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BOARD OF DIRECTORS ~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER Jeff@SandyPines.com

Memorial Day has passed which means June is here with Summer Sizzlin' to start! June kicks off the end of the school year with both kids and parents excited to return full time to their Happy Place at Sandy Pines. Our team is ready and waiting for all. We are blessed to have an awesome staff to support and serve our members at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. Public Safety is fully staffed, so please wave and say hi as they are out and about in the park and on the water. Maintenance continues to do great things within the park making it beautiful for all. Park and Garden and the Rental Shop remains busy since they opened in May. Park Inspector office is fully staffed to accept your calls, walk-ups and visits to your sites as needed. Administration is staffed to welcome your needs. Recreation has new leadership in place with excellent activities planned throughout the season. Come Ready, Set and Relax!

Memorial Day Service

We were blessed with another beautiful day to hold our annual Memorial Day Service event to recognize those men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice to ensure our freedoms and way of life in this wonderful country are preserved and protected.

The main focus during this time is to remember our beloved fallen soldiers. We changed up our program slightly based on feedback received. We chose not to read names this year as the current list of names are mixed with current living vets as well as those who have paid the ultimate sacrifice. Those vets still alive and among us will be thanked and recognized for their service in November during Veteran's Day. We will begin reaching out to the membership for next years' service to receive a list of the fallen soldiers to read their names.

After our service, many gathered at the North Shore Building for coffee, cookies and fellowship. There were many compliments made during and after the service on the new look for the memorial. Our talented maintenance team did an excellent job with the new Memorial Wall, installing new service flags and insignia emblems for all branches and dressing up the area with

new landscaping. We appreciate the hard work of this team. If you get a chance to say Thank You, please do. Lastly, we would like to thank those that participated in this years' service. Jack Schmidt for playing Amazing Grace during the veteran walk, Chris Ayotte for singing our National Anthem and God Bless America, Bill and Ken Vanderwall for the raising and lowering of the flags, Jeff Hopkins our guest speaker, Paul Wiggers and Bob Stiles for the playing of Taps, Kat Fisher for doing a great job on sign language and Dave Van Noord for our prayer and the meaning of coins on a soldier's tombstone. It was truly a blessed day.

Ballots & Proposals

This month will be busy communicating upcoming ballots and proposals to be voted on this August 20, 2022. Below is a summary of the resolutions the Board is supporting by majority vote to move for a membership vote.

Resolution 052022A – Is a Board supported Bylaw Change to Article IV Sale and/or Purchase of Association Properties Section 2, Sale and/or Purchase of Personal Property to clean up language to clarify when board or member approval is needed or when no approval is needed for spending funds on a single construction project.

Resolution 052022B – Is a Board supported Bylaw change to Article V Use of Sandy Pines Property, Section 3, Publication and Posting to update language to rename the handbook to the new Rules, Regulations and Handbook and include language around rule changes

taking effect after the distribution of the new rules through print AND electronic form.

Resolution 052022C – Is a Board supported resolution to vote on new Spectrum Charter TV and Wi-Fi assessment replacing current cable TV assessment and modem seasonal costs. Spectrum is proposing upgraded TV and Wi-Fi internet for all members. Their current contract expires at the end of this season. If the new proposal is not accepted, Spectrum will no longer service our park nor will members have the ability to access TV or Internet.

Resolution 052022D – Is a Board supported resolution to vote on a new FEMA South Shore Building to replace the current Phase 1 Indoor Pavilion. The FEMA grant process was started in January 2022, but will need member approval to proceed forward. Renderings will be posted online, at Board meetings and through other communication starting this month June 2022.

Resolution 052022E – Is a Board supported resolution to vote on the transfer of funds from operations to the Capital Reserve fund in excess of the 2.5% per our Bylaws to build a new outdoor pool in Phase 2. This project has been approved on the capital project list, but the costs are over the approved amount.

Lastly, there will be 3-4 Board of Director positions potentially available this year. If you are interested in running, please pick up a petition. The Board continues to support feedback from

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the membership regarding the ability to vote on important issues impacting our park. All the above will be sent to our members to vote.

Information such as renderings and other important information needed to make an informed decision to vote will continue to be provided starting this month into July and August. Stay tuned to our official Sandy Pines website, Facebook Page, Face to Phase, Board meetings and other communications regarding these ballot proposals.

Pool Operations

As Memorial Day is the kickoff to summer, it is also the kickoff for our rec season. With beautiful, sunny weather comes busy pools. Our pool operations will continue similar to last year. We have increased our waterpark capacity from 100-125 to 156. This is total waterpark (not just pool) capacity. We will continue to have a pool monitor or lifeguard at the front gate tracking capacity. If the pool does not reach capacity, we will not do the hourly rotation (this is new this year based on member feedback). If the waterpark does reach capacity, we will go back to the hourly rotation. This does meet state recommendations based on

the number of lifeguards Sandy Pines is able to employ. It continues to be a struggle to staff with Lifeguards.

Member responses continue to be in favor of the current operational plans we have for the pools. We continue to tweak them where we can based on feedback while still maintaining a safe pool environment. We are a private entity and do review other campsites, public pools, resorts and hotels to see how they operate, but we will always reserve the right to set safe rules and standards for our members. We ask that you be respectful to the pool staff and monitors. If you have questions or concerns, feel free to set up an appointment with me.

Lake Committee

We are blessed to continue to have a dedicated Lake Committee meeting on a regular basis to ensure our number one asset, Lake Monterey is a focus to be maintained properly. This month a resolution will be brought forward to remove the current ban on the ballast boat function. Recent data is now pointing to pontoon boats being manufactured to have the same impact

on our lake as ballast boats when filled to do wake boarding and surfing. A new proposal communicated at our May board meeting will be brought forward this month to ban the activity of wake surfing and boarding. Members who are boaters on Lake Monterey will also receive a letter reminding boaters now that summer is here and with increased activity on the lake, we need to focus on proper boat rules and expectations while on the lake.

Father's Day

This month is a celebration for all the awesome fathers we have in our community. I personally have been blessed with a caring father who has never stopped supporting me, continues to show his love for my family and me and has been someone I continue to learn new things each and every day. My hope is that you and your family have a great father in your lives you too can celebrate. Please take the time to wish them Happy Father's Day with a heartfelt hug!

God Bless all of you for allowing our wonderful staff to serve you this summer!

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BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com

The quest for knowledge and the search for answers can be daunting at times in the park, not only for newish members, but also to seasoned vets who may have forgotten some of the rules and regs they read about many moons ago. This month, I'll try to give you a road map as to possible sources to ease your inquisitiveness.

Board of Directors Meetings

Monthly Board meetings are an excellent source of current information and financials. Also discussed during these sessions are future issues and/or projects which may come to fruition in the near future. We also bring to the table rules or policy changes that will be voted on the following month, giving you the opportunity to chime in to us before a final decision is rendered.

It should also be stated that, at these meetings, there is a dedicated time for member comments. While this is a time for you to be heard, it is not the time for interaction, i.e., there isn't the opportunity for questions and answers. Rather, your chance to ask and receive feedback is at the monthly Face to Phase meetings, which are held on Saturdays at the North Shore Center in the morning the day after the Friday board meetings. Our park president Jeff along with various board members are on hand to respond to member queries. Jeff will always add that his office in the admin building has an open-door policy as well.

Park Communication

As an aside, if you're unable to attend any of the meetings, fear not. The Sandy Pines YouTube channel is the ideal source for those on the

go who want to be in the know. Just visit the YouTube site, type Sandy Pines in the search bar, and, voila, you'll see our page with, at last count, 93 videos in the library. Watch and enjoy at your leisure, it's awesome!

You should definitely bookmark Sandypines.com as it reigns as the official park website. Information contained is aplenty with links to just about all that is SP. The calendar is an especially nice touch, updated electronically to help plan your summer activities. Mind you, this site is newly-designed and constantly evolving to meet your needs and wants. Spend some time and do some surfing, it'll be well worth your while. It's sister site on Facebook, Sandy Pines Recreational Community, is another page you should definitely "like" and follow.

Member service is probably the best spot all-around for information about the park. You can find them in the administration building during normal business hours. The Public Safety Office, manned 24/7/365, is another excellent stop for knowledge. Other park-authorized sources for news include the Footprints, weekly E-news, rave alerts, and bulletin boards at the CC's.

There are various social media sites that, while not affiliated with the park per se, provide different services unique in their own way. SP Informed Members and Sandy Pines Members Forum are great tools to exchange ideas and viewpoints. How about Sandy Piners Online Garage Sale, Sandy Piner's homes & lots for sale by owner, Sandy Pines Library, "the Pines rocks" (for those

colorful rock hounds), Happy Campers pickleball club community, Sandy Pines tennis, Sandy Pines line dancing, Sandy Pines ::Phase 2::, Positive Pines.....the choices are plentiful and can be very valuable.

Of course, you can always reach out to us at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. No question is too great nor too small. We are here to help and genuinely feel compassionate about you and your feelings. Don't hesitate to ask or comment at your convenience. Have a great June!

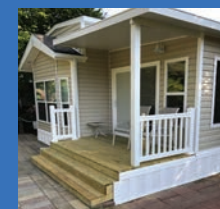
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Boat Registration Deadline

The deadline for submission of your boat registration is June 1st. As a reminder, this is needed to use your boat on Lake Monterey as well as to hold your boat stakes and docks.

Spectrum Cable & Internet

The Spectrum contract has been renewed for this season. We'll be contacting those who signed up as soon as we have your modems. The cost will not be billed to your account until the modem has been installed. Someone over the age of 18 must be present for the installation. You must provide your own router and have it available at the time of the install. As always, cable is directly connected to the coax port on your HD Clear QAM tuner capable television. We know it can be frustrating when electronics fail. Giving electronics a hard reset, scanning channels, bypassing your wireless router, and being beside your equipment to relay the working indicators

are always the steps we recommend working through when troubleshooting your equipment. Thank you for your patience. Park WIFI is available as you move about the park. All WIFI hot spots are on secure networks and require a password to logon. The network name at all park locations is "Sandy Pines-Guest". The password is printed on posters in each facility or you can obtain it at Member Service or the Public Safety Office. Free WIFI is provided at • The Library • Phase 1 Retail Laundry • The Recreation Station/ Water Park • Phase 5 CC #11 & Laundry • Phase 3 Pool & Laundry

Laundry Facilities

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

Portal Update

The payment portal is now live through your member web access. You can get to this under the links tab in your member web access portal. This link will redirect you to the portal to the system we use for financials. This will require you to log in. Your username will be the email

address where you receive your statements. You may need to reset your password. We do not have your password recorded. Unless you have already reset it, it is very probable that the password used is the same as the old password you used to log into the old member web portal prior to the switch over. Pump outs are also live in the system. Please keep your eye on the weekly E-news for additional information on how to schedule those. Pump outs for Saturdays will need to be scheduled through member service or maintenance. We are still working out some kinks on the portal for ordering guest passes online. Please keep reading the E-news for update on this as well.

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS Kim@SandyPines.com

June is here and we are excited to see the season well underway.

The Board of Directors meeting occurred Friday, May 20, 2022 and included the review and approval of the and April 2022 financial statements for both SPWT and LMGC and first budget considerations for the operational and capital activity for SPWT and LMGC. The review of the budgets will be an ongoing process through the season with the final approval in August.

Financial Statement Review

SPWT

- Operating Cash as of April 30, 2022 is \$3.68M which provide a days in cash reserve of 210 days.



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- o The Final FEMA Reimbursement of \$1.068M is expected to be received middle of June per the state and will increase the days in cash reserve back to 270 days.

- o Ideal protection for a not for profit is 180 days.

- Asset Replacement cash is \$1.2M and includes the Capital assessment transfer from dues for the current year.

- Other Receivables is currently holding the \$1.068M final FEMA Reimbursement expected to be released mid-June.

- Acquisitions – Land Improvements includes the current Construction in Progress costs of the Golf Cart Bridge Structure

- April 2022 Accounts payable of \$1.2M includes an timing of a check payable for the Bridge Construction and will be released by the Asset Replacement Cash

- April 2022 Net Income is \$1.915M which is \$73k under prior year at the same point in time.

- Total Operating Income as of April 2022 is \$350k over prior year and 29% from reaching the Fiscal Year Budget of \$7.024M

- Total Operating Expenses as of April 2022 is \$263k over prior year and 53% under the Year end Fiscal Year Budget of \$7.051M

- The Schwab investment portfolio had a year-to-date decline of \$187k unrealized loss due to the current economic market bond activity. Per conversation with the SPWT Investment Advisor there are not concerns with specific funds as they are being monitored closely and is riding the current economic shift which is expected to increase in the near future.

- Individual Department analysis was reviewed and provided to the Finance Committee and Board and is available for review in the posted financial statement for April 2022.

LMGC

- April 2022 Operating Cash for the Golf Course is \$53k over prior year.

- April 2022 Net Income as of April 2022 is \$25k over prior year and a good start for the beginning of the season.

- The Golf Course is looking at providing additional food offerings including sit down style to bring more business into the Golf Course.

Please refer to the Finance section of the Sandy Pines webpage for the posting of the most recent year-to-date financial statements.

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RECREATION NEWS

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Friends, sun, sand, and sea, that sounds like a summer to me. Ahh summer is here, and we are ready to spend it with you. The weekly schedule is packed with lessons, classes, and fun activities for all ages. All lessons are free and there are no sign-ups required. If you are interested in Swimming lessons, please refer to the website and click the lessons tab, there you will find a document that informs you of the different levels. Choose the level that you feel matches your child's abilities and our lifeguards will test and determine if they need to be moved to a different level.

Still Hiring

If you are looking for a fun place to work, the recreation department has openings. We currently have a need for lifeguards; you would need to be 16 and willing to get certified. We

also have ropes course opportunities, and you would need to be 17 and willing to go through certification training.

Volunteers Needed

We had a few Saturday activities in May, and I want to thank the volunteers who came out and assisted and made these activities a success. We encourage everyone to come out and volunteer. All volunteers must be 13 or older and have a parent sign a volunteer waiver. We have opportunities to volunteer in June with registration, and games for the Duck Derby, bounce house monitor, and games at Superhero Saturday. Assisting with the kid's craft show, collecting money for the foam dance party, or serving food at the car parade.

Mark your Calendar for June Weekend Activities:

- **Saturday June 4th-Duck Derby Saturday and Decorate the Decades Lot Contest**

- **Saturday June 11th-Superhero Saturday-Red Cross Blood Drive-Garage Sales phases 3,5,6**
- **Saturday June 18th-Cars of Summer-Car Parade & Cookout-Kids Craft Show-Band-Boaters Safety**
- **June 24th-26th-Teen Weekend-Bon-fire-Foam Dance Party-Superhero Search-Pool Party**

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- Saturday, June 11th**
Superhero Saturday ft. Red Cross Blood Drive & Garage Sales (Phases 3,5,6)
- Saturday, June 18th**
Cars of Summer, Kids Craft Show, Live Band & Boaters Safety
- June 24th-26th**
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CAMPING NEWS

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Summer has arrived, the sun is shining, and we have already welcomed many campers to Sandy Pines! Campers are enjoying our trailers which have brand new dishes, pots and pans, coffee mugs, and cups. New sleeper sofas have been replaced in three of the trailers, and we have all new mattresses in Phase 1, Phase 3, and Phase 5 cabins. We do still have limited campsites,

trailers, and cabins available for the season, please tell your family and friends! Sandy Pines has 59 campsites throughout the park that we rent out, and we also have five park model trailers and ten rustic cabins. The trailers and cabins are not pet friendly, but we welcome furry friends on a leash at any of our rental campsites. 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 Department to have the

discount applied, which you can do after you make your reservation online. Your refunded amount will go back onto your card you used at 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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SECURITY NEWS

BY PAUL SCHAAF Paul@SandyPines.com

Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

April Statistics

Security Services responded to 45 calls in April 2022. The call types and numbers were:

Alarm 1
Assist 7
Disorderly 1
Illegal Entry 2
Lost/Found property 2
MDOP 2
Open Door 12
Parking 1
PPO 1
Rules Violation 5
Suspicious Situation 10
Welfare Check 1

Golf Cart Safety

To help prevent golf cart related injuries this season, we ask that you follow a few simple rules. The Sandy Pines Rulebook states:

Persons must be properly seated and may not stand on the golf cart when in motion. Feet and legs must be inside golf cart while in motion. Passengers may not sit on the laps of drivers. Seating is limited to the capacity design of the golf cart, as determined by the manufacturer.

If we can follow this rule, and drive the speed limit, we should have a safe summer.

Boat Safety

You will see the Public Safety Marine patrol on the lake more this summer. Please make sure you have your watercraft properly registered,

and follow all boating rules. Let's have a safe summer!

Golf Cart Testing

It's that time of year again for new golf cart drivers (12 years and up) to get their licenses. We know that this is an exciting event for these kids and want to make sure they can get their licenses. We have several group testing dates set for groups of 50, first come first serve. We will also be conducting testing at the Public Safety Office, as time allows. The current group dates are:

June: 4 & 18 – Phase 1 Pavilion (9-10:30AM)

July: 16 & 30 – Phase 1 Pavilion (9-10:30AM)

August: 13 & 27 – Phase 1 Pavilion (9-10:30AM)

Sept.: 10 – Phase 1 Pavilion (9-10:30AM)

Please bring proof of age and a parent or guardian must be present to sign a hold harmless clause and approve the youth to operate a golf cart. Cost is \$10 and will be billed to the membership site.

Public Safety Office Update

The Public Safety Office is not requiring appointments this summer. We are open, and happy to serve you.

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Sandy Pines Member E-News

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

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SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND Steve@SandyPines.com

Unvented Gas Heaters

The risk of using an unvented propane gas heater in a camping unit has the potential of causing death, illness, or long-term health problems. Warning labels on these appliances often indicate leaving a window open during operation. This warning in itself may be an indicator that the environment that you are using this appliance in may be unsafe. You must ask yourself is the portable heater safe to use in the presence of myself and my family? The answer is most likely no.

These heaters are commonly used because of their easy setup and efficiency. The compromise is often the safety involved in their use.

Standalone propane gas 99.9% efficient unvented heating units emit carbon dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, and water vapor. These units have oxygen depletion sensors that will shut off the unit if less than 18% of oxygen is present. Oxygen is consumed during combustion of propane. These units do not have sensors that turn them off when carbon monoxide builds at a dangerous or deadly level. We hear of persons being asphyxiated using other items that emit carbon dioxide. The use of these standalone unvented units should not be an exception to the rule.

Nitrogen oxide another item released upon combustion can affect the immune system and raise the potential for respiratory infections even at low levels. Nitrogen oxide has been credited to increasing asthma, cough, vertigo, and long-term emphysema.

Contaminates are created as the propane burns. These contaminants float in the air and you breathe them in as you go about your daily business. Contaminants such as carbon monoxide, soot, increased Nitrogen Oxide, water vapor. An unvented propane heater can produce about a 1/3 of a gallon of water an hour or about seven gallons of water if used consistently throughout the day. The water vapor can often be seen condensing on windows. This water vapor will cause mold growth and rot. Water will accumulate on walls, and within walls and condense. Water vapor also can have a negative effect.

Breathable contaminants in the air can have an affect on unborn children, children because they have a faster respiratory rate and persons with lung or heart disease and older adults.

In addition to contaminants space heaters relate to 43% of all house fires. Electric space heaters can be added into this potential safety hazard.

If you do use an unvented propane heater, please install a carbon monoxide alarm in your unit. It may not save you from the contaminants in the air, but it may save your life as you sleep. If the unvented heater malfunctions or you have a buildup of carbon monoxide in your trailer a carbon monoxide alarm will alert you to the problem. Without a carbon monoxide alarm you may good to sleep, have a malfunction and never wake up. Carbon Monoxide is odorless. You will not be able to smell carbon monoxide. If you do smell the combustion, it is most likely unburned fuel or products from combustion. Carbon monoxide attaches to your red blood cells and has a better affinity (240 times more than oxygen) of attachment than oxygen. As a result, your body and its organs do not get perfused with oxygen because carbon monoxide attaches more easily to red blood cells preventing oxygen to attach.

Green Areas

Green areas are areas set aside as natural areas within the park. Some are wooded with

vegetation and others are in open areas and are mowed. Please refrain from driving in these areas. Occasionally I see persons that elect to drive through these areas on their golf cart for various reasons. Green areas are not areas for golf carts. The park has many paved roads for the operation of your golf cart. If you have a pet, please walk your dog in areas that are covered with grass and then pick up after your pet. Nobody likes to be a recipient of a little land mine left by you and your pet. Please respect the green areas of the park.

Please do not use the green area for the disposal of leaves. Disposing leaves in the green area provides a habitat for mosquitos. Use the leaf dump for your vegetation and leaves.

Medical, Fire & Police Emergencies

If you have a Medical, Fire, or Police emergency call 911. After 911 is called please call the Security office. Staff has first aid training, and some are first responders, EMT's, and Paramedics.

The nearest State Police Post is in Wayland and Allegan County Sheriff's Department is in Allegan. Allegan County Dispatch is responsible for sending a police officer from either the State police or Allegan County Sheriff. Response time varies based on what priority the call is and the nearest officer.

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Salem Fire is the Fire Department that provides coverage to Sandy Pines. Sale Fire is located at the intersection of 30th St and 142nd Ave in Burnips and is a volunteer paid on-call Fire Department. This is about 5 miles away. Salem provides Medical first response affiliated with Wayland Area EMS.

Wayland Area Emergency Medical Services provides Ambulance services to Sandy Pines. Wayland Areas EMS is an Advanced Life Support Service in a rural community. Wayland Area EMS has three stations – with usual hours of: Wayland (24 hrs./day seven days a week), Dorr 5 pm -9 am Mon.-Fri. & Sat & Sun 6am-6pm), and Martin 5pm -9am Mon.-Fri. & Sat & Sun 6am-6pm).

Water Safety

How precious and irreplaceable are our children and grandchildren? In only a few minutes, only a brief lack of supervision and tragedy can strike. If you have been a parent or grandparent, you understand the ability of young children to leave the grasp of our observation. When you have several young children this exponentiates.

Drowning is a leading injury cause of death for children ages 1-4. Most of these drownings happen in swimming pools.

The second leading cause of death for children 1-14 is drowning led by death after motor vehicle accidents.

For every child that dies from drowning another eight are seen by emergency rooms after a non-fatal drowning.

About 80% of drowning victims are male. This may be attributable to risk-taking behavior, more exposure to water, and alcohol use.

Twenty-three percent of child drownings happen during a family gathering near a pool.

Factors leading to drowning:

- o Not being able to swim
- o Lack of close supervision
- o 2/3 of Infants under 1 yr. old occur in bathtubs
- o Not wearing a life jacket- The U.S. Coast Guard reported 613 boating-related deaths in 2019—79% of these deaths were drowning-related, and of those who died from drowning 86% were not wearing life jackets.
- o Drinking alcohol- Alcohol impairs balance, coordination, and judgment, and it increases risk-taking behavior

- o Using drugs and prescription psychotropic medications- side effects of these medications may cause difficulty thinking clearly and decreased motor skills.

Please monitor youth in the water whether it be at a guarded pool or a lakeside beach. Do not let electronic devices distract you from observing your youth.

Do not rely on others to watch your youth. Don't expect siblings or other youth to watch over other children. Other youth are having fun in the water and will easily lose track of those that they are expected to watch over.

When boating have proper sized personal flotation device life vests for children and have the child wear the vest. Most watercraft drownings could have been prevented if the person was wearing a life vest. An oversized life vest that the child can slip through does very little. If you are older or have health issues, please wear a life vest. Watercraft should have a properly sized personal flotation device for each person onboard and a throwable device. Personal flotation devices work best when worn and save lives.

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL ian@SandyPines.com

Weekend Flyers Are Back!

Weekend flyers are back in full effect! They will be released every Thursday. Head to SandyPines.com/Weekend-Flyer to view. We recommend you bookmark the weekend flyer page on your phone, computer, iPad, etc so you can easily view it each week! Once on that web page click the **VIEW THE WEEKEND FLYER** button. That button will take you to the newest weekend flyer each week.

You may notice posters with QR Codes around the park that say "SCAN ME TO VIEW THE WEEKEND FLYER" You can scan that at any time during the season and it will pull up the most recent Weekend Flyer!

E-News

As our E-News continues to grow, it is becoming one of our most important tools! The E-News is an email campaign that is sent out every Friday during the regular season, and every other Friday during the off season. This email blast will be sent directly to your inbox, and features everything from Park Event & Activities Information, Frequently Asked Member Questions, Park Alerts & Updates, and all things in between. It is easy to subscribe! You can scan the QR code below, or just head over to SandyPines.com/E-News, and fill out the "Subscribe to our E-News" form. You may unsubscribe from these emails at any time.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF NEWS

BY LARRY FINKBEINER www.LakeMontereyGolf.com

The Season is underway and we welcome all those that have returned to their summer home. What a joy it is to see and greet everyone as they return. Things have really picked up and the weather is providing golfers with a relief of comfort as they enjoy the trees turning green and the flowers blooming. With all this, we should be mindful of the pests that haunt us as we enjoy our time in the outdoors. Be sure to have your insect repellent handy and look for ticks after being outside.

“The 19th Hole Grill” at Lake Monterey Golf Course

Come join us for lunch at “The 19th Hole Grill” at Lake Monterey Golf Course!

We will be serving our lunch specials from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm Monday through Friday. Each week we will advertise through the weekend flyer, Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course websites. You can also see the weekly menu on an advertising board at the clubhouse.

Last but not least you can check out the menu through email blast for the upcoming week. Each weekday we will feature a sandwich basket with sides. To top off your meal we will have a dessert available if you so choose. Even if you don't golf, stop out, have lunch and enjoy the beautiful view.

Upcoming Events - June

June proves to be a very busy month here at the golf course. We start out with Karaoke on June 11th. Dinner and drinks start at 5:00 pm featuring a Swiss Steak Dinner. Dinner includes Swiss Steak in Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, and a dessert that can be added to your meal. Karaoke starts at 7:00. We will also feature a few drink specials all night long. Be sure to stop out and enjoy the evening with us.

The Junior Golf League is starting June 15th and running for six weeks every Wednesday morning at 9:00 am. Sign-up can be done at the clubhouse. The age group is 7 to 17 years old. Players should have some experience with playing golf.

The cost is \$35.00 which covers the six weeks of golf, a hotdog with chips, and a can of pop after each round with many extras for the young golfers. Please contact the clubhouse for further details or email: Kim Boer at raisingourboys@gmail.com.

On June 18th we are promoting our first Poker Run with lunch starting at 12:00 with the poker run following. We will also feature a few drink specials available to enjoy before starting the poker run. The menu is Burgers, Hotdogs, Chips, and Cookies.

Drink Specials: Long Drinks and Specialty drinks are purchased under the tent.

June 25th LMGC Member/Guest Outing starting at the course at 8:00 am. Four-person teams teeing off at 8:30 am shotgun. We are featuring Deluxe Burger Bar with sides and a cake. Cost is \$35.00 for Members/Associates and \$45.00 for guests. Carts are included for the Guest.

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June at LMGC

- June 11th Karaoke
- June 15th Junior League starts
- June 18th Poker Run
- June 25th - The LMGC Member/Guest Outing.
- June 26th - Father/Child Outing
- July 30th - Red Tee Challenge



Check our website or Facebook for weekly specials.

Prizes for first, second, and third place for Men's or mixed groups. 1st place paid to the winning couples. Again, we will feature hole-in-one prizes and a \$3000, 50ft putt for one lucky person. Sign up at the clubhouse.

June 26th Father/Child Outing for two-person scramble for children 17 and under. Teeing off at 1:00 pm

Arrive at the golf course by 12:30. Lunch is served right after golf. Hotdogs and sides served. Prizes for the top three places. The cost is \$30.00 per team.

Upcoming Events – July

July 3rd Mother-Child Outing starting at 1:00. Children must be under 18 years old. Prizes, and lunch will be served. More information and sign up at the clubhouse.

July 30th Red Tee Challenge - Email Kellie [Simmons at \[kjls@cesimmons.com\]\(mailto:kjls@cesimmons.com\)](mailto:kjls@cesimmons.com)

Course Rules

With the ramping up of golfers to the course, we are looking at making sure all are adhering to the rules so that everyone will enjoy their experience. Please be mindful of the following rules of the golf course:

No personal coolers or bringing alcohol or beer on to the course. If you do want to partake in an adult beverage, we have a large selection that can be purchased. We do everything we can to keep our prices competitive. Having everyone follow this rule will ensure that we keep our prices as low as possible. Note that by bringing your own alcohol onto the course, you jeopardize our beer license. We ask that you please abide by this rule.

Always bring your Sandy Pines member or associate card to be scanned. Cards must be scanned once for each nine you are playing.

Knobby tires and six-seater golf carts are not permissible on the golf course. If you have

questions about your tires, please stop at the clubhouse and we will review your tires to see if they are acceptable.

Proper golf attire is required. No tank tops allowed. Men's shirts must have sleeves. Women's tops must be golf attire. Those not following these guidelines will not be permitted to play. Golf shirts are available for purchase at the clubhouse.

Please maintain the pace of play. Please allow faster players to play through. Groups of 5 players or more are not allowed without prior permission. Groups breaking this rule will be asked to leave.

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

We look forward to seeing you all at the course. Let's go golfing!!!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT Jack@SandyPines.com

Park & Garden Store Update

The store is now restocked and ready for you to visit to get the items you need for your site. We have added several new products, which include the Beaver Cleaning Products, Bag mulch (Red, Dark Brown, and Black), and Adirondack chairs. Stop by between 9:30 and 4 pm each day. Sunday hours (noon to 4) will begin on June 5.

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

We have spent the month of April and May getting the softeners delivered and installed. We have had a great amount of interest in the program and we have several available if any members want to add the softener to take care of the rust and hard water. We have a good supply of 3 and 5 gallon drinking water for your water dispensers.

We have received the Club Cars (2021) for our leased rental fleet. Reservations are being made online and by calling the store at 616-896-9888. Get your reservation in early for those garage sales, and holiday weekends.

If you haven't been in the store lately stop by and see the new products we have in stock this year. Bulk bird seed and grass seed are still available. RV chemicals and products are still restocked. Reminder to please avoid using products with formaldehyde, as formaldehyde is detrimental to our septic fields. . Lawn care products, fishing supplies, toys for the young ones, plumbing, and electrical supplies, and Christmas Lights are all part of our inventory.

We have a new supply of bird feeders and suet for our friends that inhabit the park.

Bulk products of mulch, limestone, crushed stone, Seepage stone, Sand, and Topsoil are available. Due to the supply being in short supply we have

run into some delays in getting some of the product. Please be patient with the employees as we provide products for the members.

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

In need of firewood? Stop by and pick up a bundle at the store.

If you haven't scheduled to get your boat put back in the lake, please call 616-896-9334.

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

We have sweatshirts, t-shirts, mugs, coasters, and many new items. If you have seen the new style of shirts from the online store, they are now available at the Park and Garden.

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YES, WE STILL FILL PROPANE TANKS. In the past weeks, I have had several members come and are surprised that we fill propane tanks. The supply tank was moved several years ago to behind the store by the bullpen entrance gate. We fill many sizes of tanks and have had an exchange program for outdated tanks also. The only day we DO NOT fill tanks is on Sunday.

Marina

We will again have the marina available on Wednesday from 5 to 8 pm (weather permitting). Regular hours will be Friday night, Saturday,

and Sunday. The fuel we use at the pump is ETHANOL FREE. The price of the fuel still remains at \$4.95 a gal at this time. As soon as we are allowed, we will continue the rental of paddleboards, kayaks, and rowboats from the Marina site. If it is not a scheduled time for the marina to be open; you can stop by the rental office and make an appointment to rent a watercraft. The paddleboards and kayaks have become a great hit so plan some time to try out the watercraft. We have added double Kayaks for enjoyment by couples.

Retirement

It has been my pleasure to manage the store for the past 11 years. This will be my last year managing the store. I am going to retire at the end of the 2022 season. Thank you to the members for your support of both the store and rental services we have offered over the past 12 years. I will miss seeing all of you next year.

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CHAPEL NEWS

BY DAVE VAN NOORD

June Chapel Schedule

June 5

10:00 AM Isaiah Hager...Master of Divinity
6:00 PM Three Bridges



June 12

10:00 AM Pastor Brian Kono...Chaplain,
Spring Arbor
Pastor Angel Kono...Jackson Free
Methodist
6:00 PM Gordon Mote



June 19

10:00 AM Dr. Paul Mpindi...Mission French
Africa
6:00 PM HighRoad



June 26

10:00 AM Pastor Mary Hulst...Calvin
University
6:00 PM Old Paths Quartet Note: Ice Cream
Social follows the concert.



Bible Study in the North Shore Building

June 22... 10:00 AM...Run! The Passion of
Elijah
June 29... 10:00 AM...Learning to Walk Like
Jesus

SPY

Sandy Pines Youth begins June 19. Calling all youth from 6th graders through high schoolers. Go to Instagram for details: [sandy.pines.youth](https://www.instagram.com/sandy.pines.youth)

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