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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY MARTI DEVRIES

Winter, a little bit more winter, then spring temperatures teasing us, spring days, clocks turned forward... and before you know it, Sandy Pines will be busy again! It has been another blessed year!

If you remember, last fall at the September 18th, 2015 Board Meeting, there was a resolution approved — a resolution to approve the formation and funding plan of a Capital Reserve Fund, to be presented to the membership on the 2016 election ballot this coming August.

There have been many advisory committee members working on this plan from the inception, I would say approximately a little over two years now. The Long-Range Planning Committee has been working closely with Gene to determine a more proactive approach to capital expenditures, rather than one of a reactionary style. When Gene Van Koevering took the Park President position, there were no long-range plans for the capital expenditures or for future funding. In our Long-Range Planning Committee meetings we felt a well thought out multi-year approach was more viable than waiting until there was a need, and then determining an individual assessment, then another assessment, etc. Over the last couple of years, the initial 10-year Capital Estimate was created — revised, and underwent more revisions. Your Long-Range Planning Committee finally presented a 10-year Capital Estimate to your

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Finance Committee, and also shared it earlier last summer with the Board of Directors.

This multi-year approach, if put into perspective in our personal lives with our personal budgets, may look something like this...you realize in the next few years you will need a new roof on your house, your hot water heater may also need replacing, and the driveway near the garage is beginning to sink — so that may need replacing soon as well. If you planned now for the finances that may be required over the next 3-5 years, your 'capital fund' savings would grow a little more each month, and when the time came to make decisions to replace the roof, your hot water heater, or your cement...the financial hit would not be as bad, and perhaps a loan may not be necessary. Estimating what your needs are and planning ahead!

There are details in our Sandy Pines By-Laws that require how we use funds received. In Article III - Member Dues, Special Assessments & Capital Assessments - Section 2, it states that all annual member dues shall be accounted for as income of Sandy Pines, maintained by the Board in a segregated account or accounts, and USED ONLY for OPERATING expenses of Sandy Pines and the maintenance of its property.

Section 3 further defines Special Assessments and in Section 4, the Capital Assessments are described that it shall be the responsibility of the Board to maintain sufficient capital for operations of business at Sandy Pines, and to raise additional capital for future capital needs of Sandy Pines to facilitate its purpose. As stated, these capital funds shall be used solely for capital purposes. It is important for each and every member to understand that OPERATING funds and CAPITAL funds are different!

The reason and purpose of including this information in my article this month, is to prepare you for the upcoming information upon your return to Sandy Pines. Educating members and communication is essential to any process! Hopefully, each of you will have your questions answered...like - Why now? What does this 10-year Capital Reserve Fund include? Will members have access to the detailed plan? What does this fund mean to members? What is the cost?

It is very easy to form opinions on first impressions, hearsay, and only hearing bits and pieces of the information, or of the plan. I would ask that before you come to any conclusions that you hear, learn, and become familiar with the process used, the details, the future-thinking and planning that has begun. Members will have multiple opportunities this summer to hear about the plan, ask their questions, and become very familiar with the overall plan. The Capital Reserve Fund will require approval by the members in August, by a simple majority vote, to include the normal procedures by absentee ballot.

Please become a member of discernment — one who checks for accuracy of the facts and conclusions provided. This plan is about keeping Sandy Pines 'preserved' for your children, your grandchildren and future generations! I look forward to seeing you at the information sessions this summer!



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

On behalf of your Staff here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course, it is my pleasure to say WELCOME BACK!! The plan again this year is to turn the water on the week of the 15th of April, and soon after that happens, we traditionally see many Members return from the winter hibernation, so we will look forward to seeing you back!

2016 will be a year that will introduce a number of changes here in the park. We will do our best to communicate to you as these changes are finalized and become available for your use. Some of the changes, like the new website, will be launched by the time this newsletter is printed. We plan to encourage you to become familiar with the new website through the use of a "scavenger hunt". Correct entries will be eligible for prize drawings. Details to be announced later.

The Admin. Office has a new Staff person at the Member Services desk. Josh Janowiak is a new face at the counter. Josh has joined Sandy Pines as the Assistant Marketing and Member Services Manager. He will become the Manager of Marketing and Member Services upon Mary Cooper's retirement, after the 2017 season. Please be sure to stop in and introduce yourself to Josh, and welcome him to Sandy Pines.

We have also purchased, and are currently implementing new accounting software, data management software, and a new POS (Point of Sale) software system and equipment. As you can imagine, this was/ is a large undertaking, so please extend some grace as we work to get our staff and the Members, fully engaged and trained throughout the season. As we prepare to implement changes, we will communicate to you what changes you will be affected by, and how you can take advantage of these improvements.

Another item that will be new to our Members is a program entitled "How am I Doing"? This program is a short, five question survey that will be located in the same area on our website where we go to sign up for pump out orders, or to sign up guests.

Each full time employee will have a business card that will have their name and their individual survey number on it. They may hand you a card, ask you to take a survey, or you may ask them for a card if you have an opportunity to engage with them, and would like to take the survey.

Our goal is to give Members an opportunity to provide feedback subsequent to interaction with, or having been assisted by a Staff person, regarding that person or department. The surveys will be reviewed at the end of each season, and used in assessing each department with regard to the professionalism, effectiveness of communication and the level of knowledge of each department. This program was developed to assist us in determining areas where improvement is required, and reaffirm the strengths within each department. Thank you for your interest in becoming involved in this program.

As you will see by the time you return in April, we have finally replaced the Phase 4 tennis courts. We received a recommendation to replace these courts in 2013, but delayed as long as we felt we could. The courts were at a point that it became a safety issue, so the funds for these courts was shifted from other projects that were on the 2016 Capital Replacement Budget, and transitioned to the replacement of the courts.

On March 14, I signed the final agreement with the Cell Tower Developer. On that date, he indicated

that the tower construction may begin as early as this month (April). Verizon has signed a lease on the tower, however, as of this writing they are the only Wireless Provider to do so. If your Provider is not Verizon, I would encourage you to call or write your Provider and ask them to get on that tower.

Just to confirm: If your Provider is not on the tower, your wireless service will not be improved from what it was, prior to the tower construction.

We have finalized plans for an informational meeting regarding the Violence Readiness Program (VRP). The meeting will be held Saturday morning, May 21, from 10 am – noon at the Chapel. The meeting will include a panel of Guest Professionals that have been part of the development and training. Each person that was invited to attend this event will be given the opportunity to explain their part in the overall details and goals of the program. Please put this on your calendar and plan to attend!

2016 will also include informational meetings for communicating the ballot proposal for the Capital Reserve Fund to be placed on the August election. We are currently waiting to finalize the official dates and times of those meetings. It is our plan to introduce the details and ballot language at that time. It is my hope that the initial introduction meetings will be held mid-June, at which time we hope to begin with two (2) informational sessions on a Saturday in June. As soon as we can confirm the dates, we'll get those out to you. I fully expect that we will reserve much of our "Face to Phase" meetings this year for discussion and dispensing information to the membership regarding the details in the Capital Reserve Fund Ballot. Please plan to attend these meetings to become educated with factual information.

Another bit of great news is that our guest camping sales are, for the third year in a row, up by double digit percentages. Great Job Team! As you travel around the park you will notice that more and more of the guest campsites are being renovated. 2017 we will mark the completion of site renovations of all 60 guest camping sites. Although other efforts to increase camping sales have been put in place in the last three years, we believe one of the reasons Guest Campers are increasingly checking out Sandy Pines, are the great sites we have here at the park.

Additionally, with regard to Sales, please stop by and check out the reception area renovation in the Sales Office area. The new look is awesome, and we want to thank our Volunteer Designer and Member, Kelly Nyhuis. This is the third time Kelly has provided Sandy Pines with much of her time, talent and finances, to improve the "first impression" experience to our Visitors and Members who enter the Administration and Sales Areas. Thank you Kelly – Great Job!!

Thank you to all of our Members for your support...whether it's financial, as a volunteer, serving on the Board, on a committee, or in any capacity that helps to support this great park. Please know that those of us who work to manage the business aspect of Sandy Pines appreciate your contribution.

Lastly, thank you for allowing me the privilege to serve you.



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MEET JOSH JANOWIAK

by JOSH JANOWIAK

Hello, my name is Josh Janowiak, and I'm excited to be the new Assistant Manager of Member Services. I have been diligently working and training with Mary, to learn all the intricacies of Sandy Pines. I have met and spoken to many members during my first month, and look forward to meeting everyone as you return to the Park.

I'm a Michigan native, born and raised in Manistee. I graduated from Michigan State University in 1999, and started my radio broadcasting career at B-93 in Grand Rapids. My broadcasting career and love for the mountains took me west to Colorado, where I met my wife, Courtney. We eventually moved further west to Oregon for a few years, before returning to

Traverse City, to get back to my home state and closer to my family. We moved to Grand Rapids in October, 2015, as Courtney accepted a position at Davenport University.

My career has transitioned into the marketing and public relations industry over the past decade. I was previously the Marketing & Digital Content Director for TART Trails, a nonprofit trail building, maintenance and advocacy organization in Traverse City. I enjoy using the latest marketing tools and technology to promote and share my passion for outdoor recreation. In addition to my role in Member Services I'll also be working with the Sandy Pines team to develop and implement marketing strategies, while staying up to date with the latest marketing technologies.

I currently live in Kentwood with my wife Courtney and our border collie Johnny. We love biking,

hiking, camping, cooking and playing in the great outdoors. I look forward to getting to know all of you and being a part of the Sandy Pines community. Go Green!



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SALES DEPARTMENT NEWS

by KATHY MOLNER

The weather has turned to spring, and opening day is just around the corner. I trust that you had a wonderful winter. We're anticipating your arrival at the Pines, and look forward to bumping into you very soon. Please stop by, say hi, and see the new look in the office.

Recent Buyers - We welcome you, and are so happy that you have chosen our beautiful park to start making some fantastic family memories. If any questions about opening up for the season have popped up over the winter, please give us a call. We'd be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sellers (and all members) - June 1st will be here before you know it. Please remember to have your sites cleaned up by then. If you are unable to do it yourself, please pick up a contractor's list from our Member Service office or check it out online to find

someone who can assist you. Go to sandypines.com, click on the Members Only link. On the right side of the page, under the Members Only Menu, click on Inspector (about half way down the list) and the contractor's list will appear at the top of the page. If you don't have computer access, you can always stop by our office and we would be happy to get a contractor's list for you. We have found that the cleaner your site and trailer are, the quicker the sale. Try to look at your site through the eyes of a buyer. Would you want to buy your site? Curb appeal is a big deal at Sandy Pines!

I just want to thank you for your trust in us. We're here to work very hard for you. Don't be afraid to call me at any time to answer any questions that you may have.

Wishing you a wonderful season at Sandy Pines! Welcome Back!

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RECREATION NEWS

by **MARY APPLEHOF**

Hello again everyone! I can't wait to be back at the Pines! We have been very busy planning a great summer filled with activities for you for this summer!

For the first time in a long time, I am advertising that we need some more lifeguards on the Recreation Staff. You need to be 16 by June 1st. Please fill out an application or call me for more information on this great summer job! Mary Applehof – 616-318-3492. We will be running our interviews in April already – so call right away if you are interested!

Sandy Pines has purchased a wonderful video camera that is TV quality. We are looking for someone to video tape our events. If filming is something that interests you, please let me know. We have an event on May 20th, and would love to get you familiar with our equipment prior to that date, if possible.

We are hosting two Blood Drives again this summer. The first one is Saturday, May 28, hosted

by the Red Cross. Look for the flyers on this important blood drive. The second one is Labor Day Weekend, with Michigan Blood. Thank you in advance for your participation in these events!

The 3rd Annual Rainbow Color Run will be held Saturday, July 30. This year, the funds raised will be used to purchase new playground equipment for our park! We are looking for sponsors again this year. Your name will go on the back of the T-shirts and we will also put your business or name on the registration forms and announcements that we put up all over the park and on the TV Station, advertising our Color Run. If you are interested, please let me know by e-mailing the Recreation Dept. at recreation@sandypines.com. Thank you.

Are you interested in playing the Ukulele? There is a group that has been getting together in the park at site K-91. This group meets on Tuesday afternoons from 1-3 pm. They will be meeting during the months of July and August. No age limit – beginners and all levels of players are welcome!

If this is something that you are interested in, or have any questions, please contact Dave Barton at DBDB99@aol.com.

We have a concert in the core area almost every weekend. Bring your chairs and come and check out these great groups:

May 28 – 5 Minutes Tardy
July 16 – Strumblehead
July 23 – Sweet Adelines
July 30 – Tricks
August 5 – Star and Charlie
August 12 – 126 Army Band
August 13 – Voices of Freedom
(singing Christmas Carols)

The Events Calendar, on our website, is a great place for you to check out the dates and times of all of our events for 2016!

HELPING HANDS

For those of you who have been involved in our Helping Hands Group, please note that they will meet, once again, on Mondays at 10 am, in the Pavilion. The first gathering will take place on May 9th. Judy VanKlompberg, will once again be organizing this group, and we thank her for the many hours of hard work she puts into this activity!

If you do not sew, but would like to help with this Mission, please feel free to donate material (cotton is preferred), pillowcases, or your monetary donations are always appreciated.

Thank you, in advance, to all of you who share your time, talents, or financial assistance, to help with this endeavor.

FACE TO PHASE (F2P) 2016

BY **GENE VAN KOEVERING**

I will again this season be conducting 'Face to Phase' meetings on Saturday mornings, giving everyone an opportunity to come out, have a cup of coffee or cold drink and a cookie with him, and get acquainted.

Please look at the schedule below and note the date and location where he'll be. Put it on your calendar and come on out!! You are welcome to attend any of these meetings, whether or not you happen to reside in the particular Phase that is listed.

He plans to be parked in each location on this rotation from 8:30 am until 10 am, on the days indicated below. If the weather is not conducive to being outside, he will be located inside, at the Adult Recreation Lounge.

Thank you for coming out to chat, bring your new ideas and ask whatever questions you may have!

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BY THE TENNIS COURTS IN PHASE 2
HUMAN FOOSBALL AREA

GROUNDS & LANDSCAPE UPDATE

by **NELSON BOUMA**

March has arrived now and it's time to thing spring. They're forecasting four inches of snow for tomorrow (written in March), but that's okay. We need the moisture for the spring flowers.

We cleaned up around CC's 9 and 10. We removed the roots above the ground and some messy trees, and seeded the area with grass seed. It will be easier to mow and maintain now.

The trees along the Water Park wall were taken out because the roots were raising the pavement and pushing against the retaining wall. We decided to take care of it before it became a larger problem.

There were four Memorial Trees planted this past year. I have four more on the list for the 2016 season. If you are thinking about planting a Memorial Tree, please let me know soon.

If you still have leaves on your lot, you are responsible for the removal of them. Do not blow them into the Green Area or onto the roads. Sandy Pines Maintenance will not pick them up unless they are bagged and sitting by the roadside. You are responsible for getting your loose leaves to the leaf dump.

There is a separate area in the dump area for branches. This was a big improvement from last

year. We can do even better. Please help us keep the park neat and clean.

Most of the Circles and Courts are being taken care of by volunteers. When you need new mulch and/or stones, be sure to let me know so I can approve the amount for delivery by Park & Garden.

We have a problem with dogs using the shrubs as a toilet. When this occurs, it leaves big brown spots on the evergreens and causes the branches on our rose bushes to die. There is a Dog Park for your pets. Please use that area – not only for exercise and recreation – but also as a 'potty' for your pets.

When walking on the Nature Trail, please be sure to use the waste containers for all of your snack wrappers and/or garbage.

If you need any flowers for your CC area and flower pots, please call me at 616-644-4691, and leave your name and Site number. I will get back with you and give you the okay.

Well, enough requests for now. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer.

DOG PARK NEWS

by **BILL & JOANNE VANDERWALL**

Welcome back to Sandy Pines – to all of our members - both old and new!

We would like to tell you about our Dog Park. It is located in Phase 6, behind the bathroom. It is a fenced in area for your pet to run and enjoy themselves, in a shady area. There is water for them to get a drink, with a bench and table in the shade for you to sit, while they play. There are baggies for you to pick up after your pet, and a pail to dispose of it.

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AQUATICS NEWS

by **KIM DAY**

We will be hiring Lifeguards this summer, so please apply if you are interested. You must be at least 16 years of age, and Lifeguard Certified.

We will be offering a Lifeguard Certification Class again this year, June 10th – 18th. The cost of the class will be \$180, payable to Sandy Pines. You must have the money in by the first day of class. Chad Bareman will be instructing the class and you will need to contact him to sign up. His contact information is: cbareman@sbcglobal.net or 1-616-570-5942. Space is limited, so call or email soon.

We will be opening the indoor pool again the weekend of May 20th-22nd. All pools will be open for Memorial Weekend...weather permitting, of course.

Our recreation season begins June 19th and runs through August 19th. The Kids' Triathlon will be held August 6th. Our Kids' Annual Lock-In will be on July 8th.

We will keep you updated as events get closer. We are looking forward to the start of summer, see you soon!



SAFETY DEPARTMENT NEWS

by STEVE DEYARMOND

GOLF CARTS:

As we begin a new season, please review the Rulebook for requirements for, and operation of, your golf cart. As a member and owner of the golf cart you are responsible for having \$300,000 liability insurance, Site numbers at least 3" on the front and rear of the golf cart which are highly visible, and in contrasting color. The height of the golf cart may not be altered to exceed 20" from the ground to the top of the floor board. As the owner, you are responsible to ensure that all safety equipment on your golf cart is properly working. If your golf cart has issues with the brakes or steering, it should not be in operation until repairs have been made.

If you permit children, friends and others to operate your golf cart, you are responsible for the manner in which it is driven, and the actions and activity of those on the golf cart. It is the responsibility of the Member/Owner and membership in which the golf cart is registered, to supervise any and all individuals driving and riding on the golf cart. The definition of a golf cart is a motor vehicle that is a three or four wheeled vehicle originally designed and manufactured for use on a golf course to transport passengers and golfing equipment. If you own vehicles that do not comply with the definition of a golf cart, please leave them home. Examples of vehicles owned by members not permitted in the Park are All Terrain vehicles, Utility terrain vehicles, 4 wheel utility vehicles or other similar vehicles which are not manufactured for operation on a golf course. Young people who have taken the Golf Cart Safety Course and are 12 years of age, must operate the golf cart with an adult. Youth 13 years of age who have taken the Golf Cart Safety Course must also drive with an adult for three weeks after passing the course. Regardless of age, the owner and membership of the golf cart is responsible for the actions, manner of operation, and any damages incurred. If you fail to have liability insurance, the party to which your golf cart may cause damage or injuries, expects to be compensated. Golf carts may not be operated on county public roadways.

RENTAL GOLF CARTS

Rental golf carts may only be driven by someone at least 18 years of age with a valid State issued Operator's License. They may not be operated off road or on public roadways.

MOPEDS/SCOOTERS:

Operators of mopeds are required to have a License issued by the State of Michigan, or their residing State. Mopeds are required to have Site numbers and \$100,000 liability insurance. Site numbers must be at least 2" on the front and rear of the Moped. Mopeds must be registered with the Park and have a Park Moped Registration sticker on the rear. Mopeds/scooters must have a seat and a motor.

OVERFLOW PARKING:

Please review the Rulebook for designated overflow parking areas. Overflow parking is not intended for storage of vehicles and equipment. Boats and trailers may not be parked overnight in overflow parking areas. Green areas are defined as "all land owned by Sandy Pines which is not designated as a site, roadway or developed area". Please do not use green areas for parking or storage of equipment, or operate vehicles in green areas. Parking lots in the park are not storage areas. Please do not use parking lots to store trailers, camping units or equipment.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

If you have membership cards that are deactivated because the card needs a photo, please stop at the Main Gate upon your return to the Park, or instruct your associates or grandchildren to stop at the Main Gate to get a membership card with a photo. The replacement card is \$3. Membership cards without photos have been turned off and will not work at the entrances of the Park.

Membership cards have been turned off if payments are past due more than 60 days. If you have been late on payments and have had your membership cards deactivated in the off season, please make arrangements to have your account current prior to arrival at the Park. Please have all of the memberships cards turned back on prior to your arrival at the Park. If you have associate members and grandchildren with membership cards deactivated, please advise them that their cards are inactive and will not operate the gates. This will prevent their delay, and others from being delayed entry into the Park. Cost to reactivate cards that have been deactivated because of late payments, is \$20 per card. Please bring your account up to date and reactivate your membership cards prior to you or your associate member's arrival at the Park.



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MEMBER SERVICES NEWS

by **MARY COOPER**

Welcome to Josh Janowiak, who has joined the Member Service office as Assistant Manager. Please stop in to meet him and introduce yourselves.

SPRING OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday: 8:30 am to 4 pm
 (Starting: May 2nd 8:30am to 4:30pm)
 Closed Saturday & Sunday
 We will start Saturday hours on May 7th (8:30-Noon)

SEASONAL WI-FI:

Seasonal Wi-Fi will no longer be available due to the cost of replacing the equipment for the minimal number of members using it. We are researching solutions for park-wide Wi-Fi.

Option one:

Charter internet (60Mbps) is available for the cost of \$192 (April 15-October 15). You are billed ½ in April (\$96) and ½ in July. Call or e-mail Member Service to get on the list for an appointment to have a modem installed this spring.

Option two:

Use the Wi-Fi hot spots located at: (not secure)
 Retail Laundry
 Phase 5 Laundry – CC#11
 Phase 3 pool/Laundry
 Library
 Rec Station/Water Park

BOAT STAKES AND WATER STICKERS:

We must have an up to date state boat registration by June 1st. After June 1st, your boat stake will opened for someone on our boat stake waiting list. You can email a copy to memberservice@sandypines.com or fax a copy to 616-896-7409.

PUMPOUTS:

Single pumpouts are \$13 each on your scheduled day and can be scheduled online thru the Member Web Access. Emergency pumpouts are \$26. Emergencies are pumpouts done on Saturdays, not on your scheduled Phase day, or same day

service. *No pumpouts are done after 3 pm or on Sundays.* Call backs after a tag has been punched, may result in an additional fee. *Maintenance will start Saturday emergency pumpouts on May 14.*

Reminder: Please make sure that the pumpers have easy access to the holding tank valve. Fences, flower gardens, boats or sheds should not be in the pumpers path or blocking the valve access.

2016 FLEA MARKETS:

May 7 (Mayfest), ***May 28** (Memorial Day), June 11, ***July 2** (Independence Day), **August 13** (Christmas), ***September 3** (Labor Day) and **October 1**. Spaces are \$35 and can only be reserved online through the Member Web Access. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm. ***Pancake breakfast**

MAILBOX RENTERS:

The mailboxes have been rearranged in numerical order. You may find your box located in a different space. It is the same box and your key will work for the number you have always used.

Before you head back to Sandy Pines you must turn in a temporary forwarding card to the Post Office. Make sure to list all names (including business names) that will be using your mailbox unit number. The Post Office does not inform the office when you are coming back, so be sure to let us know that you will be using your Sandy Pines box again.

PORTABLE SEWAGE TANKS:

Members who empty their own holding tanks will be required to purchase a sticker & display their site number on the portable tank. The cost for the sticker is \$15. This is to offset the cost of using the Park septic system or spillages. There will be a \$25 fine if you do not have a sticker displayed on your tank.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

by **BEN FIFELSKI**

Spring is a busy time for all. Please be sure to take the time to help your neighbors, if they need assistance, as you return to the Park. That's one of the things that makes Sandy Pines such a nice place to be a part of!

The water will be turned on beginning April 11th, weather permitting. Don't forget to chlorinate your water lines, and replace and label your white hose by the water riser.

There have been lots of improvements to your Park in the off-season. Many of our buildings were repainted. We painted inside the Sales Office lobby, the Ranger Station lobby, the ATM building, CC#9 beams and walls were repainted, the Recreation Station, and three of the rental cabins were spruced up. We were also able to get out to the Island and do a much needed manicure.

The tennis courts in Phase 4 were in very bad shape. We are currently in the process of replacing the courts and putting new fencing around it. This project should be completed by Memorial Day. In the meantime, we ask that you use the other courts located around the Park, until we have completed our work.

I would like to thank you in advance for all that you do to help us keep your Park looking beautiful.

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PARK & GARDEN UPDATE

by JACK SCHMIDT

It seems like we were just closing up for the winter season and now we are getting things ready in the store for the 2016 season.

Even though the store is not open for retail business from April 11 until Memorial Weekend, we will be around setting up water softeners, getting the golf carts ready for rental and preparing the store for the opening.

If you read the Footprints last month, Sandy Pines has set up a new Point of Sale system that will allow you to charge to your member account for products bought at the Park and Garden, and other services in the park. In order for you to charge at the Park and Garden, we will need your membership card to swipe. Only the MEMBER can charge at the store.

We now have an online web access set up for reserving golf carts and watercraft. There is a fee for using this service, so if you want to avoid the fee you can still reserve by calling us, stopping by the store, or emailing us to make reservations. We have added a few more carts this year and have also added two more six passenger carts.

Although the store is not officially open during April and May, we will be checking voicemail and email everyday for your messages. We should respond within 24 hours. We will be making delivery of bulk products during April and May.

If you need your boat put in the lake, please call and set up an appointment. We will begin this service in April, but you will need to call ahead of time to schedule.

For those of you who came in and reserved a water softener before you left in the fall, you should have received an email to confirm your reservation and hook up date. It is important that you respond to this email. We will begin installing the softeners as soon as the water is turned on in April. *Please remember that we cannot hook all of the softeners up the first week. If you aren't planning on being in the park first thing, we ask that you give us*

a firm date to install. We will attempt to have it ready when you arrive. We need to be able to find your hose at the riser, so we hope you marked it well last fall. If you have any hoses that are used to hook up the softener, please make sure they are out and ready for us. You will be billed in April or May for the softener and installation.

For those who are doing a self-install, we will have scheduled times for you to stop by and pick up the tank. We will be at the store weekdays, 11 am - Noon, and again from 4 - 5 pm. On Saturdays, we will be available from 11 am - 1 pm.

If you did not reserve a softener in the fall, you can still get on the list for one. The softener is a great way to keep rust off your sink, tub, etc. in the trailer. It is not meant to stop the smell that we sometimes get during the summer, but it can help. Stop by the store for more information on the softener and/or the smell.

We open full time after Memorial Day Weekend, but in the meantime, we will be available for your needs during April and May. We will have mulch, and stone available for delivery. Please call to make an appointment and someone will call you back to schedule it.

We will be open the last two weekends in May. Our summer hours will be: Monday through Saturday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. Sunday hours begin in June and will be from Noon to 3:30 pm.

Please feel free to call 616-896-9334 or email at parkgarden@sandypines.com with any questions you may have.

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ACTIVE SENIOR ADULTS

by **SUE STANK**

It is a great time to be a senior at Sandy Pines. We have two trips planned to Comerica Park to see the Tigers win this season. We will head to Detroit on June 29th, where the Tigers will host the Miami Marlins, and again on August 4, when they host the Chicago White Sox – cost is \$75/person for each game. Play Ball!

For those who love to shop, we have a fun trip to Ikea and Woodfield Mall planned for June 20. Leave the driving to us, relax, and if you're lucky, you might even win a door prize! We will be stopping for a self-pay dinner on the way back to the Pines. Cost is \$55/person for this trip. Shop until you drop!!

We will also be making a trip to Fair Oaks Farms, in Indiana, on July 18. A great day for Seniors and families to see a real, very large, dairy and livestock farm in operation. This will be a fun day for all. Cost is \$63/person. You can sign up for any of these trips at Member Service, and you may charge them to your account, if you would like.

Karaoke at the Clubhouse at Lake Monterey Golf Course is scheduled for June 3, July 8, August 4 and September 9th. These evenings prove to be great fun with Food and Drink specials, and lots of great singing. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for at least one, if not all of these events.

We plan to host Lunch and Coloring for the young at heart a couple of times this season. Bring your coloring books and have lunch at the Cafe. Lots of fun, food and coloring fellowship. Door prizes and a time to color with others.

Dust off your dancing shoes for our New Year's Eve dinner dance. A great night of fun and celebration of a new year, in August. More information to follow.

Looking forward to a fun filled season with the J.O.Y. (Just Older Youth) group of seniors at Sandy Pines. See you soon!



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INSPECTOR NEWS

by **RALPH SMITH**

Here we are, getting ready to start another season at the best place in Michigan! I will be resuming my normal hours, beginning the 15th of April. As we all know, having looked at the Rulebook, the important date for having your lot cleaned up, is June 1st. Once again, my goal is not to have to clean any of your lots, because YOU will have already done it. Thank you, in advance.

If you have any questions about not being able to meet the site-cleaning deadline, be sure to get in touch with me. We have a number of registered contractors who are happy to help get your lot in order for the upcoming season. I am happy to provide their names and contact information to you.

As most of you know, we went around the lake this past fall and remarked all the boat stakes. They are now marked with GPS waypoints, which will hopefully keep better track of all locations. If you have any questions on boat stakes, feel free to get in touch with me.

Again, please look at the Rulebook if you are planning on doing any upgrades to your lot this season. You need to make sure you are applying for all the right permits, both park and township.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with me. Let the summer begin!

SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

by **CAROL HOFFMAN**

2016 BINGOS AND POTLUCKS

Mark your summer calendars with these dates:

FREE BINGO (AGES 10 & UP) 2-4 PM

Mayfest, Saturday, May 7

Memorial Day - Monday, May 30

Monday, July 4

Saturday, August 6

Labor Day - Monday, September 5

Octoberfest - Saturday, October 1

ADULT BINGO (AGES 18 & UP) 7 PM

Saturday, May 21

Saturday, June 18

Saturday, July 16

Saturday, August 20

Saturday, September 17

All bingo supplies are furnished. Popcorn and bottled water are available at the bingos for a donation. Come and have a good time playing bingo. All bingos are held in the Pavilion by the main beach in Phase 1.

Friday Night Potlucks: Potlucks will again be held in the Phase 1 Pavilion on the first Friday of each month, May through September, at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish to share, your tableware and a preferred beverage. We will be having a Soup Supper/Potluck for Octoberfest, Oct. 1 at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome to all potlucks; you do not have to be a senior.



LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE NEWS

by **GARY PETERS**

As I write this, it's early March. As I look out at the Golf Course, the snow is gone and the last to melt was on the 18 fairway...a small spot that must have been from a drift. The Dorr area did have some high winds about three or four times this winter. A few trees blew over, but mainly lots of tree limbs and branches are down.

In the March newsletter, I stated that we will be changing the order of the nines on the course. The Back nine will become the Front nine and the Front will become the Back. If you make a tee time on line, you will see a message there.

The online tee sheet will now let you see the tee times before you login. There is one new feature on the tee sheet that's call the buddy list. As you play this summer, it will start to build your buddy list. When you make a tee time, a list will appear, so you can import them into your foursome or twosome. This feature is only available for members. This year, a member can bring a guest for 18 holes of play, seven days a week, for \$15.

Also new this year, members will be able to charge to your Sandy Pines account.

The course is getting solid granite tee signs, paid for by local businesses. We are currently soliciting advertisers, if you, as a member, would like to buy a sign as a memorial tee, we can do that too. If you are interested, please contact Gary, via email, at Gary@golflmgc.com.

Our Facebook page has been up and running since late August, 2015. Please go and 'like' our page, **Lake Monterey Golf Course**, to keep you up to date on events, contests and giveaways.

Be sure to stop by the Clubhouse for a beverage and something to eat when you're back at the Pines. Looking forward to another great season at Lake Monterey Golf Course!



GRAND RAPIDS SWEET ADELINES COMING TO SANDY PINES!

Grand Rapids Sweet Adelines is a membership organization of female singers, who meet regularly to practice, perform, socialize, and have fun. We currently have over 60 singers of all ages, all walks of life, and all parts of the Greater Grand Rapids area. This fantastic chorus has been reaching audiences in Michigan and all over the world since 1951.

GRSA is an entity of Sweet Adeline's International, which is a worldwide organization of women singers committed to advancing the musical art form of barber shop harmony through education and performances.

The main purpose of Grand Rapids Sweet Adelines is to get out and sing for our community. We sing at annual shows, a number of community events, and at an annual competitions. We will be coming to Sandy Pines on July 23! The Grand Rapids Chorus continues to be a favorite source of entertainment, especially during the winter holidays when they host their annual Holiday show featuring special entertainers from around the area.

Be sure to mark your calendar for July 23 – time and place to be announced. Hope to see you there!

ACCOUNTING UPDATE

by **KIMBERLY WILLIAMS**

Over the past weekend I had the opportunity to see a little more of the park, the beauty of nature within, and I also met some great members who were enjoying the nice spring air, too.

Throughout the past several weeks, the accounting department has been working diligently through the rollout of various internal software systems. We are also working on the larger rollout of the Point of Sale system which will fully integrate our membership data with our new accounting package.

With this new data management software, you will find many new features of interest to you,

aiding you in the management of your financial responsibilities, so you can focus more on the relaxation and enjoyment of your vacation haven! We are in the final stages of the rollout and will have more information available in our next newsletter as to the specific features of interest to you, as members.

We are looking forward to your arrival, and as you prepare for your return, please let us know if we may be of any assistance. I look forward to getting to know many of you, as well as Sandy Pines in general.

Happy Spring to you all!

NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

by **RICHARD RANDELS**

The year-round residents at The Condominiums at Sandy Pines have been enjoying the first hints of spring. Members have been tuning up their golf skills on the golf course and enjoying walks and golf cart rides through the park. We have the special privilege of enjoying the fun activities of the park, while our condo dues cover the many spring chores, such as raking and mulching our flower beds.

Our monthly potlucks have been great fun as we

have tested the creativity of our cooks by limiting dishes to a specific letter each month. We have gone from A to C with next month being items that start with D. We have had almost 30 members each month.

We look forward to the season ahead as the park fills with seasonal residents and the many activities that come with that. We also expect to be enjoying our new golf cart path and bridge that connects the two phases of the condos soon.

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Please call **Kathy (ext. 113)** or **Grant (ext. 114)** at 616-896-8316, for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

For Sale - Site 240 - Phase 1: 2007 Wildwood 37' two bedroom sleeps 8-10 people, pass thru full bathroom with garden tub. Super-slide out in living/dining area. Huge multi-level wooden deck and large stone patio with firepit. Mature perennial gardens and landscaping. Wooden shed and double golf cart shelter. Includes two golf carts, all patio furniture with cushions, picnic table, patio deck box, new grill, two place snowmobile trailer, 5 full parking spaces with new stones. The best added feature is the hard to find boat stake. Priced to sell fast at \$37,000. If interested call or text 616-318-3303, or email mtalalay@att.net

For Sale - Site 418: 2008 Quailridge - everything included. Beautiful lake view, excellent condition. Asking: \$77,500. Call: 616-498-0239 and ask for Deb.

For Sale - Site 343 - Phase 1: Location - location - beautiful lakefront lot. Chariot trailer - newly refurbished with a Westhouse porch facing the lake. Professional patio and fireplace. Underground sprinkling. Enjoy lawn and spacious beach. Boating and swimming in front of trailer. Beautiful lake view. Asking: \$145,000. Call: 1-616-299-3584 or 1-616-262-3383.

For Sale from Site 392: 2007 22 ft Aurora, 2009 40hp Mercury 4 stroke EFI (Bigfoot). Two seasons on the new canvas coated mooring cover, Bimini top, New prop, stereo. Asking: \$9,800. Call: Rich at 616-308-2189

For Sale - Site 658: 2002 Dutch Park (Signature Series) park model w/rear loft & 10'x30' 3 season porch. Newly built custom 2 cart garage w/connecting storage area. Large brick paver patio, Trex deckings w/PVC railings & in-ground sprinklers. Unit features 4 bays, central A/C w/aux A/C in porch & loft, solid oak cabinets throughout, new fridge & 16 gal hot water tank, new shingles & new roof, windows & carpet on porch and a "must see" open view of the lake. Excellent condition. Incl. 2 EZ GO golf carts w/all new batteries & 20' Sweetwater pontoon w/trailer & boat stake. Asking: \$119,900. Home 248-349-5263 or SP 616-896-8017.

For Sale from Site 865: Watercraft 1973 - Harris Mfg. 24' aluminum pontoon with open deck design. Outboard gas motor. Mercury - Force Outboard Motor 40 hp, purchased 5-1-97. Complete with Water Storage frame - needs cover and bungee cords. Asking: \$2,450. Call: 734-674-8944 or 734-513-8545.

For Sale - Site 1356: 1982 travel trailer across from the lake. Close to CC and Outdoor Pool in Phase 3. It has a connected porch, wooden shed and boat dock. Asking: \$29,000 O.B.O. Call: 787-299-8974 or 616-805-4163.

For Sale - Site N-15 - Phase 4: Kroft trailer, Includes all furniture and two golf carts, has double loft, vinyl siding porch and deck. A Nice Brick Patio faces the beautiful lake. Garage, Boat Stake. Priced at \$160,000. For more information call: 269-501-9377.

For Sale from Site N-78: Used 24 ft. rebuilt Flote-Bote (pontoon) with 40 HP motor. Great condition: new covers and carpet. Asking: \$7,500. Call: Carolyn Cammenga at 616-560-3950.

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For Sale - Site N-257, Phase 4: Large lot with 1987 park model trailer. Very well maintained. New garage, new underground sprinkling and sod, new patio and fire pit, and new air conditioning unit. Unit has master bedroom and bunk room. On a quiet, kid-friendly street. Asking \$49,000 OBO. Call Julie at 269-838-0997.

For Sale - Site N-463 - O'Neida Trail, Phase 4: 1998 Summit w/ large double loft. Great condition. Great central location. Lots of friendly neighbors. Comes fully furnished. Front kitchen. Three-season porch. Beautiful plantings. Includes nice golf cart. Dues are paid for 2016. Asking \$48,500. Call Jim at 616-813-0429 anytime.

For Sale - K-155: 1991 Trophy - 1 Bdrm - Customized Bathroom w/tub. Storage Galore, Shed, Golf Cart Enclosure, (1) gas golf cart, Enclosed Porch, Deck, next to extra wide walkway and Green area in back, which gives extra space for entertaining. Boat Stake, Patio block in front and back, so mowing is minimal. Great location, near CC 11, which includes laundry, mini golf, Water Park and more. Asking: \$47,500. Call: 616-318-6957.

For Sale - Site K-465: Quailridge in very good condition with a view of the lake. One bedroom. Very clean with newer carpet, vinyl floors and roof. A large brick paved patio with built in firepit. Electric golf cart included. A must see! Asking \$49,900. Call Sandy Pines Sales Office at 616-862-5971 or 734-320-2650.

For Sale - Site K-510: Beautiful waterfront 2003 well maintained Kropf Island series with a loft. Has a boat stake, great entertainment deck with extra's. Roomy 3-season room with air and heat. Lots of storage under house and deck. Must

see. Asking: \$150,000. Call Norma at 941-429-2089 until April 15, or 616-896-1620, after April 15th. E-mail leenorma80@aol.com

For Sale - Site D-143: Waterfront - 2005 Dutch Park w/super double loft, heat and air, rear master bedroom w/high ceilings. Fully furnished w/two leather recliners, full sized couch w/reclining ends, dinette, fully stocked kitchen w/full sized refrigerator (ice-maker) and pantry. Attached full length porch w/two pull-out couches, dining room furniture. Large deck w/vinyl rails and composite decking. 10'x20' garage w/opener. 2009 EZ-Go Gas golf cart w/back seat. 2016 Dues paid. Boat stake in front on beach. Asking: \$145,900. Call: Mike at 616-304-7056.

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for \$190,000. Please call Linda Hall @ 616-292-4848

Condo For Sale: 2809 Creekside Ct. New 2,188 sq. ft. ranch condo. Main floor has open floor plan with kitchen, pantry, dinette with bay window, great room with fireplace, 4 season sunroom with deck, master bedroom with private bath and walk in closet, 1/2 bath, laundry and study. Lower level is completed with bedroom, bath, and family room. Extra deep 2 stall attached garage for you golf car. All this for \$210,000. Please call Linda Hall @ 616-292-4848.

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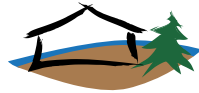
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