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The Sandy Pines Board of Directors will
 provide positive leadership and manage-
 ment direction so as to ensure the long
 term viability and success of Sandy Pines
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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

Just when you thought we couldn't top our July events such as our fireworks show, Family Fun Day featuring new activities like laser tag, cardboard boat races, holiday tournaments and Halloween.

August at Sandy Pines

It's now Christmas time at Sandy Pines! August is here and it is time for everyone to see how awesome we celebrate Christmas! We have tons of lights being displayed throughout the park. Take some time to take in all the fantastic work your fellow members and volunteers do to decorate and light up of our Happy Place. Pull together members in each of your neighborhoods to get involved and decorate your block! There is always something about Christmas lights and carols that cheer us all up!

There are also many more spectacular events taking place this month to celebrate our 50th Anniversary. Christmas kicks off our month followed by Bogies and Beer at Lake Monterey Golf Course. Test your golf skills while partaking in some beverages. We will also have Trucks and Tunes at our Chapel grounds. Thank You to our Chapel Committee for volunteering the grounds to hold our concerts and trucks. This will be an exciting event of fun, food, and music. We will also be having a Stars of Sandy Pines event if you want to show case your talents. Make sure you visit our website, Facebook and other official Sandy Pines communications for event times and ticket information. We look forward to seeing you at all these events.

Hold on, there is more fun taking place as Poker Runs are back for our 50th Anniversary. Many of you remember the fun had while participating in this event. Well, its back! Make sure you sign up.

Board of Directors Annual Elections

As communicated in last month's July Footprints, August is also the time for our Annual Elections and Annual Meeting. This month's Footprints includes a sample ballot. Please make time to review it. We have four (4) Board of Director spots open with three (3) holding a 3-year term and one (1) holding a 1-year term. The vote

getter with the least number of votes will secure the 1-year term. The balance will secure the 3-year terms. Ballots have already been placed in our Member Service area for you to pick up to cast your votes. Please remember to bring identification to confirm member name and site number. Last year we cast our ballots in Member Service drop box or Phase 1 Core Pavilion. This year our polling location will be at the North Shore Building lower level. This is centrally located for all members and Phases. You may once again drop off your absentee ballot at Member Service if you are not able to be in the park on election day.

Face to Phase Meeting

We will be holding another Face to Phase meeting on August 14 at the North Shore Building upper level. We hope to have current Board Directors, as well as Candidates and Staff available to address any questions you may have. This would be a great date to highlight on your calendars (9am to 11am), if you missed our Meet the Candidates event in July. We will also enjoy some coffee, water, and cookies.

Annual Meeting

August 21 will be an important date for Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course as this is the date we will be holding our Annual meeting at the Chapel. It will begin at 10am. We would love to see you there as we report out how this season went, our exciting 50th Anniversary recap and what we are looking forward to next season. Members will again be provided the opportunity to ask staff and Directors questions.

Budget Review

Our Staff will be finalizing our annual 2021/2022 budget for review and approval by the Board of Directors. We have continued to review monthly financials as well as portions of the 2021/2022 budget throughout the season with both the Finance Committee and the Board. This remains a priority by all to ensure we maintain the strong financial stability of Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. Our finalized budget will be due the middle of this month with approval to be completed at the August 2021 Board Meeting.

The goal and expectation is to have another financially sound year in 2021/2022.

Thank You

Lastly, we would like to Thank You, the members, who continue to be supportive, patient and kind to our Staff. We have an awesome staff who care about our park and its members for generations to come. We are blessed to serve the park, you and our lord God.

Philippians 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — ELLEN CARPENTER



My name is Ellen Carpenter and I am running for a second term on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. I am currently the Chairperson of the Board, but also a member of the Safety and Security Committee,

as well as the liaison for the 50th Anniversary Committee. I was also on the North Shore FEMA Building committee, which was very exciting and educational. I am involved in fund raising and

placement of playground equipment for inclusive play for special needs children and adults. I am also working on establishing a Library Committee to assist our hardworking volunteers.

I became a member with my late husband in 2001, with our first site being in Phase 2. I was already an associate member, and later moved to my mother's old site in Phase 3. My kids spent many summers here with family and friends and my grandson loves to visit. The community and family flavor of Sandy Pines makes this my Happy Place.

I retired from the United States Postal Service in 2017 with 29 years of service. I was also a steward and officer with the National Postal Mail Handlers Union, where I learned conflict resolution, contract compliance, and financial procedures for a non-profit organization. These skills have helped me in my duties on the board at Sandy Pines.

As we celebrate 50 years at Sandy Pines, I believe it's important to keep traditions, but to also work towards a solid future that includes financial stability and safe operating procedures. As a board member, I am charged with protecting the assets of the park, with the members themselves being the most valuable. The safety of the members and their associates and guests are very important to me.

If successful in the election, I will strive to continue to improve communication. I will also work towards developing more recreational opportunities. Safety will continue to be a top priority, but the financial security and the protection of the assets will be most important.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — KELLY V. JOHNSON



Hello.
My name is Kelly V. Johnson and I would like to start off by saying thank you to the 600+ members who placed your trust and confidence in me with your votes 3 years ago.

Serving on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors can be difficult and time consuming, however, the satisfying reward of seeing our amazing park grow and thrive makes this position worthwhile, in my opinion. With that, I feel there is still more work for me to do, so I am respectfully requesting your consideration to vote for me in August for my 2nd term to serve on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors.

FAMILY:

I grew up in Mattawan, MI where I graduated from Mattawan High School in 1975 and attended Kalamazoo Valley Community College.

I was lucky enough in 1981 when my best friend in life, Leslie, said "I do". We've been happily married for 40 years this September and have been blessed with 2 children, our daughter Jamie and our son, Scott. We raised our family in Portage, MI.

Since the last Sandy Pines election, our twin granddaughters, Hannah, and Hailey got a new little sister, Hadley from their parents, Jamie and her husband, Ben. "Papa" is my new favorite title.



SANDY PINES LIFE:

We heard about this awesome park called Sandy Pines from a dear friend and decided to camp there in 2011. Like everyone else, we immediately fell in love with this park. After camping at Sandy Pines several times over the course of 2 seasons, it was a no-brainer in 2013 for us to buy our site and become members, rather than camping guests. Our love for the park grew in such a way that we decided to sell our home in Portage and buy a Sandy Pines condo in 2016 so we could live here and enjoy the park year-round. We just couldn't get enough, and we're happy to call Sandy Pines our permanent home.

CAREER:

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

EXTRACURRICULAR / VOLUNTEER:

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Bethlehem Baptist Church, Sandy Pines Rules Advisory Committee

SUMMARY:

There is one reason and one reason only that I would like to serve another term on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors; this community is our home and I love our home. I believe that my career and previous BOD experience has provided me with the skills and experience that make me qualified to serve as a member of your BOD.

I promise to continue listening to you, the members. I promise to be diligent in collecting and reviewing all pertinent information to make the best possible decisions for Sandy Pines. I hope that the decisions I have made, along with our team, thus far, has demonstrated my dedication and commitment to the membership of Sandy Pines. A vote for me is a vote to help Sandy Pines continue to grow and thrive for many years to come so future generations can experience the same pride, love and enjoyment we are all blessed with today.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and a sincere thank you for your consideration for my candidacy.

Kelly Johnson

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — SCOT WYMAN



Hello my name is Scot Wyman, I'm running for the board of directors this year. I was first introduced to Sandy Pines in the early 1990's when my mother and brother bought places in Phase 3, I purchased shortly after

that in 1994 (I believe). I was amazed at the size of the park and the amenities they had to offer back then and have seen the park evolve to the great place it is today.

I retired from the East Lansing Fire Department after nearly 30 years serving as a Firefighter/Paramedic, Lieutenant, Captain and Deputy

Fire Chief. I also served in different capacities within our local union as well. I attended Lansing Community College obtaining a degree in Fire Science, and a certificate as an A-EMT (Paramedic). And then received my Paramedic License from the state of Michigan.

I am currently on the Long Range Planning committee, I served three years on the Chapel Committee, and also served as an arbitrator for Sandy Pines.

My wife Jamie and I have a place in Phase 6, prior to that we were in Phase 3. My three children have had the pleasure and great experience of Sandy Pines for many years. We have been so blessed to have such an amazing place at Sandy Pines.

My reason for running for the BOD is to help continue making and keeping this place an affordable, great experience for years to come. I support transparency for the board while realizing

some issues must maintain strict confidentiality. I look forward to serving you and appreciate your support in the upcoming election.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA



My name is Stephanie, I have enjoyed Sandy Pines my whole life. My family has been in the park for forty five years and now my husband and I are raising our kids here during the summer months.

rec department. She plays varsity lacrosse and is working towards getting her driver's license. Emmi loves to fish and is developing a love for volleyball. She is preparing to take the golf cart test and is excited for the new freedom that will bring. My husband works in Grand Rapids and commutes during the week. He loves to fish and boat when he isn't working on a project. I work at a hospital in the emergency department and locked behavioral health unit. I have been in the emergency department for fourteen years and the behavioral health unit for four years.

I have served on various committees in the hospital with the most recent being an expansion in mental health services provided in the emergency department. I am a student at Davenport, forever learning and growing.

I was chair of the lake committee last summer and then was appointed to the board in December. The vacancy was left by Chad's unexpected

passing. I didn't know him personally but his friendly waves on the golf cart are certainly missed. I know I will never fill his shoes, but I hope that I can represent the voice of the park from members of all ages. I love our little slice of heaven at Sandy Pines and I am excited, if elected, to continue to be a part of the board of directors.

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We live in Holland with our two girls, Adelyn and Emmi. They attend Holland Christian schools, this next school year Adelyn will be a sophomore and Emmi will be in seventh grade. Adelyn is working two jobs this summer at the Dairy Dip and the

Sandy Pines Board of Directors Election August 21, 2021

- Ellen Carpenter, Site 1073 Kelly Johnson, Site C-031
- Stephanie Saypannha, Site K-327 B. Scot Wyman, Site D-113

I voted for (number of candidates) ____

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BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

This month's BOD article will feature a sort of instruction manual. An informative primer for the uninitiated, a reminder for those in the know, and a whack on the noggin for those that know but choose to ignore. And the subject today is alcohol!

Now that I have your attention, remember that alcohol use is restricted to sites only. C'mon folks, it can't take but 10-15 minutes to make it anywhere in the park from site-to-site. Surely you can wait that long to crack one or sip your Solo, can't you? Don't be that guy and force Karen to make a phone call to the PSO. It would save everyone a lot of aggravation and, potentially, you a lot of embarrassment. Let alone the horror for all should a tragedy occur because you conveniently forgot.

It's very tempting on a hot, sunny day at the beach to stuff your cooler with a couple of brewskis and enjoy all that is Pure Michigan. In

certain select areas of the state, this is permitted, but it's a definite no-no at Sandy Pines. Ever. Please refrain from trying to sneak or, worse yet, blatantly disregarding our rules. Not only is it wrong, but it's also very challenging especially for parents that have to explain to their children why. Your cold beverages will stay just fine in the fridge and will be a nice refresher. After returning to your site.

How about booze on the boat or on the lake itself? On Michigan waterways, outside the park, sure. On Lake Monterey within the confines of Sandy Pines, absolutely not. As a private association, we set our own rules and this is a biggie. Umbrella drinks can be enticing on a beautiful day, but save your mixology talents for the trailer. And don't be that person that "got away with it".

Mind you, I write this message not as a teetotaler, rather, as a representative of your park that loves all that is SP. The Board fully supports the PSO

and Administration as they strive to identify and enforce. Please refrain from trying to skirt this rule with your stealth Yetis and fake Pepsi can koozies. Set a good example and don't put others in a difficult position of whether to tattle or confront. Neither is a pretty sight. Your comments on this or any subject matter are always welcome at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. Happy 50th and cheers!!

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Winterizations

Everything you need to start your winterization is available on our website Sandypines.com/winterizations/

Trailer winterization is a service offered by Sandy Pines Maintenance. It includes disconnecting the water hose at the Riser, the use of compressed air to blow out the water lines and a final pump out of the black tank. For an EXTRA fee, members can add winterization of sprinkler systems and ice makers.

Only 500 winterizations per season are performed by the Sandy Pines Maintenance team. Sites that share waterlines cannot be winterized by Sandy Pines.

Keys need to be dropped off at the time the form is turned into Member Service. The discounted pricing is for DEPARTURES before Sept 30th, not for completion of the form before Sept 30th. Winterization forms cannot be processed without being filled out in their entirety and must be signed by the MEMBER.

Golf Cart Raffle

The golf cart give-away winner will be drawn on Labor Day weekend. Make sure to stop in and get your tickets filled out prior to Aug 31st. Each site gets two entries into the drawing, so don't miss your chance!

Flea Market

Three Flea Markets remain this season: Christmas in August, Labor Day and October.

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Dick's Market soon to be Leppinks Food Centers

There will be a new grocery store in town come September!

Steve Dutkiewicz, owner and operator of Dick's Market, recently announced that he has sold the store to Leppinks Food Centers, another Spartan Independent, and will be retiring by the end of the year. Leppinks Food Centers will be taking over store operations on September 13th and is planning to keep current employees in their respective positions.

For Dutkiewicz, the news is both "sad and glad." His father, Richard Dutkiewicz, started Dick's Market back in 1955, and Steve grew up at the store, working as a bagger, stocker, and cashier, among other roles. When he was 16, his dad taught him about the meat business and he has been a butcher ever since. In fact, Richard and Steve built Dick's Market reputation with their signature meats and Sausage Shop.

"Everyone's first question about the buyout is 'What about the bratwurst?'" said Dutkiewicz. "I assure them that even though the name will change, Leppinks Food Centers will be keeping 'Dick's Sausage Shop' as a brand. In fact, they may even bring my sausage program to their other stores. Makes me proud!"

Like Dick's Market, Leppinks Food Centers is a family-owned company. Now in its fourth generation of family operation, Leppinks began in Belding, Michigan in 1928 when John Leppink opened "John Leppink's Quality Cash Market." Since then, the business has grown to six Michigan locations with stores in Belding, Ferrysburg, Howard City, Lakeview, Newaygo, and Stanton. Rather than create a cookie-cutter approach to business, each store is different by design so it can be a true neighborhood market.

John Leppink, owner and operator of Leppinks Food Centers, is the third generation to run the family business, and his three children are involved in the business as well. He says customers will continue to see the same wide variety of products, the same great service, and yes, the same great sausage.

"We will be keeping the Sausage Shop program, and the bratwurst recipes will remain the same," said Leppink. "The brand will be 'Dick's Sausage Shop' and we will keep the legacy that the Dutkiewicz family built going."

Shoppers can also look forward to Leppinks' "Groceries to Go" curbside pick-up service, which will be available to the Dorr community in the fall of 2021.

To help serve and support the Dorr community, Leppinks will be offering the Direct Your Labels program for school fundraising, and partnering with ShopWithScrip to offer gift card fundraising for organizations, in addition to other efforts to contribute to the community.

"We look forward to becoming part of the Dorr community," said Leppink.

Leppinks Food Centers is also excited to get to know Sandy Pines and continue the exceptional relationship that Dick's Market has with the Sandy Pines community.

Steve Dutkiewicz says he will always treasure his many memories of Sandy Pines after nearly 50 years at Dick's Market.

"Growing up in Dorr, I've watched Sandy Pines develop from the barren open area west of town into the beautiful sprawling park it is today," said Dutkiewicz. "I have such fond memories of the Pines from way back in the 70's when, as kids, we would ride our bikes out there to swim or fish."

By the 90s, Steve's involvement at Sandy Pines had grown even larger as he and his wife Tammy ran the Country Store, and had a lot, trailer, pontoon, and of course, golf carts.

"Our three girls were at that perfect age for the place and we all still talk about those fun and fantastic good old days," he remembers. "I still don't know how I managed to run both stores at once. We had rented a double space for the Country Store there and even had fresh Bakery, Deli, and Meat. I was very proud of what we offered."

Dutkiewicz is forever grateful to both Dorr and Sandy Pines, and he knows the community is in excellent hands with Leppinks Food Centers.

"Thank you to the Dorr community and Sandy Pines for your support over the years, and please welcome Leppinks Food Centers to the community," said Dutkiewicz. "They are a great family business who know how to run a small town grocery store. It will be exciting to see how they further develop the business."

Thank You



One of the many cookouts at Sandy Pines.



Steve Dutkiewicz with the Kielbasa idol trophy.

Welcome



John Leppink with his three children who are involved in the business.

COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL Communications@sandypines.com

50th Merch

As we wind down our 50th anniversary celebrations make sure to keep an eye on our online store! We try to add a few new items each month, so check back often! We only have a few months left where we will be offering 50th anniversary merch, so make sure to order it now before it is gone! You can find the store at SandyPines.com/Store. This month we feature our Christmas in August items!

Christmas in August Donations

For Christmas in August this year we wanted to do something to give back! Every year Helen DeVos Children's Hospital accepts donations of toys and other things for kids in need!

We have donation bins at Member Service, the Public Safety Office, & Lake Monterey Golf Course for you to donate to those in need! Please review the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital wish list for more information on what is needed! That can be found here: SandyPines.com/Wish-List

We will be accepting donations July 16 - August 15 and donate everything to Helen DeVos Children's Hospital on completion!

Pictures at events

Our communications team does the best they can to make it to all events and get photos of families in action at all our fun events! If you happen to have any pictures that you would be comfortable with the park sharing on social media, using on flyers, sharing on our channels, or other various forms of marketing we would love to see them! Please email your photos to Communications@SandyPines.com with the name of the event in the subject!

Stay Up to Date Website

During the season, the best way to stay up to date is by looking at our website. It is easy for misinformation to be spread through various channels of social media! Please check out the website and take a look at the calendar to stay

the most up to date on what is happening in the park! If you see any discrepancies or have any questions regarding the website, please email Communications@SandyPines.com and we will try our best to assist you!

E-News

Every Friday between Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends the E-News is sent out. The E-News is emailed to people on our mailing list (see below on how to sign up), posted on social media, and shared to our website. You can find the most up to date E-News, along with previous archived versions on our website at SandyPines.com/Members, you will need to scroll down below the Department Quick Links and the Department Contacts to locate that information.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND nikki@sandypines.com

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"The best of times are those spent with family!" We had a great turnout for Family Fun Day. It is so nice to see so many families together

enjoying time at Sandy Pines. Thank you to the adults, teens, rec staff, and board members who volunteered to make this event a success. Also thank you to DNA Exterminator for spraying for our event and the amazing maintenance team for assistance with set up and clean up.

July

July featured our parade, tournaments, fireworks, flea market, pancake breakfast, Family Fun Day, Halloween, Charter Member dinner, cardboard boat races, fishing, tie-dye, lessons, live music, Dick's Brats and Sandy Pines Rainbow of Color Run!

August

August will feature Christmas with a site decoration contest, night, light bike and boat

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parade, end of rec season youth party and Trucks n Tunes music event. Christmas decorations can be put up for Christmas Eve weekend July 30-Aug 1 and Christmas weekend Aug 6-8. Please enjoy all the hard work that so many members put into decorating to make this the "best time of year" at Sandy Pines. Box Canyon Circle in phase 2 is always a favorite and we greatly appreciate everyone's time, energy, and effort!

Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day weekend will include tournament action, flea market and fireworks. Happy Shack, pools and water park will close for season at 6pm on Monday, September 6.

Rec Staff 2022

Staff for 2022-If you are interested in being a part of the Rec Dept for 2022 please pick up

an application from Rec Office or Happy Shack. We are hiring for general staff, lifeguards, ropes course, lessons, archery, happy shack and office assistant. If you have any questions, please email nikki@sandypines.com

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

The Administration and Staff of Sandy Pines have been working diligently through the process flows and application processes of the current software systems, in preparation for a new software

implementation this upcoming off-season. A software consulting team has been retained to guide the staff through a successful transition. With this being noted, any gift cards that have been received through the current software system will no longer be eligible, and will expire, as of October 15, 2021. If you have a current active gift card, with a balance, we strongly request you use this balance up by this date.

The most recent June 2021 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 under www.sandypines.com.

Sandy Pines update

- Operation Cash as of June 2021 is down approx. 22% over prior year. After receipt of the final FEMA reimbursement the Operational Cash Balance will be 7.5% over prior year.
- The Charles Schwab Investment Account as of the end of June is up only less than 1%
- Current liabilities are up 3.5%.
- Total Net Income is down 8%.

- o Gross Income is up 6.9%, with Cost of Goods Sold up 17.5% and Operational Expenses up 9.1%.
- o Utilities specifically is up 34.5%. This is resulting in increased kilowatt usage with the running of the well pumps much earlier in the season and the new utility cost attributable to the new North Shore building.

- o Net Income was also impacted by the significant reduction in gain on sale of investment.

Lake Monterey Golf Course update

- Operation Cash as of June 2021 is up approx. 3.5% over prior year
- o 2020 Operational Cash is overstated by \$54,050 with a late journal entry posting occurring a month later to move the cash received for capital from the income line SP Golf Assessment.
- Current Liabilities are down 61%.
- Total Net Income is up 14.8%.
- o Total Gross Revenue is up 7.8% and Cost of Goods sold is up 37%
- o Total Operational Expense is up 3.3% and attributable to the increase in electricity, trash service, fuel usage and increase Repairs on the Golf Course.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most currently approved financial reports. Enjoy the remaining time of the summer and celebration of Sandy Pines 50 years and continuing treasured memories!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

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Park & Garden Store

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It seems like only yesterday that we opened the Park & Garden store for the 2021 season and now we are looking at the last 2 months of being open.

We have added a lot of products to help with mosquitoes if you still have not found an answer. We have sprays for the lots, individual spray and torches with Citronella fuel. We also have the Triazicide that was posted on the Facebook page.

We are now approaching Christmas in August and if you are looking for lights to decorate your lot with for the celebration, stop by the store. We have lots of different light strings available for decorating.

Water Softeners

We want to thank all the park members who supported our Water Softener program again this year. We hit another record even though we had problems in getting enough tanks to supply our members. We are beginning to take the orders for next year's softeners. Remember, in order to receive the \$20 discount, you must place your order before October 15th. It would be great if you stopped by the store and filled out the contract.

We will again start picking up softeners as you leave the park and would appreciate you stopping by and filling out the form for the date we can pick up the softener.

P&G Store

We still have bagged mulch in Red and Black and Topsoil and potting soil in bags. We will continue to sell bulk stone and mulch until the end of September.

We still have a supply of clothing – both Sandy Pines Logo and 50th Anniversary in stock at the store.

Marina

The Marina will remain open on Wednesday and Friday through Labor Day, and we continue Saturday and Sunday hours until the end of September. Wednesday and Friday hours are 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday are noon to 5 pm. If you want to rent paddle boards or kayaks at any other time, please stop by the rental office and we will make arrangements for your rental.

Golf Carts

Golf Carts will be available through September both by reserving at our office or with our online reservation system. Remember that Christmas in August is already filled, and Labor Day weekend is getting close to being all rented.

Boat Removal

We will be taking boats out of the lake until October 10th. Please call and make a reservation for a time to get your boat out to your site.

Thank You

Thank you to the Park & Garden staff for all the great work they did again this year. Tula Walther, Hunter Collison, Barb Glass, John Glass, Chet Ryan, Lynn Carcione, Carol Brower, and Assistant Manager Dale Yoder.

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK

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Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

June 2021 Incident Numbers and Call Types

June of 2021 was an extremely busy month for Security Services. The total number of incidents responded to was 167. A breakdown of calls in each phase is as follows:

Phase 1: 51
Phase 2: 25
Phase 3: 16
Phase 4: 36
Phase 5: 21
Phase 6: 16

The call types and numbers appear below.

Abuse of Staff: 1
Alarm: 3
Alcohol Violation: 5
Animal Complaint: 6
General Assistance: 15
Conduct Violation: 9
Curfew: 2
Disorderly Conduct: 10
Harassment: 1
Illegal Drugs: 1
Illegal Disposal: 1
Illegal Entry: 16
Larceny: 3
Lost/Found Property: 13
Marine Complaint: 6
Malicious Destruction of Property: 1
Medical Emergency: 14
Neighbor Dispute: 1
Noise Complaint: 2
Open Door: 10
OWI: 1
Property Damage Accident: 4
Damage to Property: 7
Site Check: 1
Traffic Violations: 24
Suspicious Incident: 5
Check Welfare: 4

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Sandy Pines Member E-News

Our Member E-News electronic newsletter is sent weekly and features monthly departmental Footprints updates, ongoing park news, alerts, and reminders.

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SANDYPINES
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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS inspector@sandypines.com

Office Hours

Monday-Friday
7:30 am - 4:00 pm
(or by appointment)

Hopefully everyone is enjoying our beautiful park, working out in the park, I have seen many new faces, welcome to our Happy Place. The sales office has had a super busy year selling and with that comes many new members so let's all welcome them and help them become

accustomed to Sandy Pines. If you are a new member, please feel free to get ahold of me with any questions you may have about your new Happy Place, and any projects you may have planned.

Thank you to everyone for keeping our park clean and looking good. The few that have not, have been notified and the problem will be corrected. I have been working with several tree contractors to get the many trees in the green space trimmed

or dead ones removed. There are many, so if you have requested some for removal, please be patient, I assure you they will be addressed.

I have been writing many permits this season and can ultimately see great improvements everyone is making. Sandy Pines is truly a Great place to make memories and be with family and friends. And it shows through our members. Thank you!

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SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

Algae Blooms & Toxins:

As the summer temperatures heat up it is common for lakes to have Algae Blooms. You may have noticed in previous summers multi colors of green floating upon the top of the surface of the lake like spilled green paint floating upon the lake surface along the shoreline.

Most Algae blooms are not toxic. Toxicity cannot be determined by looking at the algae bloom. Tests may determine that the bloom is non-toxic today and the next few days become toxic. The preventative measure is to not expose yourself or your pets to areas with the discoloration of algae bloom. If you do come in contact with the algae bloom wash yourself off or your pet with clean

fresh water.

Do not go into water that smells bad, looks discolored, has foam, scum, mats, or paint-like streaks on the surface, or has dead fish washed up on its shore or beach.

Dogs are not deterred from entering water that is discolored. As a result, dogs can ingest toxic waters when in the lake and afterward by licking their fur coats. Because of their size dogs or other pets may be more susceptible to the ill effects of toxins.

Bacteria called cyanobacteria can develop in algae blooms which is toxic to pets and humans. You or your pet can become sick if water is swallowed, have skin contact with or breathe in airborne droplets with cyanobacteria toxins.

Cyanobacteria can cause stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache. Symptoms may develop hours up to two days after exposure. If you experience these symptoms, you should contact your health care provider. If your pet becomes ill contact your veterinarian.

Heat Related Illnesses:

At the time of writing this article we have had 9 days of 90 degree or higher temperatures with days of high humidity. Humidity of greater than 60% decreases the ability of sweat to evaporate and reduces the ability of the body to cool.

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Heat Exhaustion:

Heat exhaustion is often associated with high environmental temperatures, prolonged exposure, strenuous activity, dehydration, and salt depletion. Symptoms may be excessive thirst, confusion, weakness, loss of consciousness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, pale skin, rapid heart rate, dizziness, dark yellow urine, profuse sweating, and muscle cramps.

Treatment for heat exhaustion is getting the person inside air conditioning, actively cool the person in a shower with cool water or cool in a body of water, apply wet cool towels to the person. If the person can drink fluids, then provide cool sports drinks that contain salt and electrolytes. Avoid drinks with caffeine, alcohol, and high sugar content. Sometime the person will not be able to drink fluids and will vomit. Call 911 if the person's condition does not improve or if the person cannot take in fluids and vomits.

If untreated, heat exhaustion can develop into Heat Stroke.

Prevention is to stay indoors in air conditioning, stay hydrated and delay strenuous activities or perform work early in the day when temperatures are lower.

Heat Stroke:

Is the most severe type of heat related illness and is a life-threatening emergency that needs immediate medical intervention. If you suspect someone is having a heat stroke call 911. Heat Strokes can be fatal.

Our bodies usually sweat and radiate heat through the skin to regulate our body temperatures. When temperatures and humidity rise combined in some circumstances with exertional activity our bodies can fail in dissipating the heat. When our body cannot dissipate the heat, we have a heat buildup which can cause damage to our organs and our brain.

A normal body temperature is 98.6. Persons who experience heat stroke have a very high body temperature of 104 degrees or higher.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke are hot dry skin or profuse sweating skin, confusion or disorientation, slurred speech, seizures or convulsions, throbbing headache, nausea and

vomiting, unconsciousness, muscle cramps, rapid breathing, and rapid heart rate.

Children under 4 years of age and persons over 60 yrs. of age are more susceptible to the effects of heat. Persons with medical issues and persons taking diuretics may have higher risks to become a victim of heat stroke. Please do not leave young children in vehicles. The interior temperature of vehicles can rise to extreme heat in the summer sun.

The treatment of persons suspected of Heat Stroke is to rapidly cool the individual. This may include submersion in water, a shower, hosing the person with cold water, or using wet towels on the persons body to cool the person. Complications may be present in which the person may be unconscious or experiences weakness and cannot be moved. Intravenous fluids are needed in most cases of Heat Stroke and 911 should be called for EMS to provide care and treatment.

Allergic Reactions to Wasps and Hornets:

Late summer is a common time to be stung by hornets and wasps. Their population in late summer has increased and the areas and items that they have built their nests within are rarely seen until we are alerted to their presence by a sting to our body. Yellow Jacket Wasps are territorial and aggressive and will sting persons near their nests or when disturbed. A yellow Jacket can sting several times unlike a Honeybee that leaves its stinger in the person that it envenomates.

Severe reactions to stings can happen with or without previous reactions. These reactions are often very quick resulting in any combination of the following reactions: swelling, shortness of breath, wheezing, runny nose, dizziness, profuse sweating, nausea, diarrhea, confusion, unconsciousness, a drop in blood pressure, restrictions of airways, hives, rash, swollen or itchy lips, swollen eye lids, itchy throat, tight throat, trouble swallowing, hoarse voice, or chest tightness. Severe reactions can be life threatening.

If you have a known reaction to stings, foods, or medications you should have a prescribed Epi Pen. If you do not have an Epi Pen, then the nearest Epi Pen is the local EMS provider. In

the case of Sandy Pines about 10-12 minutes away for an EMS response. It is important to call 911 at the start of the reaction to have Epi available if needed. If you do have an Epi Pen, have a known severe reaction to stings or other allergens and are debating whether to use the Epi Pen you should use the Epi Pen.

If you, a family member, or a friend is having an allergic reaction call 911 immediately. Allergic reactions usually occur within the first 15 minutes of exposure or envenomation and are rare after one hour.

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**LAKE MONTEREY
GOLF COURSE
NEWS**

BY GARY PETERS

The course did not do too bad from the flood. The biggest help was the lake was very low, so the lake picked up over half of the water which would have flooded the course even more.

The heavy rains did bring back a few hot spots on the course. With all of the slicing and aerification done on the course, we are seeing the results this year with better turf. Over the last three years we have had water issues with the pumps breaking. We finally have water that we can rely on and know that each head will put out the right amount every time. Also, the over seeding came in the best on sixth fairway.

The staff also raised the height of cut by a 1/8 inch on fairways which also helps. All these things the staff does over time will have big benefits. Also, we have had half the cart traffic on the course this year. This is the first year we put rough fertilizer on. It has been out for two weeks during the drought. So, when the rain came the rough took off and it should slow down in a week or two.

As we made improvements on the course over the last five years, some improvements will be seen right away and other will be seen over time, like cultural practices to turf and soil conditions.

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LAKE COMMITTEE NEWS – LAKE CORNER

BY STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA

In August you can feel the buzz of summer winding down, the busyness of the lake starts to concentrate on the weekends. With that being said, lake safety should still be a priority. Driving safely on the lake is expected. Lake Monterey has a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour with no wake hours from 8:30pm to 10am. The no wake period is an important time for our lake to rest and

it allows for the turbidity to settle. Anglers depend on this time as well to fish in an undisturbed lake. Fishing is a favorite pastime for many Sandy Pines members and guests. We would ask that if you are fishing and you catch a carp that you kill it and dispose of the carcass. Carp are invasive in our lake, they eat healthy vegetation and fish eggs, destroying the lake's ecosystem. The committee

is pleased so far with the buoys and the utilization of the sidewalk by kayakers and paddleboarders. If you are in a motorized boat, please be mindful of their placement and try to avoid damaging them.

The lake committee hopes everyone enjoys the last full month of Summer!

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

Sandy Pines Lakeside Chapel
Celebrating 50 years of God's Faithfulness
Morning Worship and Concert Schedules

August 15

10:00 AM: Rev. Greg Vander Meer
6:00 PM: The Collingsworth Family

September 5

10:00 AM: Rev. Shawn Hulst
6:00 PM: The Singing Contractors

August 1

10:00 AM: Vacation Bible School Program
6:00 PM: The Chitans

August 22

10:00 AM: Pastors Brian and Angel Kono
6:00 PM: The Hoppers

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August 8

10:00 AM: Pastor Don VanSlyke
6:00 PM: Guy Penrod

August 29

10:00 AM: Dr. Tim Brown
6:00 PM: Keepers of the Faith
Ice Cream Social follows evening concert

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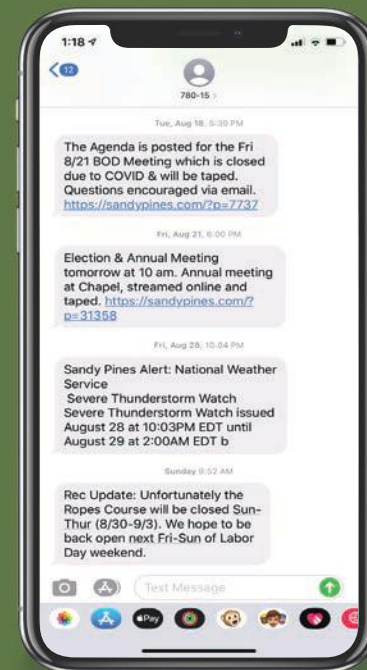
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More information at SandyPines.com/Sms-Text-Opt-In



SALES NEWS

BY LIZ ROBINS liz@sandypines.com

Hours

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CAMPING NEWS

BY KATHY BROTT Kathy@sandypines.com

It has been a great season of camping at Sandy Pines! We have been filled to capacity almost every weekend this season. It has been awesome!

Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the Park that we rent out to visitors and guests. We also have five Park Model trailers and ten Rustic cabins that are for rent. The trailers and cabins are not pet friendly, but we welcome your furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites. All of our cabins and Park Models are completely booked every weekend for the rest of the season.

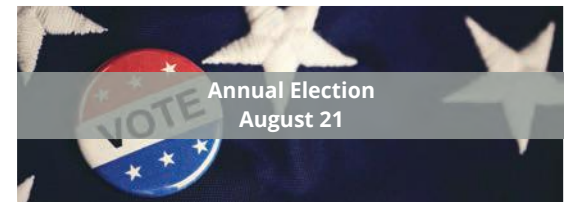
We have twelve sites that are rented out for Seasonal members. Reservations open up on October 1st for the upcoming season. Anyone wishing to reserve a site for a holiday weekend in 2022 will want to get online as soon as possible, as of October 1st, to ensure that the site you want is still available. We fill up very quickly for holidays and special event weekends.

We do offer an Associate Discount for our Associate Members, and we also offer a Military Discount for anyone who has served, or is serving, in the Military. Thank you for your service! You will need to contact the Camping Office to have the discount applied. You can do that after you make your reservation, and the discounted amount will be refunded to the card you used to create your reservation.

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

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

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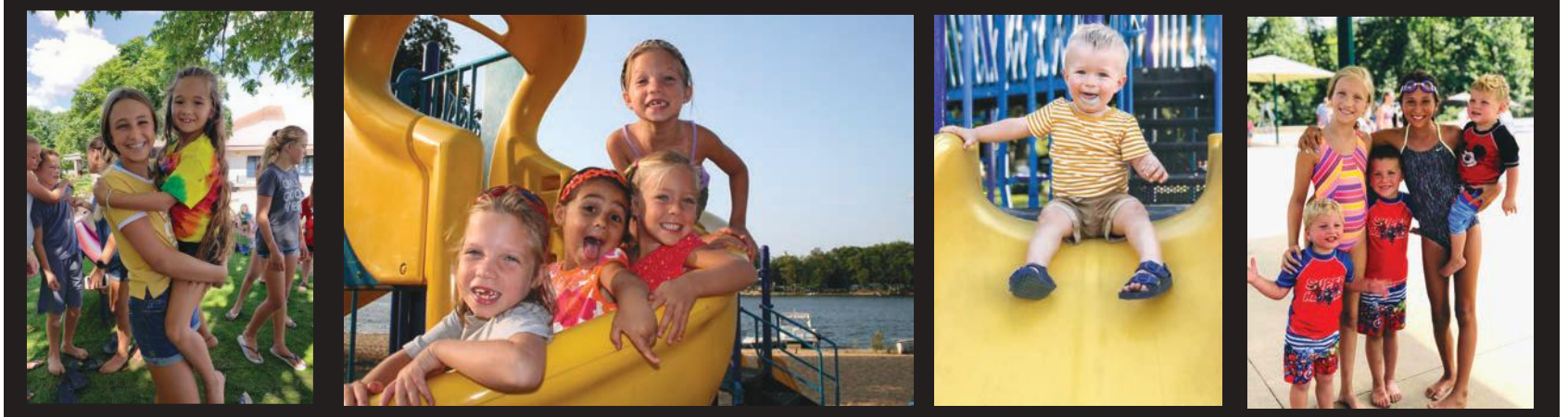
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Headliner Sponsorships

Our Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsorships offer year-round exposure from January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021. These packages will give you exposure to thousands of people for the whole year.

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Offer great exposure for the single event of your choice. These are a great option if you'd like to align your business with a particular activity.

See the 50th Anniversary packages at [SandyPines.com/Partnerships](https://www.sandypines.com/Partnerships)