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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAR

August is a significant month in our Sandy Pines calendar. This is the month when members have the opportunity to vote for Board of Director members. Sandy Pines is a member owned campground. However, we can't all gather periodically to make decisions to operate the park. With thousands of members this just isn't a reasonable way to govern an organization this large. Therefore, the wisdom of those who planned and envisioned the future of our park established a "republic form of governance" made up of a Board of Directors to govern and make decisions on our behalf. These Board members are answerable to the members who elect them. Directors can only serve for three years and then must stand for re-election if they chose to run again. That's why August is such

an important month. There are nine members running for a position on the Board of Directors. Do your best to learn about the candidates and then go to the Polls on August 18 and cast your vote.

On this year's ballot are three proposals to make corrections to Sandy Pines' By-Laws. In last month's Footprints an explanation of those proposals were provided. As a matter of information here it is again:

"At our annual election in August the Board of Directors is proposing three changes to our By-Laws. The first one is to clarify the language concerning the filling of vacancies on the Board brought about by resignations. In this section

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### — 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.

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of the By-Laws it uses the word "shall fill within 30 days" but then gives four options which would allow this to go beyond the 30 days. It's important that this language be clarified.

Secondly, there is no specific language in the By-laws concerning remote participation of Board members at meetings. As you know, some Board members may spend considerable time in another state during the winter months. From time to time there are important matters that need to be dealt with during this period. Allowing remote participation would correct this situation. Furthermore, it would allow the approval of financial statements during the off season instead of waiting until spring to approve them all at once.

Thirdly, the language concerning the ability to borrow funds has lent itself to different legal counsel interpretations. This too needs to be corrected. To read the actual proposed By-Laws language and to take a look at a Sample Ballot,

look on page \_\_\_ in this issue of the Footprints." The Board requests your support in making these corrections to our By-Laws.

At our July Board of Directors' meeting, 26 new memberships were approved. The Board approved an agreement between Sandy Pines Park and Sandy Pines Chapel. There is no record that an agreement ever existed. It is good business to have a clear understanding between the two parties. The agreement is called a "Revocable License to Use Property". The term of the agreement is for 25 years that can be renewed by the parties at the end of the 25 years. The Board also appointed the Election Commission consisting of Donna Adams, chairperson, Chuck Adams and Diane Peck. We want to express our appreciation for their willingness to undertake this important task. Thank you, Donna, Chuck and Diane.

We encourage you to vote on August 18, 2018.



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are in full swing. If the weather cooperates this month we will have an awesome time enjoying

the park, taking the opportunity to be involved in the park by casting our votes for Bylaw revisions and for five new Board Director Positions.

This month's issue of the Footprints will include a sample ballot, so please take the time to read that. We will be holding another Face to Phase meeting on August 11 at the Lakeside Pavilion, at which we hope to have current Board Directors, as well as Candidates and Staff, as an opportunity for you to ask them questions and/or get their opinions. Please put this date on your calendar and come join us from 9-11 am. We will provide coffee, water, cookies and a chance to enter a drawing for ice cream certificates.

On August 18 we will be holding the Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual meetings at the Chapel. Meetings will begin at 10 am, so please attempt to attend to get a report of the 2017/18 year. Members are also provided the opportunity to ask staff and Directors questions, so hopefully we will see you there on the 18th.

Thanks to all of you who have provided our staff with positive comments about the properties, the landscaping and the improvements that occurred since 2017. As a staff, we are committed to the continuation of making the Members of this Park proud to be a part of Sandy Pines, Lake Monterey Golf Course and Sandy Pines Condo Development. Thank you for recognizing the improvements and thank you for being part of them by way of your volunteerism

See **PRESIDENT**, page 4...



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**PRESIDENT, continued**

The month of August includes our Christmas in August celebration, so we look forward to the decorations and Good Will that the festivities of that week bring. We encourage you to get involved in your neighborhood and make the Season Cheery!!

This year, Sandy Pines celebrates 47 years (if my count is correct), and it's hard to imagine that in three short years the park will be 50 years old. It has been my privilege to speak to Charter Members, and read from their accounts of where Sandy Pines began, and then compare it to where it is today. What a tremendous blessing, as well as a great asset to many, many families this place has been, and is.

Some of us disagree on some of the rules or Bylaws, or on Administrative or Board decisions, but as we continue to enjoy this place during its 47th season, I would challenge each of us to focus on what we do agree on...Sandy Pines is

an awesome place to be! Be sure to cast your votes as one way of keeping it that way.

As of this writing, our Staff is finalizing the data for the final draft of a 2018/19 Operating and Capital Budget for Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. As we look ahead to estimate our expectations and needs, we also look back by giving our attention on the current budgets.

This is done by way of presenting the monthly financials to the Finance Committee and the Board. We are pleased that 2018 is another year that we are experiencing financial stability and we are grateful for the day to day management of departmental budgets, by our Managerial Staff as well as the oversight and review of the committee and the Board of Directors. Thank you to all.

Part of the budget we are preparing that cannot yet be completed at this point are the expected renewal costs of our terminating contracts for

Cable and Internet with Charter Spectrum. As of this writing, we are planning to meet with their Representatives on July 17 to meet the new staff from Spectrum to acquaint them with Sandy Pines due to the fact that they are from out of state and have never heard or been to Sandy Pines.

By way of negotiations, it's our intent and expectation to improve our service as well as the product offerings. Be assured that we will be doing our best to negotiate a cost that provides an acceptable budget, while offering quality, value and stability for the membership. These are crucial negotiations which will yield results that will affect all Members, so please pray that we come to agreement that results in a positive solution.

Finally, on behalf of all of our staff here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey...We thank God, as well as each of you, for allowing us the privilege of serving Him and you here! Like you, we love this place and commit our best to its operation for today and for the generations yet to come.



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# MARKETING NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

It has been a busy summer and we've been working diligently to keep our new website updated with all the latest park news and information. We've added a new page to our website which is a one stop shop for event updates and cancellations [sandypines.com/EventUpdates](http://sandypines.com/EventUpdates). We've had a lot of weather related event cancellations this year and this will help us convey timely information and you'll be able to see all updates in one location. On the new page you'll see contact information for our Recreation Department, Member Service and Public Safety office in case you have any event or weather related questions. Before calling, please check the Event Calendar at [sandypines.com/Calendar](http://sandypines.com/Calendar) to see who's organizing the event so that you call the appropriate department for updates.

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I would like to thank Kaitlyn Moore for a job well done and congratulate her on completing her Marketing Internship. She helped immensely keeping us up to date with events and getting information added to our website. She redesigned many of our event flyers that you see out at the bulletin boards throughout the park and she just finished creating our Footprints archive online at [sandypines.com/Footprints](http://sandypines.com/Footprints). Now you can browse through every Footprints edition since the beginning of the park going back to March 1972. When you land on the Footprints Main Page, you simply select a decade, a year, a month and you're off and reading! One thing to note, although

our most recent Footprints are saved as PDF files, the archives were saved as JPEG files. What does this mean for you? The browsing experience will be different between the two but you'll still have access to all our Footprints Newsletters. Thank you, Kaitlyn, for all your hard work and good luck on your Marketing Career! Kaitlyn also works at the Public Safety office so you will see her when you visit the Main Gate Office.

I would also like to thank Austin VanderWeg, from the Recreation Staff, for helping us videotape Board, Face to Phase and other park meetings this summer. As we progress into the future our goal is to videotape and post more meetings and events online to keep members informed and share information with those not able to physically attend. Thank you to our Recreation Director, Nikki Hoogewind, for letting us tap into Austin's technical talents.

One last note to mention on the technology front, members have noticed slower up and download speeds when working off our Sandy Pines Guest WiFi hot spots at park facilities. If you have a modem in your trailer you'll typically experience 60-65 Mbps up and download speeds. When working off of park Wi Fi you'll typically experience 2 Mbps. The reason for this is all routers have a limit to how much data can flow through them at any given time. The lower the data transfer rate, the more people will be able to use the WiFi at any given time. 2 Mbps is sufficient for most web browsing, apps, etc. but it may cause slow performance when trying to play video or download big files.

That is all for now! I love getting feedback, ideas and updates, so if you think of something you'd like to share, please email me at [josh@sandypines.com](mailto:josh@sandypines.com).



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## ELECTRIC GATES ORDERED FOR ALL ENTRANCES

New Membership Cards Being Prepared

Our twenty-four-hour security service has been outstandingly successful during the winter months; only a few difficulties have been encountered, and no member's property has been disturbed to our knowledge. But we have been preparing for a possible increase in vandalism this summer. Sandy Pines' first electric gate will be installed by June — the first of five coming from Automatic Parking

Devices Company of Farmington. Before that time, each member will be issued a new plastic card which will automatically activate the gate. Although we plan to issue only one card to each member, a guard will be stationed at the gate between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. every day to receive your guests. We believe the resulting improvement in security will more than make up for any minor inconvenience.

## MAINTENANCE UPDATES

BY BEN FIFELSKI

The hot weather this season has had an effect on the electric here at Sandy Pines and in other areas, as well. We have been in contact with Consumer's Energy. They have installed new regulators to help provide you with adequate power.

If you call Consumer's Energy about a major power outage, please give them this address when they ask: 3681 – 28th Street, Dorr, MI 49323. You need to tell dispatch to have the Consumer's Energy crew report directly to the Public Safety Office for further instructions. This will help with the Consumer's Energy response time, and hopefully eliminate any confusion. This is only for major outages. Please contact the Maintenance Department during business hours and the Public Safety Office after business hours.

REMINDER: Please do not place items around the outside of the compactors in the park. This is unsightly and causes more work for the Maintenance Team to keep our park clean.

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help keep our beautiful park clean. You are appreciated and the park looks great when everyone helps out.

God Bless...

## LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE UPDATE

BY GARY PETERS

With the loss of the well for about four weeks back in May and June, the fairways and tees thinned out from lack of moisture, which also weakens the health of the plant. That, followed by 15 days of ninety degree weather with no rain, the turf was extremely stressed. Consequently, the normal thickening or recovery of the turf did not happen. We also got Pythium, which is a disease of many plants. We treated our greens for all disease, however, our tees on the front nine got hit with Pythium pretty good overnight. People have asked if the stress of the tees is due to the different turf type. The answer would be, not really, both the greens and tees have both bent and poa annua turf type. The only big difference is more poa on the tees than the greens.

The staff aerated the front nine tees with quarter inch holes to make a better seed bed for the seed we put down. That was done on July 17, the first non-ninety degree day and going forward in the immediate forecast. The long range forecast is for cooler temps, so now is the time to get more aggressive with over seeding and bring the turf back.

Back in the spring we put down crabgrass and grub control which both need to be watered in. With the well down we had to rely on Mother Nature which happened to be four days later, so we do have crabgrass that has broken through the chemical and we will have to wait to see this fall with grubs.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Karaoke** - starts at 7:00 PM, food at 5:30 PM
  - o August 4
- **Wine Tasting** - starts at 2:00 PM and another at 3:30 PM
  - o August 25
- **Couples Invitational**
  - o August 18
  - o 8:30 AM till 2:00 PM
  - o \$35 Sandy Pines members
  - o \$40 for public players.

### Wings of Hope Hospice would like to invite all Sandy Pine Community members to an important discussion on Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Please join our experts in Hospice Care and Advanced Illness Management as we describe the benefits and services of our local, non-profit organization. Wings of Hope Hospice not only provides Hospice end-of-life care for individuals in our service area, but we also have an Advanced Illness Management program which is offered well before the need for Hospice to individuals living with serious illness. We will be offering opportunities during the workshop to meet with members of our clinical team for onsite one-on-one consultations; learn about our grief support services with our expert in bereavement care; hear from our Social Worker about several available community resources for your use; and find out about the numerous ways you can volunteer and make a difference from our Volunteer Coordinator. We'd love to see you there!

**Please join us!**  
**Wednesday, August 22, 2018**  
**10am-12pm**  
Sandy Pines  
Conference Room at the Administration Office  
2745 136<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hopkins, MI 49328



# RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

August is here and we sure have been having fun! Mileage Club Mondays at the Chapel parking lot, Tie-Dye Tuesdays, Water Wednesday at the Recreation Station, Kids Club, Pre-Teen, and Teen club have been very popular. We continue to enjoy having fun activities for kids and families to enjoy at the park.

Sponsored Fishing with Roger and Gary was a record high attendance with 125 participants. We appreciated all those who fished and volunteered for this great event. It truly is amazing to see the dam full of life and fishers! If you have any used or new fishing poles that are not being used, please donate and drop off at the Recreation Office.

The 4th of July parade was also a huge success and so much fun for all involved. Thank you for all those who were a part of the parade and those who served. We thank all of our veterans and Salem Township Fire department for joining us. The decorated carts, cars, and floats were spectacular and the candy was enjoyed.

Family Fun day is an event that so many enjoy and would not happen without our volunteers. THANK YOU to all who came and cooked food, sold tickets, or volunteered at a game or prize table. We cannot do events of this size without volunteers.

The Sandy Pines Rainbow of Color Run is set for Saturday, August 4th. This event starts at the chapel parking lot and ends at the Flea Market area. Participants can walk, jog, or run the course and get "colorful" along the way. It is so much fun to see people active, having fun, and being together with family members. We want to

thank all of the participants this year along with all of the wonderful sponsors. Please check out and support all of the 2018 sponsors: Member's First Credit Union, Superior Carts & More, Advertising Solutions, 5 Lakes Brewery, Hopkins Propane, Force DJ Entertainment, Cronk Services, Jamestown Patio, Five Star Real Estate (Mary Applehof) Mott Family, Bakhuyzen Landscape, Curly, Booth-Hilaski-Grevenstuk Insurance, Dairy Dip, Monterey Pines General Store, Serra Honda, Yoder's Services, Dick's Market, Burton Heating & Cooling, Scott's Carts Plus, Lake Monterey Golf Course, & Vacationland Sales.

End of Season Recreation Party for all those involved in lessons, kids club, pre-teen club this summer is set for Friday, August 10 at 10 am at the Phase 1 beach. Thank you to our amazing Recreation Staff for providing a fun, safe, and memorable summer full of great events.

## Pool & Water Park Hours for August/Sept:

Sunday, August 26, Phase 3 and Water Park pools will be closed at normal Sunday hours and re-open August 31 at 11 am.

Phase 3 pool and water park will be closed Mon-Thurs Aug 27, 28, 29, 30.

Friday, August 31-September 3: Phase 3 and Water Park will re-open at normal hours.

Adult pool will remain open until Labor Day/Weather permitting.

Sept 3, Phase 3 & Water Park Closed for the season at 5:00 pm



## REMEMBERING OUR FRIEND... CLAYTON PARKER

Clayton Edward Parker passed away on Friday, July 13, 2018, at the age of 80. Clay owned and operated Pat's Little Wheels, selling and repairing golf carts and helping people for the last 40 years.

Clay was a kind, loving man. He was involved for many years with the Masons, as well as the DeWitt Breakfast Lions Club, serving as an Ambassador for the Eye Bank for 12 years. He was a printer and graphics designer for many years before starting his own business, "Parker Enterprises" where he began many small business operations, including engraving badges and silk screening. He volunteered many hours with DeWitt Public Schools and enjoyed clowning as "Bodangles"! A man of many talents. He loved all children and was especially proud of his four great grandchildren who always made him smile. He loved dogs and always had a special treat for those that visited the shop.

The family is planning a Celebration of Life at the Sandy Pines Chapel on August 4, at 2 pm.

If you wish to honor Clay, the family has asked you to consider a Memorial Donation to the Sandy Pines Handicapped Playground Fund to continue his legacy of helping people and his love of children. Donations can be made payable to Bob Griffin or Ellen Carpenter and mailed to: Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, 205 E. Washington, DeWitt, MI 48820 - c/o Clay Parker.

Thanks for the Memories, Clay! You will be missed and fondly remembered...

# MEMBER SERVICE

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## Summer Office Hours

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

## Mailroom Pick Up Hours

Monday – Friday 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Saturday During business hours

## Labor Day Holiday Weekend Hours

Friday, August 31st 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Saturday, September 1st 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Sunday, September 2nd Closed  
Monday, September 3rd Closed  
Tuesday, September 4th Back to normal business hours!

September 8th is the last Saturday Member Service is open for the summer season. This is also the last day that Maintenance will be offering Saturday emergency pump outs.

## AUGUST

11 Christmas in August & Flea Market  
15 Winterization orders begin  
18 Annual Meeting & Election

## SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day Flea Market, Pancake Breakfast & Labor Day Fireworks  
8 Last Member Service Saturday & last Saturday emergency pump outs of the season  
28 Last day for early Winterization rates

## OCTOBER

1 Annual dues & quarterly electric adjustments billed  
6 Octoberfest Flea Market  
19 Regular pump outs end for the season  
15 Last day for Winterizations  
15 Water turned off for the season  
24 & 31 Last two emergency pump outs of the season

## Member Signs

The next batch of Member Signs must be ordered soon. If you would like to order a Member Sign, please go to <https://www.sandypines.com/membersigns/> and place your order by August 15th. There are many beautiful designs from which to choose. You are welcome to use the kiosk in Member Service to place your order.

## Annual Election






The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 18, beginning at 10 am at the Chapel. The Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual Meeting will immediately follow. The Annual Meeting is followed by our Annual Election. Absentee ballots are available at the Member Service Office. Absentee ballots must be mailed or deposited in the ballot box at the Member Service Office no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, August 17, 2018. Photo ID is required for Member identification – i.e. Sandy Pines photo

member ID card; driver's license, etc. For voting purposes, each membership, whether owned individually or jointly, shall be entitled to only one vote. Members with account balances 30 (or more) days past due will not be able to vote until their account is up to date. Details on the Annual Election including sample ballots, special election outlines and Board candidate bios can be found in this edition of the Footprints and on our website at [www.SandyPines.com/Election](http://www.SandyPines.com/Election).

## Flea Markets

Three Flea Markets remain this season; Christmas in August, Labor Day and Octoberfest. Spaces are \$35. Through Member Web Access, you can reserve a spot for Christmas in August or Labor Day, but reservations for Octoberfest will be online through the website. Holiday weekends are very popular and usually sell out; don't wait to book your spot!

**See SERVICE, next page...**

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## SERVICE, continued

### Winterizations

We start taking winterization orders on Wednesday, August 15th. If you've been winterized by us in the past, we'll e-mail or mail your order form which you complete and return to us to reserve your winterization. Remember: We'll need you to map five specific points on your form per the instructions. Maps don't have to be fancy – we simply need the designated points labeled. Winterization departure dates on or before September 28th are \$80 and your keys must be in the office by September 28th to get the discount. Winterizations on or after October 1st are \$100. The latest departure date is October 15th. We are not able to winterize trailers that have hot water heaters located on their porch or trailers that share a water line.

### Laundry Facilities

We've experienced a large volume of calls regarding laundry facilities. We sincerely apologize for the inconveniences experienced by Sandy Pines Members and Guests. When you find non-working machines, we rely on you to contact WASH Laundry directly at 800-521-9938. They will ask for Sandy Pines' contact information, Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, 2745 136th Ave, Hopkins, MI 49328, 616-896-8315. Then they will ask for the WASH ID number that is posted on each machine in order to dispatch a technician. The same process is used for the coin machines – WASH services those as well. For even faster submission, you can go to <https://www.washlaundry.com/> and submit a support ticket. This is very quick to do. If you cannot contact WASH directly, please call Member Service with the location (laundry facility) and machine numbers that are out of order.

The PayRange App does work well for those who have phone service. Please note: The App scans QR codes, but not barcodes. We have made WASH Laundry aware that not all of our machines have QR codes. Therefore, if you try to scan a barcode, the App will actually try to pick up the nearest machine with a QR. PayRange has been very good to work with regarding billing errors and App issues. They are very responsive when you contact them at [support@payrange.com](mailto:support@payrange.com).

Lastly, it's absolutely no fun to put a load of whites or lights in and have the clothes come out with dingy brown spots. It's happened to most of us at one time or another. We must advise washing whites at your own risk. While there are water softeners, they do not eliminate all rust stains. There are products available, RIT, Whink, and others, usually found by the laundry goods or mops and brooms in most stores. You can also find home remedies online prescribing white vinegar/salt or lemon juice/salt, first insuring your fabric is color safe. Such is drawing well water from West Michigan Aquifers! Some areas are worse than others for experiencing odor and/or discoloration due to high mineral content – Sandy Pines happens to be in one of those areas. If you've found the perfect remedy, please share it with us.

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## EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

### Grill Safety:

Between 2012 and 2016, an estimated average of 16,600 persons went to an emergency room for injuries involving grills. About a third of the injuries were a result of touching, falling, bumping into a hot part of the grill or hot coals. Children under the age of five accounted for about a third of the burns.

Grills were also involved in about 3,300 structure fires and about 4,700 outdoor fires annually between 2012 and 2016.

Prior to use, always inspect the grill. If the grill is in questionable condition have it repaired or replaced. If you smell propane gas do not use until serviced or repaired by a qualified technician. Check propane hoses for gas leaks. You can check your propane hoses and connections for gas leaks by spraying with a solution of dish soap and water or brushing on a solution of dish soap and water. If the solution bubbles after application and after the propane is turned on, a leak is present. Do not use the grill until repaired.

Propane and charcoal grills should always be used outdoors. Used indoors, it becomes a fire hazard and may asphyxiate occupants inside. The grill should be placed away from any structure, railings, over hanging branches and not under the eaves of structures. Placing your grill near your camping unit or shed exposes the structure to potential fire hazard. Please keep your grill at least 10 feet away from potential fire or ignition sources.

Children and pets should be monitored and supervised when grill is in use. Children and pets should be at least three feet away from the grill and the grill should be attended at all times.

Clean and remove grease buildup from the grill each time the grill is used.

Open the cover to the grill prior to lighting. Don't light a grill with the cover closed allowing for gas build up.

Have a fire extinguisher available. Know where and how to use a fire extinguisher. If it is unsafe to extinguish call 911.

If using charcoal do not use gasoline to start. Use only approved charcoal starter fluid, electronic ignitors or other devices designed to start charcoal.

Do not dispose of charcoal into dumpsters or trash cans. It is not uncommon for trash compactors, or structure fires to be caused by hot charcoal embers placed in trash receptacles.

### Boating:

Taking the time to safely inspect your watercraft and prepare your family and friends for an adventure on the lake may determine the outcome, should an event happen while boating.

Don't take risks. If you smell raw fuel, have a qualified technician check and repair, before use of the watercraft. Boat fires can severely injure or kill occupants and destroy your watercraft.

Wear personal flotation devices that are coast guard approved. If you have people on your watercraft that cannot swim, have limited ability to swim or have health issues, please provide personal flotation devices and have these individuals wear the personal flotation device. If you are boating alone wear a personal flotation device. Please have children wear Coast Guard approved flotation devices. Should something go wrong while on the water the flotation device may be the means that saves a life. Ensure that personal flotation devices are used when you're on small watercraft such as paddle boats.

Boating traffic on the lake can be very busy. Swimmers in boating lanes during peak periods can be placing themselves at great risk. It can be difficult to see swimmers in the water with the wave action, sun and pitch of the watercraft. Don't assume watercraft can see you in the water. Avoid swimming into boating lanes during peak watercraft times. Stay within the designated swim beaches.

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# CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## ELLEN CARPENTER, SITE 1073

Greetings! My name is Ellen Carpenter and I am running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors.

I first came to Sandy Pines to visit my mother, who had camped here in the mid 1990's. She bought the Site in Phase 3, where I am now, and my family became associate members in 1996. My late husband and I bought our own place and became primary members in 2001.

Since that time, Sandy Pines has always been a big part of our family life. It's been our happy place where we've enjoyed quality family time with our two children. Sandy Pines is only 35 minutes from my home in Kalamazoo and was our weekend home away from home as well as our vacation spot for many years.

I retired from the U.S. Postal Service in June of 2017, with almost 30 years of service. I was also a member, steward, and officer for the National Postal Mail Handlers Union during my employment there. Some of my key responsibilities in these roles were; contract compliance, conflict resolution, and arbitration hearings. After having served as a member of the board

and council since 1997, I was then elected State Treasurer for the NPMHU between 2013 and 2017. It was that experience, which taught me how to be objective and unbiased in some very sensitive and critical situations. It is extremely important to be able to view things through a lens that may or may not be your personal preference when required to make tough decisions that are in the best interest of Sandy Pines and I believe that is something I have to offer my fellow members of Sandy Pines.

I am currently a member of the Sandy Pines Safety and Security Committee and I'm also involved in a fund-raising project that will donate playground equipment for differently abled people to enjoy at Sandy Pines.

There are many remarkable things going on here, at Sandy Pines. I will work hard to see the current improvements go forward but also work harder to see that the channels of communication improve. I promise to bring a common-sense approach to the Board of Directors and to also build the sense of community that we know and love.

Thank you for your time. I truly value your support.



## BRIAN ELLING, SITE N-504

Hello all, my name is Brian Elling and I am running for one of the open positions within the Sandy Pines Board of Directors.

My family has been a part of Sandy Pines since 2011. We purchased our site early that first season and are so excited as we enter our 8th season here at our "Happy Place".

Our blended family began in 2012 when Shane and I got married, and now share our Happy Place with our 8 children and 5 grandchildren. We've been so blessed by our children ranging in ages from 32 down to twin boys who just turned 18 earlier this year, along with our grandchildren ranging from 6 years old down to 10 months. Hudsonville, Michigan, is where we call "home" during the off season and then we get to spend our summers here with our incredible Sandy Pines neighbors and friends that we've had the privilege to meet and get to know over the years. It is important to me to keep this beautiful place called Sandy Pines alive and well to serve future generations.

I am employed at Mission India as a Regional Director supporting donors, churches and organizations that come along side us as we work to share the Love of Christ within the country of India. Being able to help share the greatest story in the most critical place in the world (population and un-reached people groups) in some of the most strategic ways, is simply amazing. Prior to this role I was in various sales and leadership positions within the healthcare technology and IT support markets for close to 30 years. I have been involved for many years with organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, AYSO and the American Diabetes Association in the past. I am a graduate from Davenport University and also attended Calvin College.

I appreciate your support as I submit my candidacy to serve on the Board of Directors. I value your trust as I seek to have an open mind while listening to our members to be an advocate for the future of our beautiful park. Thank you for taking the time to read this, and for your support.

Blessings,  
Brian

# CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## MORRIE GABRIELSE, SITE D-18

For 25 years I owned and operated a business licensed for wholesale, retail and mobile food sales. My role required leadership and management skills and rewarded me with satisfying interpersonal relationships with employees, vendors and customers.

Prior to owning my business I worked with a team to develop and implement an innovative institutional food service plan which required me

to travel in many States of the USA, but also to foreign countries to procure various food products.

After retiring recently, I find myself ready to put my skills to work for Sandy Pines. My goal is to serve you, the members here with honesty, integrity and wisdom, by listening to you and carefully considering the interests and welfare of all.

I have taken note of the positive progress of Sandy Pines and will work to keep it a place of excellence we can all love.



## KELLY JOHNSON, SITE N-10 & C-31

Hello. My name is Kelly V. Johnson and I am respectfully requesting your consideration to vote for me for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors.

### **FAMILY:**

I grew up in Mattawan, MI, where I graduated from Mattawan High School in 1975 and then attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College. I was lucky enough in 1981 when Leslie said "I do" and we've been happily married for 37 years this September. We were blessed with 2 children, Jamie and Scott, and raised our family in Portage, MI. Just last year, we were further blessed with the birth of twin granddaughters, Hadley and Hannah, by Jamie and her husband, Ben. "Grandpa" is my new favorite title.

### **SANDY PINES LIFE:**

We heard about this awesome park called Sandy Pines from a dear friend and decided to camp there in 2011. Like everyone, we immediately fell in love with this park. After camping at Sandy Pines several times over the course of 2 seasons, it was a no-brainer in 2013 that we wanted to buy

a site and become members. Our love for the park grew in such a way that we decided to sell our home in Portage and buy a Sandy Pines condo in 2016 to live here year-round. We just couldn't get enough, and we're happy to call Sandy Pines our permanent home.

### **CAREER:**

In 1979, I began working for the U.S. Postal Service as a Mail Handler. Throughout my 33-year career with the USPS, I received several promotions and held the following positions; Supervisor of Mails, Tour Superintendent, Supervisor of Customer Service, Station Branch Manager, Postmaster Portage MI, District Safety Manager, and Transportation Manager before retiring in 2012.

### **EXTRACURRICULAR / VOLUNTEER:**

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BOD, Post Community Credit Union  
BOD, United Bay Community Credit Union  
BOD, Sandy Pines Condo Association  
Moderator, Bethlehem Baptist Church  
Sandy Pines Rules Advisory Committee

### **SUMMARY:**

There is one reason and one reason only that I would like to serve on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors; this community is our home and I love our home. I believe that my career and previous BOD experience has provided me with the skills and experiences that make me qualified to serve as a member of your BOD. I promise to listen to you, the members. I promise to be diligent in collecting and reviewing all pertinent information to make the best possible decisions for Sandy Pines. I am a team player and I'm not a quitter. A vote for me is a vote to help Sandy Pines continue to grow and thrive for many years to come so future generations can experience the same love and enjoyment we are all blessed with today.

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## KELVIN KRONEMEYER, SITE 362

Kelvin Kronemeyer – A bit about me: Why am I running as a candidate for the Board of Directors? I believe the members of Sandy Pines must have a choice. There are three positions to serve full three year terms and two positions to fill unexpired one year terms. To give the members a choice we must have more than 5 candidates.

I am running because I am a long term associate member (1973-1985) and a member since Jan. of 2007. We are now in our 11th season as full time residents of Sandy Pines at site #362. We've watched our three now adult children grow up here and now our 8 grandchildren (oldest 20 and youngest 7) growing up here with great affection and joy. We are all very positive about the direction and the administration of the park. I promise to bring a responsible, discerning, positive, and cooperative attitude and to affirm all actions and policies that continue to make this park the very best place to spend one's summer.

My track record both in and out of the park is one of service. I delight to find needs and fill them. I'm a retired pastor. I've served churches in Clymer, New York, Westland, MI and Orlando, FL where we live during the winter months. I've driven school bus, motor coach, served as a Family Service Counselor for a group of funeral homes and cemeteries, currently serve as an usher at the Amway Center in Orlando for the Orlando Magic, Orlando Solar Bears and many other events and concerts. I also serve as a chaplain to about 30 retired pastors or pastor's widows in central and south FL.

During my time in the park (11 years) I have served the park as part of a group of volunteers each Thursday morning from 8:30 am until 12 noon. I served on the Board of Directors from the fall of 2012 to the fall of 2015. I was vice chairman for two years and Chairman for the third year. I, as outreach chairman initiated our "Member Since" sign program which I still manage. My wife and I were invited to serve on The Sandy Pines Lakeside Chapel Committee in the fall of 2015. This year we serve as The Chairpersons. Our term expires in Oct. of this year. Oh yes, I almost forgot that we are seasonal employees of the park. We have cleaned CC#2 for the last seven or eight years and are currently doing so. I invite you to introduce yourself to me and ask me any questions you may have.

God has blessed me with good health. I was born in a farm house on the Angling Road two and one half miles north east of Jamestown, MI to Melvin and Margaret Kronemeyer who were just a couple of months shy of being charter members. I have one brother and three sisters.

I believe I am very well qualified and can offer much in continuing to serve on the board of directors. I ask for the honor and privilege of your vote.

### Sandy Pines Board of Directors Election August 18, 2018

#### Vote for no more than five (5) Candidates

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ellen Carpenter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Johnson     | <input type="checkbox"/> Chad Ostrom          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian Elling      | <input type="checkbox"/> Kelvin Kronemeyer | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan Ten Hoopen       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Maurice Gabrielse | <input type="checkbox"/> Janet Munger      | <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Van Doeselaar |

I voted for (number of candidates) \_\_\_\_\_

#### Shall Article VIII, Section 7, which currently reads:

##### Section 7, Resignations and Vacancies

a. Resignations: Any director may resign at any time, orally, or in writing, by notifying the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time therein specified, and unless otherwise specified, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

b. Vacancies: At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any vacancy on the Board of Directors, caused by death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause other than an increase in the number of directors, and occurs more than (120) days before the next annual election shall be filled within (30) days by any of the following ways:

1. The Board may choose a candidate from the election of directors at the previous Annual Meeting of Members. Any duly nominated candidate having received the greatest number of votes from the previous election of directors, and not having been elected in accordance with Bylaw [Ref.] ARTICLE XII ELECTIONS Section 1-12, may be deemed to be elected, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired balance of the term of the vacancy to be filled.
2. The Board may call for a Special Meeting of the Members to fill the vacancy.
3. The Board may allow the vacancy to remain until the next annual meeting of the membership.
4. The vacancy may be filled by a member who receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The term of a director elected by the Board of the Directors to fill a vacancy expires at the next annual meeting at which directors are elected.

Any vacancy which may occur less than 120 days before the next annual election, may or may not be filled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

#### Be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

##### Section 7, Resignations and Vacancies

a. Resignations: Any director may resign at any time, orally, or in writing, by notifying the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time therein specified and if not specific, shall take effect immediately. The acceptance of such resignation by the Board shall not be necessary to make it effective.

b. Vacancies: At the discretion of the Board of Directors, the Board may allow a vacancy – whether caused by death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause - to remain until the next annual meeting of the membership. If the Board chooses to fill a vacancy - whether caused by death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause - it shall be filled at the next Board meeting. At the discretion of the Board, the vacancy may be filled by any of the following methods:

1. The Board may choose a candidate from the election of directors at the previous Annual Meeting of Members. Any duly nominated candidate having received the greatest number of votes from the previous election of directors, and not having been elected in accordance with Bylaw [Ref.] ARTICLE XII ELECTIONS Section 1-12, may be deemed to be elected to fill the vacancy for the unexpired balance of the term of the vacancy to be filled.
2. The Board may call for a Special Meeting of the Members to fill the vacancy for the unexpired balance of the term of the vacancy to be filled.
3. The vacancy may be filled by a member who receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office at the next meeting of the Board of Directors. The term of a director elected by the Board of the Directors to fill a vacancy expires at the next annual meeting at which directors are elected.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

#### New ByLaw Language: Shall Article VIII, Section 9 of the Bylaws be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 9, Quorum. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum. A quorum must be present, either in person or through remote participation, in order to transact the business of the Board. Remote participation shall be governed by an Operating Policy that authorizes Remote Participation in Board Meetings outlining the authorized circumstances for remote participation, the conditions and requirements for remote participation, and the procedure for remote participation.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

#### New ByLaw Language: Shall Article VIII, Section 6(d) ("Powers of the Board") be amended in its entirety to read as follows:

d) have the authority to borrow money for Sandy Pines for any project or expenditure, so long as the loan is unsecured. If the loan will result in Sandy Pines' proving a mortgage as to real property, then the membership must first vote to approve the loan.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

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## JANET MUNGER, SITE D-161

Hello. My name is Janet Munger and I am running for a position on the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines. My family and I have enjoyed Sandy Pines for more than 30 years. I have four adult children, their spouses and thirteen

grandchildren from ages 24 to three months. They all love their time spent at Sandy Pines as much as I have. Our oldest daughters have enjoyed time working at the ice cream parlor.

I am a faithful Christian. Our four children have all attended and graduated from a Christian high school. Our grandchildren are getting the same Christian education. I have served a one-year term

on the Board of Education at the school where my children attended. My husband graduated from Calvin College.

I am a RN and have worked at hospitals, standalone surgical centers and a Home Health Care Corporation. In my work life I have experience working on policies and procedures, Human Resource, OSHA Safety and Security to name a few. My experience as a Director of the home health care facility, responsible for as many as 500 employees, demanded I understand the importance of maintaining a chain of command or hierarchy. I attentively listened to concerns and complaints of clients and employees to find a satisfactory resolution.

In my efforts to keep our members and children safe at Sandy Pines, I volunteer my time to serve

as secretary of the Safety and Security Committee. Using my work experience, I have been able to contribute on the Policy committee for the good of Sandy Pines.

Words are a powerful force available to all of us. I choose to be a force of respect, motivation and encouragement. I may not agree with opinions of all members. However, I believe that everyone's opinion has the right to be heard. Listening respectfully is the forefront of communication that resolves conflict and generates positive solutions. I hope you choose to elect me so that I will be able to represent you. I will advocate for all members of Sandy Pines. I will be a voice of respect, motivation and encouragement in developing policies that will benefit the majority of Sandy Pines members.

Thanks for your support in August.



## CHAD OSTROM, SITE 1316

Sandy Pines is my Paradise and my second love....Kristin being my first. Our love began in 1985 and together we have parented 5 exceptional young men, Blake, Kenny, Jeffrey, Danny and Brandt.

I have been coming to Sandy Pines since the late 70's and have been here almost every weekend year-round since 2000.

I have a very intimate knowledge and an extremely deep passion for this community.

It is my wish that Sandy Pines is your paradise, now and for many generations to come.

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# CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## DAN TEN HOOPEN , SITE K-367

Hi Sandy Pines Members and Friends,

My Name is Dan Ten Hoopen, I am a life long resident of the West Michigan area and Metro Grand Rapids to be specific. As a 12-year member of Sandy

Pines I would be Humbly Honored to have your vote for Board of Directors of Sandy Pines.

The Best thing about the Park, are truly the members that reside and Vacation here. That said, my Focus would be entirely Membership based. Each Vote would need to pass the test of, "is this best for the entire Membership or not?" "Will Members have a voice in this outcome?" "Are their winners or losers if this pass? If so, who?"

I would be **100% Against** any Proposal for any Staff or Contractor for Security Purposes in the Park carrying Firearms while on duty, unless it is an On-Duty, sworn in Police officer or deputy of the Allegan County Sherriff's office. To many things could go wrong if hired Staff or contracted Staff

had something go amiss. That said, I am in total approval, of Members having, and/or Carrying Concealed Firearms within the framework of Michigan State Law, so long as are permitted to do so.

I am also **For** replacing the Indoor Pool, preferably open from the first Saturday in May until the first Saturday in October, there is no reason why this can not be done in this Park.

I would like to have consistant By-Laws and Rules, that are not left to the interpretation of others, they must be Clear and Concise, without double talk nor Grey areas.

So How do we get this done? I have over 20 years of experience sitting on Board of Directors in different areas. 6 years on the Roosevelt Park Neighborhood Association in Grand Rapids, where we worked with Habitat for Humanity to Build over 20 new home in the area, Fundraising and planning for the Grandville Avenue Academy for the Arts and Humanities building, the Cook Library on Grandville Ave and I complete redo of the Fire Barn into a Thriving Non-Profit that serves the neighborhood at large.

I currently sit on 4 Boards, a 501(c)3, a 501(c)4 and 501(c)5 IRS Non-Profit tax status, where I have the fiduciary responsibility for each of them, Financial Statements, IRS 990's and updating the other Members of the Financial status and Health of the organizations.

I also am a Board of Director for West Michigan Works! Since 2009 till Present, this organization distributes about 21 Million dollars of Federal and State Workforce Development money to the 7 Counties in it's region. From Allegan and Barry in the South, Ionia, Montcalm to the East, Newaygo and Muskegon to the North and Lake Michigan is the border in the West.

I also work for a 501(c)3 Non-Profit organization for the Last 10 years that is run by a Board of Directors, which gives me knowledge of both sides of the equation. I think that all this combined gives me all I would need to hit the ground running on September 1, 2018.

Humbly asking for your Vote for Sandy Pines Board of Directors 2018,

Dan Ten Hoopen K-367

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# CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## DON VANDOESELAAR, SITE 676

After one year on the Sandy Pines' Board of Directors, serving at its chairperson, I again submit my candidacy to serve another term on the Board. Sandy Pines has a bright future and I desire to be a team member who will carry

the park into the future.

Joyce and I have been members of Sandy Pines for 11 years. For many years before that we came every summer to camp for weekends. Over that time period Sandy Pines made many improvements and continues to add activities for

families to enjoy. All of us have made a significant financial investment in our memberships and want to see that preserved. Now that the park is over 4 decades old, we need to continue planning for the future and ensure that the park can be sustained at its highest level for generations to come. Sandy Pines is a place where families create memories.

My experiences as an educator has given me skills that will be useful in serving on the Board of Directors. First of all, I am a U. S Army veteran who served for 2 years in the Military Police in West Germany. Following my military service, I earned a B.A and Master's degree and became a high school instructor, teaching accounting, economics and American government. After several years of teaching I became a K-12

administrator and served as financial director for two different school districts handling budgets from 3 million to 60 million dollars. During this time, I also returned to college and obtained a graduate degree in Educational Leadership from MSU. My last 9 years as a school administrator was serving as the Superintendent of Schools for one of the fastest growing districts in West Michigan. Over the course of my career I have been involved in over 100 million dollars of school construction projects. Following my successful career in education I served 12 years as Mayor of the City of Hudsonville. I look forward to your support.

Donald Van Doeselaar

## ELECTION DATE & TIMES

**The Sandy Pines Annual Election**  
**Saturday, August 18th, 2018**  
**10:00 am-2:00 pm**

The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 18th, 2018 at 10:00 am inside the Chapel. The Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual Meeting will follow immediately thereafter. The meeting is open for questions and conversation. This is a great forum to seek additional information regarding the Annual Election.

Election results will be available Saturday evening once all the votes have been counted and the Board Candidates have been notified. Results will be posted on this website page, Facebook, Cable Channel 9.1 & 9.2 along with posters on the doors of the Administration and Public Safety Office buildings.

### Polling Places

Phases 1, 2, 4 and 7 (Condos)  
Inside Phase 1 Pavilion

Phases 3, 5 and 6  
Inside the Recreation Station (The Water Park)

- Voter Identification Required
- Photo ID required for Member identification – i.e. Sandy Pines photo member ID card; driver's license, etc.
- For voting purposes, each membership, whether owned individually or jointly, shall be entitled to only one vote.
- Members with account balances 30 (or more) days past due will not be able to vote until their balance is paid off.

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available at the Member Service Office 30 days before the election

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jason & Jennifer Murchison, Hudsonville  
Robert & Joyce Gates, Lamont  
Gary & Barbara Terrell, Grandville  
Eric & Anna DeVries, Zeeland  
Tom & Ashley Boelens, Hudsonville  
Eric & Pamela Glass, Lansing  
Scott & Kim Schubert, Mississippi  
Raymond & Sandra Bagroski, Kentwood  
Troy & Erica Hart, Hudsonville

(Wednesday, July 18th until Friday, August 17th.)

Absentee ballots must be mailed or deposited in the ballot box at the Member Service Office no later than 4 pm on Friday, August 17th.

Photo ID required for Member identification – i.e. Sandy Pines photo member ID card; driver's license, etc.

# With Sincere Sympathy

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

**Chuck Parker**, Site N-162, on the passing of his wife, **Connie**, on June 30th.

**Duane, Troy and Lisa Huyser**, Site K-287, on the passing of their father, **Arlen**, on July 2nd.

**Patricia Parker**, Site K-320, on the passing of her husband, **Clayton**, on July 13th. Sympathy is also extended to their children, **Michelle Parker**, Site K-320 and **Melinda & Rod Bach**, Site K-346.

**Our Friends at Vacationland Sales** on the passing of their very first Office Manager, Edna Fredricks, on July 20th. Sympathy is also extended to Edna's husband, Ray and their daughter, Barb Nykamp, who is their current Office Manager.

## SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY DENNIS KING

Greetings Sandy Pines members! Here we are in August and summertime is coming to a close! The Safety & Security Committee has been very busy working in areas of safety with regard to playgrounds and the type of equipment needed. In areas of security, that's always an ongoing risk assessment. With that said, I want to let you, the members, know what the purpose of this and other committees are.

The Board of Directors are given the task of making decisions that cover all areas of issues concerning total operation of the park. Therefore, it was decided some time ago by the BOD to form approximately ten committees to cover all areas of the functions of our park. These committees are Advisory Committees only and perform at

the pleasure of the Board. When a committee is requested to research an issue, they then come up with a suggestion or recommendation which is submitted to the Board to accept, reject, or fine tune. This helps save time for the Board to address other items of concern.

In closing, I should point out that every member of a committee and the Board of Directors are volunteers! No one gets paid a penny to invest their time and expertise helping out with the operation of this huge park!

None of these volunteers or park staff should be subjected to any bullying or badgering by any member. Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers for a job well done!

## LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY KEVIN HAGER, CHAIR

The Long Range Planning Committee has had two meetings this season, and as you are reading this, our third meeting will have taken place.

After the approval of the Capital Improvement Fund package by members last year, the LRPC has turned its focus toward helping the Board of Directors prioritize long range needs. The committee plans to give input to the BOD

pertaining to the park's funding needs. A decision has been made for the LRPC to meet with each department head regarding the funding needs they see that would impact their specific area.

The goal of the committee is to compile a list with input from each department regarding long range goals and needs. These findings will be presented to the Board of Directors for review.



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# ACCOUNTING UPDATE

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

It has been great seeing all the activity and members enjoying their summer months out here at Sandy Pines. Below is a brief snapshot of the current financial position of the park and golf course.

## Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.

The park is currently in a strong financial position. The most recently approved financial statements for May 2018, shows a reduction in the current cash as compared to the prior year, which is a direct result of residual FEMA capital expenditure payments, currently in request to be reimbursed. FEMA has been very timely in the re-payment requests and the remaining payments to be received are a result of timing during the final closeout of the Phase 3 Safe Harbor project. Total cash this year is \$163k less than last year and we have \$195k requested from the State by closeout. We are confident with the Sandy Pines cash position maintaining the prior year balance.

We are experiencing a minor drop in Net Income of under \$50k overall for the park. With the extensive repair and maintenance throughout the park in the off-season, this is reasonable and still a good position to be in. Sandy Pines recognized some one-time extra costs to operations within utilities to heat the buildings, whereas during a normal off-season, they would be closed up.

The Public Safety department is up in expense from last year, however the reports are still in line with the new budget approved for 2018.

We are noticing an increase and narrowing of expenses to the budget line in relation to Cable and WiFi expenses, as there have been recent changes within our provider's billing structure. Management is watching this line closely and anticipating the change, as we work through negotiations of the next year's contract with Spectrum Charter in preparation for next year's budget.

Our Sales department Net Income is currently \$45k less than last year, which is a result of more sales being conducted outside of the park. We recognize the effect this has on the bottom line of the financials and are watching this closely.

Sandy Pines current Net Profit Margin as of May 2018 is 29%, which is good for a not-for-profit organization. Sandy Pines current operating expense ratio is 69%, while the healthy range for any organization is between 60-80%.

Overall, we are confident with the current financial position of the park. Sandy Pines closed 2017 very strong, and in comparison, Sandy Pines is currently in good standing for 2018.

## Lake Monterey Golf Course, LLC

The most recently approved May 2018 Lake Monterey Golf Course financial statements show

an increased cash position of \$100k over the prior year.

Total Net Income for the golf course is also \$20k over prior year. The impact of the increase to net income is a result of increased golf memberships sold and an increase to member green fees, as well as a reduction in repairs/maintenance to equipment.

The golf course is maintaining a nice net profit margin of 30 cents on the dollar in 2018, with sales running higher and expenses lower. This ratio is in comparison to the NPM of 23 cents on the dollar in 2017.

We appreciate your support and dedication to Sandy Pines and the Golf Course and send continued summer blessings to all of you!

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# PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE UPDATE

BY KEITH GARVELINK

Safety Office Activity for the Month of June. June was another busy month with overall call volume up 36% from the Month of May. Following is a summary of investigations which took place in June, 2018.

Conduct Violations 4; Threats Complaints 1; Reckless Operation 7; Medical Emergencies 6; Careless Operation 1; Illegal Drugs 3; Operate Under Influence 6; Disputes 2; Animal Complaints 2; Illegal Entry 11; Larceny 6; Suicidal Person 1; Burglary 2; Property Damage Accident 5; Suspicious Incident 2; Trespass 2; Destruction of Property 2; Felon in Park 5; Fire 1; Assault 1; Open Container 3

One staff member was treated and evaluated for an injury which occurred while attempting to prevent an intoxicated and suicidal person from getting back in a vehicle. The staff person has since returned to full duty.

## **Park Rules regarding sale of items in the Park.**

As there have been issues with this, here are the rules on this topic. Section G. Items 7 and 8 respectively state: *"Peddling and/or soliciting or leaflet distribution and door to door sales are prohibited. Display of items/goods, business, craft or wares displays are prohibited on site except to sell an auto, golf cart, shed, boat or membership."*

## **Alcohol must be confined to site:**

Section VI. A. of the Handbook advises the following regarding Alcohol: *"Alcoholic beverages must be confined to the site only. It is the member's responsibility to take action to prevent a minor from having access to alcohol on a member's site or in a member's camping unit. Operation of any type or mode of transportation under the influence, or with an open container of beverage containing alcohol, is prohibited. Beverages containing alcohol are prohibited on watercraft on Lake Monterey."*

We see considerable instances where an Associate Member or Guest of a Member violates the rules regarding alcohol and illegal drugs. It is the Member's responsibility to educate Associates and Guests regarding these rules, and is also the Member's responsibility (including points and fines) if violations of this nature are found.

**Illegal Drugs:** Section VI. B. of the Handbook

advises the following regarding Illegal Drugs: "Illegal Drugs are prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and will result in suspension or termination of membership.

Please note that a single occurrence of a violation of this nature may result in suspension or termination of membership. Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails prides itself on being a safe environment for Members, Associates, Guests and children. Abuse of illegal drugs or alcohol is not a part of the Park's culture, and violations are taken seriously.

## **Boating and Swimming Safety:**

The Safety Office has received several reports of close calls involving swimmers and boats. Some of these occurrences are happening near boat docks. Please remember that the only areas of the lake where boat traffic is prohibited are the two designated swimming areas. If you are swimming in other areas please be vigilant for boat traffic. Please also remember that a swimmer can be very difficult for a boater to see in dark water, particularly if the boat is planning off which limits front visibility due to bow rise. Never pull a skier or tuber without an observer, and make sure the observer is paying close attention. If your tuber or skier goes down turn and position your boat so as to protect the downed tuber or skier from other boat traffic.

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# PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

It's hard to believe that we are approaching Christmas in August and soon Labor Day weekend. This has been a great summer for us here at the Park and Garden and we appreciate all the support you have given us.

We still have stone and mulch for your lots, as well as landscape blocks. We have added indoor storage for our lumber to keep it in good shape. If you are looking for extra 2 x 4's, 2 x 6's, 2 x 8's, 4 x 4's, cedar fencing and deck boards, stop and see our supply before you take a trip to a lumber yard.

The golf cart rentals have been a great success, as always. If you haven't reserved your cart for Christmas in August or Labor Day, now would be a good time to get it reserved. We usually fill up a month before the holiday weekends. Don't wait until we have none available.

The paddle boards and Kayaks have been going fast on the weekends. You can reserve them for other times during the week by stopping by or calling the Park and Garden at 616-896-9888. On weekends you can just go to the Marina and

use them, if they are available. The Marina is open from 5 to 8 pm on Wednesday and Friday nights and from Noon to 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Rental is \$10 for the first hour and \$5 for each additional hour. We now have two Double Person Kayaks which rent for \$20 the first hour and \$10 each additional hour.

If you haven't tried the bicycles we have available this year, now is the time to see how they ride. Explore the park on a bike and get your exercise in at the same time. Bikes are available to rent at the Rental office or call 616-896-9888 ahead of time.

As we approach the end of the season it is time for you to provide us with information about the return of the water softeners. This year we have over 280 softeners to pick up at the end of the season. It is very helpful if you contact us at the Park and Garden and let us know when we will be able to pick up your softener. If you do this before you leave the park for the season, we offer a discount if you order a softener for the 2019 season. Any questions - please call the Park and Garden at 616-896-9334,

or stop by to sign the contract. The contract is also available online at the Sandy Pines Member website. Contracts for next season are available now.

Do you have all the Christmas lights you need for decorating for the season on August 11th? Stop by the store and see our selection to help with your decorating needs this year.

We have added many new products in the marine area, anchors, battery boxes, floating key chains, boat bumpers, etc.

The addition of Logo and Happy Camper clothing has been a huge success. We now have sweatshirts and jackets added to the line of shirts and hats. Stop by the store and get your logo wear to show your pride in Sandy Pines.

NEED A KEY? We have many of the common key blanks that we can cut to give you an extra key for your trailer doors, boat keys, golf cart keys, etc. We can also cut post office keys.

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# INSPECTOR NEWS

BY ERNIE KUNKEL

Hello fellow campers! There continues to be a steady influx of new members. It is really nice to see that Sandy Pines is a sought after destination for families ready to start making memories.

All members, especially new ones, would do well to be familiar with the Permits Edition of the Sandy Pines Handbook. It will help define the site improvements that the Park allows. Check with the Inspector's office for permits, etc. Some members have made plans and/or purchases only to find their projects were not in compliance.

Boat stakes...a boat stake is an area on the lake shore that is defined by a GPS. It is not a physical marker in the sand. A boat stake is a place for members to park a boat and enjoy the lake. It is not to privatize a section of the beach. In order to be successful, our system requires honesty. If we can apply this principal and be patient, the Inspector can likely help many boaters become happy campers.

The summer is passing too fast, for me at least. Memorial Day, Independence Day, even the

garage sales are past. I enjoyed them with my wife and it was kind of fun looking at all the "stuff". That being said, Sandy Pines campsites shouldn't look like a staging area for the next sale. Please remove all 'free' or 'for sale' items from your sites until our next garage sales are here.

Until next time..."Life is what happens when we are busy making other plans." John Lennon

## WATER SKIER SAFETY

Always wear a personal flotation device that is properly fitted and snug to your body. Suggested type is a vest or jacket type that covers the chest, abdomen and back that is Coast Guard approved.

Inspect your equipment. Tow ropes should not be frayed and handles should be in good condition. Check your skis for sharp edges or that could scrape or cut the skier's skin. Inspect the point at which the line or rope attaches to the watercraft and ensure that it is in good condition.

Upon starting ensure that you are clear of obstacles, don't give the start signal until ready, take the slack out of the tow rope and keep your ski tips up.

Know water skiing hand signals- examples are thumbs up signal indicates that the skier wants to go faster, thumbs down for slower, a pat of the hand on the head means they want to go back to the dock or shore. After a fall the skier should raise both hands above his head to indicate that the skier is ok.

Always have a driver of the watercraft and a competent observer watching the skier. The Observer on the boat is in charge of making sure the skier is safe and watching for hand signals. Keep a safe distance from other watercraft, swim areas, moored boats and any obstacles.

Falling is part of waterskiing. It is best to fall backward to avoid falling onto the skis. After the fall you should hold one ski up about halfway to



make yourself more visible to the observer and other watercraft.

The watercraft operator should operate in a manner in which their maneuvers will not place the skier, other watercraft or persons safety at risk.

Water skiing should be discontinued during severe or potential weather events. The sound of thunder, a flash of lightning, or predicted weather event should stop or delay skiing on the water.

Please know and review the State of Michigan laws of operating a watercraft and review the Sandy Pines rules prior to boating.

**Need a key made? We have blanks for door keys, padlock keys, mailbox keys and porch keys. Stop by and see if we have a blank that will fit your key. Save on gas and get your key made at the Park and Garden.**

**Need to do some work on your lot but left the tools home? The Park and Garden is now renting rakes, shovels, axes, two sizes of wheelbarrows and a pressure washer. Rent by the day. Park and Garden - 616.896.9334!**

## CLASSIFIEDS

We have more 'Site for Sale' listings online at  
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**For Sale from Site #240** - 2007 Wildwood 37' Travel Trailer 37BHSS. Travel Trailer only - 37ft Bunkhouse Superslide. Has a very nice layout and larger/open and bright walk-through bathroom. Larger kitchen setup than most w/ extended counter/bar stool area. Bunkhouse has 2 bunks and a table that folds down into a bed - lots of cupboards/storage. Queen bed, sleeper sofa and dining table converts to bed. Sleeps 8-9. Excellent Condition. This is currently set up at Sandy Pines Lot #240 Phase 1. We are hoping to upgrade to a Park Model and this is the only reason for selling. Contact me if interested and to schedule a tour. Come check out his Beautiful trailer. Asking: \$16,900. Call or Text Candy 616-635-5096 or email [cmckenzie2004@yahoo.com](mailto:cmckenzie2004@yahoo.com).

**For Sale from Site 578:** 2017 brand new 38' Keystones Hideout camper, 3 sliders with bunkhouse and queen bedroom. Full size refrigerator in the kitchen. Sleeps 9. Power awning, power jacks and tongue. Lots of extras are on this camper still under warranty. We are selling because we bought a place in Sandy Pines. If you would like to see it we have it in storage down the road from Sandy Pines. Asking: \$31,500, call 616-297-9762.

**For Sale - Site N-16 - Phase 4:** Lakefront! Beautiful view. Remodeled Oakland Park, completely furnished. New furniture on the 10x30 4-season porch. Golf cart and shed. Must see! Asking: \$118,000. Call: 616.291.1618.

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**For Sale - Site D-132 - Phase 6:** Asking: \$152,000.00. This waterfront/beach lot is a fantastic opportunity, perfect location in the most sought after area of the park. 2005 Trophy w/ full-length sun porch attached. All vinyl deck, underground sprinklers. Central Air Conditioning, Many improvements that include full size 120 sq ft garage, paved parking, large fire pit, three-section floating dock, plus electric golf cart, 25 ft pontoon boat and more. Call Tammy at 616-901-9527 for details and viewing.

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It's a new adventure for us, and one we are committed to continuing as we seek to meet the needs and wants of those here at Sandy Pines. Please continue to communicate with us your satisfaction, needs/wants and concerns.

We frequently post on the Sandy Pines Members' Facebook forum and on our Facebook page *The Outback General Store and Restaurant*.

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