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





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VANKOEVERING

Summer at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course is in full swing! Once again, there are many activities and options for Members and Guests

to enjoy. Please go to our website calendar, use your Sandy Pines calendar, pick up a weekend flyer or check our Cable channel 27.1, for Sandy Pines Events. We have an abundance of ways to be informed, so please use them!

Another annual opportunity for all Members is the upcoming election on August 17. This is the day each membership is provided an opportunity to vote for incoming Board Directors and any ballots that appear on the slate that the Board has requested your consideration for.

The 2019 election will include our votes to fill (3) three Director Seats, and (1) ballot proposal. I want to thank the outgoing Directors for their faithful service to the Park and for the wisdom and foresight that each of them brought to the 2018/19 Board of Directors.

I also want to thank those who have entered their names to be Candidates. These Members all desire our vote that would provide them with one of the open Director Seats. Please read their profiles, and come to the "Meet the Can-

didate" meeting and/or come to the Face to Face meetings that they attend to get to know them as much as you can. By doing so, you can cast an informed vote on those Candidates that most closely reflect your values and positions pertaining to Governance Issues they consider each year.

There will be one bylaw ballot on the Election this year developed by our Legal Counsel to clarify our intent pertaining to Trust Memberships. Not a big change but a necessary one. In 2016-17 a decision was made that memberships could be put into Trust. Subsequently "Trust Membership" officially became one of the ways a membership could be held. This is noted in the Handbook under "Definition of Terms" on pages 8 and 9 under Item D.

Since that time, several Members have put their memberships in Trust as a way of estate planning. The Ballot on the 2019 election proposal updates our bylaw relating to the transfer rights subsequent to the death of a Member.

This bylaw is currently located in the Handbook under, "Death of a Member" (Article II, Section 7 on page 54 of Handbook). The Board is asking the membership to approve the inclusion of the words, "trust instrument" that will provide clarity and compliance with the definition mentioned above.

The first sentence in the bylaw would then read if approved by the membership:

Section 7, Death of a Member - Transfer Rights: Subject to the qualifications established in Article 11, Section 1, the membership of a deceased member may be transferred by testamentary disposition, trust instrument, or intestate succession.

The North Shore Center FEMA shelter project is continuing to move forward. At this time there is a review of the soil capacity load bearing being done. The building will be extremely heavy and may require soil work prior to construction. When we receive the reports and options along with the cost associated with each option, we will be making a decision based on the suggestions by our Engineering Team. We will continue to have computer generated renderings at the Board meetings and Face to Face meetings, along with copies of the blueprint drafts that have been completed to date, so come take a look at this facility that will be a wonderful addition to the amenities here at Sandy Pines for the next 75-100 years.

We continue to work toward gaining certifications required for PA 330 compliance. As I write this article, Keith is just returning from a week of training that will also provide him certifications in FEMA related skills training, as well as required PA 330 training. This project is moving along at a pace that we are pleased with at this time as we work toward the goal of state certification request within the next 12 months.

The Golf Cart Registration Program has been unveiled, and I encourage each of our Members to take advantage of one of the many meetings and publications that are available to you, to learn the details of why we are introducing the program, and how it will be implemented. Some of my initial conversations with Members is that the Golf Cart Registration Packet has many thinking that the main reason for the program is to control the illegal carts coming in from the neighborhood. Although this is one of the concerns we are attempting to mitigate, there are several others

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EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

CAMPFIRES

Everyone enjoys sitting around the campfire with family and friends. A few smores, hotdogs and roasted marshmallows with the kids is a common campfire vision. A few safety tips may keep this vision as a good experience and not a bad experience with a trip to the emergency room.

Starting a fire: Use natural sources to start a campfire. Use small splinters of wood, twigs or newspaper to start the fire. Accelerants such as gasoline should never be used to start a campfire. Use of accelerants can, and have, caused severe burns.

Supervision: Children should never be left alone while a campfire is burning. Children may lack the true understanding of the dangers of fire and need an adult's direct supervision. Adult supervision is always required.

Conditions and size of campfire: Campfires need to be in a fire pit that contains the fire. The amount of fuel (wood) should not project a flame that would place people, items, trees or property in jeopardy. Large fires can cause embers to become airborne, floating through the air to other sources of ignition. Be responsible with the size of the campfire. Campfires are not intended to be large bonfires or brush pile fires.

What to Burn: Campfires are for wood, not garbage. Be respectful to your neighbors. A campfire smells great with the aroma of burning wood. A trash fire smells of trash, a not so pleasant smell. Use dry fire wood. Wet firewood will burn slower, provide more smoke and will not have the pleasant campfire aroma.

Know the conditions: Campfires are intended to stay in the fire pit. If the weather presents windy conditions that may cause embers to travel through the air, wait until conditions are right to build a campfire.

Use local wood: Insects travel with firewood. Don't bring wood from far away. Pests travel with wood and can spread the insects to other areas of the State.

Never leave your fire unattended: If you have a campfire burning, you must be in attendance of it at all times. Plan ahead. Don't leave a campfire unattended. When you retire for the night and go to bed, put the campfire out.

PROPANE SAFETY

Do not store portable propane tanks in living spaces.

Propane is maintained under pressure in the tank as a liquid with a boiling point of -44 degrees. Propane can cause frostbite when released. If you see areas of piping with frost or a white fog, turn off and have a qualified technician check your tubing or connections. If you smell propane, turn off the propane and call a technician.

Do not use cook stoves, grills or non-vented heaters to heat the inside of your camping unit. Have your vented appliances checked each year for proper operation and ventilation. A buildup of carbon monoxide may result causing injury or death. Gas alarms and carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased to protect you and your family.

High levels of carbon monoxide may cause headaches, dizziness, flu-like symptoms, shortness of breath, nausea or fatigue. If you and family members have these symptoms, call 911 and get out of the camping unit.

Kids, Injuries and Golf Carts:

A review of research of the American Academy of Pediatrics indicated that as golf carts move from fairways to communities, more serious injuries are occurring. Golf carts are viewed by many as slow moving, harmless forms of transportation. In reality, research indicates that children sustain severe head trauma in golf cart accidents. Physicians theorize that people assume golf cart accidents are not serious because of the low speeds that they travel. Secondly, parents are unaware of the high percentage of head injuries sustained in golf cart accidents involving children.

As we all know, golf carts do not have the same safety features as an auto - no doors, no seatbelts, and can be unstable while turning.

The study was conducted between 2004 and 2014 with 100 patients involved in golf cart ac-

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAR

The month of July generally marks the midpoint of our summer. It may seem as though we can't be there yet, because of the cool spring, and all the rain. Nevertheless, here we are. The high point of the month is the 4th of July. Hope you had an enjoyable celebration with family and friends. Even though there seems to be a lot of controversy in the political news we still can say that we live in the greatest country. We have much to be thankful for in our land. The freedoms we enjoy are unmatched anywhere else in the world.

At the last Board of Directors meeting, held on June 21, 2019, our financial report showed that Sandy Pines is probably at its strongest financial position in our history. The Balance Sheet shows our cash reserves to be at a high point. First of all, this is a result of a highly efficient management team. Plus, we have major projects in the future that need to be funded, such as the construction of another outdoor pool, a safe crossing from Phase 3 to phase 6, funds to match the FEMA grant for the new Northshore Center, and the possibility of another indoor pool. There may also be suggestion from the membership that are not

yet thought of. Therefore, building a strong cash reserve is good long-range planning.

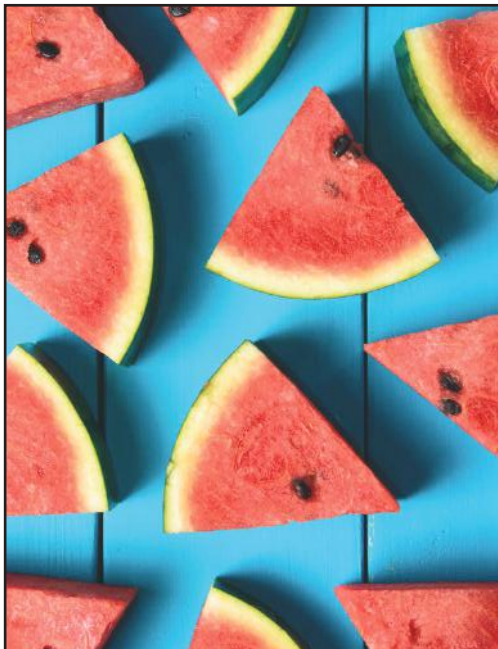
The Board also welcomed 35 new members which is made up of 38% retirees and 62% still employed in their careers. The Board also adopted changes to the rules concerning shed height and placement on the lot. The phrase "No seawall construction will be permitted in Phase Six" was removed from the rules governing Seawall Construction. There was no historical information found in the records to substantiate why this was part of the rules. Hence the reason for removing the language, in light of the fact seawalls can be installed in other phases around the lake.

The Board adopted the Ballot language for the membership election on August 17, 2019. The ballot will contain the candidates running for three Board positions open this year and a two-word change to the By-Laws in Article II, Section 7, Death of a Member. The two-word change is "trust instrument" which clarifies the transfer rights following the death of a member.

We want to express our appreciation to those running for the Board. It's an important task, so please take the time to read the resumes of those willing to give of their time and talents.

There is a lot of important information in the Footprints, as well as on the website, for you be well informed. Board members always welcome your questions and input.

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MEMBER SERVICE

BY SUE FLOWERS, MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER

SUMMER SEASON HOURS

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Mail Room Hours	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Independence Day	Thursday	7/4
Sunday & Holidays	Closed	Labor Day	Monday	9/2

IMPORTANT DATES

7/1	Quarterly electric & state tax billed - Due 7/25. Deadline to return renewal stickers for credit
8/17	Annual Election
9/2	Winterizations scheduling opens
9/14	Saturday Emergency Pump Outs End & Last Member Service Saturday
10/1	Annual Dues, quarterly final adjusted electric & state tax billed (Due 10/25)
10/14	Last week of normal season Pump Outs
10/15	Water is turned off for the season
10/31	Last Pump Out of the season (Billed as a \$28 Emergency Pump Out)

Member Service Staff Names

Member Service Staff consist of Sue Flowers, Manager; Maryanne VanderKamp, Assistant Manager; and Dawn Kisner, Associate. Our names are not 'Ridiculous,' 'Worthless,' or 'Incompetent,' just three of the names we were called in the month of May. We understand that some of the problems we all deal with at Sandy Pines often cause frustration, we truly do. So much of it is out of our control, but we do the best we can to remedy situations as permitted by the Handbook and if it is within our responsibility parameters. We appreciate those of you who treat us with respect despite the difficulties we try to address for you. We

value Sandy Pines and its Members and we respect you. We simply ask the same in return. This job has certainly made me a better customer; treat others as you wish to be treated.

Phone and Email Communications

When you leave a voicemail or send an email to Member Service, please start with your phase and site number. Putting your phase/site number in the Subject Line of your email is crucial for us in quickly finding the correct files. We want to make sure we're transacting business in the proper accounts with the appropriate Members. Thank you, everyone.

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.

Mail Policy/Mailroom Service

Please see the complete Mail Policy at the following website link: <https://www.sandypines.com/mailexpress/>

Our Mail Policies were formally established in 2017. We allowed 2018 to be a transition season to help Members acclimate to the changes. Now, in 2019, we are enforcing the restrictions and fees set forth in the policy. We have to allow for all Members to share in the needed service by keeping the mailroom space accessible to all. We appreciate those of you who have volunteered your time to help in the mailroom, but liability and confidentiality prohibit us from allowing you to do so. It's the thought that counts!

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cidents that were under 18 years of age. Not all injuries were life threatening, but 76% had a broken bone, and skull fractures were more prevalent than extremity fractures. Twenty seven percent suffered a concussion, and 30% suffered intracranial injury or bleeding within the skull. Thirty six percent required stays in the intensive care unit of the hospital. The study indicated that a high percentage of kids on golf carts involved in accidents resulted in traumatic brain injuries. The average age of the child injured was 11 years old.

Common causes of accidents – the golf cart is hit or hits an object ejecting occupants, the golf cart tips over because of lower center of gravity, improper operation and falls upon the

driver or occupant, and the driver makes a quick turn ejecting occupants. Driver distractions of cell phone use, distractions by other occupants, exceeding the number of passengers the golf cart has been manufactured to carry, can also contribute to the incident.

You don't have to be in an accident for a child to be severely injured. Numerous incidents involve a child falling from a moving golf cart and sustaining an injury.

As we move forward into the summer, please be aware of the potential injuries and protect your children. Although not required, installation of seatbelts may assist in the prevention of children falling off the golf cart. Having small children next to you, and in your view, may also assist. Supervision of youth operating

your golf cart in a manner that meets your expectations is required. Communicate to young people operating your golf cart the responsibilities, and your expectations of how the golf cart is to be driven. Be aware that a golf cart traveling ten miles an hour through the park on paved roads in which a child falls off the back seat, and hits his head on the pavement, can have devastating results and potential life time impacts.

Obey the rules and stay safe this summer!

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CONDO NEWS

BY SUE STANK

We had a great time at our Condo Bridge Walk and then enjoyed some great pizza. Thank you to John and Kendra at Perfect Pizza. We are now planning the dinner cruise, if you have not signed up yet, please see Jane Secord for tickets for a fun filled night. Dinner and a two hour cruise!

We have park wide Garage Sales on July 6th - happy selling.

Our Sales Office now has only three pre-owned units for sale. All of the new units have been sold!

We also have two vacancies on the Condo Board of Directors in October. Please think about running. We have a great community here and serving on the Board is a great way to become involved. We also have two great committees that you can become involved with. We have the Maintenance and the Social Committees. Please consider joining one of them. Maintenance is a group that meets on Wednesday and works on things around the condos.

Our Social Committee plans the fun things we do here at the condos. A big thanks to both of these groups.

Please remember our Guest parking spots are for only guests from now to Labor Day. This is a great place to come and visit friends and family.

Let's hope July is sunny and dry and that we can have a very fun July 4th here at Our Happy Place!!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

WOW what a great day on June 1. Over 500 members visited the Park and Garden to see our new Store. We ran out of hot dogs earlier than expected, but many enjoyed the free lunch. Thank you HDI and Robyn Greenfield for their donations for our giveaways.

We have had a great start to the season with our water softeners, but if you are still interested in getting the rust out of the water or enjoying soft water when showering or washing dishes, stop by and see us to get a softener put in your trailer.

Need a copy of a key for your porch, post office box, or a lock? Stop by Park and Garden, as we are now making key copies. Logo wear is now available at Park and Garden. We are adding new styles on a regular basis. If we don't have your size we can order and get them in approximately two weeks. Do not hesitate to suggest items that you would like to see at the store.

Have you seen the new Blackstone Griddles that we offer at Park and Garden? We are going to be decorating for the annual Christmas in August, and as you do so, too, 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 to reserve it, 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 the members and guests? Bikes are rented for \$4/ hour. Special pricing for ½ day and full day prices. You could get a wonderful ride in the evening as the sun is setting, and be up for the sunrise on a beautiful ride early.

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

We are still filling propane tanks. Many of you didn't see that we moved the storage propane tank to behind the compactor behind the retail center. All you need to do is come into the New Park and Garden and ask for Propane.

We have added many new items since we have more room. We have a small supply of lumber, and just in are sprinkler heads for you irrigation systems. We have increased the size of our fishing equipment inventory, too.

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listed below that paragraph on page 3, so please feel free to click on the link and check out the packet, attend the information meetings, watch the recorded meetings on 27.2, our informational Sandy Pines cable channel, attend a Face to Phase meeting to learn more or ask questions. (Direct connection to the packet can be obtained online by following the link) <https://www.sandypines.com/wp-content/uploads/Golf-Cart-Registration-Packet-05-20-19-Update.pdf>

We congratulate our Park and Garden Store, as well as the Rental Department as they settle in to their new spaces in the west wing of the Retail Center! The Open House that was held on June 1, was a great success even though the 400 hot dogs were gone about 20-30 minutes before the open house ended! I guess this is a classic example of the statement: if you snooze, you lose!

We want to thank all of those who came to see the new stores and we hope you come back often to patronize and support all the Vendors in the Retail Center. We know that you will enjoy the new look while there, and agree that the building is another amenity to be proud of, and one that will serve the Park for many years to come.

"This, then, is the state of the union: free and restless, growing and full of hope. So it was in the beginning. So it shall always be, while God is willing, and we are strong enough to keep the faith."-Lyndon B. Johnson, U.S. President

The words above are compelling, as well as a challenge to each of us as we celebrate the gift of freedoms we enjoy here in the United States of America on the 4th of July. Please enjoy this day of celebration, and pray that God will continue to bless you, your family, this park and this great country.

Finally, on behalf of all our staff, we want to thank you for the opportunity to serve you as a committed Team of employees. We consider our place and positions here to be a blessing, and we are grateful to be a part of Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course.

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY RALPH SMITH

Here we are, over half way thru this camping season. Time sure has flown by. I am pretty much settled back into the job. I want to thank everyone for being patient with me as I got reacquainted and back into the groove.

I wanted to give everyone an update on the new GPS unit that we purchased. We can now locate boat stakes and be sure that it is in the same location as when we remarked the stakes a few years back, within a couple inches. This is making things a lot easier for us all.

Please keep in mind that we need to keep our sites clean thru Labor Day, to avoid being



fined. Please keep everything neat and tidy. Here's another reminder to make sure you are pulling permits before you start your project. After you are done, please make sure that you return your permit within the 30 day time frame. If any of your projects require you to pull a township permit, you must remember to call the township when your job is done and tell them you are ready for your final inspection. This goes for any permit that requires a township permit. We have been taking down a lot of dead trees this season in the green areas. If you have any dead trees or branches on your site, you should be looking at getting them taken care of before winter. We all know what storms can do to dead trees.

Please feel free to stop in and see me or give me a call if you have any questions or concerns. I will do whatever I can to help you out. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

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Upcoming Election

The annual Sandy Pines election will be coming up in August. For your information, please review the Handbook, pages 19 and 20, and also the Bylaws, page 65. This will provide you with necessary information regarding

election processes. It is very important to remember your photo i.d., Member Card preferred, if you want to pick up an absentee ballot.

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PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

BY KEITH GARVELINK

Security Services responded to 112 incidents in the Month of May, 2019. The call types and numbers appear below.

Illegal Entry: 6; Boating Complaint: 9; Malicious Destruction of Property: 4; Domestic: 2; Illegal Burning: 5; Damage to Property: 4; Suspicious Incidents: 9; General Assistance: 13; Disorderly Person: 6; Health and Safety: 2; Medical: 13; Suicidal Person: 1; Traffic Complaints: 10; Alarm: 1; Property Damage Accidents: 3; Fire: 1; Sex Offender Investigation: 1; Animal Complaint: 3; Missing Child: 1; Operate While Intoxicated: 2; Open Alcohol: 2; Missing Person Assist Agency: 1; Unsecure Premise: 1; Illegal Drugs: 1; Misc. Rule Violation: 1; Lost/Found Property: 1; Fireworks: 1; Disturbance: 4; Vicious Animal: 1; Reckless Driving: 1; Terrorist Threats: 1; Trespass: 1.

Traffic Mirror

A traffic mirror has been installed on the one-way in Phase 4 to address the issue with a blind spot there. The mirror gives excellent visibility of the intersection.

New Patrol Vehicle

Security Services has a new patrol vehicle. The vehicle is a 2019 Subaru Impreza hatchback and replaced one of the older units. The new vehicle is all wheel drive with plenty of room for gear including medical equipment. It will be going out for graphics sometime in July.

FEMA CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training

Security Services now has a FEMA CERT Instructor on staff. The CERT Program dates

back to 1985 with teams in all states present. CERT team members provide an invaluable resource to communities in disaster preparedness, disaster response, fire safety, search and rescue and disaster medical operations. The team members are volunteers from the community who have undergone a training program by CERT Instructors.

The County of Allegan has a CERT team in place. There will be a training program available later in the year. The training typically takes around 24 hours to complete with some additional online training as a prerequisite.

The training categories are:

Disaster Preparedness

Fire Suppression

Medical Operations I

Medical Operations II

Light Search and Rescue Operations

Psychology and Team Organization

Course Review and Disaster Simulation

If there are Members or Associates who are interested in this type of training, or would like additional information, please contact Security Services.

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Sympathy is extended to:

Gary Snyder, Site K-300, on the passing of his wife, **Karen**, on May 28th.

Kathy Myaard, Site K-117, on the passing of her husband, **Dale**, on June 1st. Sympathy is also extended to their son and his wife, **Jason & Stephanie Myaard**, Site K-251, and sister and brother-in-law, **Ginny & Kevin Hager**, D-99

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

Happy Fourth of July! Please join us by participating in the parade on July 4. Meet at the Water Park and join the best parade of the season. If you do not want to participate, you can still enjoy by watching as the parade travels from the Water Park to the Flea Market area. Veterans are encouraged to ride on the float.

The activities at Sandy Pines have been in full swing. We offer Adult Zumba, Line Dancing, and Water Aerobic classes at the Recreation Station/Pool. We also offer adult tennis and golf lessons. Thank you to the instructors who prepare and provide the great offerings for our members. You do not need to sign up prior to participating, and can join in for one class or every week, or as often as you are able to attend.

For the youth we are preparing for our Annual Lock-in for children ages 6-12. The 2019 Youth Lock-in date is July 19th from 11pm-July 20 at 6 am. July 6 is the sign-up beginning at noon at the Rec. Station office. The cost is \$10/child and first 50 to sign up will be guaranteed a spot. Once full, registration is closed.

For the whole family we are excited to continue offering the **Sandy Pines Rainbow of Color Run 2019**. Cost is \$25/participant. Event date: Saturday, August 3rd. Begin @ Chapel and End @ Flea Market. Sign up by July 14 to be guaranteed a t-shirt. Registration forms are available at Member Service or the Recreation

office. Completed forms can be turned in to the Recreation office. We have sponsorship forms available if you have a business that would like to be an event sponsor. This event is fun for everyone, so don't miss your chance to be a part of one of our most popular summer events!

Another exciting time is Family Fun Day. We have great games, food, rides, and activities planned. We do need volunteers for this event to be a success. We are seeking volunteers for games, food court, ticket sales, face painting, and more.

Email recreation@sandypines.com to volunteer or stop by the Rec Office for more details.

Additional volunteer opportunities: Fourth of July Parade Judges, Christmas in August Judges, Fishing with Roger, *Cardboard boat races-Need event organizer and volunteers or event will be cancelled. Halloween is July 20. It is a fun time for all the kids in the park to dress up and collect candy. We encourage all many members to sit on their cart and pass out candy to the kids. Please plan to arrive at the Chapel lot by 6 pm to pass out candy. The event will begin at 6:30 pm.

Thank you for supporting our events!

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“FACE TO PHASE” FORUMS (F2P) 2019

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.

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COMMUNICATION NEWS

Hello Sydney!

I would like to introduce Sydney Ritz, she will be working as our Communications Intern through mid-July. Sydney is from Wayland Michigan, studying Visual Communications at Spring Arbor University in Jackson, MI. Her hobbies include spending time with friends, family, and playing volleyball. She's excited to work with Sandy Pines this summer to gain experience working for a great



staple in the community and to learn more about how they impact and support the families they interact with. Sydney will be out and about in the park getting video and photos of upcoming events, so be sure to say hi and welcome her to our community.

50th Anniversary

We're in the information gathering stage and are wondering what you'd like to see for our 50th Celebration in 2021. We're planning a year-long tribute to the park with special events scheduled throughout the summer and a big celebration in July. We've created a page on our website for all 50th related updates and communications. The page includes a historical timeline of milestones since the parks inception and The Dream Lives On Video that was produced for our 40th Anniversary. If you are interested in helping or have ideas for our 50th Anniversary Celebration, please share them with Marcie Palmer, our 50th Anniversary Event Coordinator. You can comment on any of the articles posted on the 50th Anniversary Page or send her an email, which is also included on the page at SandyPines.com/50th.

Calendars & Photos

If you haven't picked up one of our new Sandy Pines Wall Calendars, I would encourage you to do so as we'll stop selling them soon once they sell out. They're available to purchase for \$10 at Member Service, the Public Safety Office, The Park & Garden Store, and The Happy Shack. The calendars feature beautiful park photos and all of

our featured park events so you don't have to worry about scheduling them on your social calendar. If you'd like to contribute to next year's calendar, just share your park photos and videos with us by tagging Sandy Pines on any of our social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Links to all our social media accounts can be found on the footer of our website and our weekly E-News.

Park Cable Channels

During the recent Charter Spectrum Cable Channel Lineup Reprogramming, our proprietary park channels 9.1, 9.2, 9.3 & 9.4 were dropped from our channel lineup due to oversight during Charter's onsite survey. The channels were successfully reprogrammed back into our lineup as channels 27.1, 27.2, 27.3 & 27.4, as the channels in the 9 range were no longer available. When performing a channel scan or auto program, these channels should show up on your TV with the title Local 1, Local 2, Local 3 & Local 4.

27.1 Park Events, Weather & Info

27.2 Meetings & Video

27.3 Sales Listings

27.4 Park Channel Listing

Channel 27.1 will rotate between our event calendar, park news, park alerts/cancellations, weather, traffic, and general interest information. Channel 27.2 will air our most recent Board of Directors, Face to Phase, and general informational meetings. Sales Listings will cycle on channel 27.3 and our Park Channel Listing with highlighted popular channels will be on channel 27.4. We're working on scheduling new content to these channels this year and would love your feedback at communications@sandypines.com.

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MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI

Summer is finally here! We ask that you do not place items around the compactors, put all of your items inside of them. We have had many instances where members put their items outside of the containers with the hope that someone else may be able to use it. We understand recycling...but this is not the way to do it.

Thousands of dollars are spent each year in man hours used to clean up messes that didn't need to be there. One thing that requires a lot of time is the sorting of garbage from the leaf piles. Please, put ONLY leaves in the leaf pile, as we compost those for more inexpensive disposal.

It's a good idea for you to be proactive with necessary repairs on your site, too. Think

about having a professional service your air conditioning units. All of these units have filters and coils that need to be kept clean, in order to run more efficiently.

With the wet spring weather, we get a lot of calls about your GFI tripping. This is mainly because of bad seals and covers on outside boxes. They get wet, which then causes the GFI to trip. Please take the time to inspect and replace, if needed.

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

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ACCOUNTING UPDATES

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

The most recent April 2019 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.

Sandy Pines update

We continue to focus on maintaining strong days in cash reserve. This focus is primarily to help support a good emergency fund, if necessary, and help provide additional funding in upcoming projects of opportunity, such as the Phase 4, Adult Rec Storm Shelter. Liabilities are down \$28k from last year, with Total Equity up \$848k. The individual profit and loss statements for the month of April are on target year-to-date. Resort Service and Sales are showing significant increases in revenue to put the park in a great financial position to start the 2019 season.

Lake Monterey Golf Course update

There is minimal activity to report at the Golf Course at this point of the season, however total current assets does have an increase of \$126k over last year with an increase of \$67k in total assets. As with Sandy Pines, the focus is to help support upcoming projects necessary. The golf course will be soon looking to complete a second well irrigation capital project. The income statement for the golf course is showing consistent with last year, which is good, considering the recent weather patterns.

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

Thank you.

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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 of 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, is required.

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

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

Here it is July already...while the season has been very wet so far, the course is holding its own.

We have some new food items this year. We now have corn dogs, Philly Steak w/cheese and a few new breakfast sandwiches. We've brought back our chicken sandwiches and burgers, too. We are also carrying Fenn Valley and St. Julian Wines.

Each year, we get a lot of new golfers on the course. We love having new golfers join us, but if you don't know the basic rules of the game...

please ask and we will be glad to assist you. Every golfer must have their own set of clubs, and only two players per cart. Please play 'ready golf' which means you should be ready to hit your ball when you get to it. It should not take more than two hours and 20 minutes to play nine holes. The golfers behind you probably need to get back to their place because they have other plans. We only allow twosomes and foursomes to play. There are too many members who start playing more than a foursome after a couple of holes...this will not be allowed.

For the PGA First Tee program for kids, we would like to have the kids tee up from the fairway so they can be on the same green in the same number of shots as their parents. This will make it more fun for the kids and give them a chance to actually beat their parents!



PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

We are all pedestrians at some point in time. As we walk across parking lots, go for a run, cross the street, walk to the neighbors or to check the mail. As with anything, risk is involved as we interact with vehicles.

Here are a few safety suggestions to keep you safe.

Be visible - wear bright clothing during the daylight hours and light or reflective clothing at dusk, dawn or at night. Use a flashlight when walking at night.

Don't assume that the driver of a vehicle sees you. Make eye contact with vehicles stopped at intersections. Never assume that a driver will give you the right of way.

Adults should supervise children when crossing streets. Children under the age of 10, in most cases, have not developed the ability to judge distances and speed of vehicles, and should be helped across the street holding the hand of a parent.

Don't be distracted by electronic devices. Leave your phone in your pocket if out for a

walk. Don't use headphones.

Walk facing traffic and on the edge of the roadway. Keep a safe distance from traffic.

If under the influence of alcohol or drugs, don't be a pedestrian, stay home. A National Highway Safety study in 2016 found that in 48% of pedestrian accidents, the driver or pedestrian was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The same study indicated that 75% of pedestrian deaths occur at night, 22% in the daylight

hours, 2% at dusk, and 1% at dawn.

If you are a driver, be vigilant in your observations for pedestrians. Be prepared to stop for children. Provide adequate room to pass, slow down, and drive the speed limit. Put down your phones and electronic devices as you drive. If under the influence of alcohol or drugs, stay home and keep off the roadways.



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Election Date & Times

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

The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 17th, 2019, at 10 am inside the Chapel. The Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual Meeting will follow immediately thereafter. The meeting is open for questions and conversation. This is a great forum to seek additional information regarding the Annual Election.

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

Polling Places

Phases 1, 2, 4 and 7 (Condos)

Inside Phase 1 Pavilion

Phases 3, 5 and 6

Inside the Recreation Station (Water Park)

- Voter Identification Required
- Photo ID required for Member identification – i.e. Sandy Pines photo member ID card; driver's license, etc.
- For voting purposes, each membership, whether owned individually or jointly, shall be entitled to only one vote.
- Members with account balances 30 (or more) days past due will not be able to vote until their balance is paid off.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available at the Member Service Office 30 days before the election (Thursday, July 18th until Friday, August 16th.) Absentee ballots must be mailed or deposited in the ballot box at the Member Service Office no later than 4 pm on Friday, August 16th. Photo ID required for Member identification – i.e. Sandy Pines photo member ID card; driver's license, etc.



MEET THE CANDIDATES



Darlene Dewitt

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to meeting more of our great Sandy Pines members! I think it's important we all be well informed about who we are putting on our Sandy Pines Board of Directors. Being newer to the park I have new fresh eyes which hopefully will spur new and creative ideas! I welcome hear-

ing from you! My goal is to keep Sandy Pines - our "Happy Place" Safe, Fun, and Affordable! Thank you!



Dennis King

Greetings Sandy Pines Friends! My name is Dennis King, I'm 71 years young and I'm seeking re-election to the Board of Directors. I was an Associate Member for 20 years, and have been

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

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

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

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

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



Chad Ostrom

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,
Chad Ostrom
ChoseChad-again

Paul Peppel



Hello everyone! My name is Paul Peppel and I am excited to be in the running for a Board of Director position. My wife Deb and I are enjoying our tenth year in the park and spend virtually the entire summer here save for some trips to our home

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

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

Paul Peppel



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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.

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 K-256: 16' Playbouv Pontoon w/40 hp Johnson. Galvanized trailer, life jackets and anchors included. In very good shape. Asking: \$6,900. Call: 616.540.2339.

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, golf cart and golf cart shelter. Asking: \$128,000 OBO. Call or text Tim at (616) 304-6085 for more information.

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