



August 2014

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### Letter from the Chairman by Tom Aldrich

Where has this summer gone? August is our last hurrah before school begins and the vacations are over. Many of our retired members will be planning on warmer climates for the winter. August is the final month for Stan Robbins and myself to serve on your BOD. Our tenure expires this month after 2 1/2 terms. It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chairman the last couple of years and also your treasurer for several years. I have also served for many, many, years on the finance committee, as well as several other committees. Stan currently is your treasurer and chairman of the rules committee. He has also served as the board secretary.

During our leadership tenure on both committees and the board, we have participated in many improvements and additions to our resort. The addition of the water park, the condos, the adult center, the ropes course, the nature trail, gas marina, golf course pro shop, we also changed the rule to allow the larger sheds, and most important, a balanced budget with a surplus reserve. We are leaving the board with the resort in good solid financial condition. We worked with Max Gibbs for

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### ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

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## President's Report

by Gene Van Koevering

Greetings, and on behalf of our Staff, we send you our best wishes that you and your family

are having a great summer here at Sandy Pines. Since my last letter to you, there have been a number of projects that are beginning to come together, and I am excited about many of them. We have applied for a permit with the DEQ to install a new handicap dock at the boat ramp by the dam. This dock will be 52' long consisting of 32' of 4' wide walkway and a 12'x20' deck on the end. The dock will have railings around the deck and walkway with openings on the deck area for ingress/egress for access to boats. Thank you to those who suggested this at the Face to Phase meetings in 2013!!

I have received Board approval for a new Extended Stay Camping Program that will be introduced in August of 2014, for the 2015 season. This concept is gaining momentum in the RV camping market and it's my belief that Sandy Pines is a prime market for this type of program. We retired one of the rental trailers that was in our camping rental program, however we have recently ordered a new rental Park Model trailer that will accommodate 6-8 people, which is a capacity that we could not accommodate since the retirement of the old trailer, so we're excited about having that in our program.

Sales of sites has been keeping pace with that of the past, and we are pleased with the traffic of interested buyers. Sandy Pines continues to be a value to the user and we are committed to retain that value while increasing the value of individual membership sites.

The condos are having a good year, as well. The new sales model was finished in April, and another new building with two units, so currently there are four units available. Two resale units that were for sale, are now sold, so it's their hope that the focus of attention will now turn to the open units. It's my understanding that if a unit or two sells, construction will begin on the last unit for Phase One. If you know of anyone who might be interested, they are offering a \$5,000 discount on the finished units, along with a paid Sandy Pines membership dues for one year, paid by the Developer.

Based on an FCC requirement, Charter Communications scheduled a switchover of Sandy Pines from analog TV to Digital on Sunday night, July 20. If you were not around when this happened, please pick up one of the flyers at the Admin office that will explain what you need to do. If you have a TV that is newer than 2006, you will need to do is a channel search and you should be good to go.

A reminder that if you do not fully understand the Golf Ballot that we will vote on August 16, and if you have not been able to attend one of the three forums we have had, I would encourage you to attend the last Open Forum on August 2 at the entrance to the Recreation Station parking lot. This forum is for the purpose of explaining the golf assessment ballot. No matter how you vote, I encourage you not only to vote, but to cast an informed vote. Sandy Pines has a tremendous future and you are the reason!!

## What's Happening

Congratulations to **Roger & Carol Courser**, Site 798, who will celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** on August 22nd. May you be blessed with many more years of happiness, love and laughter, as you continue your wonderful journey together!

## Letter from the Chairman

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many years who was an aggressive leader, and took the initiative to execute these many challenges. Your board's greatest challenge was to find a replacement for Max, who had a 17 year track record of many accomplishments. We were able to find an excellent replacement in Gene Van Koevering. He has a long track record of career accomplishments, and we are fortunate to benefit from this talented executive, running our resort. We also modified the leadership structure capturing the talents of a broader range of our membership. We now have over 100 members participating in ten active specialty committees, contributing their talents toward improving our resort. We are all committed to our major goal of INCREASING MEMBER SHAREHOLDER VALUE.

We thank you for your past support and continued support of your board, committees, and Gene and the staff.

One last piece of business: Don't forget to vote on Saturday, August 16, and support your resort.

See ya around the Park!

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## Florida Gathering

Well, so far, I have not had any response from anyone willing to take over the Florida gathering. It really isn't hard...all you need to do is find a restaurant to hold around 80 people and send Kathy an email to put in the Footprint regarding date and place. I have a list of emails from previous years and would be glad to give them to whomever takes it over. IF NO ONE TAKES OVER, THERE WILL BE NO GATHERING! And that would be a shame. Please email me at momfontaine@hotmail.com if you are willing to take over. Thank you and I sure hope someone does.

*Have a nice day, MaryAnn*

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## Building, Grounds and Lake Committee News

by Mike Young

Your committee is still looking for two or three new members to help us make OUR Sandy Pines even more beautiful.

We are in the planning stages of updating the front of the Administration Building. We want the Administration Building to look inviting to new members. We talked about changing the parking lot, and maybe adding a water feature to our sign, along with some accent lighting.

We are still working on the Memorial Gardens. The office and Nels Bouma, have a list of approved trees. Please contact the office if you have an interest in planting a tree. We have marked some trees already planted that are in need of some work. If your tree has been marked, please contact the office, and a member of the committee will contact you to let you know what is needed.

Next year, the traffic pattern to enter and leave the Recreation Station Water Park, will reverse. We will enter closest to the Splash Pads and Family Pool, and exit north of the Mini- Golf Course. Watch for new signs next season.

## Finance Committee Report by Stanley Robbins

The Finance Committee met Thursday July 10th, 2014, and reviewed and approved the following:

- a. Approved check distribution for Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course for June 2014.
- b. Approved financial statements for Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course for May 2014.
- c. Recommend to the Board of Directors for the President to pursue, Option 1, obtaining a security interest in all assets with regards to the loans to Lake Monterey Golf Course.
- d. Recommend the proposed Extended Stay Campsite Rental Program to the Board of Directors.

Thank you committee members for your service this year.



## **Recycling is back at Sandy Pines**

Located just past the entrance gate to the leaf and waste area on the right. These bins are for only Kent County determined recyclable materials. See the poster in this month's Footprints and near the bins. They itemize all the items that ARE and are NOT recyclable.

The bins will be here until the end of this season. We are researching alternatives for next year that will provide the larger Sandy Pines community with recycling services at a sizable savings to the park. Stay tuned for more information as it becomes available.

## Dog Park Update

We are still working on improving the Dog Park. Any and all help is appreciated and welcomed, as your time allows. THANK YOU so much to the person who laid the brick at the entrance. It was a BIG help, and is very much appreciated! Also, thank you to Maintenance for keeping the area mowed. It looks very nice.

Please remember to pick up after your pet to keep it friendly for all visitors. Contact us at any time for information.

**Bill and Joanne Vanderwall,  
Site D-165**



## Park Inspector News by Ralph Smith

Here we are into August already. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer. We have been very busy around the Park with repairs from the hard winter. Members are doing a good job at getting things done. Please keep in mind that we still need to keep our yards cleaned up and mowed. Grass should not be over 6" tall or the Park will hire someone to get it done. Remember, beginning next season, there will be an automatic fine of \$100, plus the cost of the clean-up, if your lot is not kept clean. Please take the time, if you are not going to be around much, to hire someone to take care of this.

Please, as always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me and I will get back with you. [inspector@sandypines.com](mailto:inspector@sandypines.com) or call 616-896-7286. Thanks!

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## Garden Committee News by Nels Bouma

The roses have bloomed and they are all dead headed. When deadheading roses, you go back down the stem to the first branch of five leaves and cut it off, just above it. You should see new blossoms in four weeks!

If your Hostas have holes in the leaves, there is a product called Sluggo that will take care of that. Put it under the leaves and the slugs eat it and die. Repeat process every two weeks.

Many of the Circles are being spruced up. Thanks to each of you who are taking charge of your Circle. We have 54 Circles in the Park. Some of them are used for parking, some are half and half. Your help in keeping them cleaned up and weeded, is appreciated.

We have five of the rental lots reworked. The campers who have used them are real happy with the way they look. We hope to complete five more this season.

Most of the CCs are cared for by Garden Club volunteers. If you need supplies, please call me and I can give the okay to purchase what you need at Park and Garden.

We have sprayed around the trees in the Park so we don't have to spin trim and damage the smaller trees, plus it saves time.

Thanks to those of you who have brought your 'extra' plants to the Garden Club Garden. We use them in the Circles and the CCs.

Have you taken a ride in Phase 3 lately? Many have improved their lots, and they look sharp!

The trees in the Memorial area are being worked on. Please remember to put plastic or metal edging around the trees in a four foot circle, mulch, and place your Memorial Plaque in the circle. This helps to keep your tree safe from damage.

The watered grass areas were fertilized and sprayed because the clover is taking over in some areas. Another tip: to get rid of your weeds, spray with white vinegar. It does the same thing as Round-Up, but is more environmentally friendly!

Enjoy your Park! Thanks to all of the Maintenance personnel who keep our Park clean and running smoothly, every day.

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by Mary Cooper

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### Flea Markets:

Upcoming dates are: August 9 (Christmas), \*August 30 (Labor Day) and October 4. Spaces are available for \$30 and may only be reserved online using the Member Web Access. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm.

\*Pancake breakfast on August 30. No dogs allowed at the Flea Markets

**Flea Market Vendors: Parking is not allowed in the office parking lot. You must park at your space or at Maintenance. You can not block access for maintenance trucks or Park & Garden equipment.**

**Winterizings:** We are ready to start taking winterizing orders. The discount price will be \$80 if the departure date is prior October 1st. Departure dates after October 1st the cost will be \$100. The latest departure date is October 19th. The price includes a final pumpout.

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

**Marion Larson**, Site K-296, on the passing of her husband, **Eugene**, on July 11th. A Memorial Service will be held at the Sandy Pines Chapel on August 2nd, at 10 am.

**Paul & Tonya Elias**, Site N-139, on the unexpected passing of their ten year old daughter, **Brookelyn Olivia**, on July 18th. Sympathy is also extended to Brookelyn's sister and brothers, **Sydney, Carter and Ryheem**.

**Jeff & Linda Smit**, Site N-507, on the passing of their mother, Millie Smit Mulder, on July 18th.

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## Aquatics News

by Kim Day

Our pools have been very busy, please remember to shower before going in them. Showering before entering really helps keep our pools healthier.

Our annual end-of-the-year party will be held on August 15th. The party will be at phase 1 beach starting at 10 am until noon. Join us as we celebrate the end of our summer programs! Keep watching the Weekend Flyer for our pool hours. We will have them posted at each pool location as well.



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## Park And Garden

by Jack Schmidt

It is hard to believe that we only have a couple of months left before we begin thinking about warmer climates.

If you still have a couple of months and would like to try a water softener we have a special going on for the August, September and October. Call the Park and Garden or stop by and see if we can help you.

Did you know that we have firewood for sale at the Park and Garden? Also we have 4 single seat Kayaks for rent during the summer. If you would like to use one on Sunday when we are not open please stop by during the week and reserve one and we will make sure you can have it on Sunday.

Many of you have taken advantage of our Bucket sale of mulch and stone but we seem to have not gotten all the buckets back that were used. If you have one of our 5 gallon buckets please return it. If you are a member and have a 5 gallon bucket you could donate to us please stop by and it would be greatly appreciated.

For those of you who have our Maynard softeners again this year we need to start thinking about what date you will need for us to pick it up. It is a great help if we can get those dates now and not have to come and find you for a pick-up date. Softeners can be kept until the water is off but if you are done before the 2nd week of October it would help us in picking them up.

We have a good supply of the digital converters and if we run out we can order more. Our cost is \$36.95 for a converter.

Reservations for the Golf Carts have been going well this year. We are almost booked up for Labor Day weekend already. If you are in need of a cart give us a call.



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# Bylaws, Rules and Permit Committee

by Stanley Robbins, Chairman

As I sit down at my computer today to write this article for the August Footprints, it is with mixed feelings that I do so. My time on the Board of Directors will come to a close on August 31, after nine years on the Board. Where did the time go? It seemed like yesterday I was writing my speech about what I would like to see done if elected. Upon re-reading my fliers that I passed out, I can say that I accomplished some things and others I did not, but I did my best to represent the membership and Sandy Pines to the best of my ability. I have no regrets and look forward to sitting in the audience at next year's board meetings and/or serving on any committees I'm asked to, and working with Gene, on any project he would like me to do.

I would like to thank those members who spent two years of their time as we worked on, and did a complete review of the By-laws, as it was a big job. Many hours were involved with this project. Thank you members for your approval of this revision. The next project was a two year revision of the Sandy Pines Rule Book. Again, thank you to this committee and its members for their work on this project, and the board for its approval. The present committee is working each month to revise and make it better, and I cannot thank you enough.

I would like to thank those members on the Finance Committee who served while I was Board Treasurer. These members are very knowledgeable about finance, and asked many, many questions as to our finances and business affairs. Thank you Dawn, and Gene, for your explanations and answers to all of our questions. And members, this committee does go over everything with a fine tooth comb. Thank you again, for your dedicated service.

I have served on nine different Boards, and each one has been different, as members leave and new members come on. Each Board was different, but each did its best to do what was best for the membership and the total operation of Sandy Pines. Since Gene has come on board as our Park President, I must say that our committees have never worked harder than they do now. We have more committees, and we are meeting more often, which in the long run is good for you, the members of Sandy Pines. We are doing more long range planning and more discussions and development of a Park Policy or Operational Manual as to how the Park should be run. It is a work in progress.

I would like to take this time to thank all of the Staff at Sandy Pines. The Administration, Office, Sales, Maintenance, Recreation, Security, Inspection, Golf (hope I didn't miss anyone) for the great job that they do to make our stay here a great one.

In closing, I would like to thank the membership for their support over the past nine great years.

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## Comments, Questions or Suggestions by Gene Van Koevering

If you are new to Sandy Pines, this may be your first exposure to CQS. I started this article in 2013 as a way to answer comments, questions and suggestions that have been posed to me that I feel are pertinent to the membership overall.

The format has been that I list the comment, question or suggestion, and follow it up with my response. Some of the items are as follows:

**Comment:** *You might want to teach the kids at Sandy Pines to be respectful of the American flag and the Veterans, if their parents won't do it. At the end of the Fourth of July parade, the colors were being shown by Veterans. A group of teens came by using a water cannon, sprayed the Veterans holding the flags. Such disrespect.*

**Response:** My first response to this person was; "Were the Veterans encouraging the young people in an effort to make it a fun thing?" The response I received was an emphatic NO, as this person making the comment to me said that he was 20 feet away when this happened, and it was completely unprovoked.

To that point, I would agree that this is an unwarranted display of disrespect for those who have fought to give these kids the ability to even do such a despicable deed. I truly hope that the parents of these unidentified young people come to find out that their child was involved, and if that occurs, we can only hope that the parents will use this shameful act as a teaching moment by impressing the importance of the service these men and women gave for our freedom. Parents, train your children in the way they should go and when they grow old they will not depart from it.

**Question:** *Why did SP destroy the reeds on the first hole of the golf course? I am sure they were protected wetlands. They also housed many young bird nests, frog habitat etc. You shouldn't mess with it unless you have a permit to remove them.*

**Answer:** We did not remove the reeds or any fauna. In fact, we did have the approval to mow them down in this location, as well as in the area immediately west of the Sandy Pines bushes sign. I was told by the DNRE that we could mow these areas down, but we were not to disturb the ground in, or around, the sites in which the reeds and brush would be mowed. As to the why? The golf course Management attempted to speed play and make certain holes more playable, and this was one of a number of things that were done to accomplish that. It would not be our intent to destroy any of these areas that need management, but rather to do what we can to enhance the surrounding area in making it more visible or useful.

**Questions:** *Why are the Rangers driving such an expensive vehicle?*

**Answer:** We made a decision to try a vehicle with a heavier drive train and more ground clearance for the off season months, when getting around the Park can be difficult and hard on vehicles that are meant for light duty use, only. We found that the maintenance budget for the light duty vehicles was becoming too costly to continue going down the same path with little expectation of better results without a change. The vehicle we purchased is a 2007, and had 35,000 miles on it. An added bonus was that the cost came in under budget.

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# Meet the Candidates Running for the Board of Directors



## Carolyn Nielsen, #803

My name is Carolyn Nielsen. I was born in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. After growing up with six siblings in Sterling Heights, I moved to Hudsonville in 1975, and heard lots of "buzz" about this fun place called "Sandy Pines." While raising my three children in Hudsonville, family members from Sterling Heights brought their campers and their tennis racquets and enjoyed the amenities here at Sandy Pines. Since we purchased our lot in 2010, extended family members have brought their campers and enjoyed our great park.

I am a retired registered nurse, worked in labor and delivery, and was a Resolve thru Sharing Counselor at Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids for 25 years. I contributed in designing the new birthing room suites and the nursing and medication station.

I am an avid sports enthusiast. My Husband, Gary, and I enjoy a good game of tennis. In my spare time, I enjoy sewing and working in my flower gardens. After we purchased our lot, #803, I helped orchestrate the beautification of the Shore Line Circle green area. Come and enjoy the circle.

I am currently serving on the Maintenance and Grounds Committee, and a member of the Garden Club, in hopes of continually improving the facilities here at Sandy Pines.

If elected to the board, I will listen to the concerns of fellow members and let them know that their opinions matter. I will take these ideas and present them to the other board members for consideration. Your voice will be heard! We are a Member Owned Park and need to remember that even one person can make a difference. Feel free to contact me at [nielsencg1996@gmail.com](mailto:nielsencg1996@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.

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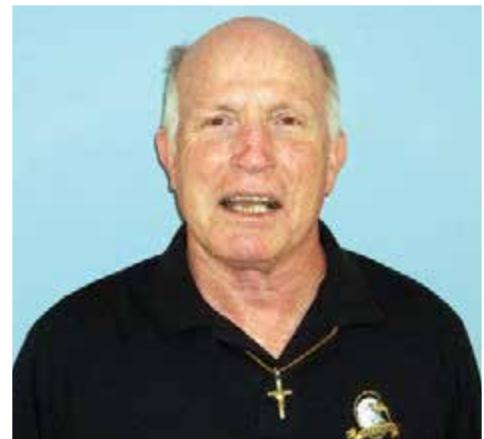
## Glen Pettigrove, Condos – C-27

I retired after 42 years of ministry in the Wesleyan Church. Sandy Pines was our family's 'get away' place. We purchased our first lot in 1979, in Phase 5. Our two children participated in swimming lessons, tennis, and evening recreation activities until they were old enough to join the recreation staff. Our son later drove the 'honey wagon'; for several years while Amy helped to keep the recreation department functioning during a time of transition. After the children began working for the park, I became a member of the Sandy Pines Board and served for 6 years. We made a move to our 2nd lot in Phase 4. As we faced retirement and needed a home of our own, Sandy Pines Condos was a natural transition. Sandy Pines had been our home away from home for 35 years.

I have been a chapel speaker once a summer since the early 80's.

I believe in Sandy Pines as a place for family to grow together. I strongly support the Chapel and the Recreation activities. I currently serve on the Special Events and Activities Advisory Committee, where we have made it our goal "to provide opportunities for fun and age related activities for all Sandy Pines members."

I believe I can be valuable to the Park as a twelve month resident.



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## Meet the Candidates Running for the Board of Directors



### Gerda (Greta) Pitcher, Site 438, age 61

I have owned and operated my beauty salon for over 36 years. I enjoy being around people and talking about their concerns. If there is something I can help them with, I am always willing to do so.

I have been married for 42 years. We have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

We have been members for 21 years. I love Sandy Pines and enjoy what we have here. It's important to me to do whatever it takes to keep and protect our community here.

The family memories we make here are priceless. I have met many friends in our years here, and many more to come.

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**Election Ballot**

**Carolyn Nielsen**

**Glen Pettigrove**

**Gerda Pitcher**

**I voted for (number of candidates) \_\_\_\_\_**

**Sandy Pines Ballot Proposal**

I approve the Board of Directors recommendation to amend Article VIII, Section 7, of the Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. Bylaws, with the following language pertaining to Board of Directors resignations and vacancies.

**Section 7a, Resignations:** Any director may resign at any time, orally, or in writing, by notifying the Chairman of the Board or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time therein specified; and, unless otherwise specified, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

**Section 7b, Vacancies:** At the discretion of the Board of Directors, any vacancy on the Board of Directors, caused by death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause other than an increase in the number of directors, and occurs more than (120) days before the next annual election shall be filled within (30) days by any of the following ways:

- 1) The Board may choose a candidate from the election of directors at the previous Annual Meeting of Members. Any duly nominated candidate having received the greatest number of votes from the previous election of directors, and not having been elected in accordance with Bylaw [Ref:] ARTICLE XII ELECTIONS Section 1-12, may be deemed to be elected, to fill the vacancy for the unexpired balance of the term of the vacancy to be filled.
- 2) The Board may call for a Special Meeting of the Members to fill the vacancy.
- 3) The Board may allow the vacancy to remain until the next annual meeting of the membership.
- 4) The vacancy may be filled by a member who receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors then in office, at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors. The term of a director elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy expires at the next annual meeting at which directors are elected.

Any vacancy which may occur less than 120 days before the next annual election, may or not be filled at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**Lake Monterey Golf Course Ballot Proposal**

As the four year Board assessment of \$125 per Membership per year to assist with financial stability of our Lake Monterey Golf Course ends with the October, 2014 dues, the Board of Directors are asking for the Membership to approve the following proposal:

Shall the Membership approve (a) an Annual Operating Assessment in the amount of \$100 to support the annual operations of the course, and (b) an Annual Capital Assessment of \$25 to provide funds for the purchase, replacement, and upgrade of equipment and other assets of the course, beginning October 1, 2015, subject to Sandy Pines bylaws annual C.P.I. increase.

Additionally, a vote in favor of this assessment will eliminate member and associate cart/trail fees (currently \$3) and impose a 50% green fee charge, based on the prevailing member and associate green fee rate. (Example: The current green fee is \$11. The Member/Associate Member Green Fee presented in this example would be \$5.50 for a 9 Hole round)

\_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ NO



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### Golf Course Committee Update by Ron Corstange

The 2014 golf season at Sandy Pines is going by much too rapidly. After a very cold spring we have had a great summer for golf. The course is in beautiful shape. If you see any of the golf staff, please give them a thank you for the great job that they are doing.

The month of June was a very good month for the Course, as the number of rounds played on both the front and back nines was up from last year. One of the more noticeable things that has occurred is the extensive tree trimming on the front nine. Most of the comments on it are very positive, and playing the front nine is now faster and much more enjoyable.

The rental carts that are now available are a nice addition at the course. Also, more merchandise is now in stock in the clubhouse than was in previous years.

You are encouraged to use the on-line system when making golf reservations. Improvements are continuing to be made to make it easier to use.

Finally, a very important vote will be held on August 16, regarding the funding of Lake Monterrey Golf Course. This golf course is a wonderful asset to Sandy Pines and should be properly maintained for the enjoyment of Sandy Pines members.

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Additionally, a vote in favor of this assessment will eliminate member and associate cart/trail fees (currently \$3.00) and impose a 50% green fee charge, based on the prevailing member and associate green fee rate. (current green fee is \$11.00. The Member/Associate Member Green Fee with approval of this ballot would be \$5.50 for a 9 hole round)

Yes     No

## Advantages of Passing this proposal...

If the ballot proposals are passed, it would allow us to continue on the path of improving the course and planning for the future with confidence.

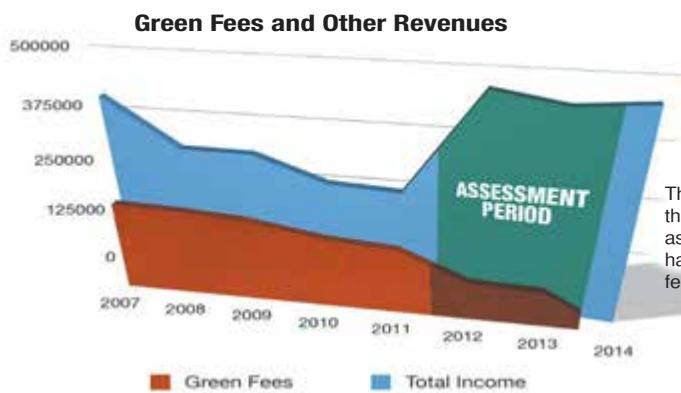
- It would allow us to plan and set financial goals
- It will enhance the ability of the golf course to become financially stable
- Once it's financially stabilized we will begin repayment of the outstanding loans to SPWT

*This ballot proposal is designed to provide funding from three sources; (a) the Membership (b) the golfing Members and Associate Members, via green fees and (c) renewed efforts to increase revenue income from the Public.*

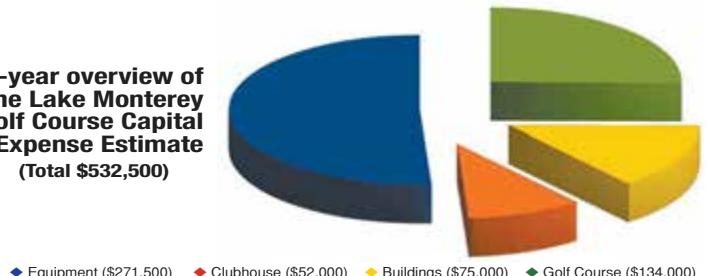
- It would be a proactive effort to move forward with planning for the future, by determining how a ballot vote will affect operational decisions, based on the outcomes.
- There is no need to wait. Planning for a healthy golf program going forward can begin as soon as there is financial stability.
- The ability to begin planning long range will provide greater accuracy, knowing LMGC has financial stability based on positive ballot proposals.
- It will reassure the membership that a yes vote would continue to provide LMGC as an added value to their membership sites.

## Recap of the approximate numbers:

- Cost of operations: \$500,000.00 annually
- Estimated revenue from Member assessment: \$213,000.00
- Estimated revenue from Golfing Members and Associate Members: \$86,600.00
- Estimated revenue from Public play and retail sales: \$200,000.00



10-year overview of the Lake Monterey Golf Course Capital Expense Estimate  
(Total \$532,500)



A complete breakdown of this proposal and its details are available at the management office upon request.

## **Senior Adult Recreation** by Carol Hoffman

**Friday, August 1 - Potluck** at 5:30 PM in the Pavilion. Everyone welcome. Bring a dish to share, your tableware and drink. Hot water will be available for instant coffee or tea.

**Saturday, August 2 - Free Bingo** in the Pavilion from 2-4 PM for everyone 10 years old and over. A donation box is located by my door at lot 345, Phase 1, for any Free Bingo prize donations, or you may bring them with you to any of our activities.

**Saturday, August 16 - Adult Bingo** in the Pavilion at 7 PM for everyone 18 years old and over. Cards are 25 cents each and you must purchase at least four cards. You play on these cards for the entire bingo. An inexpensive, but fun night out.

**Friday, August 22 - Karaoke** from 7-9 PM at the Adult Recreation Center. No cost for this fun night out. Come and join in the singing or just sit and enjoy the entertainment.

**Saturday, August 23 - Golf Cart Poker Run.** Charge your golf cart and join in on the fun. The cost is \$5/ person and it begin at 2 PM at the picnic shelter in the TeePee area (flea market area) with sign up starting at 1:30. There will be a limit of 200 participants. If you are able to help with the poker run, please contact me at (616) 896-7996 or carjoyhoff@aol.com to volunteer. We need lots of help to make this event work. Watch the Weekend Flyers and the sign in the core area for more details.

**Monday, September 1 (Labor Day) - Free Bingo** in the Pavilion from 2 – 4 PM for everyone 10 years old and over. Prize donations are welcome.

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**Friday, September 5 - Potluck** at 5:30 PM in the Pavilion. Everyone welcome. Bring a dish to share, your tableware and drink. This will be our last Friday potluck of the season.

**Saturday, September 20 - Adult Bingo Appreciation Night** for those 18 years old and over. We will be having a special party with food and prizes for all our Adult Bingo players starting at 6 PM. Make plans to come for this special event. Bingo will start at 7 PM.

**Saturday, October 4 (Octoberfest)** will be our last event of the 2014 season with a free bingo from 2 – 4 PM followed by a Potluck/ Soup Supper at 5:30. Make plans to join us for one or both of these last activities.

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# Marketing Committee Off and Running!

by Michael VanderWall, Chairperson

We're happy to announce that Sandy Pines now has its own Marketing Committee. It's composed of an extremely talented team of marketing professionals. Each person brings to the membership a wide variety of skill sets that promise to develop marketing goals and strategies to meet them.

Sandy Pines has prospered over the past four decades, building a rich and diverse community. A community that is vibrant and successful. We all enjoy the amenities and the friendships that have been fostered by the continuous efforts of our staff and members that volunteer their time and energies. It's been long known as "West Michigan's Best Kept Secret". Most of this success has been caused through word of mouth exposure.

The Marketing Committee has been mandated by the Sandy Pines Management Team to broaden, in a controlled manner, the exposure of Sandy Pines to the wider community. We are tasked with enhancing the value of our treasured Sandy Pines homes and exposing our experiences here through the latest global internet media available. We will provide people the access to our sales staff and management so that they can better serve those that wish to join us.

I thank the marketing team that has graciously stepped forward to offer their time and expertise to make our assignment possible. We urge the greater Sandy Pines community to assist us as well with the many tasks at hand. Perhaps you have data entry experience, or are printers, web designers, photographers, videographers, or are project managers. We need your help.

Our immediate goal is to enhance the Sandy Pines website and grow our social media exposure. This committee recognizes these marketing tools as a mandatory resource to capture information that will help us target our audiences.

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## Members Outreach by Kel Kronemeyer

### NEW MEMBERS – YOU ARE INVITED!

If you are a new member since October, 2012, and you have not attended the Outreach Committee sponsored 'New Member Welcome and Orientation' Ice Cream Social, please reserve the date of Saturday, August 23rd, and join us for our Second Social of the summer. You and your immediate family are all invited!

We will be in the Core Area Outdoor Pavilion, and if the weather is bad, we will meet at the Corner Café. This event will take place from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

The June social was attended by 91 members and family, plus 20 board, committee and staff members.

Be sure to check out the 11 new sign designs. By the time you read this, we will have placed the second order of the summer. We will place one more order after the Labor Day Flea Market. Be sure to stop by our table and place your order, which will then be available in the office when you return in the spring. Finally, a very important vote will be held on August 16, regarding the funding of Lake Monterrey Golf Course. This golf course is a wonderful asset to Sandy Pines and should be properly maintained for the enjoyment of Sandy Pines members.



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There are no dues or fees for AA membership; we are self-supporting through our own contributions. AA is not allied with any sect, denomination, politics, organization or institution; does not wish to engage in any controversy; neither endorses nor opposes any causes. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

We will meet on Saturday nights at the Library in the Admin. Office, from 8:45 – 10:15 pm. Meetings begin on Saturday, August 2nd and run through Saturday, August 30th.

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## Technology Committee Report by Jon Novakowski

As we head toward some amazing new technologies to bring Sandy Pines into the 21st century, please know that we are working diligently, with propose and foresight of the wellbeing of the members now, and in the future. We appreciate your patience and patronage during this transitional season. I would like to take a moment of your time to give breath to some of the changes.

Fiber optic feed - This is the true star for the Technology committee. Sandy Pines getting a fiber optic feed now opens the doors to endless possibilities. As we all know, the ability to get to the internet has hindered Sandy Pines from growth into the technology age.

Digital cable conversion – As many of you know the change from analog to digital was not a Sandy Pines decision but one that was from the FCC. The addition of the new channels and crystal clear pictures is only a small part of the package. Sandy Pines now has four stations on this new system that can be used to better communicate with the members about Board Meetings, new services/offerings, real-estate, event coverage, upcoming events, etc... If you ever wanted to be on TV...this might be your chance!

Sandy Pines/Charter Internet – Those who have subscribed to the Sandy Pines/Charter Internet modem offering have been enjoying 60MB service. I would like to explain why the committee decided to invest in a relationship with the Charter service. The tech committee was challenged with the task of getting reliable internet throughout the Park. We felt there was an injustice done with not including, or being able to offer everyone in the Park, the same internet ability. The coax internet service was able to be offered immediately to each member with steady, reliable service.

Now that we have the ability to get to the internet, we can turn our sights on what the committee sees as the next target; cellular voice coverage. It's no secret that Sandy Pines has very limited cellular voice coverage. We are currently working on a proposal to present to Sandy Pines with our recommendations on utilizing the fiber optic network and the park facility building to act as cellular voice antennas.

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# Technology Committee Report

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As Sandy Pines grows from the campground into the resort campground, we are working on making sure the amenities and facilities of the Park are technologically able to grow with it. We are currently deploying a backhaul system that will allow all the Park facilities to communicate with one another. This will give the ability to control environmental, security, features and amenities at each of the facilities.

Sandy Pines wireless offering: Many of you are frustrated with the wireless network and no one can blame you for that. We are currently looking at the wireless offering and how, and if, it can be fixed. The equipment is very old and doesn't support many of the newer advances in wireless technology. The equipment has been through multiple Michigan winters and we have been experiencing many hardware failures. In order to push forward with a wireless offering, either the Park will need to spend funds, or we will need to look toward a WISP (wireless internet service provider) to bring an offering to the Park. We will be sending out a survey about the wireless system, as well as having a wireless offering in the future, and what they may look like. Please do take some time and fill out the survey, for it will greatly impact the decisions/direction we will be presenting

We have begun to use an email distribution system provided by mailchimp.com. This email system allows you to subscribe/unsubscribe to the "newsletter". We are using this method to send out updates on upcoming fixes, findings, new features, systems, etc...as a way to keep more members informed more often.

I would like to share the Sandy Pines Technology Committee Mission Statement:

***The SPTC will provide leadership for effective strategic and tactical planning in the use of technology.***

- **The SPTC will promote new uses of information technology within the Park through the support for exploratory and innovative applications.**
- **The SPTC will provide recommendations for the highest quality technology-based direction in the most cost-effective manner.**

We are always looking for committee members. You don't need to be a technical person to be on the committee.



## John's Big Catch

YES! It was exciting! John Gilman, Site 795, came running to Roger Courser's house, Site 798, with the fish in the fish basket, splashing 'fish juice' all over, yelling, "Mister Roger, Look what I caught!"

Roger has loaned several fishing poles to the Recreation Department for use by our members and/or campers. You can borrow one from the Rec. Office, if you don't have one of your own! Roger has also volunteered to keep them in 'working' order, if something gets knotted up or broken.

John Gilman had been using one of the poles that Roger had given him the day before, from the loaner program. This was the first fish John had ever caught...and his excitement was quite contagious! Roger took his picture, and later in the day, John came back and asked when Roger was going to put him on TV! Well...this isn't TV, John, but we sure do love seeing your GREAT catch! Nice job bringing that one in!

# Safety Director Update

by Steve Deyarmond

## Golf Cart Safety:

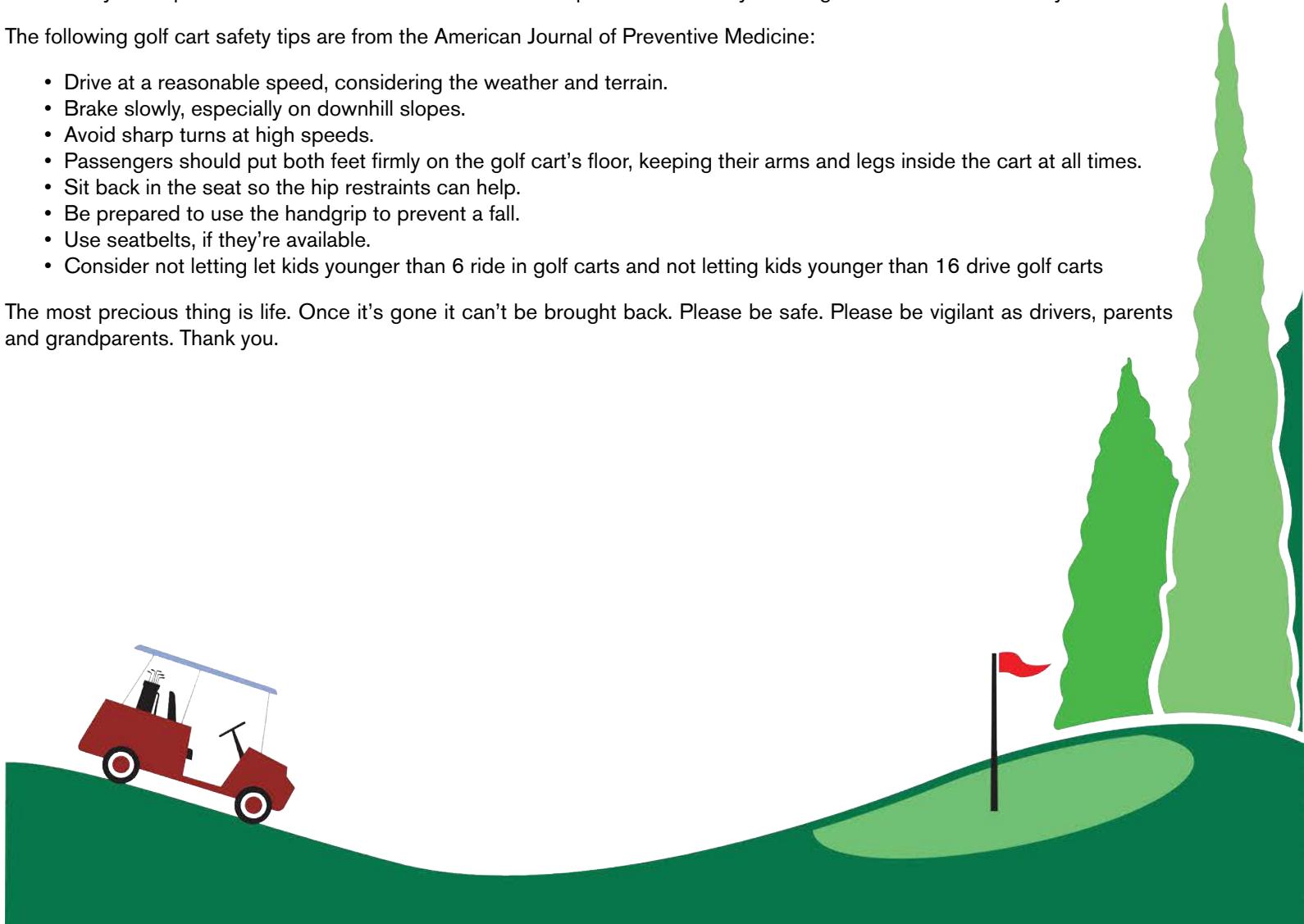
As a resort community, Sandy Pines golf carts are a major mode of transportation. Other resorts and communities report severe injuries and fatalities. Although Sandy Pines has not had a fatality, we have the possibility of having a person become injured, and die, as a result of a golf cart accident. We have had persons severely injured as a result of a golf cart accidents. Please observe your youth operating your golf carts. Please be vigilant to protect young children from being ejected or tossed out of the golf cart as you make turns. Please slow down.

- Fractures and head trauma are the most common injuries. The highest injury rates were found in 10 to 19 year old boys, and men older than 80.
- Roughly 40% of golf car accidents involve a person falling out of the cart, and many of these accidents involve young children
- Experts say most teens and children simply lack the driving experience necessary to operate a golf cart safely
- Ejection accidents, approximately 10% of golf car accidents, involve a rollover and statistics indicate that such accidents are roughly twice as likely to lead to injuries requiring a hospital stay as non-rollover accidents
- A study noted that golf carts are designed specifically for use off public roads, with speeds not to exceed 15 mph, although they can be easily modified to travel faster. They lack many of the safety features required.
- Many mishaps involve small children who aren't able to put both feet firmly on the golf cart's floor for stability.

The following golf cart safety tips are from the American Journal of Preventive Medicine:

- Drive at a reasonable speed, considering the weather and terrain.
- Brake slowly, especially on downhill slopes.
- Avoid sharp turns at high speeds.
- Passengers should put both feet firmly on the golf cart's floor, keeping their arms and legs inside the cart at all times.
- Sit back in the seat so the hip restraints can help.
- Be prepared to use the handgrip to prevent a fall.
- Use seatbelts, if they're available.
- Consider not letting let kids younger than 6 ride in golf carts and not letting kids younger than 16 drive golf carts

The most precious thing is life. Once it's gone it can't be brought back. Please be safe. Please be vigilant as drivers, parents and grandparents. Thank you.



## Dear Members and Friends,

Truly this season has been rife with change. Technologically, we have had a change in internet service to the park and more recently the cable TV has changed for all of Hopkins area as well as Sandy Pines from analog to digital.

My thanks and the thanks of the Staff go out to those of you that have shown patience and understanding during these changes. In spite of the frustrations, we are confident that the changes we have gone through will allow us to reap many benefits in the future as this new technology is increasingly developed.

However this letter is my plea to those of you that have expressed your frustrations to the staff here at Sandy Pines, as well as the Service Technicians of Charter Communications. In a number of cases your actions have been embarrassing and unbecoming that of a rational adult and Member of Sandy Pines.

I will add that in the face of such irrational language and behavior to those who were on the receiving end of your visceral expressions, our Staff has performed with dignity and poise. I am so proud of each of them. In an effort to bring order to a disorderly situation, our staff has consistently shown calm in the face of storm. So dedicated they are that many on our Staff went to help Members on their own time. Our Staff loves Sandy Pines and serves those of us who are Members with a passion that is greater than a paycheck and they deserve our appreciation and respect. Please give it to them.

It is with deep regret that these transitions came about in the way they did. Let me assure you all that this was not expected and certainly not intended, but none the less it was the way it happened. With that said, please act on my request to you, to offer your thanks to a Staff person when you see one.

**They deserve our positive gratitude not a negative attitude.**

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Approved trees are: Gold Leaf Maple (Hard); Purple Beechnut; Kousa Dogwood; Crimson King Maple; Bradford Pear; Crab Trees; Blood Leaf Maple; Sun Burst Locust; Purple Weeping Beech and Hemlock.



## Bullpen Storage Area Availability

We currently have some storage area available and wanted to make you aware. Below is the information on sizes, cost, and *what is included when you rent a space!*

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## Maintenance News by Ben Fifelski

The Maintenance Department has been very busy this summer, working hard to keep your Park in great condition.

The Mini-Golf course repairs have been completed, and we hope that you are enjoying the use of it! We are currently working on getting the Nature Trail cleaned up so you can enjoy it, once again, too.

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Recycling containers are back! They are located across the street from the Ranger Station, in the leaf dump area. Please put your cardboard, plastic, paper and glass materials in this container to be recycled. Thank you for not filling up the other dumpsters throughout the Park with these materials.

We would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your help in keeping the Park free of litter. Many of you take walks around the Park or exercise your pets, picking up papers and other litter as you go. Please know that your efforts are appreciated – and we thank you for helping us to keep Sandy Pines the beautiful place that it is.

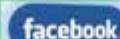
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# Recreation Department News

by Mary Applehof

New record breaking numbers for our 4th of July events! We had 332 people play in our tournaments! The parade was awesome too! Thank you to everyone who participated! It sure makes it a lot of fun at Sandy Pines with so many people being involved!

Speaking of participating, we are so thankful for all of our volunteers and we are looking for more of you to sign up for our volunteer program. I can't stress enough how much we appreciate everyone who volunteers for our Park. All of the events that we do, could not happen without each and every one of you! So thank you from the bottom of my heart. The new sign up genius program has made it very easy to sign up for the events that you are interested in helping with. Please call me if you need any assistance in signing up. We have had great volunteers help out at the Family Fun Day and Kiddie Carnival, Trunk or Treat, the Kids Triathlon and the Adults 3 Disciplines Triathlon! We could not have done it without you. If you volunteered and need a service hour's certificate, please come to the Recreation office and we will be sure to get that for you.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first ever Rainbow of Color run! We had a great turn out and we are very fortunate to have had 15 sponsors for our race. I would like to thank Robyn, from Advertising Solutions, for making all of the shirts and helping find all of our sponsors! Our wonderful sponsors were: Pat's Little Wheels, Tillema Sales and Service, Inc. Yoder's Cleaning Services, The Mott Family: Mike, Rhonda, and Alivia, Dr. Bruce Sexton, DDS Family Dentistry, Vacationland Sales, Advertising Solutions, Dairy Dip, Scott's Carts Plus, LLC, The Country Store and Country Café, The Shepler Family: Ashtin, Emma, Baker, Oliver, Max, Harrison Shrink Wrapping, My-Con, Inc, Going Green Construction, and Superior Cart Co.

Some dates to put on your calendar for August are: Friday the 8th we are having our Hawaiian Luau – must be pre-registered. Cost is \$12. Information is at the CC's. Sat. the 9th is the Pickleball tournament and the Soccer tournaments along with a BBQ cook off at the Flea Market T-pee area, and a Golf Cart Rodeo in the parking lot of the indoor pool. This is where the driver of the golf cart is blind folded and then someone else tells them where to go on the driving course! This is going to be great for all of you backseat drivers. We can't forget that this is Christmas in August, and we will be having the Live Nativity going on in the core area! Don't forget to decorate your site for Christmas! Sat. the 16th is the Adult/child tennis tournament starting at 9 am, at the Water Park courts, and the last drive in movie for the summer!

With all of our activities coming to a close for the season, please take time to thank the Recreation Staff who kept your kids safe and entertained this hot summer! Tennis, golf and swim lessons are running smoothly. The Kid's club, Pre-teen club and Teen club have had record numbers attending, and are having a great time, too.

We will be having our end of season "Recreation Party" for all kids that have attended any Recreation activity this summer. It will be held on Friday, August 15 at the Ph. 1 beach. Check your Weekend Flyer for more information.

One side note – Parents please take the time to instruct your kids about cleaning up after themselves. I have never seen our Park so full of garbage left behind everywhere! It is on the basketball courts, the tennis courts, the gaga ball courts ....I could go on and on – but let's take the time to teach our kids how to make good choices for the good of our Park. If you see trash, please clean it up. If you see someone making a mess, a simple reminder to clean it up will go a long way in keeping our Park clean. I know this is not a simple task to ask you to do, it takes a while to teach our youth to take care of our Park, so adults, be good examples, and that is the best teaching tool that we have!

Looking forward to our Labor Day Activities! Make sure you join in the fun!

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## Long Range Planning Committee Notes

by Rog Grinwis

Our committee reviewed and further discussed the recommendation for the Adult Recreation Center and Indoor Pool facility. The committee agreed that the overall building integrity report provided adequate information for Gene Van Koevering, Park President, to present our committee recommendation to the Board of Directors, and a cost analysis and building replacement process be initiated.

We further discussed the purpose of 'long-range' planning, and what that meant for our committee. We agreed that the committee should be assessing future property availability and what our long-range goals should be for the Park.

Jess Larson recommended that our committee consider wood management/tree harvesting to potentially recycle trees from our Park, and consider the potential revenue for Sandy Pines. The committee agreed that at our next meeting, we should provide long-range brainstorm ideas for our group. Additional consideration should also be given to revenue generating ideas.

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**For Sale from Site 81:** Set of bunk beds with mattresses – purchased in May, 2013, and NEVER used. Asking \$1,200. Please call 574-276-1039, if you would like to come and take a look at them. Currently set up in our bedroom.

**For Sale from Site 110:** 2003 Dutch Park w/loft over bedroom, fully furnished, supplies, dishes, small appliances. Excellent condition. Ready to be moved in to after you move it to your lot. One long side has been finished with bead board for a ready-made-room look added to your porch. Just get a mover...and for \$28,900, it is yours! Call Jim or Gail at 616-822-2950.

**For Sale - Site 204:** 1994 Trophy w/two bedrooms on one and a half lots, near Ice Cream shop and core area. Large 3-season sunroom, fully furnished, air conditioned. Lots of trees, shed and sunken fire pit (can sit 25). Boat stake across the road. You have to see it to believe it. Asking: \$69,995. Call: 616-530-2636.

**For Sale - Site 303 - Phase 1:** 1999 Dutch Park, one Bedroom Park Model, new roof in 2013. Spacious screened in gazebo on large deck in back, new roof in 2013. Deck furniture, Shed, 2000 Yamaha Electric Golf Cart. Asking: \$59,900. Call: 616-741-9275 – Home or 616-312-6401 – Cell.

**For Sale - Site 419:** Great panoramic view of the lake from the decks and inside this beautifully updated 1985 Woodlawn Park trailer. Improvements include new full size refrigerator, stove, microwave, and bathtub/shower. Hardwood floors and lots of storage in trailer add to its charm. A bright 3-season porch is 3 years old. Golf cart with one year old batteries and boat stake included. Lots of parking and close to CC are added values Asking: \$48,900 or best offer. Call: 616-896-6982.

**For Sale - Site 477 - Phase 2:** RV 2003 Thor Adironack A26RK, Double sized lot (80x80) in ground fire pit w/pavers, large front deck, 9 x 20 enclosed porch, electric golf cart, golf cart garage w/paver floor, tool shed, large gravel drive parking area, boat stake at beach across the road, lake and green area view, short distance to stores, gas, library, laundry and convenience center. Asking: \$30,490. Call: 270-792-4314.

**For Sale - Site 785 – Phase 2:** Two bedroom Park Model, one Master and one bunk room w/bunk bed and fold down bed. Master has Queen sized Seeley Pillow top. Newer Berber throughout and most furniture and all appliances included. Large lot on the water with woods across. Great 'Up North' feel. Three year old 4-Season room w/insulated roof and walls. Floor is also insulated, full size hide-a-bed. Central air/heat ducted out to porch, propane fireplace with blower, 20' private dock with 40' of water frontage. Two golf carts, golf cart shelter plus 8x10 shed. Three tiered patio w/fire pit, close to Convenience Center. Asking \$84,900. Call: 734-915-1926 or 734-837-4415.

**For Sale from Site 802:** 29' Mallard trailer, remodeled inside, located in Sandy Pines bullpen, trailer is empty except for stove and beds. Asking: \$4,500 OBO. Call 616-834-8979 or 616 212 7884.

**For Sale - Site 932:** Great double lot! Old trailer with nice screen porch, deck and fire pit. 2014 Dues are paid. New storage shed... most of the contents of trailer and porch are included, if needed. Not to be sold separate: Red, EZ-Go Golf Cart, batteries in 2012; Tan, EZ-Go Golf Cart, batteries 2010; 1989 Searay, 20' Boat V6 I/O. Asking: \$29,900. Call: 616-260-5004 or 616-457-5868, ask for Jon or Connie.

**Wanted at Site 1076:** Used porch roof panels, standard size, 3-4 inches thick. Call/ text Dennis, at 269-217-4534.

**For Sale - Site 1125 - Phase 3:** Trailer/ lot/wooden deck, wooden golf cart shed with golf cart, very close to CC, eager to sell. Asking \$23,000 OBO. Call: 616-366-5968.

**For Sale - Site 1131:** 2005 E-Z Go Gas Golf Cart in good condition. Asking: \$3,500. Call: 616-566-1850.

**For Sale - Site 1233:** Large landscaped lot with stone base and large paved patio. Ready for Park Model or RV Camper. Includes golf cart garage, wood shed and screened room w/fan and cable outlets. Close to Phase III pool and CC. Asking: \$35,000. Call: 616-896-1071.

**For Sale - Site 1350:** Two and one half sites – with only one dues! 1999 Forest River trailer, 6 x 8 Shed and Golf Cart Shed. Great site with lots of possibilities for future Park Model, porch, etc. Must See! Asking \$32,000 OBO. Call: 269-751-8444 or see Jim at Maintenance.

**For Sale - Site N-1 - Phase 4:** NEW PRICE! \$112,500! On the lake, Islandview Trail. Canterbury Park Model with one bedroom, a double loft, and all furniture included. New air conditioning unit in 2012, 3-season porch with new vinyl windows and screens in 2014. Large deck facing the lake w/great view of the island, and your boat stake is right out front! There is also a brick patio with a fire pit and a stainless steel grill. A large golf cart garage with lots of storage, includes a lawn mower and a 2-seat electric golf cart w/charger. Call Sandy: 616-457-5739.

**For Sale - Site N-53:** Park Model in a choice location near the lake. New roof and garage, boat stake, move in ready! Asking \$69,900. Call: 941-720-0909.

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**For Sale - Site N-64:** 2000 Breckinridge park with large porch and deck, double loft, central air and garage. Large lot with woodsy privacy and beautiful lake view over dam. Located on end of cul-de-sac. A MUST SEE \$96,500. Call 616-885-7770 or 616-885-7205 for more details/showing.

**For Sale - Site N-128:** 2012 Canterbury, 1 bedroom w/large double super loft. Year old 3-season porch w/new mini-split AC/heat. Garage. Located close to Ropes Course, Indoor Pool and Golf Course on a nice cul-de-sac. Excellent condition. Asking: \$95,000. Call: 616-403-2361.

**For Sale - Site N-342:** 2005 Canterbury w/Large Double Loft - centrally located by indoor pool/soccer fields - no maintenance lot with pavers & deck. Comes furnished, pantry & extra cabinets in kitchen for storage, extra large double loft w/built in cabinets for storage, tvs & lots of room. Queen size bed in master with built in storage. Tub/Shower unit. 3-season porch w/pergo flooring & A/C. 2 garages, Patio Furniture & Grill. Dues are paid for 2014 and includes a floating dock, by the indoor pool. Asking: \$79,990 OBO. Call or text for more info 815-603-5809.

**For Sale - Site N-382:** 2011 Kropf double loft in a great location. Easy walk to convenience center as well as the Phase 4 beach and Adult Rec Center. Well shaded, no maintenance lot with two decks. Full size attached three-season room is glass/screened on three sides and has new carpeting, ceiling fan, and window treatments. Bathroom has full tub and shower. Main floor highlights include surround sound, queen sleeper, and plenty of storage including pantry. Upstairs has separate sleeping areas with plenty of room for two queen mattresses plus, as well as storage unit and in-wall a/c. One, four-person electric golf cart and boat slip included. Virtually all furnishings included with sale as well as patio dinette and grille. Call or text 616-406-8728. Asking: \$68,900, will consider all offers.

**For Sale - Site N-384:** Fully Furnished/ Turn Key--2000 Dutch Park, central A/C. Master suite - Queen Bedroom. Sky light in shower. Kitchen gas stove, full fridge, micro. Queen sofa bed & Lazy Boy in LR. Entry ways go through kitchen & LR not thru bedroom. Attached 10x25 all season screened, carpeted, blinds, A/C porch. Wicker couch & full size chairs, coffee table, 6 ft. glass dining table. Large 12x18 "Amish" garage, lots of loft storage, & side entry door. 2004 EZGO "Lifted" 4 seat gas golf cart. Stone Driveway, flower bed, sidewalk & patio, portable fire

kettle, patio set w/umbrella, gas grill. Centrally located by indoor pool / soccer field / splash park/beach. All membership dues paid for 2014. Asking: \$68,500. For more information call 734-679-9086 or 248-345-0176.

**For Sale from Site N-410:** 1974 16' Glastron with 120 outboard motor, boat cover and trailer. Asking \$1,800. Call: 708-212-8894.

**For Sale - Site N-433:** Large beautiful waterfront lot on Sailboat Cove. 1988 Trophy Park Model. Very private, large site. New, insulated sunroom, 2011, with Argon tinted windows. New composite deck and roof, 2011. Beautiful patio with firepit. Golf Cart garage w/golf cart, 1992 22' Pontoon boat. Most furniture included. Ready to move in - must see! Wonderful neighbors! 2014 Dues and renewals paid. Asking \$115,000 or best offer. Call: 616-836-1770 or e-mail [chrisklingenberg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chrisklingenberg@sbcglobal.net).

**For Sale from Site K-3:** 2003 - 20' SunCruiser Pontoon Boat by Lowe (Malibu). 40 hp Mercury 2 stroke engine. Very good condition. Asking: \$6,900 Call 269-207-5526.

**For Sale - Site K-19:** Lakefront lot across from the Water Park. 45' 1989 Canterbury, furnished with 3 full sized beds and a 3-season porch. 18' Sweetwater Pontoon Boat with cover and awning - boat stake and shared dock. Two electric Club Car Golf Carts w/10x16 steel shed with work bench and tools. Move In Ready! 2014 Dues paid. Asking: \$127,800. Call: 419-382-6559 or e-mail [hr\\_wulff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hr_wulff@sbcglobal.net).

**For Sale - Site K-174:** Lot close to the Water Park. Shed with white fence, bench and table. Asking \$20,000. Call: 616-784-4975.

**For Sale - Site K-256:** 2003 Tahoe with Jamestown 3-season porch with heat and air. Fully furnished with large master bedroom. Includes 11 X 18 golf cart garage with opener, fully finished with pegboard walls, vinyl floor,

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cabinets and workbench. EzGo electric golf cart and bbq grill included. Close to CC, low maintenance - move in ready. Asking \$59,900. Call 260-437-3772 or 260-341-4104.

**For Sale – Site K-261:** 2007 27' Springdale Trailer w/slideout, 32' deck, golf cart and golf cart garage, 8x8 shed, full sized refrigerator in shed, picnic table, lawn mower, new gas grill, fire pit, folding chairs and boat stake. Dues are paid for 2014. JUST REDUCED to \$31,900. Call: 616-245-2926 or 616-406-0991. Will sell site and trailer separately.

**For Sale – Site K-288:** Lakefront! Beautiful 2002, one bedroom Dutch Park model on the "best kept secret part of the lake"! Enjoy a huge green area with full view and access to the beach and lake! Spectacular view of the fireworks. Meticulously maintained with large custom kitchen, furnished in cottage décor. Screened porch, blinds, central air, and new refrigerator. Huge, partially maintenance free deck, with beautiful patio furniture, grill, landscaped patio, and shed. Golf cart, boat stake, and canoe included. Many summer time memories to be made in this charming spot. Asking: \$121,000. Please call Sandy Pines Sales office at 616-896-8315, Kathy @ ext. 113 or Dale @ ext. 114.

**For Sale from Site K-306:** Antique Stamped Bassett Bedroom Suite. Blonde in color, early 1950's. Solidly built, made in the USA. Ladies' 6-drawer dresser with dust shelves, with or without mirror; Men's 5-drawer chest; Two night tables with drawer and bottom shelf; Standard size head and footboard. Will consider selling pieces individually. Call for prices and measurements. Call: 269-682-5053.

**For Sale – Site K-395:** Park Model w/4-season room, low E-glass, built in 2010, very well insulated. New kitchen appliances – fridge in 2012; stove and built in microwave in 2011. Installed Rheem 'on demand remote

control' hot water in 2012. Garage built in 2009, shed re-roofed in 2009. New carpet new floating floor in kitchen/bathroom in 2010, New composite decking on front porch, nicely landscaped patio blocks front/back – no grass to cut! Boat stake included. Must see! Asking \$57,500 OBO. Call: 734-421-5305.

**For Sale – Site K-396:** 2007 Trophy Park Model – gorgeous home – must see! 9' ceilings in the 3-season sunroom w/transom windows, dark hardwood floors and cabinetry, surround sound, double loft w/built-ins, sleeps several. Nice staircase. Large deck (12x34) beautifully landscaped, view of lake, golf cart, storage shed and brand new furniture. Asking \$95,000. Call: 623-512-6845 or 623-261-9692.

**For Sale – K-454 – Phase V:** Beautiful Lake Front, No Wake Zone, 2007 Dutch Park Classic Double Loft Park Model, All Season Custom Sunroom, Premier Legend Pontoon Boat, Bimini Cover & Sea Legs, Two Golf Carts, New Garage, Professionally landscaped, Brick Fire Pit Area, Pond, Fully Furnished, Move in Ready. For appointments & Inquires Call: 734-564-4446

**For Sale - Site D-73:** Beautiful one bedroom Park Model on the lakefront with a full sized glass porch. This unit is in excellent shape and is fully furnished so you can walk in & relax! Central air in both the porch and Park Model, and the lot has underground sprinkling!! Large deck facing the lakefront and a large golf cart garage with one gas golf cart. This unit has a boat stake directly in front as well! Asking \$104,900. Call Kathy x 113 or Dale x 114, in the Sales Office for details, 616-896-8315.

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