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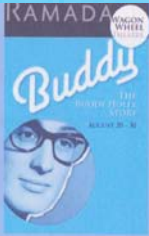
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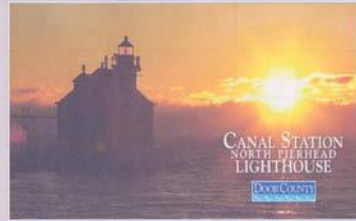


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## Letter from the President

by Lee VanHarn

Dear Members:

April!! We're only days away now from the official re-opening of Sandy Pines. It's time to start getting ready for another season of fun and relaxation.

Get your site ready early because there are lots of activities planned for this season and you'll want to spend your time making full use of them. So - open up the trailer or park model, turn on the water and the gas (heat and hot water), clean up the yard and get the golf cart running again. And, as soon as it's a little warmer, get that boat operating again!

Most of us weathered a severe winter in Michigan and elsewhere in the north, with snow and more snow. But, the snow melt has put our lake level to the top and that will be welcome news as the summer season comes upon us. For those returning from the sunny south and southwest, welcome back to beautiful Sandy Pines!

An important reminder! Your April billing from Sandy Pines includes your charges for permits and stickers, membership card renewals, etc. Be

sure to pay the April billing promptly and avoid having your gate cards deactivated and a late penalty charged. Our staff is not permitted to waive penalties and interest on your account. We all want our membership dues, charges and fees kept at a minimum, so the rules do not allow for exceptions!

Thank you, everyone, for sending those emails and letters with your comments about the fencing program and how to deal with security issues. I hope you took advantage of your opportunity to provide your thoughts. The survey results will be available in early May. Now, I assure you the Board of Directors will address the issue thoughtfully, perhaps by our first regular meeting, May 9.

As always, recreation and fun will be the primary focus for the coming season, and our staff has been busy making improvements throughout the park and planning for the many events and activities that you enjoy! The ice cream shop will be open as always, but under new management. Also, get ready for the Grand Opening of the Recreation Station in May.

We have not been able to get a lessee for the Golden Onion, but there are other opportunities available for that facility. We're going

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## PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



Sandy Pines is getting ready for you. This is the month that we turn on the water and look forward to seeing so many of you come back from the warm

weather climates.

All of the staff has been working hard to get the Park ready for you. This process continues into April and May, as we clean and brighten up the Park. The Happy Shack is gone, and there will now be parking for golf carts in that area. We hope this makes it more convenient for you.

The Golden Onion as a restaurant, no longer exists, and we are in the process of making it an Adult Recreation Center. The interior has been renovated, and it will be a bright, happy area to meet with your friends and enjoy cards, pool, ping pong, or a nice cup of coffee with other members. We have been able to make changes that will make it more energy efficient, and more comfortable. You will only be able to enter by using your membership card, and it will be for adults only. The WiFi will still be operational, and we hope that you take advantage of this new benefit.

Jim Warner, the new operator of the Ice Cream Shop, is going to have coffee, pop and other items available,

that you can enjoy. He is also planning on having 'take out only' pizza for all members, from this location.

The Grand Opening for the Recreation Station will be held over Memorial Day weekend. There are many surprises scheduled. Please read the May Footprints for additional information and details.

If you would like to help in your Park, please look over the article in this issue of the Footprints on volunteers. We know how much you love your Park, and we need your help to continue to improve it, and make it the most family friendly atmosphere that it can be.

Welcome Back! We are glad you are here.

## Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

### Flea Markets for 2008:

May 3, May 24 (Memorial Day), June 7, July 5, August 9 (Christmas), August 30 (Labor Day) and October 4. Spaces are available for \$22/ea. or for all seven Flea Markets \$18/ea.

### Flea Market Vendors:

Remember to park at your Flea Market spot or at the Maintenance parking lot. You are not allowed to park in the office lot, due to limited space.

Items sold at the Flea Market can not use the Sandy Pines Logo, and items must comply with the Park rules. If it cannot be used in the Park, then it cannot be sold at the Flea Market.

### Boat Stakes and Water Stickers:

Members who have, or will have expired boat state registrations, have until June 1<sup>st</sup> to get an updated copy to Member Service. After June 1<sup>st</sup>, your boat stake will be opened for someone on our waiting list. You will not receive a water sticker in April until we have the proper paperwork. You can fax a copy to our office at 616-896-7409.



### Mail Boxes:

Mail will start being delivered on Monday, April 14. We will continue to forward mail until we are notified by box renters to start holding their mail at the office.

### Address Change:

To keep our records accurate, please update us if you have a new address, home phone, Sandy Pines phone or email address. Snowbirds, let us know when you are back to the Park.

### Docks:

Renters will be billed for their dock space in May. The price, \$265 remains the same as last year. If you will not be renewing your space this year, please let us know by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Leaf Bags:

All yard waste must be placed in paper leaf bags or dumped from a trailer directly into the leaf dump, across from the Rangers. Plastic bags are not allowed. Leaf bags are sold at Member service, Park & Garden and Ranger station.

### Pumpouts:

Single pumpouts are \$10.50 each on your scheduled day. If you order four or more pumpout dates, the cost is \$9.50 each. Emergencies are pumpouts done on Saturdays, not on your scheduled Phase day or same

### Spring Office Hours

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day service, the cost is \$17.00. No pumpouts are done after 3pm or on Sundays. Any call backs after a tag has been punched, may result in an additional fee.

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Phase 6 - Thursday



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### Pumpout Orders:

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## PARK INFO

### President's Letter continued from page 2

to try to make the restaurant area into an Adult Recreation Center, a use members have suggested before. We will initially have pool tables, ping pong tables, card tables, WiFi, and a comfortable place to relax. It will be set up so that a member card will need to be used to gain access. It will be available for use this summer. LET'S GIVE IT A TRY!!

Finally, as promised, look for a separate article about opportunities for applying for one of Sandy Pines advisory committees and/or available volunteer positions. Application forms will be available anytime at the Administration office. We need and appreciate your help!



### Notice of Board of Directors Positions

As per the Sandy Pines By-Laws, notice is hereby given that there will be three (3) positions available for the Board of Directors at the August, 2008, election.

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Respectfully submitted,

Richard Valone, Secretary  
Sandy Pines Board of Directors

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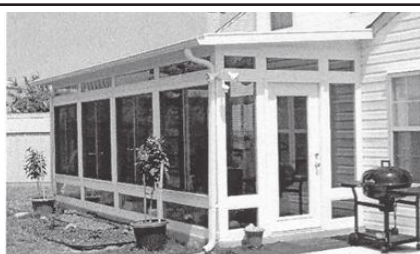
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## RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

### Adult Recreation News

I would like to welcome Mary Applehof to the Recreation Department. I am looking forward to working with her this summer. She will be a great asset to our staff. Welcome aboard, Mary!

As I stated in the March Footprints, there will be a lot going on this summer. By the way, sign ups for all trips will be at the Admin. Office.

We are planning a Grand Opening of our Recreation Station 'Water Park' on May 24. We will have refreshments and a DJ. There will be prizes awarded, with the Grand Prize being a weekend in Gatlinburg, TN. We will also be giving away a weekend in a hotel in Holland, and some smaller prizes. Bring the kids and grandkids, and have a great day at the Recreation Station on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

We will have a Flag Raising ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial on May 26<sup>th</sup>, time to be announced later.

We have something new this year in the core area. On Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Thunder Floor Cloggers will be here to perform for an hour. I will have more details in an upcoming Footprints.

Welcome Back! **Rog Grinwis**  
Adult Recreation Supervisor

### Aquatic Update

Happy Spring! I regret to inform you that one of our most amazing staff members will not be present with us this summer. Cami Baird, our Kid's Club Supervisor, began her teaching career this past fall and will be enjoying her summers off to prepare for another year of teaching, spending time with her family, and starting her Masters in education. Cami wanted you to know that she has enjoyed her time here at Sandy Pines and will miss the lifeguard staff and members very much. Sometimes in life when we begin another chapter, we are unable to bring everything with us. God needs Cami to do work in other places. We will surely miss her! On a happier note, the Recreation Depart-

ment gladly welcomes Mary Applehof on board as the new Teen/Youth Recreation Supervisor. She has been such a pleasure to work with already. I am very confident you will enjoy her, and what she has in store for you this summer.

As most of you know, we are only a month away from opening the indoor pool. The indoor pool will open Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Open swim hours for the indoor pool are as follows: Fridays 6-9pm, Saturdays 1-5pm & 6-9pm, and Sundays 1-5pm. Memorial weekend will be seasonal hours. Starting on Monday, May, 5<sup>th</sup>, Jane Cook's morning aquasize class will begin promptly at 9am and meet Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at the indoor pool. Phyllis Lehner's afternoon aquasize will begin Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1-2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

Swimming lesson registration begins Memorial Weekend at the new aquatics office. Registration dates and times are Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9am- 10:30am, Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am-Noon, and Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> from 10am-Noon. All the information you will need regarding skill levels and requirements will be available at this time and posted on the website. Please stop by and check out the positive changes made to the advanced swimmer classes. If you aren't available for lesson registration Memorial weekend, please register via email after Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. If you register via email please include the following: Child's first and last name, parent's first and last name, child's age, skill level & time you are registering for, site number, and phone number. Be sure you print off skill level and requirements from our website.

Lastly, the Recreation Department has openings available for those interested in becoming lifeguards. Applications for lifeguard positions are available online or at the Administration office. Liz Emrich will be here on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> to start a week long lifeguard training course. The class costs \$150 for course training and materials. Participants will be certi-

fied in lifeguarding, CPR, and First Aid. The class will start promptly at 8am on Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at the indoor pool. Be prepared to swim 500 yards the first day. If you are interested, please email me to sign up for the course so we know how many books to purchase. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [BeckiArndt2003@yahoo.com](mailto:BeckiArndt2003@yahoo.com). See you soon  
**Becki Arndt**  
Aquatic Supervisor

### Youth/Teen Recreation

The Recreation Team has been meeting and planning for a great summer. For those of you wondering, we plan to continue the same great events that you've been enjoying like: golf lessons, tennis lessons, soccer, root beer float socials, treasure hunt, Friday and Saturday night movies, sports clinics, Kids Club, Teen Club, remote control car races, Frisbee golf, and tractor rides.

The Tennis program will run Tuesday thru Friday and has been expanded to two locations. This will give all the participants more playing time, and two available times for each level of play. We're going to have a registration to make sure class sizes are equal, and to ensure proper level placement. Registration will begin Memorial Weekend at the Recreation Station on Saturday 9-10:30am and Monday from 10-Noon. Times and locations will be available at the registration, and on the Summer Recreation schedule.

The Kids Club program is still looking for a supervisor to run the program. Please contact the Recreation Department or E-mail the Sandy Pines Rec. office with any questions.

Some important dates to put on your calendar: The boater's safety class is scheduled for Saturday, June 14. The White Caps are coming to Sandy Pines again on Saturday June 28. You can check the Sandy Pines Web site calendar and get a good picture of all the other great events coming your way.

Think warm thoughts and summer will be here soon.  
**Mary Applehof**  
Youth/Teen Recreation Supervisor

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## PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

### Golf Cart Safety:

Each year headlines across the nation relate injuries, property damage and deaths involved in the operation of golf carts. Generally many articles refer to resort or vacation areas with high concentrations of golf carts used as a means of recreational transportation. More locally, Sandy Pines also experiences personal injuries and property damage in which a golf cart was involved. Fortunately, we have not had any fatalities related to the operation of golf carts within the Park. However; the potential and risk is present.

If you Google search for golf cart accidents you will commonly find that persons falling off, being ejected, struck by an auto or becoming pinned under a golf cart become statistics of severe injuries or death.

If you search "You Tube" you can find many videos in which golf carts are driven in a careless, reckless manner, creating malicious damage, and although not intended, injuries. Most of the "You Tube " videos show youth laughing and joking and taking risks and causing property damage in the name of fun. The common missing element in these videos is supervision.

To keep our youth safe in the Park our first line of defense is parental supervision.

As a parent, grandparent or owner of the golf cart, you determine how much time your golf cart is used, who may operate it, who may ride on it and the manner in which it is used or driven. Your rules, expectations, guidelines, and oversight, are the basis which determines how safely your golf cart is driven within the Park. A proactive approach is the prevention of damage, injury and death. A reactive approach is paying for the medical bills and damages caused 'after the fact.' Take the time to discuss your expectations with operator(s) of your golf cart. Then follow through with appropriate action when not driven to your rules and expectations.

Have you ever heard that comment that golf carts are baby sitters for

kids? Interestingly, a news article from an incident on the other side of the State listed the same comment, stating that local people felt that golf carts were being used as a form of baby sitter for youth with little supervision. In that article, an elderly female was struck and killed by a youth on a golf cart. As a result, the owner of the golf cart and the parent were being charged in the death, and held accountable for the minor youth's actions.

**What are some of the common causes of golf cart accidents within the Park?** Reviewing the past four years, most were from inexperience, lack of attention or distractions, making quick sharp turns, or driving too fast for traffic conditions. Several of these factors are present in many of the incidents.

In the past four years, numerous incidents have occurred in which golf carts have rolled over or struck stationary objects, resulting in injuries, ejecting or pinning the driver or passengers.

Most preventable personal injuries are those in which passengers have fallen off the golf cart while in motion because not properly seated, or caused by the driver's actions, or turning quickly and sharply.

It is the Park's and the Rangers intention to never have to go to a golf cart accident in which a child, teenager or adult is injured fatally in a golf cart accident. It would be a very sorrowful situation to see a parent, grandparent or spouse, experience a debilitating injury, or loss of a loved one.

As a proactive means to prevent accidents, the Ranger Department will start a new program in which a ranger will patrol on a golf cart, to enforce golf cart traffic rules and regulations. This patrol will be present on the weekends and during holidays or special events. The intent is to reduce injuries and accidents in which golf carts are involved.

Please drive safely, supervise the persons operating your golf cart and

insist that operators of your golf carts are operating the golf cart in a courteous and safe manner. Thank you and enjoy a safe summer!

### Inspector Information

Please be sure that you consult the Handbook before you begin any project, and be certain that your contractors are signed up to do work in Sandy Pines. Do not assume that Contractors know the Handbook as well as they should, some do not. This will create problems for you, as well as the Contractor.

In the past I have been a little too quick to agree to have some trees cut down. Example, any hardwood tree takes a very long time to mature. Cherry trees are among them. Also, pine trees that are healthy and do not have Pine Boers, may not be authorized for removal. All trees drop something; needles, leaves, acorns, seedlings, and all of them prune themselves by dropping dead branches. We are a Wilderness Park and want to keep it as such. I will be available to discuss your thoughts and/or concerns regarding a particular tree.

Finally, if you will check the Handbook you will notice the procedure for removing a tree. Please consult me if you have any questions.

Thank-you, and welcome back to Sandy Pines.

Ron Lancaster  
Park Inspector

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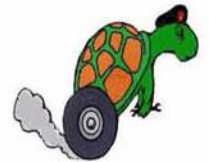
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### Sandy Pines Chapel May Worship Services Schedule

May 4, May 11 and May 18 – Worship Services at the Pavilion – 10 am  
 May 25 – Worship Service at the Outdoor Chapel – 10 am with Rev. Bill Rigg  
 May 25 – Vesper Concert at the Outdoor Chapel – 6 pm - Vocal Union

Everyone is welcome!



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_____ Plan D Bi-weekly - April 28 to Oct 13 (13)	113.75
_____ Plan E Weekly - April 14 to Oct 13 (27)	236.25
_____ Plan F Bi-weekly - April 21 to Oct 6 (13)	113.75
_____ Plan G Weekly - May 26 to Sept 1 (15)	131.25
_____ Plan H Bi-weekly - June 9 to Sept 15 (8)	70.00

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### Dairy Dip Update

Attention: for those interested in working at the Dairy Dip or Recreation Station this summer - Interviews will be held April 19 and 20 from Noon to 3 PM at the Recreation Station. No need to complete an application ahead of time. If you can not make it on these dates, please send me a note ([jcwarner@hotmail.com](mailto:jcwarner@hotmail.com)) or give me a call at 616-878-1023.

All returnees are welcome back for another season, and I encourage you to stop in and visit on the 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup>.

We'll need a bigger team than ever to provide service from multiple locations. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.

Jim Warner

### Upcoming Dates of Interest in May

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| May 2  | Indoor Pool Opens<br>Sr. Adult Activities Meeting and Pizza – 6 pm   |
| May 3  | Flea Market – 9am-2pm<br>Pancake Breakfast – 8-11 am<br>Free Bingo – 2 pm (12 yrs. +)  |
| May 4  | Chapel – 10 am – Pavilion  |
| May 6  | Adult Cards begin  |
| May 7  | Adult Cards  |
| May 9  | Indoor Pool Open<br>Board of Director's Meeting - 7:30 pm  |
| May 10 | Indoor Pool Open – 1 pm<br>Indoor Pool Open – 6 pm<br>Bingo – 7 pm @ Pavilion (18+)  |
| May 11 | Chapel – 10 am – Pavilion<br>Indoor Pool Open – 1 pm   |
| May 13 | Adult Cards  |
| May 14 | Adult Cards  |
| May 16 | Indoor Pool Open – 6 pm  |
| May 17 | Indoor Pool Open – 1 pm<br>Indoor Pool Open – 6 pm   |
| May 18 | Chapel – 10 am – Pavilion<br>Chapel Potluck – Noon<br>Indoor Pool Open – 1 pm  |
| May 20 | Adult Cards  |
| May 21 | Adult Cards  |
| May 23 | Indoor Pool Open – 7 pm  |
| May 24 | Memorial Day Weekend<br>Recreation Station Grand Opening<br>Blood Drive<br>Pancake Breakfast<br>Flea Market<br>Indoor Pool Open – 1 pm<br>Indoor Pool Open 6 pm<br>Catholic Mass – 7 pm<br>Night Glow Mini-Golf – 9 pm |
| May 25 | Indoor Pool Open – 1 pm  |
| May 26 | Memorial Service at Veteran's Memorial<br>Free Bingo – 2 pm  |
| May 27 | Adult Cards  |
| May 28 | Adult Cards  |
| May 29 | Scrapbooking – 6 pm  |
| May 30 | Indoor Pool Open – 6 pm  |
| May 31 | Adult Coffee – 9 am  |

Check out our website for additional information on what's happening at Sandy Pines!

## VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Our summer population will be increasing soon. If you are one of the lucky members who spend most of your summer at Sandy Pines, please look over the list below, and become a volunteer. We need volunteers in the Park, and it could be you!

**Thursday Morning Volunteers:** Meet every Thursday morning to perform various odd jobs around the Park, i.e. painting picnic tables, trimming trees, building fire pits for camping sites, or whatever we may need in the Park. Skills required: A desire to work with other great members of this Park.

**Garden Club:** Help beautify the Park, taking care of flowers at the CC's and other Green areas. A desire to make the Park and Golf Course the most beautiful in the State. Skills required: Ability to get hands dirty and to work with others.

**Recreation Department Helpers:** Volunteers to help with Kids Club, Teen Club, and various other activities in the Park. Skills required: Ability to give of yourself to help others.

### **Miscellaneous:**

**Blood Drive:** We have three Blood Drives each summer and need helpers to set up, greet people, serve snacks, etc.

**Christmas in August:** Help decorate the Core Area with our decorations.

**By-Laws Advisory Committee:** Review current bylaws for appropriateness and considers changes to same.

**Golf Course Advisory Committee:** Monitors golf course construction and maintenance needs, income and expenditures, and reviews course rates and fees and recommends same. This committee is appointed by the Monterey Golf Course Board of Directors (same as Sandy Pines Board of Directors).

**Long Range Planning Advisory Committee:** Develops, researches and prioritizes long-range planning processes to keep Sandy Pines progressing into the future.

**Finance Advisory Committee:** Reviews and monitors the income and expenditures of Sandy Pines, to insure financial soundness, reviews and recommends an annual budget, recommends financial practices and policies.

**Member Outreach Advisory Committee:** Works to improve the overall image of Sandy Pines, and to promote communications with the members.

**Special Events and Activities:** Plans and assists with special events and activities in the Park. This committee also utilizes temporary volunteers for specific events and programs.

**Election Commission:** Has charge of all activities and duties required of it by the Sandy Pines bylaws relating to the conduct of elections. The Commission establishes procedures for conduct of elections. It is not subject to the Board of Director's direct control. This committee also utilizes non-commission volunteers to serve as election inspectors for each general membership election.

If you would like to be of assistance in any of the above areas, please call Kathy Brott or Park Director, Max Gibbs, at 616-896-8315 x 105. We will be glad to give you more information and get you signed up to help. Applications are available at Member Service, and can be picked up any time and returned to the Administration Office. Thanks for your consideration.

## PARK INFORMATION

### Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

Howard & Mary Kouw, Site D-8, on the passing of Howard's brother, Ron, on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Kenneth Collins, Site N-379, on the passing of his wife, Marge, on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to Don & Bea Welsh, Site N-349. **Bea is Ken's sister; Gertrude Collins** (Ken's sister), Bob & Kathy Vargo (niece and nephew), N-290; and Alan & Cindy Collins (nephew and niece), N-303.

Jim & Shirley Schipper, Site K-501, on the passing of their granddaughter, Angela Schipper, on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

Mary & Ron DeRuiter, Site N-264; Linda & Bob Beukema, Site D-24 and Carol & Fred Elders, Site 496, on the passing of their mother, Lavina Flietstra, on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Here's What's Happening

#### Florida Winter Gathering Recap

The Florida Sandy Pines Winter Gathering was held March 4<sup>th</sup> at Homer's, in Sebring. Sixty-five present and former Sandy Piners enjoyed the fun, fellowship and good food! The prizes given by many businesses within Sandy Pines and the surrounding area were appreciated by the winners. We were very happy that the Flessner's and Bradford's were able to attend, because they were the ones who started the Florida Gatherings back in the day. It was nice that Tom Aldrich and Jim Schipper represented the Board of Directors from Sandy Pines. Plans are already made for the next Winter Gathering, so mark your calendars for March 3, 2009, at Homer's, once again. Thanks to Ron and Linda Schuitema, and Mike and Ardith Matthyse for their work in making this event such a success.

#### Michigan Winter Get-Together info

We will be getting together for dinner and good conversation for our last winter gathering on April 17<sup>th</sup> in Kalamazoo. Join us for an evening of fellowship together, a chance to see old friends, and perhaps make some new ones! Everyone is invited - hope you can join us!

Steve and Cole Van Harn, of Hamilton, won multiple gold medals in the National Stickfighting Finals held recently in Los Angeles. Steve again won the national title in Non-Combat Forms (style) competition. Steve now has four national and two world titles. Cole competed in the Boys' full combat arena and took national titles in both single-stickfighting and double-stickfighting. He also now holds four national titles. Both are accomplished martial artists and are now eligible to compete in the World Stickfighting Finals to be held in the Philippines. Steve and Cole are the son and grandson of Lee and Norma Van Harn of Sandy Pines.

Bill & Sherry Harrison, Site K-353, will be having a Customer Appreciation Pig Roast on May 17th from 11 am to 2 pm at the Te Pee area for anyone who had them shrinkwrap their boat in 2007. Come and enjoy a free meal and the company of good friends. **REMEMBER: Your shrinkwrap material is recyclable, so please don't put in into the Dumpsters - take it to the recycle station. Thank you!**

### Senior Adult Activities by Bill Meyer, President

When you read this, we will be only days away from the water being turned back on at Sandy Pines. Be sure to take advantage of the activities we have planned, and pick up our schedule of the summer activities at any of our events. Also, watch the sign in the Core area for postings of our activities, times, and dates.

If you are interested in joining our group, you are invited and encouraged to attend our first meeting of the season on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm in

the Pavilion. We have a great group of people, and would like more of our Sandy Piners to come and join us. Come and enjoy some fun and fellowship.

Our first activity will be during Mayfest weekend, beginning with a Pancake Breakfast from 8-11 am, at the Flea Market area, under the picnic shelter at the TeePee area on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the afternoon, free Bingo for ages 12 and up at the Pavilion is scheduled from 2-4 pm. Come and have a great time!

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, we will have our first regular Bingo for those 18 years and older, at 7 pm, in the Pavilion. Food will be served beginning at 6 pm. We have many more activities planned for the rest of the year, and we hope you will be supporting us.

I would also like to thank everyone who has supported us over the years, and will continue to do so. We're looking forward to a wonderful season.

# PARK & GARDEN UPDATE

It's time to think spring, and start getting our sites ready for the summer. We will be open on April 23 & 24 from 10am to 4pm. We will start our regular hours on May 1st. If you need to schedule your boat to be put in the lake you can leave us a message on our answering machine beginning April 15<sup>th</sup>, and we'll call you back. Please leave your name, lot number and phone number. Our phone number is 616-896-9334. Here's a quick look at some of the items we have to offer you:



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**Wanted to buy:** Nice men's mountain bike for college student to ride back and forth to classes. Call Kathy at Admin. 616-896-8315 x 105.

**Have you lost a cat? If you've lost a cat** sometime during the past 2-3 years while at Sandy Pines, Amy Pietras may have found it! She has been keeping and feeding stray cats in the Park. Please call 616-446-7013 if you think she may have yours!

**For Sale at Site 132:** Trailer only - 1990, 31' Avalon. Custom made for handicapped, if needed. A/C, one bedroom, bath, new refrigerator, furnished. Call: 616-530-2636.

**For Sale from Site 307:** 25 hp Mercury 4-stroke boat motor for sale - \$2,250 - OBO. Call: 616-318-0010.

**For Sale - Site 323:** Waterview, upgraded electric and water, professional landscaping, underground sprinkling. Shed and porch, 2008 dues paid - \$26,000. Call: 269-344-4195. Porch only for \$3,500.

**For Sale - Site 413 - Phase 1:** Water view, nicely landscaped lot. '86 Oakland Park, 1 bedroom + 2 bunks, partially furnished, Westhouse sunroom, shed, Cover-it, paver fire pit, 1 golf cart - \$39,000. Call: 586-707-5437.

**For Sale from Site 420:** Snowbirds - retire in NW Florida! 2004, 16x60, 2 Bedroom/2-bath mobile home. Immaculate condition, open floor plan - includes appliances and washer and dryer, on Highway 98, Destin, FL. Small, pet-happy, Mobile Home Park across from the Gulf - \$270/mo. lot rent. Many stores and outlet malls nearby - \$65,000. Call: 616-550-8614.

**For Sale - Site 424:** Water view - 1988 Oakland Park, one bedroom in excellent condition. Big front living room w/new furniture; 30' glassed-in porch w/blinds. Front deck and rear entrance from parking area. Priced to sell - \$39,900. Call John at 616-896-8371.

**For Sale - Site 454, Phase 1:** Excellent location with lake view, close to amenities. Well maintained, comfort-

able, one-bedroom 1986 Oakland Park with sleeper sofa and large enclosed porch. Large deck with water view in front, small deck to private patio in rear with large shed. Front patio and fire pit. Creative and maintenance free landscaping. Two golf carts included. Dues paid. Asking - \$44,900. Call: 616-794-3193 or 616-862-6855.

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**For Sale - Site N-178:** 1995 Dutchman one street away from The Golden Onion and the beach. The Dutchman sleeps six. Surrounded by and the huge enclosed porch includes furniture. Large deck adjacent to enclosed porch. Aluminum shed and two position golf car garage with front and back entry. Electric Golf cart included. Showers and bathrooms one street over exactly behind this prime location. Large patio around fire pit. Great neighbors. Check the site on [www.sandypines.biz](http://www.sandypines.biz) or call 313-300-9519. Priced to sell at \$29,250. Great Location!

**For Sale - Site N-315:** Lot only for sale - \$14,000. Call: 269-207-5899.

**For Sale - Site N-342:** 2005 furnished Park Model. Double loft, large deck with awning. Storage shed, 2 golf carts close to CC. 2008 dues paid. Asking \$59,000. Call: 517-423-6486 or 517-403-5196.

**Site N-346 - site only for sale.** Cleaned and cleared. Close to Water Park, CC, and entrance/exit to the Park. 2008 Dues are paid - \$17,500 OBO. Call: 616-318-0010.

**For Sale - Site N-425:** on walkway to lake with lake view. 32' Cedar Ridge Park Model with 32' Four Seasons Sunroom w/all transom windows. Unusual floor plan with 2 full bedrooms + loft, side kitchen, bay window, side by side refrigerator + other upgrades. Has a large brick patio, 2 decks, storage shed, landscaped lot and golf cart. Second cart available - \$65,000. Call: 616-527-1497

**For Sale - Site N-454:** Can easily accommodate 40' 5th Wheel or Park Model w/adjoining porch, with room to spare. Amenities include: completely updated water lines and electric. Professional landscaping, storage shed and boat stake across from lot. Information box at site. Inquiries call:



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616-450-3376 or stop by Site 497. 2007 Dues and Boat Stake Fee paid. \$19,900 - OBO.

**For Sale - Site N-513:** VACANT LOT. On main lake - \$64,900. Start from scratch and do it your way. Great view of the lake and island. Next to The Onion, tennis, and life-guarded beach. Call: 248-594-6525 weekdays, 616-896-1387 weekends.

**For Sale - Site K-6:** Lakefront on Sailboat Cove. 1998 Trophy, two bedrooms, fully furnished w/full size Mulder porch and very large 3-sided deck. Shed, firepit, two car garage, two electric golf carts, boat stake, mature trees - \$125,000. Also for sale - 1996 20' Sweetwater Pontoon w/40 hp motor, transom and fish locator - \$4,995. Call: 616-262-0923.

**For Sale at Site K-50:** 4'x8' porch with railing and stairway. Can be cut down for height - \$500 - OBO. Call: 616-896-8295.

**For Sale - Site K-58:** Furnished 1993 Oakland Park, enclosed porch, storage shed, boat stake, large vinyl deck, golf cart shed, lake view on quiet cul-de-sac - \$53,000. Call: 616-662-0066.

**For Sale at Site K-61:** 18', 1992 Playbouy Pontoon w/40 hp Mariner motor. Several seats have been recently recovered. Runs well - boat stake also available - \$1,200 OBO. Call: 517-896-6448.

**For Sale - Site K-180, Phase 5:** 1994 Dutch Park, one bedroom, furnished, central air, sunroom with a/c and two paddle fans, patio, 8x8 shed, two golf carts, dues paid - \$48,900. Call: 616-531-0768 or 616-260-6822.

**For Sale - Site K-210:** '98 Jayco 32' trailer w/10'x28' insulated sun porch. Storage shed and double tent garage - both with electric. Close to the new Recreation Station - \$44,000. Call: 616-772-9112 or 616-403-8834.

**For Sale - Site K-254:** 2006 Kropf Island Series, double loft, central air, Loft A/C, Porch A/C, home theater, enclosed porch, covered deck, tool shed, 2 electric carts and shed, boat stake, pontoon boat, motor, trailer. Deluxe trim package - must see inside - \$72,500. Call: 616-891-5793 or 616-241-8189.

**For Sale from Site K-261:** SPRING

**SPECIAL - LOT ONLY 24,000.00** or B/O, 2008 dues paid, boat stake, green area behind lot, close to new water park, convenience center, laundry facilities, and lake. Many extras included 8 X 8 shed with electric, full size refrigerator, gas golf car, 10 X 12 cover it, large 12' fire pit area, 10 x 32 deck, lawnmower, gas grill, picnic table & patio furniture. Please call 616-581-5202 or 616-257-7008.

**For Sale - Site K-327:** Spectacular view of the lake! 1995 Park Model, two-bedrooms, full size loft, full size porch, all furniture included. All new decking and sea wall, dock (fishing right off the dock), 4 Winds Boat, boat slip, golf cart, golf cart garage, shed. On shaded lot, cool breeze off the lake all summer. 2008 dues paid - \$119,900. Call: 616-863-9252 or 616-437-2397.

**For Sale at Site K-337:** Full porch, custom blinds, carpeting, front and rear deck. You dismantle and take away. Need to have it removed this spring. Best offer! Call: 616-281-4242 or 616-450-2415.

**For Sale at K-397:** 1998 Prowler 29' Travel Trailer w/superslide and fiberglass exterior. A/C, Freestanding dinette, front corner kitchen, queen sized bed, easily sleeps four. Lots of options - \$6,500 - OBO. Call: 269-731-5145. Can be seen in the bullpen.

**For Sale - Site K-432:** Beige Club Cars with tops. These cars are lease release machines reconditioned by Club Car. 2002 Gas-Powered, and 2000 48V electric w/chargers. Maintained only by Club Car, since new. Better than average carts, untouched by back-alley mechanics. Delivered to Sandy Pines any weekend. Fred's Pro Hardware. Call: 419-729-1961, or Site K-432 at 896-6970, or 419-297-3373 (cell).

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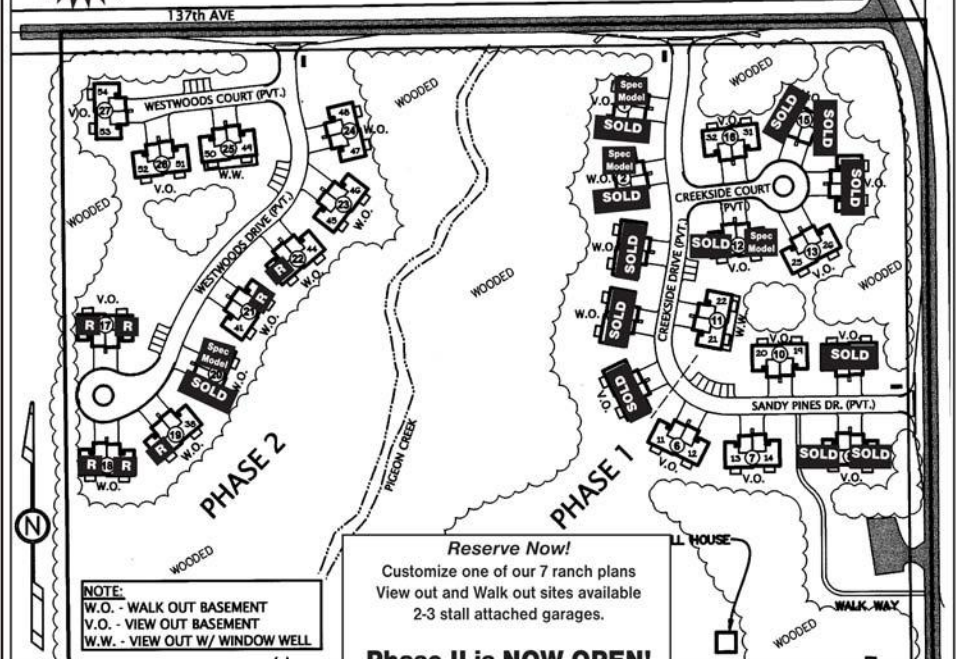


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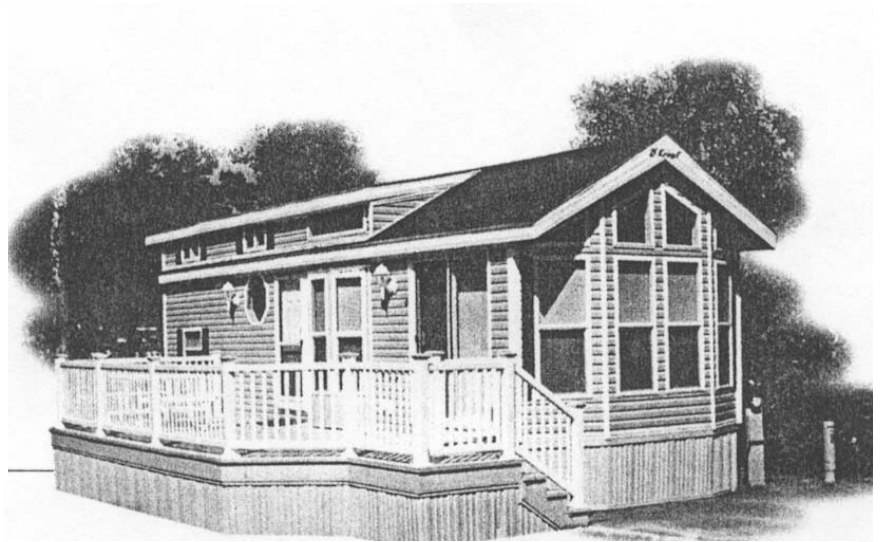
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