

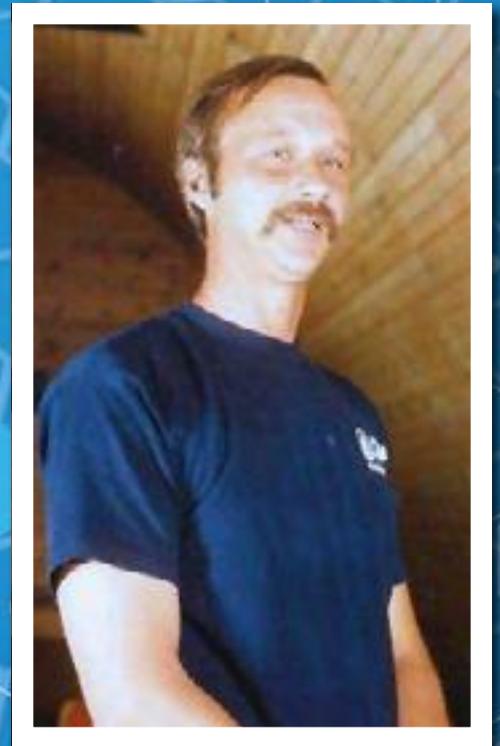
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Letter from the Chairman by Tom Aldrich

Spring has finally sprung and is "bustin' out all over". I am confident by the time you read this that the mounds of 100+ inches of snow will have either disappeared, or are down to manageable size. After experiencing one of the worst winters of all time, it will be especially delicious to begin experiencing the summer sunshine and warm sands, at our wonderful SANDY PINES Resort. The staff has worked very hard this winter preparing for the new season and they will be ready for your return this month.

I want to give special recognition to LON ARNDT. Lon has been an integral part of Sandy Pines and has run our Maintenance Department for the past 40 years. His contribution to the development of this Park is unprecedented. Lon has decided to enter the next phase of his life: a well-deserved retirement! On behalf of the Board, staff and all of our members, we

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Letter from the Chairman

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wish Lon the very best of good health and enjoyment, in the next phase of his life.

One of my favorite TV shows is the Shark Tank. The show features budding entrepreneurs presenting their business proposition to a panel of billionaire SHARKS. They are hoping that one or more of them will be impressed enough to help subsidize their business. One company caught my fancy. They will develop 100 digital photos per month and bind them in an album for only \$2.99, delivered. I was impressed enough to sign up, and so far received two albums, 100 each photos. If you are like me, you have lots of electronic photos in your SMART PHONES or IPADS etc. but never get around to printing hard copies. I thought I would pass this info to our members, because Sandy Pines is a popular destination for family photos. They also gave me a coupon code for a free month album of a 100 prints to pass along to anyone interested.

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See you soon!!

"In my 17 years as Park Director, Lon was one of the finest people that I ever dealt with. He has an outstanding work ethic, and always thought of Sandy Pines first. It was my honor and privilege to work with Mr. Lon Arndt for all of those years. Wishing you the best!"

Max Gibbs

"Mary and I come to Sandy Pines during the week, when it's much more quiet. We always remark, as we enter the Park on Mondays, how clean it is, even after busy weekends, thanks to Lon and his crew. Thanks, Lon for years of friendship. See you soon at Cocktailz."

Ted & Mary Parsons, K218 &219

Aquatics by Kim Day

We're beginning to wonder if spring will ever get here. We're looking forward to the start of summer. We will be opening the indoor pool the weekend of May 16-18. All pools will be open for Memorial weekend...weather permitting, of course.

We will be offering a Lifeguard Class again this year, hoping to do it June 7th-14th, more information will be in next month Footprints. Our recreation season will begin June 16th and run through August 15th. The kids annual Triathlon will be on June 28th this year. Kids' Annual Lock-In is scheduled for July 25th. We will keep you updated as events get closer.

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Letter From the President

by Gene Van Koevering

Greetings from All the Staff here at Sandy Pines!!

On April 20th, those of us who claim Christ as our Personal Lord and Savior will celebrate the freedom He provided through His Passion, Death and Resurrection, so many years ago. With eternally grateful hearts and voices we will proclaim with Believers around the world that He is Risen!!

It's my personal prayer that each of you will be able to celebrate this event with us this year and for all eternity. If you have not checked Him out yet because you think you have to "Have it all together" first, just know this.... Those who follow Him are made righteous through His Grace Alone, by Faith Alone, in Christ Alone. Period.

The closer we get to spring, the greater we can feel the anticipation of welcoming all of you back to The Pines! Some of you will be coming for the first full year after having purchased a Membership late last Fall or over the off season. (yes, some folks buy memberships when there is snow on the ground!) For others, you may be returning for the 40th year or more! To all of you we want to extend our warmest welcome and our gratitude for the opportunity to serve you in this great place.

This year, we will all experience something different here at Sandy Pines. Lon Arndt, our Maintenance Manager for over 40 years will not be at the helm of the Maintenance Department any longer. We want to thank him for his years of dedication and commitment to providing the best care possible to the Members, the Boards he has served as well as the Administrators of Sandy Pines. Lon will be sorely missed and we wish him well as he moves on to the next phase of his life. Thanks just doesn't seem to fill a fitting farewell, but for now, Thank You Lon, you are loved and appreciated!!!

In Lon's absence we have put together a Leadership Team for ongoing operations of the Maintenance Department for a period of time yet to be determined. Three members of the team have been with Maintenance for a number of years, Jim DeBoer, Ben Fifelski, and Craig Van Beek will join, Nelson Bouma (our newly hired Manager of Landscape and Grounds) as the group that will each have a department within Maintenance that they will be responsible for. Ralph Smith, (who is also our new Inspector) will be working with the Leadership Team to assist them with Administrative duties as well as providing a time of training in Management skills. I am confident that this group of gifted people will provide the services you have come to expect. If you have any questions pertaining to the Team, you can contact any of them or myself at any time.

As I write this, we are barely into March, so needless to say, we are anxious to know if the snow and frost will be gone by the 15th of April when we turn the water on. Last year, I recall Lon having some trepidations about turning the water on with the continuing threat of frost on some mornings, but I believe it all came out well, so we'll hope for another seamless opening this year if we get a good amount of warming weather. Stay tuned, if there are any delays, we'll post them as soon as we can.

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Sandy Pines Florida Winter Gathering

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for our Sandy Pines Winter Gathering in Florida this year. Everything was greatly appreciated! Special thanks to MaryAnn Fontaine and Fred & Kay Lyons for all of their hard work organizing this fun event!

There was a great turn out for the gathering, and it appeared that everyone had a good time. MaryAnn, Fred and Kay would like someone to take this event over, for next year. They have done a great job, and have enjoyed putting it together, but feel it is time for a change. If you are willing to be in charge next year, MaryAnn will hand over her e-mail list of those who typically attend, so you won't have to work so hard! You can change the location to someplace closer to where you live, if that is easier for you.

If you think this is something you might be interested in, please e-mail MaryAnn at momfontaine@hotmail.com, or stop by Site 379, after she has returned to the Park in June.

Thank you for your consideration!



Letter from the President

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Finally, as we approach the end of one of the longest, toughest winters on record, I want to thank our Staff... The women and men in the Ranger and Maintenance Departments and in the Administration Building have really stood tall on the front line of what needs to be done here, regardless of the weather conditions in the off season. Whether working to monitor the security of our sites, facilities and Members that visit, or working tirelessly to keep the roads open day after day, while repairing equipment in all kinds of weather so they can get their jobs done, or faithfully showing up day after day to be here when the phone calls come in.... Our Staff has been Awesome!!! They deserve our thanks for a job well done, so if and when you see someone on Staff this spring, please express your gratitude. It will be deeply appreciated.

It's going to be a great year here at Sandy Pines!!! If you are in the sunny south, please drive safely as you head back north. Thank you all for the great privilege to serve you here in this position at Sandy Pines! See you all soon.

Gene

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CONVENIENCE CENTER (BATHROOM) CLEANER

Our Maintenance Department is accepting applications for persons or couples to clean restroom facilities daily during the summer, including weekends and holidays. Start the week before Memorial Day, end week after Labor Day. Minimum age requirement of 18 years. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications to maintenance@sandypines.com or send to Sandy Pines Maintenance, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan 49328 (Posted March 2014)

POOL MAINTENANCE

Our Maintenance Department is accepting applications for TWO part-time seasonal pool maintenance positions. Position 1: person to clean swimming pools and pool deck in the mornings during the summer, must be available weekends and holidays. Must be available 40 hours per week for first two full weeks beginning May 1st, then 15-20 hours per week during summer. Additional hours required to close pools the week following Labor Day. Position 2: pool maintenance person for weekend mornings, from Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekend. Minimum age requirement of 18 years. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications to maintenance@sandypines.com or send to Sandy Pines Maintenance, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan 49328 (Posted March 2014)

HOLDING TANK PUMPER

Our Maintenance Department is accepting applications for persons to pump holding tanks two to three days a week during the summer. Minimum age requirement of 18 years and must have acceptable driving record. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications to maintenance@sandypines.com or send to Sandy Pines Maintenance, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan 49328 (Posted March 2014)

SEASONAL MAINTENANCE POSITION

Our Maintenance Department is accepting applications for persons for general park maintenance which may include raking, digging seepage pits, pushing a lawn mow, running weed whip, leaf and brush pick up, emptying of garbage cans, and other general maintenance. Minimum age requirement of 18 years and must have acceptable driving record. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications to maintenance@sandypines.com or send to Sandy Pines Maintenance, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan 49328 (Posted March 2014)

PARK & GARDEN STORE

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years of age and able to lift 75 lbs. Would be needed 8 to 24 hours a week. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications to sppandg@gmail.com or send to Sandy Pines Park & Garden, 2745 136th Avenue, Hopkins, Michigan 49328. (Posted March 2014)

LIFEGUARDS

LIFEGUARD applications being accepted for summer employment. Duties include ensuring the safety of our Members and their guests at our resort pools and beaches, providing emergency medical attention if required, and leading other recreation activities as needed. Qualifications: Possession of a valid Red Cross Life Saving, CPR, and First Aid Certificate required as well as the ability to work independently and as part of a team. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays. A Red Cross Certification course to meet the above qualifications will be held in June for anyone interested in obtaining their certification. It is generally a week long course and each participant is responsible for the cost of the class. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. If you have any additional questions, email us at recreation@sandypines.com or leave at message at 616-318-3492. (Posted March 2014)

RECREATION STATION MONITOR

Summer employment to monitor pool and splash pad area, arcade room, fitness room, and restrooms. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. If you have any additional questions, email us at recreation@sandypines.com or leave at message at 616-318-3492. (Posted March 2014)

LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE

The golf course is accepting applications for Club House Counter Help, Course Rangers, and Maintenance for summer. Must be available evenings, weekends and holidays. Minimum age is 18 years. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications to jim.lmgc@yahoo.com or send to Lake Monterey Golf Course, 3765 26th Street, Dorr, Michigan 49323. (Posted March 2014)

MEMBER SERVICE OFFICE CLERK

Part time summer employment, starting in mid-May until the week after Labor Day. Must be willing to work Holidays & Saturdays. Minimum age is 18. Applications can be found on our website under Contacts/Directions link or at the Administration office. Email applications & resume to memberservice@sandypines.com or fax to 616-896-7409 Attention: Mary. (Posted March 2014)

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No words could ever convey our thanks to Lon Arndt for his dedication and service to Sandy Pines for the last 40+ years. On behalf of the entire Staff at Sandy Pines - we wish you much happiness and laughter as you begin your new journey! Thank you...from the bottom of our hearts! Job Well Done!

Garage Sale Days Update

The Salvation Army trucks will no longer be providing assistance to remove unsold or unwanted items after each Garage Sale. Each member will be responsible to remove these items on your own. Dumping these items across the street or in our compactors will not be allowed. Those attempting to do so will incur a fine. If you bring items into the Park, you will be expected to remove them at your own expense.

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Kevin and Brenda McDevitt, N140

"Lon, your service and dedication to Sandy Pines over the past 40 years has been outstanding and you will be missed by all of the members and the Board of Directors."

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Camping \$31.50/Night
Membership \$1,650

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Sunny Brook
Camping \$48/Night
Membership
\$1,265/month

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Hidden Ridge
Camping \$53/Night
Membership \$3,430

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Camping \$30/Night
Membership
\$1,600-\$2,300

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River Ridge
Camping \$47/Night
Membership \$3,050

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Oak Grove
Camping \$54/Night
Membership \$3,600

Heated Restrooms/Showers; Playground; Propane; Heated Pool; Basketball; WiFi Available

Dumont Lake
Camping \$30/Night
Membership \$1,425

Lake; Heated Restrooms/Showers; Teen Center; Horseshoes; Shuffleboard

Tri Ponds
Camping \$40/Night
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Member Services

by Mary Cooper

Spring Office Hours:

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Pumpouts: Single pumpouts are \$12 each on your scheduled day and can be scheduled online thru the Member Web Access. Emergency pumpouts are \$24. 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 additional fees. **Maintenance will start Saturday emergency pumpouts on May 4th.**

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.

2014 Flea Markets: May 3 (Mayfest), *May 24 (Memorial Day), June 7, *July 6 (Independence Day), August 9 (Christmas), *August 30 (Labor Day) and October 4. Spaces are \$30 and can only be reserved online through the Member Web Access. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm. *Pancake breakfast

Long Range Planning Committee

Long Range Planning Committee will meet on April 16th at 3:30 pm in the Administration Office

What's Happening

Congratulations to Aaron & Patricia Poley, Site 1121, on their upcoming Anniversary! Aaron & Patricia will celebrate 30 years of wedded bliss on April 27th. May you enjoy another 30 years of laughter and joy together!

Congratulations to Joyce Bowen, Site 573, on the birth of a Great-Granddaughter, Annalee Joy. Annalee was born March 7th, weighing in at 8 lbs. 13 ounces



"Lon has done a great job at Sandy Pines. In the 39 years that we have spent our summers here, we have always enjoyed Lon's smiling face and knowing he was always willing to go the extra mile to make Sandy Pines a better place to stay. We wish Lon the best."

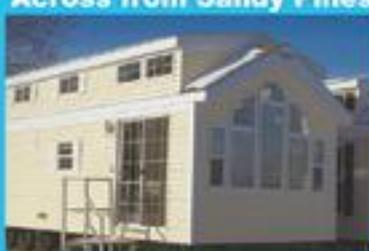
Larry and Ann Ratkowski, N-113

"Last summer I was building something & needed a piece of steel with a 1/2 inch hole at each end. A very unusual request. Lon not only was able to find a piece of steel, he drilled the holes in it and didn't even charge me. He was very kind to assist me with my unusual need."

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Safety Director Update by Steve Deyarmond

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Membership cards:

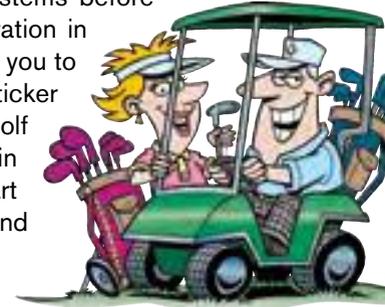
Membership cards are turned off if your membership balance becomes over 60 days past due. Once your balance is brought back up to date you can contact, or stop at the Ranger Station, to have your cards turned back on. The cost to have your cards turned back on is \$20 per card, 3-4 cards for \$50, or five or more cards for \$80.

The Ranger Station does take payments during business hours and after hours. You can pay your past due balance there to gain access into the Park. If your balance is past due and you do not have the funds to make the balance current, you will need to make arrangements with Administration to check your site.

New Membership cards may be purchased at the Ranger Station. You can make changes for membership cards and purchase replacement cards at the Ranger Station, as well. The Golf Course will require membership cards with Photos this spring/summer. Stop by the Ranger Station to get your new membership card with your photo. Cost of a replacement card with a photo is \$3.

Golf carts:

Please take the time to check your golf cart for proper operation this spring/summer before its operation. Check the lights, brakes, tires, and other mechanical systems before you place the golf cart in operation in the Park. The Park also requires you to have a Golf Cart registration sticker displayed on the rear of your golf cart. Site numbers must be in contrasting color to the golf cart and highly visible, on the front and rear at least 4" in height.




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“Wall Art” Contest 2014

This is not new....but it sure was a great idea! We are searching, once again, for artistically talented Sandy Pines members to enter their art work to hang on the walls in the Administration Office. We did this last summer and we had amazing art displayed for the summer of 2013.

We are looking for five winning pieces that will be on display for two summers. Artwork must be something that has not be previously entered in our contests. We would like the artwork to reflect some aspect of Sandy Pines. The Art work can be of any medium: photos, paintings, sculpture, or whatever you choose.

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“Congratulations Lon, on your retirement. You will be missed. All your work has made Sandy Pines a great place for all of us the past 40 plus years!”

Al & Cora Stremler,
Charter Members, Site 373

“I didn't know Lon that well but any time I went over to Maintenance and asked for anything, he always had someone or even himself, come over to our lot and make sure it was taken care of. I hate to see him leave but I'm sure whoever takes over will continue doing the same things that Lon did for the campers. I also understand him retiring, I just retired last May from my job and it really feels good to just do what I want, when I want. I want to wish him the best and a very happy retirement. Best Wishes!!!!!! I hope he has a lot and stays at the Pines. This is my home away from home and I love it.”

Marie J. Kalembe, Phase 2, Lot 674

**Don't Forget:
Easter is April 20th**

“Face to Phase” (F2P) 2014

Last summer, Gene began 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.

All the Phases have a designated area that he hopes to visit at least one time again this season. 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!!

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

MAY 24	PHASE 1	BY THE HORSESHOE FIELD
MAY 31	PHASE 2	OUTSIDE BY THE TENNIS COURT/DISC GOLF AREA
JUNE 21	PHASE 3	PHASE 3 GARDENS AREA
JULY 19	PHASE 4	IN THE PARKING LOT BY THE ADULT REC. CENTER
AUGUST 2	PHASE 5	IN THE PARKING AREA BY THE WATER PARK
AUGUST 23	PHASE 6	MEET NEAR THE DOG PARK/CC AREA
AUGUST 30	PHASE 7	MEET IN FRONT OF THE MODEL HOME

“Ten years ago I had 5 kids, and we lived out at Sandy Pines all summer. My husband was out of town a lot. Lon came one time when I was in a panic - I had no electricity!!!! He was quiet, yet smiled when all my little ones followed him all around our trailer, trying to find the problem! He did find the solution and I could feed my crew!!! Pleasant, helpful, and kind to my kids and he answered all their questions. My son wanted a tool box just like his!!!”

Pam Cusack, Lot 116

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Park & Garden Update by Jack Schmidt

My husband Lloyd and I have only been "members" for a little over a year. However, my mother and stepfather (Herb and Rose Hisle) had been members a lot longer. My family and I would come up there at least once a year to visit them at Sandy Pines. The grounds have always been kept very nice in a NEVER ending job. But last year I noticed the fencing around CC 4 had either been pushed out of place, or due to the sandy ground, was just falling backward and giving the appearance of disrepair. And then... before I knew it...you and your "gang" were there fixing it making that area looked cared for. In fact, you've helped to make Sandy Pines looked "cared for" for the entire time I have known about Sandy Pines, which is many years now! So thank you for a job well done.

Lloyd and Lynn Asp, site #772

Lon was a very important worker for everyone in the "Park". We bought in August 1973, when a new lot was sold, Lon was one of the first Sandy Pines workers on the site placing a load of gravel for parking your car. Lon was very helpful to us, the first trailer placed out on Sauk Court when Phase Five opened up in 1976. We're also thankful to the Bosgraff's and Lon for replacing sand from two major washouts out on the point. Thanks!

Rog & Karen Shields, Site K438

It is time for the park to open again. The Park and Garden will begin regular hours Memorial Day weekend. But that doesn't mean we won't be working. We will be getting the store ready, installing water softeners, putting boats in, and making deliveries by appointment during May

This will be the 4th year for our softener program with Maynard's. If you signed up last fall you will be getting an email about hook up this spring. Those of you who didn't decide last spring now is the time to sign for the softeners this summer. The price has not change from last year. The cost of the softener is \$155 for self install and \$200 if the Park and Garden installs the softener. You can send an email to sppandg@gmail.com if you are interested.

Many members of the park still don't realize that we have golf carts available for rent. Check out the web site for rates.

New this year we will be offering firewood for your campfires if you have a need.

We have two rowboats for rent along with new kayaks to rent. They are rented for a 2 1/2 hour time or full day. We have the paddles, kayaks, life vests and even a cart to pull behind your golf cart to get the kayak to the lake. Stop by the Park and Garden to find out more information.

New this year is the type of chemical that can be used in the holding tank on your trailer. Because of the new septic system we have been asked to not carry any product that contains formaldehyde. We will have a product made by Enzymes Solutions, and EcoSmart. We are looking into a product that can be attached to the toilet that automatically adds the enzyme product to the tank every time you flush.

If you are interested in mulch, landscape block, gravel or any other product that we can provide don't hesitate to call and leave a voicemail or send an email and we will return your call to set up appointments to help you out.

Remember that the Park and Garden is owned by Sandy Pines and our profits go back into the park to help keep the park as great as it is each year.

Looking forward to serving you again this year.



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We are sorry to lose you Lon, you have been so helpful. Every year you would help me get our water on in the spring when I could not, or something big to me. Something that only took you a minute to fix, you did. Most times were done in a couple of hours or less. Thanks! You have been so helpful. You will be missed by us.

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Lemond, site 285

Recreation Update by Mary Applehof

The truth is out.... the cardboard boat regatta is still happening! The date will be Saturday, June 21. But it has a few changes for this year. You need to make your boat the morning of the races! We will provide the materials, but you come with your team and costumes and your own paddles and life jackets. This will add a whole new dimension to our races! So no boats from past races will be allowed to enter. You will be given 3 hours to create your masterpiece! Along with the cardboard boats racing, we are going to add kayaks to the mix! We will provide the kayaks, or you can bring your own! It will be fun to see this new addition to our races! (Park and gardens will be renting kayaks this summer too!)

We will also be doing a Rainbow of Color Run/Walk on Saturday, August 2! You have heard of the color runs that are happening all over the United States. Well we are going to create rainbows all over Sandy Pines! This is going to be a fund raiser for Sandy Pines to purchase 2 new AED's (automatic external defibrillator) for our Water Park and our Indoor Pool areas. Now to explain a color run: The Rainbow of Color Run is a unique paint race that celebrates healthiness, happiness, and individuality. The Rainbow Color Run is not about the time you finished the race, but it is more about having the time of your life! The Color Run is an un-timed race for all ages in which participants are doused from head to toe in different colors at different stations along the route. The fun continues after the color runners/walkers complete the course with an unforgettable finish celebration including music, refreshments and a massive color throw! We are making Rainbow's all over Sandy Pines. We are looking for some sponsors for this race. Your name will be put on the back of all the t-shirts and we will also put your business or name on all the registrations and announcements that we put up all over the park! Please let me know if you are interested by e-mailing the recreation dept. at recreation@sandypines.com. Thank you in advance.

We would like to implement a new volunteer system for this year for all of our fun events. I hope that some of you have heard of sign up genius. It is a very simple sign up web site where I will put details of events that we are in need of volunteers. You simply sign up your name to the time and event that you are willing to volunteer. In order to get this under way, I need your e-mail addresses! If you would simply send me your e-mail address, then I will include you in this sign up genius. I will only use your e-mail address/sign up genius for event volunteer purposes. Please e-mail your address to: recreation@sandypines.com. Thank you in advance.

A few dates to put on your calendars: Member/Guest Golf Outing will be held Saturday, June 7. Boaters Safety Class is set for Saturday, June 14. Youth Triathlon is June 28. Civil War Artifacts Display will be in the Pavillion, June 21st, more information to follow. The Civil War Re-enactment will be June 27, 28 and 29. Please keep checking the Sandy Pines Calendar for all exciting events that will be happening for the summer of 2014!



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Park Inspector News by Ralph Smith

Wow, I can't believe that this winter is finally behind us and warmer days are coming. As we start to return to our favorite place, some will find damage, due to all of the snow.

Please keep in mind when you begin to replace items at your site, you may need a Park Permit. Items needing permits are roofs, porches, golf cart shelters and more. Please read and understand the Rulebook so you are not caught off guard. Remember, there is no longer a Grandfather Clause in the Rulebook.

By April 15, I will be in the office daily, except for Sunday, so if you need to get in touch with me, please call the office at 616-896-7286, e-mail me at inspector@sandypines.com, or feel free to stop by the office and see me.

Contractors, by now you should have renewed your application to be in the Park. If you have not, please stop in and get signed up for another year. All contractors will need to get a Picture ID for each of your employees this year.

Looking forward to a great summer at Sandy Pines! See you all soon

Maintenance News

By the time you are reading this article, the Maintenance Department and Staff at Sandy Pines, will have said goodbye to Lon Arndt, Maintenance Supervisor, after more than 40 years of service. We all wish Lon the best as he begins a new journey in life. Thanks so much for your time and expertise over the past 40 years. We will miss you.

As you look around the Park, from the roads to the Water Park, the CCs, grounds and landscape, and almost anything else you can see, please know that your Maintenance Staff has been involved with making sure it is ready for all of our members to enjoy upon your return.

When you see these men and women around the Park, please be sure to thank them for making Sandy Pines a safe and fun place to be. If you need to get in touch with someone in Maintenance, please call 616-896-8317, or e-mail us at maintenance@sandypines.com. Thanks!

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Senior Adult Recreation

by Carol Hoffman

Upcoming activities:

Friday, May 2: Potluck at 5:30 PM in the Pavilion. Everyone welcome. Bring food to share, your tableware and beverage.

Saturday, May 3: Mayfest with a Flea Market in the teepee area from 9 AM to 2 PM. Free Bingo in the Pavilion from 2 - 4 PM for everyone 10 years of age and up. Popcorn and bottled water available.

Saturday, May 17: Bingo at 7 PM in the Pavilion for adults who are 18 years of age and up. You must purchase at least four cards for \$1 and you play on those cards all night. Popcorn and water available.

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day - Free Bingo in the Pavilion from 2 - 4 PM for everyone 10 years of age and up. Popcorn and water available.

Please watch the sign in the core area by the Dairy Dip for upcoming activities and any changes or cancellations of activities.

"We would like to thank Lon for all his help with the Senior Adult Activities. He was there through all the years whenever we needed anything, whether it was something for the pancake breakfasts or help with our other projects. Thank you Lon for supporting our group for all those years! You were much appreciated!"

Carol Hoffman

"Lon, we would like to say thank you to you for being such a caring, kind person. We enjoyed working under you and will really miss you. May God bless you in your retirement."

Don and Nancy Bowman, Site N-512

Civil War Reenactment: 1861-1865 Remembered at Sandy Pines, June 27-29, 2014

In June, we will be witnessing a reenactment of the Civil War with history events that will educate, accentuate, and help commemorate this period in history. There will be a Civil War battle on both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday morning activities include: a ladies fashion show, medical demonstrations, an artillery demo and infantry drills. Afternoon activities include a battle, another medical demo, camp life where you will be able to walk through the camp to see how they lived during this time, including the cooking and housing. On Saturday evening, there will be dance lessons, a dance with a caller, and you will see how they danced during that time period. Following the dance we will witness the firing of the Cannons from the dam. Sunday's activities include a church service open to the public, camp activities, ladies fashion show, and another battle around 2 pm, which will include an artillery demonstration. Events begin at 9 am on both days, and will end Sunday around 3 pm. We hope that you will come and enjoy some of the memorable history of the Civil War with us. This event is being hosted by the Battery D, 1st Michigan Light Artillery and the 1st Michigan Volunteer Infantry.



Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

Lucille Herrmann, Site 458, on the passing of her husband, **Leo**, on March 2nd. Leo and Lucille are Charter Members.

Marie Polmanteer, Site 1246, on the passing of her husband, **Arthur**, on March 15th.

"Lon, you always went out of your way to help me, whether it was putting up a hook for hanging my Christmas decorations or hurrying to get a tree hit by lightning taken down before it hit my home. Thank YOU!"

Sharon Rogers

"Lon is always willing to give a 100% all the time, A true gentleman. His knowledge will be missed. Lon knew where every line or pipe was in all of Sandy Pines. Good luck Lon, and best wishes."

Rudy and Marie, N-5, Charter Members

"Lon is a 'Real Man.' He knows how to manage things, fix things, design things and build things with quiet dignity, skill and self-confidence. Lon has the admiration, respect and gratitude from generations of happy campers he has served."

Jess & Deb Larson, K8

"I have known Lon for over 25 years at Sandy Pines and enjoyed knowing him. Good Luck on your retirement."

Joyce Bowen, Lot 573

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"Our Park is going to miss Lon very, very much! Not that the rest of the Maintenance Department won't be able to step up...and I am sure they will! I always said Lon was like my Dad. My Dad was a mechanic for years, and he was in the top five in the Nation! I always said that my dad forgot more than a lot of the mechanics knew. I always felt the same about Lon. A very hard working, kind, dedicated person. Lon, we will miss you. Good luck with whatever you do...you have earned it!"

Bill & Linda Carlon, Site D-164

"Sandy Pines is the place it is today because of Lon. He is always upbeat, pleasant and very, very helpful!"

Jerry and Bea De Weerd, Site 36

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