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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAAR

The Board of Directors held their first regular meeting on May 18, 2018. It was a fairly light agenda being so early in the season. Many of the committees did not have the opportunity to hold their first meeting in May so there were no reports. The following action was taken by the Board;

90 new members were approved. The make-up of this group consists of 76% of the members being actively employed and 24% retired. This is a slight uptick from the 5 year average of 79% actively employed and 21% retired.

Approved three new committee members, one each to the Finance, Safety & Security, and Rules Committees.

Approved the Sandy Pines and Golf Course financial statement for the end of the 2017 year and the first six months of 2018.

Reviewed and approved the Sandy Pines and Golf Course first consideration budget for 2018-2019.

A resolution was approved confirming the March vote to transfer Sandy Pines banking relationship to West Michigan Community and a resolution to designate the signers of the line of credit.

The year-end financial statement for 2017 showed that Sandy Pines revenues exceed expenditures by more than 100 thousand dollars. Sandy Pines has probably never been in such

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Gene Van Koevering..... Park President
 Kimberly Williams..... Chief Financial Officer
 Ben Fifelski..... Maintenance Supervisor
 Steve Deyarmond..... Director of Emergency Services
 Keith Garvelink..... Interim Director of Security
 Gary Peters..... Golf Course Manager

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— MISSION STATEMENT —

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a strong financial position as it is today. The leadership of Gene Van Koevering and his staff are the reason for the park to be in such a solid financial position. In addition, you also want to recall that the park has 180 days of reserve cash set aside for operations. Our future looks bright.

This is also the time of the year to consider running for the Board of Directors. There will be five positions available, two vacancies created by resignations in 2017 are now open for a full term of three years, two vacancies created by resignations in March of 2018 have one year left on those terms that need to be filled, and one current Directors' term ends this year. Hence, there are two positions that need to be filled for one year and three that need to be filled for a 3-year term. If you are a great supporter of Sandy Pines and care deeply about the future of the park, you may want to consider running for a Director's position. The decision must be made by mid-June.

The Board may also consider changes to the By-Laws. One change deals with the authority to borrow funds for a line of credit. You may

recall from an earlier article in the Footprints, it was explained that one bank attorney said that members had to vote on such an issue, and a second bank attorney's interpretation was that it was not necessary under our By-Laws. Secondly, it is generally debated during the off season whether our By-Laws allow the Board to vote by phone or email on issues that need to be dealt with while some of the members are away and not able to attend a meeting at Sandy Pines. As you know, during the off season monthly financial statements are held from public view until springtime, after all Board members have returned to approve them at the first regular meeting. A number of members feel that is too long a time to wait to review the statements, which is a legitimate complaint. These two issues, borrowing and meeting during the off season, can be corrected by clarifying the language of the By-Laws, which requires a vote by the membership at the annual election.

The staff has done a great job preparing the park for the summer season. Come and enjoy, creating many wonderful memories that will last a life time.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

It has been a pleasure to see the park filling up again with Members, as well as family and guests this year. June is typically a busy month

for families with graduations, weddings and making their move out to Sandy Pines. We wish you the best as you enjoy the exciting things happening in your family this month, and we look forward to seeing you out here at the park more often, as you have the opportunity to get out here.

We appreciate all the kind words regarding the condition of the park and landscaping. I want to thank our staff for the work that went in to making

the park look so great. We have a wonderful staff in all departments and I am honored to work alongside each of them as we serve the membership in the capacity in which we are employed.

As the new season begins, so too, does the work of our Board and many other Volunteers. As you know, this park would not function as it does without the commitment of these great people. We want to express our gratitude, in advance, for all they will be doing again this year to make this park a wonderful place to be and enjoy.

This year in the August election we will have

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PRESIDENT, continued

two Director Seats open for a one-year term to replace the Directors who resigned in 2018. There will also be three 3-year seat openings.

This will be a total of five seats. If you are a Member and you have the qualifications and desire to serve this park on the Board of Directors, we invite you to come to the office and pick up a Nominating form, along with the information you will need to provide the Secretary of the Board, to get your name on the ballot.

The Board will likely be considering at least two proposals for approval to be placed on the Ballot for the August election. At this point, one ballot being recommended to the Board for consideration will be regarding a revision in the bylaws allowing for remote Board meeting attendance in the off-season. A second ballot for consideration by the Board will be for a bylaw revision that provides clarification of Board authority regarding banking. More information will come on these or any other ballots as they

are presented to the Board, and if approved, to go on the ballot.

In other new news: The 2018 FEMA application remains in process for a proposed Family Recreation Center (if the grant is approved, the formal name will be determined). If the grant is approved, the new structure is planned to be located near the location of the previous indoor pool building. We believe that the application has advanced at a faster pace than the Phase 3 CC grants, and we remain hopeful that this storm shelter structure will become a reality for our park, soon. We will continue to provide more details as they are known, in an effort to keep you informed if/when we hear any news.

I would like to thank Steve Deyarmond, our Emergency Services Director, and Jim Pitsch, Salem Township Supervisor, for their great work of developing this in-depth and concise FEMA application. The paperwork and dedication to detail is phenomenal, and a highly arduous task to complete. They have incorporated much

of what they learned in the Phase 3 FEMA application process and the work they have done then, and now, has been done with a high level of professionalism and ingenuity.

YOU ARE INVITED!!! Your attendance would be appreciated at the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony celebrating the opening of CC 5 and 6 in Phase 3. This project completes our first Sandy Pines/ FEMA financed project here in the park. This was a \$2.1 million project in which FEMA provided a grant of \$856,000.00 representing 75% of the cost of "hardening" these buildings according to FEMA storm shelter specifications. Come join us along with Officials from the Salem and Monterey Townships, Allegan County, Michigan State Police and FEMA Representation, to celebrate the completion and opening of this unique project. The ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 23 at CC 5 beginning at 1 pm.

I hope you have had a chance to tour the park facilities and that you have seen the renovations to some of the buildings and grounds. We extend a big Thank You to the membership for supporting the Capital Reserve ballot that was passed in 2017. Members have shown by their support, they are committed to preserving this beautiful park with their financial and personal commitments, to make Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course a place that families will enjoy for decades to come. Thank you!!

Finally, on behalf of all the staff here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course, we thank you for your support and encouragement as we strive to do the very best for this place and its membership. It is a blessing to serve and we thank God for the opportunity to serve Him and this membership each day of the year.



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ACCOUNTING UPDATES

BY **KIMBERLY WILLIAMS**

The most recent Board of Directors meeting included the review and approval of the August 2017 through September 2017 SPWT and LMGC financial statements; as well as the FY2018, October 2017 thru March 2018 SPWT and LMGC financial statements.

Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails ended FY2017 strong with a positive cash flow increase and over net income of \$143k. \$1.1M of cash reserves was dedicated to the construction of the FEMA standard convenience centers in Phase 3. A large portion of the net income recognized in FY2017 was a result of an increase in the activity of sites sold through Sandy Pines, as well as the income generated through the increase of the rental golf cart fleet internally within the park. The fluctuation of income for internal sales of sites can change drastically from year to year dependent on the economic market fluctuations, and therefore cannot guarantee an increase in income year after year.

Lake Monterey Golf Course also ended FY2017 with a positive cash flow increase and net income of \$53k. Lake Monterey Golf Course was able to pay \$116.5k on one of their notes payable to Sandy Pines, bringing that note balance down to \$150k. The continued increase in revenue for the golf course is related to pickups in the member and public greens fee activity, as well as internal clubhouse sales of food, beverages and merchandise. The golf course did invest

a small additional amount in FY2017 toward improvements and repairs to maintain the course.

Overall, Administration is very pleased with the outcome and financial success of fiscal year 2017. We have a great team of management that is very dedicated to their departments and working in the best interest of Sandy Pines, and it is proven through the financials. We will continue to work in the best financial interest of Sandy Pines, the members, employees and community.

Currently to date in FY2018, Sandy Pines is recognizing a positive cash position over the prior year. Overall net income for the majority of the departments is better than prior years. Public Safety is maintaining the financials and staying in line with the budgetary changes that have been approved for the current year. The sales department is recognizing a lower volume of sales internally, which is resulting in a slightly negative impact to the net income for their department. Lake Monterey Golf Course is maintaining their positive cash position, as well as an overall net income \$10k higher than the prior year. Overall, Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are financially on target for FY2018.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the September 2017 year-end financial statements and year-to-date March 2018 financial statements.

SEVERE WEATHER SEMINAR

The National Weather Service, Allegan County Emergency Management and Salem Township will be at Sandy Pines on June 14th from 10 am to Noon to discuss storms, weather storm spotting, outdoor warning systems, sheltering and response. The presentation will be at the Pavilion in Phase 1.

Weather threats are the most uncontrollable potential hazard that face each person staying within Sandy Pines. Please plan to attend and learn how each of these entities assist in helping to mitigate the hazard and provide protection. Learn how the we are alerted, who alerts us and what to do in the event of severe weather.

With Sincere Sympathy

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Ruth Vanderwier, Site K-33, on the passing of her husband, **Gordon** in February.

Ron & Becky Long, Site 1086, and **June & Mike VanderKamp**, Site K-427, on the passing of their father, **Junior Long**, Site 1086, on April 29th.

Rich & Beth Bolhuis, Site 156, on the passing of their mother, Mabel, on May 2nd.

Jerald & Carol Engelsman, Site 849, on the passing of their mother, Gloria Meyering, on May 17th.

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PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE SERVICES NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK

Trash Disposal and Compactors:

This is a quick review of these topics. Trash may not be transported into the park. Violators can be cited with a 10 point violation, a \$100 fine and charged the cost of removing whatever items were transported in. No hazardous materials may be disposed of in the park. Large appliances should be left near the first open trash container in the leaf dump area. Appliances with doors such as refrigerators and freezers must have the doors removed. At each compactor location, there is a sign with the appropriate use of the compactor and what items are allowed or not allowed. Please abide by these rules.

Vehicle Stickers:

Vehicle stickers are available at the Main Gate Station 24 hours a day. If stopping in to purchase a vehicle sticker, please remember to bring your Member or Associate card in along with the registration for the vehicle. These items are necessary to obtain the vehicle sticker.

Ticks and West Nile Virus:

Michigan is expected to have an increase in the tick population this year. Both ticks and mosquitoes carry disease. Allegan, Kent and Ottawa counties all have a known risk for Lyme disease. The three most common ticks in Michigan are the Blacklegged or Deer tick, the American dog or Wood tick and the Lone star tick. All are quite small and can be difficult to see until they become engorged with blood. Ticks will stay attached if not detected and continue

to feed for several days. These three species of ticks are known to carry Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia, anaplasmosis, babesiosis, deer tick virus and other diseases. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services recommend taking precautions when in any areas which are wooded or grassy. Recommendations include checking skin and clothing for ticks daily and the use of insect repellants. MDHHS reports that "studies of Lyme disease have shown that a tick infected with *B. burgdorferi* must be attached to its host for 36-48 hours for the bacteria to be transmitted." Prompt removal is the best method to decrease any chance of infection. Pets should also be closely inspected if they have been in an area where ticks may be present.

MDHHS recommends the following procedure for removal of ticks:

1. Using fine-tipped tweezers or a tick removal tool, grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible, then slowly but firmly pull it straight out. Do not twist or jerk the tick, apply petroleum jelly, a hot match or other irritants. This can lead to a skin infection because the tick's mouth parts may remain embedded, or you may be burned. Use your fingernails and tissue paper if tweezers are not available.
2. Immediately wash the bite area, and your hands with soap and water, then apply an antiseptic to the bite wound.

Our staff is happy to assist with this procedure if needed. We also have a limited number of test kits from Health and Human Services for the purpose of identification and testing by the State of Michigan.

Mosquitoes are also vectors of disease including West Nile Virus. Symptoms of West Nile Virus can include a severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, mental confusion, muscle weakness, tremors, coma and paralysis according to MDHHS. Many people, however, will not have any symptoms or a less severe illness called West Nile Fever.

Recommended precautions from MDHHS are as follows:

1. Use a repellant. Effective repellant ingredients are DEET, Picaridin, Oil of eucalyptus and Permethrin on clothing.
2. Clean out breeding sites which contain standing water. These include buckets, cans, flower pots and such.
3. Be aware that dead birds may be a sign that WNV is infecting birds and mosquitoes in your area.

There is a limited amount of resource information located at the Main Gate Station on both ticks and West Nile Virus. Members will also notice signs posted at the entrances to the Nature Trails with information about ticks.



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Card Access Points:

If possible, please have your card ready when accessing the park to prevent delays and backups during peak traffic times.

Campfires and burning rules:

Please remember that campfires must be attended at all times. With so many sites located in close proximity, fire is always a concern. Leaves, pine needles, brush and plant vegetation may not be burned in the park. Both of these are 5 point/\$50 violations.

Alcohol and Drugs:

Please remember and abide by the following rules on this topic. Alcohol must be confined to the site. Operation of any type or mode of transportation under the influence or with an open container is prohibited. Illegal Drugs are prohibited. The rule regarding illegal drugs states "Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and will result in suspension or termination of membership." This rule includes marijuana. Marijuana is classified as a Schedule 1 drug by the Food and Drug Administration. The Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails policy mirrors the Federal Standard regarding marijuana, and its use or possession on park property is prohibited. This includes those who may have medical marijuana cards. There have been several incidents already this year where persons have elected to come to the park for the purpose of using controlled substances. This type of conduct will not be tolerated and is counter to the Park's standards and culture.

Pets:

Please remember that pets are not allowed at Flea Markets. Pets must also be on a leash at all times.



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MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI

The park has undergone an amazing face lift in the past couple of months. It reflects the pride that you all, as members, take in your investment in Sandy Pines.

As the summer is upon us, be sure to get your AC serviced. In doing so, your air conditioning unit will run more efficiently.

The Blue Shrinkwrap container has been removed. Please place all blue wrap in one of the compactors, if you have not yet uncovered your boat.

During the season we receive requests about updating the risers. This is not feasible during the summer months because we would have to shut water off to a large portion of the park. We do our best to keep everyone's water and electric running throughout the season.

Please note that when you put bags and brush by the road, we try to get through the park at least once a week. If you are planning an event at your Site and work hard at getting your area cleaned up, please don't pile your brush by the road for pick-up on a Friday, and expect it to be removed for the weekend. We try to get to the brush earlier in the week, as we don't like to run the chipper at the end of the week due to the danger of higher traffic volume. This same process goes for beach cleanup. We have many jobs going on throughout the park and we will try to accommodate you as soon as we are able.

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BY JOSH JANOWIAK

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Sundays & Holidays Closed

Member Service will be closed on holidays:
Independence Day — Wednesday, 7/4
Labor Day — Monday, 9/3

IMPORTANT DATES

- 6/1 **Boat Registration Deadline**
Petitions to run for Board of Directors available at Member Service
- 6/10 **Site Cleanup Deadline**
- 6/15 **Internet Order Deadline**
- 6/16 **Garage Sale:** Phases 3, 5 & 6
- 6/20 **BOD Petitions Due** to be considered for the Election (Bios & Photos due 6/19 to make it into the July Footprints)
- 7/1 **Quarterly electric & state tax billed** (Due 7/25) and Deadline to return renewal stickers for credit
- 7/7 **Garage Sale:** Phases 1, 2, 4 & Condos
- 8/18 **Annual Election**
- 9/1 **Winterizations Begin**
- 9/8 **Saturday Emergency Pump Outs End**
- 10/1 **Annual Dues**, quarterly final adjusted electric & state tax billed (Due 10/25)
- 10/15 **Water is turned off for the season** (weather permitting)
- 10/19 **Last week of normal season Pump Outs**
- 10/31 **Last Pump Out of the season** (Billed as a \$26 Emergency Pump Out)

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. **Boat Registrations:** Friday, June 1st was the deadline to have registrations updated on your account. Registrations not updated by the deadline forfeit their associated boat stake. State registrations are required for all motorized boats and non-motorized boats that are assigned to boat stakes. Since the State of Michigan doesn't require registrations for non-motorized boats, you most likely won't get an expiration reminder. You can check your registration expiration date by logging into your Member Web Access and clicking on Renewal Information at www.SandyPines.com/Members.

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

3. **Cable & Internet:** Cable is always on and ready to roll when you return to the park. We have a digital cable system that runs similar to hotel systems. There is no Charter equipment or cable box required. You just need a TV with a digital tuner to scan and decode the channels. You may need to rescan when you return for the season but otherwise you should be good to go. Internet is also always on and ready to roll. You'll want to restart your modem and router to reset your system upon your return and then you should be up and running. If you're interested in subscribing for internet, contact Member

Service but please note that after June 1st we may no longer have new modems available. Contact Member Service 616-896-8315 x0 for any and all cable and internet troubleshooting and installation calls. Please keep in mind with our business account there's typically a 2-3 day turn-around on service calls as we must follow the proper protocol for scheduling. Please do not flag down technicians while they're in the park as they must have a job number for all service calls and you may be delaying their next scheduled appointment. For more details visit www.SandyPines.com/CableInternet.

4. **Park Wi-Fi:** We recently updated all our free park wifi hotspots to provide safer internet access to all park members and guests. All wifi hotspots are now on secure networks and require a password to logon. The network name at all park locations is "Sandy Pines-Guest". The password is printed on posters in each facility or you can obtain it by calling Member Service or the Public Safety Office. Free wifi is provided at The Library, Phase 1 Retail Laundry, The Recreation Station/Water Park, Phase 5 CC #11 & Laundry and Phase 3 Pool & Laundry.

5. **Laundry Facilities:** If you notice or experience issues with any washing machines, dryers or change machines in any of our Convenience Centers, please call WASH Laundry directly at 800-521-9938. They require the WASH ID number that is posted on each machine in order to dispatch a technician. Just look for the WASH ID sticker on the machine that's malfunctioning and give them a call. Please also note that credit card swipers have been replaced with the new pay-by-phone app. All you have to do is download the app, assign a credit card to use with the app and swipe the machine number on your phone to pay. Posters with instructions are posted at all laundry facilities. Change machines are available and you can still pay with quarters.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

Thank you to all who participated in the events and tournaments during Memorial Weekend. We love to see so many people enjoying the recreational activities around the park. Congratulations to the tournament winners. Check out the Sandy Pines Recreational Community Facebook page to see some of the winners and participants in action!

The Recreation Department is fully staffed and ready to teach lessons, supervise the ropes course and Water Park, host events, lead Kids club, and serve from the Happy Shack. With so many fun events scheduled this summer, check out the online Events Calendar at sandypines.com to stay up to date or to plan ahead for special events.

Tennis and swimming lessons will begin June 18th and go through August 10th. Sign-ups for lessons were Memorial Weekend but if you missed the sign-ups for your child, please email recreation@sandypines.com. You can still register your child for the correct lesson(s) throughout the summer. All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For tennis lessons, please wear tennis shoes (no sandals) and bring a racket to use.

The Happy Shack will be open and ready to serve fresh popcorn, pop, smoothies, hot dogs, chips, nachos, pizza, pretzels, Bosco sticks, and other new items throughout the summer. You can pay cash, bill to your site, or purchase pre-paid cards to use on any items. The Happy Shack also has a great variety of t-shirts, long sleeve hooded shirts, light weight zip-ups, regular zip-up sweatshirts, hats, blankets, and bags, in stock and ready to purchase.

Kids Club (ages 5-8) and Pre-Teen Club (ages 9-12) will be held every Tuesday-Friday at the Recreation Building (line forms outside at the East end of the building). This is a staffed program where kids can have fun, play games, hear a story, and make a craft. Each week has a theme and the activities are designed to match the theme. This is offered June 19-August 10

(excluding VBS week). Kids Club is from 1-2:30 pm, for ages 5-8, Tuesday-Friday;

Pre-Teen Club is from 2:45-3:45 pm for ages 9-12 on Tuesday-Friday. Cost is \$1 per child. Parents should drop off and pick up on time, following the end of a class. Parents must fill out an information waiver form prior to their child attending their first class.

The Water Park is one of the favorite places at Sandy Pines. Please remember that NO FOOD or DRINKS are allowed in the Water Park (except clear water). You may eat or drink at the picnic tables provided outside the gates. Proper swim attire must be worn. No t-shirts or jean shorts are to be worn in the pool. Life jackets or proper swim flotation device must be worn by children under 48 inches, unless the child has passed the swim test and has on the proper band. Please respect all lifeguards on duty that are providing safety and supervision at the pools and water parks. It is their job to ensure the policies are being followed and children are safe at all times. Pool checks will be conducted the last ten minutes of every hour. During pool checks everyone will get out of the water, check in with parents, take a bathroom break, get a drink of water and rest until the check is completed. Thank you for your cooperation!

We are looking forward to another fun summer at Sandy Pines!

DOG PARK NEWS

BY BILL & JOANNE VANDERWALL

Welcome back to Sandy Pines – to all of our members—both old and new!

We would like to tell you about our Dog Park. It is located in Phase 6, behind the bathroom. It is a fenced in area for your pet to run and enjoy themselves, in a shady area. There is water for them to get a drink, with a bench and table in the shade for you to sit, while they play. There are baggies for you to pick up after your pet, and a pail to dispose of it.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

The course finally got the rain we needed and the turf is filling in from the winter. The tree stumps have been ground up, filled in and seeded. Some bunkers have been enlarged and brought back to their original shape as the turf grows in and makes the bunkers smaller. The staff replaced the net on 16 tee and added a new one on 15 tee box. The Staff also added cart stop signs at all road crossings too. On the back nine the staff has added a three cut around the greens which is fairway height and will give the players more shot options around the green.

One thing I have to bring up is the course is closed one half hour after sunset. I have seen people playing with their lights on their carts. You will be told to leave either by our staff or the Public Safety Staff. This is too much of a risk for the park and the people playing golf.

Here are some upcoming event dates for the 2018 golf season:

Karaoke

June 22, July 21, August 4 - starts at 7 pm, food available at 5 pm.

Junior Golf League Program

June 20, 27, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 - starts at 8:30 am.

Father/Child Outing

June 24 - Back nine starts at 4 pm.

Mother/Child Outing

July 15 - Back nine starts at 4 pm.

Member/Guest Outing

June 16, 8:30 am until 2 pm. \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. 18 Hole event includes food and prizes.

Couples Invitational

August 18, 8:30 am until 2pm. \$35 members and \$40 for public players.

Wine Tastings

June 9, July 14, and Aug. 25 starts at 2 pm with a second one at 3:30 pm, if more than 25 people sign up.

We are looking forward to a fun filled season and seeing everyone at the Course soon.

SANDY PINES LIBRARY NEWS

BY LYNN BAILEY

As you may or may not know, our Library has moved from the Administration Office to the Retail Center. We have several wonderful volunteers who are keeping it looking beautiful and orderly.

This year, the Library is going to be doing some new things. We will be hosting a Children's Story Time with Miss Kay, from 9:30 - 10 am, on the third Wednesday of the month. We will have Story Time on June 20, July 18 and August 15. This is for children ages 3 through 5. We hope you can join us!

As always, thank you for using your Library. Have a wonderful summer!



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SYMPTOMS OF A STROKE

Fewer than 50% of stroke cases are called in to 911 within one hour of symptom onset.

Strokes occur when a blood vessel carrying oxygen and vital nutrients to the brain is either blocked by a clot or ruptures. When this occurs, part of the brain is deprived of blood and oxygen, destroying millions of valuable nerve cells within minutes.

- Fewer than 50% of callers knew they were calling about a stroke-related symptom. Items such as confusion, slurred speech, inability to speak, weakness or inability to move lift an arm or leg (paralysis) on one side of the body, facial droop or non-symmetrical smile, inability to think or talk properly, quick onset of severe headache, can be signs of a stroke. Mimics of stroke exist but 911 should be called when a stroke is suspected.
- In spite of proven benefits of 911 and emergency medical services (EMS) use, a National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NHAMCS) showed that only 53% of stroke patients used EMS.
- Time is crucial in the treatment of stroke, as on average, every 40 seconds someone in the United States has a stroke, and roughly every four minutes, someone dies from a stroke. A Stroke is life threatening and can be life altering with disabilities and constant care. The earlier a stroke is recognized and the patient receives medical attention, the greater chance of recovery. In some cases a stroke is completely reversible.
- Common treatment is to dissolve clots or to remove clots if a blockage. If the problem is a bleed in the brain the goal is to stop the bleed in the brain. The importance of early treatment at a hospital is to reduce the area that is damaged within the brain.
- Persons with signs of stroke should be transported and treated at a Stroke Center. Stroke Centers near Sandy Pines are Metropolitan Hospital, Mercy Health (St Mary's), Spectrum Butterworth and Holland Hospital.

Early recognition of a family member having a Stroke can provide a better outcome for the individual. Remember the acronym **FAST** – **F** = facial Droop: Have the person smile. If the smile is uneven it may be a stroke, **A** = Arm Drift: have the person lift both arms in front. If they are unable to lift arm or weakness in one arm it may be a Stroke. **S** = speech: if speech is slurred or they are unable to speak, it may be a Stroke. **T** = Time: call 911 at the first sign of a suspected Stroke.

If you suspect a health issue with a friend or family member call 911 and get assistance. Do not delay. Waiting may result in additional damage to the brain.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

We are all aware of the risks of small children around pools or lakes, but drownings still occur each year. Always be aware, and be in attendance of your children. They are the most precious thing in our lives. A few moments of distraction can have a life lasting impact. Following are a few water safety precautions:

- Enroll your children in swim lessons. The Recreation Department has several classes, with various levels. Remember: swim lessons do not make your child "drown-proof"
- Children under 4 years old drown more frequently than any age group. They are also very active and curious. Be vigilant when near open water or pools with supervision.
- Lifeguards aren't babysitters; always keep your eyes on your child and if your child is unable to swim or still learning to swim, you should

be within arms' reach. If your child is at the beach or at the pool you should be there as well, watching your child. A lifeguard is only one part of the layer of protection which is secondary to parental supervision.

- If your campsite is near the lake, be vigilant in watching young children. Young children do not have the concept of water being a danger and are curious. If you are near the water and a child is missing, check the area near the water first.
- Never drop your child off at a pool or beach alone. Children need to be supervised by their parents. Don't let children supervise other or younger children. Older children cannot observe younger siblings when they are in the water swimming themselves. There is no replacement for parental supervision of youth.
- Don't be distracted. One reason for child drownings and near-drownings may be that supervising adults and adolescents are distracted by things such as tablets, cellphones, books, magazines or other people. Don't be distracted. Focus your attention on your child.
- ALWAYS know where children are. Never leave a child unattended in or near water in a pool.
- If you have to leave view of your child, then take the child with you when you step away from the pool or water to fetch a snack or other items.
- In addition to parental supervision of young children, designate a "Water Watcher" to maintain constant watch over children in or near the water. The "Water Watcher's" job is to watch the water at all times, without engaging in social activities, conversations, phone calls, reading, computer use, cooking, cleaning, or any other distracting activity. After fifteen minutes, a new "Water Watcher" should

be designated so that supervision stays fresh. Even if a lifeguard is present, parents and caregivers should still take the responsibility of being a designated Water Watcher.

- Do not use flotation devices as a substitute for supervision. "Water wings" or "floaties," inflatable water rings, and other pool toys are NOT safety devices. Use US Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices for persons that are unable to swim in open water and in pools...and then, still supervise their activities.
- Never consume alcohol when planning to go to the pool, operating a boat or as a passenger on a watercraft.
- Ensure that passengers on watercraft have Coast Guard approved personal flotation devices that are of appropriate size. Youth on watercraft should always be wearing a personal flotation device.

Ensure that your guests and children follow the posted rules at the pools and provide guidance and supervision. Never permit diving head first into pools or the lake. Headfirst diving may cause severe injuries or death.

A national poll in 2017 (*C.S. Mott Children's Hospital National Poll on Children's Health*) found that a third of parents would permit children to go to residential or hotel pools unsupervised. The poll found that parents underestimated the risk of drowning when a lifeguard was not present.

Parental supervision of children near, or in the water, is not a responsibility that can be handed off to other children or staff. The best supervision is from a non-distracted, observant parent. Parental supervision is the best layer of protection/prevention of drowning



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HELPING HANDS UPDATE

BY JUDY VANKLOMPENBERG & DEE BASSETT

We would like to thank all of the ladies who participate in Helping Hands. If you come to help once...or every week throughout the season...we appreciate you!

If you are not familiar with our group – we get together on Monday mornings at the Pavilion and sew! We then donate our articles of clothing to various Missions and orphanages. We have been blessed to be able to do this work, while enjoying our summers at Sandy Pines. If you don't sew, but would like to help, your donations of money or sewing material is always welcomed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at any time at the Admin. Office and they will be

sure to get them to us!

If you would like to join our group this season, please do! We meet on Mondays, beginning June 3rd, at the Pavilion from 10 am to 3 pm – beginning this month.

Thank you and
God Bless You!



SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

BY SUE STANK

Welcome back! Be sure to watch for upcoming dates which will include our Dessert Competition, a trip to Shipshewana, a trip to the Turkeyville Dinner Theater and Sandy Pines Nights at 5 Lakes Brewing in Dorr – for Karaoke and lots of fun!

This should be another awesome summer – and we hope that you can join us at our various events and activities.

Wishing you all a great season at Sandy Pines!

NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PETITIONS

As per the Sandy Pines By-Laws, notice is hereby given that there will be five (5) positions available for the Board of Directors at the August 18, 2018, annual election. We have three, 3-year terms and two, 1-year terms.

Nominating petitions must be returned to the Administration Office by June 20, 2018, no later than 4 pm. You will need to e-mail a brief bio to kathy@sandypines.com, and have your photo taken no later than **June 19th**, in order to get it

into the July Footprints.

NOTE: Petition forms are available at the Administration Office during regular business hours, Monday-Saturday 8 am to 4 pm.

In order to qualify as a candidate, you will need to submit a petition with at least 25 valid signatures from Sandy Pines members by June 20, and your membership dues must be paid to date.

THANK YOU & BEST WISHES!

Thank You and Best Wishes to Carol Brower and Craig Van Noord. Carol and Craig owned and operated the Country Café and General Store for the past four years. Many memories were made over a cup of coffee, members bonded and friendships were formed. You are wished much happiness as you move on to new and different adventures. Thanks for the memories!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

The season is now underway and the Park and Garden is enjoying an excellent start to the 2018 season.

The Park and Garden Rental Office has moved to the Retail Center and features rental of Golf Carts, various Watercraft and the new Bicycles.

We are off to a great start with the softener program this year. We still have softeners available for those members who want to help remove the rust and hard water from their water supply.

Golf Cart rental is underway and we want to encourage you to reserve your golf carts for the holidays early, to ensure that one is available. You can reserve online, by calling 616-896-9888, or stopping by the Rental Office. No payment is required in advance with a 24 hour cancellation policy. Six passenger carts are gas, have windshields, USB charging plugs and mirrors. The four passenger carts are electric. All the carts are Club Cars and we still have our former EZ-Go carts. All carts are rented on a per day basis this year. We have lowered the price of the 4 passenger to \$50 per day. All carts are to be returned by 10 am. Dale Yoder is manager of the Golf Cart Rental Office. We are still offering batteries at the office. Stop by and talk with Dale.

If you haven't been in the store lately, stop by and see the new products we have in stock this year. Bulk bird seed and grass seed is still available. RV

chemicals and products are available. Reminder: please avoid using products with formaldehyde. Lawn care products, fishing supplies, toys for the young ones, plumbing and electrical supplies and Christmas Lights are all part of our inventory. We have a new supply of bird feeders and suet for our friends that inhabit the park.

Bulk products of mulch, limestone, crushed stone, seepage stone, sand and top soil are available, as always. We look forward to helping you keep your site looking beautiful this summer. Stop by and say hi to our new staff.

Even though you do not see the plants out in the front of the store, we still have beautiful hanging and potted flowers provided by Outback, as in the past. They can be seen just behind the Rental Office area.

We have included pictures of the new bulk product pits that have been moved to an area behind the Park and Garden. We know many of you would like to see the new area, but we request that you avoid driving back there on your golf carts, as there is a problem with vehicles moving in and out of the area.

MARINA: We will again have the marina available on Wednesdays from 5 - 8 pm (weather permitting), Fridays from 5 - 8 pm, and Saturday and Sunday from Noon - 5 pm. Ethanol free fuel is available. We will continue the rental of paddleboards, kayaks and rowboats

from the Marina site. If it is not a scheduled time for the marina to be open; you can stop by the rental office and make an appointment to rent a watercraft. The paddle boards and kayaks became a big hit last summer, so plan some time to try out the watercraft. We have added a double Kayak for enjoyment by couples.

If you need propane for your trailer or grills it is available at the Park and Garden. Come to the store and we will check your tank for acceptable dates and then take it to the new area to fill the propane. If you haven't noticed, the propane tank is now located next to the bullpen gate, behind the Retail Center.

The Park and Garden will also have some clothing and other Sandy Pines articles at the store this year. Stop by and see what is available.

Small tools and other landscaping items are available to rent from the rental office this year. Need to do some work but don't want to buy a rake, post hole digger, shovel etc.? Stop by the Rental Office or Park and Garden and see what we have available.

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NEWS FROM THE INSPECTOR'S OFFICE

BY ERNIE KUNKEL

Hello fellow campers! "To everything there is a season..." Now is the season to enjoy the beautiful sprouts, leaves and blossoms of spring, and to clear away the remains of last season's growth. It's satisfying work that brings joy and happiness. I've seen it on the faces of many members as they take leaves, branches and other debris to the leaf dump across from the Public Safety Office. Remember: June 10 is the deadline for site cleanup. If you need a check list to use, they are available online or in the Admin. Office.

The Inspector has guidelines for electrical work from PCI (Code Inspectors) available at his office.

Site inspections have shown that several members have trespassed their site lines with various projects. If you are one of those who has not respected site lines, your project **MUST** be removed! If you are not sure about your site lines, the Inspector can help you before a problem is created.

Enjoy the sunshine...and the rain!

WELCOME TO THE OUTBACK

BY MARK & MICHELLE IPPEL

As I lean back for a moment and take a break from sitting on the floor of the candy isle, I hear Mark talking. "We want this place to be something people are proud of. We want to have things that you need and want here. We want to be a part of this place, get to know folks."

At the end of day, we are here to serve you, the Sandy Pines Community through carrying the things you need, or maybe just want, in the General Store. The Outback Restaurant is a place where we want you to come be served (hopefully) great food while sitting back and visiting with new friends, old friends, family or a complete stranger.

We are always open to suggestions. Shoot, we even have a box by the register! Not too long ago I came across a sign that said "If you want breakfast in bed, you're gonna need to sleep in the kitchen." While you

can't actually sleep in The Outback, we'll try to make your experience just as rewarding.

The Outback General Store will be open as scheduled: 7:30 am-10 pm Sunday-Thursday and 7:30 am-1 pm Friday and Saturday.

The Outback General Restaurant will serve Breakfast from 7:30 – 11 am; Lunch from 11 am – 2pm and Dinner from 4 pm – Close.

See our Facebook page for menus:

www.facebook.com/theoutbackgeneralstoreandrestaurant/

We're looking forward to meeting each of you, so please feel free to stop in and simply say hello!

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY DENNIS KING

Greetings, Sandy Pines Members and Associates. The Safety & Security Committee had its first meeting last month and we had lots to talk about. We approved the application of a new member, Ellen Carpenter, and we welcome her to our group. Seven members were present, two were in Chicago on family business, and one was home with his new baby boy. Congratulations, Mike Capp!

After approving our September, 2017, Meeting Minutes, we talked about some old business regarding a floating dock or barge that can be set up in the swim area of the lake. Various types of docks and barges were looked at, ranging in price from a couple hundred to a couple thousand dollars. Discussion was held on the matter related to what kind of liability this would entail, so the matter was tabled. The information was forwarded to the Park President for our Insurance carrier to look at and give us an idea which docks/barges might be acceptable.

We then looked into equipment for one of the playgrounds that would accommodate a wheelchair and other items to help those with special needs. Going along with obtaining this

type of equipment was the idea of a fundraiser. One thought was asking members and their families to save pop cans!

In attendance at our meeting was our Director of Security, Keith Garvelink. He was asked what special gear/equipment was needed that would be beneficial for his Department and for our members. Mr. Garvelink advised they would like at least two AEDs in the patrol vehicles in the event an emergency should arise with someone having a heart attack. An idea was mentioned about having a Law Enforcement Day Fundraiser.

As you can see, things are ramping up for the 2018 season at Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails! We will keep you advised as we continue to move forward. In the meantime, start saving those cans!

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PROPER PROTOCOL FOR DISPLAYING THE AMERICAN FLAG

Many flags are flying at Sandy Pines – which is a wonderful thing! As a result, we wanted to share the proper protocol for displaying the American Flag. Remember – Flag Day is June 14. God Bless America!

The U.S. Flag Code formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used.

The following is a list of dos and don'ts associated with Old Glory, the U.S. Flag.

When displaying the flag, DO the following:

- Display the U.S. flag from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstuffs in the open. When a patriotic effect is desired the flag may be displayed 24-hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.
- When placed on a single staff or lanyard, place the U.S. Flag above all other flags.
- When flags are displayed in a row, the U.S. flag goes to the observer's left. Flags of other nations are flown at same height. State and local flags are traditionally flown lower.
- When used during a marching ceremony or parade with other flags, the U.S. Flag will be to the observer's left.
- On special days, the flag may be flown at half-staff. On Memorial Day it is flown at half-staff until noon and then raised.

- When flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff.
- When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union (blue field of stars) to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.
- When placed on a Podium the flag should be placed on the speaker's right or the staging area. Other flags should be placed to the left.
- When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall (or other flat surface), the union (blue field of stars) should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left.
- When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way – with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street.
- When the flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.
- When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.

“FACE TO PHASE” FORUMS (F2P) 2018

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

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

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

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

JUNE 23
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Please call **Kathy (ext. 113)** or **Nick (ext. 114)** at 616-896-8316, for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

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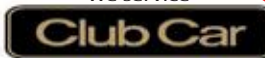

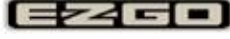



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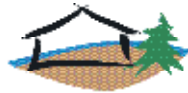
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