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OUR MISSION

We are dedicated to providing a fun and safe environment where families and friends create a lifetime of memories.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
~ MISSION STATEMENT ~

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

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PARK PRESIDENT NEWS

BY **JEFF SWEITZER** Jeff@SandyPines.com

As another wonderful season at Sandy Pines comes to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly the summer has passed. The days are getting shorter, the leaves are beginning to change, and it's time for our park to settle into its quieter off-season.

Closing the park for the season is always a bittersweet time. While we'll miss the laughter, gatherings, campfires, and familiar faces that make Sandy Pines such a special place, this transition also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the memories we've created together and prepare for the season ahead.

Over the coming weeks, our team will be busy completing the many tasks that come with closing the park—winterizing facilities, preparing our grounds, putting away seasonal equipment, and making sure everything is ready for the months ahead. We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation as we work through this important process.

Thank you to all our campers, families, staff, volunteers, and friends who helped make this season such a memorable one. Sandy Pines is more than a place—it's a community, and it's the people who make each season so special.

As we turn the page to fall and winter, we hope you take a moment to enjoy the memories of this past season and look forward to the next one. Until then, stay safe, stay warm, and we'll see you back at Sandy Pines when a new season begins!

Board of Directors' Executive Committee

During our September Board of Directors Meeting, the board selected their Executive Committee representatives. Per our bylaws, this process takes place yearly where board members volunteer and/or nominate their peers. Congratulations to Board Chair Craig VanBeek. He will once again lead the board of directors in 2027. Congratulations to returning executive committee members Vice Chair Scot Wyman and Treasurer Ginny Hager. Congratulations to new Secretary Kelly Johnson. We are excited for the leadership of the Executive Committee and entire board will bring in 2027 as there remains much to do for our park. We look forward to another awesome season of working together to serve this wonderful park we have been blessed to lead.

Upcoming Board Activities

As we enter the off-season, the Board of Directors will have time to recharge. This does not mean work stops in the off-season. A workshop is planned for this month to discuss off-season items including the 2027 board meeting schedule. The next board meeting is tentatively planned for January. Watch for future updates.

Committee Volunteers Needed

Committees support the Board of Directors and play a vital role in our community. They give members an opportunity to participate, collaborate on recommendations and solutions, and explore whether serving on the Board of Directors may be a good next step.

At the beginning, middle, and end of each season, we invite park members to get involved and serve our community. Many committees have openings for 2027. If you have servant-leadership skills to share, please contact the Administration Office for an application through Nichole in Member Service or Janele in the Sales and Camping Office.

What happens after you are contacted? The committee chair will invite you to an upcoming meeting; 2027 committee meetings begin in April or May. At the meeting, you and the committee members will decide whether the role is a good fit. If everyone agrees, the committee will vote on recommending your committee appointment to the Board for approval. It's that simple—we hope to welcome many new committee members in 2027!

Capital Investment Project

As the current Capital Fund is set to expire at the end of September 2027, time is critical to re-evaluate a new capital investment project, present it to members, receive valuable input and ultimately receive a membership vote. Much work will need to be completed during the off-season. A recommendation to the board is a separate committee to specifically review the state of our buildings, structures and amenities. The board will be reviewing many options to hit the ground running for 2027. Stay tuned for more information.

The time remains now to invest in our park that we have been blessed to enjoy. We have all seen the benefits and value of the park investing in our infrastructure, amenities and events. Our investment decision will impact future generations at Sandy Pines. Let's pull together to make this happen!

Off-Season Reminders

During the off-season, we encourage members to remain active on our communication channels. A few off-season reminders are below:

- Water shut off is targeted for October 19, 2026
- New Park Inspector hours are posted; please review the Park Inspector article later in this edition of the Footprints
- Updated permit deadline; please review the Park Inspector article later in this edition
- Boats and Docks must be out of the lake
- Lake pumps will be shut off this month to save on electrical costs

Thank You's

With this month marking the end of another fantastic 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, volunteers, CC cleaners, grounds and maintenance team, pump out team, public safety, recreation, member service, finance, communication,

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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!

Finally, please accept my Thank You for allowing me to lead our staff and serve this great park. Our 2026 season went smoothly. This has a lot to do with everyone working together! Thank You for your patience and understanding. 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 park. Thank you for your support and for this great opportunity to serve. We wish all of you a safe and awesome offseason.

Enjoy the off-season. For those traveling to their long-distance locations, please travel safely! We pray for your safe return and a blessed off-season.

God Bless!

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Exodus 33:14

For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

Isaiah 41:13

MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY **NICHOLE MILBOCKER** MemberService@SandyPines.com

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 8 am to 4 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm (through OCTOBER 12)
Sunday: Closed

Important Dates

OCTOBER 3	Fall Fest
OCTOBER 5	Camping Reservation Open for the 2027 Season
OCTOBER 12-16	Final Pump Outs for the Season
OCTOBER 19	Water Turned off for the Season
OCTOBER 19	Seasonal CC's close for the Season
OCTOBER 21	Last Emergency Pump Outs (EPO rate applies)
OCTOBER 25	Member Account Balances Due
OCTOBER 31	Halloween
OCTOBER 31	Mail Room Closes for the Season

Reminder: September ENDS the 2026 season and BEGINS 2027! 2027 rates are in effect on October 1.

CC Winter Hours

Open ALL Winter	Open Until Snow
2	4
6	7
11	8
Water Park	
North Shore Center	

Member Accounts-Dues

All member account payments are due monthly by the 25th of each month. For any member who would like to utilize the six-month payment plan, please follow the monthly maximum balance amounts below. This payment schedule applies to the dues portion of your statement only; any other charges added that month will need to be added to the monthly payment. There is no need to sign up for the payment plan; just adhere to the payment schedule and monthly maximum balance requirements. If you are unsure of what to pay:

Subtract the Monthly Maximum Balance from the balance owing and pay that amount.

Monthly Payment $456.02
(Plus 1.5% interest on the unpaid monthly balance)

Monthly Maximum Balance

October	$2,213.69
November	$1,784.04
December	$1,347.94
January	$905.30
February	$456.02
March	$0.00

Mail Room

Prior to departing, please make sure you update your billing address with the post office. Do this at least two weeks before leaving to allow USPS the time to forward to the proper location. Please check the mailroom one last time before leaving for any unclaimed deliveries.

Note: The Mail Room will close for the season on Saturday, October 31.

North Shore Center

The North Shore Center is still available throughout the off-season for all your gathering needs. Please contact Abby (abby@sandypines.com) for pricing and availability.

Portal

For assistance with all portal issues (portal set-up, login, etc.) Please contact Member Service. The billing part of the portal is linked to whichever member is listed first in the member portal. Look under the Membership tab to see who is listed first.

Pump-Outs

All remaining plans end the week of October 12-16. If a pump-out is needed after that week, there is one FINIAL Day on October 21 for any emergencies (emergency rate will apply). Please call the office to schedule.

THANK YOU STEVE DEYARMOND

WOOO HOOO - Happy Retirement and Good Luck, Steve!
It was a relatively mild and dry late-fall day. October 28, 1985, was the first Monday after Daylight Saving Time ended—just a little extra time to sleep. Little did anyone know that morning that an energetic young man named Steve Deyarmond was beginning what would become an incredible 41-year career at Sandy Pines.

Now, more than four decades later, we find ourselves preparing to say farewell.

At the end of this month, Steve will officially retire from Sandy Pines after 41 years of hard work, dedication, service, and countless contributions to our community, staff, and members.

Over the years, Steve has worn many hats at Sandy Pines. He began his career as a Sandy Pines Ranger, later served as a Public Safety Officer, became our computer systems expert, later our Emergency Services Director, and in recent years has led both Public Safety and Emergency Services. Through every position, Steve has brought his knowledge, experience, dedication, and unmistakable personality to the job.

Steve has always been a voice of common sense, practical solutions, and passionate discussion. Those who know him well have certainly experienced what Steve affectionately calls his "soap box moments." Whether discussing an emergency procedure, a safety concern, a new idea, or simply something he felt strongly about, Steve was never afraid to speak up—and Sandy Pines is better because he did.

His knowledge and experience have been invaluable. Steve has helped save Sandy Pines countless dollars through his work securing grants, including grants for emergency equipment and FEMA funding for our storm shelters. He has written policies, emergency action plans, and procedures that continue to serve our organization today. He has also dedicated countless hours to training our staff in First Aid and emergency preparedness.

But Steve's impact goes far beyond policies, procedures, equipment, and grants. He has been a mentor, a teacher, a problem-solver, and a dependable member of our team. His commitment to keeping people safe and making Sandy Pines a better place has been evident throughout his entire career.

And Sandy Pines wasn't the only place fortunate enough to benefit from Steve's dedication.

A Lifetime of Service Beyond Sandy Pines
Did you also know **Steve also had 30 years of service with the Wayland Area EMS system and 15 years on call fire fighter service for Salem Township!**

Steve began his EMS journey as a Medical First Responder in Salem 30 years ago. He went on to earn his EMT and Specialist licenses and, 15 years ago, became a Paramedic. For many, many years, Steve worked **25-plus hours a week with Wayland Area EMS** in addition to his full-time responsibilities at Sandy Pines. That is an extraordinary commitment to serving others.

EMS work isn't always easy. There are calls that stay with you long after the shift ends—calls that challenge you, test you, and sometimes make you wonder why you chose this profession in the first place. Yet Steve continued to show up, continued to serve, and continued to give his all.

Over three decades, he has undoubtedly touched countless lives and made a difference for many people during some of their most difficult moments.

We also want to recognize **Melody Deyarmond, Derrick Deyarmond, and Celeste Deyarmond**, who shared Steve with Sandy Pines, Wayland EMS and the community all these years. The long hours, late-night calls, holidays, weekends, and missed family time are sacrifices that are made by the entire family—not just the person wearing the uniform.

Thank You, Steve
Steve has been an extremely important part of Sandy Pines and our team. His retirement marks the end of an era, and his absence will certainly be felt around the park.

We will miss his knowledge.
We will miss his dedication.
We will miss his willingness to help.
We will miss his "soap box moments."
And, yes, we will even miss those passionate debates!

Most of all, we will miss **Steve**—the person who spent 41 years helping make Sandy Pines a safer, stronger, and better community.

Steve, thank you for everything you have given to Sandy Pines, our staff, our members, and the many people you have served through EMS. Your years of dedication have left a lasting mark, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and heart you have given to this community.

Congratulations on your retirement, Steve!
We are very proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We hope this next chapter brings you plenty of time to relax, enjoy your family, make new memories, and perhaps spend a little less time standing on that soap box!

From all of us at Sandy Pines:

Thank you, Steve, for 41 incredible years.

Congratulations, enjoy your retirement, and good luck in all the adventures ahead!

You will be missed!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE

BY **CRAIG VAN BEEK** BoardOfDirectors@SandyPines.com

Another Great Summer at Sandy Pines

As October arrives, another season at Sandy Pines is quickly coming to a close. The leaves are beginning to change, the days are getting shorter, and many of us are starting the process of closing up our sites for the winter. It always seems like summer goes by a little faster than we would like.

Looking back, we have a lot to be thankful for. It was another great summer filled with time spent with family and friends, golf cart rides, days at the pools and lake, activities throughout the park, and all of the little moments that make Sandy Pines such a special place.

Thank You for a Great Season

I want to thank our staff for all of their hard work throughout another busy season. Keeping a community the size of Sandy Pines operating throughout the summer takes a tremendous amount of work, much of which happens behind the scenes. I also want to thank the many volunteers, committees, and members who gave their time and talents to make this season successful.

Looking Ahead

As we enter the offseason, the work of the Board and staff certainly does not stop. The quieter months give us an opportunity to reflect on the past season, listen to member feedback, evaluate our needs, and begin preparing for the future.

We know there are important conversations and decisions ahead of us. As a Board, we will continue looking carefully at our facilities, infrastructure, amenities, and long-term needs. Our responsibility is to balance maintaining and improving Sandy Pines with being thoughtful about costs and the impact decisions have on our members.

The Moments That Matter

As you begin closing your site and preparing for winter, I hope you take a moment to think back on your favorite memories from this summer. Maybe it was a quiet morning by the lake, a golf cart ride with the grandchildren, a meal with friends, an activity in the park, or simply sitting outside enjoying a Michigan summer evening.

Those moments are why Sandy Pines matters.

Until Next Season

Thank you for another wonderful season and for the part each of you play in making this community what it is. For those heading south or traveling this winter, I wish you safe travels. For those staying here in Michigan, hopefully winter will be kind to us!

Enjoy the changing colors, stay safe, and before we know it, we will once again be opening our sites and looking forward to another summer together.

Craig Van Beek
Board President

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FINANCE & ACCOUNTING NEWS

BY **KIMBERLY WILLIAMS** Kim@SandyPines.com

August 2026 Financial Update

As we approach the close of the fiscal year on September 30, I am attaching an update on the financial position of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails (SPWT) and Lake Monterey Golf Course (LMGC) through August 31, 2026.

The August financial statements have been approved and are available for members to review on the Finance page of the Sandy Pines website. Below are a few highlights of where we stand heading into the final month of the fiscal year.

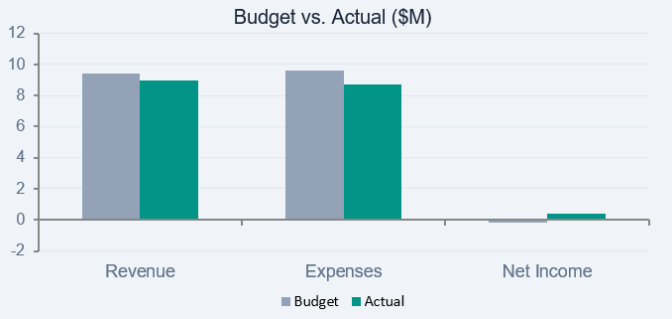
Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails (SPWT)

Through August 2026, SPWT recorded $8.97 million in year-to-date income, representing 95.3% of our full-year budget, and $8.27 million in year-to-date operating expenses, representing 89.1% of the full-year budget.

SPWT remains in a steady financial position, with $28.33 million in total assets as of August 31. This includes $4.41 million in cash available for operations and an additional $1.48 million designated for future asset replacement needs. Total liabilities were $643,568.

SPWT reported an operating profit of $245,283 through August. This compares favorably with our budget, which anticipates an operating loss of $213,892 as of fiscal year-end, September 30.

After including $150,686 in other income, SPWT's total year-to-date net income was $395,969.



Several of our primary income areas are also nearing their full-year budget goals, including:

- Resort Service: 99.1% of annual budget
- Maintenance: 98.6% of annual budget
- Public Safety: 93.3% of annual budget

Income within Recreation, Park & Garden, and Lease Operations remains below the full-year budget and will continue to be reviewed as we complete the fiscal year.

On the expense side, we are closely monitoring several areas that have exceeded their annual budgets, including costs of goods sold, utilities, general expenses, property taxes, and depreciation. Retail merchandise costs have significantly contributed to higher cost of goods sold, and we will continue reviewing retail sales and related expenses as part of our year-end analysis.

Sandy Pines | Profit & Loss Statement

August 2025 vs. August 2026

Category	July 2026	July 2025	Variance
Resort Income	$5,493,131	$5,285,895	+$207,236
Sales Income	$944,703	$1,023,804	-$79,101
Maintenance Income	$590,513	$489,251	+$101,262
Retail Income	$474,222	$433,714	+$40,508
Total Revenue	**$8,512,790**	**$8,304,441**	**+$208,349**
Payroll & Benefits	$2,606,438	$2,644,798	-$38,360
Maintenance & Upkeep	$1,652,298	$1,843,138	-$190,840
Utilities & Insurance	$1,464,202	$1,386,341	+$77,861
Supplies & Misc	$234,799	$246,566	-$11,767
Property Tax & Deprec	$1,043,513	$983,099	+$60,414
Total Expenses	**$7,043,244**	**$7,165,217**	**-$121,973**
Other Income	$129,004	$113,810	+$15,194
Net Income	**$1,166,212**	**$891,888**	**+$274,324**

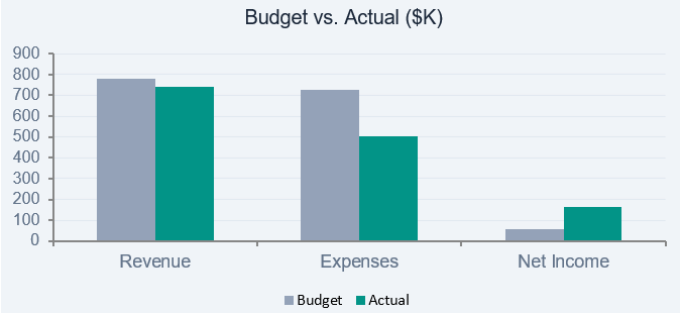
As of August, SPWT is at a point in our seasonal operations when much of our annual member revenue has already been recognized, while operating expenses continue. SPWT remains profitable year to date, with $395,969 in net income through August.

Lake Monterey Golf Course (LMGC)

LMGC also continues to have a positive year financially. Through August 2026, LMGC recorded $743,106 in year-to-date income, reaching 95.0% of its full-year budget.

LMGC reported $2.27 million in total assets, including $1.02 million in cash and $113,600 designated for future asset replacement needs. Total liabilities were $279,736.

LMGC generated an operating profit of $157,899 through August, compared with a full-year budgeted operating profit of $54,700. After other income, year-to-date net income totaled $161,671.

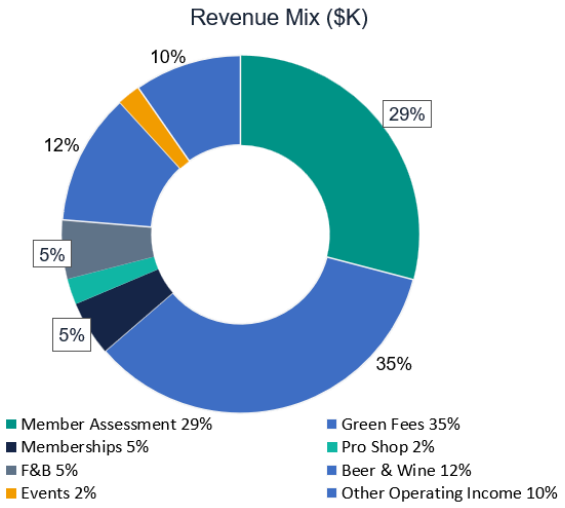


Several revenue areas have already performed above

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budget expectations, including membership, league green fees, food sales, beer and wine sales, and facility rentals. Other areas, including member green fees, power cart rentals, and merchandise sales, remain below their full-year budget goals and will continue to be monitored through the end of the season.

Lake Monterey Golf Course



Lake Monterey | Profit & Loss Statement

August 2026 vs. August 2025

Category	August 2026	August 2025	Variance
Membership Assessment	$216,300	$270,375	-$54,075
Green Fees	$257,272	$289,408	-$32,136
Memberships	$36,831	$32,950	+$3,881
Pro Shop Sales	$17,393	$29,576	-$12,183
Food & Beverage	$39,495	$32,814	+$6,681
Beer & Wine	$88,548	$79,120	+$9,428
Events & Banquets	$15,517	$0	+$15,517
Other Income	$71,750	$79,172	-$7,422
Total Revenue	**$743,106**	**$813,415**	**-$70,309**
Payroll & Benefits	$230,363	$201,399	+$28,964
Course Maintenance	$114,388	$128,577	-$14,189
Utilities & Insurance	$26,900	$25,101	+$1,799
Marketing & Admin	$20,195	$16,340	+$3,855
Other Operating Expense	$111,705	$108,893	+$2,812
Total Expenses	**$503,551**	**$480,310**	**+$23,241**
Cost of Goods Sold	$81,657	$73,590	+$8,067
Other Income (Int Inc)	$3,773	$2,437	+$1,336
Net Income	**$161,671**	**$261,952**	**-$100,281**

LMGC has also done a good job managing overall operating expenses. Through August, operating expenses totaled $503,550, or 78.2% of the full-year budget. While overall expenses remain below budget, we continue to monitor individual areas that are running higher than anticipated, including bank and credit card fees, employer 401(k) contributions, small equipment replacement, trash service, and license fees.

Looking Toward Year-End

With one month remaining in the fiscal year, both SPWT and LMGC remain profitable year-to-date and have made strong progress toward their annual budget goals.

SPWT's overall year-to-date results remain ahead of budget despite the higher costs in several operating areas in August 2026. LMGC also continues to perform ahead of its budgeted operating profit while keeping total operating expenses below budget.

As we close out September and begin the year-end closing process, we will continue reviewing operating results, cash reserves, outstanding obligations, retail operations, and other budget variances. We will also complete a more detailed review of our year-end financial position as we begin planning for the upcoming fiscal year and future operational and capital investment needs.

The September financial statements will provide our preliminary full-year results, followed by the year-end annual review process.

Capital Investment Plan – Looking Forward

As we look beyond the current fiscal year, our financial position will also play an important role in planning for the future of Sandy Pines. Maintaining appropriate cash reserves while continuing to plan to replace and improve our existing assets remains an important part of our long-term financial strategy.

As we complete the fiscal year, management, along with the Board of Directors, will continue evaluating our financial position alongside upcoming capital needs and the amounts already designated for future asset replacement. This will help guide the development of the revised Capital Investment Plan and allow us to prioritize projects responsibly while considering both the immediate and long-term needs of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails.

We will share additional information about future capital investments and proposed projects as those plans are developed and reviewed through the appropriate planning process and a new Capital Investment Proposal is brought forward.

Thank you, members, for your continued support throughout another busy summer season. For those preparing to leave Sandy Pines for the winter months, we wish you safe travels. We look forward to keeping you informed throughout the offseason and preparing for another great season ahead.

COMMUNICATION NEWS

BY **Ian Mitchell** Ian@SandyPines.com

The Season Slows Down. The Planning Does Not.

As the 2026 season winds down, much of my work is shifting toward what comes next. This is when we can take what members experienced this year, talk with our departments about what worked, and start building a stronger 2027 season.

One of the biggest projects ahead is the 2027 event calendar. I will be working with the Recreation Team as next year's schedule takes shape, then updating the website so members can start planning around the events they look forward to. I also want to keep improving how we present event information, making it easier to find the dates, times, locations, and details you need.

The work on next year's food truck lineup is underway, too. As I shared last month, I am connecting with new vendors and continuing conversations with trucks that have visited Sandy Pines before. My goal is to bring more variety and consistency to the park next season.

Your Feedback Belongs in the Planning Process

Our department surveys are being finalized and added to SandyPines.com/Surveys. If you have thoughts about events, amenities, services, communications, or another part of your experience at Sandy Pines, please take a few minutes to share them.

These surveys arrive at an important time. Departments are entering their offseason planning, and your responses can help us see what members valued, where we fell short, and what deserves a closer look for 2027. You do not need to have an answer to every question or a detailed proposal. Sometimes a simple observation is exactly what we need to hear.

I will also be looking at how we communicate throughout the season. Sandy Pines has a lot happening at once, and I want to keep making it easier to know what is coming up and where to find reliable information. The calendar, emails, website, Footprints, and social media should work together to help you enjoy more of what is happening here.

Keep the Ideas Coming

The surveys are one way to be heard, but they are not the only way. If you have an event idea, a food truck recommendation, or a suggestion for how we could communicate more clearly, send it my way at Ian@SandyPines.com.

I would also love to share more of your Sandy Pines stories in Footprints. If you have a member milestone, a favorite park memory, or a story about someone who makes this community special, I would love to hear about it.

There is plenty of work to do between now and next summer. I am looking forward to sharing the progress with you as plans come together.

PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY **JIM BUCHANAN** Jim@SandyPines.com

Fall & Winter Storage Reminders

Hello Sandy Pines Members and Contractors,
Welcome to fall at Sandy Pines! As the season winds down, we have several important reminders to keep in mind as you prepare your site for the winter months.

Return Your Permit Cards

We still have several permit cards that have not been returned.

Once your project is complete, all permit cards must be returned to the Park Inspector's Office so the project can be finalized and the completed paperwork can be added to your file.

Boat Dock Storage

Boat docks may be stored either:

- On your site, or
- In the green space on the sand, provided they are at least 10 feet beyond the high-water-mark poles

If your dock is stored in the green space, it must be removed by May 15 so spring maintenance can be completed.

If you choose to store your boat dock on your site, it may remain there until June 10.

Green Space Reminder

All personal items in the green space must be removed by November 1. Any items remaining after the deadline will be removed and disposed of.

Tarps, Curtains & Shade Shelters

Tarps, solid curtains, or other protective coverings may not be installed around gazebos or shade shelters until the park closes on October 15.

Once installed for the offseason, all tarps, curtains, and seasonal coverings must be removed by April 15.

Permit & Project Deadlines

The deadline to pull permits was September 30.

All permitted work must be completed by November 30.

No project work is permitted in the park during December, January, or February. Work may resume in March 2027.

Again, please remember to return your permit card to the Park Inspector Office once your project is complete.

Park Inspector Office – Offseason Staffing

Steve and Cindy have left for the season, and Jim will remain in the park through October 22.

After October 22, Jim's hours will be limited, and he will be in the park periodically throughout the winter months to keep an eye on things.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Thank you,
Cindy, Steve and Jim

RECREATION NEWS

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

One More Celebration Before We Close the Season

The pools are officially closed for the season. Thank you to our lifeguards for their hard work throughout the summer, and to everyone who came out to swim, cool off, and spend time together at the pools. We loved seeing you there!

We still have one big celebration ahead. **Fall Fest is Saturday, October 3, from 12:00 to 4:00 PM in the Flea Market Area**, and we would love to see you there. Bring your family and invite your friends for an afternoon of craft and vendor booths, food trucks, games, pumpkins, inflatables, and fall fun. Fall Fest is open to the public, so it is a great chance to share Sandy Pines with someone who has never visited before.

As we wrap up 2026, thank you to everyone who participated in Recreation events this summer. Whether you joined us for a favorite annual tradition or tried something new, you helped make this another successful season. We also want to thank the staff and volunteers who helped bring those events to life.

Now we are turning our attention to 2027. We are working on next year's calendar and exploring some fun new ideas for our weekly themes. We want to know what you enjoyed most this year and what you would like to see in the future. Keep an eye out for the Recreation survey and share your feedback when it becomes available.

We hope to see you at Fall Fest for one more afternoon together before the season comes to a close!

SECURITY NEWS

BY **PAUL SCHAAF** Paul@SandyPines.com

Office Hours

Emergency Security Staff is onsite 24 hours/day.

August 2026 Call Stats

In August 2026, Public Safety responded to 161 calls for service. The breakdown of the calls are:

Abuse of staff	1
Accident	4
Alarm	1
Alcohol	1
Animal	4
Assault	1
Assist	37
Curfew	3
Damage to property	1
Disorderly	7
Dispute	2
Fire	1
Fireworks	3
Gas Leak	1
Hazardous Condition	2
Illegal Entry	3
Lost /found	8
Medical	12
Open Door	12
Parking	3
Power Outage	1
Suspicious	7
Traffic	6
Unregistered cart	2
Watercraft	9

Park Rules

As the number of people in the park starts to dwindle, please remember that the rules still apply. Public Safety is still enforcing speed limits and stop sign violations during the slower season. Please help keep everyone safe and follow the traffic rules.

Watercraft

Boats must be removed from the lake by November 1st. If it is not removed, the park will have it removed and placed on the member's lot or in a park storage area. The member will be responsible for all costs of Removal and storage, plus $100 fine.



SAFETY NEWS

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Leaf Dump & Compactor Area

The leaf dump and trash compactor area is intended for items from within Sandy Pines. It is not a dump site for items from your home or your business. It is not uncommon for staff to find members or associates bringing items from home. An excuse I didn't know is common. Refuse service has a cost. Taking your items from home to Sandy Pines has a cost and expense to Sandy Pines. Staff monitors traffic, and with the camera system in the park, it can be determined whether the item came from the park or from elsewhere. We ask that you dispose of your refuse appropriately and not at the expense of Sandy Pines. We will ask you to reload your items and take the items back home, as well as imposing fines for the disposal. Please just follow good practices and dispose of items as permitted by the park from the park.

Preparation for Winter Storage Mode

1. Secure and place outdoor items in shelter.
2. Winterize your trailer prior to freezing temps and have your holding tank pumped. Winterize or contact your lawn service to winterize your lawn sprinkler system.
3. Remove items that will freeze in cupboards. Remove alcoholic beverages from the park. Remove food in cupboards that will attract mice or ants.
4. Defrost and clean your refrigerator. Place baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb odors.
5. Place mothballs under your trailer to deter critters, and deacon or mouse proofer to deter mice.
6. Place golf carts in storage or affix them 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 placed in storage. Outboard motors should be secured with chain and padlock.
9. Contact your lawn service for fall leaf removal. Call early – leaf removal companies become busy in the fall.
10. Close vents, windows, and roll up awnings. Place pop-up campers in storage mode. Have a technician check around roof vents for proper weather seal.
11. Turn off electric at the pedestal at the road.
12. Place stabilizer gas treatment in golf carts, lawn mowers, watercraft, and mopeds.
13. Remove boat dock from the lake. Watercraft may not be stored on the beach or in the green areas. All boats must be removed from the lake by November 1st.
14. Turn off your water at the water riser, disconnect your water line, seal off the open end, and mark your water line.
15. Make sure that Sandy Pines has your winter address and phone number. Update the park if you move in the winter. Leave an emergency contact name with the park if you plan to be out of state or a distance away in the winter months.
16. Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries before leaving this fall.
17. Remember to turn off your thermostat before leaving this winter. Some furnace blower motors will continue to run when the thermostat is still on in the winter months.
18. Remove valuables and valuable items from your trailer for the winter months.
19. Contact a local contractor for any roof/leak repairs.
20. Check the age of Fire Extinguisher in your unit and the last date inspected. If older than six years or not hydrostatically tested in the last six years, it may be more cost-effective to replace with new.
21. Wash and/or Power wash any buildup on the exterior of your unit or porch.
22. Review membership cards/members associated with your campsite. Remove persons who are no longer associates and add people who are associate members.
23. Review your current financial statement and stay current throughout the fall/winter/spring. Card deactivation fees can become a great expense if you fail to maintain a current, up-to-date balance.
24. Watch the water levels of the lake. In dry falls the water level recedes and boats may become beached. Once beached, these can be difficult to get back onto the water. Save yourself the grief and remove early or monitor closely.



CAMPING NEWS

BY **JANELE TOMES** Janele@SandyPines.com

Fall Open House is Coming Saturday, October 3!

Join us for our Fall Open House in the Sales & Camping Department during the Sandy Pines Fall Fest Vendor Market from 12:00–4:00 PM. We will be handing out complimentary can koozies while supplies last, offering golf cart tours, and providing train rides!

Plus, you will have a chance to win a FREE rustic cabin stay July 23–25! Please tell your non-member friends and family to come enjoy the fun, explore the park, and start dreaming about their next adventure!

2027 Camping Reservations

Camping reservations for 2027 open Monday, October 5, at 1:00 PM! We will also have our seasonal lot application available beginning October 5 at 8:00 AM.

Sandy Pines offers a variety of accommodations, ensuring that every guest can find the perfect fit for their camping experience. Guests can easily reserve a campsite, rustic cabin, or park model trailer online through our website. With flexible dates and a range of options, booking your stay is quick and simple.

Campsites

Sandy Pines offers spacious campsites designed for traditional camping. Whether you are bringing your own tent or RV, these sites provide the perfect base for outdoor adventures and making many memories.

Rustic Cabins

If you are looking for a more comfortable camping experience, Sandy Pines rustic cabins provide the ideal blend of outdoor charm and indoor convenience. These cozy cabins feature all the essentials, including comfortable sleeping arrangements, lighting, heat, air conditioning, and a mini fridge. The cabins are perfect for those who want to enjoy the camping experience without sacrificing too much comfort.

Park Model Trailers

For those seeking an even more comfortable stay, Sandy Pines park model trailers offer a fantastic option. These fully equipped trailers include modern amenities such as air conditioning and a full kitchen and living area, ensuring that your stay is both comfortable and convenient. Park model trailers are perfect for families who want to enjoy all the benefits of camping with the added comfort of home.

Discounts & Reservations

We offer a 10% discount for associate members and a 10% military discount for those who are currently serving or have served in the military. Thank you for your service!

To apply these discounts, please contact the Camping Department directly. You can make reservations through our website at www.SandyPines.com, or give me a call at 616-896-8315 ext. 103. I would be happy to assist you.

See you soon!

PARK AND GARDEN NEWS

BY **CHET RYAN** Chet@SandyPines.com

Park & Garden Update

It is hard to believe another season at Sandy Pines is already coming to a close! Thank you to everyone who supported Park & Garden throughout the summer. From golf cart rentals to boat services and our Water Softener Program, we appreciate the opportunity to serve our members each season.

Boat Removal

As members continue preparing their sites for the offseason, Park & Garden is available to assist with boat removal.

If you still need to have your boat taken out for the season, please contact the Park & Garden Office to check availability and schedule a time.

Water Softener Pickup

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Water Softener Program again this year!

As sites are closed down for the season, we will continue picking up water softeners. If you have not already arranged for yours to be collected, please stop by the Park & Garden Office and complete the pickup form.

All remaining water softeners will be picked up October 5–10.

Thank You for Another Great Season!

We appreciate all of the support Park & Garden received throughout 2026. Thank you for another great summer at Sandy Pines, and we look forward to serving you again next season!

FOOD SERVICE NEWS

BY **DALE YODER** Dale@SandyPines.com

Thank You for a Great Season

As the 2026 season comes to a close, the Food Service team would like to thank everyone who stopped by the Café, Country Store, Coffee Shop, and Dairy Dip this year. We enjoyed serving you and being part of your time at Sandy Pines.

We are already looking ahead to 2027 and working on some new ideas for each of our locations. We look forward to sharing more as those plans come together.

On behalf of our entire team, thank you for another great season. Wherever you spend the winter, we hope you stay safe and enjoy the months ahead. We look forward to seeing you again in 2027!

Happy holidays and Happy New Year!

SALES NEWS

BY **KENT LIVINGSTON** Kent@SandyPines.com

Until We Meet Again: The Countdown to 2027 Begins

As another Sandy Pines season comes to a close, it's hard to believe how quickly the summer has gone. The Sales Department would like to take a moment to thank all of our members for making another season such a memorable one.

This season brought plenty of activity to the sales office, with new listings, buyers searching for their perfect getaway, and many members taking the next step in their Sandy Pines journey. Whether you were buying, selling, looking, or simply stopping in to say hello, we truly appreciate every conversation and every opportunity to serve our Sandy Pines community.

Finding the Right Place

One of the best parts of our job is seeing the excitement that comes with finding the right site. For some, it's their first season at Sandy Pines and the beginning of a whole new collection of memories. For others, it's another chapter in a story that may have been going on for generations. Being a small part of those journeys is something we are grateful for.

Looking Ahead to 2027

As we close out the 2026 season, we want to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable off-season. Take some time to look back at the memories made this year, the friends and neighbors who made the season special, and maybe even start thinking about what 2027 will bring.

From all of us in the Sales Department, thank you for another wonderful season at Sandy Pines. We look forward to seeing everyone again when the gates open and another season begins.
The countdown to 2027 has officially begun!

Until then, stay safe, stay warm, and we'll see you next season!

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF NEWS

BY **DAVID INGLES** David@GolfLMGC.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.

As we get further into October, there will be times when the pro shop will be closed, but the course is open. If the clubhouse is locked, please use the drop box by the main doors to pay for your golf.

We are hoping to see you this fall!

Facebook and Instagram

If you are not following us on social media, what are you waiting for? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, 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.

Preparing For 2027

We have already begun work on the 13th and 17th holes, and we are excited for this fall when we will have more time to dedicate to this project.

The process of installing the new irrigation system could begin as soon as this fall/winter. We will keep everyone updated.

We have many new and fun events scheduled for the 2027 season. We can't wait to get more people to enjoy what LMGC has to offer.

We are excited and looking forward to seeing everyone!

FROM OUR COMMUNITY: MEMBER STORIES & MEMORIES

Celebrating Bob Barr at 93

This September, Sandy Pines employee Bob Barr celebrated his 93rd birthday, and we wanted to take a moment to recognize his incredible dedication to the park.

Bob and his wife were Sandy Pines members from 2008 through 2021. They sold their membership when his wife became ill, and Bob sadly lost her in 2022. Looking for a way to stay active and keep busy during the summer months, Bob decided to continue working at Sandy Pines.

Bob originally helped by mowing areas of the park that the larger mowers could not reach using one of the smaller riding mowers. When allergies made mowing more difficult, he transitioned to painting electric meter posts throughout the park.

Over the past several years, Bob has painted every electric meter post in Sandy Pines. After making his way through the entire park, he is now back in Phase 1, where he originally started, beginning the process again.





Bob has been an incredibly loyal and dedicated employee, and we are grateful for the care and pride he continues to put into his work. At the young age of 93, Bob continues to show up, stay active, and make a difference throughout Sandy Pines.

Happy 93rd birthday, Bob, and thank you for everything you continue to do for our community!

Have a Sandy Pines Story to Share?

We want to thank Lynn Carcione for sharing this wonderful story, along with photos of Bob.

Sandy Pines is filled with stories, traditions, memories, and people who make this community special. If you have a great Sandy Pines story, longtime tradition, memorable photo, or community member you think deserves to be featured, we would love to hear from you!

Send your stories and photos to Communications@SandyPines.com for a chance to be featured in a future edition of Footprints In The Sand.



DEPARTMENT SURVEYS

Department Surveys Are Now Live!

Your feedback helps guide our off-season improvements. Together, we can make Sandy Pines even better for everyone!

Scan the QR code above or visit SandyPines.com/Surveys to share your feedback!

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