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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

The Sandy Pines Board of Directors will
provide positive leadership and manage-
ment direction so as to ensure the long
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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER Jeff@SandyPines.com

God Bless America! We are extremely blessed to be living in this great country. This month is a great time to reflect on our freedoms, blessings and Thank those who served or continue to serve to keep our freedoms safe. During a recent conversation with a member, we both noted that this month is also our halfway point of the season. It's hard to believe as it feels like yesterday we just opened the park to welcome all our members back. I continue to try to receive input from members every chance I get to understand how things are going in the park. The majority of responses have been positive. We had a positive start to the season and the momentum is still positive. This is a testament to our hard-working staff and Board of Directors who continue to serve our community. It is also a testament to our members for their kindness and understanding as our park continues to grow and make changes. Here's what's happening this month as it is another active month at our Happy Place.

Board of Directors Nominations

This year's 2023 election will include the opportunity to fill (3) three Director Seats all serving (3) three-year terms. Rick Day and Larry Munger are current board members re-running for their seats. Ginny Hager, our current Board Treasurer has faithfully served her second (3) three-year term. Ginny will be rotating off our board at the end of this season. Over the last six years, Ginny has brought a servant leadership attitude to our board. We Thank her for her wisdom, guidance and service to the board, our staff, the park and our members. Ginny will continue to be active in a leadership role as she will continue to be on our Finance Committee.

So what's next for our 2024 Board of Directors? We have a total of (7) seven excellent candidates this year running for the (3) three open board vacancies. We already mentioned two excellent candidates above who are re-running. Please read further in this addition of our Footprints for the remaining excellent candidate information. Their pictures and bios are on the following pages.

Thank You to all our candidates willing to step into a leadership role to make Sandy Pines a more sustainable park we can pass along to our children and grandchildren. We are truly blessed to have your dedication and wisdom to help tackle many challenges and opportunities while governing Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. Stay tuned for a Meet the Candidates date this month to hear each candidate speak and answer questions. All candidates will appear on our 2023 Ballot on August 19, 2023. Each one of them desires our vote.

Ballot Proposal

During our June board meeting, the board approved a resolution supporting the continued funding of our Lake Monterey Golf Course. The resolution supports the replacement of the current \$150.00 per membership assessment with a lower amount of \$125 per membership

annually. This change would appear in our membership dues. The current 10-year golf course assessment is due to expire October 2025. This proposal will appear on the 2023 ballot for members to vote. If passed, it will secure future funding for our number two asset of Sandy Pines.

Our Lake Monterey Golf Course leadership and Golf Committee have done an excellent job providing information, data and analysis to support this direction. They showed over the last 8 years the golf course profitability rose each year. This was achieved by adding new activities, increasing public golf options and adding lunch menu specials. Although this continues to be a positive trend, the information and data shows that the golf course will continue to need additional funding. Both the Golf Committee and Finance Committee have reviewed the information and voted unanimously to support this resolution. Stay tuned to our official Sandypines.com website and social media as we will be hosting LMGC Town Halls starting this month to share the information and address any questions the membership may have regarding this topic.

Boat Stakes

The Park Inspector spent most of the off-season focusing on his number one in-season topic, boat stakes. All park maps and GPS locations were audited against each boat stake on Lake Monterey. The overall outcome shows there are less than 50 available boat stakes remaining on Lake Monterey. At last review, there are over 300 members on a waiting list. Over the last 2-3 years, we have had 1 or 2 boat stakes become available. What does all this mean for the membership?

The math says there are not enough boat stakes to accommodate everyone on the waiting list. The Park Inspector will be releasing the remaining boat stakes if he has not already. The park will not be adding any new available boat stakes. If members wish to remain on the boat stake waiting list, they may do so, however, the Park Inspector will alert members when a boat stake becomes available. We request members to refrain from continuing to call Member Service and/or the Park Inspector requesting your position on the list.

The Park Inspector will also be implementing a new boat stake policy and procedure. Members will need to set an appointment with the Inspector and will need to place their "4x4 boat stake" in the proper location during the actual appointment once the location is confirmed. This will prevent multiple rounds of meeting, locating and resolving disputes as to where a boat stake has been placed.

Lastly, we are working with the Lake Committee to host Lake Town Halls to discuss topics such as erosion, rules, projects and other things impacting our lake. Stay tuned for those dates.

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Phase 2 Pool

This month final design and site location should be complete. Our Pool Committee continues to work hard to bring our members an awesome pool option in our Phase 2 area. We are excited to finalize these plans which will bring our largest pool in Sandy Pines to our members. Once complete, we will start our permitting process to kick off our construction timeline. During our June Board and Face to Phase meetings, we addressed comments and questions regarding our plans including the proposed access road into the Phase 2 area. As with all our projects, we continue to work with the township, county and state to ensure we are compliant with all requirements. Stay tuned for updated renderings.

July 4th Celebration

This month the park will be exceptionally busy during our Fourth of July weekend. Our community will be the largest populated spot in Allegan County as it is every year during this holiday weekend. Please remember to be kind, respectful and patient to our staff, other members and guests. It is a time to celebrate, be thankful for our freedoms and have fun! God Bless you and God Bless our United States of America!

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17

Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God.
1 Peter 2:16

"May we never forget our fallen comrades. Freedom isn't free."
Sgt. Major Bill Paxton

"May we think of freedom, not as the right to do as we please, but as the opportunity to do what is right."
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"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it."
John Thune

"We're blessed with the opportunity to stand for something—for liberty and freedom and fairness. And these are things worth fighting for, worth devoting our lives to."
Ronald Reagan

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MEMBER SERVICE NEWS
BY NICOLE KLINGE & NICHOLE MILBOCKER MemberService@SandyPines.com

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Important Dates

7/1 Quarterly Electric & State Tax Billed (Due 7/25)
7/4 Office Closed
7/25 Statement Payments

It is hard to believe July is here. There is so much going on in Sandy Pines this month. Please make sure you check everything out on the website.

Voting

By now you should have heard about the proposals up for your vote in the August election. We have put a ton of work into making sure there is ample, valuable, information out there related to all the proposals. Make sure to let us know if you have any questions. Please keep in mind, to vote your account must be in good standing with the park. Reminder only one person per membership can vote. Ballots will be available in the Administration Office beginning the second week of July.

Laundry Facilities

If you notice or experience issues with any washing machines, dryers or change machines in any of our Convenience Centers, please call WASH Laundry directly at 800-521-9938. They require the WASH ID number that is posted on each machine in order to dispatch a technician. Look for the

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Flea Markets

We still have space available on all remaining dates for flea markets this year. You can reserve your space by using the "Make a Reservation" link under the LINKS tab in your member web access portal. Payment is due at the time of booking via credit/debit card. These cannot be charged to your member account anymore. If you need assistance with booking your space, please give us a call.

Mail Room

If you have a mailbox, please make sure you are picking up your packages. The mailroom is VERY full. If you need a mailbox, please contact Member Service or request one through your portal. If you do not have a mailbox, we are not allowed to take your packages, and unfortunately they will be returned.

We would like to thank Karen Force and Peggy Finkbeiner and all our other volunteers who have helped us distribute and keep track of the Spectrum equipment. All of you have been a blessing. Again, Thank you!

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com

What a great time of year to call Sandy Pines your summer getaway. Kids enjoying vacation, members outside relishing in various activities both on land and water, lovely weather, ample weekend choices giving everyone the opportunity to play, compete, and mix with fellow Piners. Sometimes, however, as we romp and relish, the line between fun and safety gets really blurry. And not in a good way. Here are a few personal observations that are either potentially dangerous or just downright foolish.

Lake Monterey

Lake Monterey is arguably our greatest asset yet it possesses the most potential for risk. Recently I witnessed a pontoon boat with children sitting on the front (outside the playpen!), hanging their legs over the edge while the boat was in motion. Irrespective of the illegality of this, this is extremely dangerous and, frankly, foolhardy. It would take precious seconds for this to turn from super fun to really ugly. While perhaps a cool spot for the youngsters to explore, keep them inside the confines of the boat until the engine is turned off. Please.

Kayaks

It's wonderful to see kayakers exploring the lake, terrific for the mind, the soul, and the body. However, especially on busy weekends, it's frightening to see a few of these limited-maneuverability watercraft traversing the center of the waked portion of the lake or, worse, paddling in the middle of well-traveled boating lanes where towables are prevalent. While just a suggestion, please do yourself and others a favor by opting to ride between the buoys and the shoreline when lake traffic is heavy.

Street Traffic

Back on land, busy SP roads offer the greatest potential for accidents. Whether for exercise or pleasure, please keep some basic rules in mind while riding or walking on thoroughfares. Pedestrians should never walk with traffic. Electric carts have little to no noise thus it's often impossible

to know who's behind you. Walking against traffic alleviates this potential for danger. Also, in some cases, people are walking against traffic but perhaps 3-4 abreast. Which is fine until a vehicle approaches, when you should always revert to single file. Park roads are not wide enough to support this simple lack of courtesy. If you're on non-motorized toys with wheels (bikes, roller blades, X-country ski wheelers, scooters, etc.), please continue to ride with traffic as most of you do already.

Golf Carts

Golf carts are the obvious choice for getting around the park. Unfortunately, they also have the most potential for risky behavior. For instance, you should never carry an infant or young child on your lap while driving. C'mon gang, you're way smarter than that. And letting your kid/grandchild "drive" while in this position could result in a memory you'd just as soon forget. Also, if you have little ones, it might be a wise idea to look in to seat belt installation and a safety bar if you have a rear seat. And don't even get me started on cell phones, it's like some of our brains turn to mush whenever that device is within reach. If you must take a call or check for "likes" on Facebook, pull off the road and stop first, OK?

Let's all work together and help make this a summer to remember for good reasons. A little common sense and familiarity with basic road and waterway guidelines goes a long way to both keeping yourself safe while not endangering others. It's a win-win situation and easy to do, how's that for simple? As always, your Board always wants to know what you're thinking, just shoot us a message at BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com, and have a terrific July. Thanks for reading.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – RICK DAY



Greetings,
My name is Rick Day, and I am running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. My wife Lori and I have been members of Sandy Pines for 19 years. I previously served a three-year term on the board from August 2017 through August 2020. During my three-year term I served as vice-chair for two years and chairman one year. I am currently serving a one-year term on the board to fill a vacancy. I have spent the vast majority of my adult career in the service of others. From my professional positions in the fire service to my many board memberships and civic responsibilities I have demonstrated leadership and passion for improving the organizations and lives of the citizens I have served.

I work for the State of Michigan as a State Fire Marshal Supervisor and have been in the Fire Marshal's Office for 23 years. I currently serve as the President of the Allegan County

Fair Board and have been a board member for 23 years. I also currently serve as the Vice-President of the Allegan Area ESA School Board as well as the Allegan Fire District.

I previously served on the Allegan Fire Department as a firefighter, command officer and Fire Chief. I served as the Mayor of Allegan for two terms, Mayor Pro-Tem for three terms and served on the City Council for eight years.

I do not have a personal agenda to be on the board. I feel we need to continue the open and honest dialogue between the board, staff, and members. We need to maintain the assets of the park for not only us today but also for future generations.

My background in leadership, strong passion for public safety, and common sense will make me a great choice to serve on the board of directors.

I look forward to your support.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – PAT DOEZEMA



Below are qualifications that I feel would make me an excellent choice for a position on the Sandy Pines Board of Directors.

- Mortgage lending and Bank Management for over 20 years
- Title insurance company management for 5 years

- I owned my own real estate company from 2022 through November 1 of 2019 when I sold and merged with Greenridge Realty. Since that time, I have managed offices in Hastings and Wayland as well as managing my own successful real estate career.
- My husband Bob and I also owned and operated our own trucking business until he retired.
- Throughout the years I have been involved in my community extensively. I have been part of the Barry County Chamber of Commerce since about 1995 and served as the President of the Camber from 2000 through 2004 and have continued to be either a Board Member or in an Advisory Committee capacity since.
- Bob and I also served as Chapter Directors for the Wayland Area Goldwing Road Riders Association for

4 years and spearheaded fundraisers for Paws With A Cause in Moline

My passion has always been making things better in my community wherever or whatever that might be and I believe that my extensive experience in Banking, Management, Real Estate, Advisory Board positions for the community, and many others would make me an excellent candidate for the Board of Directors at Sandy Pines.

I would welcome the opportunity to be part of the future growth of Sandy Pines and assisting to make it "Our Happy Place".

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – ROB GRIFFITH



My name is Rob Griffith and I'm running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. My family and I are new to Sandy Pines, moving into our seasonal Memorial Day weekend of 2022. We are lifelong residents of West Michigan calling Wayland our home. I'm married with three children. I'm a graduate of Wayland Union High School, Lansing Community College, Saginaw Valley

State University, and Western Governors University earning a high school diploma, an associate degree as well as two bachelor's degrees. I worked in EMS for over 25 years as a paramedic for both a paid agency as well as the local volunteer agency. Currently I work as a Registered Nurse for a county community mental health organization. I've held numerous leadership roles in the healthcare setting such as an EMS field supervisor, a 911 communications center supervisor,

and an EMS liaison for a large health system. Throughout my career I've been a part of county level boards (Allegan County Medical Control Authority and Allegan County 911) as well as numerous project improvement initiatives. I like to think of myself as someone who tends to think outside of the box and a problem solver.

Over the course of my life, I've found great personal satisfaction in doing my part to help others, whether it is a single person, a family, or a community. I work hard to take all my life experiences and make the best decision possible for those I serve. Working for the employees, families, and guests who enjoy all that is Sandy Pines would be no different. When we joined the community, we were amazed at all Sandy Pines has to offer. I want to do my part to help maintain and grow the community. I would be honored to have earned your vote and become a board member.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – JACKIE LaFEVER



Jackie holds a master's degree from Central Michigan University in Healthcare Administration with special emphasis on Long Term Care Leadership. She has over 20 years' experience in the senior living industry as an Executive Director and Administrator for both large chain and mid-sized organizations. Much of her career has been spent providing multi-site operations and

sales leadership to the Assisted Living, Memory Care and Skilled Nursing facilities. Most recently, Jackie served as a Strategic Account Executive and Sales Director in the LTC Pharmacy/Rehab space. In these roles she serves as a key point of contact for a portfolio of national accounts, cultivating relationships with C- Suite to support and promote

organization's preferred clinical initiatives with support of pharmaceutical and rehabilitation services.

As a licensed administrator, her roles have demanded extensive knowledge and understanding of state regulations and compliance requirements. She has a knack for identifying areas of opportunity and strategizing with the team to bring deficient areas into compliance. Throughout her career, she has motivated her teams to reach new levels of success.

In addition to being an active member of this park, Jackie has been involved in community endeavors such as a Harper Creek Schools Board of Education Trustee, PTA and Junior Achievement volunteer. She is excited to support the park as it looks forward to the future.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – LARRY MUNGER



Hi, my name is Larry Munger and I am running for re-election to the Sandy Pines Board of Directors. I am married to my wonderful wife Janet and we will celebrate our 53rd anniversary this November. We have four grown married children who have blessed us with 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

I am a veteran, having served in the US Army from 1970 to 1972. I graduated from Calvin College in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering (BSE). I was elected to serve on the executive board of the UAW Local 730. Currently, I am on the BOD for Sandy Pines.

As a family, our first visit to Sandy Pines was in 1975. My wife and I camped in tents with our young children as we enjoyed what Sandy Pines had to offer. We bought a membership in 1983. As members of Sandy Pines, we have seen many changes and improvements in the park. We have great memories of the time spent here. The two oldest daughters worked at the ice cream shop and our son delivered messages

from the guard shack to members in the park. Now that we are both retired, Sandy Pines is our summer home, living here full time during the season. It's time for me to give back to the park I love.

I am asking for your support and your vote in the August election. Members should have a voice in the future of Sandy Pines. I want to be the members voice on the Board. I support the members rights to vote on large construction projects. I will advocate for transparency. I will listen to your concerns. In decisions that affect our park and our money, I will be fiscally responsible. Concerning rule changes, I will use a common-sense approach that benefits the members as a whole. I will fully support a decision made by the majority the Sandy Pines members voting on an issue of concern.

I am committed to the community of Sandy Pines. I would be honored to once again serve the members of this park as their representative on the Board of Directors. Thank you in advance for your vote. (PS – Ask about the proposal I presented to the BOD to save the Park money).

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – BOB SPAMAN



My wife and I have five children and eight grandchildren and have been married for 50 years. We have enjoyed our experiences at Sandy Pines and look forward to many more years here. I would like to be more involved at Sandy Pines since it is such a great place and community. That is my main reason for running for the Board of Directors.

My background is in Finance with over 40 year's experience in the public and private sectors as well as non-profits. For 20 years in the public sector, I worked for the City of Hudsonville,

City of Rochester Hills, City of Farmington Hills and Ottawa County as Finance Director at each location. My responsibilities were primary leading the finance staff and assuring that these entities were in good shape financially. Prior to that, I worked Rapistan, now called Demag, in accounting and Aves Advertising as the Chief Financial Officer and I was a part owner. I did non-profit work at Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Women's Resource Center and my church.

My interests include sports both playing and watching particularly baseball/softball and college and pro football as well as basketball. Also, model making, model trains and travel.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIO – CRAIG VAN BEEK



My name is Craig Van Beek and I am running for an open position with the Sandy Pines Board of Directors.

Sandy Pines has been a part of my life since I was very young. My parents, as well as my grandparents were both members of the park. My parents even operated the Golden Onion restaurant in the late 70's and early 80's.

I previously worked for the Maintenance Department within the park for 25 years before taking an appointment as a Local Pastor in the community. I am in my 6th year of ministry, with a special highlight of being able to return to my roots here at the park and speak at the Chapel on multiple occasions.

My wife and I are now current members within the park and reside in Phase 4. It has proved to be a great place for us to relax and enjoy our summers with our 3 girls.

I feel that serving your community is of the utmost importance. In addition to serving as a Local Pastor, I currently serve as the President of the Hamilton Community Schools Board of Education, a Trustee for the Allegan County OnPoint Mental Health Board and have previously been a licensed foster home in the State of Michigan. In addition, I have been involved with different committees within the state regarding CPS and foster care procedures.

I strongly believe that my experience in serving the community on many different levels, combined with spending the majority of life within the park, has given me valuable insight.

My goal as a new Board Member is represent each of you as members and to continuously move forward in the best direction.

Thank you for your support.
Blessings,
Craig Van Beek

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS Kim@SandyPines.com

The most recent May 2023 financial statements for both Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails and Lake Monterey Golf Course have been approved and posted on the Finance page under www.sandypines.com.

SPWT

- Operational cash is up \$2.8 million; (up \$1.5 million for reserve set aside for the Phase 2 Pool), up \$1.3 million after pool reserve.
- Asset cash reserve is down \$346k with the shift from larger project to focusing on smaller maintaining projects, while rebuilding the reserve back up toward the end of its tenure.
- Accounts Payable Trade is down from last year with current nature of payments, projects and timing.
- Net Income is up \$139,723 (additional Net Income shown accounts for the COLA change in dues to be absorbed through the operational budget expenses through the season, in June of 2022 additional internet revenue was received and in 2023 all revenue was recorded with the dues and assessments in October, and last on 5/26/2023 ERC payment of \$99,400 was received and temporarily recorded to Admin Misc until further direction from the external accountants. Overall, total Net Income is up \$643k.
- Admin Misc – includes the \$99k ERC payment. Tree

Removal is at budget and over with only necessary tree service to be completed through the end of the season.

- Recreation – Less inventory has been purchased in 2023 with change in management and timing. Inventory is limited to just food items as all SP logo wear will be at the Country Store.
- Resort – Dues Income is up with the change in COLA and will be absorbed through increases in operational expenses from the budget through the season. Cable Expense is higher with timing and adjustments through the change in contract. Utilities is running a little higher this year and expected with the warmer weather earlier

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in the year. Professional Services is up with continued legal matters closing out and additional services provided through the development of the new Dynamics system. Property Tax and Depreciation is up with the adjustments in valuation with the new buildings and budgeted for accordingly. Investment Activity has turned around from the activity last year.

- Park and Garden is consistent with expected activity and off to a good start for the season.
- Golf Cart Rental is noticing pick up in rental reservations from prior year.
- Retail Center – Majority of expense is related to Repairs and Maintenance in the store to recoup from the departure of the prior lease tenant and prepare the season for Sandy Pines operations.
- Sales is consistent with expected activity. The Sales Department will be noticing a pick up coming into the summer season with more lots available for sale.

LMGC

- Operational Cash is up \$33k and with the payoff of A/R which will be processed this month in June will be up \$186k.
- Asset cash is down \$30k, due to a recoup of the reserve from larger projects in the past few years (i.e. wells)
- The Note Payable to date reflects the \$75k payment at the end of last season.

- Net Income is down only \$2,374 from prior year.
- Memberships is up \$3,375
- Public green fees is up approx. \$10k
- Member green fees are up \$8k
- Food is up \$8k; net cogs is up \$3k
- Beer and wine is up \$5.7k; net cogs is up \$2.4k
- Merchandise is up \$3k; net cogs is down \$2.5k
- Salaries is up \$28k; with change and overlap in management in preparation for future planning
- R/M equipment is up \$12k, yet still within budget for the year.
- Golf cart Lease is up with a change in the fleet of golf carts added.
- Fertilizer expense is up \$10k and met budget for the year.
- Depreciation is up \$8k with added infrastructure over the past few years.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most currently approval financial reports.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY ABBY GREENFIELD Recreation@SandyPines.com

Off to a Great Start

It's kind of shocking to be writing the July Footprints article already. It feels as if summer just started yet is already speeding by. This past month, we had the pools open for the summer, watched the kids annihilate the staff in volleyball, started lessons, and had the first parents' night out. Thank you to all who enjoyed the time with us, we can't wait to see what the rest of the summer holds.

Recreation Hours

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Phase 3 Pools

Monday-Saturday: 1pm-8pm
Sunday: 1pm-5pm

Ropes Course

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 4pm-9pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Sunday: 1pm-4pm
Saturday: 1pm-3pm & 6pm-9pm

Archery

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday: 11am-1pm

Kids Lock-In

Kids Lock-In is July 7th-July 8th from 10pm to 7am. This is available to 50 children that are between the ages of 8-12. It is \$10 per person, as well as signing up to bring a store-bought snack to share. The lock-in will take place in the entirety of the recreation area. There will be swimming, dodgeball, games, movies, and more. All kids are required to take a swim test at the start of the night, whether they can touch or already swim. Signups are only in-person at the Recreation Office (building attached to the waterpark). There is a waitlist in case anyone backs out or gets sick.

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Additionally, the entire recreation area will be closed during that time frame to ensure the safety of the kids attending. Therefore, the weight room, pickleball courts, tennis courts, mini golf, and parking lot will be blocked off and unusable after 9:30pm on Friday, July 7th. It will be reopened by 8am Saturday morning, or when all the kids have been picked up.

Halloween Weekend

Halloween weekend starts July 14th with a family-friendly Movie on the Lawn. We will be showing Scooby Doo: Zombie Island, on the lawn behind the Recreation Station on Friday, July 14th. On Saturday, July 15th, we will be showing IT, the 2017 version, for adults and those accompanied by an adult, on the lawn as well. Cost is \$2 per person. There will not be golfcart parking. Bringing blankets, chairs, tubes, beanbag, etc. is highly encouraged. The Happy Shack will have a limited menu available for concessions. Ticket sales will start at 9pm and movies will start at 9:30pm or when it is dark enough to see the screen.

On Saturday, there will also be train rides, trunk-or-treat, and a magic show. More details on times are available online. If you are interested in passing out candy, please show up early to trunk-or-treat. We will also be giving out awards and prizes to the best decorated golf carts for trunk-or-treat individuals passing out candy.

Family Fun Day

This year, family fun day is on July 22nd. There will be inflatables, rides, petting zoo, games, food and more. Details are available online. Wristbands are available for \$15; these will get you access to all games, inflatables, and activities for the entire timeframe. The only exclusion is food, which is paid for separately. Individual tickets will also be available for purchase, for \$2 a piece.

Cardboard Boat Races

On July 29th, join us for the cardboard boat races. Rules for participating are available online. This year, we will also be supplying the riders with water balloons after the original races for extra fun. Those on shore are also welcome to get involved in these activities.

Recreation Lessons and VBS

During VBS week, July 24-28, there will not be swim lessons, tennis lesson, kids club, or preteen club. This has a lot to do with our staff volunteering at VBS during this time and also needing our staff available in other locations to help with the influx of people in the park during that week.

Christmas in August

Christmas Eve weekend is July 28th-30th, while Christmas weekend is August 4th-6th. The week leading up to Christmas Eve, lights and decorations will be going up near the soccer field and waterpark. The gentleman who puts this on can use hardworking volunteers to help.

Additionally, please be mindful of others during this time. Be

on the lookout for children walking/running/looking at these lights and decoration. Watch for stopped or slowed vehicles. Please do not touch or mess with the decorations, unless otherwise stated.

There are also a lot of activities that will be occurring between the two weekends, so please make sure to check them out online!

Adult Activities

As previously mentioned in a Footprints article, the Recreation Department has taken over Senior Adult Activities. Now, it is known as Adult Activities. If anyone is interested in volunteering to run an event or set up a new event, such as card games or board games, please reach out to abby@sandypines.com.

Sports Rental Equipment

The Recreation Department rents out sports equipment. Such as, frisbee golf, basketball, fishing poles, baseball, shuffleboard and more. Public Safety will NOT have rental equipment this season. Instead, it will also be in the new store.

What do you need to rent the equipment? All you need is two things, a \$1 per sport and a Member/Associate Member card. You are required to leave the card with the Recreation Department for the extent of your rental.

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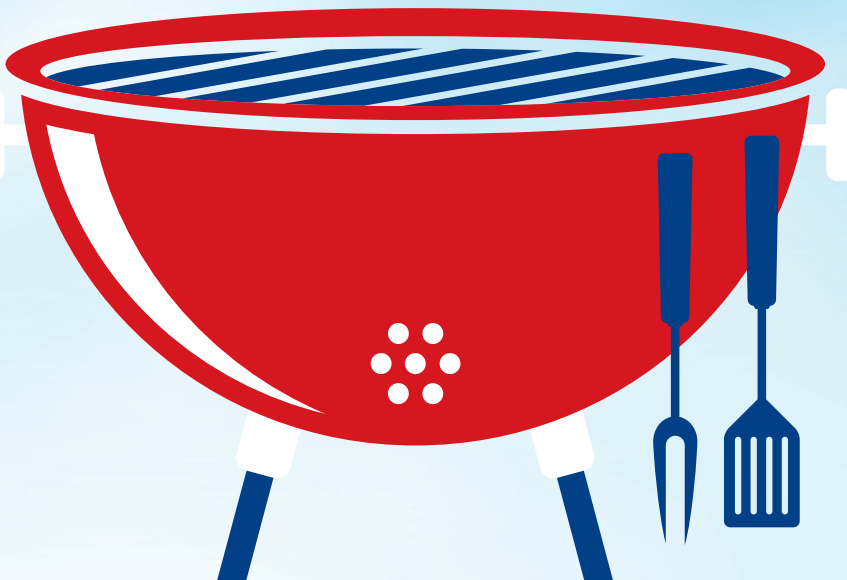
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SALES NEWS

BY KENT LIVINGSTON Kent@SandyPines.com

July!!!! Sales continue to move forward this year and have been steady. I want to take a minute of your time to thank the folks who came by our open house in June during the garage sale weekend. I appreciate chatting and getting to know you. Our sales team is here through the whole year working to sell your membership if life takes you in another direction. If you have questions about selling or are interested in listing with the park, I would be excited to have the opportunity to meet with you. I can be reach at 616-896-8315 ext 114 or kent@sandypines.com . Here's a testimony from one of our recent sellers and if you can't convince your friends to join you at Sandy Pines, read Bart's wisdom after 50 years!!!

"In the month of May we contacted Kent at the Sales office as we were in need of selling our Park Model. He was able to help us with insights on how to prep the unit and get it ready to be sold. We spent the next 2 weeks going through everything he suggested and removing everything that we wanted to keep so the park model was truly as is and everything he was showing was correct. This helped a lot when getting ready to sell. We agreed on a price, and we signed on Friday for the weekend. On Monday he came and took pictures of the unit and placed them on the site. We had a couple interested and he was able to change his schedule around and provide them

a tour of the unit on Tuesday. On that day we sold the second unit that we owned for my mother who can't travel as much anymore and now have great new neighbors. The process was smooth and went as expected. The support from the sales and administrative offices was great. They made the process go smoothly."

~Jeff L.

"In April of 1973 we purchased a Sandy Pines membership. We quickly made new friends and joined a small community of campers brought together by a common goal, a safe affordable family camping environment. Evening campfires and family activities became the norm. Our families enjoyed the planned activities for all. Kids became friends capturing the flag, hunting dinosaurs eggs. Swimming and tennis lessons and water sport fun were daily occurrences. In those early years you could "walk" from phase one beach to the island. As years passed, it went from raising my children at Sandy Pines to entertaining grandchildren with overnight stays and golf cart rides. I can say I have no regrets and will miss the many friends made at Sandy Pines."

~Bart V.

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SECURITY NEWS

BY PAUL SCHAAF Paul@SandyPines.com

Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

Call Stats for Service

Public Safety responded to 106 calls for service in May 2023.

The breakdown of calls is:

Accident.....	6
Alarm	3
Animal.....	5
Assist	10
Conduct	4
Disorderly	1
Driving	7
Fire	3
Green Space	2
Hazardous Condition	1
Illegal Dumping.....	1
Illegal Entry.....	5
Larceny.....	4
Lost/Found Property.....	12
Medical	14
Noise	3
Open Door.....	11
Parking	5
Property Damage	2
Suspicious	4
Trespass.....	1

Vandalsim.....	1
VCSA.....	1

Watercraft

Please remember that there is no wake on the lake before 10am, and after 830pm. Also, there is no use of ballast allowed.

If you are pulling skiers or tubers, you need to have a spotter in the boat. The driver needs to watch where the boat is going, while the spotter watches what you are pulling. Make sure you have a system worked out between the spotter and driver. We want everyone on the water to be safe.

Fires

With the lack of rain this summer, please be careful if you have a campfire. Make sure your fire is inside an approved firepit. Also, don't leave your fire unattended, and make sure it is completely out when you are done. Be Safe!

Alcohol

All alcohol must be confined to the site only. You can not have alcohol on a watercraft, cart, or vehicle. Drinking and operating any vehicle or watercraft is a violation of park rules and state law. If you are going to drink, do it responsibly.

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SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND Steve@SandyPines.com

Fireworks

Sandy pines does not permit personal displays of fireworks. Please do not use sky lanterns (the devices that float upward after lighting a candle inside the device) these have caused fires in the past. Please be conscious of other people's property.

Sparklers are permitted under adult supervision.

Traffic Safety

It takes a community effort to have safety within the park on our park roadways. Please operate and ask your guests to operate at the posted speed limit of 10 mph. The 10-mph speed may seem to be excessively slow but has provided the base for safety for many years. Kids and adults on bikes, golf cart traffic, and people walking are present. Safety starts with each of us providing a safe environment. Pay attention to traffic control devices, stop signs, and one-way signs and obey them. Put down your phone and be attentive to your surroundings. Slow down and relax. Report and provide a site number of persons operating in a careless or reckless manner. It takes our individual commitment to driving safe to make our community safe.

Guest Registration Portal

Please use the Sandy Pines web portal to register your guests. Registering guests via your member web portal is

less expensive for you and more efficient for the park. If you are unable to access your web portal, please contact Member Services for assistance.

If you know that your guests are coming, please register the guest in advance. If your guest arrives at the park unregistered, it creates additional steps in staff having to call the member while the guest waits. Please be courteous to your guests and help to make the process more efficient.

Bike Safety

Wear a helmet – a properly sized helmet can reduce or eliminate a traumatic head injury or death.

Wear Bright clothing and bike during the day light hours. Be visible. Don't assume others see you.

Follow the same traffic rules as motorists.

Never hitch onto cars or golf carts.

Ride Single file with the flow of traffic.

Use hand signals. Let others know what you plan to do.

Supervise and accompany children on the roadways.

Refrain from permitting small children with toys to play in the roadway. Children on small toys may not be easily seen or visible to motorists.

Do not ride at night and if you do have front headlights and rear taillights.

Allergic Reactions to Wasps and Hornets

Summer is a common time for people to be stung by hornets and wasps. Their population in summer has increased and the areas and items that they have built their nests within are rarely seen until we are alerted to their presence by a sting to our body. Yellow Jacket Wasps are territorial and aggressive and will sting people near their nests or when disturbed. A yellow Jacket can sting several times unlike a Honeybee that leaves its stinger in the persons that it envenomates.

Severe reactions to stings can happen to people with or without previous reactions. These reactions are often very quick resulting in any combination of the following reactions: swelling, shortness of breath, wheezing, runny nose, dizziness, profuse sweating, nausea, diarrhea, confusion, unconsciousness, a drop in blood pressure, restrictions of airways, hives, rash, swollen or itchy lips, swollen eye lids, itchy throat, tight throat, trouble swallowing, hoarse voice, or chest tightness. Severe reactions can be life threatening.

If you have a known reaction to stings, foods, or medications you should have a prescribed Epi Pen. If you do not have an

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Epi Pen, then the nearest Epi Pen is the local EMS provider. In the case of Sandy Pines about 10-12 minutes away for an EMS response. It is important to call 911 at the start of the reaction to have Epi available if needed. If you do have an Epi Pen, have a known severe reaction to stings or other allergens and are debating whether to use the Epi Pen you should use the Epi Pen.

If you, a family member, or a friend is having an allergic reaction call 911 immediately. Allergic reactions usually occur within the first 15 minutes of exposure or envenomation and are rare after one hour.

Heat Related Illnesses

This year we have already had several 90 degree or higher temperatures with days of high humidity. Humidity of greater than 60% decreases the ability of sweat to evaporate and reduces the ability of the body to cool.

Heat Exhaustion:

Heat exhaustion is often associated with high environmental temperatures, prolonged exposure, strenuous activity, dehydration, and salt depletion. Symptoms may be excessive thirst, confusion, weakness, loss of consciousness, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, pale skin, rapid heart rate, dizziness, dark yellow urine, profuse sweating, and muscle cramps.

Treatment for heat exhaustion is getting the person inside air conditioning, actively cooling the person in a shower with cool water or cool in a body of water, apply wet cool towels to the person. If the person can drink fluids, then provide cool sports drinks that contain salt and electrolytes. Avoid drinks with caffeine, alcohol, and high sugar content. Sometime the person will not be able to drink fluids and will vomit. Call 911 if the person's condition does not improve or if the person cannot take in fluids and vomits.

If untreated heat exhaustion can develop into Heat Stroke.

Prevention is to stay indoors in air conditioning, stay hydrated and delay strenuous activities or perform work early in the day when temperatures are lower. If hot weather is forecasted, you should hydrate prior to forecasted high temps.

Heat Stroke

Is the most severe type of heat related illness and is a life-threatening emergency that needs immediate medical intervention. If you suspect someone is having a heat stroke call 911. Heat Strokes can be fatal.

Our bodies usually sweat and radiate heat through the skin to regulate our body temperatures. When temperatures and humidity rise combined in some circumstances with exertional activity our bodies can fail in dissipating the heat. When our body cannot dissipate the heat, we have a heat buildup which can cause damage to our organs and our brain.

A normal body temperature is 98.6. Persons who experience

heat stroke have a very high body temperature of 104 degrees or higher.

Symptoms of Heat Stroke are hot dry skin or profuse sweating skin, confusion or disorientation, slurred speech, seizures or convulsions, throbbing headache, nausea and vomiting, unconsciousness, muscle cramps, rapid breathing, and rapid heart rate.

Children under 4 years of age and people over 60 yrs. of age are more susceptible to the effects of heat. Persons with medical issues and persons taking diuretics may have higher risks of becoming a victim of heat stroke.

Please do not leave young children in vehicles. The interior temperature of vehicles can rise to extreme heat in the summer sun.

The treatment of persons suspected of Heat Stroke is to rapidly cool the individual. This may include submersion in water, a shower, hosing the person with cold water, or using wet towels on the person's body to cool the person. Complications may be present in which the person may be unconscious or experiences weakness and cannot be moved. Intravenous fluids are needed in most cases of Heat Stroke and 911 should be called for EMS to provide care and treatment.

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Algae Blooms & Toxins

As the summer temperatures heat up it is common for lakes to have Algae Blooms. You may have noticed in previous summers multi colors of green floating upon the top of the surface of the lake like spilled green paint floating upon the lake surface along the shoreline.

Most Algae blooms are not toxic. Toxicity cannot be determined by looking at the algae bloom. Tests may determine that the bloom is non-toxic today and the next few days become toxic. The preventative measure is to not expose yourself or your pets to areas with the discoloration of algae bloom. If you do encounter/come in contact with the algae bloom wash yourself off or your pet with clean fresh water.

Do not go into water that smells bad, looks discolored, has foam, scum, mats, or paint-like streaks on the surface, or has dead fish washed up on its shore or beach.

Dogs are not deterred from entering water that is discolored. As a result, dogs can ingest toxic waters when in the lake and afterward by licking their fur coats. Because of their size dogs or other pets may be more susceptible to the ill effects of toxins.

Bacteria called cyanobacteria can develop in algae blooms which is toxic to pets and humans. You or your pet can become sick if water is swallowed, have skin contact with or breathe in airborne droplets with cyanobacteria toxins.

Cyanobacteria can cause stomach pain, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache. Symptoms may develop hours up to two days after exposure. If you experience these symptoms, you should contact your health care provider. If your pet becomes ill contact your veterinarian.

Personal Flotation Devices

A personal flotation device should be readily available to every person onboard and being towed by your watercraft.

One USCG-approved throwable device must be on board vessels 16 feet or longer and be readily accessible.

Children under six years of age must wear a type I or type

II personal flotation device when on the deck of a watercraft that is underway. These PFD's should properly and snugly fit the child.

Each person being towed behind a vessel must wear a USCG-approved Type I, II, or III personal flotation device.

All PFDs must be in good and serviceable condition and must be readily accessible. Please inspect your flotations devices. If torn, straps or clips missing or damaged, have mildew or rot, or waterlogged throw away and replace.

Please have young children, non-swimmers, and elderly people wear a personal flotation device. Most drownings are preventable and had the person been wearing a personal flotation device the outcome would have been unremarkable.

Update on FEMA Grant Relating to CC#1

The State of Michigan Hazard Mitigation team has indicated that FEMA is reviewing the proposed grant for CC#1. The intent is to replace the over 50-year-old stick-built building with an updated building. The proposed building will protect Sandy Pines residents from severe weather for over 50 years.

FEMA has requested additional information. Salem Township and Sandy Pines will work together to form a response. It is very likely that the grant will be approved this summer. We should be thankful that we have a township that will work with us to make these projects possible. Without Salem Townships assistance the opportunity for these grants would not be possible. We should be thankful that we have a State Police Hazard Mitigation team that works with us and wants our projects to be successful.

The intent is to replace the current convenience center as a construction hardened storm shelter. As a Storm Shelter FEMA will pay seventy five percent of the hardening cost. The architects' cost estimate for the project has been developed. It cannot be posted because open bidding on the project will happen in the future if awarded. Once the grant has been awarded the project will be advertised for contractors to bid upon. In the past we have been fortunate that contractor bids have been lower than the architects estimate. Construction costs have risen in the past few years by 20%-40%.

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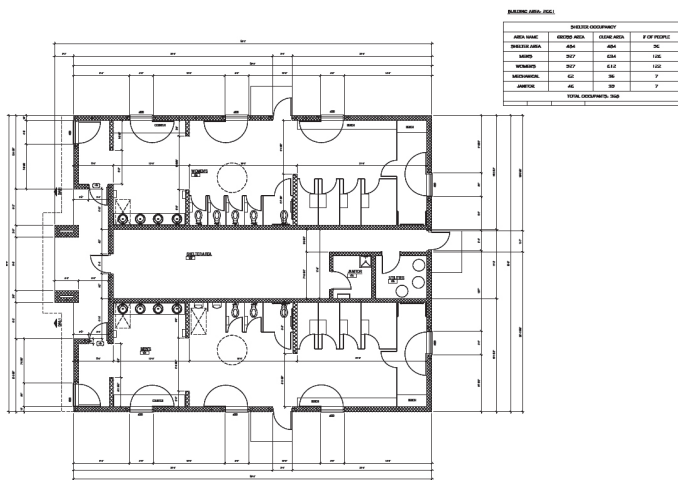


Area of Construction



Building Drawing

This storm shelter will accommodate 358 people.



The building design is very similar to CC#5 in phase 3. If you want a good representation of what the new CC will look like travel to phase 3 and check the building layout.

Park staff, Township officials, and park shelter committee members will work diligently to provide an updated facility. Many hours have already occurred to get to the point of review. Many hours will be spent providing decisions, construction oversight, accounting, and procurement compliance.

Stay tuned. Hopefully we can report in the August newsletter that the grant has been approved.

Vulnerabilities & Threats

Vulnerability is a description of how exposed or susceptible an asset is to damage, or person is to injury or death. Vulnerability depends on an asset's construction, contents, the economic value of its functions or services, and replacement/repair costs. As people some are more vulnerable than others. Vulnerability increases in the young and elderly in trauma events and persons with additional chronic diseases or health issues.

Sandy Pines is a campground. Residences within Sandy Pines reside in RV travel trailers, Motorhomes, Pop-up campers, and occasionally tent camping. Recreational vehicles fail terribly in storm events. By FEMA standards manufactured housing presents a high risk for damage and vulnerability. Recreational vehicles are even more susceptible without a foundation, secured to a foundation, lighter construction and much lighter in weight. It is rare that recreational camping units have ties downs within Sandy Pines. And when present have screw anchors into the ground. Camping trailers, motorhomes, and tents are easily damaged by falling trees, flying debris, and overturned by high winds. Walls are commonly 2x2's, cardboard or paneling walls and siding. Projectiles from severe storms can easily penetrate these walls. Occupants inside these are subject to severe trauma and death.

Vulnerability is an exposed population during peak summer in which limited shelter is available to support the possible population for sheltering. Although persons shelter at bathroom facilities within the Park these buildings are not FEMA engineered shelters and are not capable of sheltering the population during peak season. Although not engineered to FEMA standards these are thought to provide more

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protection than a recreational vehicle or tent. During past events these have been crowded and people have refrained from going to the bathrooms because of the overcrowding. Instead, they have elected to stay in their recreational vehicle. Some members that live in the area leave to their local homes for safety and protection. Sheltering in place in a recreational vehicle or tent is not suggested as indicated in the reason prior.

Vulnerabilities increase or decrease by the actions and decisions that we make. If we decide to shelter in place in a recreational vehicle in severe weather, we increase the chances of injury or death to ourselves and members of our family. Unlike assets/property lives cannot be replaced.

A Lloyds of London insurance report in 2013 indicated that one third of all tornado deaths occurred in mobile homes. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates that people living in mobile homes are 23 times more likely to be killed than those living in permanent homes. A good reason to seek shelter if you are in a recreational camping unit with your family.

Sandy Pines is within a rural community. Local emergency service resources are limited. Sandy Pines can be densely populated in the summer months. A small event involving part of the park could utilize all the local resources. Local Emergency services also have the responsibility to respond

to calls within the community limiting or reducing response from local emergency agencies. The expectation and thought that help is going to be expedient may not be realized in a major disaster. Mitigation is a process or plan to reduce the number of persons injured, trapped or death caused as a result of an event.

Sandy Pines is 813 acres. Multiple calls for assistance in various geographical areas may occur in multiple areas and resources may not be present for an immediate response from on-site staff and delayed assistance may result in large-scale events.

The vulnerability of one element of the community is often related to the vulnerability of another, and a hazard may cause indirect damage in addition to the damages that are caused by the direct impact.

Loss of electric from storms may indirectly cause damage to refrigerated items or loss of internet and Park networks, damaged roofs may lead to water damage to computer systems, loss of electric may cause unsanitary conditions as well pumps fail, and other indirect loss of services or park functions.

Storm debris, downed high voltage lines, damaged unsafe buildings and loss of utilities will have an impact upon Park safety and use, Park Operations and revenue, retail establishment revenue and daily operations.

Most vulnerable for injury are young children, elderly and handicapped persons with mobility issues unable to move to a shelter location or more vulnerable to death as a result of trauma.

Assumptions

Most hazardous natural or human caused events, which may affect Sandy Pines, have the potential for causing damage, injury, or death.

Storms may continue with additional threats. Perceptions of weather clearing after an event may not be reality. Weather conditions after an event may hamper the effort to assist persons in need.

Some residents in recreational units will not seek shelter for various reasons – not alerted, don't understand the warning, disregard the severity of event, or decide to shelter within their recreational vehicle. When an alert is issued, seek shelter. When you observe weather threats, take appropriate shelter. Don't take risks with you or your family's safety, seek shelter.

Injured/trapped persons untreated may continue to decline in health and perish. It is important to seek shelter for you and your family's safety. This will also reduce the need for local emergency services to perform search and rescue activities.

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Local hospital emergency rooms may be overloaded with casualties.

A major event may overwhelm Park resources and local emergency resources.

Debris may restrict traffic flow and access to the injured.

Time of day may impede damage observations or finding of victims.

Vehicles may be damaged or blocked in by debris after the event not permitting the resident to leave.

Resident camping units may be destroyed or uninhabitable. Alternative temporary shelter will be needed.

Time of day and darkness/electric outages may decrease the ability to find victims, observe debris.

Damaged Park property and private property will continue to be exposed, causing further damage, and potential hazards to staff and residents. Many injuries occur after storms from debris.

Emergency public information is a critical tool in immediate post disaster response for informing the public about actions being taken, shelter locations and for requesting help from outside the area of impact.

Damage to the utility systems and to the communication system may hamper the recovery process.

A major disaster could have a significant long-term economic impact on Sandy Pines and use by its residents.

The thought of it's never going to happen here. Never is a long time. Eventually it will happen here.

The reality is that Storm events have happened at Sandy Pines and will continue to happen. Events in which large trees have fallen and smashed trailers, tree branches have pierced roofs, boats have flipped over and other close calls.

People that seek shelter in an engineered FEMA building have a higher survival rate. Seeking shelter in a facility that is engineered to withstand high speed wind events will provide protection, reduce injury, and reduce the need from outside resources. Preparing for potential storm events provides safety for the residents of our Park. The engineered FEMA Shelters are Phase 3 CC#5 & CC# 6 and the North Shore Center in phase 4. Other CC's int the park are thought to provide better protection than a recreational unit or tent.

Preparation For Severe Weather

Be observant and aware of changing weather conditions.

Do **not** plan on staying inside your RV. RV's fail in severe storms, can be crushed by falling trees, be overturned and flying projectiles can penetrate walls.

Listen to your phone for RAVE severe weather alerts. If you are not getting RAVE alerts send an email to the Emergency Services Director steve@sandypines.com to be enrolled.

Have a NOAA weather radio to alert you to changing weather conditions.

Watch local TV stations and radar.

Have a battery-operated radio to tune into local stations for updates.

If a report of severe weather is received from any media type seek shelter immediately. If the weather looks severe seek shelter even when media has not reported Thunderstorms or Tornadic activity.

You and your family should have a pre-determined plan as to where to go (a meeting place) such as the nearest Convenience center. Instruct youth on what to do if out in the Park away from your site or intended meeting place. Discuss your plan. Determine what is best for the safety of you and your family.

Prepare a list of contacts – outside contacts – Post the list where family members know or ensure that family members have contact information in their electronic devices. After a disaster, the phone system may become overloaded. Use texting to contact family members.

Discuss with family members the best options to shelter when storms approach.

If forecasts predict severe weather and you have a local residence you may want to consider leaving the Park prior to severe weather' arrival and shelter at home.

What does it mean when I hear the outdoor warning sirens?

The Outdoor Weather Siren is tested monthly on the 4th Monday of each Month at 11:00 am.

Other activations mean that a Warning has been issued and the event is life-threatening. Seek shelter immediately.

How long will the warning sirens sound?

Typically, the siren will sound for 3 minutes.

The siren will not sound continuously during the event. Just because the siren is not constantly sounding does not mean that the threat has ended.

The additional sounding of the warning siren after the original siren activation will indicate that a threat is still present.

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Please go inside the shelter. Don't wait outside to watch the changing conditions.

Please stay sheltered until staff indicate an all clear

Why Can't I hear the Outdoor Warning siren in my camping unit?

Sirens are an outdoor warning system designed only to alert persons who are outside that something dangerous is approaching. Other devices within your camping unit such as a NOAA weather radio, television, radio, or phones with weather alert should be present within your unit to alert you of approaching dangerous weather conditions.

Weather sirens are intended to alert persons that are outside.

How can I get Alerts in my Camping unit?

For indoor areas every camping unit should have a portable NOAA Weather Radio which can wake you up when a warning is issued as you sleep.

Phone Apps also have been available to alert you to weather warnings and alert you as you sleep. An example would be Wood TV's storm App for your mobile device. This can be downloaded at www.woodtv.com.

Other local television channels also have electronic device applications that can be downloaded for severe weather threats.

Ensure that Sandy Pines has your correct email and cell phone number for severe weather alerts. Sandy Pines uses RAVE alerts, but you will only receive these if the Park has your information.

Will an all-clear signal be sounded?

No, additional activations of the Weather Siren will indicate that severe weather threats continue. You and your family should remain sheltered.

Why are the Outdoor Warning Sirens sounded for hail and wind?

Wind can uproot trees, tip over trailers, flip boats and project flying items into the air creating a direct risk to the life safety of people. Hail can proceed a tornado and can vary in sizes from golf ball size to softball size and can injure or kill. All these items pose a direct risk to life of people outdoors.

Where should I go to seek shelter?

Based on FEMA guidelines your predetermined shelter should be within 5 minutes walking distance of your site.

Commonly this would be the convenience center in your area of the Park.

Prior to the event you should discuss with your family members where to seek shelter and what to do when away from the site.

How safe am I at a convenience center?

As a person seeking shelter you must determine what the closest structure is that will provide the most protection for your family.

Recreational camping units commonly fail in tornadic events. Although convenience centers may not be hardened and designed as safe room, they may provide more protection than a recreational camping unit.

How often can I expect the Outdoor Sirens to sound?

When the National Weather Service detects severe weather events which may place people at risk Allegan County is notified to activate the Siren.

Allegan County Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management may also activate the Siren based on observer information.

The Outdoor warning sirens will be activated based on the number of storms that occur that are threats to our community. Activation of weather sirens additional times during an event indicates that additional threats exist, and you should remain sheltered.

Who Activates the Weather Sirens?

Allegan County Central Dispatch activates the Sirens. Allegan County Emergency Management also has the Authority to Activate the Sirens.

Sandy Pines **does not** activate weather sirens.

If weather conditions are observed that appear to be hazardous, or media reports hazardous weather prior to activation of warning sirens, you should seek shelter immediately.

What is the result of warning sirens and people's actions?

Every year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and/or high winds despite advance warnings. Some do not hear the warning, while others received the warning but did not act.

This information, combined with timely severe weather watches and warnings, could save your life when severe weather threatens your area.

After you have received the warning or observed threatening skies, YOU must make the decision to seek shelter before the storm arrives. It may be the most important decision you will ever make.

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CAMPING NEWS

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Hello Sandy Pines members! The weather is fabulous and we would love to have your friends and family book a rental with us! July is full of activities including Family Fun Day and our Summer Concert Series, plus many more to choose from. Sandy Pines offers camping in two-week blocks with a week off in between for those campers looking to stay multiple times in a season. Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the park that we rent out, five park model trailers, and ten rustic cabins. We welcome furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites only. We do offer a 10%

associate discount for our associate members, and we also offer a 10% 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 department to have the discount applied, which you can do after you make your reservation online. Your refunded amount will go back onto the card you used at the time of purchase. Reservations can be made directly from our website at www.SandyPines.com. If you have any questions or would like me to book a reservation for you, please give me a call at 616- 896-8315 ext. 103. I would love to help and look forward to hearing from you!

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF NEWS

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We made it through Memorial Day and schools are now out for the summer, it is officially golf season! If you have not been down to Lake Monterey GC you are not only missing out on our beautiful course, but you are also missing out on all the special events we have going on here. Read on to find out what new and exciting things are happening...

Outings

July 15th we will be having our inaugural **Scary Tough 4-person scramble**. We will have the course set up to play as tough as possible. It will be a fun time with both cash prizes and prizes from the clubhouse for special events.

Our annual **Red Tee Challenge** will take place July 29th. We will have every hole set up as a par 3. This is an outing that everyone looks forward to attending.

Call the course to get more information or to get signed up for either event.

Karaoke

It has begun! We will have Karaoke on July 8th. Food starts at 5:00 o'clock and singing is from 7:00pm to 10:00pm. Come out and show off your hidden vocal talents or just enjoy a night of great singing and laughter. It is rumored that Larry will even dance occasionally. Our DJ for the night of fun is Jeff Woods.

Poker Run

July 15th starting at 2:00pm is the poker run. We will have a food basket special available prior to the start of the poker run. Check out all our new adult beverages that we have available while enjoying lunch. Please see the Adult Activities article for further details.

Adult Cornhole

Friday nights are for cornhole.

Entry fee is \$5.00 with larger prizes. Partners will be a blind draw. Sign up starts at 6:00pm with bags in the air promptly at 6:30. Food and drink specials will be available.

We are asking that all players get the Scoreholio app on their phone. It is very easy to sign-up and use. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Golf Lessons

Is your golf game not up to par? Maybe you're a beginner and want to learn the basics? Our very own David Ingles is available to help. He is offering lessons by the half hour or the hour. The people he has helped over the past month have been extremely satisfied. Call the clubhouse to set up your lesson.

"The 19th Hole Grill" at Lake Monterey Golf Course.

Lunch specials are underway and can be found on our website and in the weekly Sandy Pines flyer. Keep in mind, we have food anytime that we can prepare for you. If you have not tried our pizzas, you are missing out.

We will be having another **breakfast buffet** on Sunday, July 16 from 8:00-11:00am.

Facebook

Follow us on Facebook and see everything that is happening here at Lake Monterey. We are posting new information and reminders daily. It is a great way to keep tabs on everything golf here at the course.

Golf Course Parking

Please be aware that parking at the golf course is for golfers only. Entry into the park through the gate at the golf course is for members and associates that have come down to visit

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the golf course. All others are subject to fines and/or towing of their vehicle. This rule will be strictly enforced.

Golf Course Rules

Please be mindful of the following rules of the golf course:

- Absolutely no personal coolers or bringing alcohol or beer to the course. But please check out our new selection of drinks that we are bringing in.
- Always bring your Sandy Pines member or associate card to be shown.
- Knobby tires and six-seater golf carts are not permissible on the golf course.

- Proper golf attire is required. No tank tops allowed. Men's shirts must have sleeves. Women's tops must be golf attire.
- Groups of 5 players or more are not allowed without prior permission.

Let's make golf fun for everyone by following these rules. We appreciate your cooperation.

We are excited and looking forward to seeing everyone!

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INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS Inspector@SandyPines.com

The month of July is a great time to reflect on all things that make this nation great! Hopefully, you are all enjoying your summer with family and friends!

This month I just wanted to touch base on a couple of things. Our site clean-up this year is complete and letters have been sent out to those that need attention.

This year we did see a small increase in violations but overall the park looks great! So, thank you to all of you for making Sandy Pines look awesome!

The park president touched base on our new Boat stake procedure this month in his article. So once the appointment is made I will come to the site with you. Please have your

4x4's with you at the appointment so that you can put them in the ground after I flag your spot. I will then place the metal tag on them making them permanent. Once the tags are attached I will take a picture and put it in your file. This should take away any confusion as to whose boat stake is whose.

Thank you in advance for your patience as the boat stakes have been a huge issue in the last couple of years. But rest assured we will get all the kinks out of it.

I hope you all enjoy a great Independence Day at Sandy Pines.

God Bless

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

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It is hard to believe that we are already at the July 4th holiday. The summer is moving fast.

Hopefully, by now we are in the Country Café serving coffee, donuts, muffins, and pastries. We hope to add more items quickly.

We keep getting new items in the country store and learning what we all want to have in the store.

Please stop in and check out all the stores.

We have been working hard at getting items that are needed by the members in the park. We have added many new items,

since we have more room. We have a good lumber supply and all the needs for your RV. We have also increased the size of our fishing equipment, toys for the kids, and personal items, we also have plates, cups, etc.

Stop in and see our new wind spinners.

We have had a great start to the season with our water softeners but if you are still interested in getting the rust out of the water, enjoying soft water when showering and when washing dishes, stop by and see us for getting a softener put on your trailer.

Make sure you get your reservation in early for the busy holiday weekends – Christmas in August (we are already out of 6 passenger carts for Christmas) and Labor Day.

We hope to see many of you at the Marina using our available paddleboards and kayaks.

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The Marina is open on Wednesday and Friday nights from 5 pm to 8 pm and Saturday and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. If you want to use a watercraft at other times stop by the rental office and reserve the watercraft and we will make sure someone is at the marina to get the paddleboard or kayak ready for you.

We look forward to serving your needs throughout the rest of the summer.

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

Sandy Piners are invited to join our chapel family for a large variety of activities geared for people of all ages. Mark your calendars and join in.

Kids: Vacation Bible School is coming the last week of July. It is for all our kids from pre-school through 6th grade. We have a Stellar theme - "Shine Your Jesus Light". Kids, this week is for YOU and you don't want to miss it. Sign up at [Vacation Bible School - Sandy Pines](#).

We still need lots of adult helpers. Go to the same signup page to become involved. We know you will be truly blessed.

SPY: This is for the Sandy Pines Youth from 6th grade through 12th grade. We meet every Sunday morning at 11:30 AM at the North Shore Building. We also have a special program on July 16 focused on our youth. SPY offers great opportunities to meet new friends while doing all sorts of fun, and sometimes pretty wild, activities - all while growing your own faith. Check out our chapel website at [S.P.Y - Sandy Pines Youth - Sandy Pines](#)

For all ages: We have our Sunday morning worship services, Sunday evening concerts, and Wednesday morning Bible Study. Our complete schedule is below.

July 1: Pancake Breakfast at the Flea Market serving from 8:00 - 11:00 AM

July 2: Worship at the Lakeside Chapel at 10:00 AM with Pastor Mary Hulst
SPY meets at the North Shore Building at 11:30 AM
Concert at the Lakeside Chapel at 6:00 PM with **Anthem Edition** (formerly **The Old Paths Quartet**).

July 5: Bible Study in the North Shore Building at 10:00 AM

July 9: Worship at the Lakeside Chapel at 10:00 AM with Rev. Jon Brown
SPY meets at the North Shore Building at 11:30 AM
Concert at the Lakeside Chapel at 6:00 PM with **Ernie Haase and Signature Sound**

July 12: Bible Study in the North Shore Building at 10:00 AM

July 16: Worship at the Lakeside Chapel at 10:00 AM with David Mosterd
SPY meets at the North Shore Building at 11:30 AM
Concert at the Lakeside Chapel at 6:00 PM with **The Dale Hicks Band**

July 19: Bible Study in the North Shore Building at 10:00 AM

July 23: Worship at the Lakeside Chapel at 10:00 AM with Eric Bennett

SPY meets at the North Shore Building at 11:30 AM
Concert at the Lakeside Chapel at 6:00 PM with **Triumphant Quartet**
Ice Cream Social follows the evening concert

July 24: July 28 Vacation Bible School from 9:00 - 11:00 in the North Shore Building

July 30: Vacation Bible School kids lead the morning chapel service at 10:00 AM
SPY meets at the North Shore Building at 11:30 AM
Concert at the Lakeside Chapel at 6:00 PM with **The Singing Contractors**

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