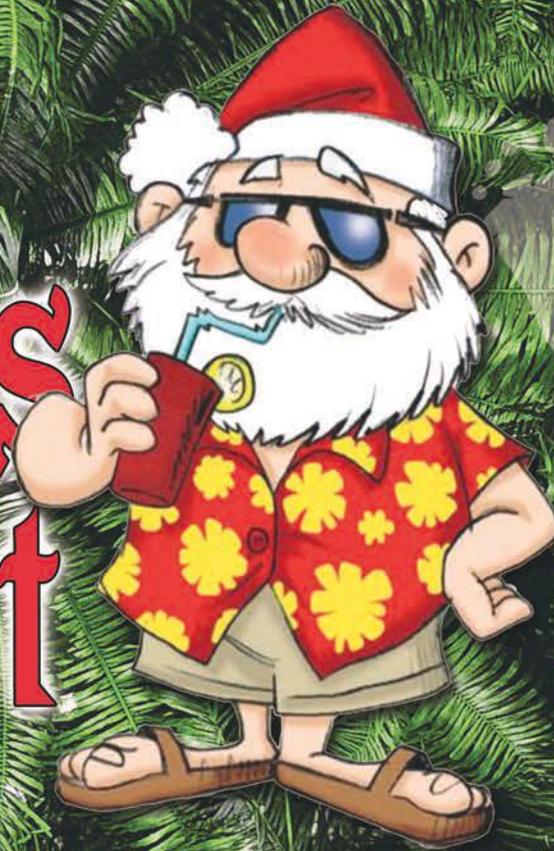


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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VANKOEVERING

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. This year, the area between Phases 4 and 5 will be set up in time for a weekend before Christmas in August, so the membership will get one more weekend to enjoy the lights. We encourage you to get involved in your neighborhood and make the Season Merry and Bright!!

On August 17, we will be holding the Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual meeting at the Chapel. This will begin at 10 am, so please attempt to attend that meeting to get a report of the 2018/19 year. Members are provided the opportunity to ask staff and Board Directors questions as well, so hopefully we will see you there on the 17th.

As of this writing, Admin. and Department Managers are finalizing the data for the final draft of a 2019/20 Operating and Capital Budget for Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. This final budget draft will be presented to the Finance Committee on August 8th and then a recommendation from the Finance Committee will be presented to the Board of Directors on August 16th.

Once again, God has Blessed Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey with the staff, managers and Administrative Team that allows us to inform you that the financial strength of the Park and Golf Course is strong. As part of my report to the Membership at the Annual Meeting, I will be providing some expanded information on the condition of the park and course. This is also the day you will have an opportunity to cast a vote for three Board Directors, as well as casting a vote on a clarification to be inserted into our bylaws, if the ballot passes.

The bylaw ballot is simply a confirmation that the park is allowing memberships to be put into a Trust as an option for estate planning. Although the park has allowed Trust Ownership for a few years, our bylaws have not indicated that this is one of the options. What the membership is being asked to approve are two words: "trust instrument". Upon approval, these two words will be inserted into our current bylaw regarding a Death of a Member found in Article II, Section 7.

This seems like a small thing, however it will serve to clarify that the membership acknowledges and approves the use of a Trust as a way to provide an estate planning option based on the Handbook.

Don Van Doeselaar has made the decision not to be a Board Candidate this year, so his tenure will end at the end of this month. Therefore, I

would like to thank him for his service to the Park and to the Board these last two years. Don has given countless hours of his time all year round. Don has been instrumental in making several improvements to the protocols and governance of the park. With the help of the Boards upon which he has served, Sandy Pines has seen many improvements that will benefit the membership for generations to come.

It has been an extreme pleasure to work with Don these last two years, and I'm sure the Board agrees with me when I say that Don has been a steady Leader as Chairman of the Board, and that he has always served with a high level of integrity, experience and wisdom. Thank you, Don, for all you have done!! You will be missed!

Although it seems that the season has barely begun, I would also like to thank all of the Recreation Staff for the work they have done during this weather challenged year! Many of our Rec. Staff will be leaving us by mid-August to go back to school or sports, so we simply want to take this time to let you to know that you are appreciated, and that we hope you come back next season!! Thank you to all.

Thank you also goes out to all the other Staff we have here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course!! The park, course grounds and condition is amazing, as well as the interior and exterior care and keeping of our buildings and many assets. We all appreciate the work you do because this place is more than just a job. You are appreciated!!

On behalf of all our Staff, please know that it's our hope and prayer that whether you are a Member, an Associate Member or Guest, you will enjoy the remainder of this season here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. Finally, we want to say again, that it is a blessing for us to serve God by serving this park and golf course. We truly appreciate your support and encouragement.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

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. Each summer, multiple events occur in which a person drowns in West Michigan. Many, if not all, could have been prevented if they were wearing a personal flotation device. 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 them. 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 on small watercraft such as paddle boats.

Boating traffic on the lake can be very busy. Swimmers in boating lanes 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 water craft can see you in the water. Avoid swimming into boating lanes. Stay within the designated swim beaches.

Golf Cart license plates:

Golf cart license plates are presently in production. A firm date when Sandy Pines will have these available to distribute has not been determined by the manufacture at the time of this article. It is our intent to have these available in August. We increased the order to four license plates per membership. Originally, our order included just the number of license plates for what members had listed as

registered golf carts. Ordering four license plates per membership will allow the Park to have the license plates in inventory and assist members with license plates when they add a second golf cart. Watch the Sandy Pines E-News for updates. Once the license plates are available, you will be able to register your golf cart(s) on line, via your member web access. If you do not have computer access, a paper form will be available at the Public Safety Office or Member Service. If registering with a paper form, you will have to go to the Public Safety office to get the license plate and a golf cart vehicle identification number applied by Public Safety Officers. Members have until August 31, 2020, to affix the license plate and VIN number to their golf cart. Thank you.



SECURITY SERVICES NEWS

BY KEVIN GARVELINK

In June of 2019, Security Services had 117 calls for service. The call types and numbers appear below:

Disorderly Person: 3; Domestic: 1; Controlled Substance Violation: 2; Motorist Assist: 1; Conduct Violation: 2; General Assistance: 14; Minor In Possession: 1; Medical: 7; Larceny: 3; Neighbor Dispute: 1; Damage to Property: 11; Suspicious Incident/Person: 12; Parking Complaints: 2; Animal Complaint: 2; Lost/Found Property: 3; Traffic Violation: 4; Mental: 2; Illegal Entry: 11; Boat Violation: 7; Reckless Driving: 1; Assault, Assist Other Agency: 1; Fire: 1; Health and Safety: 2; Noise Complaint: 2; Misc. Rule Violation: 10; Check Wellbeing: 1; Sex Offender Investigation: 1; Careless Operation: 2; Trespass: 1; Alcohol Violation: 1; Property Damage Accident: 1; Malicious Destruction of Property: 2.

Boating Noise Level Rules: The Sandy Pines Handbook states in Section XIII, F. 1. That

“Boat owners must observe boat safety rules and regulations by the State of Michigan and the U.S. Coast Guard.”

Those rules include maximum noise levels on Lake Monterey. The State law for Michigan regarding noise levels from boats is as follows: A boat cannot exceed 90 decibels three feet from the stern while the engine is at an idle or exceed 75 decibels when measured from shore when the vessel is on plane.

These rules are enforced on Lake Monterey by Security Services. Staff who patrol the lake will make checks on boats regarding sound levels periodically using a decibel meter.

Overflow Parking in Phase 6: Security Services has been taking considerable parking complaints in several phases, including Phase 6. Per the Handbook, the following is defined as overflow parking for Phase 6: “Perimeter areas across from site D-049 to D-121 and D-161 to D-167 not to exceed farther than 30 feet

from the roadway.”

Persons have been parking alongside other vehicles in this area on the berm. That is prohibited by rule and will be enforced. Another reminder regarding overflow parking is that boats and trailers may not be stored overnight in any of the designated overflow parking areas.

Illegal Entries: Security Services investigates numerous complaints where one person attempts to access an entry point into the park, but is not granted access. On many occasions, a person waiting behind the individual attempting entry will then use their card to scan the person in. This is prohibited by rule and also inappropriate. In some cases, the card access of the person who is not able to scan in has been shut off for reasons including conduct violations. Please do not scan others into the Park with your card. Another consequence of

[See SECURITY, page 15...](#)

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOEELAAR

When the daylight hours get less, the nights get cooler and the dew is heavy on the grass in the morning, we suddenly realize the summer is beginning to wind down. That means all those warm weather projects at Sandy Pines have to be scheduled or put off until next year. August is the month when we begin to think about, and anticipate, the next season.

At our third Board of Directors meeting on July 19, 2019, 21 new members were approved, 62% are still employed in various careers and 32% are retired. The Board approved the Election Commission for the August 17, 2019, general election, consisting of Donna and Chuck Adams and Diane Peck. It is with great appreciation and thanks we give them for their work in planning and executing Sandy Pines annual election. On the ballot is one small change to the By-Laws and five candidates running for one of three openings on the Board of Directors. Please take the time to exercise your vote.

The change to the By-Laws consists of two words, "trust Instrument" which clarifies the language concerning the transfer of ownership upon the death of the joint tenant.

The Board also adopted a few changes to the rules. In the section entitled Sales/Camping pages 13,14 and 16 it is now required that members have a copy of the title of their unit on file with Member Services. This will help the staff to know who owns what unit when it may be transferred or sold to another party. Another change was adopted in the rules governing Permits under "Site Development & Regulations" on page 33. The following words were eliminated "~~a list of Sandy Pines approved contractors (or you may clean it yourself) a copy of the "Clean up of Sites" rule, a completed Site Violation Checklist, and a~~". In its place the following phrase was inserted "of \$100 and a copy of the Site Violation Checklist". In this same section under Permits page 37, J. Roof-over Systems, item 4 the words "Metal or Rubber" were inserted. And on page 38 undersection O: Reshinging Roofs the following sentence was added, "Material to be used may be Asphalt shingles, Wood shingles, Metal, Aluminum, or current material being used on Park Model Homes".

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BY SUE FLOWERS, MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER

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Monday, September 2nd	Closed
Tuesday, September 3th	Back to normal business hours

AUGUST

- 10 Christmas in August & Flea Market
- 19 Winterization orders begin
- 17 Annual Meeting & Election
- 31 Flea Market, Pancake Breakfast

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Last Member Service Saturday & last Saturday emergency pump outs of the season
- 18 Member Service closes at 11:30 am for Employee Appreciation Day.
- 30 Last day for early Winterization rates

OCTOBER

- 1 Bills run for Annual dues, final electric adjustments, quarterly unit tax and Sept charges
- 5 Octoberfest Flea Market
- 14-18 Last regular pump outs for the season

OCTOBER (Continued)

- 15 Last day for Winterization sign up
- 15 Water turned off for the season
- 23&30 Final emergency pump outs of the season

Member Handbook & Sandy Pines Website

If I had to recommend one thing for all Members and prospective Members, it would be to read the Handbook and explore the website. We are happy to answer your questions – it is what we're here to do, but what you need to know about your responsibilities as Members is in the Handbook; it's important. Yes, there are some additional guidelines that are Administrative; that is the job of Park leadership. When prospective buyers come into Member Service, if I get the opportunity to speak with them, one of the first things I explain is that this is a private park, a Membership, and that what they need to know before becoming a

Member is available in the Handbook on the website.

Member Signs

We need a few more Member Sign orders before we can place the next creation order. If you would like to order a Member Sign, please go to www.sandypines.com/membersigns/ and place your order by August 18th. There are many beautiful designs from which to choose. You are welcome to use the kiosk in Member Service to place your order.

Hold My Stickers!

Due to your feedback and our sadness at having to charge to replace stickers, we've negotiated to NOT have the 'Hold Stickers' field cleared in the off season. Therefore, if you know you want your stickers held next sea-

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

It is hard to believe that we are approaching Christmas in August and soon Labor Day weekend. If you haven't been in to see the new store you only have a few more weeks to see our great new store. We are carrying new items with the expanded space.

Do you have all the Christmas lights you need for decorating for Christmas in August. Stop by the store and see our selection to help with your decorations 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 you logo wear to show your pride in Sandy Pines. The sweatshirts will come in handy as the fall weather approaches.

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 the post office keys. We still have stone and mulch for you 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 carts 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 call the Park and Garden (616-896-9888) On the weekends you can just go to the Marina and use them if they are available. The Marina is open from 5 to 8 on Wednesday and Friday nights and from 12 to 5 on Saturday and Sunday. Rental is \$10.00 for the first hour and \$5.00 for each additional hour. We now have 2 Double Person Kayaks which rents for \$20 the first hour and \$10 each additional hour. If you haven't tried the bikes we have available, 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 ahead of time at 616-896-9888. Rentals are made through the Rental office.

As we approach the end of the season it is time to provide us with information about the return of the water softeners. This year we have over 300 softeners to pick up at the end of the season. It is very helpful if you will contact us at the Park and Garden and let us know when we can pick up your softener. Also if you do this before you leave the park for the season we offer a discount if you order a softener for the 2020 season. If you have a question please call the Park and Garden (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 year are available now.

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY RALPH SMITH

It's already August and before you know it, the Park will start to go into quiet mode again. It has been a busy season with all kinds of building going on in the park. As a reminder, if you have not returned your permit, please get them turned in as soon as your project is complete.

It has been a pleasure getting to see old friends again and meeting new ones, since my return as the Park Inspector. I really do encourage everyone to read and understand the Rulebook/Handbook. This will help when you get ready to do a project, but as always, if you

have any questions when you are preparing to do a project, feel free to get in touch with me, and I will help you thru the steps.

I wanted to let everyone know we have been working on removing a bunch of dead trees in the green areas. It will take a long time to get to them all, but we are doing our best to get to the worst ones, first. Please remember we need to keep our lots cleaned up to avoid a site clean-up violation. This is in effect until Labor Day, so please keep your lot neat and tidy to avoid any possible fines.

I would like to say thank you to Ben and his staff for the support they give me when out in the park working. We have a new GPS system to help us locate boat stakes and now we can find your stake within inches.

If you need to have your lot lines marked, or need me to find your boat stake, a permit is required for this.

Enjoy the rest of your season and I hope to see you around the park.

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MAINTENANCE UPDATE

BY BEN FIFELSKI

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.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

The Sandy Pines Rainbow of Color Run is Saturday, August 3, 2019. We are looking forward to a fantastic event. If you are not signed up yet and want to join you can sign up at the Rec. Office, or beginning at 9 am, at the Chapel before the event starts. We would like to thank all the participants and sponsors of this year's event. 2019 Sponsors are: Members First Credit Union, Advertising Solutions, Bakhuyzen Landscape, Booth Hilaski Grevenstuk Insurance, Curly Services, Dairy Dip, Dick's Market, H. Construction/Jamestown Patio, Lake Monterey Golf Course, Monterey Pines Gas Station & General Store, Patio's Plus, The Mott Family, The Outback, Secure Roofing Inc., and Vacationland Sales.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered for Family Fun Day. It was a great day to be at Sandy Pines and enjoy time with family. Large events take extra volunteers, and this year we had great support from the members who donated time and energy. Halloween is another event that encourages members to volunteer and pass out candy and support the kids who enjoy treating. This has been a great season of support from each of you who are able to give time, when available. I also want to thank Roger Courser for his time with teaching the youth how to fish and organizing several youth fishing opportunities throughout the summer. Thank you to those who assist this event and donate fishing poles to his program.

The live music has been fun this summer and we look forward to the following upcoming music events:

August 3: Tricks Band
August 17: Todd Michael Band
August 22: Calder City Band

The Rec. Department will once again host the End of Season Celebration for all youth who have attended any lessons or kids club this summer. You are invited to join us Friday, August 9, in the Core Area of Phase 1. This is a fun event to wrap up the season. Please thank the amazing Rec. Department staff who have provided the lessons, life guarding, and kids club for your kids this season.

The Rec. Department will begin looking for 2020 staff. Those interested are encouraged to take life guarding class and become lifeguard certified. We also hire 18+ for the ropes course, staff the happy shack, and have general rec. dept. positions. Applications can be found on Sandy Pines homepage sandypines.com, scroll down to careers, click, employment application. Please print and turn in to the recreation office Attn: Nikki or email application to nikki@sandypines.com.

Sandy Pines Welcomes Visitors from Japan

The month of August will bring some special visitors to Sandy Pines. Takao Nitta and Yumi Takahachi will be coming from Okayama, Japan to visit the Hengeveld family in Phase 4.

Nick Hengeveld and his grand-daughter Bianca met Takao and Yumi while on an Amtrak trip out west. They were seated together in the dining car, and although there was a bit of a language issue, they had a thoroughly enjoyable time, and they became friends. They've stayed in touch since then, and are making a trip to the U.S. just to visit the Hengeveld's and to experience Sandy Pines. They're hoping to go swimming, enjoy an ice cream cone at the Dairy Dip, experience cookouts, maybe take a trip on a "Pirate Boat", and see all the many fun things and meet the nice people at Sandy Pines. If you should happen to see them out and about from Aug. 13-16, be sure to give them a warm S.P. welcome!

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Annual Election

The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 17, 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 30 days before the election. 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 16, 2019. 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.

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.

Winterizations

We start taking winterization orders on Monday, August 19th. If you've been winterized by us in the past, we'll e-mail or mail your order form which you can 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 30th are \$80 and your keys must be in the office by September 30th 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.

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Thank you for your patience, as together we have struggled with cable and internet issues this season. Please know that we do understand your frustration, as we also experience it. Also know that the technicians who work in our park are not the cause of the issues with consistent service and ability to get appointments – the “boots on the ground” do a great job. One small thing everyone can do to try and help control line noise is to unplug your electronics and cap unused lines and splitters at the end of the season, especially, if you disconnect and take your TVs and routers home. Those exposed ports and pins can cause line noise. Capping isn't a surety that noise won't happen, but capping can help. Caps will be available at Member Service. We'll continue to help trouble shoot as much as possible.

Pump Outs

If you think your pump out may have been missed, the first step is to check your tag to see if it was punched. If punched, you did receive a pump out. Whether by indicator or visual check, you see that your tank still seems full, you may have a clog. You can take a stick and gently try to loosen debris – you will hear it go down. If this does not work, you may need to call Vacationland. Mistakes do happen, but please make sure you've checked all the above before calling Member Service or Maintenance. These are the first questions we will ask you.

If you need an Emergency Pump Out, please remember, if needed the same day, you cannot book EPOs online – you must call Member Service or leave a message on the EPO line at extension 111. Emergency Pump Outs are done at the earliest possible time, after the regular PO route, but most often between 1 pm to 2 pm. We cannot guarantee an EPO if you wait until 2 pm to call. The crew is generally finishing, washing the trucks and cleaning up for the day. Thank you!

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More classifieds can be found on Page 19



COMMUNICATION NEWS

Thank You Sydney!

Sydney's Communications Internship ended with us in July. I'd like to personally thank her for a job well done. Sydney is from Wayland and entering her senior year of Visual Communications at Spring Arbor University in Jackson, MI. She was responsible for capturing video of many events including the Classic Car Show, the 4th of July Weekend, the 4th of July Parade, Park Garage Sales, and more, then editing and producing the footage into the cool videos we have posted on our Sandy Pines YouTube Page and we've been airing on SP Park Channel 27.1. Sydney is very resourceful, efficient, and will make a great addition to any organization's Communications & Marketing Team. We wish her the best in her future endeavors and are thankful for the opportunity to help shape the minds of our future generation through educational internship opportunities such as this.

Park Cable Channels

We've put a lot of time and resources into improving the programming on our proprietary park cable channels and hope you've had the chance to enjoy some of the new programming while at the park. In past years we had to manually recreate and upload all of our content which was very time consuming and expensive. This year we switched our programming over

to Freshwater Digital out of Grand Rapids who specializes in digital signage for Meijer, GFS, Grand Rapids Drive, GVSU and many other local staples. Their programming team designed templates for events, park news, alerts, and sales listings to feed directly via RSS off our website. They also programmed video playlists so we could drop videos into channel 27.1 and all our videotaped meetings into channel 27.2. In the long run this will allow us to create more custom content and save time and money in the process. Yay for research and progress!



Channel 27.1

Rotates between our online event calendar, park news, park alerts & cancellations, weather, traffic, and general interest

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"FACE TO PHASE" FORUMS (F2P) 2019

Gene's final 'Face to Phase' meeting is coming up. This meeting is held in the Phase 1 Pavilion.

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information. Since our templates pull this information live from our website, TV content should always be up to date. We've also linked our Alerts & Cancellations from SandyPines.com/Alerts and our Rave Emergency Alert Platform to 27.1 so you'll always be up to date with important alerts, cancellations, and severe weather notifications. The park news template pulls information from our weekly Member E-News via RSS. To keep this information more up to date, we're going to start sending our weekly Member E-News on Mondays so you'll always see a full week's of information which will give you more time to plan your weekend social calendar. Please note the Weekend Flyer will continue being published online and in print on Thursdays.



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Channel 27.2

Broadcasts our most recent Board of Directors, Face to Phase, and general informational meetings. After each weekend's meetings we edit and publish all meetings on each corresponding online calendar event, on our Sandy Pines Youtube page in chronological order, and then add them to Channel 27.2. Our goal is to always get each weekend's videos up asap but because the meetings run from one to two hours, the video files are so large that we often run into technical issues which delays the publishing process. Videos are typically updated by Tuesday or Wednesday the following week.

Channel 27.3

Sandy Pines Sales Listings cycle 24/7 showing you the best real estate in the park. We used to have to create, update, and upload a new Power Point presentation every time listings changed but now the Freshwater team has the template programmed to pull site listings automatically from our website as soon



as they're posted. Please note that FSBOs are not listed on our website or included on 27.3.

Channel 27.4

Since the Charter Spectrum Digital QAM line up we have doesn't offer an interactive guide or their own Channel Listing, we have the listings posted on 27.4. We've highlighted our Sandy Pines Park Channel content and the most popular channels including local networks, entertainment, news, and sports. Charter Spectrum does change programming from time to time and we don't always get the updates in real time so please let us know if our list is ever out of date.

We'd love to get your feedback on our new TV lineup and have created a survey on our website at SandyPines.com/Surveys. It's a quick survey that should take you less than 5 minutes and will offer good insight as to what you like and maybe don't like in our programming. There will be a form at the end of the survey for any additional suggestions so please have your ideas together before taking it. Thank you for continuing to help us keep you informed!

Be Social!

Another big communications goal of ours this year was to be more social. In addition to posting more updated and events to our Sandy Pines Facebook Page, we're also posting routine photos at our new SandyPinesOfficial Instagram Account. Instagram is similar to Facebook but it's visually driven through photos and videos. Please follow us on Instagram and get in the habit of tagging us on your park photos and videos. You just may end up on next year's Wall Calendar! #ReadySetRelax #HappyPlace #LakeLife

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SECURITY, continued

this is that card being used to scan the person in will be automatically disabled when the system detects more than one entry at a time. Security Services also requests the assistance of Members in preventing unauthorized access into our park. If you see a suspicious entry, please call the PSO Office at 616.896.9006, and the incident will be investigated.

Entry of persons into the Park to perform work: A question recently arose regarding access given to persons wishing to enter the Park to perform work, and whether a guest pass is needed. For review, here the rules regarding that.

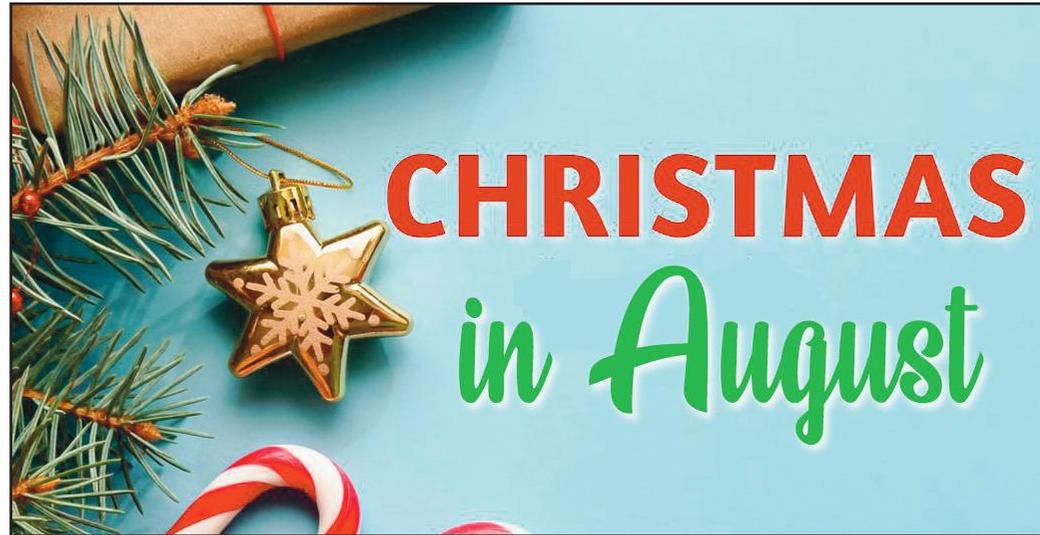
If a company or person is not a registered contractor with the Park, a guest pass is required and the Member must be present when the work is performed. If the person is a registered contractor with the Park, a guest pass is not required and the work can be performed without the Member being present.

Another question arose regarding companies who are just making a delivery into the Park.

Security Services does not typically require a guest pass for a simple delivery, but does request the Member contact us in advance to advise of the delivery, and what company is making the delivery. The company making the

delivery should be advised to report to the Main Gate and we will direct them from there.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

In the storm we just experienced, a white pine on the front 9 got hit by lightning and we lost two cherry trees on the back nine.

Due to the rain, the back nine was closed for two days, as the rain caused very soft conditions. Beginning in July, we have new Deli sandwiches. We have a Pretzel Club, Chicken Sandwich, Italian Sub and other assorted varieties.

The Father/Child Golf Outing was a huge success. We ended up with a full field and it was a great time. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Once again, I need to bring up golf etiquette. Everyone must have their own set of clubs...

two players per cart...play ready golf. Ready golf means that if you are by your ball, you hit it.

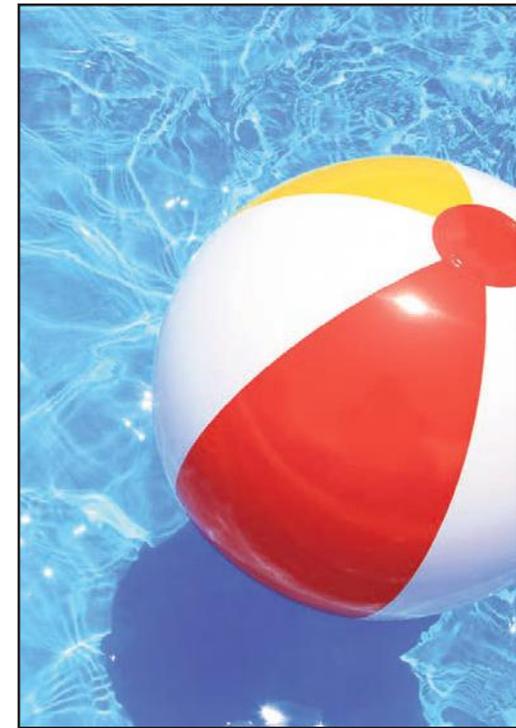
Due to our Beer and Wine licensing and our Food licensing, the law states that you cannot bring your own beer/wine or liquor on the golf course. There were a few people who wanted to have a picnic on the back patio, but due to regulations, that is not permitted. This could jeopardize our licensing. Thank you for abiding by the laws.

Events coming up in August include our Mother/Child Outing, Couples Invitational and the Kid's Golf League final event. I would like to thank the Maintenance Staff for keeping the golf course in great shape. Thanks

to the Pro shop staff for always being courteous to our members.

Enjoy the remainder of the season!

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SALES DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY KATHY MOLNER

Can you believe it's already August? The summer tends to fly by. I'm glad we all survived a weekend of severe weather and there was not a ton of damage in the park. I always say that we have a little bubble around Sandy Pines.

I have had many come into my office wanting to know about financing. I've written articles about it in the past, but it seems that many still are surprised that currently there is nothing. I want you to know that I am currently working with a couple of possibilities. It's time consuming on everyone's part, but will reap great rewards if we get this through. I should know something from at least one bank within a couple of weeks.

Even though we're in August, please know that we have plenty of selling time ahead of us. We haven't slowed down at all as far as people looking. These 'lookers' are the ones that eventually buy. It is always so surprising

to them how friendly people are in our park. Kuddos to all of you. It's our pleasure to sell them on this park, and that in turn, is a reflection of all of the fabulous people that we have here.

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Election Date & Times

Saturday, August 17th, 2019
10:00 am-2:00 pm

The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2019, at 10 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 sandypines.com/election, Facebook, Cable Channel 27.1 along with posters on the doors of the Administration and Public Safety buildings.

Polling Places

Phases 1, 2, 4 and 7 (Condos)

Inside Phase 1 Pavilion

Phases 3, 5 and 6

Inside the Recreation Station (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 (Thursday, July 18th until Friday, August 16th.) Absentee ballots must be mailed or deposited in the ballot box at the Member Service Office no later than 4 pm on Friday, August 16th. Photo ID required for Member identification – i.e. Sandy Pines photo member ID card; driver's license, etc.



MEET THE CANDIDATES



Darlene Dewitt

Hello! My name is Darlene Dewitt and I am asking for your consideration as I seek a position on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. My husband and I

are new members to Sandy Pines. What you may not know is we were carefully looking, considering, and praying about becoming members since 2007. In May of 2017, on a dreary, rainy May day, Kathy took us, again, to look at trailers. It was on this day we found our trailer in Phase 2. We have thoroughly enjoyed our place!

Here is a quick recap of my personal life. I was born in Cleveland OH, lived on the East side of Tennessee for four years, then moved with my family to Holland the summer of 1973. I graduated from Holland High School and Booker School of Cosmetology. I hold a license with the State of MI. My husband Dale, who is a Yooper, and I got married in 1981. We do not have children. My husband just retired from Haworth, Inc after a 38-year career in Maintenance. I have been employed with Consumers Credit Union since 2006. I started my career as a Member Service Representative and in 2012, moved into the Business department. I work full time. I love to work, and I love numbers! What I love most about Sandy Pines is the busy-ness! I am not a sitter or a relaxer! It is rare but sometimes, you will find me sitting in

a chair surfing the web on my iPad. I love all the people and I love the constant traffic and roar of the golf carts! I love the adult activities too like Adult Bingo and Adult dances. I hope as a BOD member, I can encourage more adult activities like bringing back the "golf cart poker run" and having more social events where people who are new to the park and those who have been here awhile can come together and meet and form a bond of friendship!

What I've been hearing, as I have been out and about "knocking on doors" and introducing myself, is a reoccurring theme which is the cost of some of our fees and dues. I realize and understand there are "cost of living" increases and municipalities raise their costs of

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doing business, therefore, those costs are passed along to us. What I hope to accomplish as part of the Board of Directors is to make sure any increases have a valid reason behind it. I'd like to know our membership costs are within reason and are helping maintain a sense of security, that "rustic feel" some campers like, and modernization for years to come. I will do my very best to help keep Sandy Pines a Safe, Fun, and Affordable place! With safety and security being a key factor for all of us, I will support our PSO team and encourage the support of tools and training necessary to perform their duties.

When I'm not at Sandy Pines, I'm involved heavily in my community and Allegan County. Here are my current and past Community Involvement and Volunteerism:

- Holland Police Department Citizens Police Academy, Graduate - 2008
- West MI Character Council, Board Member and Treasurer, 2008 - 2018
- MI West Coast Leadership Program, MI West Coast Chamber of Commerce, Graduate - 2013
- MI West Coast Chamber of Commerce Ambassador Committee, 2014- Present
- Allegan County Republicans Woman's Club, Board Member, 2015 - Present
- Step-on-Guide, Tulip Time, 2015- Present
- City of Holland Precinct Chairperson, 2008 - 2017
- Holland Township Precinct Inspector/Chair, 2018 - Present
- Delegate, Allegan County, District 6, 2016 - Present
- MI State Committee member, 2016 - Present
- Allegan County Executive Committee member- 2016 - 2018
- 6th District Committee member- 2016 to Present
- MEPSS (MI Excellence in Public Service Series) - September 2018-April 2019 - Graduate May 2019
- Member- Central Wesleyan Church - 2007 - Present
- Allegan County Notary Public. My commission expires 01.31.21

I look forward to meeting more of our great Sandy Pines members! I think it's important we all be well informed about who we are putting on our Sandy Pines Board of Directors. Being newer to the park I have new fresh

eyes which hopefully will spur new and creative ideas! I welcome hearing from you! My goal is to keep Sandy Pines - our "Happy Place" Safe, Fun, and Affordable! Thank you!



Dennis King

Greetings Sandy Pines Friends! My name is Dennis King, I'm 71 years young and I'm seeking re-election to the Board of Directors. I was an Associate

Member for 20 years, and have been a Member for the past ten years. My wife, Karin, and I have four adult children and six grandkids who all love spending time at Sandy Pines.

My background consists of several church leadership boards where I'm currently Finance Chair with my church in Kalamazoo. I've been involved with 51 years of public service. This includes six years in the military, 34 years of law enforcement and 11 years as a security officer in several federal facilities. For the past four years I have served on the Sandy Pines Safety & Security Committee, the Technology Committee, and almost three years on the Board of Directors. I've had the privilege of being part of the restructuring of the Department of Public Safety during the past two years, as well as being a part of the implementation of PA 330, where highly qualified security officers are being hired to bring a level of security to Sandy Pines like never seen before!

I have been involved with the FEMA grant that allowed us to provide two storm shelters/convenience centers to Phase 3. I was on the committee overseeing the construction of these buildings as a representative of the BOD, and I look forward to continuing as a team member with our second FEMA grant. In addition, our Park has maintained a balanced budget.

As your Board member/representative, I will continue to use a common sense approach towards level headed decisions that help make Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, a top-of-the-line campground.

I ask for your support and vote on August 17th. Thank you for your consideration.



Larry Munger

Hi, my name is Larry Munger and I am running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. I am married to my wonderful wife Janet and we will celebrate our 49th anniversary this November.

We have four grown married children who have blessed us with 16 grandchildren.

I am a veteran, having served in the US Army from 1970 to 1972. I went to Muskegon Community College where I received an Associate in Science (AS) in 1970. I graduated from Calvin College in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE). Finally, I was elected to serve on the executive board of the UAW Local 730.

As a family, our first visit to Sandy Pines was in 1975. My wife and I camped in tents with our young children as we enjoyed what Sandy Pines had to offer. We bought a membership in 1983. As members of Sandy Pines, we have seen many changes and improvements in the park. We have great memories of the time spent here. The oldest daughters worked at the ice cream shop and our son delivered messages from the guard shack to members in the park. Now that we

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are both retired, Sandy Pines is our summer home and we live here full time during the season. It's time for me to give back to the park I love.

I am asking for your support and your vote in the August election. Sandy Pines is member owned, staff operated and Board governed. Members should have a voice in the future of the Sandy Pines. I want to be that voice for the members on the board. I will listen to your concerns and bring those concerns to the entire board. As a member of the board, I promise to represent you and your concerns. In decisions that affect our park and our money, I will be fiscally responsible. In rule changes, I will use a common sense approach that benefits the members as a whole. I will fully support any decision made by the Sandy Pines members as a whole.

Thank you in advance for your vote. I would be honored to serve the members of this park as a member of the board of directors.



Chad Ostrom

Hi everyone! Wow, that went very quickly! It has been the honor of my lifetime for the past year to serve you as a Director at what most of us refer to as our "Happy Place".

As Sandy Pines continues to grow and with the upcoming change in leadership, I feel more compelled than ever, that I must continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

My agenda is very simple...it is to work WITH our Board of Directors for continued fiscal success, continued growth in safety and security, the support of the amazing staff employees here, and to insure the success of the next Park President.

Please ChoseChad and Dennis King for reelection so all of us may continue to call this our "Happy Place!"

Sincerely,
Chad Ostrom
ChoseChad-again



Paul Peppel

Hello everyone! My name is Paul Peppel and I am excited to be in the running for a Board of Director position. My wife Deb and I are enjoying our tenth

year in the park and spend virtually the entire summer here save for some trips to our home base in Byron Center.

My qualifications for this position include an 11-year stint as Vice President of a West Michigan school board as well as serving as the school's band booster president. In addition, 20+ years experience as an automotive service manager has reinforced to me the value of the Golden Rule which I use as a daily guidance both personally and professionally.

Our two grown children, their spouses and our three grandchildren relish their time spent with us here and all Sandy Pines has to offer. It is my passion to help preserve our happy place while making necessary and sometimes difficult decisions as we adapt and embrace inevitable change. Thank you in advance for your support.

Paul Peppel

CLASSIFIEDS

We have more 'Site for Sale' listings online at www.sandypines.com

Please call **Kathy (ext. 113)** or **Nick (ext. 114)** at 616-896-8316, for additional information or to schedule an appointment

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.

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