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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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



PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

June is in the rear-view mirror already and the summer is in full swing. Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are starting to buzz with more activity even though we are still limited by state, county, and local requirements due to COVID-19. We continue to operate the park under COVID-19 area capacity, social distancing, and entering enclosed buildings with masks requirements. The State of Michigan, beautiful Sandy Pines, and Lake Monterey Golf Course are open. However, COVID-19 remains a potential risk that we cannot lose sight.

We would be remised if we did not pass along a huge shout out and thank you to our entire staff. We are ahead of schedule in our 3 Step Park Restart Plan because of their service to our community at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. We officially opened our wonderful park on June 8, 2020, allowing Guests and Campers full access alongside our Members and Associates. We also opened all gates, CC's and playgrounds at this time as well. Chapel Service took place in a drive-in fashion at the end of June. Pools were opened on June 22nd with limited capacity. Lastly, committees are starting to meet again. We were blessed to move these ahead of schedule as all were targeted in the last Step of our plan in July.

There remains much to do in our 3rd and Final Step set for July 1, 2020. We will be evaluating moving our Board of Director and Face to Phase meetings back to an open forum with limited capacity in the Phase 1 Pavilion. We are working hard to bring back our July 4th Flea Market with capacity limits and social distancing requirements. We are waiting on the township to approve our July 4th Fireworks. We are adding more events to our Recreation Calendar. Kid's Golf League will start up in July. Please see Nikki Hoogewind's update for the Recreation Department.

Feedback continues to be sent to our Board of Directors and Administration Office that our staff continues to do an amazing job during this unique, tough 2020 season. Ben Fifelski and his maintenance team continue to serve our community by keeping our park clean and beautiful. Keith Garvelink and the PSO team continue to keep our community safe. Steve Deyarmond has our Emergency Services team trained and ready. Sue Flowers and Maryanne VanderKamp stand ready to field calls, emails and appointments at Member Service to support our community needs. Mary Applehof in Sales and Jack Schmidt in Park and Garden are helping bridge the gap in lost revenue from camping being closed the entire month of May. Kimberly Williams' leadership as our CFO has

helped make certain Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are financially and fiscally stable. Jamie Bogema in Human Resource is doing a phenomenal job with hiring and meeting with our staff to help get them what they need to serve our park and members. We are blessed to have these leaders, the entire staff and Board of Directors tirelessly working to serve our park. As this has been a trying 2020 season, please keep in mind that this team is doing everything they are able to do to meet the member's needs. If challenging situations arise, please contact me directly as our team must continue to be treated professionally, with respect. Please seek me out to discuss. Our staff is there to help, but not to be talked to sternly for things outside of their control.

We have to fill (3) three Board of Director positions this 2020 season. We want to thank the outgoing Directors for their servant leadership to the Park.

Also, we want to thank those who have entered their names to be Candidates. These Members all strive to take part in this wonderful opportunity to serve our park.

After being shut down for approximately six weeks due to our state closure, the North Shore Center FEMA shelter project is continuing to move

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forward. In June, the precast walls were put in place. July you will start to see the trusses being added, roof installation as well as interior framing will take place. The project completion date has moved from December 2020 to February 2021 well in advance of our 50th Anniversary!

Our Member Service team has been working hard sorting and assigning new modems for the majority of our members. Sandy Pines and Spectrum have agreed to a new 2-year agreement which includes newer modems for most. Our Member's will be asked to sign out

their new modems under the new agreement for the duration of the 2 years.

Golf Cart plate registration and pick will take place by the middle of this month. Please stay tuned for updates on timing, process, and procedure.

The Lake Study posted in June has received much feedback and interest. We are finalizing the committee members, scope, and timing to provide recommendations to the Board of Directors to ensure our number one asset, Lake Monterey, is meeting our expectations.

Lastly, it is time to remember our independence and freedom that God has blessed us in America. *"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right"* Peter Marshall. According to Abraham Lincoln, *"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."* Currently, our nation needs our prayers. God bless our members; God bless this wonderful place called Sandy Pines and God bless America! Never forget our freedoms or the cost for those freedoms.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

This has certainly been a year filled with many debatable issues. But there is one thing on which we can all agree. 2020 is a year that none of us will ever forget. We were all plagued with disruptions of different degrees, some far more harsh than others. And Sandy Pines was not immune from the storm. Our uniqueness was almost a burden as edict language from municipal, state, and federal levels often didn't mesh with our identity. A state licensed campground that's a private recreational community peppered with tiny homes in a not-for-profit setting. Quite the niche to be sure.

Fortunately, new park president Jeff wouldn't take no for an answer, a common reply this spring as

he dealt tirelessly with state and county officials. Had he just meekly agreed and caved to their suffocating restrictions, we might not have had overnight stays until June 22. But he worked his magic to convince officials to allow members access to their sites May 1 despite the fact the park was still technically closed. Well done!

All of us visiting our park have had to make some changes this year. They're not insurmountable obstacles rather some minor inconveniences. And it's certainly better than the alternative. The staff, meanwhile, was far from exempt as the governmental rules and regs kept changing. No sooner would the administrative team work through a COVID update and inform the staff, then

lo and behold, a new order was issued making previous requirements moot. The constant moving targets were extremely frustrating. But the interactions I personally had with several park workers was extremely positive with a willingness to help. We should all be thankful for their dedication.

It also cannot be understated how thankful the board is for the member's help in making this challenging transition from full to slightly altered freedoms. Everyone has been affected in some way, it's how we adapt that make us (and keeps us) something special. Thanks again to all and enjoy the summer!

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COMMUNICATION NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK josh@sandypines.com

COVID-19 Communication

Now that the park is reopen to Members, Associates, Campers, and Guests we're finally back up and running closer to normal. We are reopened with many precautions including social distancing and deep cleaning procedures. Masks are required at all indoor facilities including convenience centers, laundromats, stores, and offices. Masks are encouraged outdoors around large groups of people. Please remember that masks aren't designed to protect those who are wearing them, they are designed to protect others around them. Even though you may feel comfortable not wearing a mask, please consider the safety of others around you that are wearing masks.

We continue updating you as much as possible with ongoing changes via our website, park channels 27.1-27.4, E-News, Weekly Flyers, monthly Footprints, social media, and occasional Rave texts/emails. We encourage public questions in the comment section of our website posts. Please keep in mind we monitor and respond to these questions Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. Due to the overwhelming amount of questions we've been getting with each COVID-19 update, it may take our staff a few days to follow up with these inquiries, but we will get back with you. Due to online spam bots, your comments also need to be approved before they populate in the comment forms, so you won't see your comment published immediately but please know we'll post them as soon as we perform our daily updates.

SMS Text Alerts

For the past couple years, the Rave SMS Text & Email Alert System has only been available to Members. We are happy to announce that we have a new SMS text-in option for Associate Members, Guests, and Campers. To get started, text "SANDYPINES" to 67283. That will opt you into all our alerts & cancellations which will include emergency alerts, recreation updates, event cancellations, pool closures, etc. You can opt out at any time by texting "STOP" to 67283. If you have any questions regarding any of our communications mediums, please send us an email or give us a quick call and we'd be happy to

help you out. Additional communication details are available at [SandyPines.com/Communications](https://www.sandypines.com/Communications).

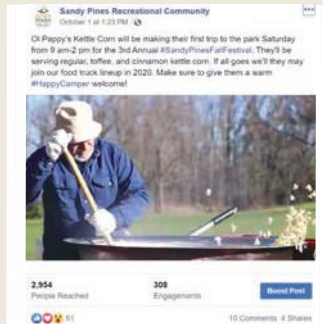
Sandy Pines Online Store

Sandy Pines merchandise and logo wear is available for purchase at the Sandy Pines Park

& Garden Store and the Happy Shack. We have shirts, sweatshirts, hoodies, jackets, blanket, pants, baby onesies, tote bags, dog bandanas, coffee mugs, and more. We now have an online store where you can purchase merchandise that

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<p>2 Colors</p> <p>4 - 50/50 Cotton/Poly T-Shirt \$17.00</p>	<p>2 Colors</p> <p>1 - Happy Camper 50/50 Cotton/Poly T-Shirt \$14.00</p>	<p>2 Colors</p> <p>4 - Tie-Dye Tee \$22.00</p>
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we sell onsite along with some exclusives that can only be ordered online. The online store will be open two weeks every month, typically the first couple weeks of each month. When the online store closes, we'll process all orders and send them to the Park & Garden Store for pickup or directly to your home address. We'll keep you posted each month when the online store will be open. Due to our new COVID-19 mail policy, we will not be able to ship clothing to Sandy Pines.

The Online Store will be open on Sunday, June 28 and closes on Sunday, July 12th at midnight. Orders will be ready for pickup at The Park and Garden Store on Thursday, July 30th. You will receive an email when the order is ready for pick up. The July Store will feature limited edition Christmas In August themed merchandise and will be ready for pickup just in time for Christmas Eve and Christmas in August Weekends.

Partnerships & Advertising

If you own or work for a local business, have you ever considered advertising at Sandy Pines? Our community has the largest population in Allegan County during the summer season. We average a population of 8,000 during summer weekdays, 10-12,000 on summer weekends and 30-40,000 on holiday weekends. 67% of our members live within 40 miles of the park which means we can get your business name and your message out to locals year-round. While you've seen ads for years in our Monthly Footprints Publication, we now have advertising opportunities on our Weekly Flyers, Sandy Pines Cable Channels, Park Maps, Convenience Center Poster Boards, and on our Wall Calendars. We also have online opportunities such as our website, Weekly E-News, and Facebook where we can track clicks and engagement. We have event sponsorships too, including some new and exciting 50th Anniversary event opportunities coming up in 2021. If you'd like members to associate your business with their happy place, give us call and we'll create a custom campaign for you. We have many affordable options. You'll also be supporting programming and events that promote family, community, and healthy outdoor activities. Our media kit is available online at SandyPines.com/Partnerships.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

Boating

Please have personal flotation devices available for all persons on the watercraft easily accessible. Stored flotation devices do not meet boating requirements. Children less than 6 years of age must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat.

Boating reminders

The owner of any vessel is personally responsible for any damage to life or property resulting from a wake or well created by the negligent operation of the vessel, where the vessel is being operated with his consent.

Persons being towed must stay at least 100 feet away from:

- A shoreline (if operating in water less than three feet deep)
- Any moored or anchored vessel
- A dock or raft
- Any marked swimming area or person(s) in the water

Every person being towed behind a vessel on water skis, a surfboard, or similar device must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved wearable Type I, II, or III PFD.

Persons operating vessel shall operate in a counterclockwise fashion insofar as it is reasonably possible.

Skiing & Tubing

Sandy Pines does not permit water skiing /tubing before 10am and after 8:30pm. No Wake on entire lake between 8:30 pm and 10:00 am.

One competent observer person in addition to driver shall be in towing boat.

Towboat must be equipped with a 170-degree wide-angle rear-view mirror affixed to permit the driver to observe the progress of person being towed.

Pedestrian Safety

As we walk, go for a run, cross the street, walk to the neighbors or to check the mail we all are at some point in time a pedestrian. As with anything risk is involved as we interact with vehicles. Do not assume the person driving is being attentive. Some drivers are distracted by an electronic device or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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 can see 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. It is always a good practice to accompany and be close to young children.

Don't be distracted by electronic devices. Leave you 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. Stay on the edge or off the roadway.

If under the influence of alcohol or drugs don't be a pedestrian, stay home.

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. Be patient – it is common for traffic to be heavy during weekends and holidays. If under the influence of alcohol or drugs stay home and keep off the roadways.

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

The review of the May financial statements continued to show a loss in revenue as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is so nice to see the activity in the park safely pick back up, however we will not see the affect from the change in traffic until the months of June and July.

The Board of Directors meeting occurred Friday, June 19 and included the review and approval of the May 2020 financial statements for both SPWT and LMGC.

Financial Statement Review: SPWT

- Operation Cash as of May 2020 is up approx. \$500k or 11.3% over prior year.
- The balance in the Operational Cash account includes the receipt of the PPP Loan funds approx. \$512k.
- The Charles Schwab Investment Account as of the end of May is up \$130k, approx. 7.7%.
- Total Member Accounts Receivable balance is slightly higher by 38% due to the delayed extension date on the renewal payments to 6/25/2020 and the temporary Admin Office closure.
- Current liabilities are up \$558k, primarily related to the currently liability hold of the PPP loan of \$512k. We are still navigating the continued changes of reconciliation regulations related to the PPP loan. The most recent changes provide for an extension in the reporting period and allow for 60% payroll costs and 40% utilities costs, versus 75% and 25%, respectively.

- Total Net Income is down \$276k, approx. 16% from prior year, compared to \$220k or approx. 11.5% last month. Administration continues to monitor the loss in Revenue over the course of the Pandemic and Social Distancing Restrictions.
 - Sales and Hospitality Income is down \$200k.
 - While our Sales Department activity is picking back up, we are still significantly behind with recouping the Site Rental Income. Camping as of the end of May is down \$197k or 57%. As mentioned above, we are recognizing the turnaround of this beginning early June.
 - Member Services Net Income is down \$120k. This is a result of payroll being up from prior year due to staff restructuring over the fiscal year but is still in line with budget and expectations. The increase in sticker revenue is tied to the license plates and is equally offset by the expense incurred. Tree Removal cost is also up due to timing but is in line with budget.
 - Maintenance Income is down \$10k. The majority of the decreased revenue is a result of the delay of maintenance services with the shutdown and the increased expense is related to ground maintenance costs with repairs completely in the off-season.
 - Public Safety Income is down \$20k. This change is specifically related to a decrease in guest fees with the stay-at-home order and restrictions and lessened mag card income.
 - Recreational Net Income has slowly picked activity back up and is in line with budget.
 - Resort Services Income is up \$50k. Operational expenses are down \$60k; with the majority related to the decrease in Utility Costs through May 2020. Overall, Resort Services is up \$100k or 4.5%.

- Park and Garden is down \$13k or 7.8%. With the garden center up and running activity is close to normal with reduced operating expenses, however restocking has resulted in an increase of cogs of \$20k.
- Rentals Income is down \$40k related to the cancellation of multiple golf cart reservations related to the Pandemic restrictions.
- Lease Operations is down \$4k related to a delay in the reservations of Food Trucks and delay in the monthly due date for our Lease Tenants.

LMGC

- Operation Cash as of May 2020 is down approx. \$24k or 6% over prior year.
- The balance in the Operational Cash account also includes the receipt of the PPP Loan funds approx. \$35k.
- Current Liabilities are down \$8k and includes the holding of the PPP loan liability.
- Total Gross Revenue is down \$12k or 3.5%.
- Total Operational Expenses is increased \$28k, 13%, compared to \$42k or 24%. The stay-at-home order and delayed activity on the greens has helped recoup some of the previous expense in the off-season making repairs to the course. \$24k is related to Repairs and Maintenance on Equipment, specifically an \$11k repair to a tractor in April 2020.
- Total Net Income is down \$25k, 26%, compared to \$50k, 47% in the prior month of April 2020.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most recent year-to-date financial statements at SandyPines.com/Finance.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS gary@golflmgc.com

With all of our snow bird employees back and out of quarantine, the Pro Shop is running on all cylinders. The staff has been great coming back and getting into the swing of things.

The maintenance staff has also done a great job in getting the course into shape as they started in May as well.

New this year, we have kids golf shirts and hats in the Pro Shop. We also have more men's and ladies small golf shirts. The Pro Shop is fully stocked with Adidas apparel and TaylorMade gloves and balls, and Callaway golf balls.

We will be having kids' league's after all. It starts July 1st and is a 5-week program that costs \$30.00. It includes a take home lunch of a hotdog, pop and a bag of chips. For more info contact us by our league email jrgolfleaguesp@gmail.com.



We are working to bring the Sandy Pines Member/Guest Event back later this year, and we will keep you informed as soon as we have a new date. You can also, join our Facebook page to see the updates at [FaceBook.com/LakeMontereyGolf](https://www.facebook.com/LakeMontereyGolf).

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

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SUMMER SEASON HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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Due to July 3 & 4 falling on a busy first of the month weekend, Member Service will be open normal hours.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 7/25) & Deadline to return renewal stickers for credit
- 7/11 Garage Sale: Phases 3, 5, & 6 – No emergency pump outs in those phases
- 8/15 Annual Election & Meetings
- 9/1 Winterization Sign Up Opens
- 9/12 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

10/28 Last Pump Out of the season (Billed as a \$28 Emergency Pump Out)

A Fond Farewell

Member Service is saying goodbye to Maryanne; we wish her a fond farewell. She and her family are moving from the area and she will be leaving the Sandy Pines Team; she will be missed. Thank you, Maryanne, for sharing your gifts and talents with all of us.

Electric Billing Reminder

Sandy Pines only reads electric meters once a year in August. The readings are entered, and accounts are billed in September, appearing on your October statements. If more electric was used than the previous year, the Member account is debited for the amount due. If less electric was used, the account is credited. Then, the new total for the year is divided by 4 and this becomes your quarterly electric for the following year.

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 and site number in the Subject Line of your email is crucial for us in

quickly finding the correct information. We want to make sure we are transacting business in the proper accounts with the appropriate Members.

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: Recreation office, Member Service, the Public Safety Office or Lake Monterey Golf Course. If you have 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

Sandy Pines staff and facilities are not equipped with the proper PPE and supplies to manage the required disinfection criteria currently recommended for package handling. Effective June 15, 2020, only Members who pay \$35 annual rental for an assigned Sandy Pines Mailbox can receive mail and parcels at Sandy Pines.

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Currently, there is limited availability of boxes; future expansion is being explored. Those who choose to have packages delivered do so at their own risk, as Sandy Pines will not be responsible for any condition, visible or invisible of delivered packages. Members who do not have assigned mailboxes can no longer have parcels delivered to the Administration building. Non-Member campers and Associate Members cannot receive U.S. Mail at Sandy Pines, nor can they have parcels delivered. For the complete mail policy please visit SandyPines.com/MailServices

Upcoming Election

The annual Sandy Pines election is August 15, 2020. For your information, please review the Handbook, pages 19 and 20, and the Bylaws, page 67-69. This will provide you with the 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; absentee ballots are available beginning July 17, 2020 and must be returned by 4pm, August 14, 2020.

Spectrum Modems

Sandy Pines has a new contract with Spectrum for internet modems for the years 2020 and 2021. The new contract provides for Members with existing modems to receive a new modem that increases the download speed from 60 Mbps to 200 Mbps and increases the upload speed from 4 Mbps to 10 Mbps. Those Members who previously signed up for new internet service for 2020 will receive these same higher speed modems. We have reached capacity of the number of available modems.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

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It has been an unusual start to the season. The store is off to a great start with softeners, bulk delivery, Sandy Pines logo merchandise, clothing and the regular items. Our hours are from 9:30 to 4 every day, except Sunday when we are open from noon to 4. Remember that on Sunday's there is no delivery of bulk product and we do not fill propane.

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, enjoying soft water when showering or washing dishes, stop by and see us for getting a softener put on your trailer.

We can make a key for your porch, post office box, or a lock stop by the Park and Garden Store. If we don't have the key blank in stock, we will order it. Official Sandy Pines merchandise and logo wear is now available at the Park and Garden Store with lots of new designs for 2020. If we don't have your size, you can order them on the new Online Store at SandyPines.com/OnlineStore. Do not hesitate to suggest items that you would like to see at the store. While you're in the store, make sure to check out our new ATM available for use.

We got off to a slow start with the rentals of golf cart and watercraft, but we are now in full swing. Make sure you get your reservation in early for the

busy holiday weekends – Christmas in August and Labor Day.

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 pm 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 the members and guests? Bikes are rented for \$4.00 per hour. Special pricing for ½ day and full day prices. You could get them for a wonder ride in the evening as the sun is setting, and for the sunrise on a beautiful early 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.

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

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS inspector@sandypines.com

Hours

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Office Hours

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

Contact Information

Phone: 616.896.7286

Fax: 616.896.7409

Email: inspector@sandypines.com

Hello Sandy Pines, my name is Jeff Hopkins, your new Park Inspector. For those of you who do not know me, I have worked in maintenance for several years. I am very familiar with the park, and I am anxious to work with you on your endeavors and projects. If you have any questions, please stop by and interduce yourself.

Site Cleanup Deadline

The site cleanup deadline is Monday, June 29. This was delayed from our annual site cleanup date of June 1 due to COVID-19. 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.

Permits & Projects

A 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. Also, keep in mind to read the By Laws on building a structure at your site. Permits are required for decks, garages, etc. The township requires electrical permits for new structures.

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

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND nikki@sandypines.com

The summer is here and people in the park are active. Recreation is happy to be able to provide as many fun and enjoyable activities as possible with extra safety restrictions and precautions. Highlights from June include tennis and golf lessons, Zumba and the opening of the pools and water park. We also offered our drive-in movie, cruise the pines car parade, color the pines pink, live music event, mileage club, tie-dye, soccer, and park garage sales.

For the month of July, we are planning to kick off the month with Color the Pines: Red, White, and Blue. Decorate your lot or golf cart and submit a photo for our park wide contest. Keep those colors flowing and enter your golf cart, float, car, or bike into our Fourth of July parade. We encourage all members to join in the parade through Sandy Pines. Participants meet at the water park parking lot between 9-9:30 am for judging and the parade will begin at 10:00 am on July 4. Holiday tournaments will be offered, see the online event calendar SandyPines.com/Calendar for exact

times and locations, details will also be included on the Weekly Flyer. The amazing fireworks display is tentatively set to appear over Lake Monterey Saturday, July 4 at dusk.

The month of July will continue to offer events including a drive-in movie, blood drive, Halloween and end the month setting up for Christmas in August. Members are encouraged to purchase candy to pass out at the chapel for Halloween on July 25. This event is very popular with the children and we need as many people to sit on their cart and pass out treats to the children as they parade past in costumes! Volunteers are also welcome to assist in setting up for Christmas. Please stop by the large display and tables near phase 4 soccer field if interested the week of July 27.

The Happy Shack is open Sun-Thur 11-6 and Fri-Sat 11-7. Stop by and purchase a fountain beverage, smoothie, snack, food item, or Sandy Pines clothing item. Staff is happy to see and serve our members and guests.

The Pools are open to limited number of guests per hour. We appreciate the patience of the guests waiting and the opportunity to provide you a chance to cool off and relax. See Pool flyer for exact hours, locations, and capacities.

Please remember the following pool rules:

- No food or beverages are allowed inside the pool areas.
- All children 36" or less must be wearing a proper swim diaper (or any child that is not fully potty trained).
- Life jackets are required on any child that has not passed the swim test and under the height of 48".
- Parent/guardian must accompany any child 12 or under into water park and stay within arm reach of child/children in the water.

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SALES NEWS

BY MARY APPLEHOF mapplehof@sandypines.com

So happy to report that the sales office has been very busy! We thought with the Covid 19 that the sales would slow down but everyone is realizing how special Sandy Pines is and wants to be a part of our Happy Place.

We are very busy, and we are realizing how hard it is to reach us. Please be patient and know that we are returning phone calls as soon as we are able. We are purchasing a separate cell phone for the sales department so it will be much easier to reach one of us at all times.

The sales department is handling all for sale by owner and transfer paperwork as well. It is really helpful if you could e-mail us all of your information including: Site, sale price, seller's names and e-mail addresses for each person, the buyer's names and e-mails for each person. This will help expedite the closing process. For all sales, either through the park or for sale by owners, we run a background check on the new buyers and then need to order up an inspection of the site. Please realize this process can take about 10 – 14 days from start to finish. We try our

best to get everyone finished ASAP and we also take them in order of sales so you may have to wait a little bit. For the inspections I again want to let everyone know of the change in the state fire requirements that your garage/shed must be 4 ft. from any structure. Many of you have had your garage/shed built in the last 2 years and think that you are compliant, but this is a new 2020 rule that the state has implemented not Sandy Pines. Unfortunately, we cannot allow any exceptions.

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK keith@sandypines.com

May Incident Report

In the month of May 2020, Security Services responded to a total of 142 incidents. The call types and numbers are shown below.

- Abuse of Staff: 2
- Security Alarm: 1
- Animal Complaint: 5
- Disorderly Conduct: 5
- Domestic: 1
- General Assistance Call: 15
- Health and Safety: 1
- Lost/Found Property: 3
- Marine/Boating Complaint: 3
- Medical: 11
- Medical/Death: 1
- Neighbor Dispute: 1
- Noise Complaint: 1
- Open Door: 39
- Property Damage Accident: 4
- Rule Violation: 19
- Suspicious Situation: 7
- Traffic Complaint: 11
- Unauthorized Entry: 11
- Check Welfare: 1

Overflow Parking

Security Services continues to receive complaints regarding overflow parking. One recurring issue is persons parking trailers overnight in overflow areas. Please note this is prohibited by rule, and misuse of the designated overflow parking areas. For reference, please see the section below regarding overflow parking from the Handbook.

XI. DESIGNATED PARKING OVERFLOW AREAS (Amended 10/4/2013) Overflow parking: 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. 22 A. Phase I: 1. Area north of the Phase 1 ball field in front of the horseshoe pit area. 2. Southeast corner of Tee Pee (outdoor shelter) area next to drive. 3. Tree Haven Circle 4. Beechnut Circle 5. Sunset Circle 6. Monterey Lake Circle B. Phase II: 1. Site 951 (behind Convenience Center #4) 2. Baybreeze Circle C. Phase III: 1. Area at the end of Monterey Bay Trail northeast of outdoor picnic shelter. 2. From Site 1000 to playground. 3. From CC#5 to Site 1006 D. Phase IV: 1. Area across the street from the boat launch area. 2. Area north of the Dam on the east side of the road. 3. East of CC#10 - along Chippewa Trail on the East side and North of Iroquois Trail. 4. The inner curve between Cove Drive and Iroquois Trail across from (N-484 - K-16). 5. Pontiac

Court 6. Island View court 7. Back side of CC#8 between parking lot and row of pines. 8. Circle areas from Site N-47 & N-44 E. Phase V: 1 The inner curve between Cove Drive and Iroquois Trail (N-484 - K-16). 2. Across from CC#11 between K-84 & K-88 3. Under the Power lines 4. Shawnee Circle 5. Saulk Circle 6. Cherokee Circle 7. Fox Circle 8. Fox Circle from site K-267 to well house. F. Phase VI: 1. Perimeter areas across from site D-049 to D-121 and D-161 to D-167 not to exceed farther than 30 feet from the Park roadway. G. Convenience Center Parking: (Amended 8/18/2017) No overflow/overnight parking at the CCs. A \$100 fine will apply if you are in violation.

If you observe parking violations and wish to report them, please contact Security Services at 616.896.9006. Our staff is present 24 hours and will investigate the complaints promptly.

Phase Three

I am happy to advise Members, Associates and Guests that Phase 3 station is now staffed from 10a-8p daily. Wood is also available for sale there as well as at our Main Station.

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50TH ANNIVERSARY NEWS

BY MARCIE PALMER marcie@championresources.biz

Summer is in full swing, and so is the planning for the 50th Anniversary year in 2021.

Soon you will see the 50th-anniversary logo. It will be just one of the visual ways we will connect you with the 50th Anniversary activities and celebration.

Volunteer planning meetings started in June. We will have them once a month going forward during the planning. We would love to have more members join the planning team. Take a look at the online calendar at [Sandy Pines Calendar](#) for meeting dates, times, and locations. All ages are welcomed and encouraged. Hope to see you there!

Want to share your love of the park and some of your favorite memories? We want to hear from you! We are asking for about 12-15 members of all ages to interview for a commemorative 50th Anniversary video. The video shoot will be held at your site in the park on Saturday, August 8th, at a scheduled time with each participating member. Applicants must be available on this day to participate. If interested please complete [this short questionnaire](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/50thvideo) (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/50thvideo>). If selected, we will contact you to schedule your interview time.

If you haven't seen the special events planned for the commemorative year, you can find them on the 50th Anniversary Page – [February Update](#). All of these events originated from ideas submitted by members. Once again, thank you to all who contributed! Dates for the signature events are being confirmed and soon announced.

Thanks to all who are sharing past photos of the park in the [photo gallery](#). We're developing a vast library of images to use in a variety of ways during the anniversary year and going forward. Keep posting!

Lastly, but importantly, we are looking for sponsorships to support the activities of the anniversary year. If you have or know of a business that could benefit from sharing their brand with a family-friendly community like Sandy Pines OR

perhaps would like a way to support a fun and safe environment where a lifetime of memories get made, please share our partnership opportunities which are available at [SandyPines.com/Partnerships](https://www.sandypines.com/partnerships). Custom anniversary packages are available.

If you have any questions about the signature events, sponsorship, or volunteering, please feel free to contact me at marcie@championresources.biz. For ongoing updates, visit our [50th Anniversary Page](#).

Sandy Pines has a long history of family fun, and we can't wait to celebrate it with you all in 2021.

Warm Regards,

Marcie Palmer
50th Anniversary Planner

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE & BEV VAN NOORD SandyPinesChapel.com

As I write this article for the July Footprints, our summer is moving along in a way I had somewhat guessed where flexibility remains the key. However, things are coming together. I am absolutely thrilled that we are starting to worship together again at the chapel. We have modified how that happens by putting a stage in the parking lot. We are worshipping at 9:00 AM and at 11:00 AM to give us extra room for proper distancing. Golf carts are encouraged. If you come by car, there is room for you. The chapel gate will not be open to the public. Our worship service will continue to be broadcast on our local Sandy Pines Channel 27.2 and on YouTube (Sandy Pines Lakeside Chapel) starting the Tuesday after the Sunday worship. Note: if we get inclement weather on a Sunday morning, we will have a modified service in the chapel itself for video purposes only. It will be recorded for broadcasting on Tuesday. We are also working on plans for a modified Vacation Bible School. We will let you know as soon as final plans are made.

Here is the current schedule for the end of June and July.

- June 28.....Pastor Paul Mpindi....Mission French Africa
- July 5.....Dan Seaborn.....Winning at Home
- July 12.....David Mosterd.....Holland Christian High School
- July 19.....David Hinman.....Mission Catalyst for New Generations
- July 25.....Pastor George DeJong.....Holland Heights Church

Sunday evening concerts through July 12 have been cancelled. We will continue to provide updates as the season progresses.

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The Sandy Pines Annual Election Saturday, August 15th, 2020 10:00 am-2:00 pm

The Sandy Pines Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 15th, 2020, at 10 am inside the Chapel. The Lake Monterey Golf Course Annual Meeting will follow immediately thereafter. The meeting is open for questions and conversation. This is a great forum to seek additional information regarding the Annual Election.

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

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- Members with account balances 30 (or more) days past due will not be able to vote until their balance is paid off.



Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available at the Member Service Office 30 days before the election (Friday, July 17th until Friday, August 14th.)

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

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

GINNY HAGER



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

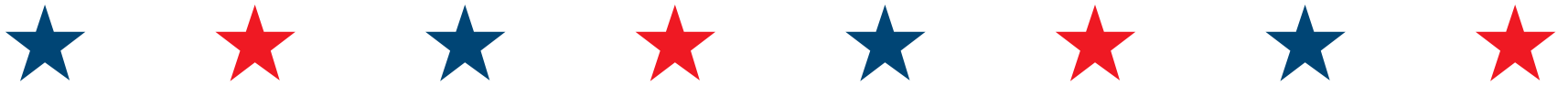
In my professional life, I am a self-employed accountant with over 30 years of experience. I have had a wide variety of clients over the years from a global IT consultation company, to a small engine repair shop, to a farm to table marketplace. My husband and I own a construction company where I have been the CFO for over 25 years. I am very active in our church and community. I have served as the treasurer of various non-profits and school/community organizations. I am currently a member of the praise team at our church and oversee

the finances of the youth groups. These experiences have provided me with a wealth of financial knowledge to offer to the Board. I hold myself to a high degree of integrity; I am very motivated and I always see things through to completion.

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

I appreciate your vote and hope you will join me when I say "I love Sandy Pines!!"





MEET THE CANDIDATES

JIM HUCK Site N-182



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

Now a little about me. I am a retired firefighter from Clinton Township Michigan. I served as a firefighter, fire officer, fire inspector and as a fire/arson investigator. I also served as a union steward for 16 years and served on and chaired several union committees over the years. I learned to solve problems by listening to the concerns and experience of others. I also served as president of my condominium association for three years where I gained experience in day to day operations, long range planning, contract negotiations and budget control. I gave up the position after buying our happy place to spend more time out here.

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

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

I am asking for your support and your vote in August. In return I promise to listen to you the membership with an open mind a common sense approach to the challenges we will face as a community. I promise to be fiscally responsible when making decisions that effect how our money is spent. But more importantly I promise to continue to listen to the concerns of our members and serve with integrity and honesty. I appreciate you taking the time to read this and for your past support.





MEET THE CANDIDATES

LARRY MUNGER



As a family, our first visit to Sandy Pines was in 1975. My wife and I camped in tents with our young children as we enjoyed what Sandy Pines had to offer. We bought a membership in 1983. As members of Sandy Pines, we have seen many changes and improvements in the park. We have great memories of the time spent here. The oldest daughters worked at the ice cream shop and our son delivered messages from the guard shack to members in the park. Now that we are both retired, Sandy Pines is our summer home and we live here full time during the season. It's time for me to give back to the park I love.

Hi, my name is Larry Munger and I am running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. I am married to my wonderful wife Janet and we will celebrate our 50th anniversary this November. We have four grown married children who have blessed us with 17 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

I am a veteran, having served in the US Army from 1970 to 1972. I went to Muskegon Community College where I received an Associate in Science (AS) in 1970. I graduated from Calvin College in 1986 with

a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE). Finally, I was elected to serve on the executive board of the UAW Local 730.

I am asking for your support and your vote in the August election. Members should have a voice in the future of the Sandy Pines and not be dictated by a few with their own agenda. I support the members rights to vote on large construction projects. I support a vote by the members on the PA-330 issue (making the PSO police). This should not be hidden away as a part of operations. I want to be the members voice on the board. I will listen to your concerns and take them to the board. In decisions that affect our park and our money, I will be fiscally responsible. In rule changes, I will use a common sense approach that benefits the members as a whole. I will fully support any decision made by the Sandy Pines members in a vote by the majority.

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



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- Water Softeners
- Bottled Water
- Mulch, Stone & Soil
- Propane
- Firewood
- Sandy Pines Logo Wear
- Golf Cart Rentals
- Kayak Rentals
- Stand Up Paddle Board Rentals
- Bike Rentals
- New Onsite ATM

Park & Garden Store

9:30 am-4 pm Mon.-Sat.
12:00-4 pm Sun.

Park & Garden Rental Office

9 am-4 pm Mon.-Thurs.
9 am-7 pm Fri.
9 am-4 pm Sat.
10 am-4 pm Sun.

Park & Garden Marina

5-8 pm Wed & Fri.
12-5 pm Sat. & Sun.



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