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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

The Sandy Pines Board of Directors will
 provide positive leadership and manage-
 ment direction so as to ensure the long
 term viability and success of Sandy Pines
 Wilderness Trails, Inc.



PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER Jeff@sandypines.com

"As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here.'"
Mark 16:5-7

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will still live, even if he dies." John 11:25

Happy Easter from Sandy Pines as we wish all of you many blessings now and throughout the season. The month of April tests our readiness of the park for our members. We are blessed to have a talented and dedicated team to serve our members and park. We would like to get you updated on many things happening this month

Board Meeting and Work Session

This month we will be back on our regular board work session and meeting schedules. We have a work session scheduled for April 18 with our first board meeting of the season to take place on April 22. We will be revisiting a key topic from last year, the ballast boat ban rule. As a reminder, this rule was voted on last year as a temporary rule with more information to be provided by the Lake Committee as well as new recommendations. In March, we did communicate and repost the resolution to allow for any new comments or questions. The board will vote on this topic this month. We will also be reviewing financial statements from the off season. Another resolution approved last December is Resolution 121721B below which was communicated in January 2022.

RESOLUTION NO. 121721B

Resolution to amend Rulebook/Handbook

WHEREAS, the By-Laws of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. Article VIII, Section 6(e) gives the Board of Directors the power to "adopt, amend, rescind, and repeal rules and regulations relating to the use of Sandy Pines property and the conduct of its members and their guests."

WHEREAS, Section: IX. PARK FACILITIES USAGE (Amended 10/4/2013)

A. Park Buildings/Equipment:

1. A Park facility may be rented and reserved in advance by a member for a private party.
2. Contact Member Services for information on fees, facilities availability, equipment available, required deposits, requirements, and dates available.
3. Alcohol is prohibited in Park facilities.
4. The member is responsible for any damages or cleanup costs.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors, for the health, safety and welfare of Sandy Pines, believes it is in the best interests of Sandy Pines to amend and clarify the Rules and Regulations relating to Membership Criteria at Sandy Pines.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. does hereby approve the following amendments and additions to the Rules and Regulations relating to Section IX. Park Facilities Usage Sub Section A. Park Buildings/Equipment (currently located on Pages 21 & 22 of the Sandy Pines Handbook):

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3. Alcohol is prohibited in Park facilities; except as authorized by Section VI. Sub section A. Item 1, sub item b. I – IV.
4. The member is responsible for any damages or cleanup costs.

Be It Resolved, that the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. does hereby approve the above Resolution.

Personnel Updates

Last month we said farewell to Gary Peters who has managed our Lake Monterey Golf Course for the last 7 years. Gary and his wife Diana embarked on a new adventure taking them to Wisconsin. We wish both of them the best of luck.

We are pleased to welcome Larry Finkbeiner as the new Lake Monterey Golf Course manager. Many of you probably know Larry as Gary's right hand person for the last 7 years at the golf course.

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Larry is bringing his strong management skills, customer service, sales experience and business skills to run our wonderful Lake Monterey Golf Course. Feedback from members over the years is that Larry is great to work with and is an asset to the golf course. Larry and Gary spent time transitioning during the off season to get ready for the opening. We wish Larry great success this season as well as seasons to come.

You will also see many new faces in the Public Safety office as we restructure this department. A very familiar face is Steve Deyarmond who is moving into the Director role for both Public Safety Office replacing Keith Garvelink and Emergency Services. We thank Keith for his years of service at Sandy Pines. We also welcome a new Public Safety Manager reporting to Steve. Sandy Pines is blessed to have many talented staff members. This position was open to internal personnel to apply. We had two very talented PSO's interview

with the entire cross functional staff. Paul Schaaf was selected and will be moving into this role after being a member of the PSO for the last year on 3rd shift. You may have seen many openings and postings in full-time, part-time and seasonal positions. Steve and Paul are working hard to fill those positions to staff the department to the needed levels for our season.

Renewals Update

Renewals cutoff date was March 15. We had 91 member follow ups that we owe actions to complete their renewals. There are 485 member renewals that members have NOT accepted

their email or logged into their account. These members will receive an email communicating that the renewal request was sent February 8, 2022, responses we never received, the renewal date has closed, therefore, the system has rolled over their renewal items from 2021 to 2022. They will be billed accordingly on their April 2022 statement. This leaves 1,687 members or over 75% who successfully went online to register in the new portal and successfully processed their renewals online or with help from Member Service.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

Have you ever seriously considered running for the Sandy Pines board of directors? Due to SP term limitations, there will be annual board member openings in the near future. If you think you might have what it takes to assume this responsibility, here's a glimpse at some of the expectations.

There are at least eight board meetings per season, each occurring on a Friday. All are accompanied by work sessions, which can consume 2-4 hours at a time. These are during the day on the Monday prior to the actual meeting. Homework also comes into play via financial reports which we review in depth to keep abreast with expectations and realities, an ongoing area of great importance. This information is key to making informed decisions when we vote annually on capital and operational budgets.

Sandy Pines committees are a vital pipeline of information for the board. And the data streams both directions as BOD members serve on these various committees as liaisons, keeping all members of all teams apprised of forecasts and progress. We all realize the importance of this participation and the feedback is invaluable.

You'll see us in the Memorial Day parade. And enjoying our volunteer work at Family Fun Day. Face-to-Phase will be returning this year and

you'll likely see our participation there as well. In fact, it is almost unusual to not see a board member present at various activities around the park. Also on our time card are closed sessions in which more serious matters are discussed. They involve concerns in the areas of member discipline, personnel and/or legal affairs.

Being visible in the park has the added benefit of being available for questions from members. This not only helps you, but also gives us a pulse as to feelings and concerns about SP. As the Board's scope is limited to park policies and procedures, we can't (and don't) know everything. But we're willing to listen and guide, or to refer to a department person who can perhaps better explain. And it's greatly appreciated when we aren't pressed for answers that can't be divulged due to confidentiality issues.

While being on the board isn't for everyone, it's a very rewarding experience that all of us take very seriously. It's imperative that we vote on what's best overall for the park, not for us as individuals. If you're passionate about the park and are willing to listen and learn objectively without having an agenda, perhaps this is your niche. Feel free to reach out to any of us if interested. Or, as a group, we're available 24/7 at BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com for all questions. Happy camping and we'll see you all very soon!

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We want to say a huge Thank You to our members for your grace and patience during this transition. We also want to say Thank You to our wonderful staff, Abbey Kooiman and Nicole Klinge in Member Service, as well as Kimberly Williams and Shannon Dykstra in Finance, who over delivered on supporting walk-up members with step-by-step instructions at the front desk and over the phone on how to process their renewals. The staff extended office hours multiple days to meet with members, return calls, answer phones and process emails to help our members hit the March 15 deadline.

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!

Official Go Live System Dates

Our new Dynamnics 365 Member Management System is on track to Go Live April 15. We are still evaluating a new point of sale system used for the golf course and all sales transactions throughout

the park. The targeted Go Live date is May 1. The team continues to train on each of the systems on a regular basis to be ready for the season.

Cart Bridge

Concrete pouring for the abutments the bridge sits on started mid-March and ran through the end of the month. Grading of the ramps up toward the abutments will take place this month. You will also see some changes with the berm in Phase 6 which allows us to utilize extra dirt for the abutments and level an area to allow for additional overflow parking while still maintaining privacy of the park from road noise. The bridge's estimated arrival is the beginning of this month depending on the frost and load requirements of the county road. The bridge will be delivered in four sections for assembly. Bridge assembly over the road will take 1-2 days with a target completion date of April 15. All 3rd party engineering inspections have been completed with passing grades and

communicated weekly to the county. We are excited to open this new addition for use this month.

Easter Blessings

Many times we focus on what we do not have in life. Easter is an excellent time to focus on what we do have. We have an excellent staff and board that continue to serve our park. We have excellent members in our community. We have been blessed with a beautiful park and golf course to call our Happy Place. Lastly, we have been blessed with a gracious God who sent his only son to die on the cross to save us from our sins. He is lovingly watching over us. Let us lovingly focus on his gift not just this month or on Easter Sunday, but always. Thank you for allowing us to serve this park.

God Bless and Happy Easter

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY ABBEY KOOIMAN & NICOLE KLINGE MemberService@SandyPines.com

OFF SEASON HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday: Closed

IMPORTANT DATES

- 4/1 Annual Renewals, quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 4/25)
- 4/15 Gates open and water is turned on for the season (weather permitting)
- 4/16 LMGC Spring Clean up
- 4/16 Member Service Open from 8am-12pm for STICKER PICK UP ONLY
- 4/23 Member Service Open from 8am-12pm for STICKER PICK UP ONLY
- 5/7 Flea Market

Welcome back! We've been waiting for you. We wanted to start by saying thank you for your patience with the new system. It was a big task having everyone get in and set up, but we did it!!! We are very excited for you all to take advantage of the new features we are adding. As these become available, we will have further communication and instruction. Make sure you're keeping yourself up to date with everything going on at Sandy Pines by signing up for E-News. This

is a fabulous resource for accurate up to date information.

A few things to mention:

1. ANNUAL DUES: If you were making monthly payments, you should have been at a zero balance as of March 25. Any unpaid balances may result in finance charges and lead to deactivation of membership cards.
2. ANNUAL RENEWALS: The deadline for updating your annual renewal summaries was March 15. We are not able to credit accounts for services charged or adjustments made after this date. The total amount from your renewal statement will be billed on this month's (April) statement with payment due April 25. Please also note your April statement includes your quarterly electric and state unit tax, which is billed in April, July, October & December. Membership cards cannot be canceled for credit after the March 15 renewal deadline. Purchasing of new membership cards are not related to renewals; they require a photo and can be purchased in person anytime at the Main Gate. For questions

on membership cards, please contact the Public Safety Office directly at 616-896-9006.

3. STICKERS & STATEMENTS:

With the implementation of the new software system and to ensure the best accuracy for each membership with the review of the system, we will be changing the distribution of stickers to a pick-up method at Administration. Not only will this grant us the opportunity to warmly greet you back for the 2022 season, but also ensure that you have received the appropriate stickers as approved for the season. In the event, that there may be an unexpected discrepancy, this direct distribution will allow us to correct any concerns right away at that time. This will not be an opportunity to make changes to what you already approved on your member portal, but ensure that the stickers received by each member agree to the approval and billing of each account. Please see new Saturday dates above (4/16 and 4/23) specifically for sticker pick up only. Please watch for announcements on E-News, website and other social media as we will also offer some extended hours during the week to accommodate

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your pickup needs. We appreciate once again your patience and kindness as we go through this process to ensure accuracy for our members as well as our systems. Please be aware we may have extended waiting times depending on the quantity of members needing to be helped.

4. CABLE & INTERNET: Spectrum Technicians will soon be back in the park for spring installs. All installations and service calls need to be

scheduled through Sandy Pines Member Service. They must have a job number to visit any site for service calls. Without a job number, they simply cannot visit a site not on their approved list – it is an infraction for them to do so and we want to protect their procedural compliance.

5. MAIL SERVICES: At the beginning and end of each season we recommend you complete your seasonal mail forwarding requests one month in

advance of your transition to the park as it can take two to three weeks for the change of address to take effect. While UPS & FedEx are not able to deliver parcels and packages in the park, we've allowed members to have packages delivered to the mail room. For information on park USPS mailboxes and details on our mail policy and parcel delivery, please visit www.SandyPines.com/MailServices.

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

As we enter the new season of 2022, we thank you for your commitment to Sandy Pines and being timely with payments on your membership accounts. Statements are sent on the first

business day of every month to all membership accounts through email and/or mail. If you do not receive your statement by the end of the first business week, please contact administration for follow-up.

Sandy Pines Board of Directors and Finance Committee members are set to meet Friday evening, April 22, 2022 to review and approve the November and December 2021 and January through March 2022 Financial Statements. You may find the approved financial statements on the webpage at www.SandyPines.com/Finance. The May 2022 BOD and Finance Committee meetings will include the first blush review of the Budget for the 2022-2023 season. The Board of Directors and Finance Committee members will also be scheduling an annual follow up review with the Independent Accountants from Beene Garter. Detailed notes and reporting will be provided following the review and approval of the financials and budget summary.

This month of April closes out the payment cycle of the Annual Dues and Assessments and its 6-month payment plan. This balance was required to be fully paid by March 25th 2022. Your April 1, 2022 billing statement will include the billing of your renewal charges, specific to your individual site for the 2022 season (Prox card renewals, boat and golf cart stickers and internet or pump-out plan requests), as well as your quarterly electric assessment and state unit tax. Each member's renewal information was upload and made available on the new software member portal for your review and approval by March 15th, 2022. Payment of these renewal charges will be due on April 25th, 2022.

We would like to thank each of our members for your cooperation and commitment to aiding in the success of the new system. These changes are always an endeavor to overcome. While there are still challenges ahead with the conversion of the system, we would like to continue to ask for your patience and understanding as we navigate and adjust to the new system. In the end, the rewards of a fluid and more robust system providing more detail and transparency is the key goal we are looking forward to gain.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time regarding your member statement or account, we are happy to assist and may be reached at 616-896-8315. We are looking forward to welcoming the Sandy Pines Community and family back for a great 2021 season.

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Sincere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Donald Wainwright, site 600, on the passing of his wife, **Patricia Wainwright**, on November 28, 2021

Hazel Boven, site N55, on the passing of her husband, **Gene Boven** on September 30, 2021. Sympathy also to his daughters, Roxanne (Tim) Bareman and Brenda Boven (Tom). Also to his brother and sister -in-law, Ron and Marilyn Boven and his niece Kerri (Jeff) De Waard. They have been members for 47 years and have made many great memories with family and friends at Sandy Pines!

RECREATION NEWS

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We are getting closer to a very busy and fun season here at Sandy Pines in 2022. In March we held a Meet and Greet, and we had a great turn out of returning students, new students, a board member, and a few volunteers. They had the opportunity to meet myself along with Sheryl our new Happy Shack Manager. They came with great questions and feedback, and we are so happy to have such a fantastic team here at Sandy Pines.

The awesome maintenance staff here at Sandy Pines has been working hard to get all the rooms in the Rec area painted. They also installed new flooring in the game room, and you will see new arcade equipment in the 2022 season. We have been working hard on cleaning up the Recreation Office and Happy Shack, giving both area's a new look and feel.

As we continue to add activities and events in the Rec Department, the need for volunteers becomes an important part of the success of the department. Having volunteers also allows us to continue to add more activities throughout the season. We are looking for a few volunteers that would like to be lead volunteers and assist the Rec Department in coordinating the volunteer efforts. I want to thank the following volunteers that went above and beyond to make Winter Fest a Success: Mary & Al Walters, Sharon Hyma, Krista Walters, Mike Strevel, Shelia May, Robert Churchill, Sheryl Haveman, Gary & Gina Krasten, Ginny Hager, the McCullick Family, Morgan and James Hadley, Stephanie Saypannha, Pat & Bob Doezema and the Security Staff. If you would like to help with any of the May Activities please let us know.

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Mark your Calendar for Upcoming May Activities!

- Cinco De Mayo 
- Saturday, May 7th
- Flannel Fest Chili Cook Off 
- Saturday, May 21st 
- Memorial Day Weekend
- May 27th - May 30th



CAMPING NEWS

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Hello Sandy Piners! Spring has sprung! We still have campsites, trailers, and cabins available for your friends and family. Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the park that we rent out, and we also have five park model trailers and ten rustic cabins. The trailers and cabins are not pet friendly, but we welcome furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites. We do offer an associate discount for our associate members, and we also offer a military discount for anyone who has served or is serving in the military. Thank you for your service! You will need to contact the camping department to have the discount applied, which you can do after you make your reservation online. Your refunded amount will go back onto your card you used at time of purchase. Reservations can be made

directly from our website at www.SandyPines.com. If you have any questions or would like me to book a reservation for you, please give me a

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SECURITY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND Steve@SandyPines.com

Office Hours

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Change

This spring the park is changing several of their software systems to be more efficient. Some of these systems directly involve you as a member. For the first time you can go online and see who has a membership card on your site, golf carts, watercraft that you have listed and your pump out plan. For some people this may be a giant leap forward and for others it may be far past due. Change is an ever-present matter if we plan to become more efficient and transparent. In this case the efficiency is you as a member having direct access to your records with the ability to make changes.

Over the years the park has had several financial systems. I can remember a time when finances were all on paper, then a DOS based system and then POS (point of sale) systems at various Departments. Originally the park did

not have computer systems. Small personal computers were just being developed in the mid 80's and the first computer at Sandy Pines had 20 MB hard drive and large 5 ¼" floppies. We really thought we had something back then. Membership records were on paper 4" x 5" index cards. Card Access membership cards were barium ferrite and no database existed for who had membership cards. All the cards were the same, one membership card per membership which would let individuals in a gate entrance. Associates had paper membership cards. Staff at the Administration office used a device that would imprint each letter of a member's name on a card. A very slow process that took months to complete and many man hours.

The park originally had manual cash register systems. Slowly the park installed Point of Sale systems at various departments. Each POS system came with improvements. Each system provided improvement and each system has provided more reliable data. The Point-of-sale

system that the park is migrating to will provide more detail. The Park's intent is to move to a more reliable, detailed system in which has the transparency of members viewing their accounts directly.

We are also working on guest kiosks in which a member enters guest information online, a guest will be able to pull up to the Main Gate or Phase 3 gate, enter information into a tablet, a guest pass with a QR code will be printed, the guest will scan the QR code and the gate will open. This pass will be used as a physical pass to be laid on the vehicle dash during the guests stay. We plan to have a kiosk at the Main gate and Phase three gate this summer.

Seasonal Full & Part Time Positions

People forecast that presently there are more jobs than people. I don't know how this happens, but I do know that for the past few summers the

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Park has been looking for persons to work and has had a difficult time. With the size of our organization and the number of people that visit each summer I ask that you as a member help by promoting our park as a place of employment. I believe that we have a lot of talent within the park. I also believe that we have families with high school students and college students that need summer jobs. If you have a young adult in school or in college that is looking for a summer job, please ask them to consider Sandy Pines as summer employment. If you are a grandparent and have a grandchild in college, please ask them to consider summer employment at Sandy Pines. One of the benefits to you as a parent and grandparent is the time that you will have to spend with your child and grandchild if they are employed at Sandy Pines for the summer.

If you are retired and are becoming tired of being totally retired, you may want to volunteer or apply for a seasonal or part time position. If you consider this, you are helping your park by being involved.

Golf Cart License Plates

Public Safety still has golf cart license plates in their inventory. If you have not picked up your Golf carts license plates, please take the time to drive to drive your golf cart to the main gate, register the golf cart, have a staff member apply the vehicle identification number and receive your license plates.

Dumping

Staff continue to address members bringing items from home to dispose of items at the compactor

at the leaf dump. Items from home such as large furniture, washers, dryers, water heaters and other items continue to be brought into the dump area. When items are found in this area that appear to be items from home staff review video footage and card activity.

If determined that items are brought from home violations are issued. It is not a positive thing for staff to issue fines of \$250. It is unfortunate that people do abuse the use of the compactor at the dump at the expense of others. Please do not abuse or take advantage of the leaf dump compactor as a place to get rid of your unwanted items from home.

If you do abuse this area expect a violation and fine.

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SALES & EVENTS NEWS

BY LIZ ROBINS Liz@SandyPines.com

Yay it's April!!! Once again, we are calling all members!!! With the start of a new season there will be old and new members coming and going. We have a lot of new faces in the park. Sandy Pines is a destination that many people are taking advantage of with the changing world we live in. Family and togetherness are winning over travel.

Please tell your friends and family to come and see what we have to offer! If you need to list your site, please give us a call. The sales department is here to help. Welcome back!

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI

This off season has been very busy as always. Lots of preventative maintenance; painting, grouting, and cleaning. The game room at the rec station has a new floor along with paint. The sales department has a new floor. Security got a fresh coat of paint along with a new roof. Painted the shower area in CC11, along with epoxy paint floor in the laundry area. We replaced water raisers in parts of Phase 1. We will be continuing to replace street signs throughout the park. Installed new tanks on pumper truck along with needed repairs. The hayride wagon has been refurbished so we can resume rides for the kids this season! As always, there are many other projects to keep your park operating and beautiful!

We are going to open CC8 and CC4 starting April 1st the rest will be opened starting April 15th.

The water will be turned on Friday, April 15th (weather permitting).

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL ian@SandyPines.com

Website Update

We are getting close to wrapping up the new website! We are putting the finishing touches on the Event Calendar, making sure all of the information is correct as we move into the 2022 season.

One of our main goals while working on this website redesign was “searchability.” The new website makes it much easier to navigate and locate exactly what you are looking for! We will keep you updated on a go live date with the new site as we get a bit closer, but expect that new site to release soon!

E-News

Our Sandy Pines E-News is one of our greatest tools for getting out current news & alerts. The

E-News is an email blast that gets sent every Friday during the season, and (roughly) every other Friday during the off season. Most news is released through the E-News first and then filtered through the rest of our channels next. Our E-News members get a first look at the Footprints, Weekend Flyer, Online Stores and more! If you would like to subscribe to our E-News head to SandyPines.com/E-News and click on the **SIGN UP FOR OUR MEMBER E-NEWS** button. If you have tried to subscribe in the past and got overwhelmed by the large number of questions the form asked you, note that we have made updates! Now all you need to fill out to sign up is your Name, Email, & Site Number (if you are a camper please put 0000 as your site number).

Name The Train Contest

& the winning name is....

THE LITTLE RED EXPRESS!

Thank you to everyone that submitted a name in the contest. There were plenty of great names to choose from! Thank you to everyone that voted, there were 245 voters total!

1. The Little Red Express: 103
2. Big Red: 71
3. G & A Express: 54
4. Nellie: 17

Congratulations to Mike Terpstra & Jann McCullick for submitting the winning name! These two members will be featured as our special cover image for the August 2022 Footprints Magazine!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT Jack@SandyPines.com

We are just a few days from the opening of Sandy Pines for the summer season 2022!

As in previous years the Park and Garden **does not open** for retail business during April and the first couple weeks of May. That doesn't mean we are not busy working. The staff will be delivering over 300 water softeners to member's sites and working at getting products on the shelves in the store. We are at the store for Softener pickup Friday and Saturday from 12 to 1 pm and 5 – 6 pm.

Even though we are not open we can still make deliveries of gravel, mulch and other landscaping products. Arrangements can be made by calling the Park and Garden, (616-896-9334) and leave a voicemail and we will get back to you to make arrangements to make deliveries. If you happen to see us during the day we can also get you items (holding tank liquids, toilet tissue, etc.) when we are at the store setting up. We will be making bulk product delivery on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during April and early May with prior arrangements. We will also be open on the Flea Market Saturday, May 7st; 10 am – 1 pm.

We will again be filling propane this year. We fill tanks both 20 and 30 pound and we can exchange an outdated tank with a recertified tank. Sunday is the only day we don't refill tanks.

We are in the process of changing the online rental system but you can still make reservations with the current system. The phone for the rental office is 616-896-9888. You can leave a voice mail and we will return your call within 48 hours. The price for the 4 passenger cars is still \$55 per day and the 6 passenger is \$75 per day. Remember we rent on a day-to-day basis. Carts are available starting by May 1st. Remember Holiday weekends and garage sale dates usually fill up quickly.

We are offering a special on the weekend rentals this year. If you pick up the cart after 4 pm (4 to 7 pm) on Friday we will rent the cart for \$35 (4 passenger) and \$55 (6 passenger) for the Friday and the regular rate will apply for Saturday. Example pick up 4 passenger Friday after 4 and return Sunday by 10 am – the cost would be \$85.

If you need your boat put in the lake please call and set up an appointment with the store –

616-896-9334. We can begin boat service in April but will need 48 hours notice ahead of time.

Just a reminder to members who are asking for delivery of your water softener that we will try and get them installed by your request date. Due to the large number we may be a few days off of your requested date. If you have not ordered a softener for this season, we still have them available. You can find the softener contract online on the Sandy Pines website. You can also call the store to set up delivery or email ParkGarden@SandyPines.com.

As you begin cleaning up your site we have a pressure washer, wheelbarrow, rakes and other tools for rent.

Help needed: We are looking to fill 3 positions at the store and rental office. Check out the employment information and application on the Sandy Pines web site.

Looking forward to an exciting new year!

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF NEWS

BY LARRY FINKBEINER www.LakeMontereyGolf.com

Thank You, Gary

It's almost time to get the golf season underway. We are excited for the upcoming year. But first, we do want to thank Gary Peters for all his hard work and leaving Lake Monterey Golf Course in excellent condition. I have had the pleasure to work with Gary over the last seven years and I have truly appreciated his friendship. We wish Gary and Diana all the best. We are so happy for them, and wish them success in their new adventure.

Spring Clean-Up

Our annual spring clean-up will be April 16th. We are looking for volunteers to help get the course ready for play. We are looking for you and your family to come out, bring your rakes, gloves and enthusiasm to get the course ready for play. Lunch will be provided and you could win a prize. Grand prize will be an annual membership.

Covered Bridge Ribbon Cutting

Coming up on May 21st, we are planning a ribbon

cutting ceremony for our new covered bridge at the golf course and everyone is invited. There will be plenty of food, fun and games along with prizes. We will have special pricing on food and drinks. Proceeds will be used to cover some of the cost of the roof and for future beautification projects on the golf course. Please join us to thank all those that worked with this project.

Golf Leagues

Now is the time to check into golf leagues. Many of the leagues have openings and we are always looking to form new leagues. Stop in and see us if you are interested and we will help you get involved.

Following is other golf opportunities that are coming up this summer and the dates:

- Junior Golf League starting on Wednesday morning, June 15th until July 21st
- Father/Child Outing, Sunday, June 26th
- Member/Guest Outing, Saturday, June 25th
- Mother/Child Outing, Sunday, July 3rd
- Red Tee Challenge, Saturday, July 30th

Daily Lunch Specials

Watch for our daily lunch specials. Each day we will feature a lunch special between 11:00 to 1:30 beginning May 16th. See the weekend flyers for more details.

General Manager

We will be actively looking to fill the position of the General Manager over the next season. We are looking for a person with licensing in chemical application and with turf management. We are looking for someone with the skills in all facets of golf course management. Interested persons can apply at the Sandy Pines office.

In the meantime, I am excited and look forward to assuming the management duties. Please feel free to stop in and discuss any ideas that you may have for the golf course.

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

Who cannot celebrate the "Goodness of God"? Just take a look around. Even though the world is going through some tough times and there may be turmoil and problems in our own circles, we still can look to our God and claim "You are Good"!!

Dave here from the Sandy Pines Chapel. We are getting close to kicking off the 2022 season and I am ready. To the Chapel regulars, I look forward to seeing you again. To new Sandy Piners, I invite you to join our chapel family for regular worship along with other activities. This invite also goes out to Sandy Piners who have been part of our park for years and as of yet have not really experienced the worship and fellowship of our chapel.

"Celebrating the Goodness of God" is our chapel theme for the summer. I will be kicking off that theme as we begin our worship services in the North Shore Building on May 8 at 10:00 AM. The following Sunday we will stay in the North Shore Building for worship at 10:00 AM. On May 22 we will move outside to the Lakeside Chapel for a 10:00 AM service with Pastor Ken Van Wyk. On May 29, our worship service will be led by Todd Van Ek, the Director of Mission India and at 6:00 PM we will kick off the summer concert series with the 3 Heath Brothers. This group was with us last summer and by popular demand, we invited them back. They are young with great energy; they have amazing harmony; and they love the Lord. Don't miss them!



3 Heath Brothers

Chapel brochures will be coming out soon with the printed entire schedule. You can also check out our schedule online at sandypineschapel.com

Blessings to you all and see you soon!

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