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PARK PRESIDENT UPDATE

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

Happy New Year to our Sandy Pines family, friends and community. We hope you had a safe, blessed Christmas and New Year. There is much to be thankful for as our staff has been working hard to prepare for a new season at Sandy Pines.

We communicated in our December Footprints that we would have an update on staff changes after the first of the year. We would like to welcome Jamie Bogema to our Sandy Pines family. Jamie will be leading our Human Resources area reporting in to Kimberly Williams. Please see Kimberly's CFO Update regarding Jamie. Jamie is a welcome addition to the team and will help Kimberly continue to focus even more on the financial state of our wonderful park. We would also like to announce that Kathy Brott has graciously taken on additional responsibilities effective the first of the year. Kathy will continue to be our Executive Assistant as well as taking some of the responsibilities formerly held by Kellie Blackman in our Camping and Sales area. Many of you are used to seeing Kathy's bright smile and personality in her administration building office. Kathy's bright smile and positive personality that shines throughout the administration building and our park will now be the first thing you see in the Camping & Sales Area. Lastly, Josh Janowiak has also taken some of Kathy Brott's former responsibilities as he expands his com-

munications role. We thank Jamie, Kathy and Josh for their dedication and roles here at Sandy Pines. We can't wait to see the good things they will be doing for our community.

As for the upcoming month, we continue to focus on many things. Annual Renewal Statements were recently sent to all of the membership. You'll have until Monday, March 16 to update your annual services, membership cards, golf cart & boat stickers, pump out plans, internet, and such before they're billed with your April Statement. See Sue's Member Service News for more instructions on Annual Renewals. We have the Winter Festival on February 8th. We are having positive feedback about this event. We have finalized our team and department goals for 2020. We have also kicked off our FEMA project as you will continue to see heavy equipment and progress made throughout the coming months. See Steve De-yarmond's North Shore Center FEMA Update for details on that project. We have kicked off an IT Assessment team to review our current system(s), our current and future needs to run Sandy Pines and develop any recommendations for IT system upgrades or changes. This team will meet twice a month to help deliver on any IT/systems shortfalls. Lastly, the staff will be challenged with training during the off-season. Our Public Safety and Emergency Services team will be leading specific training

sessions and exercises in the coming months. This is critical to make certain we are prepared during the season to better serve our members.

There remains much to do as time is closing in on our 2020 Season. We look forward to the coming months and our opening day. Don't forget to see each Department Manager's article for other updates and items of interest. Our goal remains to serve this park with dedication to quality and integrity.

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY SUE FLOWERS memberservice@sandypines.com

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Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Saturday & Sunday Closed

(Saturday hours begin May 18th)

Important Dates

- 4/1 Annual Renewals, quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due in full 4/25)
- 4/15 Gates open and water is turned on for the season (weather permitting)
- 6/1 Boat registration deadline
- 7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 7/25)
- 10/1 Annual Dues, final adjusted electric, and state tax billed (Due 10/25)
- 10/15 Water is turned off for the season (weather permitting)

Greetings!

We love it when Members in warm, sunny states call and ask, “How’s the weather? (Chuckle, snort, laugh, ha ha).” You know who you are! And of course, our response is always the same.... “Bring some of that sunshine and heat back with you when you come!” April 15th will be here before we know it – see you soon!

Renewal Period Ends March 16th

Members have until March 16, 2020 to make changes to their account data before Renewal fees are billed. All fees will bill to your account the last two weeks of March and will be on your April Statement along with quarterly unit tax and quarterly electric. If you haven’t yet verified your information is correct, please do so before March 16th, as after this date, changes and credits are limited. Check your file in Member Web Access and contact Member Service with changes or additional in-

Boats (Count: 1)		Cost
2018 SeaRay/ Type: Open / MC #:0000 SP / Exp Date: 3/31/2021 / Stake: A006		\$75.00

Boat Service (Count 1)		
Boat Service: In/Out		\$50.00

Internet Service		
Installed 6/2/17	Modem # 123A56B78C90	

Boat Dock		
Boat Dock Rental for Stake #: A006		\$475.00

Bullpens		
13X30 Bullpen Spot #6		\$320.00

Mag Cards (Count: 6)		
00000 MEMBER / PINES 0100, SANDY 0100 SANDY		\$0.00
00001 MEMBER / PINES 0100, RUSTY 0100 RUSTY		\$10.00
00002 MEMBER / PINES 0100, SANDY & RUSTY 0100 SANDY & RUSTY		\$10.00
00003 ASSOCIATE / OAKS 0100, VIOLET 0100 VIOLET		\$10.00
00004 ASSOCIATE / OAKS 0100, BOB 0100 BOB		\$10.00
00005 GRANDCHILD / OAKS 0100, BILLY 0100 BILLY		\$10.00

Golf Carts / Mopeds (Count Golf Carts: 1)		
Golf Carts Insurance Stickers		\$15.00

Mailbox		
Mailbox / # 6		\$35.00

Pumpout Plan		
Plan C - Weekly 5/8/2017...10/13/2017		\$258.75

Non-Motorized Boats		
1 Canoe(s) 1 Kayak(s) Insurance Stickers		\$30.00

formation, or complete the online Renewal Survey at www.sandypines.com/annualrenewals. Included in your summary for your review is all boat information, including in/out service provided by Park & Garden; Boat Dock information/billing; Internet Service/billing; Bullpen info/billing (if annual); Mailbox info/billing; Pump Out Plan info/billing; number and billing for any mopeds or non-motorized boats.

License Plates Billed

Delayed production pushed the new license plate program into 2020-2021. While Members have until April 1, 2021 to get their license plates mounted to their golf carts, **the fee for the plates is being billed with 2020 Renewals**. In 2020 only, for each cart on file in Member Web Access, you will be billed \$7.00 per plate, or \$14.00 per cart (front and back

plates), maximum of 2 golf carts per site. You will also be billed the normal/annual sticker price of \$15.00 per cart. In 2021, the sticker changes from the 2"x3" sticker to a smaller current year plate sticker. Please make sure the number of golf carts listed for your site is correct, as this triggers the amount you are billed. While you have until April 1, 2021 to mount the plates, the 2020 sticker must be on your golf cart per the PSO's determined date. All of your license plate information and registration can be done online by logging into Member Web Access at www.sandypines.com/members.

Statements & Stickers

The total amount from your renewal summary is billed to the account at the end of

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK josh@sandypines.com

2020 Calendar of Events

Welcome to a new year and a new decade! With the completion of our 2020 Wall Calendars, all our annual events and holiday weekends are scheduled and ready for planning. We know that you like to plan your outings, family, and friend gatherings around our biggest events so the calendar is at your disposal. Pick up one or a few of our Wall Calen-

dars to view each month's scheduled events. You'll find a master calendar of events at the back of the calendar. Calendars are \$12 each and can be purchased at Member Service, Public Safety, and online at www.sandypines.com/wallcalendars. All of these events are scheduled online at www.sandypines.com/calendar. On the top of the calendar you'll find quick link buttons to Alerts & Cancellations and 2020 Wall Calen-

dars. On the bottom of the calendar, you can click the Subscribe to our calendar link and our calendar of events will be imported to your default calendar such as Google, Apple, or Outlook. This is a live RSS link to your calendar so as we edit our calendar, the changes will automatically push through to your calendar.

See **COMMUNICATIONS**, page 9

2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
Jan. 1	Admin Offices Closed for the Holidays	Jan. 7	LMGC Nine/Dine Couples	Jul. 19	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Sept. 5	Holiday Tournaments
Jan. 2	Quarterlies Billed	Jan. 10	Site Clean Up Deadline	Jul. 19	LMGC Nine/Dine Couples Event	Sept. 5	Labor Day Flea Market & Fireworks Show
Jan. 15	Annual Renewal Notices Sent	Jan. 13	Sandy Pines Garage Sales: Phases 1, 2, 4 & Condos	Jul. 22	LMGC Kids League	Sept. 6	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert
Jan. 25	Member Account Balances & Quarterlies Due	Jan. 13	Drive-In Movie	Jul. 24	Board of Directors Meeting	Sept. 7	Member Service Closed
Feb. 8	Sandy Pines Winter Festival	Jan. 14	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Jul. 25	Member Account Balances Due	Sept. 7	Community Free Bingo
Feb. 25	Member Account Balances Due	Jan. 16	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Jul. 25	Face to Phase Meeting	Sept. 8	Park & Garden Store Closes Sunday-Thursdays
Mar. 16	Annual Renewal Update Deadline	Jan. 17	LMGC Kids League	Jul. 25	LMGC Red Tee Par 3 Challenge	Sept. 12	Saturday Emergency Pump Outs & Member Service Hours End
Mar. 25	Member Account Balances Due	Jan. 17	Community CPR Training	Jul. 25	Halloween In July	Sept. 13	Chapel AM Worship
Apr. 1	Annual Renewals & Quarterlies Billed	Jan. 17	Family Potluck	Jul. 26	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Sept. 13	2020 Cabin & Park Model Camping Rentals End
Apr. 15	Water Turned on for the Season (Weather Permitting)	Jan. 18	Fishing With Roger	Jul. 27-31	Vacation Bible School	Sept. 18	Board Of Directors Meeting
Apr. 15	Seasonal Gates Open	Jan. 19	Board Of Directors Meeting	Jul. 28	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Sept. 19	Community Adult Free Bingo Party, Refreshments & Prizes
Apr. 19	LMGC Spring Clean Up	Jan. 20	Face to Phase Meeting	Jul. 29	Family Potluck	Sept. 20	Chapel AM Worship
Apr. 24	Member Account Balances, Renewals & Quarterlies Due	Jan. 20	Classic Car Show	Jul. 31-Aug. 2	Christmas Eve In August Weekend	Sept. 25	Member Account Balances Due
May 1	Community Potluck	Jan. 21	Community Adult Free Bingo	Jul. 31	Christmas In August Light Boat Parade	Sept. 26	Park & Garden Store & Marina Closes for the Season
May 2	May Fest Flea Market	Jan. 21	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Aug. 1	Rainbow of Color Run	Sept. 27	Chapel Potluck
May 2	Community Free Bingo	Jan. 24	LMGC Kids League	Aug. 1	Community Free Bingo	Sept. 27	Chapel Worship
May 10	Chapel AM Worship	Jan. 25	Member Account Balances Due	Aug. 2	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Oct. 1	Annual Dues, Assessments & Quarterlies Billed
May 16	Saturday Member Services Hours Start	Jan. 27	Chalk Drawing Contest	Aug. 2	LMGC Mother/Daughter Outing	Oct. 1	Camping & Flea Market Reservations Open for Next Season
May 16	Saturday Emergency Pump Outs Start	Jan. 27	LMGC Member/Guest Outing	Aug. 7-9	Christmas In August Weekend	Oct. 3	Fall Festival Flea Market & Yard Sale
May 16	Community Adult Free Bingo	Jan. 28	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Aug. 7	End of Season Recreation Party	Oct. 3	Community Soup Supper Potluck
May 17	Chapel AM Worship	Jan. 30	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Aug. 7	Community Potluck	Oct. 15	Water Turned Off for the Season & Seasonal CCs Close
May 18	Park & Garden Store Opens (Monday-Saturday)	Jul. 1	LMGC Kids League	Aug. 8	Christmas In August Flea Market	Oct. 19-23	Last Week of Scheduled Pump Outs
May 22	Board of Directors Meeting	Jul. 1	Family Potluck	Aug. 8	Fire Safety Day	Oct. 25	Member Account Balances, Annual Dues, Assessments & Quarterlies Due
May 23	Memorial Day Flea Market	Jul. 3	Community Potluck	Aug. 8	Christmas Light Bike Parade	Oct. 28	Last Pump Out of the Season (EPO Rate)
May 23	Pancake Breakfast	Jul. 4	Pancake Breakfast	Aug. 9	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Nov. 1	Seasonal Gates Close
May 23	Holiday Tournaments	Jul. 4	4th of July Flea Market, Parade and Fireworks Show	Aug. 11	Fishing With Roger	Nov. 1	Boat Removal Deadline
May 23	Marina Opens for the Season	Jul. 4	Holiday Tournaments	Aug. 11	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Nov. 25	Member Account Balances Due
May 23	Face to Phase Meeting	Jul. 4	Community Free Bingo	Aug. 12	Family Potluck	Nov. 26-27	Admin Offices Closed For Thanksgiving
May 23-25	Bass Fishing Contest	Jul. 5	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Aug. 15	Sandy Pines Annual Election	Dec. 24	Admin Offices Closed for the Holidays
May 24	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Jul. 8	LMGC Kids League	Aug. 15	Sandy Pines & LMG Annual Meeting	Dec. 25	Member Account Balances Due
May 25	Member Account Balances Due	Jul. 11	Sandy Pines Garage Sales: 3, 5 & 6	Aug. 15	Community Adult Free Bingo	Dec.	Admin Offices Closed for the Holidays
May 25	Memorial Day Service	Jul. 11	Drive-In Movie	Aug. 16	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	25-31	
May 25	Community Free Bingo	Jul. 12	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Aug. 16	LMGC Nine/Dine Couples Event		
May 25	Admin Offices Closed for the Holidays	Jul. 12	LMGC Father/Child Outing	Aug. 17	Winterization Farms Available		
May 31	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Jul. 14	Tie-Dye Tuesday	Aug. 19	Community CPR Training		
Jun. 1	Boat Registration Deadline	Jul. 15	LMGC Kids League	Aug. 21	Board of Directors Meeting		
Jun. 5	Community Potluck	Jul. 15	Community CPR Training	Aug. 22	Face to Phase Meeting		
Jun. 6	June Fest Flea Market	Jul. 15	Family Potluck	Aug. 23	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert		
Jun. 7	Park & Garden Store Open Sundays	Jul. 16	Fishing With Roger	Aug. 25	Member Account Balances Due		
Jun. 7	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert	Jul. 18	Family Fun Day	Aug. 30	Chapel AM Worship & Chapel PM Concert		
		Jul. 19	Community Adult Free Bingo	Sept. 4	Community Potluck		
				Sept. 5	Pancake Breakfast		

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING UPDATE

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020! We have started this year off with great goals and focus going into the FY2020 season!

Introductions

First, I would like to welcome a great addition to our team, Jamie Bogema. Jamie is the new Human Resource Associate and will also fill in additional time assisting and planning events for the Recreation Department. She comes to us with great experience, knowledge and skills and we are so happy to welcome her to Sandy Pines.

Financial Review

An open Board meeting was held in conjunction with the Finance Committee to review the final FY2019 Financial Statements of the year. These reports are located on the Sandy Pines webpage www.sandypine.com/finance. Beene Garter was on-site early in January completing the annual review and tax filing for the September 2019 fiscal year. They will provide a report presentation and informational review to the Board of Directors and Finance Committee during the next meeting in March 2020.

September 2019 ended the fiscal year in a continued strong financial position for both SPWT and LMGC and in great preparation for

the specific finance and construction goals set for us in the months and years ahead.

SPWT Financial Review

In review of the FY2019 financial statements ending September 30, 2019 for Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, we ended the year with a strong cash reserve and minimal debt. The current ratio for Sandy Pines is higher showing a good amount of current assets in relation to current liabilities and yet supports Sandy Pines not-for-profit goal of keeping 6+ months of cash on hand. The September 30, 2019 financials show a net loss of \$47k, which is a great position to end the year. It is a good reminder that Sandy Pines is a not-for profit organization with the purpose to fulfill the mission of Sandy Pines and maintain cost without making a profit, and minimize tax obligations.

The operational dues account for 45% of the operational expenses within the park. The remaining 55% of operational expenses are covered by the revenue received within the park activities and operations.

In reviewing the financial statements for Sandy Pines leading into FY2020, we will be meeting regularly as an Administration group and focusing on the strengths and areas of improvement for each department. For exam-

ple, most recently in the months of October and November 2019, we have noticed a significant increase in Refuse Expense for the park. There is a current inflation rate of 4% per year recognized on the cost of Refuse. Sandy Pines is recognizing significant amounts over this amount. FY2019 Refuse Expense was \$14k over the budget. Our Maintenance and Security department will be taking measures to monitor the use and ensure the park is not incurring extensive costs related to misuse of our refuse services.

LMGC Financial Review

In review of the FY2019 financial statements ending September 30, 2019 for Lake Monterey Golf Course, we ended the year with cash down approximately 35%, however the one Note Payable to Sandy Pines was paid off in the amount of \$75,000. Overall, LMGC Operations Cash was up 58% with current reserves for future projects, specifically the replacement well on the golf course.

Total Net Income equaled \$67k, which was approx. 10% lower than prior year. Weekend green fees were up 56% and power carts were 17% up from last year, with food sales 14% lower. Repair and Maintenance to the

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Course was 19% lower than prior year and 38% lower than budget, with much focus on the fertilizing and seed on the golf course instead.

Looking ahead into FY2020, the early months of October and November 2019 do not show much activity in the off-season with the minimal expenses in line with budget.

Operational Dues and Account Balances

As mentioned in the previous Footprints and highlighted in the member e-news as well as on your monthly statements, if you are electing the option of the installment plan for Annual Dues and Assessments, your last monthly payment of the dues must be paid by March 25, 2020. The installment plan relates to your Annual Dues and Assessments only, and is not a payment option for any other charges to your member account. We have provided for your convenience on the statement a mini-

mum balance amount that must be met each month to be compliant within the terms of the payment plan and to avoid any risk of deactivation on your membership cards. In the future, please ensure if you are utilizing the payment plan that you are staying below the maximum balance shown on your statement. As of March 25, 2020 all dues and assessments must be paid in full.

Annual Renewal charges (per your individual member Automatic Renewal Summary sent the last week of January) will be posted on your March 2020 member statement and are due April 25th, 2020.

We would also like to remind you of the various payment options available to you:

- In office – Cash, Check or Credit Card payment (please note the Public Safety office is available to take payments 24/7 as well, in person only)

- Mail – Check payment
- Online Billing – Make a payment on your account using your MasterCard/Visa/Discover. Convenience fees for MasterCard/Visa/Discover Cards will be 3% of the total payment made. The new payment system will allow your payment to be reflective on your account immediately.
- Recurring ACH Authorization through your bank – Set a designated amount to pay every month through your personal bank that in time will create a credit balance close enough to cover your dues and assessments prior the new season.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time regarding your member statement, we are happy to assist and may be reached by contacting Member Service at 616-896-8315 ext 0.

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SANDY PINES WINTERFEST

Sandy Pines Winter Festival is on for Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 12:00-4:00 pm. The event was a big success in 2019 and has been growing in popularity year after year. Because of how temperamental Mother Nature can be in February, this is a snow, hail, rain or shine event. Snow is always preferred and makes the outdoor activities much more enjoyable, but if that's not in the cards, we will still host a hopping celebration with food, fun, and games inside the Phase 1 Pavilion. We've had a pretty warm winter so far so we're keeping our fingers crossed for snow but rest assured the party will go on regardless and we'll still have a blast.

This year we're planning a winter bonfire, outdoor winter games, sledding, snowman building, wagon rides, indoor games & activities, a hot cocoa bar, hot dogs, chili dogs, popcorn, cookies and snacks. The event is free, while food, beverages and access to the hot cocoa bar are available for purchase.



Volunteers are needed to serve food and drinks, pop popcorn, tend the fire, run games and supervise the tot center. The more volunteers, the more fun we can have. Feedback and new event ideas are also welcomed. If you're interested in volunteering or have ideas to share please call Gerda Pitcher at 616-262-0542.

Event details will be available as they unfold at [SandyPines.com/WinterFest](https://www.sandypines.com/WinterFest), through our Member E-News updates and on our Sandy Pines Facebook page.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS POOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY ELLEN CARPENTER

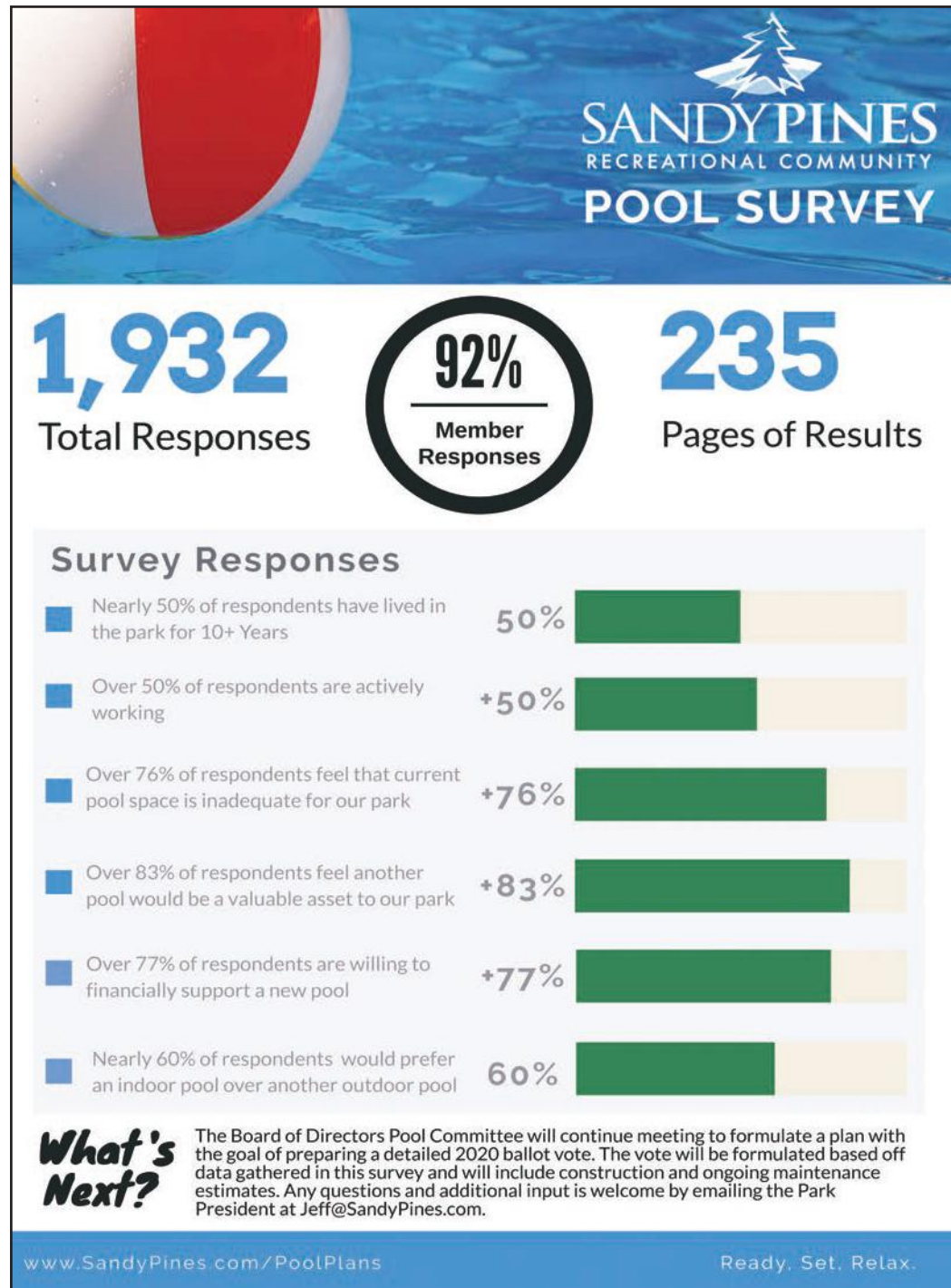
First of all, we would like to say thanks for your overwhelming participation in our recent pool survey. Your responses provided needed input to get started with this project in a way that can address your concerns and needs. Beyond the information gathered about increasing pool capacity, your comments gave us insight on many issues. We read your comments with great interest.

The committee met on December 10 to review the information gathered from the survey and talk about the next steps in the process. The Pool Survey Infographic shows a summary in regards to support for the project and willingness to support the project financially.

The committee discussed several issues including the requirements for lifeguards, jobs opportunities for lifeguards, insurance liability, as well as the time periods during the year that an indoor pool might be used. At this time a risk assessment study has ensued to look at these issues, as well as possible Michigan state regulations that could apply. Once this study has been completed the committee can begin fine tuning a proposal for consideration that is based on the results of the survey and the risk assessment results. That proposal will include concept drawings.

In order to keep you well informed on proposals and concepts as they develop, we have created a Pool Plans Webpage at www.sandypines.com/poolplans. This page will include the basic information about the project, news updates, a list of frequently asked questions, and the ability to contact us with additional questions and/or suggestions. Please visit the page, review the information and keep in touch with us as we plan. Your opinion counts!

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2020 Camping Reservations

Camping reservations typically increase after the New Year and continue increasing the closer we get to the summer season. Holiday weekends including Memorial Weekend, 4th of July Weekend, Christmas In August, and Labor Day Weekend always sell out so don't delay if you plan on having family and

friends join at a nearby campsite. The same is true of golf cart rentals as the Park & Garden Rental Store typically sells out in advance of the busiest holiday weekends. Head to www.sandypines.com/camping to make your reservation. With our interactive park map you can browse availability by location, see campsite photos, and check availability for individual

sites. Once you've confirmed your campsite reservation make your golf cart reservation at www.sandypines.com/parkgardenrentaloffice. Our Park & Garden Rental Store also rents bikes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards, and row boats.

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New Communications

One thing we continue hearing from members is that they'd like their information sooner. Don't be surprised if you see your Monthly Footprints arriving sooner this coming season so you have more time to digest information. The Weekend Flyer which runs from Memorial to Labor Day Weekend and typically covered Friday-Sunday events will be morphing into the Weekly Flyer and you

guessed it, will contain the entire week's events. The content of the Weekly Flyer will also mesh better with the Weekly Member E-News content which also rotates into the park information programmed on Sandy Pines Channel 27-1.

These are just a couple changes that we're making based off your feedback. Your feedback on our communication is always

welcomed and encouraged. If you have ideas on how we can improve communications on our website, social media, park TV channels, Footprints, Weekly Flyers, or anything else, please email josh@sandypines.com, give me a call at 616.896.8315 x107 or stop by Member Service and ask for Josh. My door is always open and I'm here to help!

MEMBER, continued

March and will be on your April statement along with your quarterly unit tax and quarterly electric. Payment in full is due April 25th. The deadline for updating your renewal information is March 16th. Member cards cannot be canceled for credit after the March 16th deadline. Purchasing new Member cards is not related to renewals; new cards or replacement cards require a photo and can be purchased in person at the Main Gate Public Safety Office. For questions regarding Member cards, please contact the Public Safety Office directly at 616-896-9006.

Stickers are automatically mailed with your April statement to the current primary address listed in your Member Web Access Portal, unless you request we hold them at the Main Gate. **Once stickers are mailed they become your responsibility and we must charge the full price for their replacement.** If you find lost stickers or they finally catch up to your change of address, the deadline for crediting returned stickers is July 1st. If your boat registration expires prior to April 1st, your water sticker is not included with your April statement, however you are charged for the sticker. Once we receive your updated boat registration we can provide your sticker. If for any reason you don't receive your April statement and stickers, log into [Member Web Access](#) and verify your mailing address; contact Member Service at least 10 days before the bill due date of April 25th. Renewal Stickers

include Water, Land, Non-motorized boats, Golf Carts, and Mopeds. Bullpen and Handicap stickers are permanent and are not replaced with Renewals. Blue Tank (waste tote) stickers are annual and can be purchased at Member Service or at Public Safety.

Pump Out Plans

Due to leap year and April 15 being a

Wednesday, all pump out plan dates have changed. Please review the pump out plans and choose which is best for you. Members do not have to have a specific plan. Pump outs can be individually booked in advance through Member Web Access or by calling Member Service. More Pump Out information can be found www.sandypines.com/pumpout-service. The 2020 Plan options are listed as follows:

Weekly Plans	Plan	# of Pumps	Price
April 20 to Oct 23	Plan E Full Plan	27	\$324.00
April 27 to Sept 11	Plan A Labor Day	20	\$240.00
May 4 to Oct 9	Plan C Flea Mkt Plan	23	\$276.00
May 25 to Sept 11	Plan G Holiday Plan	16	\$192.00
Bi-Weekly Plans	Plan	# of Pumps	Price
April 20 to Oct 23	Plan F Full Plan	14	\$168.00
April 20 to Sept 25	Plan D Sept Plan	12	\$144.00
May 11 to Oct 16	Plan B Late Start	12	\$144.00
May 25 to Sept 18	Plan H Holiday Plan	9	\$108.00

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Boat Stakes & Docks Update

Thanks to the Park Inspector, available stakes have been identified and those deemed not useable labeled as such. In 2019, through sales, assignments, relinquishments and declinations, 104 Members came off the stake and dock waiting lists. We will be working as quickly as possible to make assignments on the remaining available stakes. For most, these will not be ideal positions; those who truly want a boat stake may have to park and walk a fair distance to access the stake. Keep in mind, only one person from your party has to go get the boat. They can bring the boat to a temporary accessible point for family and friends to load/unload, such as the handicap dock by the dam, or an accessible point near one of the beach areas. For

more information regarding stakes and docks, visit www.sandypines.com/boatstakes.

Mail Service Reminders

For those with Sandy Pines mailboxes, we recommend you complete your mail forward requests one month in advance of your transition to or from the park, as it can take two to three weeks for the change of address to take effect. While UPS & FedEx are not able to deliver parcels and packages in the park, we've allowed Members to have packages delivered to Member Service. For information on park USPS mailboxes and details on our mail policy and parcel delivery, please visit www.sandypines.com/maillservices. Campers cannot have mail or packages delivered to Sandy Pines.

Facility Rentals

Reserving a Sandy Pines facility is an option for Members who wish to have dedicated space for family gatherings. For information on Sandy Pines Facility Rentals, please visit www.sandypines.com/facilityrentals. You will find general information regarding rentals and drop down buttons that will list for you the details of each facility. A Facility Rental Agreement is required and the facility must be available, so please check with Member Service before completing an agreement. Park events have priority over rentals and we'll still be scheduling park events through April.

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GOLF CART LICENSE PLATES

BY STEVE DEYAMOND steve@sandypines.com

Plates & Registration

Beginning in April 1, 2020 members may register their golf carts on line or in person by paper form at the Public Safety Office and pick up their site specific license plates. Golf carts will be required to have the license plates installed by April 1, 2021. This provides time to register the golf cart, pick up the license plates and install the license plates.

Everything you need to know about the new plates and registration can be found in the Golf Cart Registration Packet at www.sandypines.com/licenseplates. This includes registration details, registration forms, mounting information, and a list of frequently asked questions. A quick link button to this page can also be found on our Members Page at www.sandypines.com/members. Please take the time to read all the information in regards to the new license plates as it will address most of your questions.

Online registration is available at www.sandypines.com/members by clicking the Member Web Access button and logging into your account. Once logged in, the online reg-

See GOLF CART, page 12...

Golf Cart Information

Golf Cart Make

Golf Cart Primary Color

Golf Cart Secondary Color

Seat Capacity

Seat Color

Roof

Lifted Modified Height

Sandy Pines Vehicle ID #

Temporary Plate #

Insurance Verification

Information provided is true. The golf cart registered complies with the rules of Sandy Pines. I have the required \$300,000 liability insurance coverage on my golf cart.

I hold Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails Inc., and its officers or agents harmless in the operation or use of a golf cart within Sandy Pines.

I confirm that the golf cart(s) listed is my property. I understand that any change in ownership is my responsibility to notify Sandy Pines. Providing false information may result in Park issued fines, suspension of membership or termination of membership.

Insurance Verification
* Required

NOTE: Insurance Verification is required to submit this update.

GOLF CART, continued

istration form has drop down items for selection and will prompt you through the registration process.

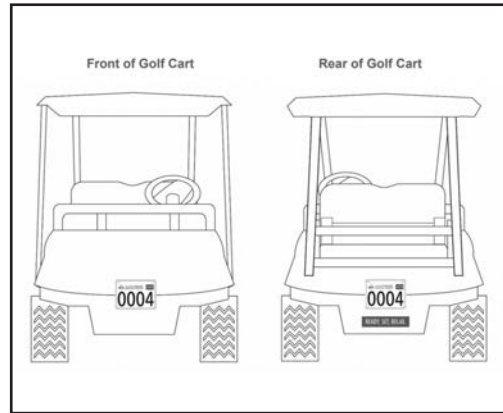
If you do not have a computer to register on line stop at the Public Safety Office to pick up a paper form or use Kiosk at the Member Service lobby or Public Safety Office.

Two sets of license plates consisting of a front and rear license plate are available for each membership site. If you have two golf carts then you will register both golf carts online or in person with a paper form and pick up the license plates from the Public Safety Office. If you have one golf cart you will register the golf cart online or in person with a paper form and pick up the license plates from the Public Safety Office.

Please review your renewal form for the proper number of golf carts on your membership. The renewal form will include the number of golf carts that you registered last year and your membership will be billed for license plates based on the number of golf carts you have registered to your membership.

If you have one golf cart and add an additional golf cart your account will be billed for the second golf cart license plate at the time of purchase.

Member/owners of golf carts are required to register and pick up license plates for golf carts. Please bring your golf cart to the Public Safety Office when you pick up your license plates. Public Safety Officers will affix a serial number on the steering column of the golf cart at the time of license plate issuance.



License Plate Installation & Positioning

A golf cart plate issued for a golf cart shall be attached to the center rear, and center front of the golf cart.

Minimum distance of the bottom of the License Plate must be no closer to the ground than the Golf Cart Floorboard to the ground. Maximum distance of the top of the License Plate must be no higher than eight inches from the bottom edge of the Golf Cart Windshield.

A golf cart plate shall always be securely fastened in a horizontal position to the golf cart for which the plate is issued to prevent the plate from swinging. The plate shall be attached front center of the bumper, in a place and position that is clearly visible. The plate shall be maintained free from foreign materials that obscure or partially obscure the registration sticker and in a clearly legible condition. The attachment of the plate to the rear of a golf cart, in a place and position that is clearly visible and not obstructed by a tow ball, removable hitch,

or any other device designed to carry an object on the rear of a golf cart, including the object being carried.

You can find the Golf Cart Registration Packet including registration details, registration forms, mounting information, and a list of frequently asked questions at www.sandypines.com/licenseplates.

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK keith@sandypines.com

November 2019 Call Statistics

In November 2019 Security Services responded to a total of 55 incidents which include the following:

Building Alarm:	2
Damage to Property:	6
General Assistance:	14
Health and Safety:	1
Lost/Found Property:	1
Malicious Destruction of Property:	2
Medical:	1
Misc. Call for Service:	1
Open Door:	15
Misc. Rule Violation:	1
Sex Offender Investigation:	1
Suspicious Incident:	5
Unauthorized Dumping:	3
Illegal Entry:	1
Vehicle Complaint:	1

December 2019 Call Statistics

In December of 2019, Security Services responded to a total of 36 incidents which included the following:

Building Alarm:	7
Damage to Property:	3
General Assistance:	1
Lost/Found Property:	1
Missing Person:	1
Open Door:	19
Rule Violation:	2
Unauthorized Dumping:	1
Illegal Entry:	1

Medical First Responder Training

I am pleased to report that Security Services employees Jami Werkema, Colin Helder, Zach Boensch and Brad Nieboer have successfully completed Medical First Responder training. The training consists of 72 hours, and covers topics of EMS Systems, Workforce Safety and Wellness, Professional CPR/AED, Medical, Legal and Ethical Issues, Documentation, and Communications, The Human Body, Airway Management, Lifting and Moving Patients, Patient Assessment, Medical Emergencies, Bleeding, Shock and Soft Tissue Injuries, Poisoning and Substance Abuse, Behavioral Emergencies, Environmental Emergencies, Child Birth, Pediatric Emergencies, Injuries to Muscles and Bones, Geriatric Emergencies, Transport Operations, Vehicle Extrication and Special Rescue and Incident Management.

The training included workshops with practical and written examinations. Employees who completed the training will take a final National Registry examination this month and will then be licensed. Responding to medical emergencies comprises a substantial portion of Security Services call volume, and staff are committed to continuing education and licensure endeavors. Please congratulate these employees for their successful completion of this training if the opportunity arises.

Golf Cart Registration Process

Golf cart registration and license plate distribution will begin on April 1st, 2020. Please

refer to Steve's Golf Cart & License Plate & Registration Update in this edition of the Footprints for more details on the new program and process.

Please note a couple important points when registering for plates at the Security Office:

1. The golf cart and member must be present to register.
2. Members will be able to complete the information either on a computer or by filling a paper form out.
3. Vehicle Identification Number stickers will be applied by Security Services staff.
4. Existing members will be billed for the plates and sticker on their accounts. License plates will be \$14.00 per set and \$15.00 for the sticker.

Additional information on the License Plate Registration Process is online at www.sandypines.com/licenseplates.

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50th ANNIVERSARY NEWS

BY MARCI PALMER marcie@championresources.biz

Happy New Year Sandy Piners! I hope this message finds you having had a peace-filled holiday season. The count down to the 50th Anniversary of Sandy Pines has started. 2021 marks the anniversary of the park and planning of the celebration is underway.

As you may know, for the past several months we have been gathering ideas from the membership on ways to celebrate. After all the ideas were compiled, they were reviewed with a lens for ones that have not or rarely been done at Sandy Pines and that would be difficult to fit into the regular recre-

ation department activity schedule or budget, we are proceeding with these signature events for the anniversary year.

50TH ANNIVERSARY EVENTS

Charter Member Recognition Dinner- A special way to recognize charter members for their longevity in the Sandy Pines family.

Family Fun Day – This will be a family fun day on a grand scale. Family BBQ and entertainment for all ages throughout the park.

Casino Night – A popular request!

Park Scavenger Hunt – Find clues around the park to complete the scavenger hunt, prizes for those who complete the entire hunt.

Art in the Park – A season-long event where members can submit their original art to be displayed and enjoyed by fellow members.

Wine & Dine – A special night of food prepared by local chefs paired with Michigan's finest wines and live entertainment.

Food Truck/Concert Event – To be given a fun name by the volunteer committee for this event, smiles. Members will enjoy culinary specialties, live music, and other family activities.

Bogies & Beers – A Six-Six-Six format golf event with samples of Michigan's best local brews at select holes.

In addition to these events, we will work with all department heads to put the 50th spin to the normal events and activities in the anniversary year like decorating sites in themes of the decade, 50th Anniversary Trivia Night and much more!

What's Next?

If you are interested in volunteering to assist with further planning for any of these sig-

nature events go to the 50th Anniversary Page at www.sandypines.com/50thanniversary. Once there, click the Volunteer button to browse and sign up for the events of your choosing.

We'll be working on a commemorative video and a historical timeline of the past 5 decades and we need your pictures and video clips. Have some old and recent photos or videos to share? You can submit them by clicking on the Share Your Photos & Share your Videos buttons on the 50th Anniversary Page.

If you have any questions about these signature events and/or volunteering, please feel free to contact me at marcie@championresources.biz.

We are looking forward to this coming year of continued planning and anticipation for the commemorative year and we are very grateful for all the members who have and will contribute energy and time to the planning.

With Sincere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Darlene DeWitt, Site 567, on the passing of her husband, **Dale**, on December 16th.

Linda Caple, Site 1210, on the passing of her husband, **Guy**, on December 23rd.



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SALES & MEMEBERSHIP NEWS

BY MARRY APPLEHOF mapplehof@sandypines.com

I am happy to report that I feel blessed to be working in the Sandy Pines Sales Department. November and December have been very active months and am excited to see new listings and Sales still happening even though we have snow and colder weather. If you haven't checked out our new listings lately, please do so at www.sandypines.com/sales. Our most recent listings show at the top of the page for quick glance of the latest additions.

Once you click through to our Property Listings Page you can sort by Phase, Site Number, Price, and by Waterfront View. You can also click the Printable Sales Listings button for a quick reference one sheet of all our current listings.





I am continuing to contact all the current listings during our staff transition and if I have not contacted you please feel free to contact me

to review your listing. I am still working on getting some new ideas implemented for the 2020 season and look forward to updating you when those changes are made. Thank you for your support and I look forward to a great year in 2020!

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New Listings

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND nikki@sandypines.com

Happy New Year! 2020 looks to be a fantastic season with exciting events planned. If you have any suggestions or events you would like to recommend please email recreation@sandypines.com with your ideas.

Save These Dates

May 25	Memorial Day Service
June 13	Drive-In Movie
June 20	Classic Car Show
June 27	Chalk Drawing Contest
July 4	4th of July Parade & Fireworks
July 18	Family Fun Day
July 25	Halloween In July
July 31-Aug 1	Christmas Eve Weekend
July 31	Christmas Light Boat Parade
August 1	Rainbow of Color Run
August 1	Dicks Brats Cookout & Tricks Band
August 7-9	Christmas In August Weekend
August 7	Christmas Light Bike Parade
September 5	Labor Day Fireworks

Many of our events are not possible without the help of volunteers. Volunteers are currently needed for the 4th of July Parade, Family Fun Day, Halloween in July, Christmas In August, and the Fall Festival. There's also



been interest in bringing back the Cardboard Boat Races. We love to bring that event back but cannot do it without the help of volunteers and a Volunteer Event Coordinator. You can sign up online for all of our volunteer shifts at www.sandypines.com/volunteer.

Now Hiring

As we enter the New Year we are actively searching and hiring the correct staffing for the season. We have the following opening on our Recreation team.

Aquatics/Pool Supervisor

This person will be in charge of the lifeguards and making sure all pools are staffed each day for all shifts and rotations. This person will assist with the safety of staff and members in the pool area and perform pools safety and buddy checks throughout the shift. *Lifeguard Certification Required.

Happy Shack Manager

This person will be responsible for weekly food ordering and delivery. This person will be in charge of Happy Shack employees and making sure each shift is covered. This person is responsible for opening and closing the register daily. *ServSafe food certification required.

Recreation Director Assistant

This person will assist in the office and help oversee the daily rentals, phone calls, member assistance, and monitor the building for cleanliness and safety. This person will assist with staff support and event inquiries and registration. *Knowledge of Sandy Pines events preferred.

Recreation Department Staff

Age 16 and older. Positions include Kids Club, Lesson Instructors, Ropes Course, Certified Lifeguards, Happy Shack, and event staffing.

All positions are posted at www.sandypines.com/careers. To apply for any position please complete our application which can be found on our Careers Page and email it along with a cover letter and resume to nikki@sandypines.com.

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INSPECTOR NEWS

BY RALPH SMITH inspector@sandypines.com

The Park Inspector winter office hours are Tuesdays from 8-9:30 am and 3-4:00 pm. I'm out and about in the park between 9:30 am and 3:00 pm so please keep that in mind when you try to get in touch as there may be a delay in my response due to our limited off season hours. Please also keep in mind that you will still have to get permits before you start any projects that require one so you may have a delay in starting due to my limited availability. All of our required permits, applications, and fees are available at www.sandypines.com/permitsapplications.

If you're currently a Registered Contractor please remember that updated applications for the 2020 season are due by Wednesday, April 1 to get them processed before the renewal deadline, otherwise you'll risk having your park access cards deactivated. If you're an officially licensed and insured contractor and would like to work in the park, please complete our contractor application online at www.sandypines.com/contractorservices. The contractor fee is \$200 annually which will get you added to our Registered Contractors List that we distribute to all members looking for services provided within the park.

For all other Inspector related topics including contractors & park services, permits & applications, boat stake maps, engineering park maps, violations & arbitrations visit www.SandyPines.com/inspector. Lastly, don't forget that June 10 is our annual lot cleanup deadline. This date can easily sneak up on us and we don't want you caught off guard by not having everything clean and tidy at your site. Thank You and I hope you have a great rest of the winter!

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NEW MEMBERS

Bradley & Traci Oesch	Middlebury, IN	Brian & Patricia Powell	Jenison, MI
Bruce & Jayme Morren	Grandville, MI	Keith & Megan Wierenga	Hudsonville, MI
Kevin Morris & Daniel Chapp	Kentwood, MI	Troy & Patty O'Bryant	Allegan, MI
Karen Carlson & James Peeper	Grand Ledge, MI	Michael & Eileen Burke	Plainwell, MI
Christopher & Marisha Brown	Byron Center, MI	James & Carol Brookhouse	Jenison, MI
Judy Woods	Hamilton, MI	Robert & Kasey VanWieren	Byron Center, MI
Charlene & Noel Koewers	Fruitport, MI	Donald & Michele Cece	Berkley, MI
Jeremy & Melissa Brunan	Hudsonville, MI	Daniel & Kari Hopp	Hopkins, MI
William & Donna Henderson	Indiantown, FL	Joseph & Pamela Koperski	Shelbyville, MI
Marcia Lambers & Ronald Mowery	Ocala, FL	Pamela & Robert Alma	Grandville, MI
Gary & Ruth Engerson	Hudsonville, MI	Jodi & Brian VanderWeg	Grand Rapids, MI
Gregory & Sarah Pavlovic	Hudsonville, MI	Daniel & Terri Gard	Allendale, MI
Deane & Donna Wassink	Holland, MI	William & Susan Danforth	Sterling Heights, MI
Peter & Linda Johnson	Allendale, MI	Sally Kempf	South Haven, MI
Joseph & Nicole Maag	Rockford, MI	Alfred & Tina Barrionuevo	Keller, TX
Brad & Valorie Lefevre	Grand Ledge, MI	Deborah & Phillip Probst	Ada, MI
Roland & Cindy Grit	Byron Center, MI	James & Karol Gee	Farmington Hills, MI
Mark & Debra Wolf	Byron Center, MI	Rhonda & William Tomkins	Zeeland, MI
Todd & Rose Mary Gravelyn	Wyoming, MI	Jimmy & Edna Walters	Wyoming, MI
Stacie & Jason Hartman	Hudsonville, MI	Mary & Brian Jenkins	Hudsonville, MI
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Roger & Bonnie Smith	Grand Rapids, MI		

COMMUNITY CPR TRAINING

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) & Automated External Defibrillator (AED) classes will be provided on June 17th, July 15th and August 19th at the Pavilion for members of the Park. All classes will start at 10:00am and last up to four hours. The CPR classes will be for adult, child and infant. The CPR classes are free as a non-certification course. If you need certification the cost is \$35.

The importance of knowing CPR is important and acting immediately has the ability to increase survival rates of a cardiac arrest vic-

tim. If you wait for first responders to arrive on scene to perform CPR the victim has less chance of being resuscitated. Most positive outcomes of CPR are a result of community involvement, first responders and advanced life support EMS all playing a part in a better outcome.

If you have not taken a course before or just need to have a refresher please consider taking the time to participate. In most cases it is a family member or friend that is the victim of cardiac arrest. Your knowledge at the time of the event can help save their life.

If you intend to participate please send an email to steve@sandypines.com. This will allow the ability to prepare the number of participants. The classes are scheduled on our Event Calendar at www.sandypines.com/calendar.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

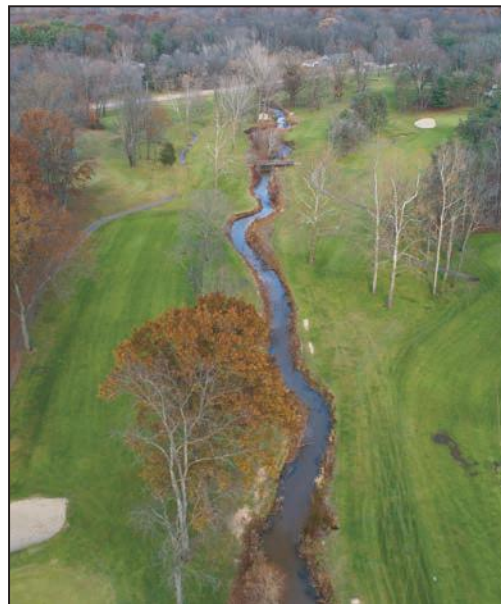
BY GARY PETERS gary@golflmgc.com

Happy New Year and welcome 2020! We've had an unseasonably warm winter and so much so that we even had golfers out on the links on Christmas Day. You're welcome to use the course in the off season but please make sure the turf isn't soggy and that you're not damaging the course. While the Pro Shop is closed, we do have a collection box at the start of the course for green fees. We appreciate your donations as they help with off season maintenance of the course.

All of our annual golf outings and events are listed on the new 2020 Sandy Pines Wall Calendars. We're also looking ahead to 2021 and coming up with some new events to celebrate our park's 50th Anniversary, so stay tuned for details as they unfold. Here's the schedule for the 2020 season:

June 7	Nine/Dine Couples Outing
June 17	Kid's League Begins
June 27	Member Guest Outing
July 12	Father/Child Outing
July 19	Nine/Dine Couples Outing
July 25	Red Tee Par 3 Challenge
August 2	Mother/Daughter Outing
August 16	Nine/Dine Couples Outing

We continue working on tree removal and course improvements as weather permits. I have been fielding recent member inquiries about which trees are being removed and why they're being removed. There are three main reasons why we remove trees from the course. The first is safety. If a tree is carrying



disease, dead or dying, we remove it as it is unsafe. The second is how it impacts the turf. Too many trees in one area may provide too much shade which may prohibit healthy turf conditions. Last is improving course playability, which can increase the speed of play and make the course more enjoyable.

We have thinned out the woods between Hole 1 and Hole 9, removed six scotch pines at the top of the hill, thinned out the tree on the Hole 4 tee box, and removed all the scotch pines roughly 150 yards out on Hole 3 near the big oak trees just past the power line. We'll be working on more tree removal and thinning out the tee box on Hole 8. We'll also be working on the back nine to remove a few trees that are diseased and unsafe.

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PARK & GARDEN STORE NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT parkgarden@sandypines.com



2019 was our first season in our new Retail Center location. We are looking forward to our second season in the new location and to providing even more new items and services for all your home, lawn, and garden needs. We have added new cleaning products for spring-cleaning; we have a pressure washer available to rent as well as ladders.

We have created a survey online at www.sandypines.com/surveys to get your input on what you think of the new Park & Garden Store. We'd also love to get your feedback on products we do and don't yet offer in our store. Please take five quick minutes to complete the survey and help us serve you better in 2020.

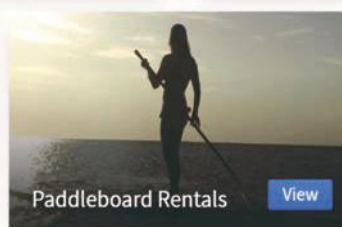
If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time to get on the list for the rental Water Softener Program this coming season. If you already completed your order, keep an eye out for a confirmation email from us in late February/early March.

Once license plates are available from the Public Safety Office in the spring, we will have the new brackets available at the store this summer.

Now that our 2020 featured events and holiday weekends are available on our wall calendars, this is the best time to reserve your golf carts, kayaks & stand up paddle boards for the season. Camping reservations always pick up after the first of the year and golf carts typically sell out for the big holiday weekends, so don't delay, rent today at www.sandypines.com/parkgardenrentaloffice.

Most of our inventory and services including water softeners, bottled water, mulch, stone, soil, propane, Sandy Pines Logo Wear, and equipment rentals are online at www.sandypines.com/parkgarden. Looking forward to seeing you in 3 short months!

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INTRODUCING ALLEGAN EVENT CENTER

Sandy Pines Ropes Course

The Sandy Pines Ropes Course is one of our most popular park amenities. From the time it opens on Memorial Day Weekend until it closes for the season on Labor Day Weekend, it's always packed with eager adventurers looking to challenge their mental and physical stamina as they take to the sky.

If you visit our outdoors ropes course often, you most likely know that its operation is dependent on the weather. Due to safety reasons we must close the course in the event of rain and with temperatures in excess of 90 degrees. You probably know from experience that Mother Nature is not always sensitive to our outdoor plans and weekend agendas. Do not despair! When that is the case, there is hope.

Allegan Event Ropes Course

What you may not know is that the largest indoor ropes course and Adventure Park in Michigan is just 15 miles south of us in Allegan. Allegan Event is a new state of the art 13,000 square foot family adventure center which includes a two story indoor Sky Trail® ropes course with Sky Rail™ zip rails, a Sky



Tykes® mini ropes course for kids under 48", 16 Clip 'n Climb® climbing walls, a vertical drop slide, and a QUICKjump free fall simulator that allows guests to experience approximately five feet of free fall, then gently descend to the ground after your ropes course adventure. Recently added was a state of the

art arcade with virtual reality games and a snack bar featuring something for the entire family, even local micro-brews.

The ropes course sits at heights up to 35 feet and features two levels of fun and adventure. Your full body harness and sling line will keep you connected at all times while you explore over 85 challenges, including crisscross angle rope ladders, zig-zag swinging beams, cargo nets, bridges, and two Sky Rail™ zip rails!

Allegan Event also offers private buy outs and has plenty of room for school groups, youth groups, teams, camps, scouts, corporate events, parties, lock-ins, grad bashes and more. Pre-booked groups of 20 or more qualify for discount pricing. Plan ahead and save!

Did You Know?

Another thing you may not know is that Allegan Event is a project of LiggettVille, which

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ALLEGAN EVENT CENTER, continued

is a venture by Jim and Michelle Liggett who also own RCI Adventure Products (RCI), headquartered in Allegan, MI. LiggettVille is dedicated to creating ideal entertainment spaces in properties such as malls, retail centers, city centers, and in the case of Allegan Event, an unused warehouse turned family entertainment center. One of LiggettVille's properties, named It Adventure Ropes Course is located in a furniture store and is the largest indoor ropes course in the world.

RCI designed, manufactured, and assembled our outdoor Ropes Course. We love supporting local businesses and think it's pretty darn cool that this world class ropes course manufacturer is literally in our back yard. RCI has a very specific target and demographics that most markets must meet to support event centers of this magnitude. Allegan is a much smaller market than most required for these type of event centers, so we are very lucky to have one of these so close to home. In addition,

Allegan Event also manages the Riverfront Zipline over the Kalamazoo River in downtown Allegan. Jim & Michelle Liggett have plans to bring additional attractions to Allegan which continue making our neighboring city a destination not to be missed. We look forward to working with with Allegan Event and the City of Allegan to bring our communities closer together.

Visit www.sandypines.com/alleganevent for additional information on all of their attractions, pricing, and hours.

When is the last time you visited Allegan? There are many new downtown boutiques, coffee shops, restaurants, and microbreweries. They also host many ongoing events such as the New Years Eve Celebration, Festive Fridays, Rollin' On The River, Bridgefest, the July 3 Jubilee, and the Allegan Festival of Beers to name a few.

Next time you're looking for a day, afternoon or night out, plan a trip to Allegan and see whats new! Before you go, visit www.positivelyallegan.org for all the great places to visit, eat, explore, and play.

CLASSIFIEDS

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

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

For Sale - Site 744: 2005 Breckenridge Park Model - 12x40. Shed in back, new back deck, built in 2017. Fire pit, nice landscaping. New stove and golf cart garage, both in 2018. Sunroom. Two golf carts, one gas and one electric. Asking \$70,000. Call: 616.340.2600.

For Sale from Site 1394: Near new 2011 Forest River Cedar Creek Destination Trailer, Model 40CFL. This 40', 3-slide beauty has every option available. Home quality kitchen, 8' ceiling throughout, all wood raised panel cabinetry. Only used a handful of nights in 2011 before campground closed and we came to Sandy Pines, where it is stored. Asking: \$19,500. Call: 248.350.0361 or email DaisyCuts@gmail.com for photos.

For Sale - Site N-464 - Phase 4: Water view, 2004 Trophy Double Loft with sunporch and deck. Sleeps 10. Full size 200 sq ft garage and plenty of parking. Gas E-Z-Go golf cart. Very clean, furnished, and has extra pantry and storage areas. Asking: \$98,500. Call or text Norm at 616-291-1824.

For Sale - Site N-438 - Phase 4: (must see) Waterfront, fully furnished 1991 Quailridge trailer with sun porch and deck. Very clean and renovated with new roof and water resistant luxury vinyl floors throughout. Boat stake, storage shed, new golf cart shelter. 2020 Dues paid. Asking: \$118,000 OBO. Call or text Tim at (616) 304-6085 for more information.



MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI maintenance@sandypines.com

Winter is always one of our busiest times of the season as we're busy maintaining all the buildings, structures, and amenities that are utilized by members, guests, and campers all summer long. One of our largest off season projects for the past few years has been updating water risers in each phase. Many of the old risers are in rough shape and can be very difficult and time consuming to replace, especially if they have been invaded by roots. Although it may be enticing to plant shrubbery near your water riser and/or your electrical boxes to mask them we do not recommend doing so as it can lead to long term difficulties. We have completed almost all of the water risers in Phase 4. The sites west of the tennis courts are not yet completed.

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New Mini Golf Carpeting



Old Water Riser



New Water Riser



When Roots Invade

MAINTENANCE, continued

We recently installed new energy efficient LED lights in the Phase 1 Pavilion. We painted the Ropes Course to give it a fresh new look for 2020. We also replaced the carpet on the Recreation Station's Mini Golf Course so don't be surprised if you experience some increased ball speed during your next game.

As soon as weather permits, the playground near the Flea Market Area & Picnic Shelter will have new side walks around it with some additional equipment for your enjoyment. The new equipment was donated by a member driven and supported can drive. Thanks to all the volunteers and those who contributed to make it happen. Soon the entire community will be able to benefit from your efforts.



New Ropes Course Paint

NORTH SHORE CENTER UPDATE

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

We continue to work with FEMA, The State of Michigan Hazard Mitigation Team, Salem Township and the Storm Shelter Committee to build the North Shore Center.

In January the construction company will be installing helical piles. Based on the engineers report these Helical piles are needed to support the weight of the building. The previous building at this location had foundation issues. Most likely because the soils below did not support the previous foundation. These helical piles are engineered and tied into the foundation of the building. Once the helical piles are installed the building foundation will be started.

The walls of this building will be precast concrete which has been designed in cooperation with the construction company, the Architect and precast concrete company. The building is a dual purpose facility to function as a FEMA P-361 compliant storm shelter as well as an activity center with meeting rooms, a library and an all-purpose room for events.

We are on track to complete this building by the required FEMA completion date of April 2021 with a projected completion date of fall 2020. Details, information, and renderings of the future facility can be found at www.sandypines.com/northshorecenter.



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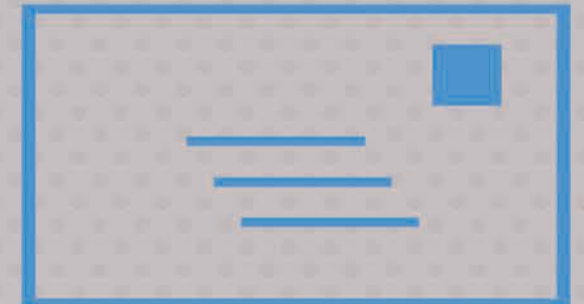



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