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## LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAAR

It's hard to believe that we are already at the beginning of our third month at Sandy Pines. The sites throughout the park look good and many activities and programs are ongoing.

On June 1, 2018, a workshop was conducted by Beene Garter, our auditing firm. Each year they complete Sandy Pines' tax report and conduct a financial review of our records. Finance Committee members, staff and Board Members were in attendance. In summary, their report showed that Sandy Pines' net worth increased by 1.6 million dollars over the past 5 years. From 2016 to 2017 revenues increased by 14%, which in part is attributed to an increase in real estate sales commission income, rental from the new fleet of golf carts, as well as an increase of

fees and capital reserve funds. From their report we can conclude that Sandy Pines is in a strong financial position. The excellent leadership of our staff, conservatively handling our funds and planning for the future, is the reason for this bright financial picture. When you see staff members throughout the park express your appreciation for a job well done.

We are in the Board candidacy election season. At the time of this writing seven members have requested an application to run for the Board of Directors. It's one of the most important tasks one can volunteer for in Sandy Pines. We express our appreciation for those willing to step forward and give of their talents and time on behalf of all our members. In this issue of the Footprints please

## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Gene Van Koevering ..... Park President

Kimberly Williams ..... Chief Financial Officer

Ben Fifelski ..... Maintenance Supervisor

Steve Deyarmond ..... Director of Emergency Services

Keith Garvelink ..... Interim Director of Security

Gary Peters ..... Golf Course Manager

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Jack Schmidt ..... Park & Garden

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take the time to read the Bios of those running for the Board of Directors.

At our annual election in August, the Board of Directors is proposing three changes to our By-Laws. The first one is to clarify the language concerning the filling of vacancies on the Board brought about by resignations. In this section of the By-Laws it uses the wording "shall fill within 30 days" but then gives four options which would allow this to go beyond the 30 days. It's important that this language be clarified.

Secondly, there is no specific language in the By-laws concerning remote participation of Board members at meetings. As you know, some Board members may spend considerable time in another state during the winter months, and from

time to time there are important matters that need to be dealt with during this time period. Allowing remote participation would correct this situation. Furthermore, it would allow the approval of financial statements during the off season instead of waiting until spring to approve them all at once.

Thirdly, the language concerning the ability to borrow funds has lent itself to different legal counsel interpretations. This too needs to be corrected. To read the actual proposed By-Laws language you can get copies from the administration building or check it out on our website.

Enjoy your summer months at Sandy Pines.



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

*"For you have been called to live in freedom. Use your freedom to serve one another in love."*

— Galatians 5:13

As Americans we are preparing to celebrate Independence Day on July 4, 2018. Certainly we have much to be grateful for, as well as much to pray for. America is the greatest nation in the world with tremendous opportunity to succeed if a person is willing to work hard with determination. Yet it remains a country that is challenged civilly, politically and spiritually, wherein much of America still desperately needs to experience the contentment and joy that many of us live with daily.

On behalf of all of us who are on Staff, we wish you a wonderful holiday with friends and family! We invite you to join us as we remember those that were called to give some, and those who were called to give all, so that we can live in freedom. As we celebrate this year, it's our hope

that you seek to serve others in need of support and encouragement. Serve others in such a way that our actions and encouragement will provide a greater measure of freedom to those who currently lack it.

As we approach the Annual Member Meeting and Election, we are grateful for those Members that have offered their willingness to serve the park by being a Candidate for the Board of Directors. Please take time to read the bio's in this issue and plan to attend the "Meet the Candidate" session as well. These are important choices for Sandy Pines, so we encourage you to get to know the Candidates prior to casting your vote.

The election will also have three ballots on this year: One being an amendment to clarify the Board options when filling a Director vacancy; one ballot to amend the bylaw that would allow remote meeting attendance when required or approved, and one ballot to amend the bylaw language to clarify the Board authority to borrow

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## **PRESIDENT, continued**

unsecured funds. These ballots will be discussed at the Face to Phase meetings on July 21 and on August 11 at the Pavilion in the Core area. It's my hope that there will be Candidates present at these two forums, as well.

I would also like to ask you to join me in congratulating Bruce Maurer. Bruce has been in our Public Safety Department since 2007, and he has served with professionalism and integrity. The knowledge that he has gained over the course of his tenure here at Sandy Pines is being passed on, on a daily basis. As a result, Keith Garvelink our Director of Security, has promoted Bruce to the position of Administrative Supervisor.

In Keith's words; "Bruce has proven his work ethic and dedication to the company, and he is relied upon heavily. Bruce has been taking on the bulk of data systems training for new hires in addition to his regular duties". Bruce's new role will include his current duties, as well as supervision of data systems and oversight of

training new personnel on the data system and procedures. We congratulate Bruce and thank him for his presence on our staff!

We met in June to introduce the Sandy Pines Mission Statement and Branding plan to the Sandy Pines Staff. The reasons for this project were explained in earlier Footprint articles, however you will likely learn more about this from Josh in his Marketing and Communication articles this month, and in the future as well. This was an extensively researched project during its construction, and we are pleased to now share it with the membership. The mission statement and guidelines will be utilized in all of our internal and external marketing and communication efforts to assure consistency in the formulating and maintaining the perception of our park. As you become aware of the overall plan, you will see that many parts of the Branding plan have already become familiar to you. Thanks to Josh for his oversight and vision for the project from conception to completion.

I will finish by reporting to you that on June 1, we met with the Board and Finance Committee to attend an annual finance workshop in which Beene Garter, our CPA firm, met with us to provide the results of their year end 2017 financial review of the Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course consolidated statements. The report was very positive, showing that our park and golf course have shown five straight years of financial growth, with increased stability. The summary report provided supporting data from which their opinions were provided. Overall, Sandy Pines is in excellent financial condition. Stability and being prepared for the future needs of our park was our goal from the beginning, so it is exciting to see it come this far in such a short time. Should we once again experience a financial downturn in a future economy, the park will be in a position of strength to withstand a short to mid length time of financial uncertainty, if required to do so.

Our Charles Schwab Representative also attended this workshop. He provided a report of our investment accounts that included an analysis of each account for those in attendance of the workshop. In 2013, the Board at the time, charged Schwab with the task of maintaining principle preservation as a priority over investment income. The results in the 2017 fiscal year data once again show that the investment accounts were able to meet the financial goal of asset protection successfully.

Thank you all for your continued show of support to our staff, our park and our community. Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey have a bright future because of what we have in common that keeps us together. Enjoy your summer here and thank you for the blessing of serving God by working for you in this place.

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# MARKETING NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

We launched our new responsive website in the spring of 2015. We're going on our third season with the new website and I couldn't be happier with the progress we've made. We add more to the website each year which gives you 24 hour access to the info you seek. Since our website is growing, it is important to remember the search button. If you can't find what you're looking for, just click search, enter your info and go. What's new and exciting on the website you ask?

- **The Camping Page** includes an interactive map that you can zoom, click, view photos and check availabilities on select sites.
- **The Sales Page** includes listings that can be sorted by phase, site number and price.
- **The Activities Page** includes an interactive list of all our park activities, amenities, our recreation schedule, Weekend Flyer and a list of upcoming events.
- **The Event Calendar** is more robust than ever and not only includes more details on upcoming events but also gives you the ability to search by event categories and view in monthly, weekly, daily and list view.
- **The Members Page** includes the Member Web Access Portal along with rotating seasonal quick links, department contacts which include hours, contact information and associated departmental services, the Member News Feed with parks updates and info, the Weekend Flyer, the Weekly E-News archive and the Footprints archive.

Should you find something missing, outdated or confusing in your online browsing, please email me at [josh@sandypines.com](mailto:josh@sandypines.com) and we'll get it added, removed or fixed. If you find inaccurate or outdated information, please also include the URL/web address of the page with the inaccurate information so I know where to find it.

Big thanks are in order to Kaitlyn Moore

our Marketing Intern as she's been helping update a lot of website information along with coordinating and updating our event calendars. You may recognize Kaitlyn as she works at the Public Safety Office front desk. She is a Sr. at Davenport University working on a bachelor's degree in Marketing. She's pretty awesome so I'd recommend giving her a high 5 the next time you see her!

A few other exciting projects in the works include a new mission statement, a new recreation schedule, and an online Footprints archive going back to 1972. Since the rollout of our new logo in 2015 we've been working on a new mission statement, tagline, brand promise and brand story which will guide the decisions and actions we take moving into the future. Kaitlyn has been redesigning our recreation schedule to also include our featured events so you'll have all our seasonal information on one handout. Kaitlyn is also working on uploading digital copies of our entire Footprints archive which has been a popular request among members. We'll let you know as soon as they're ready for viewing.

One last note regarding the new Rave text alert system. Rave is an emergency alert system that will automatically text and email you in the event of regional and local severe weather events. We also have the ability to text and email you important park news and updates through this platform so it is important to note not every alert will be an emergency alert. How can you make sure you're on the list for these alerts? Member Web Access automatically syncs with the alert system. The best way to make sure you're up to date is to confirm that we have your updated cell phone numbers and email addresses. You cannot opt out of emergency and park news alerts but in the future we'll have options for opting into different park news distribution lists.

If you're not getting our Weekly Member E-News make sure to sign up at [sandypines.com/e-news](http://sandypines.com/e-news) and stay informed!

# SALES OFFICE NEWS

BY KATHY MOLNER

Just a couple of things that I would like to talk about this month.

I want to touch base with all sellers... including For Sale by Owners. Please let your buyers know that the Inspector has 7 to 10 days to complete his inspection of your site. We ask for patience as we are waiting on him. He is an extremely busy person, as are we.

Also, if you are using us, which we truly appreciate, could you please remember that we are going to take pictures of your place and they will be going on our website? Most of you have done well at this but every once in awhile we run across those who haven't thought about it.

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## MAINTENANCE UPDATES

BY BEN FIFELSKI

This past Memorial Day was the busiest that I have ever seen here at Sandy Pines. Everything seemed to go quite well, for the most part.

With the hot weather and the extra usage of our water supply, we had a couple of well drives overheat. We were able to get them cooled down and the water was back up and running after a brief delay.

During the summer months, you may notice your water smelling like rotten eggs. This is usually caused by the magnesium rod in your hot water heater. The best way to flush the water out is to simply open the pop off relief valve on your water heater. Cold, fresh water will then flow into the bottom of your tank and force all of the smelly water out the top. This is a good practice...not only to flush the tank, but it also checks to ensure the relief valve is working properly. If the relief valve drips after you've opened it, the valve needs to be replaced. We have several contractors on our list who are able to perform this task for you, if required.

Thanks to each of you for your help throughout the season. Enjoy Sandy Pines during the month of July!

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## NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

BY RICHARD RANDELS

We are nearing the completion of construction of the condominium project, with all units currently completed, sold. Four units in two buildings are currently under construction with two of those units near completion. The final building will probably be started yet this year, giving us a total of 54 units. The major road in Phase 2 was given its finished payment last month.

The condo residents had a great time with our 3rd Annual Bridge Walk and Potluck on June 7th. Residents met at the flag pole in Phase 2 where we participated in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a hearty version of God Bless America. We then proceeded to walk through the condo

development, eating treats left by residents, until we came to the bridge connecting Units 1 and 2. We paused for a group picture before continuing our walking and eating until we reached the picnic site in Phase 1. Thanks to the volunteers who made this such a great social event!

The monthly women's breakfast group continues to meet regularly and our volunteer maintenance crew is doing a wonderful job maintaining our grounds and buildings. We thank them for their many hours of service.

These are just a few reasons why living at The Condominiums at Sandy Pines is so pleasant.

## LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

This spring has been a strange one, with the lake flowing over the overflow, which is making the water flow though the creek much faster. The higher water flow has caused a lot more sand to move downstream, which changes the creek banks almost weekly. Our inlet to our irrigation pond was 26 feet wide, and with one big storm it became 8 foot wide, and 30 yards of sand covered our intake pipe to the pond. The pump house by the creek on the back nine has become a five hour job once a week, moving sand away from the intake.

The course was looking real good right before Memorial Day. The Thursday before the holiday the main pump broke an impeller which only gave about 30 percent of the water we need for the golf course. Along with all the cart traffic and the 90+ degree weather, the course took a hit, and a lot of turf turned brown and thinned out. We managed to keep most of the turf alive and monitored the roots to make sure they were still alive. The pump got put in on June 14th. We will be fertilizing the fairways two weeks sooner due to the damage and thinning fairways to bring them back quicker.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### Karaoke:

7 PM, food at 5:30 PM - July 21 and August 4

#### Wine Tasting:

2 PM and another at 3:30 PM - July 14 and August 25 – pre-register online

#### Junior Golf League Program:

8:30 AM - July 11, July 18, July 25 and August 1

#### Father/Child Outing:

4 PM - June 24 - back nine

#### Mother/Child Outing:

4 PM - July 15 - back nine

#### Couples Invitational:

8:30 AM till 2 PM - August 18 - \$35/SP Members and \$40/Public Players.

We look forward to having a fun filled season and seeing everyone at the course soon.

# GOLF CART SAFETY

It's easy to think of golf carts as something less than a motor vehicle. At Sandy Pines we have over 3,000 golf carts. They are used as a major means of transportation within the Park. Risks are present that are similar to using an automobile. Accidents occur with golf carts for some of the same reasons as with autos. Golf carts do not have the same safety features as autos. Most do not have seatbelts, have not been designed to protect occupants from collisions, and were not designed for children, and, therefore, have the potential to injure occupants and pedestrians if not properly driven.

Turning at just 11 mph can easily throw a passenger out of a golf cart. The handles or railing along the seats of the cart do not provide protection to prevent ejection from a golf cart. In fact, some studies suggest that the rail acts a fulcrum and assists in causing head injuries. Each year persons of all ages are injured as a result of being thrown off/falling off a golf cart with in the Park. The Consumer Product Safety Commission indicates that about 40% of golf cart injuries are a result of someone falling out of a golf cart. About 10% involve a golf cart that has rolled over. Golf carts have been modified, lifted, have more horsepower and in many cases are not the same we knew a decade or two ago.

Be a safe and responsible driver. Do not underestimate the risks of operating a golf cart. It is not uncommon for drivers, passengers and pedestrians to be injured or killed in golf cart accidents in the U.S. each year.

Drive courteously. Never drive recklessly or joy ride. Supervise youth and persons driving your golf cart. Should an accident occur you most likely will be involved in financial responsibility and litigation.

Obey all vehicle traffic laws and rules of the road. Golf carts are not permitted on county public roadways outside the Park. Golf carts do not have the safety equipment for occupant protection. Be safe when crossing the roadway. Be observant and take your time when crossing.

Never drive intoxicated or under the influence of any drug or narcotic.

Avoid distractions – be attentive to your surroundings - avoid texting, or reading while driving, reaching for objects, or focused on friends, or horseplay.

Golf carts should be equipped with seat belts for driver and all passengers. The driver and all occupants should utilize available seatbelts anytime the vehicle is in use. Only carry the number of passengers for which there are seats. Don't overload your golf cart. Don't place infants or children on the driver's lap. Should an accident occur, the weight of the driver will be forced upon the child and into the steering wheel. All body parts (arms, legs, feet) inside cart while vehicle is in motion, except when signaling a turn.

Do not allow anyone to ride standing in the vehicle or on the back platform. Do not put vehicle in motion until all passengers are safely seated. Operate the golf cart from the driver's side only.

Always use hand signals to indicate your intent to turn. Check blind spots before turning. When making a left hand turn, yield to the thru traffic lane and merge into that lane before turning left. Carefully turn and look behind golf cart before backing up. Avoid sharp turns and be aware of the potential to eject passengers upon quick turns and roll the golf cart.

Drive straight up and down slopes to reduce the risk of passenger ejections and/or rollover. Avoid excessive speed, sudden starts, stops and fast turns. Reduce speed due to driving conditions, especially hills or other inclines or declines, blind corners, intersections, pedestrians and inclement weather. Be sure to slow down in areas with concentrated pedestrians.

Do not leave keys in golf cart while unattended and make sure the parking brake is set. Small children have gotten on golf carts with the keys left in the ignition and have caused damage and

injury as a result. Always yield to pedestrians and be cognizant of motor vehicles. Use extreme caution in inclement weather. Although a golf cart may shield you from the rain, it may not protect you from a lightning strike.

Thank you for practicing safe golf cart driving rules. Have a great summer at Sandy Pines!

## KARAOKE

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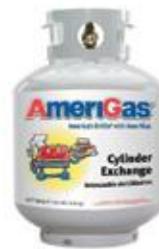


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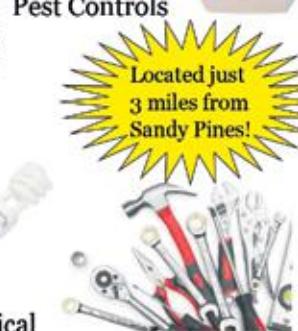
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BY SUE FLOWERS

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Sundays & Holidays Closed

### Member Service will be closed on holidays:

Independence Day, Wednesday 7/4

Labor Day, Monday 9/3

### IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 7/25)
- 7/1 Deadline to return renewal stickers for credit
- 7/7 Garage Sale: Phases 3, 5 & 6
- 8/18 Annual Election
- 9/1 Winterizations Begin
- 9/8 Saturday Emergency Pump Outs End
- 10/1 Annual Dues, quarterly final adjusted electric & state tax billed (Due 10/25)
- 10/15 Water is turned off for the season (weather permitting)
- 10/19 Last week of normal season Pump Outs
- 10/31 Last Pump Out of the season  
(Billed as a \$26 Emergency Pump Out)

### More on the Mail Room

While Member Service staff are asked to sign for packages, this does not guarantee receipt, condition nor acceptance of a certain package; we are signing one time for multiple packages. Our options to members are to keep the mailroom free flowing for delivery and pick up at no charge, or begin to log packages and require monitoring and sign out which will also require us to charge members for use of the mailroom. An informal survey of members has thus far revealed they would rather we not formalize nor charge for packages that fit within our package guidelines.

Since USPS, UPS & FedEx do not offer parcel delivery to your site, we allow members to have packages delivered to our Member Service Mailroom. We allow packages up to 25lbs that are the size of standard carry-on luggage. Packages exceeding these specifications and/or left longer than seven days will be charged a handling fee and/or may be returned to the sender. Mailroom hours are Monday-Saturday 2:00pm-4:00pm. Please adhere to the mailroom pickup hours as this gives us the proper time needed to receive and sort daily mail from all carriers. We are not able to accept deliveries on Sundays. For information on park USPS mailboxes and details on our mail policy and parcel delivery, please visit [www.SandyPines.com/MailServices](http://www.SandyPines.com/MailServices).

### Lost & Found

Often, Members find belongings left behind by others and turn them in to park staff. Depending on proximity of loss, there are several locations to check

for belongings: the Recreation office, Member Service, the Public Safety Office or Lake Monterey Golf Course. If you've lost an item, please report it. Found items are sometimes photographed and posted on the Sandy Pines Facebook page with a note of where the item can be claimed. If you find items that belong to others, please turn them in to one of the aforementioned locations. Think about how you would feel if you lost your belongings and treat others as you want to be treated by turning things in for claim by their owners. It's the Happy Camper thing to do!

#### **Boat Stake/Dock Waiting List**

During the winter, we transitioned the Boat Stake/Dock Waiting Lists from a database to an easier to manage spreadsheet. In the database, the list was broken up by phase, which was difficult to manage and view by date. Thus, when Members now call to check where they are on the list, they may find they went from being 40th to 50th, but don't panic! Folks that are now "above" you on the list are likely waiting for a stake in a different phase. As stakes (and docks) become available, they are offered to the Member at the top of the list who may accept or refuse the offered location. From there, we move down the list; it really is that simple. Thank you for understanding.

#### **Sourcing TV Input and Scanning Channels**

Calls are received daily in Member Service regarding cable and internet issues. That's okay – we're here to help! Before you call, it's important to have done what they call a "power cycle." Please unplug your equipment and leave it unplugged for a full 2 minutes. This allows it to reset.

After plugging your TV back in, remember to choose the proper input source, which is only "Cable" at Sandy Pines – not antenna, not HDMI 1 or HDMI 2. Some menus require you to first choose TV, then Cable. Some remotes have buttons for "Source" or "Input."

For Internet troubleshooting, unplug both your Sandy Pines Spectrum modem and your router (if you function wirelessly). Again, a full 2 minute cycle is best. Plug in the modem and let it reconnect. Plug in your router and let it establish connection. All this will take up to 5 minutes to reconnect. If you've done all this, give us a call. We'll always ask if you have power cycled and what lights are on/blingking on your devices, so be sure they are visible to you when calling.

## **INSPECTOR UPDATES**

BY ERNIE KUNKEL

Hello fellow campers! It was nice to see the sea of people enjoying the Garage Sales in June, in spite of the rainy weather.

I'm still seeing lots of new members and site improvements taking place.

Driving through the park, it looks pretty good. Please keep in mind the destructive effect of moss and mold/mildew on your camping units. I will be doing Site Inspections over the next few weeks, and am hoping that you have complied with the checklist provided online.

Boat stakes have long been a hot/disputed issue.

Along those lines, I have been informed that Park Safety/Security Officers have not, nor will, establish boat stake locations.

Even healthy trees are messy...it would be counter-productive to Sandy Pines to cut down perfectly healthy trees because they are messy. Plus, where would we even begin? Trees go through stages and sometimes they make a mess, but it's totally a part of nature.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you as the season progresses..."and everyone who had a talent for it, lived happily ever after."



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# DIRECTOR OF SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK

## May 2018 Incidents Summary

In May of 2018, Security Services conducted a total of 45 investigations. This total reflects incidents which generated a report and does not include routine incidents or requests for service on which no report was completed. The 45 investigations or incidents included 13 medical emergencies, three incidents involving controlled substances other than alcohol, two incidents involving weapons, two suicidal persons, six incidents involving alcohol violations and nine incidents involving rule violations. The rule violations include Conduct Violations, Unregistered Guest entry, and others.

## New Employee

Security Services is pleased to announce that Jacob Grunewald has joined our team as a seasonal employee. Jacob resides in the Wyoming area with his spouse and is a current Criminal Justice Major at Grand Rapids Community College. Jacob has prior experience as an Asset Protection Specialist, Customer Service Manager, Customer Service Rep. and Armed Messenger for an armored car company. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Jacob, if you have the opportunity.

## Parking Signs at CCs

Members will soon see signs regarding parking and unauthorized vehicles at CCs. Section XI item G, of the Handbook states that there is to be no overnight or overflow parking at the CCs and that a \$100 fine will be assessed for violations. This was a chronic problem last year with numerous incidents of CCs being used for overnight parking, in many cases by vehicles with no Sandy Pines vehicle stickers. The signs advise of this rule and also state that vehicles in violation of overnight parking, or without proper stickers or permits displayed, will be impounded. Please remember that the parking areas at CCs are for members and authorized guests to park at while using these facilities.

## Overflow parking issues and rules

Section XI of the handbook addresses overflow

parking and also describes in some detail where the overflow parking areas are. The Handbook states the following regarding parking in these areas:

- a. Overflow parking is provided for members to park vehicles
- b. Overflow parking is not intended for storage or sale of vehicles or equipment
- c. Boats and trailers may not be stored overnight in overflow parking areas
- d. The Park reserves the right to permit parking in areas when needed

There has been no change in these rules since it was amended 10/04/2013. Several questions have arisen regarding this rule. One question was is it a violation to park a vehicle with a boat or other trailer attached to the vehicle overnight in these areas? This is a violation and it is irrelevant whether or not the boat or trailer is attached to a vehicle. The overflow parking areas are not intended for storage of vehicles, boats or trailers of any type. If your boat or trailer cannot be parked on your site it should be placed in a proper area, such as the bullpen. There have been multiple complaints in some areas including the overflow parking area in Phase 6 along Deerfield for violations of this rule.

As written in section d., The Park may grant exceptions to this rule on a case by case basis for unusual circumstances. A person who wishes to inquire about an exception should contact the Safety Office at 616.896.9006 and explain the circumstances. If the request is reasonable, an exception may be granted. The information will then be placed on communication logs at the Safety Office to prevent the owner from receiving a violation.

## Pedestrian Right of Way

Several members have voiced concerns over difficulties in crossing roads safely in several areas of the park while on foot due to the amount of vehicle traffic. Some have suggested installing pavement markings and/or signs for pedestrian crossing. The Safety Office will review and consider these proposals, however current park rules are quite clear regarding the pedestrian right of way. Section XII item 14 states that Autos, Golf Carts, Mopeds, Motorcycles, Watercraft, Snowmobiles, and Scooters all must yield right of way to pedestrians. Please respect the right of way of pedestrians and remember to yield to all pedestrians crossing the roadways.

## Donated stuffed animals

Member, Marian VandenBrink, has donated a number of stuffed animals to the Safety Office. Our staff has been handing these stuffed animals out to children, when appropriate. We wish to extend our thanks to Marian for her generosity.

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# CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## ELLEN CARPENTER, SITE 1073

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## BRIAN ELLING, SITE N-504

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

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

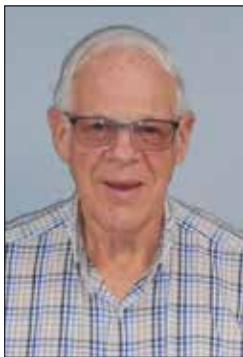
Our blended family began in 2012 when Shane and I got married, and now share our Happy Place with our 8 children and 5 grandchildren. We've been so blessed by our children ranging in ages from 32 down to twin boys who just turned 18 earlier this year, along with our grandchildren ranging from 6 years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

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

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

Blessings,  
Brian

# CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



## MORRIE GABRIELSE, SITE D-18

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

### FAMILY:

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

### SANDY PINES LIFE:

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

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

### CAREER:

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

### EXTRACURRICULAR / VOLUNTEER:

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BOD, United Bay Community Credit Union  
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Sandy Pines Rules Advisory Committee

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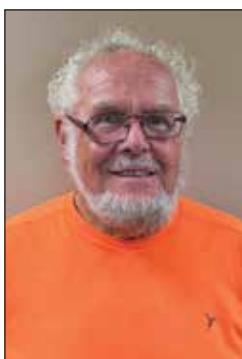
There is one reason and one reason only that I would like to serve on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors; this community is our home and I love our home. I believe that my career and previous BOD experience has provided me with the skills and experiences that make me qualified to serve as a member of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

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### KELVIN KRONEMEYER, SITE 362

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

I am running because I am a long term associate member (1973-1985) and a member since Jan. of 2007. We are now in our 11th season as full time residents of Sandy Pines at site #362. We've

watched our three now adult children grow up here and now our 8 grandchildren (oldest 20 and youngest 7) growing up here with great affection and joy. We are all very positive about the direction and the administration of the park. I promise to bring a responsible, discerning, positive, and cooperative attitude and to affirm all actions and policies that continue to make this park the very best place to spend one's summer.

My track record both in and out of the park is one of service. I delight to find needs and fill them. I'm a retired pastor. I've served churches in Clymer, New York, Westland, MI and Orlando, FL where we live during the winter months. I've driven school bus, motor coach, served as a Family Service Counselor for a group of funeral homes and cemeteries, currently serve as an usher at the

Amway Center in Orlando for the Orlando Magic, Orlando Solar Bears and many other events and concerts. I also serve as a chaplain to about 30 retired pastors or pastor's widows in central and south FL.

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

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

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

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## JANET MUNGER, SITE D-161

Hello. My name is Janet Munger and I am running for a position on the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines. My family and I have enjoyed Sandy Pines for more than 30 years. I have four adult children, their spouses and thirteen grandchildren from ages 24 to three months. They all love their time spent at Sandy Pines as much as I have. Our oldest daughters have enjoyed time working at the ice cream parlor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for your support in August.



## CHAD OSTROM, SITE 1316

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

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

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

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

Bio and photo for Dan Ten Hoopen, not available at Press Time.

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Matthew & Anna Costello, Linwood  
Lisa & Anthony Werschky, Dexter  
Bert & Celia DeJong, Villa Park, FL  
Aubrey Griffioen & Kevin Doty, Greenville  
Lorna Grzywacz, Hudsonville  
Jeffrey & Brenda Pouliot, Hudsonville  
Paula Rasch, Hopkins  
James & Jodi Buchanan, Hudsonville  
Joshua & Tami Pettenger, Caledonia



## DON VANDOESELAR, SITE 676

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

the park into the future.

Joyce and I have been members of Sandy Pines for 11 years. For many years before that we came every summer to camp for weekends. Over that time period Sandy Pines made many improvements and continues to add activities for families to enjoy. All of us have made a significant financial investment in our memberships and want to see that preserved. Now that the park is over 4 decades old, we need to continue planning for the future and ensure that the park can be sustained at its highest level for generations to come. Sandy Pines is a place where families create memories.

My experiences as an educator has given me skills that will be useful in serving on the Board of Directors. First of all, I am a U. S Army veteran who served for 2 years in the Military Police in West Germany. Following my military service, I earned a B.A and Master's degree and became a high school instructor, teaching accounting, economics and American government. After several years of teaching I became a K-12 administrator and served as financial director for two different school districts handling budgets from 3 million to 60 million dollars. During this time, I also returned to college and obtained a graduate degree in Educational Leadership from MSU. My last 9 years as a school administrator was serving as the Superintendent of Schools for one of the fastest growing districts in West Michigan. Over the course of my career I have been involved in over 100 million dollars of school construction projects. Following my successful career in education I served 12 years as Mayor of the City of Hudsonville. I look forward to your support.

Donald Van Doeselaar

## SAFETY OFFICE RECEIVES THREE AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS

The Safety Office recently received three new Philips Heartstart Automated External Defibrillators for use in the Park. The addition of these units gives the Safety Team the ability to have multiple patrol units equipped with AEDs for rapid response, in addition to other AED units located around the park.

Security Services and the Emergency Management departments wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Stryker Medical Advanced Operations for this



donation, as well as to Mr. Dennis King and Mr. Tom Huss, for the part they both played in this donation.

# RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

The Recreation Department would like to remind members of a few upcoming events:

**Wednesday, July 4** - Golf Cart Parade: 10 am from the Water Park to the Flea Market

**Saturday, July 7** - Drive-In Movie at Chapel: Open at 8 pm Movie begins at 9 pm

**Friday, July 13** - Registration DUE for Color Run in order to be guaranteed a T-shirt

**Friday, July 13** - Family Sand Castle Building & Disney Dance Party: Phase 1 Core Area/Beach

**Saturday, July 14** - Family Fun Day: 10 am-1 pm - Phase 1 Core Area

**Saturday, July 21** - Grand City Show Skiers Water Show: 2 pm-3 pm at the Dam

**Saturday, July 21** - Halloween Events - see Weekend Flyer for exact times and locations

**Mon or Tues July 23-24** - Talent Show Tryouts: 6:30 pm - Chapel

**Friday, July 27** - Sandy Pines Got Talent Show: 6:30 pm - Chapel

**Saturday, July 28** - Adult Country Theme Dinner & Dance: 6-11 pm - Phase 1 Pavilion

**Saturday, August 4** - The Rainbow of Color Run: 10 am – Starts at Chapel ends at Flea Market

**Saturday, August 18** - Pop Scholars Improv Comedy Show

Happy July! The Holiday Tournaments are June 29-July 4. Please see Weekend Flyer for exact times and locations. Check out the Sandy Pines Recreational Community Facebook page to see pictures of all our winners. The fireworks display will be Saturday, June 30, at dusk. The parade will be on Wednesday, July 4, starting at 10 am.

Anyone wishing to be a part of the parade please line up at 9:30 am for participating and judging.

The summer is in full swing and the Rec Department offers a variety of lessons including tennis, golf, and swimming. Check out schedules online or Rec. Dept. flyers for more information. Kids club is exciting and the kids are having a blast attending Tue-Fri at the Recreation Room. Cost is \$1/child/day. Other new, fun activities include Mileage Club Mondays, Tie Dye Tuesdays, and Water Wednesday. Specific dates, times, locations are set for these events-See online calendar!

The Water Park continues to be a popular location. Reminder that any child 12 or under MUST BE SUPERVISED by an adult. Supervised means the adult must be in the Water Park and watching your child swim in the water. Any child under 48" MUST be wearing a flotation device, if they have not successfully passed the swim test. Parents may not hold a child or set a child in the baby pool or any pool without a proper flotation device. The pool at phase 3 is now open 1pm-9pm.

The Rainbow of Color of Run is a great family event. It is scheduled for Saturday, August 4. The cost is \$25 per person. The start is 10 am at the Chapel parking lot and end at the Flea Market. This event is not timed and just for fun. The length is approx. 2.5 miles. Please join the fun as you are "colored" throughout the course! Register now to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Rentals for all equipment to use throughout the park is \$1.00 per sport and also requires a membership card. Rentals are due back by 9:00 pm. Disc golf, shuffleboard, and pickleball are just a few examples of rentals available at the Recreation office.

Thank you for participating, volunteering, and supporting the Rec Dept. It has been a great summer so far. Please email [recreation@sandypines.com](mailto:recreation@sandypines.com) with questions. Registration is available at the Recreation office at the Water Park for lessons and the Rainbow Color Run. Office hours 11am-9pm



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# WATER SAFETY LAYERS OF PROTECTION

## Water Safety Layers of Protection:

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Youth are both curious and not understanding of the risks involved. If you live near the lakeshore or utilize the pools please be vigilant in your supervision. It only takes a few moments for a child to enter the water and drown. Drowning is commonly a very quiet process. Don't expect to hear yelling and splashing to alert you during a drowning as depicted in the movies. Responsibility to monitor children is that of the parents. Prevention is your direct supervision and monitoring. Reliance on other siblings, reliance on life guards, and reliance on others to provide

supervision increases the risk. Be in attendance with your child at the pool or lake shore. Don't drop off or send youth to water sources and expect others to provide the same monitoring as yourself. Utilize personal flotation devices for youth that cannot swim or have limited ability.

It is a lot of work to watch over youth, it is easy to be distracted in conversation, it is easy to look at texts and take your eyes off the child. Once an incident has happened we cannot turn back time. Grief and loss lasts a lifetime. Be vigilant to keep your kids safe. You are a big part in the layers of protection to keep your child safe.

## Suggested Layers of Protection:

Prevent lapses of supervision by having an adult present and direct visual monitoring when child is near a water source. Communicate and handoff monitoring to a spouse, or grandparent to monitor if you cannot visually observe for a moment.

If you leave the beach or pool have your child get out and go with you. Don't leave children unsupervised and not monitored.

Avoid using distracting devices while monitoring youth near or in the water. Your focus should be on the child. It is easy to respond to a text, look at Facebook but it only takes a moment to take your eyes off a child and for a child to drown.

Do not rely on siblings to provide supervision. Siblings are also involved in activities and cannot truly provide the same monitoring as a parent. Child siblings have not developed the judgement of an adult.

Seventy-five percent of drownings occur in the shallow end of the pool (under 5') with children under 10 years of age. Do not be complacent in thinking that a child in a shallow part of the pool cannot drown.

Do not use drugs or alcohol prior to or during monitoring of children near water sources or at the pools. Judgement is impaired and the safety of your child is at risk.

Utilize personal flotation devices that properly fit for children that cannot swim, for children with limited ability or for children with seizure histories. Bring or utilize flotation devices available at the pools.

Recognize the risks associated with children near or in the water and don't underestimate the chances of the potential for a youth drowning.

Lifeguards at pools are a layer of safety. They have many people to look over during busy times. A lifeguard cannot provide the personalized monitoring and observations as a parent. Do not rely on a lifeguard to watch over your child. If your child is present at the pool you also should be in attendance to provide monitoring. Nothing replaces a parents monitoring as a layer of individual safety.

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# EMERGENCY INFORMATION

## Youth, water and supervision:

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional traumatic death in children ages 1-4. Infants and toddlers drown more frequently than people at any other age.

There is no replacement for adult supervision while children are near the water's edge. Use of flotation devices that properly fit can assist in drowning prevention. Electronic devices can cause distractions and lapses in supervision. It only takes a few seconds for a child to drown. Your attention and supervision should be focused upon the child's activity when near the water, at the edge of the pool or along the lake shore. If the youth cannot swim, you should be within arm's reach.

Common causes are inadequate supervision a lack of or lapse in, an inability to swim, permitting children to be at or around pools and lakes unsupervised, parents underestimating the child's risk of drowning, flotation device not worn or an inappropriate size, supervision by adolescent siblings also involved in water activities, and circumstances in which the victim had not intended to enter the water.

Boating deaths are common as a result of a collision with other boats or objects, capsizing or falling overboard. It is important to wear a properly sized personal flotation device when boating to prevent boating related deaths.

One quarter of drowning victims were swimmers. Four out of every ten drownings happen within two meters of shore or the pool side...and one-quarter happen in shallow water one meter deep or less. One-third of water-related deaths occur after dark, including fatal boating collisions

A study from 2008 to 2012 indicated that 75% of drowning injuries occurred in the shallow end of the pool. 75% of the children were under the age of eight years old. It is more frequent for a male child to have a drowning event than a female.

## Fireworks:

The only fireworks permitted to be used at Sandy Pines are sparklers used under adult supervision. Although sparklers are viewed as a harmless item, many children are burned as a result of the use of sparklers. Sparklers are the number one cause of emergency room visits during the 4th of July festivities, as a result of burns (over 31% nationally). Do not permit children under five years old to use sparklers. They will not know how to use safely. Most injuries were with youth under 18 years of age. Sparklers burn at around 2,000 degrees. Children have no idea how hot the sparkler is. Do not use indoors and ensure adequate space is available from other people. If you permit children to use sparklers, please supervise youth, have a method to extinguish and store used items. A small bucket filled with water or sand works well. Dispose of properly after the event. Do not leave on the beach or along the shoreline. Safer alternatives are glow sticks and glow necklaces.

## If you do get burned:

- Cool the burn or scald with cold water for at least 10 minutes.
- Cut around material sticking to the skin - don't pull it off.
- Don't touch the burn or burst any blisters.
- The palm size of the victim = about 1%. Try to determine % of burn.
- Cover the burn with clean, non-fluffy material.
- If clothing catches fire, get the person to stop, drop and roll
- Call 911 for severe burns and/or have evaluated at an emergency room.

## Pets:

- Don't bring your pets to a fireworks display.
- During the fireworks event put your pet in a safe, interior room to avoid exposure to the sound, or leave the Park during the display. The event starts at dark and usually lasts less than one hour.
- Make sure your pet has an identification tag, in case it runs off during a fireworks display.



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## "FACE TO PHASE" FORUMS (F2P) 2018

Our Park President, Gene will again be conducting 'Face to Phase' meetings on Saturday mornings, giving everyone an opportunity to come out, enjoy a cup of coffee, a cold drink and a cookie with him, and get acquainted.

Please look at the schedule below and note that these meeting are going to be held in the Pavilion – so the weather won't interfere! Put it on your calendar and come on out!! You are welcome to attend all of these meetings, should you so choose.

Forums will be held from 9 am until 11 am, on the days indicated below.

Thank you for coming out to chat - bring your new ideas and ask whatever questions you may have!

**JULY 21**  
**AUGUST 11**

# With Sincere Sympathy

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

**Dorothy Bareman**, Site N-54, on the passing of her husband, **Al**, on February 5th.

**Ed & Pearl Trojanowski**, Site N-225 and **Ken & Marie Baxter**, Site N-216, on the passing of their sister and brother, Karen Idema, on April 7th and Lloyd Selvig, on May 4th.

**Leeann Samczyk**, Site K-326, on the passing of her father, **Lowell 'Tom' Coe**, on April 25th. Sympathy is also extended to **Ken & Carol Bruneau**, Site K-379, Tom's sister and brother-in-law.

**Bruce & JoAnn Maurer**, Site K-181, on the passing of their sister, Judy Dimock, on May 24th. Sympathy is also extended to niece and nephew, **Kristin Maurer** and **Lance Maurer**.

**Bill & Lesli Teed**, Site N-340, on the passing of their father, Bob, on May 31st.

**Gary & Gerry Humphrey**, Site 32, on the passing of their son, **Curtis**, on June 1st. Sympathy is also extended to his siblings, **Camerin** and **Denise & Jim Meitz**.

**Tom & Issy Aley**, Site N-310, on the passing of their sister, Pat Cameron, on June 21st.

**Schwan's Representatives will be in the Park Saturdays - 11 am - 5 pm Phase 4 parking area Stop by and check out their great variety of frozen food products!**

## ACCOUNTING UPDATES

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

The most recent April 2018 financial statements for both Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails and Lake Monterey Golf Course have been approved and posted on the Finance page under [www.sandypines.com](http://www.sandypines.com).

April financial statements maintain a positive cash flow for Sandy Pines as well as Lake Monterey Golf Course.

The cost of the Phase 3 FEMA Storm Shelters/Convenience Centers year to date is recognized on the Balance Sheet under Acquisitions-Buildings (regular construction cost) and Acquisitions-Grant Funded (hardening costs net of FEMA grant reimbursement). During the final weeks of June we will be receiving some final wrap up invoices and costs in order to true up and close out the project.

Sandy Pines is right on target with current year to date Net Income as compared to last year, due to a controlled flow of expenses.

Lake Monterey Golf Course year to date net income is currently up from the prior year comparison, which also is primarily related to a controlled flow of operational expenses.

Sandy Pines capital expenditures to date are on target with the capital budget for FY2018. Sandy Pines did incur some unexpected capital expense projects and reprioritized the needs to address the higher priority projects facing the park; including the installation of a fence along the north side of the park, security/alarm system in Admin and Sales, construction updates to the Entrance of CC #11. Another large capital project completed this year was the revision and renovation of the Retail Center. This included the relocation of the Inspector's office and library to their new locations, as well as rebuilding and placement of the new Park and Garden bins for resale and maintenance use.

The question was asked at the last Board of Director's meeting regarding the total cost of Refuse in the park over a course of a year. In review of the 2017 year expense, the total refuse cost was approximately \$55,000. As of June 2018, we are currently \$6,400 higher this year than prior years, which is supported by the higher flow of trash we see at the dumpsters this year.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most currently approved financial reports. Thank you.

**Sandy Pines Election and Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2018.**  
**Annual Meeting** - 10 am at the Chapel with the Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual Meeting to follow immediately. Absentee Ballots will be available at Member Service beginning July 18, 2018.

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# EMERGENCY SERVICES INFO

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

## Golf carts:

Each summer near misses occur as individuals on golf carts cross public roadways. Please use caution, stop and look before crossing the public county roadways. Supervise and educate your children in crossing public roadways, and educate family members of the risks involved. It is best for adults to transport kids across roadways. The speed limit on the public county roadways is 55 mph, so don't assume traffic is going to slow or stop for you to cross. Golf carts do not have the safety factors that automobiles have. A golf cart that is struck by an auto will most likely result in very severe injuries or death to the driver and passengers. Golf carts should never be driven on a public roadways. Nothing replaces adult supervision and education. Please be vigilant in talking to anyone who operates your golf cart about the responsibilities and safety required to keep everyone safe.

## Risks:

Every day we are faced with the potential to be injured or become liable for our actions. Some things that we do, or fail to do, increase our odds of having an event. The actions of others and their actions/behaviors can also have an effect on your safety. Here are some actions or activities that you can take to protect your family's safety:

## Bicycle safety:

Obey traffic control signs, take a bike safety course, use bike helmets, knee and arm pads, ride on the right-hand side of the street, so you

travel in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic. When passing other bikers or people on the street, always pass to their left side, and call out "On your left!" so they know that you are coming, stop at all stop signs and obey traffic devices just as cars do.

Riding at night: Use of headlight and tail light and reflectors. Wear light clothing to be visible. Choose not to operate your bike after dark, daylight hours are safer.

## Boating:

Maintain your watercraft to prevent environmental hazards of oil and fuel spills. Ventilate watercraft with exhaust fans prior to starting. If you have fuel leaks or smell fuel have a mechanic check prior to use. Ensure that operators know how to operate your watercraft. As a boat owner it is your responsibility to educate operators of watercraft in the importance of PFD's. Know the requirements and importance for young children to wear personal flotation devices. Use, and have available, personal flotation devices for everyone on board. Don't let passengers hang their feet over the bow of the boat while in operation. Be aware of other watercraft on the lake and their skiers down in the water. Watch for swimmers and kayakers in the water. Review and know Michigan boating laws and your responsibilities. Youth should attend a boating safety course.

## Water skiing:

you must have a competent observer. Ensure

your watercraft is operating in a safe manner. Observe all relevant regulations and safety protocol. Water skiers must wear approved personal floatation devices at all times. No one is allowed to water ski at night. Do not permit water skiers to participate in the activity if impaired by alcohol and/or drugs. The water beneath should be at least five to six feet deep, and the tow boat should stay at least 100 feet from the dock, the shore, swim areas and other boats.

## Campfires:

Campfires should be attended at all times. Do not use accelerants to start campfires. Campfires should be of a size that does not jeopardize the safety of people, structures, vegetation or neighboring property. Supervise youth at all times when near a campfire. Campfires should be away from trip hazards, structures, in a fire pit and away from vegetation or leaves. Excessive use of alcohol near a campfire may enhance the potential for falls, injuries and burns.

## Poison ivy:

Poison ivy, poison oak and poison sumac have poisonous sap (urushiol) in their roots, stems, leaves and fruits. The urushiol may be deposited on the skin by direct contact with the plant or by contact with contaminated objects, such as clothing, shoes, tools, and animals.

Approximately 85 percent of the general population will develop an allergy if exposed to poison ivy, oak or sumac. Identification of poison ivy is important to reduce or eliminate contact.

Wear protective clothing and gloves. Use of barrier creams and utilization of rubbing alcohol will help to remove plant oils. Wash exposed skin immediately. It takes about 10-30 minutes after contact for urushiol to bind with skin, so fast cleaning may prevent a reaction. If you think your skin may have been exposed to poison ivy, clean the affected area with rubbing alcohol, and then wash it with cold water.

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# STORM SHELTER RIBBON CUTTING

On Saturday, June 23, 2018, Sandy Pines held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Convenience Center 6, in Phase 3 of the park. Featured addresses were given from the Sandy Pines Board of Directors, Chair, Don Van Doeselaar, FCC Construction's Kevin Weadley, WLP Associates, Jeff Harwood & Kevin Eidson, Salem Township Supervisor, Jim Pitsch, Monterey Township Supervisor, Henry Reinhart, Allegan County Emergency Management Director, Scott Corbin, Allegan County Commissioner, Jim Storey, MI House of Representatives, District 80, Mary Whieford and FEMA Hazard Mitigation Officer, Jessica Eleff.

Through collaboration with FEMA, the Michigan State Police Hazard Mitigation Division and the Allegan County Emergency Management Division, a threat assessment was done in Salem Township and a plan was developed by Allegan County that was approved by FEMA Region 5. "I am extremely proud of our team and the efforts put forth on these grant projects," said Salem Township supervisor Jim Pitsch. This completes Sandy Pines' first FEMA financed project in the park. This was a \$2.1 million project in which FEMA provided a grant of \$856,000,

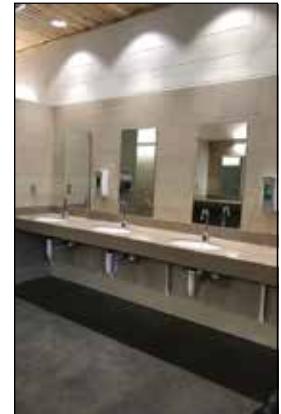
representing 75% of the cost of "hardening" these buildings according to FEMA storm shelter specifications. Salem Township Supervisor Jim Pitsch said there is a 25 percent matching grant requiring Sandy Pines to pay \$285,472.



The new Convenience Centers replaced existing centers with bathrooms and showers, but are now equipped as safe rooms that have hardened concrete walls embedded with steel reinforcements. The rooms were built to withstand an EF-4 tornado with winds up to 250 mph. Convenience Center 5 will hold 260 people and Convenience Center 6 will hold 210.

Sandy Pines Recreational Community is an 800 acre Member Owned RV Resort and Campground which is dedicated to providing a fun and safe environment where families and friends create a lifetime of memories. "With 2,200 sites and populations ranging from 15 to 30,000 people on busy weekends, we have the largest population of any city in Allegan County," said Park president Gene VanKoevering. "We are fortunate to have the support of local, regional and federal organizations to provide our residents this level of protection and safety."

Sandy Pines Emergency Services Director Steve Deyarmond was instrumental in working with township, county, state and federal organizations for several months to secure the grant. Sandy Pines is currently working with these organizations to secure a grant for a two-story storm shelter in the heart of the park. Although the grant is presently in its infancy, it has passed the first stage and further conversations will be held with officials to see if the project has merit to become a reality.



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**Inside CC#6**

## CLASSIFIEDS

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**For Sale - Site 216 - Phase 1:** 2006 Trophy, 1 bedroom/queen bed, fully furnished with 2 sofa beds, sleeps 6; air/heat pump, glass porch, 8 'x 24' composite deck with lake view, many extras including side by side refrigerator with thru the door ice/water, convection oven/microwave, 2 smart TV's; 12' x 18' shed with remote opener, electric golf cart, must see to appreciate! 2018 dues and internet paid, asking \$73,900, phone or text Ross at 517-331 2505.

**For Sale from Site 578:** 2017 brand new 38' Keystones Hideout camper, 3 sliders with bunkhouse and queen bedroom. Full size

refrigerator in the kitchen. Sleeps 9. Power awning, power jacks and tongue. Lots of extras are on this camper still under warranty. We are selling because we bought a place in Sandy Pines. If you would like to see it we have it in storage down the road from Sandy Pines. Asking: \$31,500, call 616-297-9762.

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## PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

Need a copy of a key for your porch, post office box, or a lock? If so, be sure to stop by the Park and Garden, as we are now making key copies. Sandy Pines Logo wear is now available at the Park and Garden. We are working to expand our offerings to serve you, the members. Do not hesitate to suggest items that you would like to see at the store.

Have you seen the new Griddles that we offer at the Park and Garden? We are soon going to be decorating for our annual Christmas in August and you may need some extra Christmas lights. Stop and by and check out our supply.

The rental office is very busy with the golf cart rentals and we hope to see many of you at the Marina to use the paddleboards and kayaks we have available. The Marina is open on Wednesday and Friday nights from 5 to 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 5 pm. If you want to use a watercraft at other times, stop by the rental office and reserve the watercraft,

and we will make sure someone is at the marina to get the paddleboard or kayak ready for you.

Have you tried out the bicycles that are available for our members and guests? Bikes are rented for \$4 per hour. We also offer special pricing for ½ day and full day rentals. You could take a ride in the evening as the sun is setting and then enjoy the sunrise on a beautiful early morning ride.

The number to call for information on the rentals of the Park and Garden items is 616-896-9888. The rental office is open from 9 am to 4 pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday. Friday hours are 9 am to 7 pm and Sunday hours are 10 am to 4 pm.

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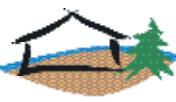
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