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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
 term viability and success of Sandy Pines
 Wilderness Trails, Inc.



PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY JEFF SWEITZER Jeff@SandyPines.com

Happy New Year Sandy Pines! Yup, that's right! Happy New Year! This month kicks off our new fiscal year. The team is wrapping up and closing our 2022-2023 fiscal year while kicking off 2023-2024. This month will be extremely busy for all departments. The park will be transitioning to our off season, but the work does not stop. Please see below.

Board of Directors Executive Committee

Last month during our board of directors' meeting, the board executive committee nominations were officially voted, approved and communicated. Congratulations to Ellen Carpenter who once again will be our Board Chair. Kelly Johnson will remain our Vice Chair and Paul Peppel will remain our Secretary. Rick Day accepted the nomination as our new Treasurer. Congrats to all on our executive committee. We look forward to another awesome season in 2024.

Board of Directors Workshop

The board of directors' work does not stop during the offseason. This month we will be holding a Lake Projects Workshop with the board of directors. As a follow up to our Lake Committee Town Hall and September board meeting, this workshop will review the latest list of projects, new recommendations presented by members, address questions and concerns members have brought forward. The outcome is to confirm what lake projects we should be focusing on in 2024 as well as provide additional direction and communication as to the overall plan for our number one asset, Lake Monterey. Stay tuned for communication later this month or early November.

Off-Season Projects

Speaking of off-season projects, the work does not stop for our staff either. We will be working hard on projects such as continuing to update our systems. Our management system continues to get improvements to ensure ease of use for members as well as a better member experience. A new agreement was signed with Wash, Inc. resulting in new washers and dryers being installed this off season. Continue to watch for additional communication and information on this update. Wash, Inc. representatives will be providing videos and will be on site this spring to introduce members to the new equipment, how to use them and how to process payment for use as we are moving to a coinless operation. We will also be working on the Country Café to get it back to a regular restaurant option for our members in 2024.

Lastly, our Phase 2 pool project is well underway this month. This month the new roadway into the pool and park area will be started. Tree removal, excavating, digging of the pool and pouring of the concrete starts this month. Exciting times for Sandy Pines as this project starts to become reality!

THANK YOU'S

With this month marking the end of another season, we need to extend many Thank You's. Thank you to our staff! We continue to be blessed with an awesome, talented team!

Many Thanks to the entire team, CC cleaners, grounds and maintenance team, pump out team, public safety, recreation, member service, finance, communication, human resource, sales and camping teams and our golf course. All of you are true blessings to our park. You are valued and appreciated! This Team worked tirelessly this season to serve our members. If you have an opportunity to see our staff prior to leaving this off season, please express your heart felt Thank You and gratitude. We are truly blessed!

Lake Monterey Golf Course

Thank You to Larry Finkbeiner for the last 2 years. Larry did a phenomenal job over the last 2 years stepping in during a challenging time where the golf course was left short handed in the General Manager position. LMGC has had great performance during his time as GM. We also send a huge Thank You to his wonderful wife Peggy who allowed us to utilize him the last 2 years.

We also welcome a new tenure of leadership at LMGC as Dave Ingles steps in this month as the official, new General Manager. Dave will do a great job for us! We are excited to see Dave grow LMGC.

Finally, please accept my Thank You for allowing me to lead our staff and serve this great park. I am truly honored to work here and although I understand I will not please everyone, my goal will always be to do what is in the best interest of the overall park. Thank you for your support and for this great opportunity to serve. We wish all of you a safe and awesome offseason.

Oh, yah Happy Halloween too! It's our dentist's favorite time of the year! Hope you and your families have a safe Trick or Treat!

God Bless!

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me? Psalm 56:3-4

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Important Dates

10/7 Fall Fest
10/17 Water turned off for the season (park-wide)
10/17 – 10/21 Last regular pump outs for the season
10/26 Last emergency pump outs of the season
11/1 Boat & Dock removal deadline

ANNUAL DUES

Dues, Capital Contributions, and Special Assessments are billed on October 1st. All charges to your account must be paid in full by October 25th to avoid service charges. Your final electric, unit tax, winterization fees and anything else that was billed to your account are due in full by October 25th, over and above the payment plan payment. Six monthly

installments to pay only the dues & assessments in the amount of \$420.22 will be due by the 25th of every month, October through March. Dues can also be paid in advance by making larger payments, as long as you keep your account under the maximum monthly balances outlined top right: Monthly Payment \$420.22 Plus any additional items you had billed to your account! (1.5% interest on the unpaid monthly balance)

Monthly Maximum Balance:

October 25.....	\$2,039.93
November 25.....	\$1,644.00
December 25.....	\$1,242.14
January 25.....	\$834.25
February 25	\$420.24
March 25.....	\$0.00
Total Finance Charge	\$91.34

PLEASE NOTE THE PAYMENT PLAN TERMS & CONDITIONS!! Utilizing the payment plan automatically places your account 30 days past due because the balance is not paid in full. Thus, if you miss a payment during the term and your account balance exceeds the monthly maximum balance, your account becomes 60 days past due, and proximity card deactivation results.

Again, the payment plan option includes only the dues, capital contributions, cable, special assessments, and related service charges. The payment plan does not include any other fees and charges billed to your account. You must add all other charges for services, electricity, state unit tax, etc. to the monthly installment amount.

Have a safe winter!

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CC 2
CC 6
CC 11

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CC 4, 7, & 8



All other CCs are closed

BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY PAUL PEPPEL BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com

The Board, Lake Committee, and Administration have worked tirelessly in preparation for dam reinforcement work to begin this fall. Local agencies and engineers are on board, bids have been vetted and secured, just needed a final OK from the State and we're golden, right? Fully expecting final approval when meeting with our "dam guy" last month, instead we were ambushed with yet another unforeseen obstacle. A flat "no" instead was received as he didn't approve of the plans submitted.

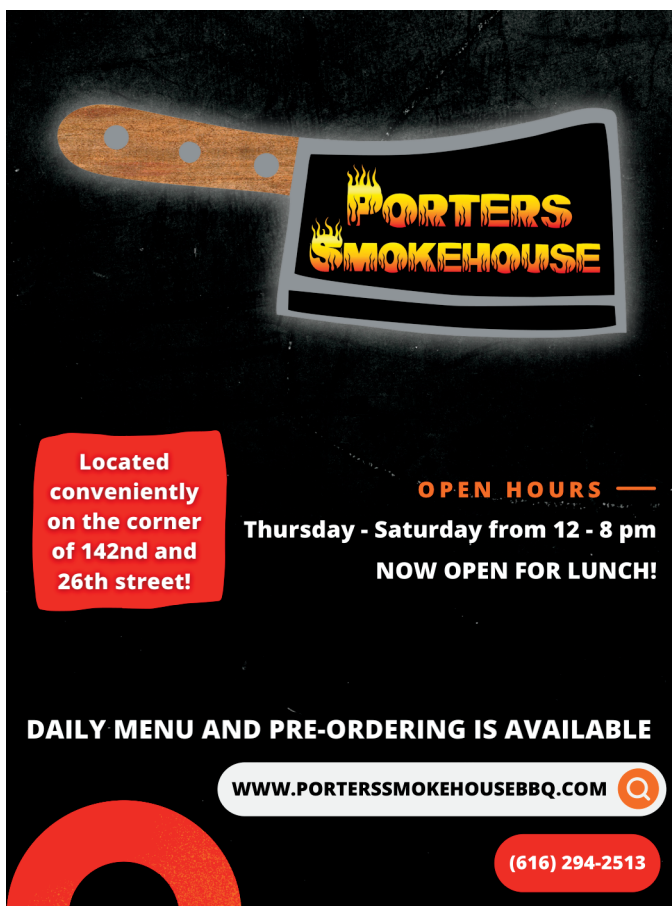
A little background. The cement side of the dam is in disrepair, having multiple cracks and fissures. The plan was to first allow the water level to get as low as possible, then fill in those crevices with appropriate material. It would then be covered by an extremely thick membrane, followed by a final coverage of rip rap (you can see an example of this product on the non-lake side of the dam). This would help preserve dam integrity via extra reinforcement while adding protection from boat waves. Experts from several departments agreed this was a logical choice. But the State "dam guy" said no, saying he wanted us to break up and remove all the concrete before any further modifications. This completely contradicts what all others have proposed. And it sends us back to square one with plans and corresponding bids from qualified contractors.

So what's next? Fortunately, the latest inspection of the dam (required every three years by the Township) gave us a "B" rating. We could, in essence, do nothing and still feel relatively comfortable. That said, it's still the only true protection we have of our number one asset. Therefore, we may seek remediation via our State Representative. Or reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers for their assistance. Regardless, because of this setback, dam work will not be completed this fall as originally intended. A frustrating scenario to say the least.

Members are rightfully frustrated at seeing a lack of progress with lake improvements. We share in your irritation. But this latest setback will not deter our efforts toward lake preservation, and we will continue to strive to overcome any and all objections to meet this goal. Hang in there, we'll make it! For more information on our lake projects, please visit: <https://sandypines.com/lake-monterey-projects/>

Send your thoughts and comments to us at boardofdirectors@sandypines.com. We're open 24/7/365.

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LAKE MONTEREY PROJECT UPDATES



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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS Kim@SandyPines.com

As the 2023 summer season end, the Administration will be busy closing out the season and preparing for another great summer in 2024.

Your September 2023 billing will be sent the first week of October and include your final electric, state unit tax as well as any residual ancillary charges from the 2023 summer season. Your September 2023 bill will also include your 2024 Dues, Capital and Special Assessments for the next summer season, for a total amount of \$2,430, including an increase of \$77, in accordance with the 4.9% March 2023 CPI index for the year. Payment for the 2024 Dues and Assessments is due in full by October 25th, 2023 to avoid service charges or payable in six installment payments of \$420.22 by the 25th of every month, October thru March. The payment plan option includes only the dues, capital contributions, cable, special assessments, and related service charges. The payment plan does not include any other fees and charges billed to your account each month.

Financial Statement Review and Approval

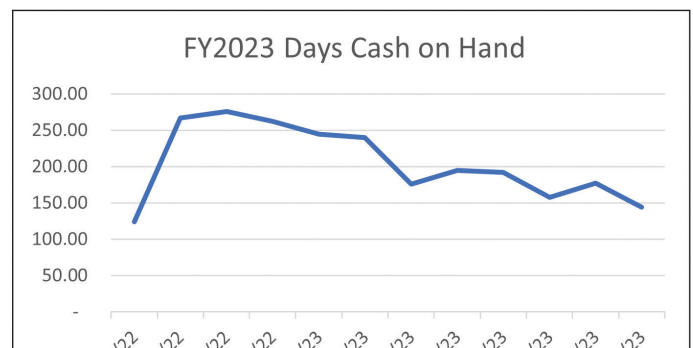
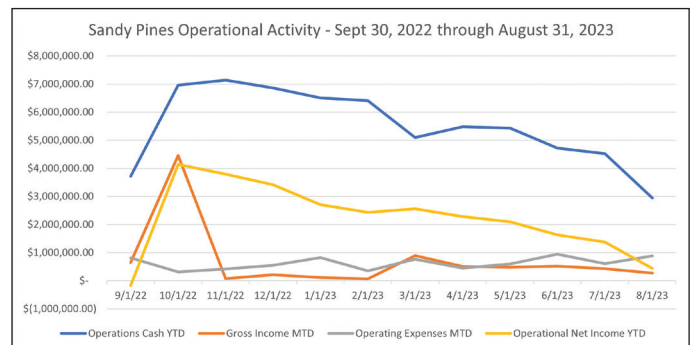
The most recent August 2023 financial statements for both Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails and Lake Monterey Golf Course have been approved and posted on the Finance page (hyperlink at the very bottom of the webpage) at www.sandypines.com.

SPWT

- Operation cash in the month of August 2023 is down \$118k lower than the prior year. The current days cash on hand has dropped to 144 days which is still within the target goal for Sandy Pines.
- Current Liabilities as of August 2023 are down from last year.
- Overall total Net Income is up \$240k as of August 2023.
 - o A major factor affecting this increase include the turnaround in unrealized loss in the Charles Schwab Account of \$223k in investments as well as the \$23.5k increase on interest income from 2022 to 2023.
 - o Miscellaneous Income in Admin is up \$90k with the receipt of the ERC (Employee Retention Credit) filed.
 - o Public Safety Gross Income is up \$30k with an increase in the income received for guest passes.
 - o Recreation Net Income is down \$30k due to the changes at the Happy Shack concessions limiting the offerings to just food services, which is also offset with a decrease in the cost of goods sold for the Happy Shack as well.
 - o Resort Services – The final member electric billing will be reviewed, assessed and billed the last week of September.
 - o Park and Garden is up \$80k as of the end of August 2023 with the additional of the Retail Country Store and Café. Salaries are up approximately

\$18k to account for the additional work at the Store and Café. Overall, Park and Garden Net Income is \$10k from meeting the total budget for the year.

- o Golf Cart Rentals are up \$50k compared to last year and \$9.5k from budget for the fiscal year. Total Expenses is down \$10k from last year. and Net Income is \$56k over the budget for the fiscal year.
- o Retail is \$113k under the ytd budget. \$25k is related to a loss revenue with the delay on the gas pump installation, which based on reports the 3rd week in September the contractors are completing their final install this week and we will be testing the operations of the pump internally with our staff in the off-season and fully open to members next season. An additional \$80k expense was incurred in the retail center with repairs to the Store and Café prior to the season opening.
- o Sales within the park has increased from 30% to 50% and is up \$110k for the year. Sales Net Income is within \$236k of the ytd budget, but with the timing on an end of month sales deposit transfer will be \$93k over the ytd budget for the month of August.



LMGC

- Operations cash is up \$200k from last year.
- The proposed suggestion from Admin to pay \$100k this year on the Note Payable back to Sandy Pines was approved by both the Finance Committee and Board of Directors.

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- Total Net Income for August ytd is up \$35k, related to an increase in Membership Dues, Green Fees, Food, Beer & Wine and Merchandise.

A full update of the final Fiscal Year End Close as of September 30, 2023 for both Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course will be provided to the Finance Committee and Board of Directors for review and approval in the month of December and subsequently provided to the membership after approval. The independent financial review and tax filing by an external accounting firm will also be completed in the off-season.

I would also like to personally thank our many volunteers, especially those who were so gracious with their time to help

read and record the electric meters for each member site. Your support to Sandy Pines and the staff is tremendous and greatly helps streamline this process during a busy time of the year. You are greatly appreciated.

If at any time during the off-season you have questions, please do not hesitate to call, or message. Thank you all for being a part of the Sandy Pines Community and we wish you many blessings in your travels to your home away from your Sandy Pines happy place.

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COMMUNICATIONS NEWS

BY IAN MITCHELL Ian@SandyPines.com

Department Surveys

Department Surveys are now live! Please take the time to give your input on the various departments here at Sandy Pines! We have surveys for Park & Garden, Staff, Communications, Sales, Events, Camping, Recreation, Public Safety, and Member Service. Your feedback will help us across all departments! Thank you for your time. You can find the surveys at SandyPines.com/Surveys

Advertising

If you own a business and are looking for a prime opportunity to showcase your products or services to the community of Sandy Pines Members during the 2024 season, we invite you to get in touch with us. At Sandy Pines, we value and support local businesses, and we offer advertising opportunities that can help you reach our engaged and active membership base. To discuss how you can promote your business within our community, please reach out to us at Communications@SandyPines.com. We look forward to exploring how we can collaborate and make the upcoming season a memorable one for our members and your business alike.

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SALES NEWS

BY KENT LIVINGSTON Kent@SandyPines.com

The end of the season is a disappointment to many as that means we are prepared to winterize our units and depart. The fall season here is a beautiful and peaceful time. Don't miss out on our park as fall comes.

The sales team is here year-round to serve any of your sales needs. We keep busy in the off-season preparing for an even better year the next. We review how things went and improve any processes we can to be more efficient. We still receive a large number of calls and emails from folks inquiring about the park and how it all works.

Our sales team had an amazing year. We are so thankful for all the new members who chose this park to be a part of. We also encourage you to take some time to complete a survey that the communication team put together. We want to be able to make improvements where we can and your feedback is vital to provide amazing years to come.

If you have any friends or family still thinking about purchasing, we have several great listings to choose from. I hope you all have a wonderful off-season and we look forward to an amazing 2024. God Bless.

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SECURITY NEWS

BY PAUL SCHAAF Paul@SandyPines.com

Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Public Safety responded to 109 calls for service in August 2023. The breakdown of calls is:

Abuse of Staff	2
Animal.....	2
Assault.....	1
Assist.....	13
Conduct	2
Damage to Property	7
Disturbance	7
Fire	2
Golf Cart Viol	6
Illegal Entry.....	3
Littering.....	1
Lost/Found Property-.....	19
Medical	13
Missing Person.....	1
Open Door.....	11
Parking	2
Property Dispute.....	1

Suspicious	5
Theft	1
Trespass.....	1
Traffic.....	9

STAFF

As the season winds down, our staff shrinks in size. I would like to thank all of the seasonal employees that we have at Sandy Pines. We have been blessed with great employees and great people working here. We couldn't do it without our seasonal employees. We look forward to seeing you next year.

SITE CHECKS

During the off-season Public Safety does checks of member sites. We make sure doors are locked, windows are shut, lights are off etc. When you are closing your sites, please try to make sure things are locked up. We do our best to make sure that the park is safe, but the safety starts with you locking up your sites..

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SAFETY NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND Steve@SandyPines.com

Lake Level & Watercraft

If you have a watercraft on the lake, please be aware that the water level may lower in the fall. When water levels lower boats can become beached. Please be observant of the water level and your watercraft. Getting a beached watercraft off the lake can be difficult and frustrating.

Preparing For The Fall/Winter Storage Mode

1. Secure and place outdoor items in shelter or storage.
2. Winterize your trailer prior to freezing temps and have your holding tank pumped before freezing temps.
3. Remove items that will freeze in cupboards. Remove alcoholic beverages from the park.
4. Defrost and clean your refrigerator. Place baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb odors.
5. Place moth balls under your trailer to deter critters. Place deacon or mouse proofer down to deter mice.
6. Place golf carts in storage or affix to a stationary object or your second golf cart with chain and padlock to deter theft. A wheel can also be removed to deter theft. Disconnect batteries.
7. Turn off your propane tanks. Have your propane tanks filled if you plan to visit in the winter months. Have a furnace technician check your furnace for proper operation.

8. Have your watercraft winterized and place in storage. Outboard motors should be secured with chains and padlocks.
9. Contact your lawn service for fall leaf removal.
10. Close vents, windows, and roll up awnings. Place pop up campers in storage mode. Have a technician check around roof vents for proper weather seal.
11. Turn off electric at the pedestal on the road.
12. Place stabilizer gas treatment in golf carts, lawn mowers, watercraft, and mopeds.
13. Remove boat dock from the lake and place far up on shore or place the boat dock on site. If you intend to leave your dock in the water after Nov. 1st, please apply for a permit from the State of Michigan through the Inspectors office.
14. Turn off your water at the water riser, disconnect your water line and mark your water line.
15. Make sure that Sandy Pines has your winter address and phone number. Update the park if you move in the winter. Leave an emergency contact name with the park if you plan to be out of state or a distance away in the winter months.
16. Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries before leaving this fall.

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17. Remember to turn off your thermostat before leaving this winter. Some furnace blower motors will run if the furnace is left on, and temperatures drop.
18. Remove valuables and valuable items from your trailer for the winter months.

Fall Winter Weather

Fall weather can have brisk winds. Please take the time to secure golf cart covers, lawn furniture, and other small items. Winds have blown golf cart shelters over resulting in damage. Please check the anchoring of these golf cart shelters and secure.

Lawn & Leaf Cleanup

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

Please do not bring items from home to dispose of at the park. The dumpsters within the park are for items from the park.

FEMA Storm Shelter Update

Sandy Pines had applied for two storm shelters in the 2022 FEMA BRIC Hazard Mitigation grant application period. The bathrooms applied for grants were CC#1 and CC#2. At present CC#1 is still being considered as a potentially funded project. We have been advised by the State of Michigan and FEMA that the CC#2 project will not be funded this year. We continue to wait for the CC#1 Shelter/bathroom project to be funded.

Fortunately, Salem Township has assisted Sandy Pines in applying for Hazard Mitigation Grants. As we go forward, we look at convenience centers and determine CC's (bathrooms) that need to be replaced.

Construction costs/materials have increased over the past few years greatly. Projects funded by FEMA have a 75% /25% match for hardening costs. The result is a very strong/safe facility that has a long, low maintenance life at a reduced cost to the park. Most CC's are over 50 years old and continue to age.

Whether you believe in climate change/increasing storms or not, the issue of providing a safe shelter to persons within the park is the goal. Unfortunately, eventually a severe storm will move through Sandy Pines. I do not think that we can really imagine the devastation of a direct hit by a tornado. Life is precious and irreplaceable. Some people say it will never happen. Never is a long time.

A NOI (notice of intent) to replace CC#11 as a storm shelter/bathroom with the State of Michigan has been submitted. The NOI will be reviewed by the State and determined if the project is eligible/feasible to be applied for as a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Project. We will also resubmit a NOI to replace CC#2 with the State of Michigan. The process is lengthy, challenging and sometime frustrating. We anticipate CC#1 to be funded in the future and will continue to move forward with potential projects.

Significant Others & Membership Cards

In the August newsletter the Board of Directors placed a resolution to be viewed and commented upon regarding people in relationships referred to as Significant others to be allowed to be and have an Associate membership card.

Much discussion happened at the level of rules committee meetings. I am sure that at the Board level discussion occurred. People are sometimes conservative and cautious of change. I do not think that being conservative and using caution is a bad thing. I think that this was one of those moments. Times change and adjustments need to be considered that reflect what is happening in society. The true intent is to review each of our families and what makes a family. Families and sharing the experience of being together is what the park is about.

I think that we can all reflect on members in our families that have long time relationships and sometimes have children because of the relationship. Under the old rule the son or daughter of a member could be an associate, the significant other could not be, but the grandchild (from the relationship) could be a member. I think that this change identifies the significant other as part of the family unit.

So, what is the wording:

Each associate would be allowed one significant other. Both parties must be at least 21 years of age or older.

Significant Other Definition: Means that a relationship exists between two people, neither of whom are married, that is intended to remain indefinitely and where there is a joint responsibility for each other's common welfare.

If you have an associate that fits into this scenario as a person eligible to be an associate member, please arrange to have this person added to your membership. Contact public safety or add at renewals in February/March of 2024.

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CAMPING NEWS

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Hello Sandy Pines members! We had a very busy camping season this year, and many campers loved our park so much they became members over the summer. Sandy Pines loves the positive feedback from our campers who enjoy the park as much as we do! Campers are amazed with all our park has to offer. **Camping reservations for the 2024 season are open (on October 2nd, 2023)!** Please spread the word to your family and friends. 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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THANK
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CAMPERS!



LAKE MONTEREY GOLF NEWS

BY DAVID INGLES & LARRY FINKBEINER www.LakeMontereyGolf.com

My how the season has flown by! However, don't put the clubs away just yet. Fall golf is some of the best golf of the year and we will be open and ready to finish the year strong.

We would like to take a moment to send out a very special thank you to Larry Finkbeiner. Larry is retiring effective October 1st. What an amazing job he has done for Lake Monterey Golf Course over the past nine years but especially the last two as General Manager. He has taken the course to a very high level and we will be forever grateful to him and his wife Peggy.

We are hoping to see you this fall!

Facebook & Instagram

We have now added an Instagram account. Follow us on both platforms 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 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.

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- 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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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

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It seems like just yesterday I was writing about the opening of the store for the 2023 season and now another year comes to an end. Thank you for your support this season and we look forward to serving you again in 2024. If you didn't get a chance to check us out, please be sure to do so in 2024.

We will begin picking up all water softeners on October 6th and will be done by the 10th.

2024 water softeners will start delivering the week of April 15th (weather permitting). I want to thank all the employees who made this year great. I couldn't have done it without them. We all look forward to seeing you next year with more new and exciting stuff.

Safe travels and God bless you.

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INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF HOPKINS

The end of the season is upon us. Thank you for keeping our park looking great. There are a few things I would like to touch base on before we all head out for the winter.

Cleaning our lots at the end of the season is our normal practice so just a few things to keep in mind.

1. Try and get as many leaves as you can in the fall so there is less in the spring. Remember do not blow or rake leaves into the lake, or into your neighbors' lot. They should not be blown into green space as well.
2. Sticks and debris should not be put in or on the leaf bags that you put at the curb. Make a separate pile so it's easier for our maintenance team.

3. Keep anything that is parked in the driveway several feet off the road so that we can maintain the roads this winter.
4. Any gazebo on or off decks needs to be open on all sides at all times. No curtains or walls.
5. Nov 1 is the deadline to have boats and docks out of the lake for the season.

Thank you all for a great season, with all the new things going on in the park we all have a great spring to look forward to. Have a safe winter in all your endeavors.

God Bless.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY **ABBY GREENFIELD** Abby@SandyPines.com

Fall Fest

Fall Fest is just around the corner. There will be tons to do from games and activities to a hot chocolate bar. There will be an opportunity to purchase pumpkins, please bring cash. More information about activities is available on the online calendar.

The Den Update

We are working on getting The Den, aka the former game room, back up and running. It will still be available for all ages, but all children and teens will need to be accompanied by someone 18 and older. We are still working on getting things up and running, but we will have it ready to open for next season.

If anyone is willing to donate equipment, tables, and couches, please contact Abby@SandyPines.com.

Planning for Next Season

While we do have a lot of stuff already planned for next season, we are always open to ideas and suggestions. Is there something you want to see? Email it to Abby@SandyPines.com.

With all the great ideas, we will need a bunch of volunteers. We are working to put out volunteer information for all events. Additionally, to large weekend activities, if you are interested in helping to organize adult activities, feel free to reach out. We will need people to lead these activities, but the recreation department is able to organize and provide the space

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