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~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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



THANK YOU, SUE FLOWERS!

BY KATHY BROTT Kathy@sandypines.com

Sue Flowers, Member Service Manager, has been offered and accepted a job offer. She will be leaving us after March 19 to begin a new journey. Sue came to us in April of 2017, and immediately saw what needed to be done...and did it.

Sue has redesigned the way Member Service functions and has done an exemplary job of it. Members can now do much of their business online, whereas before, they had to come into the office to complete their transactions.

Sue treats everyone fairly, with compassion and dignity. She listens when Members need to talk and will go the extra mile to get an answer to their questions. She has dealt with Charter and Boat

Stakes on a regular basis and continued to come back to work, day after day!! In a word...Sue is AWESOME!

It is with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Sue as our Member Service Manager. We wish her nothing but the best in her new endeavor, but we are very sorry to lose her presence on our Administrative Team. We are grateful for the friendships that have been formed.

Be blessed, Sue, and may happiness and all things good be with you as you begin your new adventure. You will be missed.

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Sue Flowers

PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

Sandy Pines, START YOUR ENGINES! April is an awesome time of the year. It is the time to praise our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ during our Easter celebration. It is also the time to celebrate the opening of our beautiful Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course! Get those golf carts dusted off, start the engines and let's get moving, while adhering to park posted speed limits of course!

2021 Park Opening

As communicated during our December 2020 and March 2021 Board of Director meetings, we are planning a regular season opening. What does this mean? Last year we opened the park in 3 steps starting with members only, moving to associates, guests and camping. Let's put last year in the past and lock it up. We are open for business. We continue to communicate with the Allegan County Health Department on our 2021 plans. This includes our 50th Anniversary celebrations and events. We will still need to maintain COVID-19 protocols where needed, but this season will be an awesome season.

The team is hard working to get everything completed and ready for your return. The maintenance team led by Ben is finishing their

projects through out the park. The park is looking fabulous, ready for fun to take place. When you start arriving, please give a shout out to Ben and the crew for a job well done.

Camping is busy filling our camping sites starting as early as this month. This is an exciting change from last year where we had to delay camping until June. The sites are cleaned, ready to go and Kathy Brott is busy at work booking reservations.

New Team Members

Our new sales team led by Liz Robins is knocking it out of the park. Kent has been a great addition

to the sales team. So much so that we are running out of inventory! Kent is making a positive impact. The reduced commissions and his customer focus attitude is showing increased sales. If you are entertaining selling, please contact Liz or Kent in our sales office. If you know of friends who are trying to sell on their own, send them our way. The new structure is paying off!

Member Service continues to be our hub in the administration building. As many of you may know, our Member Service Manager, Sue

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Flowers, left us for a new journey closer to home. We will miss Sue, wish her well, bless her on her new adventure and thank her for all she has done for Sandy Pines. We will have some new faces this year. Please grant us grace and patience as we try to service you to the best of our abilities this season.

Public Safety Office led by Keith Garvelink also has some new faces this season. The PSO will be busy as usual focusing on community policing, making our lake safer and answering medical calls. Please stop in to meet our new PSO members and welcome them to our wonderful community.

Gary has done an excellent job clearing trees and getting the course ready for great rounds of golf this year. Early feedback from members who have hit a couple rounds of 9-holes has been very positive. He has worked hard on replacing a bridge as well! We decided to try something fun and different this year.

Our seasonal teams in Park and Garden, Recreation and Lake Monterey Golf course

are starting to return as well. With all the new faces on the team, we will be working with Ian Mitchell, our new Marketing and Communications Manager, to post faces, names and departments on our website. This will allow new and old members to easily identify our team and where they are located. Also please take notice of new signage through out the park. We have new street signs being posted through out the park as well as signage in Administration and PSO. The new signs in our offices are a reminder that our staff are here to help and serve, not to be belittled.

Ongoing Projects

With all the activity, there remains much to do which is why the board has added another Board of Directors meeting this month. We have many important topics to cover and complete prior to the season getting into full swing.

Our North Shore Building will be complete with furniture this month. We are working on capacity plans to ensure we open under the proper COVID compliance. We are excited to show it to all of you!

Our new IT project will be kicked off this month with much hard work from the team during the offseason. This project will help with data and personnel efficiency. The team is excited to move into a more user-friendly system this fall. Much needs to be prepared to ensure a safe and successful transition. Stay tuned during the season as we will need members' help with their information.

The cart bridge project bids were sent with due dates on cost, timing and design input this month. This is an important project for the safety of our park. We will continue to provide informational updates to you throughout the process.

The Lake Study Committee provided excellent recommendations to preserve our number one asset, Lake Monterey, as well as making it safer. These recommendations do come with costs. As discussed during the March 2021 board meeting, we will be providing recommendations through our budgeting process to help fund these recommendations. Our team will be meeting throughout this month for departmental budget reviews to be ready to present in May our 2021/2022 annual budget.

Easter

With everything in front of us this month, it is important to remember this month is our Easter Celebration. This is the day where we as Christians have been saved through the salvation of Christ. This is the most wonderful gift that our savior has given us by his death and resurrection. We are truly blessed to have this gift, my hope for you is that you receive it generously and wholly. Our lives can get wrapped up in social media, work, material things and worries that are beyond our control. These are things that may seem extremely important; however, they are inconsequential things compared to the gift that has been given to us by Jesus Christ. Please take time to accept this gift.

God Bless. Thank you for the privilege of serving Him and this wonderful place called Sandy Pines! Welcome Back!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPER BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

As we start returning to the Park, there is endless optimism that 2021 will be one of the best ever. The 50th anniversary gala of events, dedication of the North Shore Building, and continuation of the Phase 3 bridge are just the highlights of, what promises to be, another incredible season.

There have been some personnel changes in the off-season and it's so important to make these new employees feel welcome. I am sure they were told during their interviews about the wonderful people they will meet in the Park. Let's prove it to them! Perhaps a public safety officer, a different face in the office, a different voice on the sales phone, at the ice cream shop or Happy Shack, or maybe the golf course, a friendly welcome and greeting is a great ice breaker.

Too many times, behind the scenes people are often overlooked and, worse, taken for granted. We are so fortunate to have Ben and his staff as reports and pictures continue to filter in about

new risers in some areas, and some new street signs! Now you might actually learn the name of the street on which you live, and that is in addition to all their maintenance and repair work accomplished during our off-season. Not theirs. Make sure to wave and say thanks the next time you see any of these hard-working men and women.

Recreation activities hope to rebound following a constrained 2020. A true boon for member families. We benefit greatly from having Nikki and her staff work constantly behind the scenes to create, control, and contribute. The sheer volume of this is hard to fathom, with the 50th adding even more duties. Her team deserves a huge hug (if it was not 2021). In lieu of that, perhaps a willingness to volunteer would be the next best thing.

Your board is anxious to be a positive part of this year as well. We hope to be able to return to live meetings on Friday evenings, and shall as soon

as permitted by governmental bodies. In the interim, watch the Sandy Pines channel when you return. Or, as a convenience, search for the Sandy Pines channel on YouTube and watch any meeting at your leisure. As always, your questions are welcome at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. See you soon!

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APRIL STORE

Opens: Sunday, March 28th

Closes: Sunday, April 11th

Orders will be SHIPPED to you during the first week of May or can be picked up at Park & Garden on Saturdays in May.

MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY SUE FLOWERS memberservice@sandypines.com

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Saturday & Sunday Closed
(Saturday hours begin May 15)

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Important Dates

3/15 Renewal change deadline
4/1 Annual Renewals, quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due in full 4/25)
4/15 Gates open and water is turned on for the season (weather permitting)
6/1 Boat registration deadline
6/10 Site cleanup deadline
7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 7/25)
7/1 Deadline for surrendering unused/recovered stickers for credit
10/1 Annual Dues, final adjusted electric, and state tax billed (Due 10/25)

10/15 Water is turned off for the season (weather permitting)

New Mailboxes are In

An additional 84 mailboxes have been installed in the Mail Building by the Public Safety Office at the main gate. Thank you, Maintenance Team, for tackling this project. We understand the boxes are not “in order,” but that would entail rekeying every box and many of you with long term boxes would have to move. It is a future consideration – what do you think, box holders?

For those who are not familiar with the Mail Building at Sandy Pines, please visit <https://sandypines.com/mailexpress/>. Only Members with mailboxes and appropriately programmed proximity cards can access the building and receive mail and packages while at Sandy Pines. Mailboxes are \$35 per year. There is an outgoing mailbox on the street side of the building for those who have outgoing mail; there is a second outgoing box at Member Service. Please let us know if you are interested in a mailbox.

Account Balances

All Members, especially those who utilized the payment plan, must have their account balances to zero by March 25, 2021. Renewal billing items, along with quarterly electric and quarterly unit tax will make up your April statements, which are due in full by April 25, 2021. (There is no payment plan for renewal fees.) Subsequent bills for the season are due in full by the 25th of each month. Here is the link to the payment plan information: <https://sandypines.com/annualdues/>

Renewals & Stickers

Changes to renewal billing items are due by March 15, 2021. Items billed to your account include pump out plans, card renewals, golf cart stickers, moped stickers, watercraft stickers, boat services, annual bullpens, internet, and mailboxes. Internet modems are on a 2020-2021 contract and cannot be surrendered for credit. Stickers are mailed with your April statements and once mailed, become the responsibility of the Member. If stickers are lost in the mail or lost

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HAPPY CAMPER TEXT ALERTS

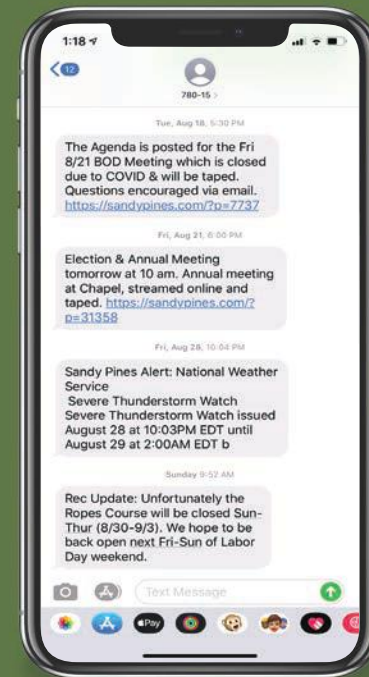
New SMS text opt-in for Members, Associate Members, Guests, and Campers

To Opt-In: Text “SANDYPINES” to 67283
To Opt-Out: Text “STOP” to 67283

Park news, event updates, weather alerts, cancellations, and closures.



More information at Sandypines.com/Sms-Text-Opt-In



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in forwarding, you will have to pay full price for their replacement. If lost stickers are found and returned by July 1, 2021, credit can be issued for the duplicate purchase. Stickers cannot be returned for credit after July 1, 2021. You can choose to have your stickers held at Sandy Pines, but you must notify us to do so by March 31, 2021. For more information, view <https://sandypines.com/?s=renewal>.

Boat Registrations

If you wish to have your watercraft stickers mailed with your April statements, or placed on hold with your other stickers, we must have your updated registration at Member Service by March 15, 2021. Otherwise, you will be able to bring your registration to Member Service and obtain your watercraft sticker. Any boat registrations not updated by June 1, 2021, will be deleted from the Member Account, including the boat stake and/or dock. Members can only keep boat stakes and docks by providing a current State issued

watercraft registration for a boat that fits within the parameters as outlined in the Sandy Pines Handbook. If you have a smart phone, you can take a picture of your updated boat registration and email it to memberservice@sandypines.com.

Flea Markets

Here is the link for the Flea Market Schedule for 2021: <https://sandypines.com/events/event/fleamarket/> We are at the mercy of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the Governor of the State who may issue or alter the guidelines for public gatherings, depending on fluctuations in the rise of COVID pandemic statistics. If scheduled Flea Markets must be cancelled due to COVID restrictions, refunds will be issued to the Members who booked spaces. Flea Markets must be reserved by Members, as Members assume responsibility for all participating market vendors. If vendors are guests, they must be signed in and have a guest pass at the regular cost of \$5.00 per day (\$7.00 Public Safety Assisted). Members should book Flea Market spaces via Member Web Access or by calling Member Service. Each 10 x 20 space is \$35.00 and must be booked in advance of the

market day. As soon as you book a Flea Market, it is billed to your account and is non-refundable. Markets are typically held rain or shine, except in the case of a thunderstorm, at which time a Rave alert will be sent to all Members letting them know the market is postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather. Vendors may bring tents or canopies if they fit within the parameters of their assigned space(s).

Bullpen Spots

The Sandy Pines Bullpen can be used for the storage of anything on wheels that doesn't safely fit on your Site. Boat trailers/boats, campers, storage trailers, extra vehicles – anything on wheels that can be easily moved can be easily stored in the Bullpen. Spaces book quickly once we are in season, so if you know you want a space, please see Member Service to complete your reservation form. For details on spaces and pricing, call Member Service or visit <https://sandypines.com/bullpenstorage/>. Unless you book an Annual space, we do not hold spaces from year to year. Your reservation/payment begins at booking.

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10 x 20 foot spaces are only \$35 each and can be reserved through your Member Web Access portal or at the Member Service Office. Reminder we are only utilizing every other space this year to accommodate social distancing.

2021 Dates

5/1/21	May Fest
5/29/21	Memorial Day Market
7/3/21	4th of July Market
8/7/21	Christmas In August Market
9/4/21	Labor Day Market

Please Note

For the safety of all patrons and our community please leave pets at home. Flea Markets are not open to the public.



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50th Anniversary Sponsorships

Our 50th Anniversary Events won't be possible without the help of sponsorships and donations.

- Headline Sponsorships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and offer amazing year-round exposure including all our signature events.
- Individual Event Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$550 and offer great exposure at the single event of your choice.
- Member affiliated and nonprofit organizations also get a 20% discount on sponsorships.
- You can also make a donation or purchase a sponsorship on behalf of yourself or your family.

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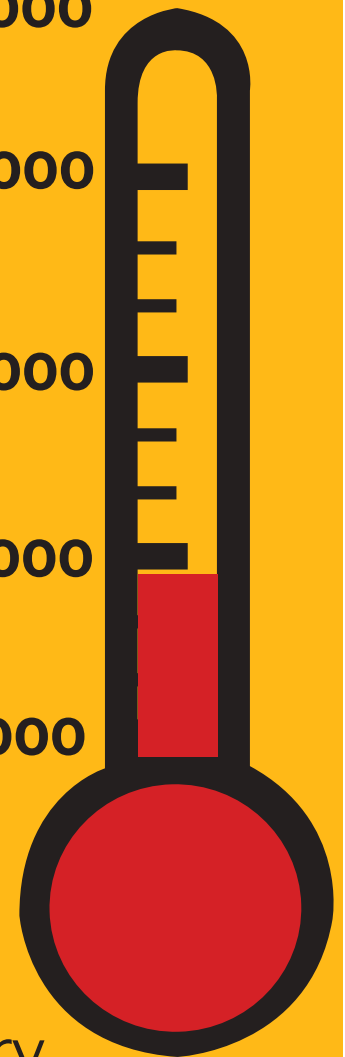
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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL ian@sandypines.com

New Faces, Same Great Place

As many of you many have already seen or heard, there are many new faces in the Sandy Pines offices this season! We are happy to welcome all these new employees who share our same goal; We are dedicated to providing a happy and safe environment where families and friends create a lifetime of memories. Please feel free to stop by the offices with any questions, comments, concerns, or if you simply want to introduce yourself! With all of these new faces we can assure you that Sandy Pines will still be the same great place you all know and love.

Spring is officially here, which means we are one step closer to the opening of the park! We look forward to seeing all of you and your families this summer.

Events Calendar

All events are scheduled on our Event Calendar at sandypines.com/calendar. You can view events in the month, list, week, and day formats.

You can also browse events by category. You can subscribe to our calendar which will link and synchronize our events with your Google, Apple, Outlook or other calendar providers. We have some special 50th Anniversary Events Planned this season!

Sponsorship Packages

- Headliner Sponsorship Packages range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and offer amazing exposure for organizations including name & logo recognition online, in print, and at events. Gold & Platinum Sponsors also get TV ads and onsite exposure opportunities at all 50th Anniversary Events.
- Individual Event Sponsorships range from \$100 to \$550 and offer similar exposure at the single event of your choice. Member affiliated and nonprofit organizations also get a 20% discount on sponsorships. These are great rates for exposure to our highly engaged and active community members.

- You can also make a donation or purchase a sponsorship on behalf of yourself or your family. We'd love to thank you publicly for your contribution, but we would be glad to keep you anonymous if you'd prefer.

Thank You Sponsors!

With the addition of a few sponsors, we are now up to \$29,350. Thank you to all of our new and existing sponsors for your support! That puts us up to 39.13% of our target number of \$75,000. For sponsorship packages and additional information, visit SandyPines.com/Partnerships. For questions, to reserve your sponsorship, or make a donation, contact communications@sandypines.com or by calling 616-896-8316 x107.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND nikki@sandypines.com

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Ready...Recreation Department is busy getting staff hired and trained for a fantastic season! I appreciate the dedication and work ethic by this team each year. Sandy Pines would not be the fun place it is without this fantastic team!

Set...We are excited for all the fun events planned for people of all ages this 50th season! Check out the calendar and stay up to date with weekend flyers to make sure you are set for all the fun. We will kick off the season Memorial Day weekend.

Celebrate...50 years of Sandy Pines. Happy Shack located near the water park is excited to be selling 50th items and clothing. Stop by this season to grab some tasty food and great appeal items to celebrate!

Have a great photo or memory to share. Email recreation@sandypines.com

Mark Your Calendar

Memorial Weekend Tournaments	5/28, 29, 31
Kick off 2021 with a Water Light Show	5/29
Memorial Service	5/31
Decorate the Decades *new event	6/4,5,6
Garage Sales 1,2,4, condos	6/12
Kids Craft Sale	6/19

Looking ahead we will kick off the 50th season with a featured event-water light show on Lake Monterey! The Memorial Day weekend will also be full of tournament action around the park. The Memorial Service will take place with a 21 Gun Salute. If you have anyone you would like to be included in the service or to purchase a memorial brick please email kathy@sandypines.com

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Are you ready to celebrate this summer?

Here are a few extra events we have planned.

May 21 - Scavenger Hunt

May 29 - Water Light Show

June 5 - Rubber Ducky Races

June 5 - Decorate for the Decades

June 5 - Phase-Wide Picnics

June 11 - Trivia Night - \$13 per person, limit of 300 sign-ups*

June 12 - Poker Run

June 19 - Foam Dance Party - 6-8 pm, all ages welcome, \$5 per person*

June 19 - Foam Dance Party - 8-10 pm, teen party 12 and older, \$5 per person*

June 25-27 - Teen Weekend with bonfire and movie night

July 10 - Coffee, Chocolate, and Baskets*

July 13 - Charter Members' Dinner

July 17 - Enhanced Family Fun Day featuring BattleGR

July 24 - Cardboard Boat Races - \$10 per team, limited to 30 teams*

July 31 - Parkwide 50th Catered Picnic - adults and kids will need tickets*

Aug 13 - Food Trucks & Tunes - Country/Western night*

Aug 14 - Food Trucks & Tunes - 80's through today*

Each Trucks & Tunes night - \$10 general admission, \$25 VIP seats

Aug 21 - Poker Run

*Activities with an * require a sign-up before. If there is a cost for the event, it will be charged to your site's account.*

CAMPING NEWS

BY KATHY BROTT

kathy@sandypines.com

Hello everyone and welcome to our Camping news. My name is Kathy, and I am the Guest Services Manager. I look forward to answering any questions you may have or assisting you in making a reservation.

Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the Park that we rent out to visitors and guests during the camping season. We also have five Park Model trailers and ten Rustic cabins that are for rent. The trailers and cabins are not pet friendly, but we welcome your furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites. We also have twelve sites that are rented out for Seasonal members. Reservations open up on October 1st for the following season. Anyone wishing to reserve a site for a holiday weekend the following year will want to get online as soon as possible, as of October 1st, to ensure that the site you want is still available. We fill up very quickly for holidays and special event weekends.

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 Office to have the discount applied. You can do that after you make your reservation, and the discounted amount will be refunded to the card you used to create your reservation.

Reservations can be made directly from our website, www.sandypines.com, but if you have questions or experience any difficulty, please don't hesitate to call me at 616.896.8315 x 103, and I will do my best to assist you.

Wishing you all a wonderful 50th Anniversary Season at Sandy Pines. Stay safe and healthy out there.

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SALES NEWS

BY LIZ ROBINS liz@sandypines.com

Hours

Monday-Friday 7:30 to 3:30 pm
Sunday Closed

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Calling all for F.S.B.O.!!! We have a problem. Too many buyers, not enough sites. If you think your site would be a good fit, please reach out to us in the sales department. Kent is selling them faster than we can list them. We had a site in phase 6 listed for two hours before it sold. Remember we have lowered the commission from 7.5 to 6%. Most of that goes back in to maintaining our lovely park.

“April showers bring May Flowers.”

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK

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Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

Call Numbers & Statistics

In February of 2021, Security Services responded to a total of 48 calls for service. This reflects a 7% decrease from February of 2020, and a 167% increase from February of 2019. Extreme weather during much of the month had an impact on call volume. The call types are shown below.

Fire Alarm: 1
Security Alarm: 6
Damage to Property: 6
General Assistance: 3
Health and Safety: 2
Medical Emergency: 2
Misc. Call for Service: 1
Open Door: 10
Misc. Rule Violation: 2
Traffic Complaint: 3
Unauthorized Dumping: 7
Illegal Entry: 4
Vehicle Complaint: 1

AED Update

Security Services recently acquired two more Zoll AED Plus Automated External Defibrillators. We have a total of three of the Zoll units in service in addition to other AED's. The Zoll units are unique in that they analyze compression rate and depth and have an EKG display.

Golf Cart License Plates

As previously mentioned, we will resume issuing golf cart license plates when the weather permits the application of the VIN stickers. We will post information when this takes place.

Prox Cards

We are transitioning to all prox cards due to outdated mag card technology. The new prices are as follows:

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT jack@parkgarden.com

Park & Garden Store

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Online: sandypines.com/ParkGarden

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 working at getting 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 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday during April and early May with prior arrangements. We will also be open on the Flea Market Saturday, May 1st; 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 do not refill tanks.

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 cars is still \$50 per day and the 6 passenger is \$70 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.

We are offering a special on the weekend rentals this year. If you pick up the cart after 4 pm (4 to 7) 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 those 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. Web site. You can also call the store to set up delivery or email parkgarden@sandypines.com.

As you begin clean up of 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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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS inspector@sandypines.com

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The time is here for fun to begin at Sandy Pines! This season we have tons of activities and events planned, because of our 50-year celebration. With the spotlight on our park this season lets really work on making it look spectacular!

Let us all take time to do those little things to make our "happy place" really shine.

We have done lots this winter out here to make things look better, many new things remodeled, built, painted, and the tree canopy trimmed over the roads. The new contractor list will be posted the first week of April, with many new contractors. I look forward to working with everyone on their projects this season and looking forward to a great season.

LAKE MONTEREY DAM NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

We drive across the Dam many times each summer without any thought regarding the age, condition, or safety of the Dam. We do not even mention or talk about it much. It is just there holding the water that provides the lake that we enjoy and recreate upon. Have you ever thought about what would constitute a lake level emergency, a potential Dam failure and at what elevation level and how that is determined or observed?

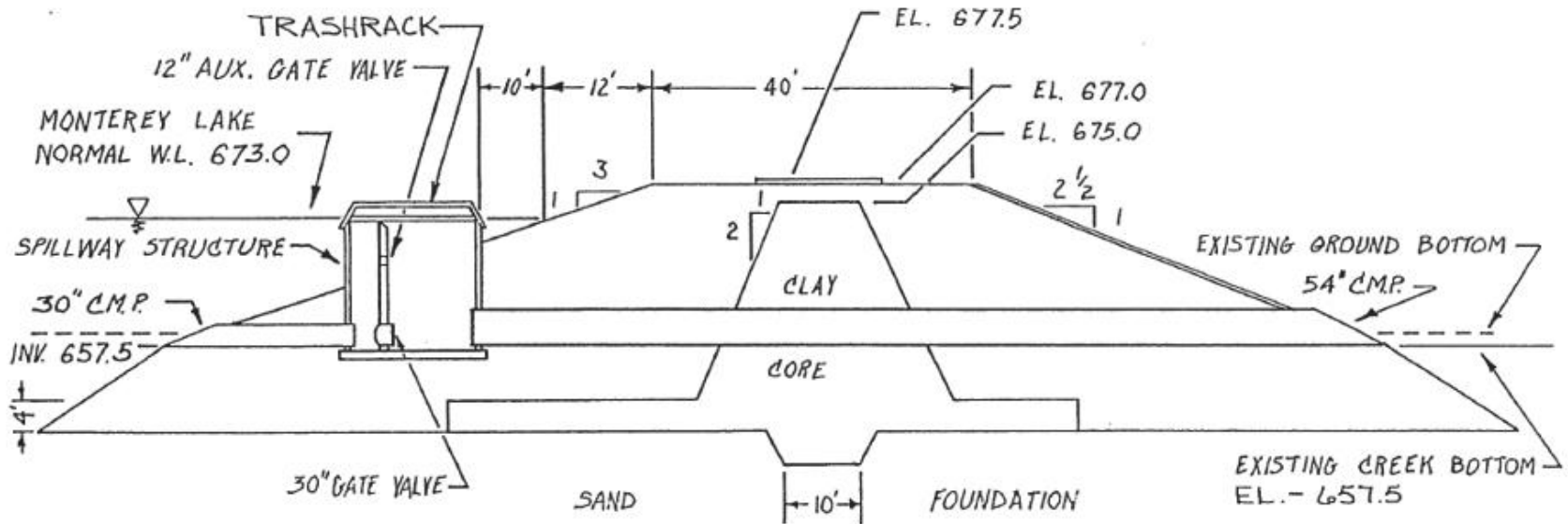
The Dam and lake are both important assets to our community and maybe one of the largest liabilities. Built in 1971-1972 our dam is 50 years old. Most Dam safety experts indicate that corrugated pipe (utilized in our Dam construction) has a life expectancy of 25 to 50 years. In the last few years, we have replaced the gate valves and every three years an inspection of the Dam occurs. Working gate valves provide the means to release water and maintain a safe lake level.

Lake Monterey Lake Dam is considered a High Hazard Dam. Determination of a High hazard Dam is not made because of the condition of the Dam but by the potential for loss of life, injury or damage that would happen if the Dam failed. We also must think of upstream loss of property values, loss of recreation, damage to watercraft, docking systems and the habitat. A good source to look at upstream damage is to google Edenville Dam pictures.

Last fall maintenance was completed on the downstream side of the Dam of cleaning brush, opening ditches, and reviewing the toe drain to

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drain water. With the age of the Dam any water flow or seepage is a concern on the downstream side of the Dam. We did have some areas that appeared to be waterflows/springs on the downstream side. All Dams have seepage. We did have an engineer observe the flow and provide opinion on the observations of flow. Fast forward to this spring and it appears that the water seepage was from runoff as the engineer suspected as those areas do not have seepage.

Dam Facts

Our Dam is an earthen Dam which is very common. The core of the Dam is Clay and approx. 600' in length. The common elevation of lake Monterey is 672' and water flows over the spillway at a lake elevation of 673'. The crest of the Dam is at an elevation of 677'. Water elevation of 675' would be a declared emergency as it would be within 2' of the crest or top of the

Dam. This is 6" above the trash rack of the spillway at the Dam. Understand that to open the gates (12" and 30") of the spillway a maintenance person must stand on top of the trash rack. The Water from Lake Monterey flows into Pigeon Creek and then into the Rabbit River. Should the Dam fail it would flood Lake Monterey Golf course then the residents along Pigeon Creek and Rabbit River residents downstream.

Engineer reports indicate that it is unlikely that the Dam will fail by flowing over the crest of the Dam (677' elevation) as water will traverse across land on the north shoreline about 1,400' from the Dam when the elevation of the lake is at 675.1'. That would place this overland overflow from the lake east of Okemos Trail near the shuffleboard courts. Regardless of what we think is unlikely nature always has it way in causing natural disasters. Many things can go wrong

with Dams. Some things are slow and gradual, and others are unexpected. Heavy downpours, extended periods of heavy rains, high water levels, saturated soils, seismic activity all have a role in potential disasters. Even burrowing animals can influence the condition of a Dam.

Sandy Pines has an emergency Action Plan for the Dam which is broken down into three commonly used emergency levels. A level 1 emergency which is issued when the failure of the Dam is imminent. Level 2 in which the Dam has potential for failure and Level 3 which is a non-failure emergency.

Priorities during potential or imminent failure of the Dam are Public Safety or Human life, protection of downstream property and protection of the Dam.

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In an emergency (Level 1 or 2) local and state officials would be contacted, downstream residents would be contacted and or evacuated, pre-selected contractors would be contacted to resolve the issue, the membership would receive a RAVE alert, the Dam would be closed to traffic, boating on the lake would cease, Allegan County Road Commission would close, and barricade roadways effected.

In 1997 a heavy rain event caused much flooding, caused roadways to be floods and some roads impassable. The overflow or spillway for Lake Monterey was like a geyser from the overflow of water. 30th Street near the Rabbit River was flooded and pavement damaged. 26th Street north of 138th Ave was flooded and pavement damaged. During heavy flood events, water over roads and damaged roadways the safest solution may be to remain at Sandy Pines until the water recedes and damaged roads are visible and passable.

If you have been at Sandy Pines for numerous years you may have noticed that the cement on the upstream side of the Dam has become cracked and sunken. What once was a sharp angle to the water's edge has become indented to the water's edge. Or you may have not noticed as this is a slow process that has occurred over the years. The upstream side of the dam is commonly the means to protect the Dam from wave erosion and ice action. The concern is always a concern of piping or flow of water through or under the dam. The concern of safety for persons fishing off the Dam with uneven surfaces is also a concern. Eventually the upstream side will need to be repaired. Whether this is a completely different approach to correct or pumping cement under the existing upstream Dam face will be determined in the future.

As a Dam owner we do have the responsibility and obligation to maintain the Dam. Many Dam failures are a result of failure to maintain claiming that the organization did not have the funds to maintain. Consideration in the future will have to involve lining or replacing the corrugated pipe under the Dam, cleaning or replacing the toe drain on the downstream side of the Dam and fixing, replacing, or correcting the upstream side of the Dam's cement face.

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LAKE COMMITTEE NEWS

BY STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA

The lake committee would like to remind members as they begin to prepare for a new season that it is important to consider the types of lawn and weed treatments used. Lake Monterey has a large watershed area meaning that even if you don't live on the lake the types of chemicals you use on your lawn can seep into our lake. Fertilizer with a phosphorus, nitrogen

and potassium level of 10-0-5 is recommended. If you do live on the lake it is important to not fertilize right up to the shoreline leaving a 5-10 foot buffer with no fertilizer, pesticide or weed killer. Other things you can do to sustain our lake and keep it healthy are not fertilizing before a storm if possible, leave vegetation at the shore to combat erosion, avoid excessive irrigation,

follow application recommendations less is more. For more tips you can go to <https://www.canr.msu.edu/resources/maintaining-waterfront-turf-to-preserve-water-quality>. We are all looking forward to warmer weather and time at our happy place!

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

Greetings to all members of Sandy Pines. My name is Dave Van Noord and I am the Coordinator of our Chapel. To our Sandy Pines Chapel family regulars, I can't wait to see you again. To Sandy Piners who have not been part of our ministry, I invite you to join our Chapel family and worship with us at the Chapel on the point. We are a non-denominational Chapel with the Bible as our guide and Jesus as our Lord.

As a resort, Sandy Pines is celebrating 50 amazing years. As a Chapel, we also celebrate 50 years. I personally am so looking forward to this summer. Yes, there are some lingering questions with respect to Covid; however, as I write this note, there is definite optimism about things really opening up. Currently we are planning a full slate of worship services and concerts at our Outdoor Chapel. Please go to www.sandypineschapel.com where you can

see who is speaking for each of our morning worship services and who will be performing at our Sunday evening concerts. Check it out and mark your calendars. Vacation Bible School for our children is being planned for the last week of July. Youth group for young people will begin in June.

There remain a few lingering questions that I will inform you on as soon as I have the answers, such as the early May worship services in the Pavilion and the Pancake Breakfasts. I will let you know as soon as concrete plans are made.

One of the real supporters of our Chapel was our former Park President, Gene Van Koevering. As you already know, on February 17, Gene went to his eternal home in glory. As our Park President for seven years, Gene led our park in an amazing way. Gene also loved the Lord

and was not afraid to share his faith. Beyond that, he loved the Chapel and supported it in whatever way he could. The family decided that

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memorial gifts in honor of Gene should be given to our Chapel. As a Chapel committee we have decided that in memory of Gene, we would like to purchase the needed equipment to stream our worship services live on our park TV, as well as on the Internet. Internet capabilities out at the

Chapel will be installed and we will purchase the necessary computer and camera. If you would like to be part of this, you can send your memorial contribution to Sandy Pines Chapel, in care of Dave Van Noord, 3794 Rain Tree Hudsonville, MI 49426. Thank you.

Again, I can't wait to see you soon. Stay tuned for more info as we get closer to our Summer 2021 season.

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

As we enter the new season of 2021, we thank you for your commitment to Sandy Pines and being timely with payments on your membership accounts. Sandy Pines sends billing statements either in the mail by paper or through email. 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 second or third business day, please contact administration for follow-up.

Sandy Pines Board of Directors and Finance Committee members met Friday afternoon, March 19, 2021 to review and approve the November, December 2020, and January and February 2021 Financial Statements. You may find the approved financial statements on the webpage at www.sandypines.com/members/finance. The Board of Directors and Finance Committee members also listened to a presentation from the independent advisor from Charles Schwab.

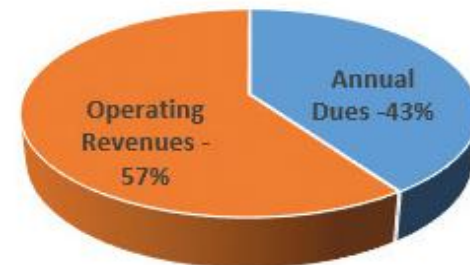
Overall, the financials of Sandy Pines through February 2021 show a solid financial position leading into the 2021 season. A few highlights: February 2021 cash shows a \$1.9M lower balance than prior year, however with the \$992k FEMA reimbursement received the middle of March and the \$700k second FEMA reimbursement to come within the next month, cash to date is \$500k higher than prior year. Total Net Income as of February 2021 is approximately \$132k lower than prior year, with \$151k sales deposit in transit, bringing Net Income to \$19k higher than prior year.

The financials for Lake Monterey Golf Course as of February 2021 has a steady cash flow up \$100k from prior year and Net Income is on target being slightly higher than prior year as a result of higher green fees and reduced expenses.

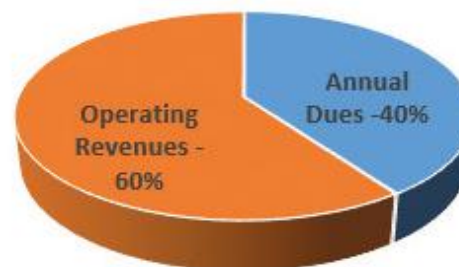
Please also see the included financial graph table for a pictorial showing the financial utilization of income from Dues/Assessments and Operations as of FYE 2020 compared to FYE 2019. Due to limitations of activities and a slower start to the FY2020 season, operational expenses were less in FY2020 than FY2019, resulting in the percentage of Annual Dues supporting operations to increase in FY2020 to 43% from 40%. This perspective shows the intent of Administration to utilize operational

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.

Park Operations Supported by Annual Dues vs. Operating Revenues (based on 9/30/2020 year end)



Park Operations Supported by Annual Dues vs. Operating Revenues (based on 9/30/2019 year end)



LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS gary@golflmgc.com

The back nine have been open for the last two weeks and as I write this the front nine opens Friday. Holes six through eight just get the Sun this time of year at such a low angle in the horizon it just doesn't hit those area of the course sun it just melts slow with the wood blocking.

So far, the comments have been great about our tree removals and pruning. As you will see the

back nine is even open more in the right places for playable and pace of play. Hole 18 we move the yellow tees back 20 yards to the tee box with the white and blue tees. This is for safety as players are hitting the club house.

We will be having a spring cleanup this year again. We will have prizing and the grand prize

will be membership. Also, we will have chili and hot dogs and coffee and donuts

Also check out the lake Monterey Golf Course website as we have all the leagues and scrambles.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI ben@sandypines.com

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 of 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, put all of your items inside of them. We have had many instances where members put their items outside of the containers, with 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 of 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!

Maintenance Hiring

Maintenance is still looking for seasonal cleaners. If you are interested please contact Ben at 616-896-8317.

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With Sincere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Anita Conn, Site K 313, on the unexpected passing of her daughter, **Natalie Conn**, on December 21st, and her husband of 68 years, **Wayne Conn**, on January 19th. Sympathy is also extended to the Conn siblings/children, **Steve (Vanetta) Conn**, **Waynette (Larry) Howery**, **Cindy (Edward) Murray**, and **Cheryl Conn**, Site K 313 (Wayne's Dark Haired Girl).

Carole Scholten, Site D-166, on the passing of her husband, **Russel**, on March 2nd. Sympathy is also extended to their daughter and her husband, **Julie & Bob Haveman**, Site K-473.

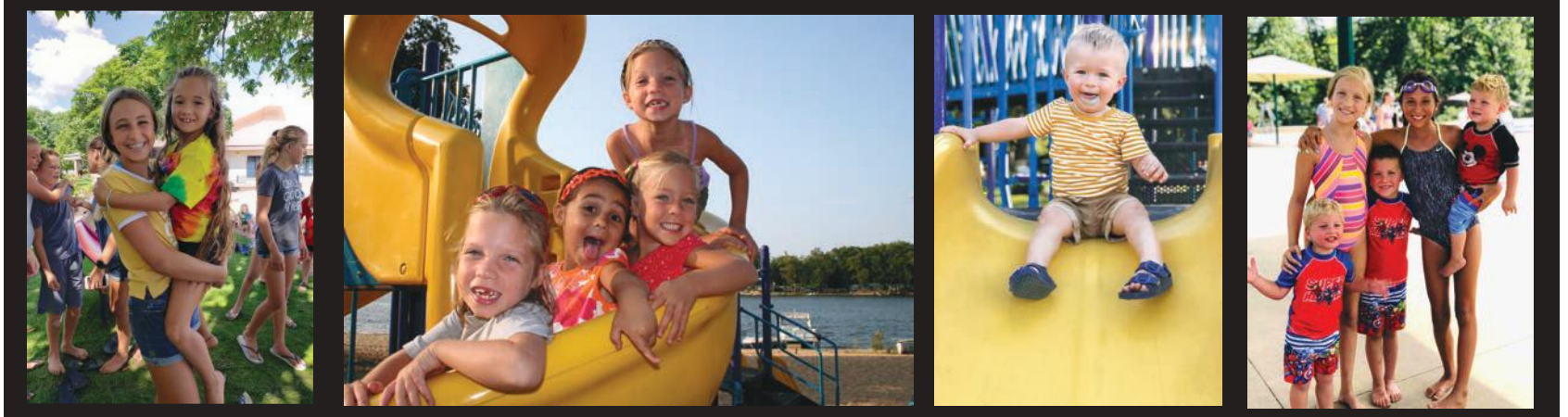
Debra Dalton, Site 468, on the passing of her husband, **Dan**, on February 2nd. Sympathy is also extended to Step-father, **Doug & Renae O'Kane**, Site 1072.





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