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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAAR

Winter hung on until the middle of April this year. Many were wondering if it was ever going to end. At the time of this writing it was mid-April with a temperature of 30 and snowing like it was the dead of winter. As I was looking out the window the Crocuses were waving in the wind as if to say that spring was just around the corner. Just like they said, here it is. And so, it is time to resupply our units and begin to think about clean-up. The staff has been working hard to get the park ready for us. Many improvements have been accomplished, which you will learn about as you read further in this Footprints.

Some of the committees have begun to consider agenda items for the coming year. In early April, for example, the Policy Committee received a

draft copy of a comprehensive policy manual. They will have studied and reviewed the policy in anticipation of presenting it to the Board of Directors sometime in May. The Board will take a few weeks to read and become familiar with it, and hopefully adopt the policy at its regular June meeting.

Sandy Pines has never had a unified policy manual. Over the years, several individual documents were approved and served the purpose of policy. During the winter months, Sandy Pines' Executive Administrative Assistant compiled all the individual documents, which were then used to create a proposed policy manual. In situations where there was no policy covering a function of the park, a draft was proposed. It is best

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for any organization to have a comprehensive unified policy to guide administration, employees and members. In essence, a policy says this is what we do, which helps to bring clarity to an organization.

If you wish to serve on committee, request an "Application Form for Advisory Committee" from the administration or get one from the website, and they will direct it to the appropriate committee chair. The Committee chair will then

make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval.

Two Board of Director members, Michael Harding and Doug Wills, submitted their resignation from the Board as of March 30, 2018. We thank them for their service and wish them well.

Sandy Pines is a great resort. We look forward to your return.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

It's great to see Members coming back into the park at the start of a new season. We are grateful for those of you who have stopped in to say hello, and to let us know you're back! If you had the opportunity to read my April article and took the park tour to see the changes that have occurred in the off-season, I am hopeful that you enjoy what you see. I would encourage you to thank our staff in the Maintenance Department for their efforts in accomplishing much of the work that was done.

Sandy Pines would not exist without those who faithfully volunteer in so many ways here in the park each year. We are grateful and indebted to all of those who serve as grounds workers, Board Directors, committee members and caretakers, just to name a few. Today I would like to send a thank you to the Library Team for their recent undertaking.

One major move and renovation that took place in the last few months was the move of the library from the Admin. building to the Retail Center. We would like to thank the following Members who made that move happen: Lynn & Paul Bailey, Ebby King, Carolyn Camenga, Bea & Jerry DeWeerd, Lisa Britten, Norene Squint, and Jan Raak. A big THANK YOU goes out to this Library Team for the time and energy they took to organize and accomplish this move!!! We truly appreciate

your assistance in the move and wish you well as you continue Library care, programming and management. Be sure to check out the new Library section on the Sandy Pines website!!

The 2016 FEMA construction project of CC 5 & 6 that began in September 2017, was completed on April 13, 2018, followed by a FEMA closeout meeting held on April 19. This major project went very well, with all expectations of scheduling, timeline goals, quality and budget being met or exceeded.

Additionally; late last summer I was approached by Salem Township to inquire if Sandy Pines would be interested in submitting another project. In September, I brought the opportunity to the Board of Directors to get a consensus for their level of interest. The interest was very positive, so we put the same team of people on the new application. Steve Deyarmond, our Emergency Services Director; Jim Pitsch, the Salem Township Supervisor; WLP Engineering, and Scott Corbin, Director of Allegan County Emergency Services.

A preliminary plan for a two-story structure was developed with the intent of placing this new facility in the same area as the previous Indoor Pool/Adult Recreation Building. The floor plan drawn would have the capability to hold approximately 1100 persons in a severe weather situation. The structure would provide space for

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NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

BY RICHARD RANDELS

The very busy building season continues at the condos. As reported in the April Footprints, since October of last year, six new condos have been built and occupied with another two-unit building under construction. As that new unit is moving toward completion with one of the units already reserved, a new two unit building was started in early April, with one of those units already under contract! This leaves only one more building to start to complete the condo project.

When the final units are sold, they will have added 54 dues paying memberships to the Sandy Pines Association. Because these are permanent year round residents under a different Charter, these are in addition to the number of sites allowed to the park as a campground.

The condo residents are getting ready to participate in our 3rd Annual Bridge Walk on June 7th. Residents will meet at the condo entrance nearest the Public Safety Office and proceed to walk through the condo development, snacking on items provided by residents. There will be a toll collected at the bridge in order to cross, with the money to be part of a drawing during the potluck cookout that follows the end of the walk in Phase 2. This has always been a fun event, now even better, with more residents to participate.

Our potlucks will resume in May, and our monthly Women's Breakfasts continue to build friendships. All of these activities, in addition to all the park has to offer, make this such a great place to live.



THE MEANING OF MEMORIAL DAY

Since the earliest ceremonies in small American towns following the Civil War, we have gathered on Memorial Day to honor and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. As in those early days of laying wreaths and placing flags, our national day of remembrance is often felt most deeply among the families and communities who have personally lost friends and loved ones.

This national holiday may also be the unofficial start of the summer season, but all Americans must take a moment to remember the sacrifice of our valiant military service members, first responders and their families. Memorial Day is a day of both celebration and grief, accounting for the honor of our heroes and reflecting on their tragic loss.

"Here at the Capitol, just weeks before the end of the Civil War, a weary President Lincoln pleaded with his fellow citizens, to 'bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan.'" - Gen. Colin Powell, USA (Ret.)

Civil War soldiers had been mustered from towns

and villages across the land. Like today, the loss of each soldier was a profound tragedy for both family and community.

Today, we honor service members from all of America's past wars. But there is immediacy in our sorrow; the wounds of war are new again. As we struggle for ways to heal, Abraham Lincoln's message of almost 150 years ago can still inspire us.

This, then, is the mission of Memorial Day: **to reach out in support of all the soldiers and their families who have sacrificed so much for us.**

Throughout America's history, hundreds of thousands of our fellow citizens have died bravely serving our country. The number of battle deaths speak to the sacrifices our soldiers and their families have made.

Thank you to all of our Military Men and Women...whether you have served previously, or are currently serving this great Country. We honor you, and especially today, we remember those who have given all. God Bless America!

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 28, 2018

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small meeting rooms, as well as a larger space to hold individuals for a larger indoor event.

Additionally, the plan allows for access to the building from both levels, with one being from the beach area. Although the plan is not set in stone, there is a preliminary floor plan made for the purpose compliance within the FEMA application. Final plans will not be completed until we know whether or not the grant is approved.

A bit of good news occurred on March 29, when we received notice that our application had been approved to be sent to the next level of consideration. At this level the P361 compliance (Storm Shelter) specifications will be reviewed prior to approval, or denial, of the grant. We are awaiting a final decision on this project which is currently estimated at \$3.8 million.

If approved, FEMA will again provide 75% of the funding that applies to the P361 requirements. This is significant because our Team has taken what was learned on the previous FEMA project and used it to increase the percentage of FEMA compliance aspects within the entire project, in an attempt to minimize the cost to Sandy Pines and maximize the available funding from FEMA. Stay tuned to our website and eNews for any other details as they become available.

In other areas of the park administration, the Public Safety Department, now consisting of the Emergency Services and Security Departments, is coming along very well. Keith Garvelink (Interim Director of Security) has done a great job of

finding, hiring and filling vacated positions with Public Safety Officers (PSO's) many of which have experience in law enforcement, medical and/or fire services. These new hires will be great additions to those PSO's that you will find familiar from past seasons. Please stop PSO's or stop in to the Public Safety Building and get to know them!

One item of business: I have been asked to mention that our Member Services department has had a number of calls, emails and conversations with Associate Members attempting to transact business for a Member's site. The reminder is that our operational policy states that our Sandy Pines Staff may only conduct business with the Member(s) of record. There are exceptions where legal documentation has been provided naming an Associate as the legal designee, Executor or Guardian. In cases where there is a divorce situation, a court order must be provided for the membership to change from a Co-member to a Member. In situations where the Member is no longer active in managing the membership, we suggest transferring the membership. Our office will not conduct business with an Associate Member under conditions other than those listed above.

As you enter the park you will notice the renovated entrance signs that were completed this past winter. This was done as part of the branding of Sandy Pines and to be in compliance with the new logo. If the sign looks familiar, it's because they were refabricated rather than replaced.

Put on your Calendar: Memorial Day falls on May 28 this year, so please plan to attend the Memorial Day Observance that will be held at the Veteran's Memorial area across from the Recreation Station. Look for details on the website or in other places in this issue of the Footprints.

Also, put May 19th on your calendar and plan to attend the first Face to Phase meeting at the Pavilion. The time will be from 9 to 11 am. There will be Coffee, cookies, water and a chance to enter a drawing to win prizes. These meetings were created as a place where Members can come and share ideas, ask questions, make comments, or simply listen to learn! There are generally Staff members there, as well as a Board Director(s) who join me at these meetings. We look forward to seeing you!

Finally, thank you to all of the great Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Supporters! This is a Member owned park that is employee operated, and as employees, we are grateful to serve you as consciously as though it is our own. Working here is a privilege for each one of us on Staff and we do not take our positions lightly, or with any sense of entitlement. God has gifted each of our staff persons uniquely, and as a Team we depend on each other to provide the membership and guests with the best level of service available at any park in the world.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

What a way to begin the first week of the season! We had snow, freezing rain, ice coating the trees and below normal temperatures. Thank you to our water softener customers for understanding the delay in installing your softeners. Freezing of the tanks would be very expensive.

The park is coming alive again, and in a few short weeks we will be open during regular hours. We are currently installing water softeners and making deliveries by appointment only. Two ways to get in touch with the store is to call 616-896-9334 and leave a voicemail and we will call you back or email us at parkgarden@sandypines.com. Be sure to include your phone number and site number and we will contact you by phone or by a return email.



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We have switched to a daily rate for the carts this year and have lowered the charges for the 4 passenger to \$50 a day. Regardless of the pick up time, the cart is always due back to the store by 10 am in the morning. You can also reserve the golf carts online by going to the Sandy Pines Website and clicking on the button for reservations.

The **Rental office** has moved to its new location on the end of the Retail Center building. We will have small tools available for rent this year and will be adding more, as the need arises. The Rental Center hours are Monday–Thursday and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm; Friday from 9 am to

7 pm; and Sunday from 10 am to 4 pm.

For those wanting to pick up a water softener for self-install, we will be at the store on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from Noon to 1 pm and again from 5 to 6 pm. Saturday will be by appointment only. Deliveries of bulk products can be made Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Store hours this year will be full time beginning Memorial Day Weekend. We will be open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday. We will be open on May 18th and 19th from 9 am to 4 pm. Sunday hours will begin on June 3rd and will be from Noon to 4 pm.

We are currently stocking the shelves for the season and we have several new products this year. Stop by the store and see what we have available for you. If you don't find it on our shelves let us know what you need, and we will attempt to stock it.

We have secured a new supplier for our 3 and 5 gallon bulk water this year and have been able to lower our price to \$4 for the 3 gallon and \$5 for the 5 gallon water jugs. We also have water coolers available for purchase.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

Preparing for the summer and medical emergencies:

Please take the time to review and/or prepare a list of your medications, allergies and medical conditions. Place this list in your medicine cabinet in your bathroom. In the event that you or one of your family members become ill, the information will be available to first responders and local hospitals, if transported to the hospital. Please discuss your preference of the health care facility that you or your family prefer to use in the event of an illness or injury.

West Michigan has several hospitals in the area. Hospitals are commonly rated as a level one, two or three facility, based on their staffing and ability to manage illnesses and injuries. Hospitals also have accreditations to

be designated as a Trauma center, Stroke center or Heart center.

Local Trauma Centers for injuries are Metro Health Hospital (level 2), Mercy Health Hospital (St. Mary's-level 2), Butterworth Spectrum Hospital (level 1).

Stroke Centers are Metro Health, St Mary's and Butterworth Spectrum hospitals. In the event of a stroke you should choose a hospital that has the ability to use invasive means to reduce the effects by providing a clot buster, performing a thrombectomy, or stopping bleeds in the brain.

Heart Centers are Metro Health, St Mary's and Butterworth Spectrum. In the event of a heart attack/chest pain or pressure, you should

discuss with your family your choice of hospital. Metro Hospital, St Mary's and Butterworth Spectrum hospitals are designated facilities that can provide care.

Discuss your health conditions with your family and your choice of a health care facility. Prepare by listing medications and health conditions. Call 911 when you have health emergencies. Don't wait to call 911. Commonly, people wait too long to call for assistance for chest pain or breathing problems and they also fail to recognize the signs of a stroke. Stroke symptoms include facial droop, slurred speech, or the inability to hold arms out in front of them. People often deny chest pain, pressure or tightness.



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PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICE NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK

GUEST PASSES

As we have numerous new members each year, it is timely to post information for members on how to obtain a guest pass. Members can do this from their own device or may use one of the kiosks at the South Station. Members will first go to the Sandy Pines website and log into their account. If the member has forgotten their log in information, we can retrieve that information and provide it to you. The member will be asked to agree to the rules regarding guests upon signing in. From here, the member will go to Guest Sign in and will need to enter the first and last name or names of the guest(s). The member will be asked for the date of the visit. After completing this, select the "print to Ranger Station" option and log out. This will generate the vehicle pass which will be placed on the guests' vehicle upon arrival. The guest will also need to have a daily vehicle sticker applied at the same time. The cost for a guest permit, if done by a member, is \$4. Our staff can also perform this service for the member at a cost of \$6. If members have any problems generating a guest pass we are happy to assist either at the station or by phone. The phone number to the South Station is 616.896.9006.

CPR CLASSES

Public Safety Office will offer a CPR class to members if there is sufficient interest in completing this class. We would need six people, minimum, to

run a class. The class would be four hours in length and cost \$25. Please email keith@sandypines.com if interested.

STICKERS ON GOLF CARTS

A reminder that golf carts must be properly stickered by Memorial Day weekend.

BRINGING TRASH INTO THE PARK

Please remember that park rules prohibit members from bringing trash items into the park for disposal from any location other than the members' site. Members who do this may incur a \$100 fine or be charged the cost of removing or disposing of any items from outside the park. There have been recent instances of large amounts of trash being brought into the park from outside. This costs the park, and ultimately you, money. Please refrain from doing this.

BURGLARIES IN PHASE TWO

Regrettably, we have had several burglaries occur recently in Phase two of the park. These crimes occurred in the early morning hours, and involve two male suspects who appear to have been on foot. Property stolen consists of mainly electronic items such as televisions. There is an ongoing investigation into these crimes by the Safety Office and Michigan State Police. I have been asked by several members if there are any steps members can take to prevent crimes such as

this. One thing is to be observant and report any suspicious persons or vehicles to the Safety Office. We are here to respond to calls such as this and welcome any information regarding suspicious activity or persons. The Safety Office has already received calls from residents reporting this type of such activity. I would like to thank those individuals who contacted us and I encourage all members to promptly report any suspicious activity to the Public Safety Office at 616.896.9006. Members should take a few minutes to record information with regard to their valuables. A record of the price of purchase, item description, and a serial number is invaluable if a crime occurs. This information allows law enforcement to enter the stolen item into a nationwide database and also makes it much easier for the victim to report such instances to their insurance companies. Taking a photo inventory of valuables, including pictures of any identifying numbers, can also make the process of tracking property and reporting a crime, much easier.

PARK INSPECTOR UPDATE

BY ERNIE KUNKEL

I'm happy to be writing this article from the new Inspector's Office in the Retail Center. Our maintenance crew did a great job renovating this entire area.

The past six weeks have seen a lot of activity in the park. Many sales and transfers, placement of new and used camping units, all generating new projects for the various members. If you are planning a project at your site, check the Handbook for guidelines, or contact my office for clarifications, if needed.

It is nice to see so many members engaged in site cleanup. They serve as a good reminder for us to be a good neighbor and help keep Sandy Pines a place we are proud of. The site cleanup deadline is June 10. Although Sandy Pines benefits from, and appreciates the efforts of members who maintain and/or improve the green areas, no member should be hindered from enjoying such areas.

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Jane Cooke, Site K-10, on the passing of her husband, **Cliff**, on March 5th.

Ria Voss, Site N-63, on the passing of her husband, **Frank**, on March 24th.

Jim Dakin, Site K-179, on the passing of his wife, **Bonnie**, on April 5th.

Vernon Palmbos, Site N-417, on the passing of his wife, **Judy**, on April 8th. Sympathy is also extended to their children, **Tamyra Norby** and Tim & Wendy Palmbos and to their granddaughter, **Jessica Norby**.

FINANCE & ACCOUNTING UPDATES

BY KIMBERLEY WILLIAMS

With the start of the new season and submission of renewal invoices, I would like to thank all members who are diligent in keeping your account payments up to date. Your commitment to Sandy Pines is greatly appreciated.

FEMA GRANT PROJECT UPDATE:

The construction of the two new FEMA approved storm shelters in Phase 3 is nearing completion as they have already been approved for occupancy. Over the next month we will be working with the local governments, State of Michigan and FEMA, as we close out the project. At the completion of the project we will be sharing with the membership the final cost/payment analysis and overview. We are pleased with the outcome thus far and look forward to sharing the overall results then.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REVIEW:

Our external accounting firm is currently finalizing the Financial Statement review and consolidated statements of FY2017. These statements will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval at the June 2018 Board meeting.

The final FY2017 (August and September) and FY2018 (October through March) Financial Statements will be presented to the Board of Directors for review and approval at the May 2018 Board meeting. The May 2018 meeting will also include the first preliminary review of the FY2019 Budget.

All Financial Statements will be uploaded to our Sandy Pine webpage immediately following approval by the Board of Directors.

We welcome you back to the 2018 season.

SANDY PINES CHAPEL — MAY SCHEDULE

May 6	10:00 AM	Worship Service in the Pavilion led by Dave Van Noord
May 13	10:00 AM	Worship Service in the Pavilion led by Rev. Bob Holwerda
May 20	10:00 AM	Worship Service at the Lakeside Chapel celebrating Pentecost led by Rev. John Witvliet
May 27	10:00 AM	Worship at the Lakeside Chapel with Rev. Tony Myles
May 27	6:00 PM	Gospel Program led by The Ball Brothers



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BASS FISHING CONTEST

The Public Safety Department will host our Annual Bass Fishing Contest

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Entrants must register **prior** to the event.

Entry fee is \$10/person. You may register in person or over the phone by calling the Public Safety Office at 616.896.9006. Prize is \$100 for the largest bass...determined by weight!

Weigh-in is at the Public Safety Office.

Contestants must comply with Park rules and hold a valid MI fishing license.

RECREATION UPDATE

BY NIKKI HOOGEWIND

The Recreation Department would like to welcome all of our new and returning staff! We are looking forward to a fantastic season at Sandy Pines. The Rec Dept. is still looking to hire additional staff for the ropes course ages 18+, if interested email recreation@sandypines.com.

The Memorial holiday weekend will be packed with various tournaments. Please check the Weekend Flyer for exact times and locations. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, May 28, at 9:30 am, at our Veterans Memorial (located near the Water Park). This is always a wonderful service followed with refreshments in the All-Purpose room at the Recreation Station.

Saturday, June 9, the Recreation Building will be the host site for a Paint on Canvas. Limited seats are available for this fun and creative event. Cost is \$30 with all materials included. The painting is a summer theme with flip flops! To grab a spot, please email recreation@sandypines.com payments of cash only, will be due Memorial Weekend!

Saturday, June 23, we have two big events taking place. The Car Show will begin at 4 pm near the Water Park and end at the Flea Market area for viewing of the cars. Anyone interested in participating with their car, please email recreation@sandypines.com. We would like to know how many will be participating, as we provide a meal +1 food voucher following the event for anyone who has a car in the parade! The second event is the Sandy Pines Swirl for ages 13-18. This event is semi-formal—look your best, and will take place at the Phase 1 Pavilion from 8:30 -10:30 pm. Cost is \$5/person and payment can be made at the door. We would like you to email us at recreation@sandypines.com, if you are planning to attend, just so we know how many to expect..

The last weekend in June will be the holiday tournaments for the 4th of July holiday. The fireworks will be on Saturday, June 30, at dusk. The parade will be on Wednesday, July 4, at 10 am. All members are welcome to take part in the parade. Decorate your golf cart or bicycle, and join the fun. Line up at 9:30 am at the Water Park for judging, and the parade will begin at 10 am!

Family Fun Day is Saturday, July 14 from 10 am–2 pm. Family, Food, Fun, Games, Animals, Prizes, and more take place. Please plan to attend one of the bigger events of the summer at Phase 1. We are always in need of volunteers to make this day a success. If you have always been a part of this day volunteering, or would like to join this year, please email nikki@sandypines.com and inform me of your willingness to help.

Thank you to all the members who make Sandy Pines the best place to be! I appreciate all of the staff, volunteers, and members who support the Recreation Department. We are ready for warmer weather to arrive and kick things off for 2018!

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

BY GARY PETERS

It would appear that the last winter storm is finally over...in mid-April. We are starting to put down asphalt milling on the back nine again, from 14 fairway though the 16 tee area. This will be a great improvement. All the tees have been blown off and we will be verti-cutting them too. All the tee markers have been stained and painted, along with the benches.

We will have our Mother's Day Special again on May 13. Mothers play for free, with a paying golfer.

We will be planting switch grass along the creek that runs through the golf course. It is a native perennial grass that can have roots grow as deep as six feet. We have had over eight people from the DEQ, Grand Valley State University and Allegan Soil Conservation visit our area during the off season.

The Golf Fee for Sandy Pines members will remain the same, \$3 per each nine. Associate member green fees will increase to \$5 per each nine. The junior rate will remain the same at \$5 per nine. Cart rental fees will be going up \$2 per eighteen.

Here are some of the important dates for the 2018 golf season:

Karaoke: June 22, July 21 and August 4—starts at 7 pm with food beginning at 5 pm.

Junior Golf League Program: June 20 and 27, July 11, 18, 25 and August 1—starts at 8:30 am.

Father/Child outing: June 24—Back nine starts at 4 pm.

Mother /Child outing: July 15—Back nine starts at 4 pm.

Member/Guest outing: June 16—starts at 8:30 am goes until 2 pm. \$35 for members and \$40 for guests. 18 Hole event, includes food and prizes.

Couples Invitational: August 18—starts at 8:30 am and goes until 2 pm. \$35 for Sandy Pines members and \$40 for public players.

We hope everyone had a great winter. We look forward to having a fun filled season and seeing everyone at the course soon.

DOG PARK NEWS

BY BILL & JOANNE VANDERWALL

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

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

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



SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE NEWS

BY DENNIS KING

Greetings Sandy Pines members!

When you read this article, the weather will be more seasonable than when I wrote my last article, and activities will be on the rise throughout the park. This month, the Safety and Security Committee will have their first meeting, and pick up where we left off in September.

One of the upcoming projects is to develop a policy that follows the State of Michigan rules on public playgrounds. The Policy Committee was going to assist with this.

Another project was looking into the possibility of having a diving barge/platform in the lake for kids' activities. This was brought up at a Face to Phase meeting last summer.

On a final note, always be aware of your surroundings, especially around children!

If something doesn't look right, say something.

Have a great May and Memorial Day Celebration.

A promotional banner for Lucky Dog Pet Grooming. The background is teal with white circles. The text "Lucky Dog" is in a large, white, cursive font, followed by "PET GROOMING" in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. To the right is a white silhouette of a dog. A white circle on the right contains the text "Located near Sandy Pines Resort". At the bottom, a teal bar contains the text "A warm and cozy groomer & pet spa!" in white, followed by the website "luckydog-petgrooming.com" and the phone number "616-291-4171" in white.

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MEMBER SERVICE & MARKETING NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

HOURS:

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Mail Room Hours 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Sunday Closed
Holidays Closed
Member Service will be closed on holidays:
Memorial Day Monday 5/28
Independence Day Wednesday 7/4
Labor Day Monday 9/3

IMPORTANT DATES

5/5 First Flea Market & Saturday Emergency Pump Outs Begin
6/1 Boat Registration Deadline
7/1 Quarterly electric & state tax billed (Due 7/25) & Deadline to return renewal stickers for credit
8/18 Annual Election
9/1 Winterizations Begin
9/8 Saturday Emergency Pump Outs End
10/1 Annual Dues, quarterly final adjusted electric & state tax billed (Due 10/25)
10/15 Water is turned off for the season (weather permitting)
10/19 Last week of normal season Pump Outs
10/31 Last Pump Out of the season (Billed as a \$26 Emergency Pump Out)

6 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

1. **NEW FACES:** We have two new employees joining us at the Member Service Desk this season.



JAMI WERKEMA

• Jami Werkema lives in Dorr with her husband and two beautiful children. She has 20 years of customer service experience and recently worked as a Manager

at Ace Hardware in Dorr. She loves camping, fishing, horseback riding, fitness and spending time with her family. She looks forward to being part of the Sandy Pines Community and meeting all of our great Members.



DAWN KISNER

• Dawn Kisner and her family have been members of Sandy Pines for more than 45 years. She remembers following the oil trucks on the dirt roads and laughing hysterically

at the mess. She is a West Michigan native who has recently moved to Florida and works as a Resort Activities director in the winter months. When not working, Dawn loves being with family and friends. Her favorite places are the Phase 1 beach and the adult pool.

2. **PRIVACY POLICY:** We take your privacy seriously, and as such, do everything we

can to protect your account information. Member owners are the only persons we allow to make inquiries and changes on accounts. We can only release information to associate and members upon your request. Please make sure to let us know if you have an associate or family member that you allow to assist with your account.

3. **INFORMATION CENTER:** Stop by our new Information Center on your return to the park for all the schedules, services, pricing and info you need! You'll find our Featured Events Calendar, Kids & Adult Activity Schedules, Chapel Schedules, the Registered Contractors List, Site Cleanup Checklists, Water Softener Order Forms, the Cable TV Channel List, TV & Internet Troubleshooting, Golf Cart Rental Pricing, Camping Rates & Information, Sales Listings, Park Maps and more. All of this information is also available on our website at www.SandyPines.com/Members.

4. **MAIL SERVICES:** At the beginning and end of each season we recommend you complete your seasonal mail forwarding requests one month in advance of your transition to the park as it can take two to three weeks for the change of address to take effect. While UPS & FedEx are not able to deliver parcels

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MAINTENANCE UPDATE

BY BEN FIFELSKI

We are busy finishing up some of our winter projects and getting the pools ready for the season. We have been working hard to get the entire Park cleaned up for your return. As we do every season, we will be patching the roadways. Please be sure to stay clear of the workers as they get this taken care of.

Here is something you should remember to do as you return to your home at Sandy Pines. Check and replace the rubber washer on your waterline connection. Use a little bit of Teflon paste on the threads, as this will help with the seal and also help when you unthread in the fall.

Spring is a very busy time of year for everyone. There are leaves to rake, branches to pick up, trailers to clean and weeds to pull. Please remember as you engage in your business around your site, to place your leaves and yard waste in the correct piles at the dump.

We ask that you remember to help your neighbors, if they need it. We appreciate everyone who does their part and helps with the things that need to be done in the Park.

Wishing you all a great 2018 season at Sandy Pines.

SALES OFFICE UPDATE

BY KATHY MOLNER

A few fun facts about the Sales Office: Did you know that I have already worked with 38 buyers this spring and have sold to over 22 of them?

Did you know that Nick Brott, our Seasonal Sales Representative is now back in the office and ready to do business?

Did you know that a buyer can get into one of our listings with as little as 20% down, and 6% interest?

Did you know that members can get a \$200 credit on their account if they refer a friend or family member to our office and they purchase from our office?

Did you know that we work 7 days a week and often are still showing at 7 or 8 o'clock at night?

Did you know that our office has been in full swing since February 15?

As always, we look forward to seeing all of you, and I hope that the snowbirds bring the warm weather back.

**Schwan's Representatives
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and packages in the park, we've allowed members to have packages delivered to Member Service. For information on park USPS mailboxes and details on our mail policy and parcel delivery, please visit www.SandyPines.com/MailServices.

5. **CABLE & INTERNET:** Cable is always on and ready to roll when you return to the park. We have a digital cable system that runs similar to hotel systems. There is no Charter equipment or cable box required. You just need a TV with a digital tuner to scan and decode the channels. You may need to rescan when you return for the season but otherwise you should be good to go. Internet is also always on and ready to roll. You'll want to restart your modem and router to reset your system upon your return and then you should be up and running. If you're interested in subscribing for internet, contact Member Service before May 15th to order a modem. Please call Member Service 616-896-8315 x0 for any and all cable and internet troubleshooting and installation calls. For more details visit www.SandyPines.com/CableInternet.

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

We are excited to have you back and look forward to an awesome summer. If you are new and/or have any questions, we are here to help. There's a lot to know to be an informed Sandy Piner and we are always here to lend a helping hand!

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EMERGENCY SERVICES WEATHER INFORMATION

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

Sandy Pines Severe Weather/Tornado Shelters Phase 3:

The intended purpose of the Severe Weather/Tornado Safe Rooms in Phase three is to provide near-absolute protection for Sandy Pines residents, their visitors, and staff, within accessible distance during a tornado watch, tornado warning or other short-term extreme wind hazard events. The shelters are intended for the population of Phase 3 and are within five minutes walking distance or half mile driving distance. The shelters were built to shelter the average daily population of Phase 3.

The Safe Room is equipped to provide only the most basic short-term essentials. The shelter is not intended, and was not designed, for long term sheltering. Common time for sheltering for a tornado in the State of Michigan is two hours or less.

The Safe Room has been engineered, designed and constructed in compliance with the design and construction criteria for community safe rooms as defined by FEMA P-361.

Safe Room Building Design Wind Speed: Zone IV, 250 mph, 3-second gust (tornado)

Missile Impact Design Speed: 15-lb 2x4 @ 100 mph (vertical surfaces), 15-lb 2x4 @ 67 mph (horizontal surfaces)

Maximum Design Occupancy of Storm Shelters in Phase 3: 260 people/building CC # 5 and 210 people/building CC # 6

Near-Absolute Protection Based on current knowledge of tornadoes, the occupants of a Safe Room built according to the guidance in FEMA P-361 will have a very high probability of being protected from injury or death. Other Convenience Centers in the Park are thought to be a better alternative to sheltering in an RV, tent or camping unit.

ALERTS AND ACTIVATION: Activation of Outdoor Warning Sirens:

When a National Weather Service Tornado Warning is issued for Allegan County, Allegan County 911 Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management, will activate the Outdoor Weather Sirens located in Phase 1, Phase 3, and Phase 6, for potential weather threats near Sandy Pines.

Siren activation is based on Allegan County 911 Central Dispatch and Allegan County Emergency Management policies and procedures. Upon activation of Weather Alert Sirens, residents should immediately move to their place of shelter.

RAVE system Severe Weather Notification:

The RAVE Alert system uses IPAWS, which will automatically forward National Weather Service Severe Weather and Tornado Warnings to registered staff and member cell phones, in the form of text and emails advising, of a threat. Please contact Member Service if you are not receiving Rave Alerts.

Persons should seek shelter when observations or other forms of media indicate a severe weather threat. Storms can develop within our area rapidly before alerts are activated by NWS, media or local emergency. Be vigilant in your observations and seek shelter when you observe, or think that a threat to your safety exists.

The **warning sirens** are located in Phase 1, Phase 6 and at the Sandy Pines Phase 3 Camparound Entrance. Outdoor warning sirens
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Public Warning and Notification System

Salem Township has installed a outdoor warning device in Sandy Pines for your protection, this siren located in Phase 1 in the Core Area



TESTING Procedures:

4th Friday of each month at 11:00am,
You should take this time to review your emergency response plans.

EMERGENCY Activation Procedures:

When the siren activates you will hear a (3) minute "steady" tone. At this time you should seek shelter inside a basement or sturdy structure and tune to local radio and television for further instructions.

are activated and operated by Allegan County Emergency Management and Allegan County 911 Central Dispatch. Allegan County Emergency Management or 911 can activate the warning based on weather information in accordance with procedures established by Allegan County Emergency Management and Allegan Central Dispatch.

Members, guests, residents and staff are responsible for monitoring severe weather conditions, alerts, and warnings, and to monitor/observe changing weather events. Persons should seek immediate shelter prior to weather siren activation when a severe weather event is observed or a warning is indicated by other sources, such as, but not limited to, local television, radio or RAVE phone alerts.

Regardless of activation of a weather siren, television or radio alerts, members, guests, residents and staff should seek shelter upon observation of severe or changing weather conditions that may be, or have the potential, to cause injury or be life threatening.

Please take the time to discuss your family plan of action for severe weather, and your planned place of shelter. Please discuss who you should contact and have their contact information available in the event of an emergency.

Sandy Pines will NOT perform door to door warnings for residents.

There will **not** be an Outdoor Warning Siren activation issued for an "All Clear". Rather, all National Weather Service Watches and Warnings have an expiration time, after which the severe weather conditions are no longer a concern. Our Public Safety Department staff will notify each facility in person, or by RAVE, of an expiration of a severe weather warning event.

PARK OPERATIONS:

Park operations during a Tornado Warning will be

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focused upon the safety of individuals in the Park. Park business operations will be closed during severe weather or tornado warnings and everyone will be advised to take immediate shelter.

Parking

Parking at or near the community Safe Room facility is limited. Those seeking shelter are encouraged to walk. This will allow disabled individuals to use the paved parking and accessible walks. Please use caution and watch for pedestrians when traveling to the shelter by vehicle.

Safe Room Rules

1. No smoking
2. No drugs or alcohol
3. No weapons
4. If you must bring a pet, it **must be confined within a carrier** and placed in designated pet area within Safe Room. Clean up and control of pets is the responsibility of the **pet owner**
5. Follow instruction of Safety Team members
6. Report any issues or injuries to the Safety Team
7. Supervise children closely and keep them nearby
8. Keep noise to a minimum so weather updates and instructions can be heard
9. Cell phone use permitted. Potential exists for an overload of the cell phone system during emergencies. Texting may work when phones fail.
10. Earphones must be used on **all** music and entertainment devices
11. Be courteous, maintain a calm and orderly atmosphere
12. Go inside the shelter upon arrival at the shelter.

Dial 911 for emergency situations – Provide phase location and building number. Residents are encouraged to use the Severe Thunderstorm Watch and Tornado Watch information to anticipate the development of severe weather. Time should be allotted for residents to gather essential items and travel to the shelter in an orderly fashion. Parking is very limited and walking is preferred.

What to bring to the Safe Room:

- Medications needed or medical equipment
- Personal care items
 - Baby items
 - Appropriate clothing for weather conditions
 - Cell phones
 - Appropriate pet care items (carrier, waste bags, food)
 - Portable NOAA Weather Radio

What NOT to bring to the Safe Room:

- No Drugs or alcohol
- No weapons of any kind
 - No large items that take up space needed for people

Do NOT bring your car if you can safely walk to the building. If you must drive use your golf cart if weather permits.

When the Outdoor Weather warning siren activates please take immediate shelter. **Do not call Security or 911 to ask what the Siren is for.** Take immediate shelter.

After Severe weather many injuries occur as a result of debris, electrical wires, trees or branches. Please use caution after the event and watch over children when leaving the shelter.

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HONORING OFFICER GLENN ANTHONY CHRISTOPHER DOSS, JR.

On January 28, 2018, Officer Glenn Doss, Jr. lost his life while responding to a domestic violence call, in the city of Detroit. Officer Doss is the Grandson of Sandy Pines member, Beretha Bradley, Site 210.

"It's an honor to be his dad," Glenn Doss Sr., a 19-year-veteran of the Detroit Police Department, said about his son who had served nearly two years on the force before his untimely death on Jan. 28.

"His brief yet unforgettable two-year career with the Detroit Police Department will forever be preserved by the memory of his unyielding dedication," said Detroit Police Chief James Craig, who described Glenn Doss Jr. as an American hero who touched many lives and served fellow officers with tremendous work ethic.

The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support, and ask that you continue to pray for them during this very difficult time.

There is a registered fundraiser account at any Chemical Bank in the name of Officer Glenn Doss, if anyone would like to make a contribution.

The Sandy Pines Community extends their heartfelt sympathy to the Doss/Bradley family and offer our sincere thanks and gratitude to Officer Glenn Doss, Jr. for his service.



"FACE TO PHASE" FORUMS (F2P) 2018

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

Please look at the schedule 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!

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SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

BY CAROL HOFFMAN

We begin the month with a Potluck for all Sandy Piners in the Pavilion on Friday, May 4, at 5:30 pm. Bring food to share and your tableware. You may bring your preferred beverage, and we also have hot water to make instant beverages, plus bottled water. Our potlucks are held the first Friday of every month through September.

During Mayfest, Saturday, May 5, we will have a Free Bingo in the Pavilion from 2-4 pm. Children are welcome if they are at least 10 years old. All supplies are furnished and we also have popcorn and bottled water available for a donation.

We will have an Adult Bingo for everyone 18

and over on Saturday, May 19, from 7-9 pm. Cards are 25 cents each and you must purchase at least four. You play on these cards for the entire bingo so it does not cost a lot to play. Please try to have the correct change for your bingo as we do not have a lot of change for larger bills. All supplies are furnished and there is popcorn and water available for a donation. All Adult Bingos are on the third Saturday of the month, except in August, which will be the second Saturday of the month from 2-4 pm.

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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 - Site 429 - Phase 1: 1999 Wilderness Trailer 29S (great condition) – 2 Bedrooms - with Porch. Sleeps 6 to 8. Possibly one golf cart. Site needs a little TLC and we are not physically able. Close to CC, Ice Cream Shop, Beach, Store, Café, etc. Asking: \$24,500! Please call 616-635-3736 or see us at site 475.

For Sale from Site K-210: 1999 20' Dolphin Pontoon boat w/25 HP Outboard. Runs great! Canopy, pop-up changing room and built-in ice. Seats 8-9. No trailer. Asking: \$4,500. Call Michael at 616.498.0746 to see this Pontoon.

For Sale from Site K-292: 2000 Sea-Swirl Ski boat with a Volvo Penta motor. 19.5', seats eight people. Asking: \$7,900. Call: 708.748.7494 to buy this beautiful boat!

For Sale - Site D-16: Dutch Park Model with 3-Season porch. Central Heating and Air. Large Green Area leading to beach. Underground Yard Sprinkling. Two Cart Garage. Yamaha Gas Golf Cart. Boat Stake directly in front of property. Large parking area. Sunsetter Awning attached to porch. Paved Brick Fire pit. Beautiful flower garden. Call 616.540.0521 to schedule appointment. This is a must see. Reduced to Sell \$128,500. Many items go with the Park Model. 3-sleeper sofas, 3 TVs (one with sound bar). Wood Shed, three deck boxes. Fire pit chairs. Three hose reel boxes w/hoses, lawnmower, freezer, two recliners. New roof on park model plus porch is two years old. Dues paid for 2018.

For Sale - Site D-33: Waterfront - 2002 Quailridge w/boat stake in front. Includes

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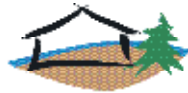
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