ended with general approval that the multi-path proposal would not infringe on the “Passive” nature of the park, but the other proposed features may or may not. The multi-path project will likely start in 2022 to the extent that funding is available.

Coyote issues. The city agreed it was a common problem. Mr. Lee provided them with the recommendations from the FL Fish and Wildlife Commission and the program that Atlantic Beach developed and requested that information be given to PSL residents. One key element emphasized was to prevent the availability of human food to the coyotes by securing our food waste. The message is “Keep garbage and other foods contained”. The city has since updated their website to find the city’s recommendations more easily.

Bike Lanes at Roundabouts – The need for them was expressed by SBC. The city recognizes this as a significant but costly problem. Federal and state regulations do not support bike lanes in roundabouts except in exceptional situations. SBC will evaluate those exceptions.

Code Compliance- SBC reviewed the summary list provide by the city’s Code Compliance Supervisor. As a summary, all definitions are not fully described which can lead to confusion. The city has since provided an easily accessible link to the exact code for future summary lists. Best bet is to go to *cityofPSL.com* in Search enter “Common Code Violations”.

2022:

A new issue is, Code Violation Reports can **no** longer remain anonymous. We are working with the city to use our Sandpiper Bay Community or our Community Patrol as an intermediate to help our members avoid an embarrassing situation.

Upgrade the Saints Golf Course – a seed question was asked; can the Saints be up graded to more of a country club atmosphere, especially considering Club Med issues. Further discussion was agreed to.

This piece was longer than I had planned but it does show our continued support for our community

If you have any questions or concerns, we are here to serve you.

All the best for 2022

Barry G Lee
President



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