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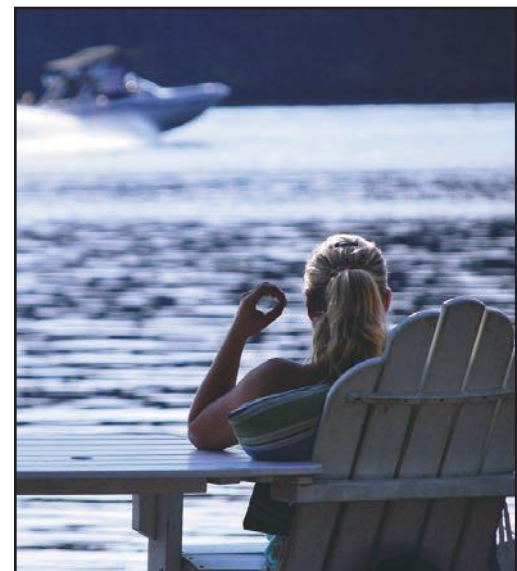
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~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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





LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VANKOEVERING

I really enjoy the month of June, when we begin to see more kids in the park with the ending of the school year! Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey

Golf Course is a wonderful place for kids of all ages, and June really is the month that so many of our Members, Associate members and guests begin coming more often, or settling in for the season. So once again, we welcome you and hope you enjoy your time in the park or on the golf course with family and friends.

Please feel free to contact any of our Department Managers for departmentally pertinent questions or concerns, or contact any of us in Administration, and we'll do our best to help you, or direct you to the person who can. Our Department Managers are extremely knowledgeable and authorized to answer any departmental questions you may have, but all of us on staff are here to serve you, so please feel free to approach any of us.

If you were not available to attend one of the two meetings that were held in May regarding the plan to seek approval for PA 330 status for the Public Safety Security Department, you may view the videos on our website by follow-

ing the instructions on where to find them on our YouTube channel or contact Josh Janowiak, our Communications Director, for instructions. The video will inform you about what PA 330 is, why we are pursuing it, and what it will do for the safety and security of Sandy Pines.

June is the month that the Board officially considers any new ballot proposals that are required to be approved, to be included in the August election. As the ballot(s) are set, please take the time to read them and understand them by attending Board or Face to Phase meetings, where you will be able to hear details, make comments and/or ask questions pertaining to a ballot proposal.

As of the date of this writing, I am aware of only one Bylaw revision ballot that will be considered by the Board at the June meeting. This ballot will be regarding a Trust Membership and a change to the current Bylaw wording relating to Trust Memberships. It is an important change that includes Trust Memberships as a recognized option. Trust memberships were approved by the Board a few years ago, however the Bylaws did not have Trust Memberships listed as one of the options.

In August, there will be (3) Board of Director positions open for three year terms. If you believe

you have the skillsets that are desired to be a Director, and would consider entering your name, please see Sue or Maryanne in Member Services to get a petition, along with any instructions you may need. Thank you for considering.

The FEMA/Storm Shelter building being planned for construction near the location of the previous Golden Onion Building, is making good progress with respect to design and planning. We will have a copy of the blueprints at the Board and Face to Phase meetings for you to review if you would like. The construction committee, comprised of SPWT staff, (2) Salem Township and (3) SPWT Board members, as well as the Architect and (4) Administrative Staff members, are making good progress. We invite you to take the opportunity to look at the plans and artist renderings when you have an opportunity. The Board Representatives have selected the name "The North Shore Center" for the building. At this point, the estimated completion of this building is June of 2021.

Another project that is currently being considered is a safe crossing for cart and pedestrians between Phase 6 and Phase 3. We believe that the traffic on 26th street is ever increasing, which is concerning for the safety of our membership and guests, therefore this project has taken on a high priority. At this time we are conducting a feasibility study pertaining to crossing options for this endeavor. We remain hopeful that a solution can be found and constructed in the near future.

Certainly Lake Monterey is one of Sandy Pines' greatest assets. As such, it is important for us to understand the condition of this important asset in a way that will provide us the best information from which we can manage this resource in an effective, efficient and economical way.

With this goal in mind, we have contracted with Restorative Lake Sciences, a local West Michi-

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EMERGENCY SERVICES NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

Park Emergencies: Are you prepared...and do you know who to call in an emergency? Al-legan County has an enhanced 911 system in the event that you have a fire, medical, or police emergency call 911.

Fire Emergencies: Call 911 for Fire Emergencies. Smoke Detectors save lives. Upon your return to the Park this spring please check the batteries and make sure that your smoke detectors and Carbon monoxide detectors are functioning.

Check the fire extinguisher in your trailer. If the fire extinguisher is not charged or is old and functionally questionable, replace it.

Make sure your exits are not blocked. Don't place sofas or large items against the exit doors of your trailer in your porch enclosures. If you have a loft upstairs make sure that the windows are operational and not blocked or being used by an air conditioner.

Medical Emergencies: For Medical Emergencies Call 911.

Oftentimes people try to get by without calling anyone. It is common to have denial or just wait for the pain to go away. Some individuals don't want to alert or concern family members of their problem. As a result, the condition in many cases becomes worse.

SOME OF THE COMMON MEDICAL PROBLEMS WITHIN THE PARK

Know the signs of a Stroke: Facial droop – commonly an uneven smile, slurred, garbled or confused speech, and arm weakness – Ask the person to raise both arms out and determine if one arm is unable to be lifted or drifts downward. Numbness, weakness or paralysis on one side of the body could be an indicator of a stroke. It is very important to be treated for stroke in a timely manner. The conditions of a stroke may be reversed if taken to a Hospital Emergency room and treated as an emergency, upon the onset of a stroke. The

quicker the person receives care, the better the prognosis.

Chest Pain and Heart Attacks: If you have chest pain, tightness, heavy pressure, squeezing or crushing pain in your chest which may spread to your neck, jaw, shoulder or arm, you may be having a heart attack. Other symptoms may include nausea, shortness of breath, feeling faint, or weak. Time is also important, as your heart tissue may be dying if blockage has occurred and your heart is not receiving blood flow. Do not put off calling for help.

Allergic Reactions: Food or insect stings are common. If you have a history of severe reactions get help immediately, and if prescribed an epinephrine pen, have it available for use and let others know where you keep your Epi Pen. Severe allergic reactions can have an effect on your ability to breathe and become hy-

potensive. Do not hesitate to call 911 for help.

Blood Sugar: Blood sugar lows are common. Taking insulin while doing more activity than normal, or not eating enough carbs can all cause low blood sugar events. With low blood sugar a person's mental ability can be decreased, have slurred speech, become unconscious, and be sweaty and combative. Low blood glucose levels are a true emergency and 911 should be called.

Call 911 for medical problems. Do not hesitate to call if a family member has chest pain, difficulty breathing, absence of breathing, change in mental status, low blood sugar readings, unresponsive, traumatic injuries or other major health problems.

It is not uncommon for people with health is-

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAR

During the summer of 2018, the consulting firm of "Compliance One" was contracted to conduct a survey of a sampling of our membership and to conduct an analysis of our Public Safety operations. In September, the consultants reported their findings to the Board. Based upon the recommendations of "Compliance One" the Board of Directors, by Resolution, instructed the Park President and staff to pursue the certification process for Public Act 330. The approval of PA 330 would give the Sandy Pines Public Safety Office a license to become a private security police authority on private property, meaning our Park. During the off-season Sandy Pines staff began to update public safety operational policies with the assistance of our legal counsel and advice from our insurance carrier.

The Board also requested that a summary report be shared with the membership. Therefore, on Friday evening, May 10, and on Saturday morning, May 11, 2019, presenta-

tions by "Compliance One" were given for the membership at the Pavilion. Between the two meetings about 60+ members came to hear the report. Realizing that it is not always possible for people to attend a meeting we want to share with you some of the highlights of the presentation.

The survey by "Compliance One" revealed that what our members feel is most important is that Sandy Pines be a safe and secure place, plus our members expressed a strong positive support for our Public Safety Office. The Director of the Public Safety Office reported that extensive training had taken place during the off season and that new hires in the Safety Department would be certified safety/security personnel, which is already taking place. The Director also shared examples of issues that our Public Safety Officers deal with, such as alcohol and substance abuse, illegal entry, property damage, robberies, uncooperative guest and members, domestic abuse and the threat of improper use of weapons.

Some of the highlights from the analysis of "Compliance One" showed that over the last eight years, the number of vehicles entering the park in any one year, range from 250,000 to over 350,000. The number of campers in 2013 was a little over 800, and in 2018, it was 1400. The number of guest entries into the

park range from 10,000 in 2013 to just over 14,000 in 2018. The number of security calls for service was as low as just under 100 in 2013, and in 2018, it was over 400. It was pointed out that the number of security calls at Sandy Pines today is higher than you would find in a typical small city, which no doubt is because our population swells to over 15,000 or more on the weekends. In the final analysis, "Compliance One" recommends that Sandy Pines continue to pursue certification of PA 330. As they pointed out there are a number of advantages under PA 330, the training requirements, psychiatric evaluations, access to the Law Enforcement Information Network, meet the Michigan Commission On Law Enforcement Standards, keep abreast of legal updates, emergency preparedness and it helps to develop a closer relationship with local police agencies.

Part of the certification process for PA 330 is to obtain the approval of the Allegan County Sheriff and Prosecutor. Meetings with the Sheriff and Prosecutor are already in progress. The license with the State of Michigan must be renewed every two years. Therefore, once Sandy Pines is approved for PA 330, an evaluation to continue can be made at the end of the two years. The two meetings

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Almost seven years ago, Gene Van Koevering became our Park President. At that time he committed to the Board that he would stay in the position at least five years. He has exceeded that by two years and now has decided to retire. With his knowledge and leadership skills he has put Sandy Pines on a firm foundation for a bright future. He has developed an outstanding staff and put in place a 10 year plan for Sandy Pines. We will have opportunities to express our gratitude to Gene over the coming months. We wish him well in his retirement. We want to share with you his outstanding thoughts and words in his letter to the Chair of the Board:"

Don VanDoeselaar

Thanks Gene... and Best Wishes!

May 13, 2019

To: Don VanDoeselaar, Chairman of the Board Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.

From: Gene Van Koevering, Park President of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.

Dear Don,

Subsequent to much prayer and conversation with my wife Joyce, I have come to the decision to end my full time position and tenure as Park President of Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course, as of November 30, 2019. It is with an extreme sense of gratitude

to have been given the blessing and opportunity to serve God, as well as the Board, Staff and Members in this position for 7 years. Much has been accomplished by Gods Grace and Leadership, with the help of many...yet much remains to be done. Although I realize that I have not served flawlessly, I can confidently say that I have served faithfully in my duties, by consistently placing the best interests of Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course first in my planning and decisions.

Therefore I am confident in stating that Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are in a strong position with regard to all its resources, whether human,

financial or structural. I believe strongly that a solid foundation is in place for decades of continued enjoyment, solid investment and emotional attachment remain in the future.

I came to Sandy Pines with the intent to serve in an effort to preserve the wonderful past, while preparing Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey for the future, and I am humbly grateful to all those who have made this task come as far as it has.

Sincerely,
Gene Van Koevering

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issues to indicate to family members that they do not want 911 called for assistance. Some health issues become life threats or result in additional injury or death. Persons waiting with heart issues, having a stroke or breathing issues can decline quickly, and what could have been corrected or stabilized, results in death or a long term disability. If you are the person that has the health issue please do not place your family member in this position. If you are the family member that has a concern of a family member's health, call 911.

Maintain a list of the medications that you are taking. Keep the list in your medicine cabinet. Update the list when your medication changes.

CHAIRMAN, continued

were videoed which you can view from Sandy Pines web site.

At the regular Board meeting held on May 17, 2019, 54 certificates for new members were approved. It was noted that 39 represented employed folks and 15 retired. The financial statements for February and March, for both Sandy Pines and the Golf Course, were approved. A summary of completed Capital Projects to date for 2019 were reviewed. The 1st draft of the 2020 Operational and Capital budgets for Sandy Pines and the Golf Course were also approved. The final approval for these budgets will take place at the August BOD meeting. The BOD adopted a Resolution, as written by our legal counsel, to clarify the definition of Member and Trust Membership. The Board approved changes to the language of "Article II Death of Member" in the By-Laws to more clearly state the transfer of rights under a Trust Agreement. This change to the By-Laws will need to be voted on by the membership at the annual August election. Ballot language for this change will be approved at the June BOD meeting. The Board also

Know what hospital you would like to go to in advance:

West Michigan has several: Metropolitan, St. Mary's (Mercy), Allegan, Spectrum/Butterworth, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Blodgett, Holland, Zeeland, Bronson, Borgess, Pipp and Pennock.

HAVE AN IDEA OF WHAT HOSPITAL CAN PROVIDE THE CARE NEEDED FOR THE HEALTH PROBLEM?

Hospitals have different abilities, equipment and resources. If you are unsure, ask the EMS provider that is providing care. If you are having a heart attack, you would want to go to a

hospital that has the ability, skills, resources and equipment to correct or stabilize your

heart issue. The same would hold true for a person having a stroke. You would want to go to a hospital that has the ability, skills, resources and equipment to reverse or correct the blockage or hemorrhage in your brain. Understand that in severe life threat cases the EMS provider may suggest the nearest hospital that provides the needed intervention with the ability, skills, resources and equipment to intervene and prevent severe disability or death.

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approved a new Golf Cart Registration Program. The main purpose of the new program is to standardize registration procedures, prevent unauthorized entry into the Park of golf carts, prevent persons from owning more than two carts, prevent unauthorized sales/rental of carts and to identify expired registrations. The Board also approved and supported new Public Safety Operational Policies which covered Surveillance, Investigation of Operating While Intoxicated and Use of Force policy. At the end of the meeting Gene introduced Marcie Palmer, Professional Events Planner, who recently was contracted to prepare and plan Sandy Pines 50th anniversary celebration.

Sandy Pines is off to a great start.
Have an enjoyable season!

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BY SUE FLOWERS, MEMBER SERVICE MANAGER

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Sunday & Holidays	Closed	Labor Day	Monday	9/2

IMPORTANT DATES

6/1	Boat Registration Deadline
6/1	Board of Directors nominating petitions available at Member Service
6/10	Site Cleanup Deadline
6/15	Internet Order Deadline
6/19	Board of Directors nominating petitions, bios & photos due for July Footprints
7/1	Quarterly electric & state tax billed - Due 7/25. Deadline to return renewal stickers for credit
8/17	Annual Election
9/2	Winterizations scheduling opens
9/14	Saturday Emergency Pump Outs End & Last Member Service Saturday
10/1	Annual Dues, quarterly final adjusted electric & state tax billed (Due 10/25)
10/14	Last week of normal season Pump Outs
10/15	Water is turned off for the season
10/31	Last Pump Out of the season (Billed as a \$28 Emergency Pump Out)

MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

Sandy Pines Statement RAVE Alerts: Due to the high volume of members telling us they do not receive their Sandy Pines statements, as a courtesy reminder at the beginning of each month, after statements have been sent, we will be sending a RAVE alert via text and

email. The RAVE text is limited to 160 total characters, so we apologize if it seems short and to the point – by design, it has to be. We want all Members to know they need to look for their statement.

The alert will go to everyone as a courtesy and does not necessarily mean the account is past due. If you know your account is in good

standing, you need do nothing further. If you did not receive your statement, please call or email Member Service. Please note: If you respond to the RAVE via text, we cannot text back to you. Again, these courtesy reminders will be sent after the emailed statements have been sent.

RAVE alerts will be used for other communications - severe weather, event cancellations, pool closures, etc. The RAVE system is an extremely useful tool and all park members will be included. If we can limit alerts that only affect certain phases, we will do so. Current Members cannot be removed from the alert system. While we will try to limit its use, we hope you understand and respect the value of this helpful tool.

Mail Services: Since USPS, UPS & FedEx do not offer parcel delivery to your site, we allow members to have packages delivered to our Member Service Mailroom. We allow packages up to 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 2pm-4pm. Please adhere to the mailroom pickup

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gan company that specializes in lake, fishery, watershed and erosion control assessments to perform an evaluation of areas of concern for our lake.

We expect to receive a completed report at some point in July. Subsequent to the receipt of the report, we will bring in RLS to conduct a post assessment review with our Building, Grounds and Lake Committee, Administration and Maintenance. Once reviewed, we will be submitting the report to the Board, followed by making the report available to the membership on our website.

I am pleased to inform our membership that Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey continue to show a strong financial resources position, along with a continuing improvement in the conditions of our capital assets, including our buildings here in the park. Please take time to review the financial reports online on our website.

We can also be proud of the human resources we have in place here in the Park and our Golf Course. Each of our Managers has done a wonderful job of hiring and keeping skilled staff. Members and Guests will notice the proof of this in the professionalism and servant attitude that is evident among our staff. Whether you are enjoying the Recreation Department, the Golf Course, the maintenance of this beautiful park or shopping at the new Park and Garden store, please take the time to approach any of our staff and get to know them. I know you will enjoy those that you meet.

On behalf of all of our staff, we thank you for the blessing of serving you here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey!! God bless you all, and may you have a wonderful and safe summer season.

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY RALPH SMITH

As I am writing this article, the temps are beginning to warm up and everything is getting nice and green. I would like to remind everyone that if you have a project that requires a permit, you need to return the permit to my office upon completion of the project, so I can come by and do the final inspection.

Please remember that all projects should be completed within 30 days, as stated on the bottom of the permit. Please get in touch with my office to see if the project you are wanting to complete will require a permit.

As you read this issue of the Footprints, please be mindful of the June 10th Site Clean-up deadline. June 10 is the date for us all to have our trailers, porches and all sheds, clean and free from mold and mildew. Make sure your gutters are cleaned out and free from stuff growing in them. Make sure you have your yards cleaned up of all the leaves and branches, and if the grass is getting over 6" tall, you will need to make sure to get it mowed. Let's make sure that our lots stay cleaned up for the entire summer. I have faith that you can make it happen. Please help your neighbor if they are struggling with getting their lot cleaned up. This will help keep them from being fined, and will make everyone feel good by helping them out.

One more thing I need to tell you about this month is the 4 ft. clearance around your trailer. We all need to make sure that we have this 4 ft. clearance in order to ensure that we have space to get emergency crews around your trailer, if ever needed. Things that should not be stored right near to your trailer are

bikes, canoes, floatation devices, bricks and wood piles. Please keep a clean and safe path from the road to the side of your trailer so our pumpout guys can get in and out safely.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch with me. My door, if I'm not out in the Park, is always open, and the phone line and e-mail are always available. Have a great 2019 season!

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hours as this gives us time needed to receive and sort parcels from all carriers. We are not able to accept deliveries on Sundays. At the time this article was written, we were out of assignable Sandy Pines mailboxes. For information on park USPS mailboxes and details on our mail policy and parcel delivery, please visit www.SandyPines.com/MailServices. Guest campers may not have mail delivered to Sandy Pines.

Spectrum Cable & Internet: We've had quite the spring with our cable and internet services, haven't we? We continue to offer our apologies for the rough start to the season; please understand, much of it was out of our control. With the complex layout and design of our park, it is a challenge for all of us - Spectrum Customer Service Representatives, technicians, and coordination with Member Service. With regard to calling Spectrum Customer Service, what worked for us in the past no longer works; it changed after the April Footprints had gone to print.

Until this is resolved, we no longer recommend Members try to place their own calls for trouble with internet or cable. Please call or email Member Service and we'll get you an appointment. If you do attempt to get your own appointment, toward the end of the call/steps as previously outlined, you must insist they take your phone number, phase number and site number. Without it, the Technician will show up, ask us if we know where they're supposed to go, and if we don't, they will leave. No one wishes, more than I, that we had easier answers to these issues. We will keep working for you to the best of our ability within the parameters we're given. Thank you for your patience. For more information, visit www.SandyPines.com/CableInternet.

Park WiFi: As you move about the park, don't forget about the free park WiFi hotspots. All WiFi hot spots are 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 at 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.

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. Look for the WASH ID sticker on the machine that's malfunctioning and give them a call. To use the machines, you may download the pay-by-phone 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.

Conducting Business at Member Service: Please know, when it comes to your account and personal data, we want to keep your information secure. Therefore, only Members may transact business with Member Service. If you have a Power of Attorney or Advocate who can act on your behalf, we must have on file a notarized copy of the legal documentation. Associate Members or those listed as Emergency Contacts do not automatically have account privileges to transact business with park staff.

Flea Market Spaces: At the writing of this article, we still had Flea Market Spaces available for June, July and August markets. Members can bring in guest vendors, but must allow the space to be reserved through their site at \$35 per space and sign the vendor in as a guest. The Member should also be present at Sandy Pines, but does not have to attend the Flea Market. But – why wouldn't you? So much to see and purchase.

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PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE

BY KEITH GARVELINK

In April, 2019, Security Services responded to a total of 55 complaints. The call types and numbers appear below.

General Assistance Calls: 16; Suspicious Incidents: 5; Traffic Complaints: 1; Health and Safety: 2; Unsecured Premise: 5; Disorderly Conduct: 1; Fugitive: 2; Illegal Entry: 6; Property Damage Accident: 2; Larceny: 2; Operate While Intoxicated: 1; Animal Complaint: 3; Medical: 3; Lost/Found Property: 2; Intoxicated Person: 1; Burning Complaint: 1; Domestic Dispute: 1; Urinate in Public: 1

Alcohol Enforcement in the Park: Operation of any type of motor vehicle in the Park while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance is forbidden by rule and by state law. Under Michigan laws, it is unlawful for any person over the age of 21 to operate a vehicle with a BAC (Blood Alcohol Concentration) of .08 mg./dl or greater. It is also unlawful for any person under the age of 21 to operate a motor vehicle with a BAC of .02 or greater. Michigan also imposed enhanced penalties for any person operating with a BAC of .17 or greater. This is known as the "Super Drunk" law.

Blood Alcohol Concentrations are affected by a person's body weight and gender. Assuming one drink is equal to 1.25 ounces of 80 proof liquor, 12 ounces of beer or 5 ounces of table wine, it would take approximately 4 drinks for a 180-pound man to have a BAC of .08. At that level, driving skills are significantly affected. A 140-pound man would reach the .08 level after around 3 drinks. A 120-pound female would reach the .08 level after around only 2 drinks.

The Public Safety Department has multiple persons on staff trained in Standardized Field Sobriety Testing, or SFST.

This includes training on Preliminary Breath Tests as well.

The Public Safety Office asks that Members, Associates, and Guests drink responsibly, and not endanger the safety of others in the Park. We also encourage persons to report any persons suspected of operating under the influence to our office.

Illegal drugs are prohibited in the Park. This rule is found under VI. B., 1. The rule states violators "will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law and will result in suspension or termination of membership.

Protection of Lake Monterey: Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of 1994, and its amended Part 413, were recently enhanced to provide additional protection to Michigan waterways preventing the introduction and spread of invasive species. These laws are applicable to waterways in the State of Michigan, including Lake Monterey.

The law states a person may not place a watercraft or trailer in any waters if an aquatic plant from other waterway is attached. Prior to transporting any watercraft over land, the following must occur.

1. Remove all drain plugs from bilges, ballast tanks, and live wells
2. Drain all water from any live wells or bilges

See **PUBLIC SAFETY**, page 13...

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"FACE TO PHASE" FORUMS (F2P) 2019

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

Please look at the schedule below and note that these meetings 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 22
JULY 20
AUGUST 10**

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES EVENT DATE CHANGE!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for this event change. The Auction, Dessert Bar, Coffee Bar and Dancing has been moved from June 28th to July 26th. More information will become available as we get closer to the event.

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PUBLIC SAFETY, continued

3. Ensure that the watercraft, trailer and any conveyance used to transport the watercraft or trailer are free of aquatic organisms, including plants

There are also rules specific to anglers under the law. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Order 245 regulates the release of baitfish, collection, and use of baitfish and cut bait, and release of captured fish. A summary of the rule follows.

- A person shall not release baitfish in any water of this state, including Lake Monterey. A person who collects fish shall not use the fish as bait or cut bait except in the inland lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the inland lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the lake, stream or Great Lake where the fish was caught, if the fish could freely move between the original location of the capture and the location of the release.

- A person who catches fish other than baitfish in a lake, stream, Great Lake or connecting waterway shall only release the fish in the lake, stream, or Great Lake where the fish was caught, or in a connecting waterway of the lake, stream or Great Lake where the fish was caught if the fish could freely move between the original location of capture and the location of release.

The following guidelines should be followed:

- Whether purchased or collected, unused baitfish should be disposed of on land or in the trash, never in the water.
- Clean boats, trailers, and equipment
- Drain live wells, bilges, and all water. Pull all drain plugs
- Dry boats and equipment
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash

Please help protect our lake from invaders.

Buoy placement around Mohawk Point:

After study and input from several Members, three buoys have been placed around Mohawk Point in an effort to reduce shoreline erosion taking place in this area. Thanks to Members who worked with us on the placement of these buoys. Please respect and follow the boating rules found in the Handbook, including staying a minimum of 100 feet from the shoreline, swimming areas, and moored boats. Additionally, all rules and regulations regarding watercraft published by the State of Michigan and the U.S. Coast Guard are applicable to Lake Monterey.

Employee Recognition: In the Month of April, 2019, two Public Safety Office employees were officially recognized. PSO Jami Werkema submitted a suggestion regarding the purchase of office supplies which has resulted in significant savings annually to the Park.

PSO Nick Flamboe submitted a suggestion regarding a vehicle repair and parts which also resulted in significant savings to the Park. Thank you to Jami and Nick as well as the other dedicated employees of the department.

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COMMUNICATION NEWS

In the May Footprints, we ran down the list of all the ways we have to communicate with members and guests. We have added a lot of new technologies and digital means of keeping in touch to our more traditional print communications. We realize everyone has preferences for the way they get their information and our hope is that we're providing all of the ways that is most useful to our members and guests. When in doubt, head to our website and use the search function for any information you seek. All of our communication pieces end up on our website and that includes our Weekly E-News, Weekend Flyers, Monthly Footprints, and event schedules. If you can't find it online, stop by the office or give us a call and we'd be glad to help you out.

If you haven't picked up one of our new Sandy Pines Wall Calendars, I would encourage you to do so, as we'll stop selling them soon. They're available to purchase for \$10 at Member Service, the Public Safety Office, The Park & Garden Store, and The Happy Shack. The calendars feature beautiful park photos and all of our featured park events so you don't have to worry about scheduling them on your social calendar. Remember, the calendars came to life by a suggestion of a member, so if you have any ideas that you'd like to share that bring value and a smile to our community, please pass them on to me, at josh@sandypines.com.

On the topic of the calendars, we'll be holding monthly photo contests to collect as many great memories of the park as possible, to use for the 2020 calendar. Keep your eyes peeled for info on our website, E-news, and social media channels for details on the contests. You don't have to wait for the contests to start sharing. Tag Sandy Pines on any of our social media channels including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Don't stop at photos, tag us on your videos as well. We'd love to share your memories with all of our followers. We'll scour monthly for all the good photos. Links to all our social media accounts can be found on the footer of our website and our weekly E-News.

We've also started advance planning for Sandy Pines 50th Anniversary which we'll be celebrating all year long in 2021. This year, we're in the idea gathering phase, so we'll be sending out feelers here and there for opinions on what you'd like to see and do in honor of our 50th. Bookmark the page www.SandyPines.com/50th and look for updates that we'll posting along the way. There's also a form there where you can start sending your suggestions today.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

Thank you to all the members who participated in the Memorial Holiday Tournaments! It is so fun to see so many active, participating members. Please check out tournament champion photos on the Sandy Pines Recreational Community Facebook Page. Our next tournament action will be the weekend of June 28-30.

Thank you to all the lifeguards for staffing the water park and pools. The aquatics supervisor has been ensuring that we provide a safe and enjoyable area for members to swim. Swim tests are available each day if your child wishes to take a test. Parents, thank you for keeping a close watch on your children in the water and knowing where your children are at all times when they are near water.

The Recreation Station offers Kids Club Monday-Thursday. Cost is \$1 per child per day. The staff provides a craft, story, and game each day. The Recreation Station also offers daily equipment rental for \$1 per day, with a membership card. Located in the Recreation Station we have a fitness center for adult use only, and a Game Room for youth. The games are not owned by Sandy Pines, so please use with care. A change machine is located inside the room to provide coins for use with the machines.

The Happy Shack, located inside the Recreation Station, provides great snacks, food items, and Sandy Pines clothing. Please check out new our menu and new food items this season. We have daily food specials and low menu prices.

Please keep up to date with all of the Sandy Pines entertainment by reading the Weekend Flyers, E-news, online calendar, CC Flyers, and Facebook pages. You can always email me at recreation@sandypines.com

Welcome back!

2019 Sandy Pines Calendars

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We would like to tell you about our Dog Park. It is located in Phase 6, behind the Convenience Center. 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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DOG PARK NEWS

Keeping your dog exercised and content, will keep your neighbors happy too.

Thank you to Bill & Joanne VanderWall for taking care of the Dog Park for the past several years. They have had to step down from this job and we are wondering if there is anyone in the Park who would be interesting in taking over. They would be more than happy to talk to you about what's involved, should this be something of interest to you. Please contact Kathy, kathy@sandypines.com, if you would like to speak with Bill and Joanne, and she will get in touch with them for you. Thank you for your consideration.

LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

Spring cleanup this year was a great time of fellowship and celebrating a return to our beloved course, with talk of the coming season. I would like to thank everyone for braving the cold weather and being at the spring cleanup. Bob Howlett won the free membership for the 2019 season, which was the grand prize at the event.

There has been some talk about tires again for use on the golf course. They must be turf friendly tires and both Cart Repair Shops are aware of this, as I have talked to them about this two years ago. NO knobby tires are al-

lowed...at all; occasionally some will get out on the course because the staff cannot look at every cart.

Someone took a picture of dog poo and put it on the Lake Monterey Facebook page which is great for member interaction on the page. People occasionally take their dogs on the course when they play golf, and most ask if it's ok. We also have people who live on the golf course that have big dogs.

As for the course, the Tees are filling back in really well and the staff is making the 2 tee and

5 tee boxes bigger and a little longer. We will also be aerating the tees again the first part of June, to help improve turf quality.

Acqua In Vino will once again be visiting us this season for two wine sampling/tasting events at the Clubhouse. Please mark your calendars for June 29 and August 10. More information will be available as we get closer. Check out our Facebook page for upcoming events and giveaways!

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

BY JUDY VANKLOMPENBERG AND 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 9 am to 3 pm – and we continue to meet throughout the season.

Thank you and God Bless You!



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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING UPDATES

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

Sandy Pines is off to a good start at the beginning of this 2019 summer season. The May Board of Directors meeting included the review and approval of the February and March 2019 financial statements for both SPWT and LMGC.

Financial Statement Review:

Sandy Pines continues to successfully maintain a positive cash flow and balance to prepare for future projects as outlined in our 10-year Capital Reserve plan. Overall assets are \$600k higher than prior year. This is expected with the projects completed over the last year as the organization focuses on improving capital structures and in turn increasing the value of park investment. Overall Net In-

come as of March 2019, is \$268k higher than prior year.

\$20k is attributed to an increase in golf cart rentals early in the season. Seasonal camping sites and site rentals continue to increase as well. Overall, operational expenses have been maintained and minimized early on in the season.

Lake Monterey Golf Course is also successfully maintaining a positive cash flow and the strategic focus of the golf course over this 2019 season is to provide additional funding to pay back on the SPWT loan, and maintain operations to allow additional funding to capital for the replacement on the second phase of the irrigation well.

FY2019 Capital Project Review:

The current review of capital projects completed in the current year was presented and reviewed by the Board of Directors. Major projects completed to date include; the re-shingling the Recreation Station, New Roof Structure at CC12, 2nd and final Phase of Renovations at the Retail Center, Replacement of Admin Networking Computer Equipment, 2nd and final stage of the Camera Upgrade and Replacement, Patrol Vehicle as part of the 5 year replacement plan, purchase of a GPS Location Device and Replacement and Upgrade of Fitness Equipment. Our Maintenance Department has worked diligently and efficiently to complete the great array of projects within the budgetary plan.

FY2020 Budget Review:

The Board of Directors also reviewed and approved the first draft consideration of budget for the FY2020 season. Specific highlights of departmental adjustments was also shared with the Board and presented at the Board of Directors meeting. This is only the early draft of consideration and adjustments will be made, as necessary, as determined by the current year's results.

Sandy Pines is entering the 2019 Season strong and we look forward to a great summer ahead. Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most recent year-end financial statements.

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FEATURED EVENTS FOR 2019

- May 24-25 Memorial Weekend Holiday Tournaments
- May 27 Memorial Service & Gun Salute
- June 1 Adult Catered Meal & Adult Beach Bonfire
- June 15 Drive-In Movie
- June 22 Vintage Car Show
- June 28-29 Fourth of July Weekend Holiday Tourn
- June 29 Fireworks
- July 4 Fourth of July Parade
- July 6 Drive-In Movie
- *July 13 Family Fun Day
- July 20 Grand City Show Skiers Water Performance
- *July 20 Halloween-Magic class, Wagon Rides, Trunk or Treat, Magic Show
- *July 27 Cardboard Boat Races
- August 3 Sandy Pines Rainbow of Color Run
- August 9 Christmas Light Boat Parade
- August 10 Christmas in August

*Volunteers needed for event to be offered



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.

Please remember to keep a clear path for the pumpers, and make sure your sprinklers are off by 6 am on your scheduled pump out day.

Have a great summer and please remember to help each other out! Thanks!

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LIVING WILL VS. ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

BY THERESA LYNN, PHD, RN, LMSW CERTIFIED THANATOLOGIST / EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WINGS OF HOPE HOSPICE



If you become unable to make your own health care decisions, who will make them for you? How will you get the care you want (and avoid the care you do not want) if you have not designated someone to decide for you?

A patient advocate makes health care decisions for another individual when that individual cannot make his or her own decisions. The patient advocate officially accepts the responsibility by signing a document acknowledging acceptance. In Michigan, this document is called an advance directive. It is recognized as a legal document in our state. It does not need to be notarized.

A living will is a document that specifies the care you want if you become unable to make your own health care decisions but it does not designate a patient advocate. A living will is not recognized as a legal document in Michigan; but it can be a helpful guide to family and health care professionals to provide you with the care you desire.

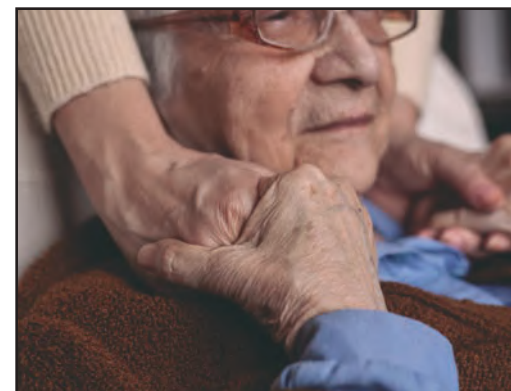
An advance directive form can be obtained online at no cost from Making Choices Michigan. This form also provides an opportunity to describe the care you want. A living will form can be obtained online for \$5 per copy from Aging With Dignity. Both of these are non-profit organizations.

Ideally, the person you pick to be your patient advocate can make decisions on your behalf even if s/he disagrees with those decisions; can function on little sleep; and can remain calm during a potentially emotional situation. You should also choose a first and second alternate in case your first choice is not available.

If you are not sure where to start, please call the Wings of Hope office at 269-686-8659 or 800-796-2676. Wings of Hope has several specially trained facilitators who can help. This is a free and confidential service provided to the entire community.

At Wings of Hope, we believe that all adults should have an advance directive.

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BE WEATHER AWARE

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

Weather Awareness: Local weather forecasts can provide probability of severe weather for our area. As you start your day and make plans, it is advisable to be aware of potential weather threats or conditions. Local TV, radio, NOAA radio can provide insight into what to expect for the day.

Residents, visitors, guests and staff should be vigilant in monitoring the present conditions. Development of storm clouds, thunder or lightning should cause reason to check the current weather or impending conditions.

To protect you and your family, several resources should be used to determine if a weather threat exists. It is encouraged that you be vigilant in using more than one resource is to determine potential threats. NOAA weather radio, alerts to your cell phone or device, local TV stations and local radio stations should be in your family plan to determine if a severe weather threat exists, and when to take immediate action.

Two Outdoor Warning Sirens are located within Sandy Pines. Allegan County Central Dispatch and/or Allegan County Emergency Management activates the Outdoor Warning Sirens located in Allegan County. As already stated, multiple sources should be utilized to determine a threat to you and your family. Any reliable source should cause you and your family to seek immediate shelter. Do not wait to hear the Outdoor Weather Warning siren activation.

Do not wait to be advised by local TV or radio to seek shelter. Upon notification of a reliable source or activation of the Outdoor Warning sirens seek shelter immediately.

Taking Shelter: Persons should seek a shelter within ¼ mile or five minutes walking distance or within ½ mile driving distance. The Convenience Center near your site is your nearest shelter. Although most Convenience Centers were not built or designed as a tornado shelter, it is most likely safer than a camping unit.

We encourage persons to walk to a shelter rather than drive. If your campsite is less than five minutes from the shelter, walking will reduce the potential of traffic congestion and potential delays. For campsites that are farther than five minutes walking time we encourage you to drive to the facility. If you or a family member have a disability or are unable to walk the distance, please drive to the location.

With early warning devices, local media sources and education, we encourage families to go to the facility upon observation of impending weather, and immediately upon notification of a weather warning.

Sheltering: Sheltering commonly lasts for up to an hour. You should plan for the temporary sheltering prior to the event. Think of medications, persons on home oxygen, water and snacks for young children just to mention a few

items. Once you are at the facility please go inside during the severe weather event.

Smoking, use of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the facility. Pets may be present if contained in pet carriers and placed between and/or under your legs.

All Clear: It is not uncommon for storms to continue to develop and pose a threat. If the storm continues to be a threat, Allegan County Central Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management, will activate the Outdoor Weather siren. Allegan County Central Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management will not activate an Outdoor Warning Siren as an ALL CLEAR signal.

Upon notification, staff will advise residents that the current weather threat has expired. The notification of an all clear may occur in the following methods:

- 1) By Rave notification to your cellphone by text, email or voice mail or any combination;
- 2) By staff physically stopping at the facility in which you are presently sheltering;
- 3) Other personal means from local TV or Radio or NOAA radio.

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WHO DO I CALL IN AN EMERGENCY?

FIRST Call 911 and then Security at 616-896-9006.

Sandy Pines is a rural community. Emergency Service providers – Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services are commonly several miles and/or several minutes away.

If you have an Emergency, first call 911 and start the process of getting help. Fire and Emergency Medical Services are volunteer services in our area. This means that volunteers may be responding to a station from home, after being dispatched. It is not uncommon for responses to be 12 minutes from the time of 911 call, to on scene time.

AFTER you call 911, call Sandy Pines Security – 616-896-9006 for First Aid assistance.

CLASSIFIEDS

We have more 'Site for Sale' listings online at www.sandypines.com

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

For Sale from Site 240: 2007 Wildwood 37' Travel Trailer 37BHSS. Travel Trailer only - 37ft Bunkhouse Superslide. Has a very nice layout and larger/open and bright walk-through bathroom. Larger kitchen setup than most with an extended counter/bar stool area. The Bunkhouse has 2 bunks and a table that folds down into a bed with lots of cupboards/storage. Queen bed, sleeper sofa and dining table converts to bed. Sleeps 8-9. Excellent Condition. This is currently set up at Sandy Pines Lot #240 Phase 1. We are hoping to upgrade to a Park Model and this is the only reason for selling. Contact me if interested and to schedule a tour. Come check out his Beautiful trailer. Asking: \$16,900. Call or Text Candy 616-635-5096 or email cmckenzie2004@yahoo.com.

For Sale - Site 349 - Phase 1: Beautiful Lake Front on the main lake with boat stake, Custom built, fully furnished trailer with triple pane sliding doors leading to fully furnished 4-season sun room, laminate floors, custom window shades. Air conditioned, Storage garage with electric opener, work bench and ceiling storage area. Fully landscaped with paver patio wrap around walk way. Under-

ground sprinkler, 3 beautiful maple trees providing ample shade, paved parking area, 2019 dues paid. Asking: \$159,900. Contact seller for appointment and brochure at 616-915-1657.

For Sale from Site 578: 2017 brand new 38' Keystone Hideout camper, 3 sliders with bunkhouse and queen bedroom. Full size refrigerator in the kitchen. Sleeps 9. Power awning, power jacks and tongue. Lots of extras are on this camper still under warranty. We are selling because we bought a place in Sandy Pines. If you would like to see it we have it in storage down the road from Sandy Pines. Asking: \$31,500, call 616-297-9762.

For Sale - Site 744: 2005 Breckenridge Park Model - 12x40. Shed in back, new back deck, built in 2017. Fire pit, nice landscaping. New stove and golf cart garage, both in 2018. Sunroom. Two golf carts, one gas and one electric. Asking \$70,000. Call: 616.340.2600.

For Sale - Site N-464 - Phase 4: Water view, 2004 Trophy Double Loft with sunporch and deck. Sleeps 10. Full size 200 sq ft garage and plenty of parking. Gas E-Z-Go golf cart. Very clean, furnished, and has extra pantry and storage areas. Asking: \$98,500. Call or text Norm at 616-291-1824.

For Sale - Site N-438 - Phase 4: (must see) Waterfront, fully furnished 1991 Quailridge trailer with sun porch and deck. Very clean and renovated with new roof and water resistant luxury vinyl floors throughout. Boat stake, storage shed, golf cart and golf cart shelter. Asking: \$128,000 OBO. Call or text Tim at (616) 304-6085 for more information.

Condo For Sale: 2848 Westwoods Ct., This 1505 sq ft 2 br 1 1/2 bath ranch condo offers an open floor plan with cathedral ceilings. Kitchen and Dinette both have bay windows, Great Room offers a natural gas fireplace which opens into a 14x12 - 4 season sunroom with a deck. Mas-

ter Br offers a walk-in closet and private bath, Main Floor laundry. Daylight lower level has 674 sq ft finished through drywall giving it 1 br, bath and family room. Extra deep 2 stall garage to store your golf carts! Still time to make selections. All this for \$222,715. Please call Linda Hall for viewing or questions at 616-292-4848.

RV For Sale: 2011 Montana 3400RL Fifth Wheel trailer, 38' with 4 hydraulic slides. Beautiful condition with lots of room and storage galore. Ducted dual air, 2 fantastic fans, Corian countertops, microwave/convection oven, dining table with 4 chairs, sofa and 2 rocker/swivel recliners, 32" Samsung TV/DVD/surround sound, fireplace, hookups for washer/dryer, central vac, 16' power awning, 12 CU ft. 4 door 3 way refrig, 2-30 lb propane tanks in cabinets, electric stabilizing jacks, 66 gal fresh water tank, 2 gray water tanks totaling 93 gals, and 50 gal black tank. MORryde hitch and suspension. Very few miles on this rig. Asking: \$29,500. Call: 616-836-6319.

With Sincere
Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Florence Beem, Site 751, on the passing of her husband, **Herbert**, on March 21st.

Audlane Pedley, Site K-198, on the passing of her husband, **Al**, on April 22nd.



PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

The season is now underway at our new location. Park and Garden is now located in the Retail Center, next to the Rental Office and Hair Salon for the 2019 season.

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

Golf Cart rental is underway and we want to encourage you to reserve your golf carts for the holidays early, as the carts go quickly. You can reserve online, by calling 616-896-9888, or stopping by the Rental Office. Six passenger carts are gas and have windshields, USB charging plugs and mirrors. The four passenger carts are electric. All the leased carts are Club Cars and we still have our former EzGo carts. All carts are rented on a per day basis this year. We kept the 4 passenger at \$50/day and the 6 passenger carts rent for \$70/day. All carts are to be returned by 10 am.

Dale Yoder is manager of the golf cart rental. 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 are still available. We have a new supply of bird feeders and suet. RV chemicals and products are available. Reminder to please avoid using products with formaldehyde as formaldehyde is detrimental to our septic fields. 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 added PVC pipe, barbeque items and soon will have an expanded fishing and sprinkler system parts inventory.

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 excellent this summer. Stop by and say hi to the new staff.

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

MARINA

We will have the Marina available on Wednesdays from 5-8 pm (weather permitting), Friday from 5-8 pm, Saturday and Sunday from Noon-5 pm. Ethenol free fuel is available. The price of the fuel still remains at \$4.95 a gal. 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 great hit last summer so plan some time to give them a try. We have added a double Kayak for enjoyment by couples.

We look forward to serving you during the 2019 season!

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SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES- BINGO!

BY NIKKI WILKINS

Happy June All!! We had a pretty good turnout for our first free bingos and adult bingo games in May. We hope to see more faces coming to have some Bingo fun!!

Our next bingo is coming up in June will be Adult Bingo, ages 18+, on the 8th from 7-9pm. It costs .25¢ per card, with a minimum of four cards to play. Please bring exact change as we cannot break large bills. Cards and bingo chips are supplied. Popcorn and bottled water are available for a donation. If you're interested in helping to set up, we start around 6 pm.

If anyone has any items they would like to donate for the Free Bingo, those donations can be brought to the pavilion during the Adult Bingo. We appreciate any items in good condition that you would like to win.

Be sure to check our sign in the core area, Phase 1 near the Dairy Dip, to see all of our upcoming activities, or any cancellations, should they occur.



FULL BINGO SCHEDULE

FREE BINGO - AGES 10-110

Thursday July 4, 2019 2-4 pm

Saturday August 3, 2019 2-4 pm

Monday Sept. 2, 2019 2-4 pm

Saturday Oct. 5, 2019 2-4 pm

ADULT BINGO - AGES 18+

Saturday June 8, 2019 7-9 pm

Saturday July 13, 2019 7-9 pm

Saturday August 10, 2019 2-4 pm

Saturday Sept. 14, 2019 7-9 pm

SANDY PINES LIBRARY NEWS

As you may or may not know, our Library moved last season 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 once again partnering with the Outback General Store to provide a Summer Reading Fun Program. All you have to do is visit the library and pick up a reading bookmark. Have your

parent/guardian sign the bookmark and settle in with a good book. When you have completed the book, fill in the title and have your parent/guardian initial the space next to it. Bring the bookmark to the Outback General Store to receive your reward! Younger children can read with an adult. Happy Reading!

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



SALES DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY KATHY MOLNER

Hello again from the Sales Office. It's so exciting to see the grass green, the trees in full bloom and the members returning. You are what makes this park so great.

We have had a very busy couple of months. We're grateful for the many buyers who have been getting in touch with us to see and purchase sites. It's always enjoyable being with them and sharing our excitement about this

park. We love to hear their stories and what, or who, has brought them to Sandy Pines. I encourage you to meet your new neighbors if that's the case. Please be sure to help them along the way with learning the ropes. We do our best to educate them when we're with them, but oftentimes they leave overwhelmed. Sandy Pines is a huge place with complex rules. Please know that your help is always appreciated.

I often hear people say that the sales office didn't tell them about that. My friends tell me when things are on all of your Facebook pages. Let me assure you...we do tell them! Please be assured that we do our best and work long, hard hours to accommodate people. This is often at the expense of our own families. Let's not forget that we are often times the first person they contact. We also spend 2-3 hours selling them on the "park". We are not only selling our listings, but we are selling the For Sale by Owners too. We are advertising the businesses at Sandy Pines, because they wouldn't be interested in anything, if they never have the opportunity to learn all that we have to offer.

I hope, that before you criticize one of our park employees or choose to post something nasty on Facebook that you would take a moment to stop and think...How would it make you feel if you gave 110% all of the time, only to be judged by those who have a quick tongue, or in the case of Facebook...quick hands?

Let's turn our negatives into positives and make this park the best it can possibly be. We thank you.

NOTICE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS PETITIONS

As per the Sandy Pines By-Laws, notice is hereby given that there will be three (3) positions available for the Board of Directors at the August 17, 2019, annual election. These are all 3-year terms.

Nominating petitions are available beginning June 1 and must be returned to the Administration Office by June 18, 2019, 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 14th, in order to get it into the July Footprints. Candidate bios and photos will also run in the August issue of the 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 18, and your membership dues must be paid to date.

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