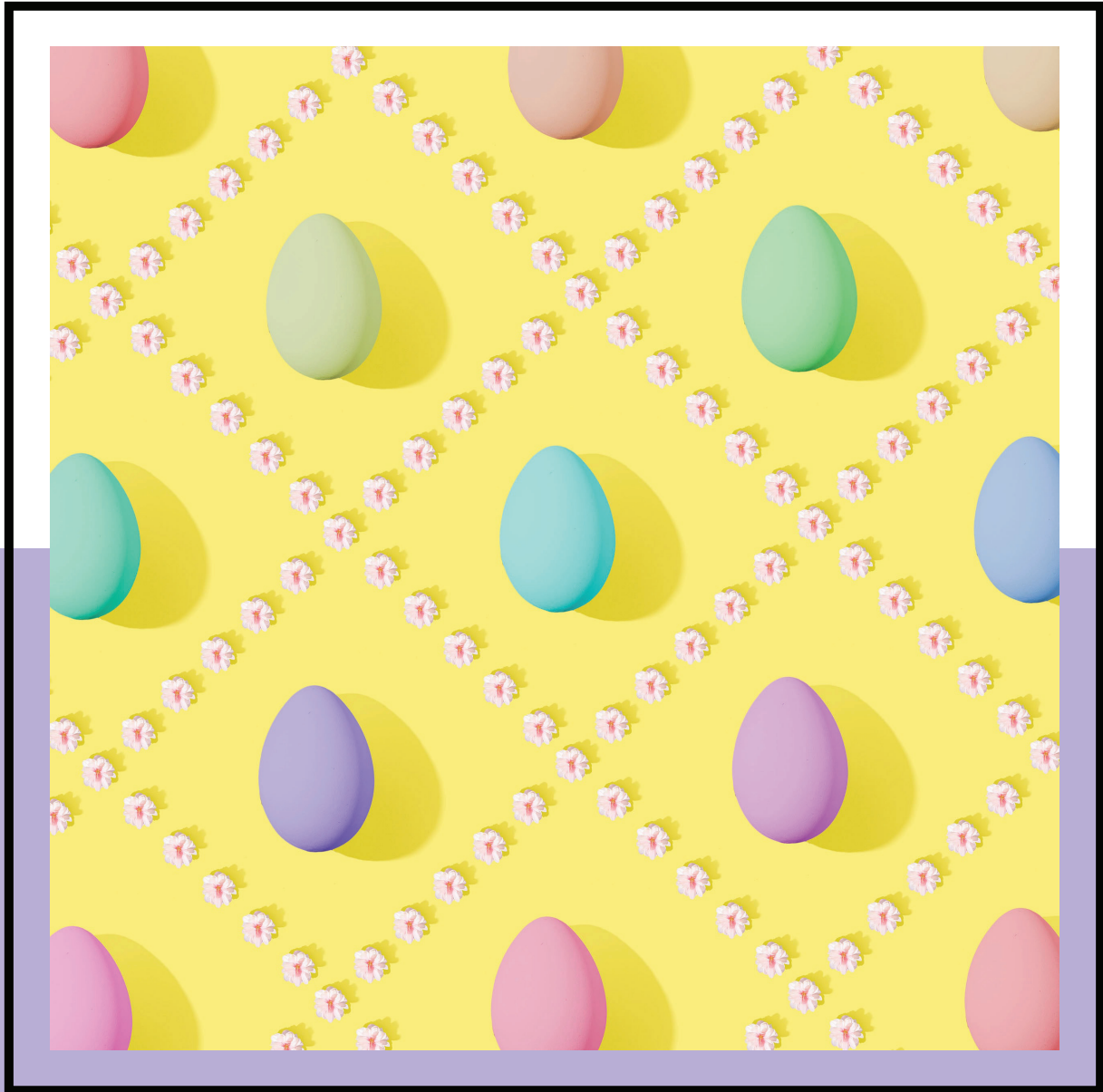


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 Golf Course

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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](mailto:Jeff@SandyPines.com)

Well, it is April once again. I can't believe it is here already. It is always a special time of year for my family. I hope it is for yours too. It is time to celebrate a new beginning.

*"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"*  
1 Peter 1:3.

*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

I am speaking of Easter! What a wonderful time of year to reflect and count our blessings. Please take time to celebrate this month our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Oh, we also have another Sandy Pines season kicking off this month as well! This is another blessing that has been provided to us. Please see below for exciting updates and news for this month.

## RETAIL CENTER

Sticking with the new start theme, our Maintenance Team is hard at work getting our retail center area ready for a busy 2023. We are truly blessed with many talented staff members. They have been focusing their talents on remodeling our store and restaurant.

Due to the condition the previous tenant left the store and restaurant, we have a lot of work to do to get them ready for your return. Both the store and restaurant will be run by Sandy Pines. We did review many plans from various members and non-members interested in both locations. Unfortunately, due to the condition of both areas, the park is not able to find a tenant. The park is being proactive with our partners at Allegan County Health Department to get both locations ready. The store will open this spring. The team is excited and having fun planning the store launch. It looks amazing and will focus on fun stuff such as candy, snacks, games, Sandy Pines merchandise and much more. The restaurant will take longer to open. We continue to review our plans and timing with the health department. Stay tuned for more information on the restaurant.

Also, at the retail center you will see that we have installed a new gas tank and pumps. Our old tank exceeded its useful life, was no longer covered under our 2023 insurance, and needed to be replaced. Final installation will be some time this month. Once fully installed and operational, members will now be able to purchase gas inside the park. Operations are targeted to start as soon as we have approval from the state and county.

Lastly for the retail center, you will also see a new addition. We are pleased to introduce the Therapeutic Center. Beth is a member of Sandy Pines and provided her services over the last couple of years by the flea market and softball field. She is now a new tenant. Please see more regarding Beth and her services. Her bio and information are later in this edition.

## PHASE 2 POOL

We are pleased to officially communicate Sandy Pines has selected FCC Construction, Inc. for our Phase 2 Pool Project. As you may be aware we have a long-standing relationship with FCC for many of our projects here at Sandy Pines, Phase 3 Storm Shelters and North Shore FEMA Building. We thank both Lakewood Construction and FCC Construction for their excellent proposals. Our Pool Committee reviewed both proposals with FCC's meeting our budgeted cost and timing. This decision was a tough one to make as both are excellent companies. Moving forward we will establish regular project touch points with FCC to ensure cost and timing continue to be met. Representatives from our Board of Directors, Pool Committee and Sandy Pines Operations will attend these reviews. We will hold an official kick off onsite with FCC this month. We are excited to bring this new and needed amenity to our members.

## SWIMMING ATTIRE RESOLUTION

Staying with the pool topic, members will see a posted resolution later in the pages of this month's Footprints. It will request an update to our swimming attire rules for the upcoming 2023 season. Keeping true to our process, communicated to our Members, we are posting this resolution a month in advance for your review and input prior to voting during

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# VACATIONLAND SALES

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## HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 9 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY: 9 AM - 12 PM



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our first Board of Directors meeting in May. This resolution will also be posted on our website. May is the month our pools start to become staffed and opened. We would like to implement any potential changes at the beginning of our pool season which helps for staff training and preparedness. We do not have a board meeting scheduled for this month.

**SPECTUM CHARTER Wi Fi AND TV**

Construction was completed last month. Spectrum continues to work hard to connect new fiber to nodes, coaxial and public Wi-Fi common areas. As stated in previous communications, **starting April 15th**, members can call to set up your individual accounts to get equipment shipped or schedule a professional install. **If members are calling and setting up accounts prior to April 15th, you are NOT setting up a Sandy Pines account. You are setting up an individual residential account. You will be responsible for all charges. This will affect your Sandy Pines account.** Stay tuned this month for additional communications regarding pick up of your equipment once received. We have received many member requests to help with distributing equipment as well as potentially helping connect your equipment. We will provide more information later this month.

**2023 STICKERS**

2023 Renewal stickers are ready! We will once again be placing your stickers into envelopes identified by MEMBER name and site. Members will be able to pick up and provide an acknowledging signature at pick up. Only members will be able to pick up your stickers. Members will need to show their Sandy Pines member card to confirm your site.

As stated in last month's Footprints, Associates will not be permitted to pick up stickers. We will staff a couple of Saturday dates prior to the return to regular May Saturday hours to support member sticker pickup. Members may always pick up their stickers during regular office hours Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm at Member Service.

Pick Up dates will be as follows:

- April 15 Saturday 8am – 12pm Opening Day of the park
- April 29 Saturday 8am – 12pm
- May 13 Saturday 8am – 12pm Start of Regular Member Service Hours

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**HAPPY EASTER**

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Staff and my family, I would like to wish all our members a very blessed and happy Easter! All things are possible through HIM!

Luke 24:6-7: "He is not here; he has risen!"

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

God Bless

**THERAPEUTIC CENTER**

Hello Sandy Pines Family and Friends. In the old Library space located in the retail center, we are opening up a Therapeutic Center.

In 2 of our rooms, we will have an acupuncturist. Ashlee, who is a member at Sandy Pines, is a Nationally Board-Certified Acupuncturist since 2015. She lives in Kalamazoo, MI and has a practice at the Ascension Borgess Health & Fitness Center. She treats the Sisters of Joseph weekly. Ashlee's Career in Health care began in 2005. She became a nuclear Medicine Technologist which she still practices at Ascension Borgess Hospital and Three Rivers Hospital. Her desire is to help people heal naturally by stimulating the body's healing response and assisting in the integration of eastern and western medicine.

A little about me! My name is Beth, and I will be running the center. I am a Licensed Massage therapist with training in Medical Massage. I started when I was younger helping my sister who had scoliosis. By working out the knots in her muscles it helped with her Chiropractor visits reducing the times she needed to go. I continued helping people through my college years until I had to put it on hold because of becoming a new mother. So later I finally went back and took current courses and became a LMT (Licensed Massage Therapist). I have been working here at Sandy Pines the last 2 years in my Mobile Studio that we would bring in on weekends and back home to Zeeland, MI where I have a full clientele during the week.

We do have room for one more modality to come in and work. If you have something that you would like to offer Sandy Pines members and family, May through September, please let me know. 616-422-7909 text is best.

We are there most Saturday's getting ready. We put up walls to make 4 rooms. We will have a waiting area and sometimes even someone manning the desk on weekends. Schedule is still to be determined. We are looking forward to helping our Sandy Pines family.

Starting April 29, you can start booking your appointments through [www.massagebook.com/biz/bblessed316sandypines](http://www.massagebook.com/biz/bblessed316sandypines)

We will have an open house on May 6th during the Flea Market. Stop in and enter our drawing for a Free Massage. See you in May!

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**RESOLUTION NO. 051923**  
**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**, Rules Section XIV. Lake, Pool, Beach and Designated Swimming Area Regulations, Sub Section B. Pool Regulations current states:

3. Only persons wearing proper swimming attire will be permitted in the pool.

AND

Sub Section C. Beach Regulations does not currently address swimming attire.

**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.

**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 Rules Section XIV. Lake, Pool, Beach and Designated Swimming Area Regulations, Sub Sections B. Pool Regulations & C. Beach Regulations (currently located on Page 35 of the Sandy Pines Rules, Regulations and Bylaws Handbook):

**Rules Section XIV. Lake, Pool, Beach and Designated Swimming Area Regulations:**

**Sub Section B. Pool Regulations**

3. Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to deny use of any park pool and/or splash pad for inappropriate swimwear that could distract from the experience of other Members and/or Guests. If you are unsure if your swimwear meets our guidelines, please check with park staff and/or management.

**Sub Section C. Beach Regulations**

7. Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to deny use of any beach area for inappropriate swimwear that could distract from the experience of other Members and/or Guests. If you are unsure if your swimwear meets our guidelines, please check with park staff and/or management.

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

Board Member \_\_\_\_\_ motioned, seconded by Board Member \_\_\_\_\_, to approve the above Resolution, which will take effect May 27, 2023.

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# MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY NICOLE KLINGE & NICHOLE MILBOCKER [MemberService@SandyPines.com](mailto:MemberService@SandyPines.com)

## Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday & Sunday Closed (Saturday hours begin May 13)

## Contact Information

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## Important Dates

- 4/1 Annual Renewals, Quarterly Electric & State Tax Billed (Due in full 4/25)
- 4/15 Gates Open & Water is Turned on for the Season (weather permitting)
- 6/1 Boat Registration Deadline
- 6/10 Site Clean-Up Deadline
- 7/1 Quarterly Electric & State Tax Billed (Due 7/25)
- 8/19 Annual Meeting & Election
- 10/1 Annual Dues, Final Adjusted Electric, & State Tax Billed (Due 10/25)
- 10/15 Water is Turned Off for the Season (weather permitting)

## WELCOME MEMBERS!

Welcome back! We hope you brought the sunshine with you! Rain, sleet, snow, ice, melt, repeat – that's how we spent January – March. We kept busy cleaning up 2022 records and gearing up for 2023.

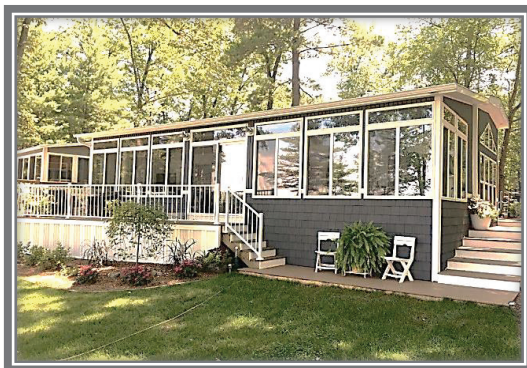


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## STATEMENTS & STICKERS

The total amount from your renewal summary will appear on your April statement along with your quarterly unit tax and quarterly electric. Payment in full is due April 25th. The deadline for updating your renewal information was February 28. Member cards cannot be canceled for credit after the February 28th deadline. Purchasing new Member cards is not related to renewals; new cards or replacement cards require a photo and can be purchased in person at the Main Gate. For questions regarding Member cards, please contact the Public Safety Office directly at 616-896-9006. Stickers will be available for pick-up again this year. We will have two Saturday mornings available prior to our opening Saturdays for the season.

## BULLPEN SPACES & FLEA MARKETS

Do not forget to reserve your bullpen and flea market spaces for this upcoming season. This can all be done on the Sandy Pines website. If you need some additional help or information you can reach out to Member Service.

Flea market spaces must be paid at the time of booking they can no longer be charged to your member site at this time. Each space is \$45. Please refer to the website for any additional rules and regulations. Spaces can only be reserved by the member. Refunds are not available for cancellations.

Bullpen paperwork can be found on the Sandy Pines website. The paperwork to reserve your spot can be sent into Member Service where we will get you a bullpen storage number and a pin number for your in and out access. A friendly reminder the bullpen will start the date that we receive the reservation information. Unfortunately, we do not reserve these ahead of time.

## STICKER PICK-UP

On April 15 and April 29 we will have a pick up for all your stickers available at the administration office from 8-12. You must have either your Member I.D. or your drivers license. You must also be the primary or secondary member in order to pick up your stickers. Associates will **NOT** be allowed to pick them up. There will be a certain way you will enter through the building so please look at the doors when heading this way. Then, starting May 13, 2023, we will be open every Saturday 8 am – 12 pm.

## SPECTRUM CHARTER

**Starting April 15, 2023, members can call to set up their individual accounts.** Members cannot call earlier than April 15, 2023. If members do call earlier than April 15, 2023, Spectrum Charter will not recognize Sandy Pines as an account as the service has not been completed and turned on.

Members will have from April 15, 2023, through June 5, 2023, to get new accounts established with Spectrum Charter, order

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## Member Service News / Continued From Page 6

professional installation or equipment for self-installation and connect your new service. Please plan accordingly. We have confirmed with Spectrum Charter that the current service utilizing your old modems will continue until members receive their new equipment for installation. This overlapping service will end on June 5, 2023.

We are working to develop a team of members to help with checking in old returned equipment and checking out new

equipment for self-installation. We will need some extra hands with help receiving, checking in and checking out equipment. Please reach out to Member Service at [MemberService@SandyPines.com](mailto:MemberService@SandyPines.com) to inquire about how you can help.

We are looking forward to getting this season underway. See you all soon 😊

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL [BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com](mailto:BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com)

So the question of the day is, how do you describe Sandy Pines to someone that's never been there? Pretty tough to do in 25 words or less. And everyone's description is probably a little different. In the eyes of Big Brother, we're a campground. This results in tremendous dollar savings for the members albeit with some restrictions (days in the park, size of our units, etc.). But being called a campground perhaps isn't the best overall definition.

True campsites make up a very small percentage of our 2000+ personal locations throughout the park. However, to those who love their trailers and associated flexibility, the word campground kind of says it all. The majority of the members, though, enjoy the luxury of their own personal space with a wide variety of living units. They might describe SP to others as a tiny home community. Maybe resort community is a

better identifier, certainly checks all those boxes. How about calling yours your lake house? Might be a good fit for some. Of course, saying "We're off to the trailer this weekend!" is an accurate description. But calling us a trailer park doesn't really ooze with pizzazz, does it?

No matter your choice of descriptors, we all enjoy the feeling of seeing that entrance gate rise, allowing us the opportunity to partake in all the splendor that SP has to offer. Call it what you like, it's a little slice of heaven on Earth with no peer. We should all feel blessed to be able to enjoy life here if only for a sliver of time each summer. That time is fast approaching so get ready to visit your (fill in the blank) and we'll see you soon! Contact us any time if you'd like at [BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com](mailto:BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com).

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## FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS [Kim@SandyPines.com](mailto:Kim@SandyPines.com)

We are so excited to welcome all members, campers and guests to the 2023 season. 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. The April 2023 statements specifically will be printed and mailed on Monday, April 3, 2023.

The Sandy Pines Board of Directors and Administration have met in the last month to start the review of the preliminary budget for the 2024 season, both operationally and in regards to the park's capital needs. Administration is coordinating with the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors will review and adjust accordingly on a monthly basis during the season. The focus of the review is to ensure the financial stability of Sandy Pines not just in the upcoming season, but also for generations ahead.

Sandy Pines Board of Directors and Finance Committee members will meet in the month of May 2023 to review and approve the December 2022 and January through April 2023 Financial Statements. You may find the approved financial statements on the webpage at <https://sandypines.com/finance/>.

[com/finance/](https://sandypines.com/finance/). The May 2023 BOD and Financial Committee meetings will also include the first review of the Preliminary Budget for the 2023-2024 season.

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, 2023. Your April 1 billing statement will include the billing of your renewal charges, specific to your individual site for the 2023 season (Prox card renewals, boat and golf cart stickers, and pump-out plan requests), as well as your quarterly electric assessment and state unit tax. Each member's renewal information was uploaded and made available in the Dynamics member portal for your review and approval by February 28th, 2023. Payment of these March renewal charges will be billed on your April Member Statement and due on April 25th, 2023. Administration will be providing dates available for the pick-up of member stickers.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time regarding your member statement or account, we are happy to assist. We are looking forward to welcoming the Sandy Pines Community and family back for a wonderful season.

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# COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL [ian@SandyPines.com](mailto:ian@SandyPines.com)

OPEN THE GATES! It is time for the 2023 Sandy Pines season!

## SANDY PINES EVENT CALENDAR

We have a ton of exciting things planned for you this summer, so be sure to keep an eye on our Sandy Pines Calendar for the most up to date information on events in the park. Our calendar is regularly being updated to showcase only the most accurate information. [www.SandyPines.com/Calendar](http://www.SandyPines.com/Calendar)

## COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Like years past, Weekend Flyers will return on Memorial Day weekend. Keep an eye out for the print and digital versions coming soon!

On The Scene, our weekly video blog will be back for a second season! The goal for this piece of communication

is to give you a quick 2–3 minute video rundown of what is going down at Sandy Pines. Generally, we discuss the most popular events of the upcoming weekend and give minor updates on future events. On The Scene will be released every Thursday on our YouTube page!

If you are not already, please follow us on our social media channels listed on the next page! If you are reading this via the digital magazine you can click on the buttons below and it will take you directly to the specified social media page! If you are reading the print version please head to the specified social media page and search for the name to the right of the @ sign. Our social media channels are great for quick updates.

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# RECREATION NEWS

BY ABBY GREENFIELD [Recreation@SandyPines.com](mailto:Recreation@SandyPines.com)

## NOW HIRING

We are looking to staff for the upcoming summer. Starting age for hiring is 15 years old. We highly encourage anyone 16 and older to complete their lifeguard certifications (certify through American Red Cross). Anyone older than 17 years old would be highly encouraged to receive rope course training (provided through Sandy Pines).

We really need all the certified lifeguards we can get. So please encourage those old enough to obtain their certification. If you have any questions regarding the jobs available or certification requirements, please reach out to [Abby@SandyPines.com](mailto:Abby@SandyPines.com).

## CHARGING TO SITE

We are cracking down on who can charge to site. In the past few years, children and adult associate members have been purchasing items from the Happy Shack and other recreation-related events, while charging to the member account.

- **What does that mean?** Sandy Pines requires members to be the only ones to charge to site. Associate,

grandchildren and guests CANNOT charge to site. Members are required to show their card, to bill their site.

- **How does this pertain to Recreation?** This primarily pertains to the Happy Shack. We allow members to charge their Happy Shack bills to site. From now on, in order to charge to site, you must show your Member Card. Associates – whether they are adults or children – cannot charge to site on the Member's behalf.
- **What are my other options?** We still take cash and most credit cards. We also have gift cards that are reloadable and strictly for the Happy Shack. If you want to grant your child or adult associates money to spend at the Happy Shack, we recommend purchasing gift cards. Gift cards can be loaded by cash, credit, or charged to site (members only).

I understand this may be a large change for several of our members, but it is a Sandy Pines policy. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this transitional time.

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# NOW HIRING

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[SANDYPINES.COM/CAREERS](http://SANDYPINES.COM/CAREERS)



# SALES NEWS

BY KENT LIVINGSTON [Kent@SandyPines.com](mailto:Kent@SandyPines.com)

We are now approaching the busy season for our sales department and our team has been taking in several listings. Visit our website for the most up to date listings. If you utilize Facebook, please join the official Sandy Pines page, Sandy Pines Recreational Community, to see each time a new listing is posted on the website.

Our mission is providing a happy and safe environment where families and friends create a lifetime of memories. Take advantage of our referral program to help us fulfill our mission. If your family and friends purchase through the sales department and you referred them, then you are eligible for a \$200 referral fee. Please make sure they tell a sales staff member to get your referral. This offer is only available at closing and does not apply if they purchase a for sale by owner model.

### TESTIMONY FROM A NEW MEMBER

"After renting in Sandy Pines for several years, and always keeping an eye on the site listings, my wife and I were thrilled when a great opportunity came about for us to purchase a place of our own. I made a phone call to Kent in the Sandy Pines Sales office who spent over an hour on the phone with me talking about the site I was interested in, the entirety of the sales process, purchasing options, recommending contacts, and providing guidance on what it would mean to be a new

member of Sandy Pines. We live about 3 hours from Sandy Pines in the suburbs of Chicago, so having Kent as a resource to answer our questions and set up meetings was extremely helpful. During our initial showing, we were blown away with how much knowledge Kent has of the entire park and the site we were viewing specifically. Once we confirmed we wanted to purchase the site, Kent expertly brokered the sale with the seller as a neutral party. At closing, Kent was once again not only professional, but very knowledgeable and reassuring about every form and step of the process. It was great to receive the New Member Welcome Packet and get congratulated by Kent and the entire staff in the sales office. I've never made a large purchase that went so smoothly, was so efficient, and where we were treated as friends every step of the way. Even after the completion of the purchase, Kent was super helpful in pointing us in the right direction for things like the annual renewals, how to register our items with PSO, getting us new member cards, and giving us the approved contractor list. I still email Kent off and on to ask questions and he's always quick with a reply. I could not be happier with Kent and the entire purchase process - it really was a great start for us finding our new Happy Place!"

Nathan V.

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# SECURITY NEWS

BY PAUL SCHAAF [Paul@SandyPines.com](mailto:Paul@SandyPines.com)

### OFFICE HOURS

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

### CALL STATS FOR FEBRUARY 2023

Public Safety staff responded to 54 calls for service in February 2023. The types of calls and numbers are:

Animal Complaint .....	1
Assist.....	10
Disorderly .....	1
Found Property.....	2
Hazardous Condition .....	1
Illegal Dumping.....	2
Open Door .....	15
Property Damage .....	12
Suspicious Situation .....	8
Traffic Complaint .....	2

### Grace

The start of the new season is closing in. As more people start to come out and enjoy the park, I would like to remind everyone to show others grace. Grace can be defined as "courteous goodwill." Show your neighbors grace, visitors grace, and staff grace. If we all extend grace to one another, Sandy Pines will be the "Happy Place" that we all want it to be.

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**Training**

During the off-season, Public Safety staff have spent numerous hours training. Some of the training topics have been:

First Aid, CPR/AED, De-escalation, Ethics, Cultural Diversity, Anti-Bias, Understanding Autism, and Disaster Standards.

We've been working hard to make ourselves and Sandy Pines better.

**Overflow Parking**

Overflow parking is provided for members to park vehicles. Overflow parking is not intended for storage or sale of vehicles or equipment. Boats and trailers may not be stored overnight in overflow parking areas. The Park reserves the right to permit parking in areas when needed.

Please consult the Sandy Pines Handbook for the locations in each phase designated for overflow parking.

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**SAFETY NEWS**  
BY STEVE DEYARMOND [Steve@SandyPines.com](mailto:Steve@SandyPines.com)

**A Summer of Safety**

Our family, our children our grandchildren, our friends, and our spouses are who we hold dear to our hearts and want to keep safe. Safety preparation for the summer can have an impact on the prevention of injury. Life is precious and can be precarious at times.

**Smoke detectors** – Replace the batteries when you return this season. If the smoke detector is old replace the smoke detector. If you only have one smoke detector purchase several to have in several rooms.

**Carbon monoxide detector** – If you do not have a carbon monoxide detector purchase one and install it in your camping unit. Carbon monoxide is odorless and can cause death.

**Electrical** – Have a qualified electrician check things out if you have electrical breakers tripping or are getting shocked when you touch metal in your camping unit. Don't use extension cords to power your camping unit that is not rated for the voltage or electrical draw. Don't roll up used electrical cords because they may overheat and catch fire. Do not use indoor-rated extension cords outside. Do not overload extension strips. Use surge protectors on computer equipment and other sensitive electronics.

**Boating** – When boating have proper sized personal flotation devices and wear them. When paddle boating, kayaking, canoeing, or paddle boarding please wear a personal flotation device. Be aware of others in the water and have an observer

in the boat when pulling a skier or tuber. Keep at least 100 feet from swim areas and moored watercraft.

**Golf carts** – Have your golf cart serviced for safety equipment – headlights, tail lights, brakes, steering, and tires. Please do not operate a golf cart that has safety issues. Instruct persons operating your golf cart of your expectations of how the golf cart is driven within the park and who should drive the golf cart. A review of accidents in the park reveals that guests have a higher instance of accidents than members, your children, and grandchildren.

**Campfires** – Do not leave campfires unattended, do not use accelerants such as gasoline to start fires, and closely watch over small children near campfires. Maintain a campfire that is not excessive in height. Extinguish fire when retiring for the night.

Please do not burn leaves and trash waste in your campfire.

**Exits** in your camping unit – keep exit doors and windows accessible. Do not place air conditioners in lofts that are the only exit window available.

**Propane gas** – If you smell gas in your unit turn off the gas at the propane tank and have your propane company inspect for a leak. Have your furnace inspected each year and ensure that your vent pipe is not plugged.

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**Gas Grills** – give your grill space from burnable objects, don't leave your grill unattended, use the igniter for your grill and don't let the gas build up prior to lighting, and keep children away from the grill during use.

**Water heater** – ensure that your water heater is vented outside and not into an enclosed porch. If not properly operating have a technician inspect.

**Severe weather** – be vigilant in watching for severe storms and seek shelter when warnings are issued. Convey to your children instructions on what to do if out in the park, out on the golf cart or what to do and where to go for shelter.

**Beach and pools** – refrain from using electronic devices when youth are at the pools. Adult supervision is best at the beach and pools. Do not assign older children to watch over younger children.

### Emergencies Within the Park

If you need Police, Fire, or EMS dial 911.

Salem Township Fire provides Fire and Medical First Response, Wayland Emergency Medical Services provides Ambulance services, and Allegan County Sheriff's Department and The Michigan State Police in Wayland provide police services to the area.

The most common emergencies in that park are medical issues. Chest pain, difficulty breathing, Diabetic low blood glucose, Stroke or TIA's, Allergic reactions, Seizures, Traumatic injuries, fainting, and alcohol or drug overdoses are the most common. If you or a family member have an emergency call 911.

### Member's Guests

Each year members invite guests into the park. This year the online registration of guests should be in place by the start of the 2023 season. Guests can be signed in through the member Portal soon.

The peak camping season is from Memorial Day to Labor Day. This is basically the months of June July and August.

The following is the history of the number of members invited guest vehicles entered Sandy Pines for the past 6 years.

2017 – 12,658  
2018 – 11,645  
2019 – 12,109  
2020 – 7,866  
2021 – 11,563  
2022 – 9,700

In this six-year period, 65,545 vehicles entered the park or based on the Michigan state census of 2.4 persons/family (157,308 persons). Most guests stayed for one day and others longer. This resulted in 90,959 guest days. These numbers do not include guest campers.

### Membership Cards

Sandy Pines has transitioned to proximity cards. If you or your family members have not transitioned to a proximity card, please take the time to transition. The cards with the

magnetic black stripe on the back of the cards will no longer work to provide park access. To transition to the proximity card please bring your old magnetic stripe card to the Public Safety Office. To transition to a proximity card is \$10. If you do not have or have lost your magnetic stripe card the cost is \$20 for a new card.

### Waste and Yard Waste

Please utilize the leaf dump for your yard waste across the street from the main gate. Please do not add garbage to your vegetative waste. Utilize the large compactors for furniture and large items at the leaf dump. Use the compactors within the park for your normal trash can garbage. Please place items in the dumpsters.

Please do not bring items from home. The leaf dump, the compactors at the leaf dump, and the compactors within the park are for waste from within the park. Please do not abuse the use of compactors.

### Sandy Pines Severe Weather Information

#### What does it mean when I hear the outdoor warning sirens?

The Outdoor Weather Siren is tested monthly. This occurs on the fourth Friday of each month around 11:00 am. The test is activated by Allegan County Central Dispatch.

Other activations mean that a Warning has been issued and the event is life-threatening. You should seek shelter immediately.

You and your family should have a pre-determined plan as to where to go – such as the nearest Convenience center.

Remember RV units fail terribly in severe weather and high wind events.

#### How long will the warning sirens sound?

Typically, the siren will sound for 3 minutes. The siren will not sound continuously during the event. Just because the siren is not constantly sounding does not mean that the threat has ended. Additional sounding of the warning siren after the original siren activation will indicate that a threat is still present. Please stay sheltered until staff advises of an all-clear.

#### Where are these Weather Warning Sirens located?

A rotating siren is located at the Phase 1 beach just north of the Ice Cream shop and a second siren is in Phase 6 just south of the Chapel by the Marina. A third non-rotating siren is located near the phase 3 entrance.

The radius of the Rotating Sirens to alert persons outdoor is over a mile.

#### What should I do when I hear the Outdoor Warning Sirens?

You should immediately seek shelter.

#### Why Can't I hear the Outdoor Warning siren in my house?

Sirens are an outdoor warning systems designed only to

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alert persons who are outside that something dangerous is approaching. Other devices within your camping unit such as NOAA weather radio, television, radio, or phones with weather alerts should be present within your unit to alert you of approaching dangerous weather conditions. Weather sirens are intended to alert persons that are outside.

### How can I get Alerts in my Camping unit?

For indoor areas, every camping unit should have a portable NOAA Weather Radio which can wake you up when a warning is issued as you sleep. Phone Apps also have are available to alert you to weather warnings and alert you as you sleep. An example would be Wood TV's storm App for your mobile device. This can be downloaded at [www.woodtv.com](http://www.woodtv.com). Other local television channels also have electronic device applications that can be downloaded for severe weather threats.

### Rave Alerts:

Sandy Pines Subscribes to RAVE an emergency notification system. Weather Alerts are automatically generated by IPAWS (Integrated Public Alert and Warning System) through RAVE. If you have provided your cell phone number to Sandy Pines emergency alerts will be sent to your cell phone by text messages and email. As storms progress it is not uncommon to get several automatically generated notifications.

### When are Weather Sirens tested?

Allegan County tests weather sirens on the 4th Friday of each Month at 11:00 am

### Will an all-clear signal be sounded?

No, additional activations of the Weather Siren will indicate that severe weather threats continue. You and your family should remain sheltered. You may want to monitor local weather for the expiration of storm threats.

### Why are the Outdoor Warning Sirens sounded for hail and wind?

Wind can uproot trees, tip over trailers, flip boats, and project flying items into the air creating a direct risk to the life and safety of people. Hail can proceed a tornado and can vary in size from golf ball size to softball size and can injure or kill. All these items pose a direct risk to the life of people outdoors.

### How safe am I at a convenience center?

As a person seeking shelter, you must determine what the closest structure is that will provide the most protection for your family. Recreational units commonly fail in tornadic events. Although convenience centers may not be hardened and designed as a safe room, they may provide more protection than a recreational camping unit.

### How often can I expect the Outdoor Sirens to sound?

When the National Weather Service detects severe weather events which may place people at risk Allegan County is notified to activate the Siren. Allegan County Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management may also activate the Siren based on observer information. The Outdoor warning sirens will be activated based on the number of storms that occur that are threats to our community.

### Will the Outdoor Warning siren warn me for every storm?

The safest approach is to be proactive and have a NOAA Weather Radio, monitor television and radio, and use phone apps that give warnings. The Weather Siren is just a piece of the equation to give early notification. You must be proactive and responsible for the safety of you and your family. The safest approach is to use all available information to keep you and your family safe.

When you feel threatened or one of these alert devices or media indicates a threat move to your predetermined shelter.

### Who Activates the Weather Sirens?

Allegan County Central Dispatch activates the Sirens. Allegan County Emergency Management also has the Authority to Activate the Sirens. **Sandy Pines does not activate weather sirens.**

### A Warning has been issued on Television, Radio or phone alert for the Sandy Pines area but the Weather Siren is not sounding. What should I do?

You should take immediate shelter at your nearest convenience center or pre-determined shelter location. Using multiple means of information/media increases the safety of you and your family. As with anything delays and human error can occur. Please be proactive in monitoring conditions and not relying upon one source to alert you to a potential weather event. If a source indicates a threat, you should take immediate shelter.

### Should I call Public Safety to find out what the Weather Sirens are sounding for?

During emergencies, Public Safety is overwhelmed with more calls than can be handled. Most of these calls are asking what's the Siren sounding for. As a result, people with real emergencies cannot get through for help and assistance. Staff is also in the phase of determining the threat and responding appropriately. In addition, the answering of phones by staff in a weather emergency to tell people to take shelter utilizes staff resources during an emergency that could be better used. **Please, if you hear the weather siren and it is not the fourth Friday of the Month at 11:00 am (siren test day) – Seek Shelter**

### What happens during the storm to keep up to date on the storm?

You may use your devices. However, during emergencies please be aware of increased cell phone usage and a slowdown of service or disruption of service. Prepare for the event by having a handheld NOAA radio and taking the portable NOAA weather radio with you to shelter.

Staff will advise/visit people sheltering at CC's of updates if safe to do so. Staff will come to each facility and advise of an all clear. This may take some time depending on the number of staff and time of day.

### What if we have an emergency during the warning?

Call 911 and Public Safety at 616-896-9006.

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### What is the result of warning sirens and people's actions?

Every year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and/or high winds despite advance warnings. Some do not hear the warning, while others received the warning but did not take action. This information, combined with timely severe weather watches and warnings, could save your life when severe weather threatens your area. **After you have received the warning or observed threatening skies, YOU must make the decision to seek shelter before the storm arrives.** It may be the most important decision you will ever make.

### Can I bring my pet to the Shelter?

We understand that you value the life of your pet. We ask that you bring your pet to the Convenience Center in a pet crate or carrier. Being around or in crowds is not a normal activity for all pets and can add additional stress to your pet. Many pets have anxiety during storms and the sound of thunder. Other pets may be present and increase the pet's anxiety or cause an animal vs. animal confrontation. Please contain your pet in a carrier to assist in an organized shelter plan. Space may be limited. Please place the pet carrier on the floor between your legs. As a pet owner, you are responsible for food water and cleanup. Please do not bring pets to facilities unleashed. Please pre-plan and have your pet in a carrier, determine an alternate shelter for your pet or evacuate the Park prior to the storm.

If you seek shelter with your pet at the North Shore Center please use the meeting rooms on the ground floor on the west side of the building. Please leash your pets and maintain control of your pets.

### How is the capacity determined for a shelter?

As a general guideline, the capacity of a shelter is based on 5 sq ft/person and 10 sq ft for a handicapped person in a wheelchair based on FEMA P-361 guidance.

### I plan to shelter in place in my RV trailer what are some of the risks?

Staying in a recreational camping unit during severe storms is not suggested. Recreational vehicles fail poorly in high windstorm events and tornados. Camping units can be overturned, trees can crush units, and flying debris can penetrate walls and windows. Many people staying in camping units will increase search and rescue efforts and

time to find people after the event with an increase in potential injury and death. Please predetermine the best solution of shelter for your family. Discuss and communicate to all your family members your best shelter and options. Discuss with your family what to do if not at your site and where to seek shelter. Have a plan and discuss with your family if you are boating of what to do if you see a storm approaching. Your end determination should consider a structure or action that you will have elevated confidence in a shelter or action taken in which you or your family will be safe.

### Why is the Outdoor Warning Siren sounding for a weather event several miles away or in another county?

Warning sirens are intended to reduce risk by giving residents time to seek shelter. If it is determined that there is a potential threat, and our community may be at risk early activation is preferred. Storms can develop quickly and your vigilance in monitoring multiple sources of media to have time to seek shelter will greatly increase your and your family's safety.

### Where should I go to seek shelter?

Based on FEMA guidelines your predetermined shelter should be within 5 minutes of walking distance of your site. Commonly this would be the Convenience Center in your area of the park. Prior to the event, you should discuss with your family members where to seek shelter and what to do when away from the site. You should also have a predetermined meeting place after the event to account for family members after the event.

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## Sincere Sympathy

*Sympathy is extended to:*

**Kristi Merritt**, site K387, on the passing of her husband **John Merritt** on January 2, 2023.

**Beth Sharlow**, site 4234, on the passing of her mother **Barbara Gay**, on February 26, 2023.

**Sandra Burdick**, site 4279, on the passing of her sister **Mary Hough** on December 2, 2022.



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# CAMPING NEWS

BY JANELE TOMES [Janele@SandyPines.com](mailto:Janele@SandyPines.com)

Spring has sprung and we welcome you all back to Sandy Pines! Camping is now open and we would love to have your friends and family book a rental with us! We do have plenty of Monday-Friday options and limited weekends available. We offer camping in two-week blocks with a week off in between for those campers looking to stay multiple times in a season. Our popular trailers for rent have newer dishes, pots and pans, coffee mugs, cups, and a little home décor has been added. Sleeper sofas have been replaced in three of the trailers, and all the cabins have new mattresses. Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the park that we rent out, five park model trailers, and ten rustic cabins. Pets are not allowed at our cabins and trailers, 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 the card you used at the time of purchase. Reservations can be made directly from our website at [www.SandyPines.com](http://www.SandyPines.com). If you have any questions or would like me to book a reservation for you, please give me a call at 616-896-8315 ext. 103. I would love to help and look forward to hearing from you!

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# INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS [Inspector@SandyPines.com](mailto:Inspector@SandyPines.com)

Well hopefully everyone made it through winter all safe and sound. Spring is here so I just wanted to go over the park's expectations for spring cleanup.

1. Leaves picked up and disposed of properly.
2. All brush and sticks from winter are picked up and properly disposed of.
3. Mold and mildew cleaned off roofs, siding, sheds, garages, porches, and fences.
4. Broken zippers on vinyl cart shelters functioning properly.
5. Overall site cleanliness free of unsightly debris.

This is the time to really make our park shine and look its best. The deadline for site clean-up is June 10th. I will be doing site

inspections and driving the park looking and giving friendly reminders a few weeks prior. Becky from my office and a few others will also be helping me monitor spring cleanup this year, so lets make this park look amazing and something to truly be proud of.

We have lots of fun things planned this season so it will be another great year. The maintenance team have really been working hard this winter on the new retail and restaurant area so if you see one of them make sure you thank them for their hard work.

Happy April and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

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# LAKE MONTEREY GOLF NEWS

BY LARRY FINKBEINER [www.LakeMontereyGolf.com](http://www.LakeMontereyGolf.com)

Spring is here and it won't be long before the flowers will bloom and the trees will bud. We celebrate Easter and our risen Savior! We look forward to spending time with our family and friends. It's also time for us to get the golf course ready. By the time you read this month's Footprints, the clubhouse will be open, and we will be busy working on getting things organized for the season. April will be busy, and we are hoping that we will be blessed with some nice weather. Looking forward to seeing everyone.

## League and Outings

We have added a new page to our website. When you pull up our website, [www.LakeMontereyGolf.com](http://www.LakeMontereyGolf.com), near the bottom of our home page is a link that will take you to all leagues and groups that we have. Listed on this page is the contact person that is the coordinator for each with their contact information. Please feel free to contact them if you are interested in joining one of these leagues or weekly groups. You can also contact me by emailing me at [Larry@GolfLMGC.com](mailto:Larry@GolfLMGC.com).

## Memberships

We have also updated our pricing for golf memberships for 2023 on our website. Click on the pricing and specials tab, and scroll down to the membership section. We will be signing up golf memberships starting April 1st.

## Clean Up Day

We are planning to have our cleanup day on Saturday, April 8th. We will start at 9:00 a.m. with lunch provided. We plan on having hotdogs, chili, and a few sides. We are looking for a good number of volunteers to help with the clean up and serving of food. We will hold a drawing for a free golf membership for one of the lucky volunteers. In the event of uncooperative weather, we will reschedule for the following Saturday, April 15th.

## Chili Cook-Off

Our first outing for the year is going to be a Chili cookoff scheduled for Saturday, April 29th. Yes, this sounds a little

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE



# CHILI

## Cook-Off



SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH

11AM - 4 PM

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### **CHILI VENDORS**

**\$25 PER BOOTH**

- WE WILL SUPPLY 2OZ SAMPLE CUPS AND SPOONS
- ELECTRICITY IS NOT PROVIDED, SO YOU WILL NEED PROPANE OR A GENERATOR
- WE SUGGEST YOU BRING A TENT AND TABLE
- EACH ENTRY SHOULD HAVE AROUND 2 GALLONS OF CHILI
- CASH PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD
- YOU MAY SELL CHILI IN TO-GO CONTAINERS AT THE END OF THE EVENT (NOT SUPPLIED)
- EACH BOOTH WILL RECEIVE 2 LMGC LOGO COOK APRONS.

**1ST PLACE: \$200**

**2ND PLACE: \$100**

**3RD PLACE: \$50**

CONTACT LARRY TO SIGN UP  
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**\$10 PER PERSON**

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PRIZES FOR WINNING TEAMS

**1ST PLACE: \$100 PER TEAM**

**2ND PLACE: \$50 PER TEAM**

**3RD PLACE: \$30 PER TEAM**



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early, but we are hoping to bring those that are out getting their lots ready for the season to also enjoy a little leisure time. We are planning on having music, corn hole tournament, and vendors available. We could use volunteers to help setup and work that day. We are looking for participants to prepare their favorite chili recipe. Please email me at [Larry@GolfLMGC.com](mailto:Larry@GolfLMGC.com) if you are interested in either of these.



### Welcome David Ingles

We are excited to announce the position of General Manager for Lake Monterey Golf Course position has been filled and we welcome David Ingles to our management team. He, his wife Pamela, and daughter Marleigh, are from the town of Ravenna Michigan, where he was the General Manager for Moss Ridge Golf Club for the past 4 years. Prior to that he worked at the golf course for 7 years and also coached. Moss Ridge is one of West Michigan's top public golf courses and the premier indoor golf facility in the state. David has experience in all aspects of golf course management, food service, and social media. David had several successful years growing their business and profitability.

He also comes with experience working with students as an athletic director, coach, and mentor. In 2018, David was named BCAM coach of the year. As a basketball coach, he led his team to the MHSAA Final Four in 2012. In the 2017-18 season regular season record of 20-0.

David was Allegan Recreation/Aquatic Center Director for 6 years organizing recreation programs for all age groups, kindergarten through adult. He oversaw the aquatic center events and staffing.

David's eye for creativity and the development of new ideas is one of his strong suits. We welcome his passion for coaching and mentoring.

I will be working with David through the remainder of this season. Please be sure to stop by the clubhouse and meet David when you can and welcome him.

### "The 19th Hole Grill" at Lake Monterey Golf Course

We are planning on starting the lunch program April 17th with a limited menu. We hope you can stop in and grab a bite to eat.

### New Bridge

Stop by and check out the new bridge on hole #13. As the old bridge was decaying and frequently under water, this new bridge will give years of service and will be high enough to avoid being under water.

### New Products

Stop by the clubhouse and check out our new products and clothing.

### Employees

Our employees will be returning to work on April 16th. We are also looking to hire a few more workers for this year in the food service, pro shop, and as a golf course ranger. If you are interested in any of these positions, stop in and see Amanda in HR at the Sandy Pines office.

### Golf Course Rules

- Please be mindful of the following rules of the golf course:
- Absolutely no personal coolers or bringing alcohol or beer to the course.
  - Always bring your Sandy Pines member or associate card to be scanned. Cards must be scanned once for each nine you are playing.
  - Knobby tires and six-seater golf carts are not permissible on the golf course.
  - Proper golf attire is required. No tank tops allowed. Men's shirts must have sleeves. Women's tops must be golf attire.
  - Groups of 5 players or more are not allowed without prior permission.

Let's make golf fun for everyone by following these rules. We appreciate your cooperation.

We are excited and looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring and the time when we can say again, "Let's go golfing!!!"

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE

# GOLF LEAGUES

SCAN TO VIEW OUR 2023 GOLF LEAGUES



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# MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI [Maintenance@SandyPines.com](mailto:Maintenance@SandyPines.com)

Here are some tips for you as you get ready to return to your home at Sandy Pines!

Weather permitting, the water will be turned on the week of April 10th. We will have a crew in every phase and turn the water on as we are able. Every year we find unexpected repairs that need to be made as we go through this process, so please be patient with the staff as they work to get this task completed. Check and replace your rubber washer on your waterline connection. Use a bit of Teflon paste on the threads, this will help with the seal, and help when you unthread in the fall.

Maintenance has been very busy this off-season making many improvements and repairs. One of the bigger projects was updating a lot of the risers in Phase 3. We should have Phase 3 completed in one more year.

Spring is a busy time of year; we have leaves to rake, branches to pick up, trailers to clean, and weeds to pull. Please remember while you are engaged in all this business, to place your leaves and yard waste in the correct piles at the dump. Brush goes in one pile and all building materials and garbage goes into the compactor or the open-top dumpster

next to the compactor. The dumpster next to the recycling is for the blue plastic wrap off your boats **ONLY!**

Please note that when recycling containers are back, we ask that you do not place items around the compactors, please put all of your items inside them. We have had many instances where members put their items outside of the containers, while the hope that someone else may be able to use it. We understand recycling, but this is not the way to do it.

Thousands of dollars are spent each year in man hours used to clean up messes that didn't need to be there. One thing that requires a lot of time is the sorting of garbage from the leaf piles. Please, **PUT ONLY** leaves in the leaf pile, as we compost those for more inexpensive disposal.

It is a good idea for you to be proactive with necessary repairs on your site, too. Think about having a professional service your air conditioning units. All these units have filters and coils that need to be kept clean in order to run more efficiently.

Welcome back – and don't forget to help your neighbor!

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# PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY DALE YODER [ParkGarden@SandyPines.com](mailto:ParkGarden@SandyPines.com)

It's hard to believe we open in just a few days for our 2023 season! As in previous years, the Park and Garden does not open for retail business during April and the first couple weeks of May. That does not mean we are not busy working. The staff will be delivering over 300 water softeners to member's sites and stocking products on the shelves in the store.

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) please leave a voicemail and we will get back to you to make arrangements for 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 during April and early May with prior arrangements. Again call the store and leave a message and we will call you back.

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

We are also putting boats in starting Monday, April 17th. Call to schedule a time.

The online rental system is working well, and you can make your golf cart reservations online for the holidays and special

weekends. 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 car is still \$65 per day and the 6-passenger is \$80 per day. Remember we rent on a day-to-day basis no longer on the 24-hour program. Carts are available starting by May 1st. Remember Holiday weekends and garage sale dates usually fill up quickly.

Just a reminder to members who are asking for delivery of your water softener that we will try and get them installed by your requested 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 a delivery or email [ParkGarden@SandyPines.com](mailto:ParkGarden@SandyPines.com).

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

We look forward to seeing all of you soon. God bless and safe travels home.

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# CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

We are only a month away. Our Sandy Pines Chapel services begin the first Sunday of May. Everyone is invited to join us. Here is the May Schedule:

**In the North Shore Building at 10:00 AM**

May 7            Rev. Ron Sytsma - Emeritus  
May 14          Kel Kronemeyer - Emeritus

**At the Lakeside Chapel at 10:00 AM**

May 21          Dave Van Noord  
May 28          Dan Seaborn - Winning at Home

**At the Lakeside Chapel at 6:00 PM**

May 28            Phil Cross and Poet Voices

**At the Flea Market**

May 27            Pancake Breakfast serving from 8:00 AM  
                         until 11:00 AM

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# Mark your Calendar for Upcoming May Activities!

Cinco De Mayo

Saturday, May 6th



The Putt Off @ LMGC

Saturday, May 20th



Memorial Day Weekend

May 26th - May 29th



Scavenger Hunt #1 Begins

Saturday, May 26th







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