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~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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



PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

The month of July was extremely active for our members, associates, guests and staff. Events continue to get added while maintaining state social distancing requirements. Committees are back meeting in full force. Thank you to those volunteers that helped make golf cart testing possible. It was great to see many of our youngsters smile once they passed the test! We celebrated our freedoms God has blessed us with in America while we continue to adapt to new ways of doing things within our country, state, county and Sandy Pines. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire staff, THANK YOU for the awesome response during our 4th of July holiday parade. Many positive words, messages and signs were shared. It was extremely uplifting to see. We are blessed with many who support our community, Board and Staff. Our state added another executive order for masks to be worn indoors as well as outdoors if unable to social distance. Lastly, many of you received new Spectrum Charter modems. We appreciate your patience and understanding as this process has been very challenging to all. However, the sweat equity placed into this project should generate good results for Sandy Pines. Future calls now may go directly to Spectrum once you provide your individual account number.

Service and trouble calls no longer need to go to Member Service.

Christmas In August

August will be just as active as July. This month includes our Christmas in August celebration. We invite our entire Sandy Pines community to decorate and spread the festive atmosphere throughout the park during that week. This year the area between phase 4 and 5 near the human foosball area will be set up for our membership to enjoy some bright lights. Of course, the invitation is also extended to your neighborhoods to get involved to make the Season Merry and Bright!

Annual Park & Golf Course Meeting

On August 22nd we will be holding the Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual meeting at the Chapel. This will begin at 10am. Please attempt to attend to get an update on the 2019/20 year. Members are also provided the opportunity to ask staff and Board Directors questions regarding the park and year. This is also the day you will have an opportunity to cast a vote for three Board Directors. We are saddened to hear that our current Chairman of the Board, Rick Day, has decided to step down from his

leadership role as well as being a Board Director. His tenure will end at the end of this month. I would like to thank him for his service to the Park and to the Board. He has helped provide sound leadership, direction and consultation over these last two years.

Annual Budgets

Admin and department Managers are finalizing the data for the final draft of a 2020/21 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 12th. A final recommendation from the Finance Committee will be presented to the Board of Directors on August 21st.

Northshore Center

The North Shore FEMA Storm Shelter continues to make progress. Many of us witnessed the large concrete pre-cast panels being assembled like Legos which is very impressive. The four walls are up, floors inside the structure are assemble and the roof is on. This month you will continue to see much of the exterior structure be completed. Windows, decking and mechanical items will be added.

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Recreation & Staff

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 extremely hot and challenging year! Many of our Rec Staff will be leaving us by mid-August to go back to school, sports or jobs. We simply want to take this time to let you to know that you are appreciated. We hope you come back next season!! Thank you to all.

Thank you to all the other Staff we have here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course as well!! The park and golf course ground conditions are amazing. 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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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

If you were to randomly survey ten Sandy Pines Members asking them their favorite park activity, there might be ten different answers. But if you were to ask their top ten, there is little doubt that Lake Monterey would make everyone's list. It is a valuable asset unlike any other at SP, offering a wide variety of options for young and old alike.

Just think about all the enjoyment our lake provides. Wonderful sandy beaches with safe waterfronts, boating choices galore, calm swimming spots, the tranquility of Phase 3, the diverse amphibious habitat of the channel, plenty of opportunity for kayaks, paddle boards, pedal boats, and sailboats. Fishermen live the dream, always "angling" for their perfect, secret spot. And let's be honest here, who hasn't yelled "hey!" really loud when going through the tunnel. Even non-water users benefit as demand for Sandy Pines properties remains high, undoubtedly thanks in part to the lure of Lake Monterey.

Yet its diversity is accompanied by challenges. How do we meet the demands of all the

participants? The boaters and bathers want clear water while the fishermen like weeds and depth. And while some types of weeds are OK, others are undesirable. The no-wake areas of Phase 6 and Sailboat Cove give many peace and quiet but the lack of water movement and depth result in water quality that becomes questionable increasingly so as the season progresses. Boat traffic in general creates its own set of issues, leading to excessive erosion in certain areas and potential safety hazards.

Tackling these topics is the task of a newly created lake committee, a 12-member, all-volunteer group that hashes through these matters weekly. Discussions thus far have been spirited and insightful, each participant bringing obvious passion to the table. The decisions reached and ultimately presented to the board for review will be well thought out and made with integrity and fairness. This group of your peers does not take this matter lightly, realizing that all findings and suggestions are vital and essential to the long-term survival of our park's most valuable asset.

The committee thanks all in advance for your encouragement and support. Please feel free to email the board of directors at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com if you have any thoughts or ideas to add.

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK josh@sandypines.com

Weekly Flyers

Our Communications Team has been working hard this year to keep you updated on all our park news and events. Feedback that we received in the past was that you wanted more information farther in advance to prepare for upcoming events. To do that this year we changed the Weekend Flyers that focused on Thursday-Sunday to the Weekly Flyers that now focus on the entire week from Monday-Sunday. In each Weekly Flyer we focus on the current week's events, next week's bigger events, and main events coming up in the next few weeks. We hope this is giving you more time to plan in advance, so you don't miss out on any important events, details, and/or deadlines. On the back of the Flyers we feature five of the biggest park news events and updates with links through to our website for more information along with a few quick announcements and a thank you to someone in the park that has gone above and beyond for the good or our community. We're always looking for great members, volunteers,

staff, board members and candidates to highlight in our thank you section. If you know of someone that has gone above and beyond, please let us know who they are so we can feature them in our Flyers.

Our other goal this year was to get the monthly Footprints Publication out sooner to give you more time to read up and prepare for what's coming down the pike, but do the fluid nature of COVID-19, we remained on our current print schedule in order to keep you up to date with the most recent park related updates.

We've also been working hard to get all our updates on our website and Sandy Pines Cable Channels 27.1-27.4 with supplemental Facebook posts to push information out to everyone in the way they prefer to absorb it. This year, it's been all about content, content, and more content. We'd love your feedback anytime you have something to share. Just give us a quick call at 616.896.8315

x112 or email to communications@sandypines.com.

SP Cable Channels 27.1-27.4

Our Sandy Pines Cable Channels Broadcast Park Information 24 hours/day and are a great source for park updates and information.

- SP Ch 27.1 Park News, Events, Alerts, Cancellations, Weather, Traffic & News
- SP Ch 27.2 Board of Directors Meetings, Face to Phase Meetings & Chapel Services
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If you have a few minutes to spare, SP Channel 27.1 will run through all our current park news, events, alerts, weather, and local traffic in 5 minutes or less. This is a great daily way to get a summary of what's happening in the park.

SMS Text Alerts

Sandy Pines has a new SMS text opt-in for Members, Associate Members, Guests, and Campers who would like park news, event updates, weather alerts, cancellations, and closures.

To Opt-In: Text "SANDYPINES" to 67283
To Opt-Out: Text "STOP" to 67283

You can opt-in or out at any time. Text & data rates will apply. Please keep in mind severe weather notifications and other emergency alerts are sent automatically by the National Weather Service, Allegan County, the State of Michigan, and other national agencies. The National Weather Service will often send numerous consecutive alerts in the case of severe weather advisories and warnings. For additional details on how you can stay updated on all our park news via our website, weekly E-News, Weekly Flyers, Monthly Footprints and more, visit SandyPines.com/Communications.

50th Anniversary Logo

As we gear up for our park's 50th Anniversary, we're proud to unveil our new 50th Anniversary Logo that you'll see in our marketing and branding in 2021! Our goal with the new logo was to integrate our current logo and branding

into a something different, extra, and special for the year in which we celebrate our 50th. With gold being the official color of 50th wedding anniversaries, we thought this color palette was a natural choice and great way to honor our community. We're currently working on limited edition 50th Anniversary merchandise and logo wear that we'll be selling throughout the year. Stay tuned for details!



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Sandy Pines Merch & Logo Wear

Sandy Pines merchandise and logo wear is available for purchase at the Sandy Pines Park & Garden Store, the Happy Shack, and now online! We have shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, blanket, pants, baby onesies, tote bags, dog bandanas, coffee mugs, and more.

Park & Garden / Happy Shack Merch

In addition to the normal stock we carry at the Park & Garden Store and the Happy Shack, we'll have

Red & Green Christmas Themed Happy Camper shirts for the Christmas In August Celebration. Bring the family by and get everyone outfitted for the holidays!

Online Merch Store

We now have an online store where you can purchase merchandise that we sell onsite along with some exclusives that can only be ordered online. The online store will be open two weeks every month, typically the first couple weeks of each month. When the online store closes, we'll process all the orders and send them to the Park & Garden Store for pickup or directly to your home address. We'll keep you posted each month when the online store will be open. Due to our new COVID-19 mail policy, we will not be able to ship clothing to Sandy Pines.

Online Store Hours

Open	Sunday, August 2nd at Midnight
Closes	Sunday, August 16th at Midnight
Orders Ready	Friday, September 4th

The Online Store will be open on Sunday, August 2nd at midnight and closes on Sunday, August 16th at midnight. Orders will be ready for pickup at The Park and Garden Store after on Friday, September 4th. You will receive an email when the order is ready for pick up. The August Store will feature limited edition Sandy Pines Camouflage themed merchandise to get you excited for the fall and for those who generally like to blend in with their surroundings. The online store can be found at SandyPines.com/Merch.

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The online store closes Sunday, August 16th at midnight. Orders will be available for pickup at the Park & Garden Store Friday, September 4th.

Limited time designs available now!



SANDYPINES
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EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

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. Check your fire extinguisher and replace if discharged, outdated or not operational. If older than 6 years replace.

Inspect your personal flotation devices. Ensure that you have the proper sizes for each person on your watercraft.

If you are pulling a skier or tuber(s) have a competent observer. The lake can be very busy at times. If you are inexperienced, have inexperienced water skiers or tubers choose a time when the lake has less traffic.

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. Children less than six years of age must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat. 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 place themselves at great risk. It can be difficult to see swimmers in the water with the wave action, sun, and pitch of the watercraft. Do not assume watercraft can see you in the water. Avoid swimming into boating lanes. Stay within the designated swim beaches.

COVID-19

This spring and summer are surely very different from every other year with the COVID-19 virus. Unseen, visibly undetectable, with an airborne suspension means of transmission it continues to be a risk to the health of all. Restrictions and stay at home orders have increased our want to return to our normal activities. The reality is what we have known to be normal is not what is present.

Responsibility in the spread of the virus is upon each person individually. Responsibility entails wearing a face mask when in close proximity to others (inside or outside), maintaining social distancing of 6 feet or more, hand washing and not subjecting yourself or family to gatherings of people in close proximity (inside or outside).

Safety, risk reduction, and prevention of spread to others can only be obtained by individuals following public health recommendations or mandates. Compliance is the means to protect others, your family and yourself. Behavior and attitude to wear or not wear, be compliant or non-compliant have had sharp upturns in the spread of the virus at events locally and nationally. Compliance is the means to reduce the opportunity of the virus to spread and return to a normal world. Non-compliance and spread are the means that causes facilities to be closed. As we move forward please look farther than yourself, wear a mask, social distance, use good personal hygiene, and follow guidelines to continue to have the opportunity to utilize Sandy Pines and enjoy what is offered in this abnormal summer.



Bike Safety

Wear a helmet – a properly sized helmet can reduce or eliminate a traumatic head injury or death.

- Wear Bright clothing and bike during the day light hours. Be visible. Don't assume others see you.
- Follow the same traffic rules as motorists.
- Never hitch onto cars or golf carts.
- Ride Single file with the flow of traffic.
- Use hand signals. Let others know what you plan to do.
- Supervise and accompany children on the roadways.
- Refrain from permitting small children with toys to play in the roadway. Children on small toys may not be easily seen or visible to motorists.

Youth Golf Cart Safety

Please refrain from permitting small children to ride on the lap of a driver. In the event of a crash with an object the weight of the driver and the force of the impact will cause the child on the lap to be forced into the steering wheel of the golf cart.

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

Thank You Beth

Sandy Pines would like to thank Beth Merren for the wonderful 30+ years she has dedicated to the Sandy Pines team. Beth has worked in the Administration office serving the role of Accounts Payable/General Accountant. Her knowledge and understanding of the ins and outs of Sandy Pines was close to her heart and invaluable. Beth worked hard with the team through many changes including personnel and system changes. Beth's meticulous work has been a very huge asset to our Sandy Pines Team.



Although Beth will be deeply missed here, our hearts are also happy for her to enjoy this next chapter in life enjoying more time for her and her family, including her two precious grandbabies. Her gentle spirit, kindest heart and solid work ethic has been such a blessing to us.

On behalf of the SPWT and LMGC co-workers and membership, please wish Beth a very warm farewell.

Thank you Beth for the wonderful 30+ years given to Sandy Pines!

Blessings to you,

Your Sandy Pines work and membership family

Financial Statements

The most recent June 2020 financial statements for both Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails and Lake Monterey Golf Course have been approved at our July Board of Directors meeting and posted on the Finance Page at SandyPines.com/Finance.

Sandy Pines update

- Operation Cash as of June 2020 is up approx. 42% over prior year, due to the receipt of renewals payments in June, in turn resulting in the reduction of Member A/R from May to June 2020.
- The balance in the Operational Cash account also includes the receipt of the PPP Loan funds approx. \$512k.
- The Charles Schwab Investment Account as of the end of June is up \$130k, approx. 7.7%.
- Current liabilities are up \$626k, primarily related to the currently liability hold of the PPP loan of \$512k.
- Total Net Income is down \$55k, approx. 3.3% from prior year, compared to \$276k or approx. 16% last month. The reopening of activities within the park has helped in turning this around.
 - Sales and Hospitality Net Income is down \$60k, compared to \$200k last month.
 - This is due to added interest in prospective members buying sites and is a significant help with recouping the loss of Site (Camping) Rental Income which is still down \$210k as of the end of June.
 - Administration Net Income is down \$130k. Flea Markets have been cancelled through the season.
 - Maintenance Net Income is up \$50k. The majority of the decreased revenue continues as a result of the delay of maintenance services with the shutdown and the increased expense is related to ground maintenance costs with repairs completed in the off-season.
 - Public Safety Income is down \$20k. This change is specifically related to a decrease in guest fees and violations with the stay-at-home order and restrictions and lessened mag card income.

- Recreational Net Income is \$15k higher than prior year. Salaries and wages year-to-date are lower due to the delayed season and set up of employees.
- Resort Services Income is up \$250k. Operational expenses are down \$120k compared to prior year.
- Park and Garden gross sales is up \$10k and the cogs is also up \$16k. Park and Garden has great product needs for our members and guests and Administration's focus is to continue turning the product sales.
- Rentals Income is down \$30k related to the cancellation of multiple golf cart reservations related to the Pandemic restrictions and a slower restart.

Lake Monterey Golf Course update

- Operation Cash as of June 2020 is down approx. \$20k or 5% over prior year.
- The balance in the Operational Cash account also includes the receipt of the PPP Loan funds approx. \$35k.
- Current Liabilities are in line with prior year, but all include the holding of the PPP funding.
- Total Gross Revenue is up \$47k or 11.8%.
- Total Operational Expenses is increased \$40k. The stay-at-home order and delayed activity on the greens has helped recoup some of the previous expense in the off-season making repairs to the course and uncompleted maintenance projects during the month.
- Total Net Income is up \$27k.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most currently approval financial reports. Enjoy your time away from home and stay safe!

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS gary@golflmgc.com

The golf course is having a pretty good season so far. But we will see how the weather holds out. The heat this year combined with additional golf traffic (which is double) is creating extra wear and tear on the course which is showing.

The golf course has come a long way in the last five years, and we will continue to make

improvements over the coming years. But our members and the public need to also take ownership and take pride in their course. You as member need to put rope back up, fill your divots and do not walk up bunker faces. Doing this breaks down the sod edges. I have even seen our seasoned golf members do it.

Keep an eye on our schedule and Facebook page for upcoming golf events and outings. The 4th of July Cornhole Tournaments were a big success and continue weekly on Friday evenings outside the Clubhouse.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI ben@sandypines.com

This season has been just a little bit different... to say the least. One thing we would like for you to keep in mind, if you did not return to Sandy Pines this season is to remember to have your site winterized, or at least checked on. There is always a possibility that someone may have hooked up the wrong hose and water was run in your trailer. It is a good idea not to take a chance that your trailer will still be good for another winter, even though you were not here. Please

remember the Maintenance Team can only do a certain number of winterizings, and it is always on a first come...first served basis.

The hot weather this season has impacted 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

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Maintenance News / Continued From Page 10

Department during business hours and the Public Safety Office after business hours.

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are appreciated and the park looks great when everyone lends a hand.

REMINDER: Please do not place items around the outside of the compactors in the park. This

Thank you to everyone who volunteers their time to help keep our beautiful park clean. You

God Bless...

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY SUE FLOWERS memberservice@sandypines.com

Hours

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By Appointment Only

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Member Handbook & Sandy Pines Website

We always recommend Members and prospective Members read the Handbook and explore the website. We are happy to answer your questions, but what you need to know about your responsibilities as Members is in the Handbook; it's very important. Yes, there are some additional guidelines that are Administrative; that is the job of Park Leadership. When prospective buyers come into Member Service, one of the first things we 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. If you are self-selling

your site, please let your Buyers know about the Handbook.

Member Signs

We are happy on Member Sign orders – we apologize. We will soon be generating a new order. There are many beautiful designs from which to choose online at SandyPines.com/MemberSigns.

Hold My Stickers!

If you know you want your stickers held next season you may tell us now or before you leave for the season and we will fill the form field. This prevents your stickers from being lost in the mail. They are placed in an envelope and sent to the Main Gate so that you may pick them up when you arrive in the Spring. You will still have the opportunity to decide during the Renewal period, January 15 to March 15, 2020 to have your stickers held. Thank you.

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 21, 2020. 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.

Winterizations

We start taking winterization orders on Monday, August 24th. 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

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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.

Cable & Internet

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.

Some Members are set to receive new modems, some are not. This is because some modems already in the park are compatible with the new speeds to which we have been upgraded. Our

new contract provides 200 mbps download and 10 mbps upload speeds; the previous was 60 DS and 4 US. We are working as quickly as possible on modem swaps, but due to the required tracking, it takes tremendous attention to detail. With the volume of calls and emails we are receiving, we must take our time to get it right. Thank you for your patience.

One small thing you 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 at no cost to you. 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, after the regular PO route, but most often between 1pm to 2pm. We cannot guarantee an EPO if you wait until 2pm to call. The crew is generally finishing, washing the trucks and cleaning up for the day. Thank you!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT jack@parkgarden.com

Park & Garden Store

Phone: 616.896.9334

Email: parkgarden@sandypines.com

Online: sandypines.com/ParkGarden

Store Hours

9:30 am-4 pm Monday-Saturday

12:00 pm-4 pm Sunday

No deliveries after 3:15 pm

No Sunday propane fills or deliveries

Park & Garden Rental Office

Phone: 616.896.9888

Email: parkgarden@sandypines.com

Online: [sandypines.com/
ParkGardenRentalOffice](http://sandypines.com/ParkGardenRentalOffice)

Rental Office Hours

9 am-4 pm Monday-Thursday

9 am-7 pm Friday

9 am-4 pm Saturday

10 am-4 pm Sunday

Marina Hours

5-8 pm Wednesdays and Fridays

12-5 pm Saturdays and Sundays

All hours are weather dependent.

August is now here. What a summer it has been starting a month late and all the restrictions that we needed to follow and now it is coming to a close. Park and Garden has been very busy this summer and we want to thank all of you for supporting us throughout the season.

As we begin to think about closing up the 2020 season, we need to begin thinking about the water softeners for next year. If you would like to receive a discount on next year's price be sure to sign a new contract for the softener use for 2021 before you leave the park. To receive the discount, you must have signed the contract before October 15th.

We also need to know when you will be finished with the softener for the season. We do not pick them up immediately on the date you're finished with them, but we need to schedule them in areas for pick up. Stop by the store before you leave for the season to sign the contract and give us your pickup date.

Christmas in August is coming up soon. Do you have your lights for the display on your sight? Stop by the store and see our selection of lights

that are available. Help light up the park this Christmas.

We also have a supply of damp rid units to put into your units when you leave to help with the moisture over the winter.

The marina, the rental office and store are open until after Labor Day when we go to special hours.

Remember the marina is open Wednesday and Friday nights from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 pm.

If you are looking for lumber for any building projects stop by and check out our supply in the store. We have been able to get treated lumber all summer when other lumber yards are out.

As with the general public, we have experienced a shortage of supply of Toilet Paper. As of July 20th, we have received in a new supply and are set for the rest of the season.

Merry Christmas!

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS inspector@sandypines.com

Hours

Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Friday 8:30-9:30 am & 2:30-3:30 pm

3rd Saturday of the month 8 am-12 pm, any other

Saturday, by appointment only

Contact Information

Phone: 616.896.7286

Fax: 616.896.7409

Email: inspector@sandypines.com

Here we are, over halfway thru this camping season. It's been a pleasure meeting everyone

and I want to thank you for making the transition from Maintenance, over to the Inspector's position go so smoothly. Becky and I are trying to accommodate all your building/improvements and it's been a pleasure working with you.

Please keep in mind that we need to keep our sites clean thru Labor Day, to avoid being fined. Please keep everything neat and tidy. Please remember to make sure you are pulling permits before you start your projects. After you are done, please make sure that you return your permits within the 30-day time frame. If any of your projects require you to pull a township permit, you must remember to call the township when

your job is done and tell them you are ready for your final inspection. This goes for any permit that requires a township permit. We have been taking down a lot of dead trees this season in the green areas. If you have any dead trees or branches on your site, you should be looking to get them taken care of before winter. We all know what storms can do to dead trees. Please feel free to stop in and see me or give me a call if you have any questions or concerns. I will do whatever I can to help you out. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND nikki@sandypines.com

Recreation Office Hours

11 am-9 pm Monday-Sunday

Happy Shack

11 am-6 pm Sunday-Thursday

11 am-7 pm Friday-Saturday

Contact Information

Phone: (616) 896-8318

Email: recreation@sandypines.com

Christmas In August

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas! It is one of the highlight events of the summer to plan, decorate, and travel around looking at all the wonderful Christmas displays. Sandy Pines Christmas Eve weekend includes the Night, Light Boat parade around the lake, Dicks Brat Cookout, Tricks Band Live Music and site decoration set up. Christmas weekend includes the Color The Pines photo contest, Night, Light Bike parade and touring of all the wonderful site decorations. If you would like to be a judge of a specific Phase for best site decorations please email recreation@sandypines.com

Kids Craft Sale

A kid's craft sale is set for Saturday, August 15. This is for any child 16 and under. You may sell handmade items. Location is the Phase 4 Soccer Field. Time is 10 am-1 pm (set up begins at 9

am). You must provide your own table and items to sell. This is not a garage sale. Only kids are able to sell items they make and learn how to collect money. This event was new last year, and items sold were very creative, fun, and kid friendly. Please stop by and purchase items made by our own Sandy Pines kids.

The July 4th holiday weekend was a success. We had lots of tournaments going on and it was such a joy to see the basketball courts active with players and spectators. The volleyball tournaments were also a huge success and went late into the night. Thank you to all who participated, and we look forward to the upcoming Labor Day tournaments.

Thank you to all the rec staff for working hard to offer lessons, events, rentals and keeping as many amenities operating as possible. It has been very hot, and the heat does take a toll on the staff that mostly all work outdoors each day. Rec Dept. thanks the members and guests for following the pool capacity and operating steps to be able to enjoy the pools safely at this time.

Equipment Rentals

Reminder that Rec Dept. does offer daily equipment rentals from 11am-8pm. Rentals

requires a member card and can be done at the Recreation Station on the east end of the building. Rentals include putt-putt, pickleball, tennis, basketball, soccer, volleyball, disc golf and shuffleboard. All items are sanitized after each use.



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Happy Shack

Happy Shack is open daily serving great food, snack and beverage options. Open daily at 11am-7pm. Featured items are Bosco sticks, pretzels with cheese, strawberry smoothies, cookies, hotdogs, nachos, and ice cream sandwiches. Sandy Pines merch, logo wear and clothing is also available. Options include t-shirts, sweatshirts, long sleeve shirts, and zip-ups. Sizes are youth and adults.



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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK keith@sandypines.com

June Incidents

In June of 2020 Security Services responded to 217 incidents. That reflects an increase of 104% from June of 2019. Below are the calls types and numbers.

- Medical Emergency: 15
- Suspicious Incident: 2
- Alarm, Security: 2
- Lost/Found Property: 23
- Intoxicated Person: 1
- Welfare Check: 2
- Abuse of Staff: 2
- Open Door: 59
- Unauthorized Entry: 3
- Traffic Complaint: 14
- Boat Complaint: 14
- Noise Complaint: 3
- General Assistance: 11
- Health and Safety: 9
- Member Assist: 2
- Assist Other Agency: 3
- Animal Complaint: 7
- Personal Injury Accident: 1
- Neighbor Dispute: 1
- Unauthorized Entry: 7
- Property Damage Accident: 5
- Damage to Property: 5
- Assault: 1
- Nuisance Complaint: 2
- Larceny: 2
- Property Damage, Marine: 1
- Reckless Operation: 1
- Abandoned Vehicle: 1
- Missing Person: 2
- Careless Operation: 2
- Alcohol Violation: 2
- Misc. Rule Violation: 1
- Unclassified Complaint: 1

Pet Rules

Members are reminded that pets must be maintained and controlled on a leash. Members are responsible for cleaning up after pets. Pets are not allowed in any designated swimming areas. The rule section pertaining to pets can be found in VI, section E.

Boat Registrations

All boats must be registered with the Park. Security Services understands that registration with the State of Michigan may be delayed due

to COVID19, but there is no grace period for registration with the Park. Not registering the boat with the Park is causing substantial issues for staff as we cannot track the proper owner and may in certain circumstances have no choice but to impound the boat and charge the site for the removal and storage fees.

Boating Rules

The following are several frequent violations being found on Lake Monterey.

- Motorboats are to be driven in a counter clockwise direction around the lake.
- Watercraft must stay at least 100 feet from shoreline, swimming areas and moored boats.
- No powerboat may exceed 10 mph before 10am or after 10pm.
- Alcohol is prohibited on boats.
- Each person onboard a watercraft must have a USCG approved and proper type of flotation device. Children under six years of age are required to wear a Type I or II PFD when riding on the open deck of a watercraft.
- The driver of a watercraft pulling a tuber or skier must have a competent observer. There is a zero-tolerance policy for violations of this rule and a violation will be written.

Golf Cart Testing

Golf cart testing has been a great success. The testing was conducted outside with adherence to social distancing. I wish to thank Sgt. Bruce Maurer for his work on this as well as extend sincere thanks to the following volunteers: Sue Stank, Bob Griffin, Jo Maurer, Bruce Walcott, and Brenda Hibbs.

Overflow Parking

Boats and trailers may not be stored overnight in overflow parking areas. It does not matter if the boat or trailer is attached to a vehicle.

Membership Card Abuse

It is always improper and a violation of rules to scan another person in or allow another person use of a card for access. This is a 10 point \$100.00 violation. Please register your guest and remember a Member must be present when a guest is in the Park.

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Executive Order 2020-147

EO 2020-147 mandates the following:
Acting under the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following:

- Any individual who leaves their home or place of residence must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth:
 - When in any indoor public space

- When outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household.

The State of Michigan enacted penalties of a misdemeanor offense and fines of \$500.00 for violations. The Park has enacted a similar rule

with \$500.00 in fines for violations. Please wear masks and adhere to the guidelines.

The site capacity remains at 8 persons. Any number of people greater than 8 on a site is a violation.

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PARK WILDLIFE

Kestrel is a falcon, and the smallest of raptor species. PSO staff took the injured bird to the station and were able to contact animal rehab persons. The injured bird was taken to a rehab center in Grand Rapids for evaluation. On 07/16/20 our office was contacted by Dr. Rebecca Vincent who advised the falcon had experienced a head injury but was recovered and believed able to fly. Dr. Vincent wished to release the falcon in the area where it was at the time of the injury. Dr. Vincent and staff transported the falcon back to the area where it took flight immediately upon release. Thanks all who aided in the rescue and rehabilitation efforts. Keep an eye out whenever you're near Sailboat Cove as you may see this bird back in it's natural habitat.

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE & BEV VAN NOORD SandyPinesChapel.com

Greetings to each of you. As we roll into the month of August in this very unique summer, I want to start by thanking all of you for the positive and appreciative spirit. Yes, it has been so good to gather again and worship in our beautiful chapel even though we have had to make adjustments. It was very hard to cancel Vacation Bible School this summer but felt we had to with all the restrictions and the importance of keeping everyone safe. I have also had a very positive response from our members for putting our worship services on our local TV - channel 27.2 and posting them on YouTube (under Sandy Pines Lakeside Chapel). We will continue to do that. In case you have missed any, they typically become available a couple days after the worship service. A huge thank you to Dave Lynema who has done all the video work and uploading as well as running our sound at chapel. I also thank my committee for doing an outstanding job of navigating our worship services with social distancing. As we move into the month of August, I am sure there will be some changes to our schedule as we go.

Thanks for your flexibility. What follows is our current plans for August and early September.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 AM

- August 2...To Be Determined
- August 9...Pastor Don Van Slyke...Baldwin CRC
- August 16...Eric Bennett...Triumphant Quartet
- August 23...Rev. Greg Vander Meer...Fair Haven Ministries
- August 30...Pastor Reggie Smith
- September 6...Rev. Kevin Harbin...Adult and Teen Challenge
- September 13...Rev. Bert De Jong

Sunday Evening Concerts at 6:00 PM

- August 2...Brian Free and Assurance
- August 9...Gordon Mote
- August 16...Triumphant Quartet
- August 23...The Collingsworth Family
- August 30...Keepers of the Faith
- September 6...The Singing Contractors

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With Sincere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Warrine Beard

Site N-359, on the passing of her husband, Lamar.

Kelly Adaway

Site N-463, on the unexpected passing of her father, James Vine, on July 7th.

Tula Walther

Site 746, on the passing of her son, Kevin Bailey, on July 11th.



SANDY PINES ANNUAL ELECTION

The Sandy Pines Annual Election is held on the 3rd Saturday in August. Election times, details, polling places, sample ballots, and candidate bios are all available online at SandyPines.com/Election.

The Sandy Pines Annual Election
Saturday, August 22nd, 2020
10:00 am-2:00 pm

The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020, 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.

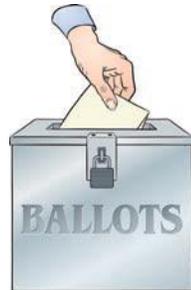
Election results will be available Saturday evening once all the votes have been counted and the Board Candidates have been notified. Results will be posted on this website page, Facebook, Cable Channel 27.1 along with posters on the doors of the Administration and Public Safety buildings.

Polling Places

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

Phases 3, 5 and 6
Inside the Recreation Station (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 (Friday, July 17th until Friday, August 14th.)

Absentee ballots must be mailed or deposited in the ballot box at the Member Service Office no later than 4 pm on Friday, August 14th.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

GINNY HAGER – Site D-99

My name is Ginny Hager and I am running for my second term on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. Sandy Pines has been a part of my life since I was very young. My parents were members of the park for 20 years when I was growing up. My husband Kevin and I have been members since July of 2000. It was a great place to be in the summer with our three kids Allison, Courtney and Isaiah as they were growing up. They participated in several park activities and also worked here on the recreation staff and at the ice cream shop. They still enjoy Sandy Pines as adults with their families and spend most weekends here with us. We welcomed three new granddaughters this past year and they are already enjoying our happy place here with us.



Throughout my years at Sandy Pines I have seen the park go through many changes. I am excited about the future of the park. It is my desire to continue playing a part in ensuring that it stays a great place for my family and yours. Utilizing my financial background and expertise, my aim is to preserve, update and improve the assets of our park. I am currently serving as the Treasurer of the Board and the Chairman of the Finance Committee. My hope is to be re-elected to the BOD and be able to carry on with these duties. I am eager to see the park move forward and help to create solutions as it grows. I will continue to provide transparency and to help the Board communicate with the members in the best ways possible.

In my professional life, I am a self-employed accountant with over 30 years of experience. I have had a wide variety of clients over the years from a global IT consultation company, to a small engine repair shop, to a farm to table marketplace. My husband and I own a construction company where I have been the CFO for over 25 years. I am very active in our

church and community. I have served as the treasurer of various non-profits and school/community organizations. I am currently a member of the praise team at our church and oversee the finances of the youth groups. These experiences have provided me with a wealth of financial knowledge to offer to the Board. I hold myself to a high degree of integrity; I am very motivated and I always see things through to completion.

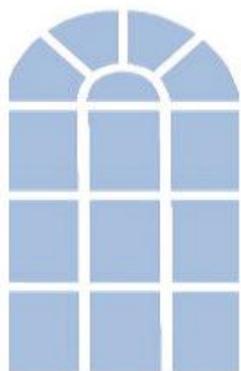
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JIM HUCK – Site N-182

I first visited Sandy Pines as a guest in 2013. We were amazed from the moment we arrived here and three weeks later we bought our own happy place. At that time we lived on the east side of this state but now we call Florida home. That makes Sandy Pines our full time summer home. Our 5 children and 9 grandchildren all love coming here to visit.

Now a little about me. I am a retired firefighter from Clinton Township Michigan. I served as a firefighter, fire officer, fire inspector and as a fire/arson investigator. I also served as a union steward for 16 years and served on and chaired several union committees over the years. I learned to solve problems by



we will face as a community. I promise to be fiscally responsible when making decisions that affect how our money is spent. But more importantly I promise to continue to listen to the concerns of our members and serve with integrity and honesty. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and for your past support.

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listening to the concerns and experience of others. I also served as president of my condominium association for three years where I gained experience in day to day operations, long range planning, contract negotiations and budget control. I gave up the position after buying our happy place to spend more time out here.

For the last three years I have served as secretary on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors and hope to serve three more years with the best board I have ever served on.

I believe Sandy Pines is a one of a kind facility and I would like to see it continue for generations to come. I would like to use my experience to help Sandy Pines to continue to be the premier facility that it is. I look forward to continue working with board members, the administration and all of the department employees.

I am asking for your support and your vote in August. In return I promise to listen to you the membership with an open mind a commonsense approach to the challenges

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

LARRY MUNGER – Site D-161

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



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.

I am asking for your support and your vote in the August election. Members should have a voice in the future of the Sandy Pines and not be dictated by a few with their own agenda. I support the members rights to vote on large construction projects. I support a vote by the members on the PA-330 issue (making the PSO police). This should not be hidden away as a part of operations. I want to be the members voice on the board. I will listen to your concerns and take them to the board. 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 in a vote by the majority.

messages from the guard shack to members in the park. Now that we 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.

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 50th anniversary this November. We have four grown married children who have blessed us with 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

I am a veteran, having served in the US Army from 1970 to 1972. I went to Muskegon

I am committed to the community of Sandy Pines. It is time to put new people on the BOD. Thank you in advance for your vote. I would be honored to serve the members of this park as their representative on the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines.

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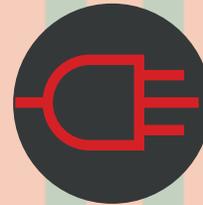
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