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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

Welcome Back

The month of June is when things really start happening here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. During May we witnessed many awesome things. Many familiar faces started to return from their homes located in warmer places. It is always good to see those faces we missed over the off season return home to Sandy Pines.

May brought back many of our normal events that we missed in 2020. Our first flea market events were held in over a year. We were blessed to see members walking the grounds visiting many vendor sites. We held our first in person Board of Director and Face to Phase meetings. It was great to see smiling faces in the crowd and have in person questions, dialog about things happening around our park. May also brought a few celebrations.



Celebrating May

The North Shore Building ribbon cutting event was a success. Thank you to those who attended. Many kind words were said about this beautiful building, the potential it has and the safety it brings to Sandy Pines. Our local officials were present for the event speaking on behalf of Salem Township. Our state Representative Mary Whiteford's office presented an official award signifying the importance of our building for the area. Lastly, we celebrated our Mother's and those who gave their lives to allow for our freedoms to go on. God bless both of these special people. Mothers continue to be the heartbeat of any family. Any time we can celebrate them we should. We thank Rog Grinwis for leading our

Memorial Day ceremonies. They were perfect. We thank all of those who attended in person especially our veterans. We remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifices for our country. We bless them and their families. It is starting to feel like we are getting back to some normalcy here at Sandy Pines.

Welcoming June

June will bring us much more activity. Kids will be getting out of school. This means the park will be buzzing with basketball, tennis, swimming, golf, golf carts and all the things that summer brings. In working with Keith Garvelink at the Public Safety Office, we have seen a few unfortunate golf cart incidents already take place causing significant injuries. Please remember to follow the rules and guidelines for you and your children while driving your golf carts. Our PSO staff is actively in the park patrolling the park and our lake to ensure everyone remains safe.

As a reminder for June we have changed our COVID-19 policy throughout the park to align with CDC and state of Michigan updates. Currently, no masks are required outdoors. Masks will continue to be required indoors for unvaccinated members and guests. You will see our buildings and some outdoor areas will continue to adhere to allowable capacity. You will see new signage placed around the park for these changes. Please remember these are CDC and state regulations. It is the responsibility of each of us to adhere to these guidelines. Stay tuned as these may change in the future.

50th Anniversary Events

June kicks off the start of many of our planned 50th Anniversary events. Please continue to view our events calendar on our website. You will also see special Sandy Pines events commercials circulating on our cable channels to highlight many 50th Anniversary events. Check those out to stay updated on events and dates. We kicked off our online ticketing process for those members who would like to purchase tickets for our concerts and other main events. It is a simple process. Please check our website out. If you have any questions, please email them to communications@sandypines.com.

Board of Directors Resolutions

During our May Board of Directors meeting there were three (3) resolutions voted on and passed by the board. These resolutions were brought forward by our Lake Study Committee who is chartered to help protect, preserve and sustain our number one asset, Lake Monterey. The resolutions reference the retirement of boat stakes, dock permits and ballast boat functions. They have been updated in our Handbook and Rules and Regulations. Please review these updates. The changes will appear in red when you go online to open our Handbook. They go in effect June 1st.

Department News

Please read each of our department sections for updates in their specific areas. We are blessed to have a hard working team supporting our members. Each one of the departments are ready to serve the park. Have you seen the new bridge at our golf course? Play a round of golf and go see!

We Want Your Input!

Lastly, we will be seeking member input on many topics starting the month of June. You will start to see surveys circulating for ideas on how to better utilize the North Shore Building. Please review the May Board of Directors meeting online as some of those ideas were discussed. We would like your input. We are also dusting off the Pool Committee as they were not able to meet last year. You will once again start to see surveys and activity relative to an additional pool here at Sandy Pines.

Thank you for all your patience, kindness and blessings as we start to ramp up a more normal season in 2021. May God continue to bless all of our staff, board of directors, members and this wonderful place called Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf course!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPER BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

We've all heard the phrase "Sandy Pines is my happy place", right? And in reality, there is no doubt. There is literally something to do for everyone of all ages. It's especially refreshing to reacquaint ourselves with our friends and neighbors (hopefully the same thing!) as we return to the place that we've missed for so long. And that COVID cocoon that suffocated us last year is finally loosening its grip. There is optimism in the air!

That said, there are still a select few that seem to be unhappy with, well, virtually everything. And this is not a new happening. Check out this edited Footprints article from the past shared by a member.

".... Is it surprising...that we occasionally hear sour grapes about Sandy Pines? The employees work for your association. Members like you donate their time to protect your investment. The next time you hear someone spreading false information, tell them to get the facts before they speak. It's your home-away-from-home they're talking about and you have every right to defend it."

Powerful words, yes? And this was written circa 1971. Back when site count was closer to 100, a far cry from the 2000+ that we have today. Are there issues in the park that need attention? Of course, and there are proper channels to follow to best make your voice heard and your opinion count. For example, if you're having a problem with speeding golf carts, barking dogs, noisy neighbors, boat stakes or docks, or perhaps a rule question, a phone call or message to the appropriate department is most apropos. There are even ways to amend a rule should you feel that it is unjust.

The two Sandy Pines sites (SP Informed and SP Members Forum) are tremendous tools for seeking assistance. I love it when members offer to lend a hand with nary a thought of compensation. Need help with lighting your water heater? A no-go golf cart? A tool you thought

you had but is at home? A post on either of these sites will likely result in a resolved issue in a very short time frame. There are a great number of people here that would drop everything to assist a fellow Piner, a luxury you don't find everywhere and one that shouldn't be taken for granted.

In 1839, the adage "the pen is mightier than the sword" was coined. It didn't have a big impact on me upon learning this in school. But it is perhaps true today more than ever thanks to the power of social media. Oh, and typed words don't go away easily unlike back then when we used pencils and had erasers. So please keep this in mind when you're frustrated and unsure where to vent. And maybe invoke the 24-hour if needed (type it but don't send it until 24 hours have elapsed. Re-read it then decide if you really want to send it as originally written. You'd be amazed). Of course, you can always pen your Board with any question or concern via email at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. We are here to listen and here to help. See you around the Park and carpe diem!

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY ABBEY KOOIMAN & NICOLE KLINGE memberservice@sandypines.com

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Sunday & Holidays Closed

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Important Dates

6/1 Boat registration deadline
6/10 Site cleanup deadline
7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed
(Due 7/25)
7/1 Deadline for surrendering unused/
recovered stickers for credit
10/1 Annual Dues, final adjusted electric,
and state tax billed (Due 10/25)
10/15 Water is turned off for the season
(weather permitting)

RAVE Alerts Statement

It has been discovered that an automatic message has been sent out regarding guests and guest passes. This message stated that with a pin number a guest can enter through any gate. Please be advised this is incorrect and all guests must enter through the main gate by the Public Safety Office unless they are going to phase three, that gate is separate from the park. Phase three can only be accessed through the phase three gate.

Mail Services

Since USPS, UPS & FedEx do not offer parcel delivery to your site, we allow members to have packages delivered to our Mailroom next to the Public Safety Office. 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. Please note that the address to the mail room is 2741 136th Ave Unit XXXX (the mailbox number you were assigned) Any packages sent to the admin office 2745 136th Ave will be returned to sender. You need a mailbox to receive packages here at Sandy Pines.

Spectrum Cable & Internet

We have 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 is out of our control. Due to the nature of the account, we have with Spectrum, there is a certain procedure we have to go through. The service requires a Spectrum modem. We currently have a waiting list for those wanting Internet service. At this time, we are working with Spectrum to procure additional modems to support the number of requests for internet we have on the waiting list.

If you have an issue with your cable or internet, we have a trouble shooting document on the website and printed here in the member service office. If you should find there is a need for additional help, we have a service call list we give to Spectrum. When they give us a day and time frame for a tech to be out here, we call those members on the service call list to set up an appointment time for that tech.

WIFI Hotspots

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 is 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.

We are as always grateful for your patience and understanding, we are looking forward to a wonderful season with you all.

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Sandy Pines Member E-News

Our Member E-News electronic newsletter is sent weekly and features monthly departmental Footprints updates, ongoing park news, alerts, and reminders.

You can always subscribe, manage your contact details, unsubscribe at SandyPines.com/E-News.



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SandyPines.com/Get-Tickets

COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL Communications@sandypines.com

Get Your Tickets!

This year to celebrate our 50th anniversary we have some BIG events planned for you! Tickets are now live, and some of these tickets do have a capacity so be sure to grab your tickets now. Go to SandyPines.com/Get-Tickets to order your tickets today. At this time, we ask that only members purchase tickets. We will make an announcement when we open ticketing to everyone else. Thank you for understanding.

Stay Up to Date

Keep your eyes on our various forms of communication to make sure you stay up to date on what is going on throughout the park at all times. Make sure you are checking:

- [Monthly Footprints Publications](#)
- [Event Calendar](#)
- [E-News](#)

- [Weekend Flyer](#) (Runs yearly from Memorial Day to Labor Day)
- [Sandy Pines Official Social Media Page](#)
- [Facebook](#) - @SandyPinesWildernessTrails
- [Instagram](#) - @SandyPinesOfficial
- [YouTube](#) - @SandyPinesWT
- Rave Happy Camper Text Alerts

- o To Opt-In: Text "SANDYPINES" to 67283
- o To Opt-Out: Text "STOP" to 67283

Volunteers Needed

The 50th anniversary committee needs your help! There are so many fun events planned, and we can't make them successful without you! Go to SandyPines.com/50th-Anniversary-Volunteer-Sign-Up to sign up to volunteer at one or more of our events! There is a PERK to volunteering. Help out at the event and you will get a free ticket (general admission) to one night of food trucks and tunes!

Do you like to take pictures or record videos? The communications department would love your help! We would love to make sure we are documenting everything this year for our 50th Anniversary. If you or anyone you know has a camera and would like to help out this season, please email Communications@SandyPines.com if you would like to volunteer or have any questions. We will provide a media badge for day of event. If you are familiar with the park and have access to a golf cart we could also use some assistance driving around weekly and updating the CC boards! Once again, if you or anyone you know would like to help please email Communications@SandyPines.com.

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HAPPY CAMPER TEXT ALERTS

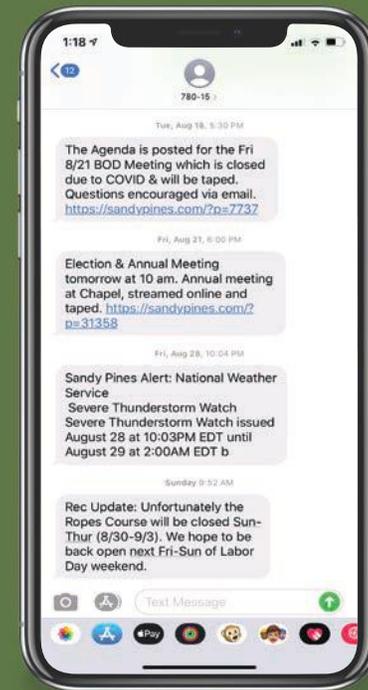
New SMS text opt-in for Members, Associate Members, Guests, and Campers

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Park news, event updates, weather alerts, cancellations, and closures.



More information at SandyPines.com/Sms-Text-Opt-In





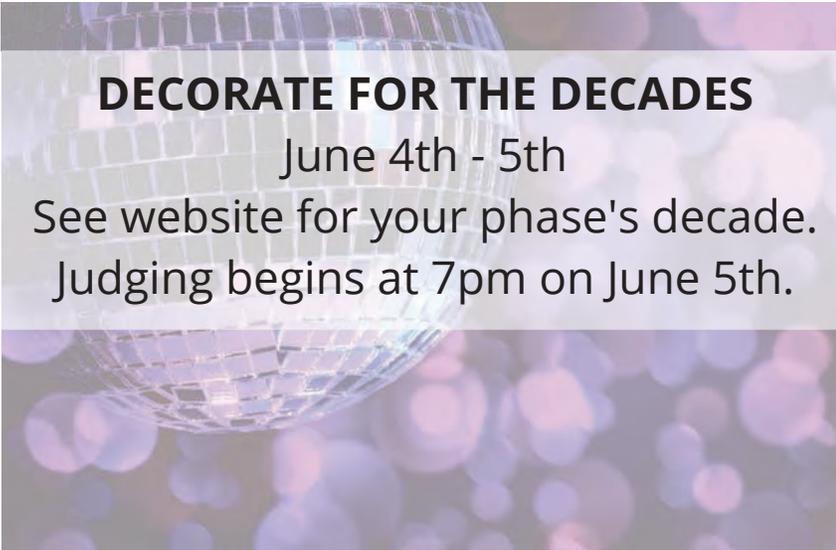
RUBBER DUCKY RACES

June 5th 8:30am
Must pre-register



TRIVIA NIGHT

June 11th 5:00pm
Limited to the first 300 sign-ups



DECORATE FOR THE DECADES

June 4th - 5th
See website for your phase's decade.
Judging begins at 7pm on June 5th.



CRUISE THE PINES CAR PARADE

June 19th 4:00pm
Meet at the chapel lot



FOAM DANCE PARTY

June 19th 6:00pm
Chapel Lot



TEEN WEEKEND

June 25th - 27th
Park Wide

For sign-ups and event details, please visit: sandypines.com/50thanniversary

RECREATION NEWS

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Memorial Weekend

The 50th celebration season kicked off with a fantastic featured event! The water, light show was a fun way to gather with friends and family to celebrate Sandy Pines. Another highlight from the Memorial Weekend was the Memorial Day service at Veterans Park. We appreciate all those who have served and continue to serve our country. The flea market, swimming in the pools, participating in tournaments, golf cart rides and grilling up amazing food are other holiday favorite activities enjoyed by so many.

Tournament Participation

If you would like to participate in any of our

tournaments, we welcome all players of any skill level and age! To participate please arrive to the tournament about 15 minutes prior to the listed start time. Please sign up with a rec dept staff employee. Cost is \$2/player. To find times and locations please see the weekly/weekend flyer or check out the online calendar for details. You do not sign up ahead of event. Sign up on-site, the day of. We are looking for more participants for horseshoes, shuffleboard, ping pong and youth tennis and pickleball.

Rentals

The Recreation Department has equipment for rent. Equipment includes: basketball, volleyball, tennis, pickleball, shuffleboard, disc golf and a few fishing poles. To rent any equipment please bring \$1 and a member card. Rent is for the day use only. All items must be returned by close that day. Mini golf equipment is in the main hallway of the recreation station and is free, but currently you need a member card to access the building. Please remember to return putters and balls back inside please, and do not leave out on the course.

Rental hours: Mon-Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm at the Recreation Office

Water Park & Pools

At this time Sandy Pines is continuing to implement a capacity limit. Guests will be allowed to enter at the top of the hour and remain in the pool area for 55 minutes. Guests will be asked to exit five minutes prior to the hour.

Reminders:

- Any child 36" or under must be in an approved swim diaper
- Any child under 48" must be in a lifejacket to enter- (passing of the swim test will allow child to take off jacket)
- Parent must be in the pool with any child under 48" or with any child that cannot swim
- NO food, drink or snack allowed in the pool area
- NO coolers allowed in the pool area
- Adult supervision is required for all children under 12 years of age
- Hours for the full season June 5-Sept 6, 2021

- Phase 3 Pool Hours: Mon-Sat 1-8pm, Sun 1-6pm
- Water Park Hours Mon-Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Ropes Course

Any person above 48" can participate on the ropes course. Participant must be in dry clothes- no wet swim wear. Participant must also be in closed toe shoes (no sandals). Ropes course is weather permitting. The ropes course will close in extreme heat, thunder, lightning, or when it becomes too wet and slippery.

Lessons

Rec Dept offers many lessons for all ages. Please see rec schedule for all the details.

Adult lessons and classes include: zumba, aquasize, line dancing, golf and tennis.

Youth lessons and classes include: tennis, golf, soccer, and kids club

Happy Shack Concessions

Featuring food, drinks, snacks, and Sandy Pines clothing.

Mon-Thur 11am-7pm

Fri-Sat 11am-8 pm

Sun 11am-6pm

Upcoming events in June

June 4-6 - Decorate the Decade-each Phase is assigned a decade. Judging June 5

June 11 - 50th Trivia Night

June 12 - Garage Sales 1,2,4, condo

June 12 - Drive in Movie at Chapel lot

June 19 - Boating Safety class-sign up online required

June 19 - Kids craft sale-Phase 4 soccer field

June 19 - Car Show-Cruise the Pines

June 25 - Teen bonfire-Phase 4 beach

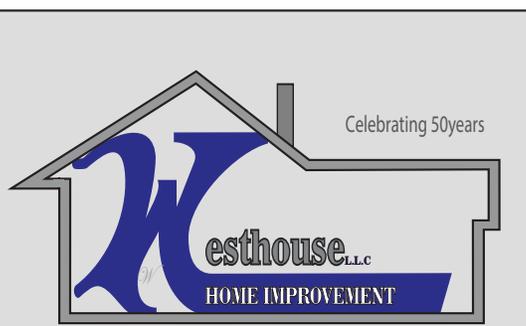
June 26 - Kids Bounce Houses

June 26 - Where's Sandy Hunt-Volunteers needed

June 26 - Live Music-Run 4 Cover

June 27 - Teen Movie Night

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

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

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

Financial Statement Review

SPWT

- The difference in Operations Cash and Asset Replacement Cash from 2020 to 2021 is a timing difference in the transfer \$864,800 from Operations to Capital for the 2021 season. This will be transferred through the May 2021 financial statements.
 - o The adjusted cash balance (with the consideration of above) is \$3.7M - \$100k higher than prior year.
 - o The adjusted cash balance does include receipt of the first FEMA Reimbursement request of \$993k. A secondary final FEMA Reimbursement will be made in May 2021. This will be a reimbursement back of what is currently posted in the Acquisitions – Grant Funded account.
 - Net Income is \$280k higher in 2021. Significant impact of this is the comparison of current year with normal start-up compared to prior year and the tentative one month shut down in April 2020
- Admin:
- o The difference in Sticker Income and Sticker Expense is reflective of the revenue

and expense of license plates incurred in 2020.

- o The increase in 2021 Newsletter income includes the 50th Advertising sponsorships, which will offset the 50th Anniversary expenses within Resort Services
- o Newsletter Expenses increase in reflective of the printing within the off-season (which was previously every other month) and a change in the print provider and material.

Maintenance:

- o No significant differences in Maintenance to report.

Safety and Security:

- o The 2021 increase in Violations, Guest Pass and Mag Card Income is reflective of a change from prior year with the beginning phases of the COVID restrictions. Violations also reflect the charges and park's stance of no toleration for abuse of staff.

- o The 2021 increase in Mag Card Expense relates to necessary repairs to the stripe readers which is more costly to maintain in its outdated technology.

Recreation:

- o The 2021 Social Activity Expense includes the pre-planning deposits and expense for the 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Resort:

- o Resort Services Utilities had a jump in the cost of expenses in the early 2021 months and Administration is following up with Consumers for more detail on the source of the increase.

Leases:

- o The difference in Lease Income for 2021 increased to 2020 due to the fact that prior years lease costs were delayed due to the beginning restrictions of the pandemic.

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Park & Garden, Golf Rental and Retail:

- o No significant differences in Park and Garden, Golf Rental or Retail to report aside for a change back to normal business activity cycle.

Sales:

- o Increase in Transfer Fee Income relates to the increase in For Sale by Owners. Sales internally are also active and result in an increase in commission income for 2021 as well.
- o Site Rental Income is high with a higher demand of Camping interest coming into the 2021 season. Prior year significantly dropped off in April 2020 due to the pandemic restrictions.

LMGC

- Operation cash is up \$80k from Prior Year.
- Net Income is up \$18k from Prior Year
 - o This increase is specifically related to the increase in Memberships and Member Green Fees.
 - o R/M for the Course is also higher due to repairs through the off-season.

FY2022 Budget Review

The Board of Directors also reviewed and approved the first draft consideration of budget for the FY2021-2022 season. Specific highlights of departmental adjustments were also shared with the Board and presented at the Board of Directors meeting.

SPWT

- The March 2021 Midwest 12 month CPI (as used per the bylaws; Article VIII, Section 6, Paragraph h, subparagraph) is 3% compared to 1% in the prior year. This equates to an increase of \$42 per member for Operational Dues for the 2022 season.
- There are minimal changes projected through each department.
- These changes include, but not limited to:
 - Admin:
 - o Increase in Facility Rental with the occupancy of the Northshore building.
 - o Increase in Inspection Income – Electric Permits (PCI comparable), locating boat stakes and tree permits.
 - o Increase to Newsletter expense to accommodate for the off-season prints.

Safety and Security:

- o Reduction in Guest Passes – closer to actual
- o Reduction in Taxable Sales – closer to actual
- o Reduction in Uniforms – purchased all new recently
- o Reduction in R/M Equip, Sm Equip and Fire Equip – for actual projection
- o Slight reduction in training expense

Recreation:

- o Reduction in NT Income – closer to actual since 2021 budget includes 50th Sponsorship Income

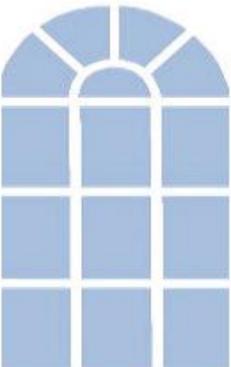
- o Reduction in Recreation Salary – however will be reassessing closer to final budget time – 2020 was significantly lower due to COVID restrictions
- o Reduction in Equip Replacement and Supplies to bring closer to actual
- o Slight increase to Happy Shack supplies and trophy expense
- o Reduction in Social Activities – closer to actual since 2021 includes 50th expenses
- o Slight increase in Telephone and auto to bring closer to actual

Resort:

- o Flow through of Dues CPI Increase in the Resort Department

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SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK
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Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

Call Numbers & Statistics

Security Services responded to a total of 63 incidents in April 2021. The call types and numbers appear below.

Trespass: 1
Abuse of Staff: 2
Property Damage Accident: 6
General Assistance: 8
Illegal Guest: 2
Misc. Rule Violation: 3
Open Door: 16
Animal Complaint: 4
Disorderly Conduct: 2
Missing Child: 1
Burglary: 1
Larceny: 1
Medical: 3
Lost/Found Property: 4
Traffic Complaint: 2
Property Check: 1
Illegal Entry: 3
Suspicious Incident: 1
Illegal Dumping: 2

Park Wildlife

SPWT is home to numerous species of wildlife, some of which are quite rare. Our staff has worked with animal rehab specialists on multiple occasions upon finding injured wildlife in the Park, the most recent an American Kestrel, which was rehabilitated and released back into the Park.

Recently, PSO staff were advised of a group of large snakes in an area of the Park. Upon investigating it was found these snakes are a breeding group of Blue Racers. Blue Racers are native to Michigan, somewhat rare and pose no threat to humans. These are not venomous snakes. Security Services has consulted with a biologist as well as a Conservation Officer regarding this nest of snakes and were advised that these snakes are not communal and will move on after breeding. Several of the snakes in this nest are uncommonly large for Blue Racers.

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- o Increase to Lake Development Income to accommodate plans as planned and necessary by direction of the Lake Study Committee
 - Fees include boat stakes @ \$150/\$75 or \$100/\$50; in addition to boat, land and non-motorized stickers
 - Lake Maintenance Operational increase approx. \$250k
- o \$18k increase in Professional fees to account for software implementation operational costs
- o \$60k increase in estimated Property Tax for new building structures
- o Increase in est. depreciation to account for Northshore expense.

Sales

- o Adj of Commission to actual trends
- o Adj of Camping to actual trends and increase in rates to reflect competitive market
- o Increase in Seasonal Site to adjust for increase in rates to reflect competitive market

- o Reduction in Communication Expense – bringing outside service expense in-house with restructure.
- **Net adjustment to Budget increase of \$40k to budget**
- **Net adjustment Cash Budget increase of \$67k**

LMGC

- Increase to budget for Member Green Fees to adjust for the 2020-2021 price change.
- No other significant changes to budget at this time.

**Note: This is only the early draft of consideration and adjustments will be made, as necessary, and as determined by the current year's results.

Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey continue to remain financially strong leading into 2021 and ready to celebrate 50 great years. Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most recent year-to-date financial statements.

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If you happen to encounter one of these snakes, please do not disturb them or the nest area. Again, they pose no threat to humans and are beneficial to the environment.

Golf Cart Safety

Security Services has seen a considerable increase in traumatic injuries related to golf cart operation. These incidents include roll overs with

persons ejected, persons jumping from moving carts and being ejected after standing on a cart while it is in motion. Several of these incidents have resulted in serious injury, although each incident could have resulted in fatal injuries.

PSO's are being vigilant for any safety violations during golf cart operation. These violations include standing on a cart, operating carts in

a careless or reckless manner, texting while operating a cart, speed violations etc. Parents, please advise your children of the potential for serious injury when operating a cart, and that the Park may revoke cart driving privileges for any minors operating in an unsafe manner, as well as issue violations to the site.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT Jack@parkgarden.com

Park & Garden Store

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Now Open

We now begin a new season and are ready to celebrate the 50th year at Sandy Pines. The store is restocked and ready for you to visit to get items you need for your site. We have masks, and other items needed for COVID19. Stop by between 9:30 am and 4 pm each day. Sunday hours (noon to 4) will begin on June 7.

As with all retail stores we are having some of the same problems. Many items are going up in price and demand has made it difficult to get some items. We are doing our best to supply the members with items needed.

Water Softeners

We have spent the month of May getting the softeners delivered and installed. We have had a great amount of interest in the program and we now have a waiting list for the softeners. We are working with our supplier to provide more tanks for this year. We have a good supply of 3 and 5

gallon drinking water for your water dispensers.

Golf Carts

Dale Yoder is manager of the golf cart rental. If your cart needs a spring tune-up, stop by and make an appointment. We have received brand new Club Cars (2021) for our leased rental fleet. Reservations are being made online and by calling the store at 616-896-9888. Get your reservation in early for those garage sale, and holiday weekends.

New Products

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. RV chemicals and products are still restocked. 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 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 Topsoil are available as always.

We look forward to helping you keep your site looking excellent this summer. Stop buy and say hi to the new staff.

Marina

We will again have the marina available on Wednesday from 5 to 8 pm (weather permitting). Regular hours will be Friday night, Saturday and Sunday. The fuel we use at the pump is ETHANOL FREE. The price of the fuel still remains at \$4.95 a gal. As soon as we are allowed, 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

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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 tryout the watercraft. We have added double Kayaks for enjoyment by couples.

Get Your Supplies

If you need firewood stop by and pick up a bundle at the store. If you haven't scheduled to get your boat put back in the lake, please call 616-896-9334.

We also have the supplies to attach the new license plates to your carts.

Looking for new 50th Anniversary and regular Sandy Pines items you must stop by the store. We have sweatshirts, t-shirts, mugs, cozies, coasters and many new items.

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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS inspector@sandypines.com

Inspector Office Hours

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Hopefully, everyone is all settled in and enjoying our "Happy Place ". I truly enjoy driving through the park and seeing all the building and improvements you all are doing, it looks great. Remember June 10th is the deadline for site cleanup let's all do our best to keep Sandy Pines looking great.

While driving around the park I have noticed several sites selling firewood from their site. That is a direct violation from our rule book so that needs to stop.

With all the events planned this summer and the COVID thing about to pass I truly believe this will be a great season and much needed for everyone. So let's work as a team to make our park look better than it ever has. And again, thank you all I truly enjoy working with you all and look forward to doing so for many years to come.

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With Sincere Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

Wes Salisbury, Site D-124, on the passing of his wife, **Sabrina**, on January 25th.

Benita Flucker, Site N-195, on the passing of her mother, **Marg McCray**, on January 28th

David & Holly Thomas, Site 869, on the passing of their son, **David Thomas III**, who passed away from COVID, on April 15th. Sympathy is extended to all of his Aunts/ Uncles and Cousins who are also members here at Sandy Pines.

Malcom Scott, C-15, on the passing of his wife, **Joan "Jo"**, on May 16th.

Gloria Stauffer, Site N-143, on the passing of her husband, **Randall**, on May 18th.

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LAKE COMMITTEE NEWS – LAKE CORNER

BY STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA

Summer is finally here! Warmer temperatures mean increased traffic on and around the lake. This summer you will see new signage at the ramp addressing lake rules and invasive hitchhikers. You will also see an increased public safety officer presence on the lake during weekends and holidays. The lake and boat rules can be found in handbook sections thirteen and fourteen. It is always a good idea to brush up on these before the season starts. The lake committee would like to highlight a few rules for members that are especially helpful to know before you hop on your vessel this summer. Lake

Monterey has a speed limit of thirty-five miles per hour and moves in a counterclockwise motion, no wake hours are from 8:30pm -10am, alcohol is prohibited, maintain one hundred feet from shore with your vessel, and life jackets for every passenger just to name a few. We all want to use the lake, but it is important to not overcrowd it. Lake Monterey is two hundred and twenty four acres with approximately one hundred and twenty acres used for waked activities. Fun fact a lake capacity study done on a lake similar to ours suggested one boat per twenty acres so if it looks too busy, it is. Increased traffic creates an unsafe

environment for everyone. If you participate in recreational sports such as tubing, skiing, surfing, wakeboarding we are recommending (not requiring) the use of a flag to wave if you have a rider down. It increases the awareness of boaters around you and alerts them to the down rider. Sandy Pines is once again offering a free boaters safety course on June 19. Everyone twelve and up is recommended to take this course if you have not already done so. Space is limited, sign up here:

cms.allegancounty.org/sheriff/Patrol/SitePages/MarineClasses.aspx

SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

North Shore Center Emergency Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to serve as safety team members to assist during severe weather watches and events at this new facility. If you are interested, please send an email to steve@sandypines.com. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Medical Emergencies

As we begin our summer, we must think of who to call or where to go for medical treatment. For all emergencies, police, fire, and ambulance call 911. After calling 911 call security – (616) 896 9006.

Some of the common life-threatening medical issues are breathing problems, low blood sugar, chest pain, stroke, or trauma. It is not uncommon for persons to delay calling 911 or receiving care needed. The thought “it’ll go away” can have the effect of more damage to the body system or even cause death. It is not uncommon for the patient to tell family members or spouses not to call for help. If you are the person that has a health issue please do not place your family member if this position. Do not wait, call for help before you are circling the drain. It is not uncommon for persons to wait several hours with conditions that should have been evaluated, treated, or assisted hours before.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS gary@golflmgc.com

We will finally have no more frosty nights. That will let the soil temperatures warm up so we can get more turf to fill in. We did a lot of seeding last fall on fairways and tees. Some of the tees which we removed trees on will start to fill in quicker now.

We have been having a problem with hole 7 and 8 with hydraulic pressure in the supply line. This year we finally had no pressure and tree roots closed the line completely which allowed us to find it. The staff has since ran a new line. Also, on 7 tee we replaced two heads to one head for better coverage.

We also got new corn hole boards in for the season which will help with our leagues and will be available for use.

We also have self-rising 9-inch personal pizzas, stuffed bread sticks, stuffed Jalapeno and cheese Pretzel Sticks, Bagels, Muffins, Breakfast, and White Chicken Chili.

The bridge is up and open most people like it a lot, but just a reminder we will be making a covered bridge this fall. We have a few members that will take this project on.

Also check out a Schedule of events on lake Monterey website under events.

JR. Golf League

It's time to sign up for the JR. Golf League. The League starts Wednesday July 7th and runs for 6 weeks until August 14th. Tee time is 9am. Please plan to arrive at the course by 8:45am. The cost for all six weeks is \$30. This covers golf, hotdog, chips and drink. Suggested ages are from 7 to 17 years old. Contact Kim Boer by phone at 616-291-7281 or by email at RaisingOurBoys@gmail.com. You may also pick up a form to sign up at the clubhouse. We look forward to seeing all of the JR. golfers!

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Several hospitals are present in West Michigan. Not all hospitals are equal in what they can provide care for or provide immediate treatment. Fortunately, we have several that can provide care for the most common issues. Please discuss which health care facility you would like to be taken to with you family prior to a medical emergency.

Metro Health is the nearest hospital that is a Stroke Center, has a Cath Lab for heart issues and is a level 2 trauma center.

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