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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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



PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER jeff@sandypines.com

In Ecclesiastes 3:1 it is written: To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven. October officially closes the door on our 2021 season. With winterizations taking place and water being turned off this month, we are seeing many of our friends and neighbors saying goodbye to our staff as they close their sites to head to warmer weather. This does not mean we can rest on our successful season. We have much to do and will complete it with a purpose.

Before we kick off the off-season projects, we must thank all of our Volunteers. The success of this year could not have happened without each and every one of you stepping up to volunteer. Your tireless efforts to make Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course a beautiful place to have fun, relax and make memories are due to the dedication and love you showed for our park. We cannot list all your names as we would miss someone, but please know you were, and are, appreciated for the hard work and dedication you gave us. Thank you to each of you!

Thank you to our staff! We continue to be blessed with an awesome team! Many Thanks to the entire team, CC cleaning staff, grounds and maintenance team, pump out team, the security and emergency services team, recreation team, member service team, finance team, communication team, human resource team, sales and camping team and the golf course. All of you are true blessings to our park. You are valued and appreciated! This Team worked tirelessly to make our 50th Anniversary a success and one to remember. If you have an opportunity to see our staff prior to leaving this off season, please express your heart felt Thank You and gratitude. We are blessed to have such an awesome and talented team.

Our final board meeting of the season took place on Friday, September 24, 2021. During our meeting we finalized the Board of Directors Executive committee. We welcome back Ellen Carpenter as our returning Chairperson, Dennis King as our returning Vice Chairperson, Ginny Hager as our returning Treasurer and Jim Huck as our returning Secretary. We thank them for their service and servant leadership.

There were many items needing to be closed out during our board meeting. As a reminder, the 2021/2022 Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails capital budget, Lake Monterey Golf Course capital and operational budgets were passed in August. The Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails operational budget was tabled until September 2021 due to more information needed on boat stakes. The board did pass the 2021/2022 Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails operational budget which included boat stake fees. Starting with our 2022 renewals there will be one fee (\$110) for any motorized boat. This removes the complexity of having water or land boat stickers as well as different pricing for your first and second boat. Non-motorized boats will have a \$35 boat sticker. Floating dock fees will remain at \$500 and boat stake fees will be \$75. As in years past, members will still require a registered boat to maintain their boat stake. This will help generate funds for increasing operational costs in maintaining our number one asset, Lake Monterey.

New resolutions were passed taking effect, October 1, 2021. The board approved a resolution improving the method of measuring boat lengths next season. This will replace the length and classification stated on your state registration although your registration is still needed at Member Service to register your boat with the park. A new resolution was introduced adding language around careless or reckless driving within the park. This language includes

but is not limited to reading, typing or sending text messages or use of handheld telephones, iPads or other electronic devices while driving. This resolution is tabled until the board meets later this year in order for members to provide input. Lastly, we will be changing the name of our Handbook to Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails Rules, Regulations and Bylaws. Many discussions have been had with new or exiting members that it has been unclear that our Handbook is actually our rule book. This name change should clear this confusion up.

This month we will start to complete our project list with a purpose. We will once again assemble the team to review what we accomplished in 2021 and what we want to accomplish 2022. This session with the staff helps generate and prioritize our 2022 project list. At the top of the list is restructuring some of the staff to better meet the needs of our membership. Thank you to those who provided feedback on our department surveys. We take this information seriously as it does drive some of our staffing decisions.

Our new software will be available for the team to review to provide input back to the software development company. Our staff is excited to review and launch the new system to become more efficient in their jobs and provide better service to our members.

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The new cart bridge construction connecting Phase 3 and 6 will continue this month with excavating taking place in the month of November. Timeline to complete the bridge remains May 2022 in time for the return of most of our members. This bridge will be a tremendous asset to allow members, associates, campers and guests safe travel to all parts of the park while avoiding a hazardous crossing on a county road.

We have accomplished much during this season. We remain strong in our faith that God will

continue to bless our board and Sandy Pines' leadership with wisdom and knowledge in making the best decisions for our park. Sometimes these decisions are not the easiest or most popular, but they are done for the betterment of the park in order to safely sustain Sandy Pines for generations to come.

In closing, we cannot say enough Thank You's for our 2021 50th Anniversary season. We are truly blessed at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey. Please know while you are away much continues to be done to prepare for the 2022 season. We

say goodbye to many of our friends while wishing you safe travels and good health during the offseason.

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face shine upon us! Psalms 67:1

God Bless, Stay Healthy and Stay Safe!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPER BoardOfDirectors@sandypines.com

It would be almost impossible to single out a "best" memory of 2021. Having so many wonderful choices is part of what makes our park so special. For me, though, it wasn't a single event that stood out, rather something that perhaps I've noticed before, but never really took the time to actually grasp what I was seeing. That

being the tremendous pride of ownership that is seen virtually everywhere you look.

One of the new activities was the scavenger hunt. Kindell Rerucha and her 50th anniversary rapscallions provided three of these challenges, each seemingly more difficult in trying to thwart

a successful hunt via objects photographed strategically. Instead of blasting around the park (at 10 mph, right?). This required travelling at very slow speeds and taking much longer looks, traversing virtually every nook and cranny in the park. Soaking in all the variety, beauty, and the pride of ownership. It was heart-warming to see so many who take the time and effort to make their spot their happy place, individual in design, while being clever and eye-catching. Hats off to all, you guys are the best!

It is not just individual sites that deserve merit. It's so wonderful to see cul-de-sacs get together to beautify their circles. Love how those "communities" come together. Also, ever notice how good the Veterans Memorial looks? Many of the CC's? The main park entrance? Around the water park? This doesn't happen by accident either, credit the maintenance team for yet another job they perform admirably, and aren't properly acknowledged.

In short, take an extra second next year to make your spot something that you're proud to call your own. It doesn't take a huge investment of time nor money. You'll feel great, not only with your efforts, but also contributing to the splendor that is SP. Oh, and stop and take the time to truly absorb how much beauty our park has to offer. Your comments are always welcome at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. Happy fall cleaning!

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Important dates

October 1 - Annual dues, assessments, final electric & quarterly unit tax on Member statements

October 2 - Flea Market

October 18-22 - Last regular pump outs for the season

October 18 - Water turned off for the season park-wide

October 27 - Last emergency pump outs of the season

November 1 - Boats must be out of the water

WINTER CC SCHEDULE

Convenience Centers that will remain open after October 15th include: CC 2, CC 6, CC10, CC 11, and The Recreation Station. Open until the snow starts: CC 8, CC 4 and Core.

ANNUAL DUES PAYMENT OPTIONS

Dues, Capital Contributions, and Special Assessments are billed October 1st. All charges to your account must be paid in full by October 25th to avoid service charges. Your final electric, unit tax, winterization fees and anything else that was billed to your account are due in full by October 25th, over and above the payment plan payment. Six monthly installments to pay only the dues & assessments in the amount of \$325.46 will be due by the 25th of every month, October through March. Dues can also be paid in advance by making larger payments, as long as you keep your account under the maximum monthly balances outlined below:

Monthly Payment \$335.14

Plus any additional items you had billed to your account! (1.5% interest on the unpaid monthly balance)

Monthly Maximum Balance

October 25 \$1,602.86

November 25 \$1,291.76

December 25 \$990.64

January 25 \$655.50

February 25 \$330.19

March 25 \$0.00

Total Finance Charges – \$72.84

PLEASE NOTE THE PAYMENT PLAN TERMS & CONDITIONS!!

Utilizing the payment plan automatically places your account 30 days past due because the balance is not paid in full. Thus, if you miss a payment during the term and your account balance exceeds the monthly maximum balance, your account becomes 60 days past due and magnetic card deactivation results. As of October 1, 2019, reactivation of magnetic cards costs \$35 per card. Again, the payment plan option includes only the dues, capital contributions, cable, special assessments, and related service charges. The

payment plan does not include any other fees and charges billed to your account. You must add all other charges for services, electric, state unit tax, etc. to the monthly installment amount.

SERVICE CHARGES: A service charge of 1.5% (18% APR) applies after the 25th day of each month on the unpaid balance on your account. Minimum Service Charges apply. We do not accept post-dated checks. Payment timeliness cannot be determined by postmark dates as we cannot guarantee timely delivery by the post office. Sandy Pines is not responsible for email statements that aren't received due to users spam/junk mail filters or electronic transmission issues. Sandy Pines is not responsible for paper statements lost in the mail or those delayed by mail forwarding issues. Billing statements are available online through Member Web Access 24/7/365. We will not waive extra service charges due to conditions out of our control.

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL communications@sandypines.com

Website Update

As the season comes to an end, I will begin working on updating the Sandy Pines Website. The Sandy Pines Website is our main hub for all things Sandy Pines! As of right now it is a bit clunky and at times hard to navigate! As we begin the process of building a new website we would love our members input. Please email Communications@SandyPines.com with any recommendations or requests that you may have for the new website! We hope to launch before

the start of next season so all members have some time to browse the new site and acclimate themselves with where everything is at. The goal of this project is to make the website easier to use so you always know what is going on at Sandy Pines!

50th Anniversary Event Pictures

We hope you all had as much fun with the 50th Anniversary Celebrations as we did! We have heard your feedback in the 50th Events Survey

and will refer to that information as we plan for next season. If you have any pictures you would like to share of any of our 50th Events this season, fireworks, sunsets, etc please email those images to Communications@SandyPines.com. Who knows, your image may just be our next Footprints Cover!

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RECREATION NEWS

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Thank You for a Great Season!

As the rec dept staff are back to school we appreciate all the team does to provide all the fun during the season! We enjoy reflecting on all the memorable events this season. Favorites include car show, Halloween, Christmas, Color Run, tie-dye Tuesday, foam party, live music, family fun day, fireworks and holiday tournaments!

We also love seeing members and guests participate in daily activities like swimming in the pools, going down the water slide, climbing the

ropes course, attending lessons and kids club, purchasing food from Happy Shack or renting equipment. If you have new ideas or suggestions for 2022 please email nikki@sandypines.com.

Off Season Reminders

-Fitness room is open with member card access.

-Putt Putt equipment is available inside the main hall of the recreation station.

-Other equipment rental is available with a member card and \$1 at the PSO office.

-Pets are not allowed around the recreation station. A sign is posted at the entrance and

applies to the entire area. No pets on putt-putt course, playground, tennis courts, basketball courts, pickleball courts, water park or area near the Happy Shack.

-Please help us keep the courts in the best possible shape by only using them for intended purpose. No skateboards, roller blades, bicycles, golf cart, etc. on any courts.

If you are interested in being a lifeguard next year, please plan to get lifeguard certified by May 2022. You can look for those offerings at your local high schools, community ed offerings, MVP sports or YMCA, local community colleges, or search American Red Cross certified instructors. If you have a certification, please check to see when you need to get re-certified prior to expiration. You can become certified at 15 years of age.

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS kim@sandypines.com

It was such a refreshing season in 2021 to have the majority of our members back in the park and active celebrating 50 years and more of great memories captured at the Pines.

A financial recap of the season activity is provided below.

SPWT:

- Operation cash is \$690k behind the prior year balance, however the fiscal year close-out of financials will provide a true-up of operation cash from the Asset Reserve balance for capital projects completed during the year along with the approx. remaining \$1M FEMA receivable to come.

- The FEMA receivable reimbursement is currently being held in OTAR (Other Receivables).
- Total Net Income is approximately \$20k lower than prior year in the month August 2021.
- Total Income for SPWT is \$290k over prior year and 1.3% over the annual budget for the fiscal year.
- COGS for the year is higher than prior year by \$18k and \$12k of that is an increase for the Recreational COGS purchased for the 50th Anniversary inventory.
- Total Operating Expenses as of August 2021 YTD is \$172k over prior year and 16.8% remaining to reach the budget for fiscal year 2021. Repair and Maintenance expense makes up \$49.5k and Utilities \$120k of the \$172k difference.

O The increase in Utilities for the year is a result of the lake pumps being used earlier in the year and the increase is \$ per kw going up nationally.

- Total Other Income is behind budget by 70% and prior year \$115k due to cumulative unrealized losses in the investment account. This loss however is made up with dividend income keeping the overall Investment value just above prior year.
- Administration has realized an increase in supplies and newsletter expense. The purchase price of additional supplies and laptops to secure a safer work environment with COVID attributed to most of this increase. Administration is also looking into a year-end true up of supplies purchased for the Inspector that will be reclassified to Inspector Expense.
- Maintenance Income is \$30k higher than prior year and 12.6% from meeting its annual budget for the fiscal year with the winterization reservations coming through.

- Public Safety Total Income is \$68.6k over prior year and \$8k over the fiscal year 2021 budget. This is attributed to additional income with violations submitted and mag card income. Mag Card expense is up equivalent to the increase in Mag Card income and Salaries and Wages is under budget with the staffing changes within the Public Safety department during the year.
- Recreation Net Income is \$48k under prior year, yet has \$51k more to reach the fiscal year budget. The Inventory Sales of 50th Inventory and 50th sponsorships makes up \$40k of the prior year difference and Social Activities expense for the 50th events make up \$47k of the difference. More details will come at September 30th with the overall net financial effect of the 50th Anniversary events.
- Resort Services is 25% over the annual Net Income budget as of August 2021, however there are additional Charter Cable expenses with delayed invoicing and additional expense for utilities and true up of Member Electric for the season. This will be reflected on the final FY September 30, 2021 Financial Statements.
- No significant notes for Leases.
- Park and Garden is having a successful season and as of August 31st 27% from meeting the annual FY budget, while \$6k over the prior year amount.
- Rentals is also having a successful season as if has reached over the annual FY Net Income budget by \$25k. This is attributable to the increase in golf cart rentals and may be slightly impacted with subsequent invoices on the lease of the golf carts.
- The Retail Center is significantly higher than prior year with additional Laundry and Bull Pen Storage, which was quite low in the 2020 with COVID. The department is still 57% away from meeting the 2021 annual budget for Net Income.

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- Sales is 60% over the projected Annual Net Income budget with an increase in camping and Member Sales, which offset with reductions in operating expenses through the year.
- Sandy Pines continues to utilize the operational dues to fund just over 40% of the expenses incurred throughout the year in the park. Sandy Pines relies on other revenue sources within the park to fund the other 60% of expenses incurred.

LMGC:

- Operation cash is \$20k ahead of the prior year balance, while the fiscal year close-out of financials will provide a true-up of operation cash from the Asset Reserve balance for capital projects completed during the year and payment of any receivables owed to LMGC from SPWT at year end.
- Total Net Income is approximately \$16k higher than prior year in the month August 2021 and \$59k over the Annual FY Budget for 2021.
- Total Income for SPWT is \$25.8k over prior year and 3.2% away from meeting the annual budget for the fiscal year.
 - This is attributable to an increase in overall green fees and sales with the club house; Food, Beverages and Merchandise.
- COGS for the year is higher than prior year by \$17k attributable to the increase sales.
- Total Operating Expenses as of August 2021 YTD is \$8k under prior year and 15% remaining to reach the budget for fiscal year 2021, with additional expense to come in the final month of September.
- In the final financials for the 2021 season, Lake Monterey Golf Course will again initiate a year end payment of \$75,000 back to Sandy Pines for payment on the Phase 6 Golf Course Loan.

Course will be provided in the off-season. All other financials statement for both entities are provided on the website under Members and Finance.

Your September 2021 billing will be sent the first week of October and include your final electric, state unit tax as well as any residual ancillary charges from the 2021 summer season. Your September 2021 bill will also include your 2022 Dues, Capital and Special Assessments for the next summer season, for a total amount of \$1,938, including an increase of \$42, in accordance with the 3% March 2021 CPI index for the year. Payment for the 2022 Dues and Assessments is due in full by October 25th, 2021 to avoid service charges or payable in six installment payments of \$335.14 by the 25th of every month, October thru March. The payment plan option includes only the dues, capital contributions, cable, special assessments, and related service charges. The payment plan does not include any other fees and charges billed to your account each month.

Thank you to the managers and their employees who successfully continue to run the operations of their departments and provide a great recreational getaway for our members. Thank you to the many volunteers who also stepped forward to help whenever requested during the season and go above and beyond for the best interest of the park. Your support is appreciated more than you know. Thank you also to each of you, the Sandy Pines community, for being here and making everything we do worthwhile. You are the celebration of 50 years and counting!

If at any time through the off-season you do have questions, please do not hesitate to call or message. Thank you all for being a part of the Sandy Pines Community and we wish you many blessings until we see reunite next season in 2022!

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A full update of the final FY2021 Financial Close for both Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf

2022 DUES, CAPITAL, CABLE, & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

The total annual membership dues, capital contribution, cable TV, and special assessment for the 2021/2022 season will be \$1,938 and will be on your October 1st statement as follows:

2022 Annual Dues	\$1,252
2022 Annual Capital	<u>200</u>
Total Dues/Capital	\$1,452
2022 Annual Cable TV*	136
Special Assessment – Golf Course (7 of 10)**	150
Special Assessment – Capital Reserve Fund (5 of 10)***	<u>200</u>
Total 2022	\$1,938

The cost of living increase for the total annual dues/capital contribution is 3% or \$42.

*At the annual election held August 21, 2010, the membership approved a requirement that ALL memberships be required to participate in the bulk cable TV program which reduced each members cost of cable by 43% in the first year.

**At the annual election held August 15, 2015, the membership approved a ten year annual golf course assessment to be used for golf course operations and capital assessments.

***At the annual election held August 19, 2017, the membership approved a ten year annual Capital Reserve Fund assessment; which shall be dedicated to capital expenditures, as listed and reviewed annually, on the 10-year Capital budget estimate, beginning in fiscal year 2017/18.

YOU HAVE TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS:

SIX MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS to pay **the dues, capital contributions, cable, and special assessments only** in the amount of **\$335.14** due by the 25th of **EVERY** month (October through March). Failure to make payments within the payment schedule, will result in the members' ineligibility of using the installment plan and your remaining balance will be due in full at that time. PLEASE NOTE: **The payment plan includes only the dues, capital contributions, cable, special assessments, and related service charges. The payment plan DOES NOT include any other fees and charges billed to your account each month. You must add all other charges for services, electric, state unit tax, etc. to the monthly installment amount of \$335.14. As dues and assessments are due and payable October 1st, a missed payment under the payment plan, 60 days from October 1st, will result in magnetic card deactivation and additional charges will apply for reactivation.**

Sandy Pines Bylaws, Article III, Section 6. Effect of Nonpayment of Annual Dues, Special Assessments, Capital Assessments or Other Charges: The nonpayment of any annual dues, special assessments, capital assessments, or other amount due and/or owed to Sandy Pines by a member within sixty (60) days after the same shall become due and payable, shall result in the automatic termination or suspension of the membership, and all rights and privileges related thereto except the right to vote at annual or special elections. The terminated or suspended member shall NOT have the right to recover any monies from Sandy Pines.

SERVICE CHARGES: A service charge of 1.5% (18% APR) applies after the 25th day of each month on the unpaid balance on your account. Minimum Service Charges apply. We do not accept postmarks or check dates as payment dates, so please mail early. We cannot guarantee timely delivery by the post office. Unfortunately, we cannot waive the service charges. **Your payments on account are due in the office on or before the 25th of the month. Accounts more than 60 days past due will have all magnetic cards deactivated and there will be an additional charge per card for reactivation.**

Sandy Pines no longer has an automatic ACH payment option. Please consult your financial institution regarding the availability of bill pay programs they may offer.

SECURITY NEWS

BY KEITH GARVELINK keith@sandypines.com

Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

Call statistics and type for August 2021

Security Services responded to 100 calls for service in August 2021. The call types and numbers appear below.

Open Door: 25
Boat Violation: 3
Traffic Complaint: 2
Illegal Entry: 7
Lost/Found Property: 7
Medical: 12
Reckless Driving: 1
Harassment: 1
Suspicious Incident: 8
Careless Driving: 1
Property Damage Accident: 3
General Assistance: 5
Noise Complaint: 2
Conduct Violation: 1

Larceny: 1
Personal Injury Accident: 1
Site Violation: 2
Civil Complaint: 1
Unwanted Guest: 1
Damage to Property: 1
Possess Methamphetamine: 1
Disorderly Conduct: 3
Parking Violation: 3
Suicidal Person: 1
Trespass: 1
Controlled Substance Violation: 1
Misc. Rule Violation: 1
Boater Assist: 1

Golf Cart License Plates

If you are still in the Park please stop at the PSO Office and pick up your license plates. Please bring your cart(s) with you. No appointment needed.

New Proximity Cards

The mag strip cards are being phased out. Please stop in to the PSO Office with your old card to obtain a new card. No appointment needed.

Thank You

Security Services staff would also like to thank the Members for the many acts of kindness, cards and food shown to the staff this season. We hope you have a safe off-season and will look forward to your return next year.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT Jack@parkgarden.com

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Just a short time ago we were opening the store and delivering water softeners to member in the park. Now it is time to close up.

A special Thank You to Chet Ryan for his service to the park through his work at the Park and Garden. He is still remaining as a member of the park but wants to now spend more time relaxing. Thank You Chet for all the great work.

The water softener program was very successful this year and looks like we will have an increase

in the number of softeners again next year. Remember that when you use the Park and Garden store, rental office, or marina you are helping Sandy Pines as the profit from our sales goes back into the Park funds. We are still providing bulk products and propane even though you don't see them out in front of the store.

If you haven't ordered your softener for next year you can still do so by sending at email to parkgarden@sandypines.com requesting a softener for next season. We will respond to your email and get the contract ready for next year. URL for contract <https://sandypines.com/wp-content/uploads/Water-Softener-Contract-2022-Update-1.pdf>

The Park and Garden staff will be spending the first two weeks of October picking up the softeners from the members sites. If your is ready for pickup and we haven't got to it yet don't worry as we have over 200 to pick up and it will take a few days.

We are always looking for new items to provide for the park members, guests, and campers. If you have any ideas for items you may wish to rent please email the parkgarden@sandypines.com.

Have a great and safe winter season and we will see you again in April 2022.

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SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND steve@sandypines.com

Presently the Delta variant, also known as B.1.617.2 has been increasing in West Michigan. Although we were hoping to go back to a normal lifestyle, we have a bit of a setback on the Covid-19 front. Cases are popping up at Sandy Pines.

Presently the State of Michigan and Allegan County Health Dept. do not have Mask Mandates for private businesses. It is recommended/suggested that persons wear masks when inside or in close contact with persons.

Presently hospitals are reaching capacities with persons that are ill with Covid-19. If you are unvaccinated take special care and precautions to prevent contracting the virus. Unvaccinated persons are very vulnerable to contracting the virus and having a severe illness. If you are vaccinated, you have less of a chance to become ill and have a severe illness.

Protect yourself by:

- Get vaccinated
- Washing your hands frequently and refrain from touching your face
- Wear a face mask when inside
- Avoid crowds or close contact with people.
- Social distance
- Refrain from handshakes, hugs, close contact
- Do not share personal items
- Socialize outside
- Maintain social distancing.
- Limit close contact (within 6 feet) to less than 15 minutes with persons not in your household

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Some Covid -19 Facts

The Delta strain of the Covid -19 virus is the cause of more than 99% of new U.S. COVID-19 cases.

Delta is unique in how quickly it has spread.

The original coronavirus strain had an estimated infection rate to people without masks and unvaccinated at rate of 2.5 people. Delta has an estimated spread rate from one person to maybe 3.5 or 4 other people. The Delta variant is highly contagious, more than 2x as contagious as previous variants. **Continued on Page 13**



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The greatest risk of transmission is among unvaccinated people who are much more likely to get infected, and therefore transmit the virus. Unvaccinated persons are at risk. The most important thing you can do to protect yourself from Delta is to get fully vaccinated.

Once vaccinated your risk is significantly lower than someone who has not been vaccinated. Most of the hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19 are in unvaccinated people.

The COVID-19 vaccines approved or authorized in the United States are highly effective at preventing severe disease and death, including against the Delta variant. But they are not 100% effective, and some fully vaccinated people will become infected (called a breakthrough infection) and experience illness.

If you become ill and have symptoms associated with the Covid-19 virus stay home and contact your physician. Please consider the health of others and quarantine if you suspect you have contracted the Covid virus. If you develop symptoms such as difficulty breathing, shortness of breath or any other debilitating condition call 911.

Preparing for the Fall/Winter Storage Mode

1. Secure and place outdoor items in shelter or storage.
2. Winterize your trailer prior to freezing temps and have your holding tank pumped before freezing temps
3. Remove items that will freeze in cupboards. Remove alcoholic beverages from the park.

4. Defrost and clean your refrigerator. Place baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb odors
5. Place moth balls under your trailer to deter critters. Place deacon or mouse proofer down to deter mice.
6. Place golf carts in storage or affix to a stationary object or your second golf cart with chain and padlock to deter theft. A wheel can also be removed to deter theft. Disconnect batteries.
7. Turn off your propane tanks. Have your propane tanks filled if you plan to visit in the winter months. Have a furnace technician check your furnace for proper operation.
8. Have your watercraft winterized and place in storage. Outboard motors should be secured with chain and padlock.
9. Contact your lawn service for fall leaf removal.
10. Close vents, windows, and roll up awnings. Place pop up campers in storage mode. Have a technician check around roof vents for proper weather seal.
11. Turn off electric at the pedestal at the road.
12. Place stabilizer gas treatment in golf carts, lawn mowers, watercraft, and mopeds.
13. Remove boat dock from the lake. Place boat dock on site. Boat docks may not be stored in the green area. Watercraft may not be stored on the beach or in the green areas.
14. Turn off your water at the water riser,

disconnect your water line and mark your water line.

15. Make sure that Sandy Pines has your winter address and phone number. Update the park if you move in the winter. Leave an emergency contact name with the park if you plan to be out of state or a distance away in the winter months.
16. Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries before leaving this fall.
17. Remember to turn off your thermostat before leaving this winter. Some furnace blower motors will run if the furnace is left on and temperatures drop.
18. Remove valuables and valuable items from your trailer for the winter months.
19. Fall weather can have brisk winds. Please take the time to secure golf cart covers, lawn furniture, and other small items. Winds have blown golf cart shelters over resulting in damage. Please check the anchoring of these golf cart shelters and secure.

Lawn & Leaf Cleanup

Across the street from the Security Station is a leaf dump for vegetation disposal. You may haul leaves and brush to this area in the back of a truck or by trailer. If you do not have a truck or trailer you may purchase paper yard waste bags at the Security Station and haul to the leaf dump or leave beside the road for maintenance pickup. Please do not bring items from home to dispose of at the park. The dumpsters within the park are for items from the park.

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THE LAKE CORNER – LAKE COMMITTEE NEWS

BY STEPHANIE SAYPANNHA

During our final board meeting of the season held on September 24, 2021, the Lake Committee once again provided an update of their findings this season. Chairperson Jim Buchanan presented a summary of recommendations to the board to evaluate. Projects ranged from capital to operational projects with some of the major ones being: Rip Rap along our dam and the chapel area to provide additional erosion of our shore line, smaller, non-canopy boat lifts, mandatory removal of docks, dredging survey and signage.

Highlighted projects from this past season were also presented such as increased public safety presence on the lake enforcing rules, retiring double boat stakes, no wake time rule change, new buoys outlining distance boaters must keep from the shoreline and this section of our Footprints to help educate members about our lake. Thanks to everyone on our Lake Committee for their stewardship of making our number one asset, Lake Monterey, a sustainable, safe priority.

Yard Debris in the Lake

As the season comes to a close you will notice signs posted around the lake reminding members and contractors to keep yard debris out of the lake. We need everyone to do their part in keeping our lake clean. Yard debris such as leaves, grass clippings, sticks and most recently acorns take years to decompose and negatively impact our water quality and depth. Please bag or haul away all yard debris!

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SALES NEWS

BY LIZ ROBINS liz@sandypines.com

Hours

Monday-Saturday 8 am-4 pm
Sunday Closed

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CAMPING NEWS

BY KATHY BROTT Kathy@SandyPines.com

It has been a great season of camping at Sandy Pines! We were filled to capacity almost every weekend this season. It was awesome!

Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the Park that we rent out to visitors and guests. We also have five Park Model trailers and ten Rustic cabins that are for rent. The trailers and cabins are not pet friendly, but we welcome your furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites. Reservations for the 2022 season open up on October 1st, so be sure to go online early if you want to reserve something for a holiday weekend! They fill up quickly.

We have twelve sites that are rented out for Seasonal members. Those reservations open up on October 1st, as well, for the upcoming season.

We do offer an Associate Discount for our Associate Members, and we also offer a Military Discount for anyone who has served, or is serving, in the Military. Thank you for your service! You will need to contact the Camping Office to have the discount applied. You can do that after you make your reservation, and the discounted amount will be refunded to the card you used to create your reservation.

Reservations can be made directly from our website, www.sandypines.com, but if you have

questions or experience any difficulty, please don't hesitate to call me at 616.896.8315 x 103, and I will do my best to assist you.

Special thanks to our Camping Hosts for the 2021 season. Shirley Reeb, Laura Zeock, Don Delano and George Fennema greeted our guests each weekend, handing out helpful information, and making them feel welcome. Thank you!

It is a privilege and pleasure to serve Sandy Pines as the Camping Manager. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have. Wishing you a safe and healthy fall and winter. I look forward to serving you again in 2022.

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The family of Carol Barrigear, Site 266, on her passing on September 10th. Her husband, **Earnest**, passed on August 26th. Earnest and Carol were Charter Members of Sandy Pines. Sympathy is also extended to their children, **David & Karen Barrigear, Nancy & Douglas Diemer, Douglas Barrigear, Daniel & Beth Barrigear** and their families.

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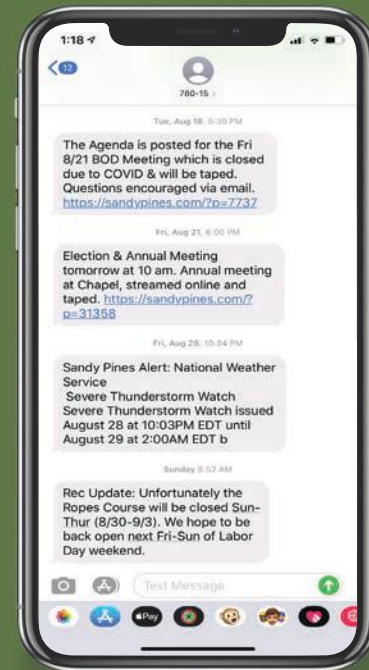
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THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON AT SANDY PINES!

As the 2021, 50th Anniversary year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our members and staff for yet another great season. Thanks to all of our wonderful members for the treats and kind words you shared with us during the summer of 2021. We appreciate you!

Thank you to the Staff at Sandy Pines for everything you do to make Sandy Pines the wonderful place that it is. We welcomed many new faces to our staff this year, in all departments. We appreciate the patience, understanding and grace of our members, as we strive to learn and grow to keep Sandy Pines thriving.

Thank you to Jeff Sweitzer, Park President, for your leadership and encouragement throughout the year.

Thanks to Ben Fifelski and our Maintenance Department, for keeping everything clean, beautiful, and properly maintained for your enjoyment. Thanks to Keith Garvelink and his Public Safety Team and Steve Deyarmond and the Emergency Services Department, for all that you do to keep Sandy Pines safe and orderly.

Thanks to the Recreation Department, under the guidance of Nikki Hoogewind, for planning and pulling off all of the events and activities that you put together each summer. Lots of great comments about your 50th Anniversary events... the Foam Dance Party, the Scavenger Hunts, Trucks & Tunes, etc. Thanks to Roger Courser for teaching our little ones how to fish and for taking the time to mentor them. You're awesome!

Thank you to our Member Service Team, Nicole Klinge and Abbey Kooiman, for all that you do. It was a difficult season, at times, with lots to learn so that you could ensure that everything works like a well-oiled machine. We appreciate you keeping those smiles on your faces – even during times of adversity! Thank you to Kimberly Williams, CFO and Shannon Dykstra, in our Accounting Department, for making sure we're being budget savvy and keeping us on task. Thanks to Ian Mitchell, Communications Manager, for getting information disseminated in a timely manner to the membership and keeping the lines of communication flowing smoothly. Thanks to Liz Robins, Sales Manager, along with Kent Livingston and Janele Tomes, of the Sales Department, for making everything flow smoothly during this fast-paced time of year.

Thanks to Jeff Hopkins, Park Inspector, for everything you do. You are valued and appreciated. Thank you to Gary Peters and the staff of Lake Monterey Golf Course for keeping the Course beautifully manicured and ready for play. It looked great all season, despite the crazy Michigan weather!

Thank you to our Retail entities for providing us with not only items that we need...but also items that we want!

Thank you to Jack Schmidt, Park & Garden Manager, and his team for everything they do. We appreciate you!

Thank you to Dave Van Noord and the Chapel Committee for all of your work to provide Worship Services on Sunday mornings and Vespers on Sunday evenings. The Pancake Breakfasts were well received again this year...welcome back!

Thank you to our Board of Directors for assuming a leadership role, and providing guidance as we continue to move forward. Thank you, Ellen Carpenter, for serving as Chairman of the Board and to all of you who serve in this capacity.

Thank you to each of you who take the time to serve on one of our very busy committees. Your knowledge and expertise prove to be invaluable. The Library Committee and the Lake Study Committees were both new this season. We would also like to thank our Library Volunteers who keep the books shelved and orderly in our beautiful new library.

Thanks to our Election and Poll Workers, and our Electric Meter Readers for helping us with our end-of-year readings. Thanks to our Thursday Morning Volunteers for all of the work you do... often times 'behind the scenes'. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated. Thanks also to our Camping Hosts who visit our guests each weekend to greet them and hand out valuable information to our campers, and to our Weekend Flyer distributors who keep the Bulletin Boards up to date with the information you need to know. If I've forgotten anyone, I apologize and want you to know that you are valued and appreciated for what you do for Sandy Pines.

Sandy Pines is a place that is all-inclusive! Once you arrive for the season...you can stay and play...knowing that if you need something – it is probably available somewhere within our lovely community. We look forward to serving you again in 2022!

Please stay safe and healthy throughout the fall and winter. We will work hard during the off season to get everything ready for your return in the spring! Be blessed as you bless others!

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