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ment direction so as to ensure the long
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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

50th Anniversary

Our 50th Anniversary Summer at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course is in full swing! We have been busy with many events so far this season. We have many more activities still to come for Members and Guests to enjoy. Please check out our official Sandy Pines website calendar, use your Sandy Pines calendar, pick up a Weekend Flyer or check our Cable channel 27.1 for all Events here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey. Our Communications team continues to inform everyone through various ways. Please use them!

Board of Directors Annual Elections

Mark your calendars for our upcoming annual election being held on Saturday August 21, 2021. This is a great opportunity for Members to become involved in the park. This is the day each membership is provided an important opportunity to vote for incoming Board Directors.

Our 2021 election will include your votes to fill (4) four Director Seats. There will be (3) three-year term seats and (1) one-year term seat available. I want to thank the outgoing Directors for their faithful service to the Park. Their servant leadership, wisdom and guidance helps make Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course the best recreational community around, if not in the entire state of Michigan.

Thank You to all the Candidates willing to step up into a leadership role to continue moving our park in the right direction. 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 Candidate" meeting. Come meet and get to know them as much as possible in order to cast an informed vote on those Candidates that most closely reflect your values and positions pertaining to Governance Issues of our park.

Golf Cart Plates

The Golf Cart Registration Program continues in full force this season. As a reminder, all license plates and registrations were originally slated to be installed by the end of our 2020 season. After reviewing the stats where approximately 30% of our members completed the registration

program, we communicated an extension of the program to Labor Day 2021.

Please continue to make your appointments with our Public Safety Office to get your plates and registrations completed by Labor Day 2021. Currently, we have 50% of Members with installed plates. Once you have your registration and license plates, it is up to the Members to ensure your plates are installed correctly. We are still seeing some plates installed incorrectly under the back cubbies where they are not visible. Our PSO staff will start enforcing the rules and violations for proper placement, as well as installation, by the due date. If you need additional information or have questions, please review our website or contact our Public Safety Office.

Pool Operations

In the fall of 2019, my very first committee meeting as Park President was with the Safety and Security Committee who is also the voice of our members. During our meeting, a list of twenty items were highlighted to the Park and the Board as needing to be addressed. Ten of the twenty items were related to our pools. At the top of the list was overcrowding and safety.

In 2020 COVID forced us to open the pools later in the season with smaller capacity. At the end of 2020, feedback from members was that the pools were less crowded, more enjoyable, safer and many members who have not used the pools in years past actually returned with their kids or grandkids.

Prior to the start of 2021, it was again recommended and approved to continue with the process from 2020. The current operation of the pools is focused on addressing overcrowding, safety and enjoyment not cost savings, which happens to be a byproduct. With that said, we continue to look to improve and adjust where and when needed. As an example, we continue to increase the capacity to reduce standing in line time and/or eliminate it. We agree outdoor restrictions have been lifted, but there have always been capacity and time restrictions at the pools. We are trying to find that "sweet spot" to accommodate as many as possible as safely as possible.

Based on the current nature of our pools and their operations, the pool committee is being reestablished to address additional pool(s), capacity and other opportunities of improvement. This committee did not meet in 2020, but great feedback and data was presented to the committee in 2019.

Prox Card Updates

Our old mag cards are going away as the technology is outdated and costly to maintain. Just a quick reminder that access throughout the park will start to move to prox chip cards. All mag cards should be replaced by the start of next season 2022. Mag cards will no longer be an option if you have a lost card.

Safety and Security

Various departments continue to meet with our safety and security committee with the purpose of making our park and community safer. Highlighted this month has been the topic of safe golf cart driving and was to educate, prevent and enforce. Please continue to adhere to speed limits and safe driving standards for all of our benefit.

"Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected and handed on for them to do the same."- Ronald Reagan, U.S. President

"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends" – John 15:13

These words are just a small reminder to all of us as we celebrate the gift of freedoms we enjoy in the United States of America on the 4th of July. As we celebrate our freedoms, please honor those men and women who courageously fought and died so that we can be free. Please enjoy this day of celebration and pray that God will continue to bless you, your family, this park and this great country.

Lastly, on behalf of all our staff, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you, our Members. We are blessed to be a part of Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course.

Happy July 4th! God Bless You and God Bless America!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — ELLEN CARPENTER



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — KELLY V. JOHNSON



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

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

FAMILY:

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

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

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



SANDY PINES LIFE:

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

CAREER:

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

EXTRACURRICULAR / VOLUNTEER:

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SUMMARY:

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

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

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

Kelly Johnson

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — SCOT WYMAN



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO — STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA



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

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

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

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

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

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPER BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

Wow, what a difference a year makes. Skimming through some notes from last season, it's hard to fathom the rigors we were forced to endure because of governmental restrictions. Crazy that the park wasn't even technically open until June first. Heck, for a spell, in-staters weren't even allowed to travel to their second home. Limited hours and location openings for CC's, only 8 people/site, pools closed until 6/22, even a time when fishing was prohibited!

Remember when there were no flea markets? No VBS? No Family Fun Day? Tot Center closure? Aquasize, Family Pot Luck, Kids Club, Line Dancing, Zumba, all curtailed or severely restricted. A virtual Memorial Day service. Likewise, no in-person Face-to-Phase or Board meetings. Euchre, poker, hand and foot, pinochle and the like couldn't happen either. Numerous

other groups and committees struggled to stay together amidst the COVID cocoon.

And if that wasn't enough, the Park was struck on more than one occasion with sicknesses that crippled staff in several departments. Add to that the unexpected departure of several critical individuals, and suddenly we were plagued with not only severe restrictions, but also far fewer people to manage these ever-changing requirements. Fortunately, Park President Jeff and CFO Kimberly were there to wear whatever hat necessary to help keep us on track. Have a question for the Public Safety Office? Could be Jeff answering your call. Having trouble with your bill and need Member Service? There's Kimberly, on the phone, eager to help. They filled in where needed with nary a complaint. We would've been hard-pressed to survive 2020 without these

two and their never-say-quit attitude. The Board applauds their efforts. You should too.

I also noticed last year that, despite governments seemingly squeezing the life out of us, coming here was a great respite. An escape to our true Happy Place, and it helped immensely with mental well-being. It almost seemed, well, normal. And, with a few minor exceptions, we're returning to pre-COVID levels in 2021. Let's all enjoy and really take a moment to appreciate what we all have here. And never take it for granted. Your comments and questions are always welcome at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. See you soon and happy 50th!

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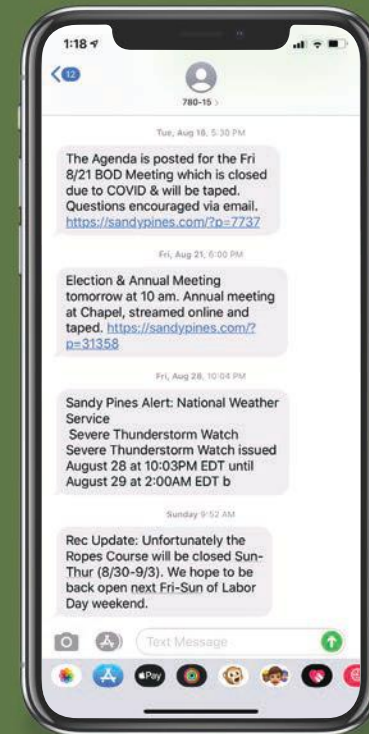
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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY ABBEY KOOIMAN & NICOLE KLINGE memberservice@sandypines.com

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Important Dates

7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 7/25)
7/1 Deadline for surrendering unused/recovered stickers for credit
7/5 Member Service Closed
10/1 Annual Dues, final adjusted electric, and state tax billed (Due 10/25)
10/15 Water is turned off for the season (weather permitting)

It is said that the 4th of July marks the halfway point for summer. It is hard to believe that we

are here halfway through the best time of the year. We hope you are enjoying this season as much as we have. We want to thank you for your continued patience.

We want to thank Janell for joining us this the season. She is helping out in Member Service and assisting the sales team. She used to be a member here, so she has a great deal of expertise to bring to our team. She will be here until Labor Day weekend and we are thrilled to have her.

50th Anniversary Golf Cart Giveaway

Don't forget to stop in to see us here to get your raffle tickets for the Golf cart giveaway. Each site is eligible for two raffle tickets. You cannot purchase more entries.

Sourcing TV Input & Scanning Channels

Calls are received daily in Member Service regarding cable and internet issues. That's okay – we're here to help! Before you call, it's important to have done what they call a "power

cycle." Please unplug your equipment and leave it unplugged for a full two minutes. This allows it to reset. After plugging your TV back in, remember to choose the proper input source, which is only "Cable" at Sandy Pines – not antenna, not HDMI 1 or HDMI 2. Some menus require you to first choose TV, then Cable. Some remotes have buttons for "Source" or "Input." For Internet troubleshooting, unplug both your Sandy Pines Spectrum modem and your router (if you function wirelessly), again, a full two minute cycle is best. Plug in the modem and let it reconnect. Plug in your router and let it establish connection. All this will take up to five minutes to reconnect. If you've done all this, give us a call. We'll always ask if you have power cycled and what lights are on/blinking on your devices, so be sure they are visible to you when calling.

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RECREATION NEWS

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Ready, Set, Celebrate! We continue to celebrate 50 years with numerous events this season at Sandy Pines! Highlights from June include Decorate the Decades, Rubber Duck races, Trivia night, Drive-in movie, Cruise the Pines, kid craft sale, foam party, live music, scavenger hunt, Where's Sandy?, fishing with Roger, and the start of lessons!

Looking at July we anticipate an excellent parade on July 3. Parade begins at 9 am. Participants please meet no later than 8:30 am for judging at the water park! We are seeking floats, cars or



business entries, bikes, golf carts and veterans! The theme is red, white, and blue and celebrating 50 years! Parade route is water park to softball field in Phase 1.

July will feature fireworks over the lake at dusk on July 3. Garage Sales for phases 3, 5 and 6 on July 10. Drive-In movie July 10. Family Fun Day on July 17. Todd Michael Band on July

17. Halloween on July 24 and the Sandy Pines Rainbow of Color Run on July 31. Christmas Eve weekend will be July 30-31. Night, light bike parade will be July 30 & boat parade on July 31.

Christmas in August will be Aug 6-8. Please enjoy the display by the Albrecht family! We encourage each member to decorate their lot. Judging will be Saturday, Aug 7 in each phase. Winners announced Aug 8!

Thank you to the rec dept staff who have been working so hard to provide the park with so many offerings! We also appreciate the volunteers and 50th committee for your support and help. If you are able to volunteer for Family Fun day or other events please go to SandyPines.com/50th-anniversary-volunteer-sign-up/ or email recreation@sandypines.com and we will gladly get you signed up!

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July 30th-31st**



**Rainbow of Color Run
Saturday July 31st**

More information can be found at SandyPines.com/Events

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

As we enter the month of June, we are excited to see our season well underway. We are hoping for a full and active season as close to normal as possible, but still with precautionary measures, as necessary, for the protection of our membership and community. With the uncertainty faced during the very beginning phases of last season and the onset of COVID, we were very pleased in the end with the success of the season. In the very first stage, we weren't sure if we would have a season and how the park would be affected financially with the temporary shutdown. With proper planning, precautions and coordination with local officials the park came through financially strong and provided another year of lasting memories with their families. We know going into this 50th year of Sandy Pines we are looking at another great season ahead.

The Board of Directors meeting occurred Friday, May 21, 2021 and included the review and approval of the March and April 2021 financial statements for both SPWT and LMGC.

Financial Statement Review

SPWT

- Operation Cash as of May 2020 is up approx. \$90k over prior year.
- The balance in the Operational Cash account includes the receipt of the PPP Loan funds approx. \$512k, which has received full forgiveness.
- The Charles Schwab Investment Account as of the end of May is up \$10k.
- The final FEMA draw requests are in process and will increase the Operations Cash and decrease the Acquisitions – Grant Funded Account.
- Total Net Income is up \$313k, approx. 21.8% from prior year.

Administration:

- o Flea Market income is up from prior year, due to the lessening of restrictions surrounding the COVID pandemic.
- o Newsletter Ad Income is up in May 2021 in support of the 50th Anniversary celebrations and sponsorship ads.
- o Supplies are up in May 2021 due to expenses early on in the fiscal year accommodating the remote working of staff in response to state legislative guidelines.
- o Newsletter Expense is up for the year due to Footprints publications occurring every month in the off-season.

Maintenance:

- o Maintenance Income is significantly down from prior year due to the timing cut-off of winterizations being purchased and completed prior to FYE2020. Additional Maintenance Income will be earned through the season and with winterizations at the end of FY2021.
- o Total Operation Expense is up compared to prior year May 2020, due to the season of 2021 opening as a normal season and preparation continuing as normal.

Public Safety

- o Violations is up \$8k May 2021 YTD.

- o Guest pass income is up with the normal opening of the season and members being able to invite guests as previously allowed.

Recreation

- o Recreation Taxable Income includes the sales of 50th Anniversary Merchandise. The \$5k in Recreation Taxable income and approximately \$25k in Newsletter income under Admin for Sponsorship Media Kits for the 50th and together the \$30k with additional sales to incur will offset the expenses of the 50th under Social Activities expense under Recreation.
- o Social Activities is up approximately \$8k from prior year for 50th Anniversary expenses with \$109k left to spend.

Park and Garden

- o Park and Garden Income is up from prior year due to a better start-up of the year and has met approximately 50% of net income for the year.

Rentals

- o Golf Cart Lease Expense is up due to timing and contract renewal.
- o Golf Cart Rental Net Income is up from prior year due to a better start-up of the year and has met approximately 40% of net income for the year.

Retail

- o Gasoline Income along with Gasoline Expense is up related to internal business use.
- o Laundry Income is up due to timing of recognition of funds received.
- o Bullpen Storage is a full capacity and has met all of the budget for income revenue this year.

Sales

- o Commission Income is up almost \$16k from prior year.
- o Transfer Fee Income is up \$58k from prior year. The difference in prior year is due to the shutdown of the Administrative office with COVID last year.
- o Camping is up approx. \$150k from prior year and met the budget of income for the year.

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- Operation Cash as of May 2021 is up approx. \$70k over prior year.

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- The balance in the Operational Cash account also includes the receipt of the PPP Loan funds approx. \$35k, which has received full forgiveness.
- Total Net Income is up \$15k from prior year and on target.
 - o The increase in Net Income is specifically related to increases in all green fees, weekend, weekday and member green fees as well as power cart rentals and beer/wine, food and merchandise income.
 - o The offset of Net Income is related to increased cost in Repair and Maintenance on the Course.

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

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK keith@sandypines.com

Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

Call Numbers & Statistics

Call statistics and type for the Month of May 2021
In May of 2021, Security Services responded to a total of 131 calls for service. The call types and numbers appear below.

Lost/Found Property: 9
Illegal Entry: 10
Reckless Driving: 7
Missing Child: 2
Disorderly Conduct: 4
Curfew Violation: 1
General Assistance: 16
Medical: 9
Conduct Violation: 3
Neighbor Dispute: 3
Misc. Rule Violation: 5
Controlled Substance Violation: 1
Disturbance: 4
Open Door: 15
Parking Complaint: 4
Traffic: 2
Alcohol Violation: 1
Damage to Property: 5
Animal Complaint: 8
Suspicious Incident: 5
Alarm: 2

Boat Complaint: 3
Injury Crash: 3
Check Welfare: 6
Larceny: 2
Health and Safety: 1
Illegal Dumping: 1

Membership Card Use, Non-transferable

Members and Associates should under no circumstances allow another person use of their access card or use their card to allow another person access. Refer to the following section of The Handbook under Park Entry Procedures.

"Membership cards are nontransferable. Any person found to have an access card which is not authorized, will have the card confiscated or deactivated. Only the person's name(s) that appear on the card may use the membership card to gain access into the Park." A violation for this is 10 points and a \$250 fine.

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers are available from the Public Safety Office without an appointment. If your vehicle does not have a vehicle sticker, please get one. If a vehicle does not display a guest pass or vehicle sticker it may be impounded.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT Jack@parkgarden.com

Park & Garden Store

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It is hard to believe that we are already at the July 4th holiday. The summer is moving fast.

We have been working hard at getting items that are needed by the members in the park. We have added some new items. We now have smoker chips, bag mulch in Red, Brown and Black, and Bagged Top Soil. If you bought these items in bulk before, you will find you get more for the same price in the bags. I got the black mulch for those of you who have been asking. The bags are \$3 for one and three for \$8.88.

We are still working at delivering stone and bulk mulch to the sites. We ask that you give us 24 hour notice for deliveries. There are times when we can deliver on the same day but it is a help if you give us 24 hours notice.

If you haven't had your boat put in the lake yet we can still accommodate you. The charge is \$30 for one way and \$55 for in and out. Call the store (616-896-9334) to make an appointment.

We have a record number of softeners placed in the park this year even though COVID has caused us some problems. We still have a few available so if you are looking for a way to keep the rust out of the trailer give us a call and we will be glad to help you out.

A reminder to all members wanting to rent a golf cart: The holidays fill up very fast and usually two weeks ahead of time we are completely booked. The six passenger carts are out first. Call (616-896-9888) to make your golf cart reservation. We are requesting all camping guests and guests of member to bring their gate pass card and PSO car registration slip to verify your reservation. The rental office is open from 9 am to 4 pm and we extend the hours on Friday to 7 pm.

The marina is working hard filling the boats with fuel and we still have Double Kayaks, Single Kayaks, Paddleboards and rowboats for rent. They are rented on a first come first serve basis during marina hours. Wednesday and Friday – 5 pm to 8 pm; and Saturday and Sunday Noon to 5 pm. If you want to rent a watercraft at other times come to the Park and Garden Rental Office and we will schedule your rental.

A special thank you to the Park and Garden staff for all the hard work this year. Chet Ryan, John Glass, Dale Yoder, Carol Brower, Barb Glass, Hunter Collison, Gabi Mulholland, and Tula Walther.

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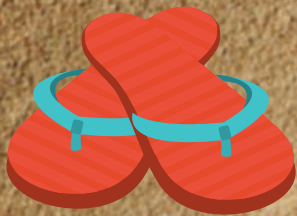
POOL COMMITTEE

Pool Committee

The Pool Committee will be revisiting the survey that was done in 2019 and will actively work on ideas for additional pool/water activity capacity at Sandy Pines. The survey showed that members felt a clear need for additional capacity and we will be working to develop some proposals to present to the membership for consideration. At that time there was consideration given to a pool development in Phase 2 as well as discussion for pool development in Phase 4 near the new North Shore Center. In order to tailor ideas towards the current demographics we will present a more detailed survey in the fall with options that we have worked on. Our goal is to be ready to present a proposal next spring, keeping with budgetary and other timelines that we need to work with. Beyond initial construction cost we will be looking at maintenance costs. Thank you for your patience over the past year.

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SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

Water Safety

Drowning is often a preventable death. Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional traumatic death in children ages 1-4. The second-ranked cause of unintentional trauma death in children ages 5-9 years old. The 5th ranked cause of death in children ages 10-14.

It only takes a few seconds for a child to fall into the water and drown. Drowning is a quiet event and not like projected on television as a splashing and yelling event. Instinctive drowning response is a human response which may have some distress of flailing in which the victim is busy trying to keep their mouth above water and is unable to yell for help. Drowning is often not recognized, and the victim sinks below the water in 20 to 60 seconds.

Recognize Instinctive Drowning response:

- The drowning victim will be silent because they will not have enough air to use for making sound. All their focus will go toward breathing.
- The victim will not be moving much. They may appear to be standing upright and bobbing up for air.
- Their arms will be fanned out on the side of their bodies because they are essentially trying to push the water down to keep their mouth above the water.
- Drowning victims typically go underwater after displaying these signs for 20 to 60 seconds.
- Children commonly drown within 25 yards of their parents.

Please supervise youth when around a water source. Do not rely on other children to watch siblings. Siblings are also enjoying the water and can be distracted. Do not rely on staff or others to watch over the safety of your child. The best observation is by a parent. Do not let electronic devices or reading materials distract you. Your priority should be the child that is near a water source.

If you are boating or kayaking, wear a properly fitted life jacket. Having a personal flotation device on board the watercraft fails to save the person that is not wearing the PFD. Personal flotation devices are not just for youth. Automatic inflatable life vests are available for adults that do not want to feel restricted by wearing a common life vest.

Am I Having a Heart Attack?

It is not uncommon for persons to wait several hours with chest pain before calling for help. Most think that the pain will go away, or others think that it is indigestion or a muscle cramp. If the event is truly a cardiac problem, waiting can cause additional irreversible heart damage or death. Any chest pain should be taken seriously and 911 should be called.

Some common symptoms are:

- Chest pressure or pain
- Diaphoretic, cold sweats or clammy skin
- Shortness of Breath
- Nausea
- Feeling weak, lightheaded, or dizzy
- Neck, jaw, shoulder, or arm pain

It is not abnormal for a person having a heart attack to be in denial and even ask family members not to call for help. If you are a family member that is concerned about someone having a heart attack, please call 911 and then security 616 896 9006. How can you be assured that you are not having a heart attack? Going to an emergency room and being evaluated. Preferably transported by ambulance that can provide treatment and medications while in route.

Who Do I Call When I Have An Emergency?

- For Fire, a Medical emergency or for police call 911 and then call security 616 896-9006.
- To get immediate help, please provide your name, phase and site number.
- Stay on the line with the Allegan County 911 operator until the operator tells you to hang up.
- Failing to provide information will cause a delayed response.

Golf Cart Accidents

A common cause of golf cart accidents is turning sharply ejecting passengers and/or rolling over. Quick turns with the passenger not prepared, or horseplay, is a common factor in individuals being ejected from a golf cart. All ages have the potential to be ejected or injured. Being ejected from a golf cart has the potential for a high potential for traumatic brain injuries and fatalities. The driver of the golf cart has the steering wheel to hold onto. The passengers rarely have any means to hold onto. Most golf carts do not have

seat belts and most golf carts can easily tip over if not properly driven. Lifted carts have a higher center of gravity and narrow wheelbase and are more subject to rollovers than carts with a lower center of gravity. With the lack of seatbelts to protect occupants of the golf cart, and lack of a safety envelope provided in autos, a golf cart rollover has the capability to cause great bodily harm and injury. Body impacts with the pavement caused by rollovers or ejections can end in skeletal, head, or other blunt trauma. Head trauma is a leading cause of fatalities with golf cart accidents. The misconception that slow-moving golf carts are safe, and the treatment of a golf cart as a toy is a dangerous thought, with serious implications.

The driver of a golf cart makes a difference. Inexperienced drivers of golf carts such as guests may try to operate a golf cart in a manner that may be thought of as a fun and as a recreational toy. Park youth that have grown up in the Sandy Pines culture of operating and observing golf carts, at least have a concept and knowledge of the bad that will happen when the golf cart operation is not respected and driven unsafe. Guests that come for the weekend or a day fail to recognize the dangers of doing careless acts resulting in accidents. Know who is driving your golf cart and limit its operation to people that can operate the golf cart properly.

The drivers and passengers on the golf cart make a difference. Youth with parent's onboard drive properly. Parental/adult supervision and direction works. We have a very good population of youth that operate golf carts appropriately and do so very well without having the onboard adult parent sitting next to them. We have the third group however, that are a bit more risk takers, and without adult supervision drive carelessly and do things on a golf cart that would not be acceptable by most adults. This third group is a minority in the park, but has the capacity to injure themselves, passengers, pedestrians, and cause property damage. People refer to some of these activities as kids having fun. The fun stops and becomes serious when a person is injured as a passenger or pedestrian and hospital bills and litigation occurs. Golf cart fatalities occur and are in the news each summer. Remember

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that as an owner of a golf cart and/or parent of a minor child, it is most likely that you will be held accountable for actions of the youth or the driver of the golf cart. Litigation and money are one aspect of consequences, but loss of life or a lifelong disability, is a far greater loss. Know and provide direction of who you want to operate your golf cart and instill in the operators/drivers of what your expectations are.

Distracted driving. Cell phones, passengers and horseplay with other carts can cause accidents. If your attention is not on your surroundings and affixed to something other than the road, your safety, as well as others on the road, is compromised. Golf carts weigh between 500 and 1,100 lbs. on average, and in addition, add the weight of the passengers. Golf carts are a massive projectile driving down the roadway that if not driven in an attentive manner have the capability to cause damage, injury, or death. Put down the cell phone when driving or pull over and stop to take a call. If passengers are doing unsafe actions the driver should not tolerate the action and stop the cart. Standing on the golf cart,

chasing after a golf cart to jump onto, or jumping off a golf cart while in motion, attaching to a golf cart other than on the seats properly seated should not be tolerated by the driver. Again, the owner and the parent/guardian should address these issues to person(s) that they permit to drive/operate their golf cart.

Operate with a park golf cart license or driving permit/license. Sandy Pines requires that youth have a Sandy Pines golf cart permit, or a State issued driver's license to operate a golf cart. Please do not let unlicensed or persons without a Sandy Pines golf cart permit to operate your golf cart. Sandy Pines has a program for youth 12 yrs. and older to obtain a golf cart drivers permit. Youth do very well at succeeding in passing and learning with parents. It is irresponsible and negligent in letting youth operate a golf cart without any training or adult guidance.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. If you are under the influence of any substance that has an impact upon your ability to operate a golf

cart you should not operate any type of vehicle including a golf cart.

Each day we have many persons that operate a golf cart within our park. We have been fortunate not to have a golfcart accident involving a fatality. We have had golf cart accidents with cuts, abrasions, broken bones, and traumatic brain injuries in the past. We have had accidents and ejections that had the potential for fatalities. We have had persons hospitalized for days because of ejections and rollover accidents. Please watch over young children and their stability, location, seating, and security when seated. Please do your part to express your expectations to youth/ persons operating your golf cart. Determine who you want to drive your golf cart and verbally express this to family members and guests. Ensure that persons operating your golf cart has a golf cart permit or State issued driver's license. Don't drive and don't permit others to driver your golf cart while under the influence of alcohol or drugs that impair your ability to operate a vehicle or golf cart.

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LAKE COMMITTEE NEWS – LAKE CORNER

BY STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA

Last Summer, through the lake committees diligent work, a solution was found to keep boats at a safe distance from shore. As stated in the Handbook (XIII F. 7), boats exceeding no wake

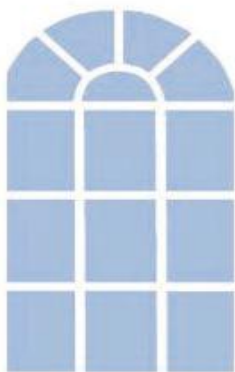
speed should operate one hundred feet from shore, moored boat or dock. On any given day, especially a weekend day, you will see many boats out enjoying our lake. Sometimes excessive traffic

results in boats traveling at high speeds close to shore. This results in high energy wave action on seawalls and beach which can cause costly damage that is sometimes not repairable. Many members have taken it upon themselves to place buoys in front of their lake front lots to prevent boats from getting too close. The lake committee made a recommendation that as a park we invest in similar buoys to create a uniform look and set a standard for boat traffic. The board heard our concerns and agreed to move forward on this proposal. The buoys will be placed approximately 100 feet from shore and they will have a solar light on the top so they will be visible at night. On top of decreasing wave action to our shoreline, they will also provide a "sidewalk" around the lake giving paddle boards, kayaks, etc. a safe space to operate. It is important to remember that the buoys are not taking away lake, they are marking where you can legally boat. This is an exciting step for the lake committee and Sandy Pines as we start to make progress to sustain and improve our lake.

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

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July Schedule

July 4

10:00 AM: Dan Seaborn
6:00 PM Jim and Melissa Brady with Michael Booth

July 11

10:00 AM David Mosterd
6:00 PM Ernie Haase and Signature Sound

July 18

10:00 AM: Pastor Mary Hulst
6:00 PM Taylor Mason

July 25

10:00 AM: Eric Bennett
6:00 PM: Triumphant Quartet...Ice Cream Social Follows

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SALES NEWS

BY LIZ ROBINS liz@sandypines.com

Hours

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The North Shore Storm Shelter is now complete! The Sandy Pines Storm Committee has worked with the architect to design a multi-purpose two story storm shelter. Located in Phase 4, this shelter is engineered to P-361 FEMA and ICC storm shelter construction standards. The Sandy Pines Events Department is excited to use this space for special events! Currently, members only are welcome to book events such as wedding receptions, birthdays, graduations, holiday parties etc. Members will be charged a fee to rent out the building for special events. If you need to schedule an event, please contact myself, Liz Robins at 616-896-8315 ext. 113. The



pricing and specific usage of the spaces are still being determined. We have many member events throughout Sandy Pines that are already taking place, sewing, euchre, bible study etc. Friendly reminder to keep our new facility nice and tidy, please pick up/ clean up after use. Cleaning will be included in the rental fee for special events. We are looking forward to many new memories created in the beautiful multi-purpose building. The Sandy Pines Events Department would like your input regarding event rentals in the North Shore Center. Please go to [surveymonkey.com/r/North-Shore-Events](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/North-Shore-Events) to make your opinions known. The survey should only take around five minutes. We appreciate your time and input! We will make keep the community up to date as we finalize some information.

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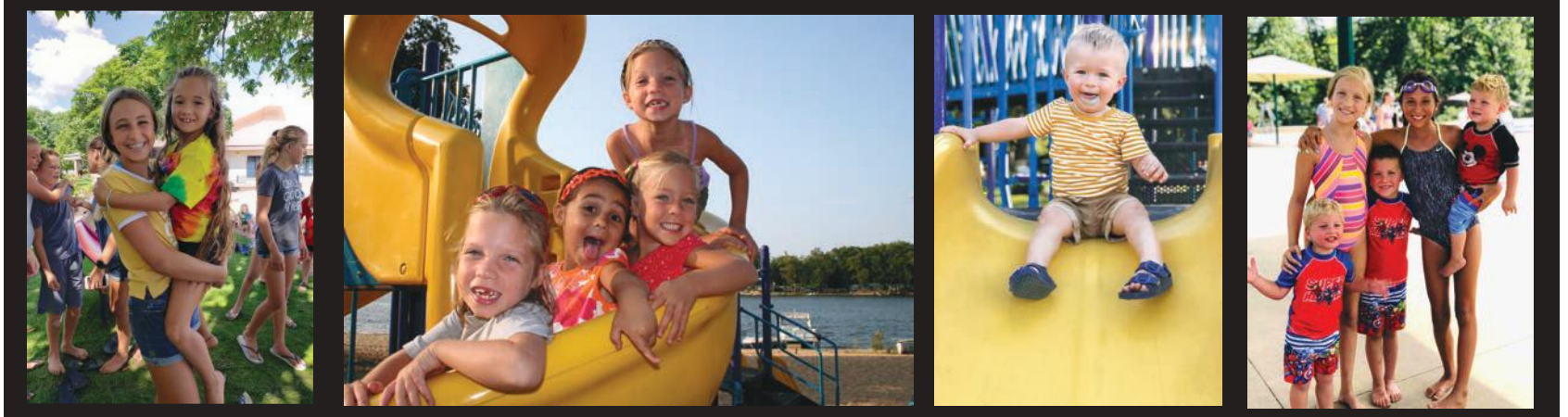
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