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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY DON VAN DOESELAR

The summer has come and gone and so has the fall season. The leaves have fallen and are waiting for us to gather them up for recycling. It is very quiet now. During the spring and summer, the trees bend back and forth with the wind. Now, they seem to stand straight and tall in silence, ready for a restful time during the winter months. Soon a blanket of snow will cover the ground. To observe and experience the four seasons at Sandy Pines is a wonder of nature for us to enjoy.

The winter time can also be a time of reflection and refocus. For the last four decades or more

Sandy Pines has provided many memories to cherish for years to come. The park has gone through many changes. The upgrades and activities are numerous. We also know there has to be a time to stop and seriously consider the long-term future of Sandy Pines. With the approval of the ten-year Capital Reserve Fund, this is being accomplished. The voter turnout was significant. This strong support has given the park a new beginning and the ability to refocus on the future. Many projects that had been set aside for the lack of sufficient funding can now be addressed, as well as some new enhancements that can be given consideration.

One of the first major projects underway is the replacement of the two Convenience Centers in Phase Three. Every two weeks, a committee meets for a progress report. The contractors are on target with the planned construction schedule.

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Gene Van Koeving..... Park President
 Ben Fifelski..... Maintenance Supervisor
 Kimberly Williams..... CFO
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 Mel Brummel..... Director of Public Safety
 Gary Peters..... Golf Course Manager

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They expect to be finished by April, 2018. You can see the progress of construction by visiting our Sandy Pines website. In addition to viewing the construction progress, Josh Janowiak, Marketing & Member Service Manager, will be posting updates as to what is being accomplished in the park during the off season. at sandypines.com/members, in the member new section.

We hope your celebration of Thanksgiving Day was a time of fellowship with family and friends.

We have much to be thankful for.

We wish you a Blessed and Merry Christmas! Celebrate the greatest story ever told, the birth of Christ. There is no other event that has changed the world like what happened in the little town of Bethlehem.

Wishing everyone a successful and Happy New Year!



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

Happy Holidays!! As I write this article, my intent is to reflect on 2017, and give you a glimpse of 2018, from my perspective.

First, on behalf of all of our Staff, let me express our wish that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday. Thanksgiving is a great opportunity for providing us the chance to reflect on the many blessings that we've enjoyed over the past year, one of them being the joy of celebrating with family and friends.

This year, however, I am grateful for many things, including the fact that I am grateful and excited for Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. 2017 marked the year that our cash reserve goals were fully met, (now at 180 days). Additionally, we were able to transfer another \$1.1 million dollars to the construction projects in Phase 3 for the two convenience center/storm shelter construction projects. The transfer of the \$1.1 million, added to the \$857,000 grant, is allowing us to build these buildings debt free, with no required additional assessments, and saving almost \$1000 per site in costs to those of us who are members.

The passing of the Capital Reserve Funding assessment, the passing of the 2017 Operational budget, the restructure of the Emergency and Public Safety Services department and the previously passed 10 year assessment for the golf course, have all culminated in putting Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey in a financial position of strength like never before. Truly we should all be grateful for these tremendous blessings and to those who have had a part in accomplishing so much in the last few years. Accomplishments such as those that have been mentioned, as well as many others, have been accomplished in an effort to preserve what the prior members, Boards, and staff have built for us to enjoy. I feel very blessed to have played a small part in this with you all.

I am grateful for several other things that I consider blessings as well, with one being the rebuilding and transitioning of many areas within our staff. In the last five years we have been privileged and blessed to have several talented people accept invitations to join our Team. Those new hires and/or promoted Staff members that have filled positions here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course are complementing the talented and skilled Staff that were here before. Together, the past and present Staff we have on our Team, represents one of our greatest assets that Sandy

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PRESIDENT, *continued*

Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course have for the present and future!!

Truly God has blessed this park in many ways, so I ask that you consider some of these items as well as other accomplishments, and that you take the time to thank Him if you have not already done so.

On October 1, 2017, Mel Brummel began his tenure at Sandy Pines as the Director of Public Safety Services. In working with him for the last number of days, I am very grateful and pleased with the fact that he accepted the invitation to step into that position. He has many ideas and plans that will improve this department, short term as well as long term. The overarching goal is to provide the Sandy Pines Members with a safe and secure environment with courtesy, professionalism and skilled personnel at a level that has not been possible in the past. It is possible now, with the approval of the Emergency and Public Safety and Security Services restructuring plan in place. This includes Mel as Public Safety and Security Director and Steve Deyarmond, the Emergency Services Director. Sandy Pines will now have a dynamic Team of Leaders in security, medical and fire emergency services. We are extremely blessed to have these two men working in tandem for Sandy Pines, in their respective fields of expertise. Each person possesses unique gifts and talents that will provide Sandy Pines the advantage of their years of experience, as well as their networking within all levels of government.

We are putting together events that will allow Mel and Steve to meet the membership to get to know them. Additionally there will be events that will be of service, as well as fun, for all ages over the next season. Stay tuned and watch for opportunities to learn more about what the future of our Public Safety Services will look like.

Construction has begun on the two new CC's in Phase 3. We invite you to watch the progress on our website by viewing the photos of the projects as we are able to post them. At this point we are meeting with FCC Construction, WLP Engineering, Salem and Monterey Township Officials, as well as Sandy Pines Board Representatives and our Administrative Team every two weeks for construction meeting updates. To date, we are very pleased with the progress, the budget, and the professionalism that is all part of the process pertaining to this project.

Ben may have more in his Maintenance article, but I want to say thanks to him for all the work he is doing to keep the project moving, as well. Both Ben and Kimberly have been a valuable part of the construction process in terms of the many details that require attention in the field, and in properly processing the invoices and applications of the FEMA fund requests for this project. Kimberly and Ben are both vital to the ongoing success of this project, so please take the time to thank them if you get the chance!!

We are in the process of moving forward with some other projects that were on hold, but as



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a result of the Capital Fund ballot, can now move forward; the Pickleball courts have been installed at the Recreation Station, and I believe Ben has plans to repair and/or replace some of the parking lots in the park that need attention. We have begun work on some renovation and repurposing in the Retail Building to allow that building, the current Park and Garden Building and the Administration Office, to be more functional.

We will be moving the library over to the Retail building in the space that was previously rented by Just Your Style salon. The new library will be accessible 24/7 with the use of member card access. Additionally, there will be two new restrooms accessible adjacent to the library, as well as a new Inspector's office, and a rental space that is currently being negotiated with a potential tenant.

It is our intent to move the Rental Department and Park and Garden into the Retail building, which will allow the current Park and Garden building to be used to store Maintenance equipment inside and better protect it from weather. The material bins (stones, wood chips etc.) will be moved from their current location to an area outside the bullpen fence on the south end of the bullpen. This will allow more parking in the retail area when the project is complete. Completion of the project may take another year to finalize, depending on available manpower of our Maintenance personnel and the allowable budget.

Another aspect of this project is that we intend to move Kimberly (CFO) into the current Conference room space in Admin. Her office will be used by Josh, as he is currently in need of an office for Marketing and Communication work for about 20 hours a week. The current Library will be designated as a meeting room for the Administration and Board. This room will be accessible upon reservation for committee meetings, as well as other functions that require seating up to 40 persons. Our conference table, white board and TV will be placed in this room once the library is moved. Other than a new coat of paint, this room will remain untouched.

As we look forward to the Christmas season, I am excited about once again having the opportunity to thank our staff at the Annual Staff Christmas Party. I mentioned that we have been blessed with many new staff persons, but we have also been blessed with many Staff persons who have provided their time and talents to Sandy Pines for many years. This year we are saying goodbye to Mary Cooper after 21 years in Member Service, we're also saying goodbye to Mary Applehof having worked 10 years in the Recreation department. We thank both of these people for their service, dedication and hard work that they provided to us so faithfully. The Christmas party also provides us an opportunity to honor staff, as each year we recognize those persons that have been with Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course for each five year increment of service, (ie: 5, 10, 15, 20 years). We will post those who are honored after the party, so watch for that on the website!

As we enter the season of Advent, please take time to celebrate the "Reason for the Season". I believe the greatest blessing we enjoy here in America is the freedom to worship, so I ask each of you to consider this season as an opportunity to worship the King who was born to make a way for us to have eternal life with Him, and to share the Joy of the Season through your walk, your talk and your attitude of gratitude!

However you choose to celebrate the holiday season, please know that those of us on staff are wishing you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year in 2018!!

Finally, please accept our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve you and this park.



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A very special Thank You to Jim Levack, who purchased this bench to honor the memory of his lovely wife Patricia, who passed away in April. The Maintenance Department has installed the bench by the dam, so you can sit and enjoy our peaceful lake...while remembering and honoring a beautiful life.

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

I hope everyone is enjoying the holiday season but are also looking forward to returning to Sandy Pines in 2018.

We are making some changes in the area around the Park and Garden. The bulk product area that has always been in front of the store is being moved to the back storage area, behind Park and Garden. It will bring some changes in how you pick up bulk product this coming summer. The area where the product had been in the past will be made into more parking area for members when they stop by the retail area.

We are again providing water softeners for our members. We took orders before many of you left for the winter and will be sending you an email in February or March to reconfirm your order and install/pickup date. If you are interested in getting a softener for your trailer this summer, you can still order by getting the contract on the website Park and Garden page.

Right now, the online reservation system for Golf Carts is being updated and is unavailable. It should be up and running again in January. You can still make a reservation by emailing **Parkgarden@sandypines.com** with your name, site number, dates you need the cart, and if you want a 6-passenger or 4-passenger. We will then put your reservation in the system in January, when it is up and running.

We are looking forward to the 2018 season and seeing all our friends again.

SAFETY & SECURITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY DENNIS KING

Greetings Sandy Pines family and friends! I trust everyone had a great Thanksgiving, and as we move into December, I'm wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

This past season the committee was busy helping the BOD establish guidelines and suggestions relating to playground safety, equipment replacement, and future developments.

With the passage of the Capital Reserve, we can now, along with the Technology Committee, examine the security aspects of updating or replacing old equipment to better solid state systems.

On Oct 1, 2017, the Sandy Pines Public Safety Department, formerly known as the Rangers, now has two Departments. We now have a Public Safety Department and an Emergency Services Department. This will greatly benefit the membership, associates, and guests. Already changes have been made with public safety officers regarding further training and security certifications. These changes will be very noticeable in the upcoming season. Look for updates in future articles!

Have a safe and wonderful off-season, and we'll see you all in the spring.

MEET MEL BRUMMEL (DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY)



Mel Brummel started his career as a police officer in Allegan County where he continued to serve his community for 32 consecutive years. Through encouragement from friends and family, he became the Chief of Police for the city of Fennville. After spending two years in this position, he felt a strong calling to accept the position of Director of Public Safety

here at Sandy Pines. Mel says "I am excited to continue providing a safe environment through the Sandy Pines Public Safety Department." Through his vision, Mel is looking forward to a change in the officers, uniforms, equipment, and most of all the service to those on the grounds.

The Public Safety office is made up of Police officers, Firemen, and Paramedics, all here to serve the Sandy Pines Community to the best of their ability. Due to some of the changes, you will see new faces among the Security staff. Keith Garvelink, Michael Flintoff, John Whitehurst, Abby Reimink, Kaitlyn Moore, and Chris Munley are the new Public Safety officers that have started this past 2017 year. We thank Bruce Maurer, Vicki Avery, and Tim Avery for their years of service, and look forward to continuing to work alongside them.

Although we are excited to see the changes Mel will bring, we are very grateful for the 32 years that Steve Deyarmond was the Director. Mel is not interested in changing the way Steve ran things, only to enhance the work he already implemented. We welcome you, Mel!

THANK YOU MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT!

The Off-Season is a very busy time for our Maintenance Department. Here is a list of some of the things that they've been working on. This list is not all-inclusive...but it gives you an idea of what they've been up to.

They've winterized 443 sites; working on updating the camp sites in Phase 3; updating behind CC #11 – they poured cement around the perimeter of the playground and filled it in with wood chips and also removed several trees from the drain field. They have been working on tree removal throughout the Park; installing new gate boxes; working on getting the Retail

Center renovated; the gate valves are on the way for the Dam; pouring of the cement walls for the new bins at Park & Garden is underway. They're painting cabins; painting CC #2; finishing up with the mowing and leaf pick-ups; winterized the campsites and the sprinkler systems; performing necessary maintenance of their equipment on rainy days; winter cleaning all of the CCs, picking up trash cans around the Park in preparation for winter and they poured cement around the Public Safety Building (formerly known as the Ranger Station).

Thanks to Ben and his Team for a job well done!

With Sincere Sympathy

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Cathy Kloosterman, Site 175, on the passing of her husband, **Steve**, on October 14th. Deepest Sympathy is also extended to their five children and their spouses, 16 amazing grandchildren and also to **Jay and Dolly Kloosterman**, Site 254, Steve's parents.

Bob & Janice Borucki, Site K-13, on the passing of their father, **Richard Wellday, Sr.** (former member) on October 17th.

Ken & Glenda Van Doeselaar, Site 602, on the passing of their son-in-law, **Tony Hinojosa**, on October 18th. Deepest Sympathy is also extended to Tony's wife, **Sue** and their son, **Brendan, Don & Joyce Van Doeselaar**, Site 676, **Richard & Karen Van Doeselaar**, Site 685, and **Marge & Nelson Bouma**, Site 596, Aunts and Uncles.

Shirley Welch, Site K-460, on the passing of her brother, **Kenny Collins** (40+ year member at Site N-379), on September 19th. Sympathy is also extended to nieces and nephews, **Kathy & Bob Vargo**, Site N-290 and **Al & Cindy Collins**, Site N-303.

Joe & Kathy Molner, Site N-229, on the passing of their mother, Alberta Molner, on October 21st.

Larry & Peggy Finkbeiner, Site N-448, on the passing of their mother, Charlotte Finkbeiner, on October 24th.

Thomas King, Site K-386, on the passing of his wife, **Marilyn**, on October 29th.

Bruce & JoAnn Maurer, Site K-181, on the passing of their brother, Tim Dimock, on December 3rd.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Congratulations to **Jack and Roberta Schmidt**, Site 376, who will be celebrating their 50th (Golden) Wedding Anniversary on December 23rd! Wishing you many more years of love and happiness together.

NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

BY **RICHARD RANDELS**

2017 has been a very busy year for the Condominiums at Sandy Pines. Builders in Phase 2 have been on-site, working on as many as three buildings under construction at one time.

Including resales, we have had seven new families move in during the year so far, with two more likely by the end of December. The basement has been poured, and construction is underway on another new building housing two units. After that unit is done, only two more buildings will remain before we reach full capacity.

The residents continue to enjoy Sandy Pines year-round living. With another warm fall, golf has continued through November, and longer. The fall colors were particularly nice this year and made our walks and cart rides through the park quite enjoyable. Social activities like our annual Christmas Dinner, monthly potlucks, and women's breakfasts have kept us busy. Our volunteer maintenance committee continued through mid-November with their work to keep our facilities in top shape.

While a number of our residents will take some time this winter to visit warmer climates, many remain to enjoy the beauty of Sandy Pines covered with glistening snow.

We wish all members and staff of Sandy Pines a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**From the all of us
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a Safe and
Happy Winter.**

**Merry Christmas
and a
Very Happy
New Year!**

See you in April...



FINANCE & ACCOUNTING UPDATE

BY KIMBERLEY WILLIAMS

Happy Holidays from our office to each and every one of you within our Sandy Pines community.

I would like to use this update to remind you of a few specific financial reminders. If you have chosen to use the payment plan available for your payment of 2018 dues and assessments, your monthly payment of \$315.95, is due on the 25th of each month, from October 2017 thru March 2018. Your account balance at the December 25th billing should be at or below the \$933.08, shown below. This payment plan is allowed for dues and assessments only. To stay current within the payment plan, your balance owed for 2018 dues and assessments must equal the following on each date listed below:

- October 25, 2017 \$1,533.71
- November 25, 2017 \$1,236.03
- December 25, 2017 \$933.08
- January 25, 2018 \$627.20
- February 25, 2018 \$315.92
- March 25, 2018 \$0 – All dues and assessments paid

All other fees and charges billed to your account (outside of the annual dues and assessments) are due by the 25th of the subsequent month after being billed. We do not accept postmarks or check dates as payment dates, so please mail early. You must add all other charges for services, electric, state unit tax, etc. to the monthly installment amount to stay within the balance plan displayed above. The next quarterly electric and state unit tax will be billed January 1st, 2018. Sign up and agreement to the terms and conditions are required to opt into the payment plan and are online at www.sandypines.com/annual-dues. We cannot guarantee timely delivery by the post office nor can we waive the service charges. Accounts more than 60 days past due will have all membership cards deactivated and there will be an additional \$30 charge per card for reactivation.

Payments can be made online through our website, our automatic ACH payment program, by mail, office drop box, at the Administration office (during regular business hours) or the Rangers' office. Please note, a 3% fee is charged for credit card payments made online or over the phone, with manual input of information, due to the additional PCI compliance risk. There is no fee for paying in the office with your credit card present, due to the automation of financial input through the system, as is reduces the non-compliance risk.

If at any time through the off-season you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or message us. Thank you all for being a part of the Sandy Pine Community and we wish you many blessings over the Christmas and holiday season!

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MEMBER SERVICES & MARKETING NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

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Christmas Holiday Hours

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The Administration Building, Member Service Office and Library will be closed on Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 1st for the Christmas & New Year's Holidays, to allow our staff to enjoy this beautiful season with their family. Public Safety Services at the Main Gate will be open 24 hours/day over the holidays and they can also take account payments.

IMPORTANT DATES

2018

- 1/2 Quarterly electric & state tax billed
- 1/15 Annual Renewal statements sent for review (This is not a bill)
- 1/25 Quarterly electric & state tax due
- 3/15 Renewal update deadline
- 4/1 Annual Renewals, quarterly electric & state tax billed
- 4/25 Annual Renewals, quarterly electric & state tax due
- 4/15 Gates open and water is turned on for the season (weather permitting)

FLEA MARKETS

- 5/5 May Fest
- 5/26 Memorial Day Market & Pancake Breakfast
- 6/9 June Fest
- 6/30 Independence Day Market & Pancake Breakfast
- 8/11 Christmas In August Market
- 9/1 Labor Day Market & Pancake Breakfast
- 10/6 Fall Fest Garage Sale & Market

Flea Market spot reservations are available by logging into your Member Web Access Portal.

WINTER CC SCHEDULE

Convenience Centers that will remain open through the winter include:

- Phase 1: CC 2 near the Ball Field
- Phase 4: CC 10 near the Soccer Field
- Phase 5/6: The Recreation Building
- Phase 5: CC 12 on Mohawk Trail

CCs 5 and 6 have been demolished, and construction on FEMA approved storm structure standards are underway, with an estimated occupancy in April and construction completion in May, 2018. Porta Potties have been placed near both CCs for the duration of the construction.

ANNUAL DUES

If you are making monthly payments your account balance as of December 25th should be at, or below, \$933.08, to be on track with the payment plan. See the Sandy Pines Finance & Accounting Update for information on the Annual Dues Payment Plan.

JANUARY QUARTERLY ELECTRIC & STATE TAX

Estimated Electric and State Tax is billed quarterly in January, April, July and October. Electric meters are read once per year, in August. Your kilowatt hours are totaled for the year and you are billed based on use. You pay for your adjusted electric use in October, and then your total annual kilowatt hours are divided by four, and you pay those quarterly amounts in January, April and July. This is why you get an electric bill in January even though you may not be using electricity at the park during that time. You can view and print your annual electric use by logging into your Member Web Access Portal. State Tax is billed as \$9.50, per site, per quarter.

ANNUAL RENEWALS

We'll be sending renewal notices after the first of the year. If you have an email address on file, your notice will be sent electronically otherwise your notice will be sent by mail. Please note: Your renewal notice is not a bill. You have until March 15th to update, add or remove renewal services before being billed on your April 1st statement. Renewals include membership cards, golf cart and boat stickers, internet service, pump out plans, boat docks, boat in and out service, bullpen storage and mailboxes. The notices will include instructions. Please review your renewals carefully and make sure the information is accurate. If you do not make any changes, you do not have to return your renewal form. Send the form back only if you make changes, and we'll confirm your updates.

MEMBER WEB ACCESS

If, for any reason you don't receive, or if you lose track of your renewal information, you can access it 24 hours/day by logging into your Member Web Access Portal. There you have the ability to: confirm annual renewal information (stickers, services and membership cards), schedule guest passes, schedule pump outs, confirm pump out schedules, check electric meter readings, reserve Flea Market spots, update addresses and contact info, view statements and make payments, complete staff surveys and schedule Tee Times. To view your renewal information, login, select the "Renewal Information" tab and voila!

EMERGENCY SERVICES UPDATE

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

CERT – Community Emergency Response Team

As a member, would you be interested in being a volunteer to respond in the event of a major disaster at Sandy Pines? Sandy Pines is located in a rural community. Local resources such as fire, police and EMS are limited. In addition to this, the same resources have to serve the rest of their communities. CERT teams commonly work to assist or supplement first responders in major disaster emergency situations.

The commitment would be to attend training. Training involves disaster preparedness training, medical training, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster psychology and terrorism.

We have a diverse population within Sandy Pines with people of many talents. If you would be interested in volunteering, please email Steve@sandypines.com. The success of a Sandy Pines CERT team relies on the willingness of people within the Park to participate. If we have enough interest, we plan to start CERT classes in July of 2018. Please respond soon so that we may plan for the upcoming summer.

Winter at Sandy Pines:

If you plan to visit Sandy Pines in the winter months please be aware that the Park commonly receives lake effect snow. Lake effect can deposit several inches in just a few hours. The region west of US-131 in Allegan County often times receives substantially more snow than other areas of Michigan. Please review weather reports prior to coming to Sandy Pines in the winter months.

Prepare in advance for your trip to Sandy Pines in the winter. Have your furnace checked for proper operation and have your LP gas provider fill your propane tank.

Roads can become narrow in the winter months within Sandy Pines, and snow banks along your site can become tall. This may require you to park in a parking lot and walk a distance to your site. If you have health issues, please be aware of the extra physical demands that it takes to walk through and shovel deep snow.

Use caution in the winter months. Sidewalks become slippery and ice covered. Roadways in the Park become snow and ice covered. Maintenance crews do not commonly plow roads on the weekends in the winter and roads can become impassible.

Sheltering from storms:

The park is in the process of constructing two new Convenience Center/Storm Shelters in Phase Three. I have heard comments in reference to "how

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is everybody going to fit in these?" The intent was never to fit the entire Park population into the CC's in Phase Three. The intended population was based on the population of Phase 3, and the walking distance to the CC's based on FEMA guidelines of a walking speed of 3 mph. If you need to shelter at Sandy Pines, you should still use your predetermined plan to go to the nearest Convenience Center in relation to your site or your current location at the time of the warning.

Weather Awareness:

Forecasts – local weather forecasts can provide probability of severe weather for our area. As you start your day and make plans it is advisable to be aware of potential weather threats or conditions. Local TV, radio or a NOAA radio can provide insight into what to expect for the day.

Residents, visitors, guests and staff should be vigilant in monitoring the present conditions.

Development of storm clouds, thunder or lightning should cause reason to check the current weather or impending conditions.

To protect you and your family, several resources should be used to determine if a weather threat exists. It is encouraged that you be vigilant in using more than one resource is to determine potential threats. NOAA weather radio, alerts to your cell phone or device, local TV stations and local radio stations should be in your family plan to determine if a severe weather threat exists and to take immediate action. Any notification of a threat to life safety should result in immediate shelter.

Salem Township has installed two Outdoor Warning Sirens within Sandy Pines. Allegan County Central Dispatch and/or Allegan County Emergency management activates the Outdoor Warning Sirens located in Allegan

County. Multiple sources should be utilized to determine a threat to you and your family. Do not wait to hear the Outdoor Weather Warning siren activation. Do not wait to be advised by local TV or radio to seek shelter. Upon notification of a reliable source, or activation of the Outdoor Warning sirens, seek shelter immediately. Human error has occurred in the past and has the potential to occur in the future.

Please see the article "Severe Weather Information" for additional information on the Sandy Pines Web Site.

Taking Shelter:

Your pre-determined shelter should be within ¼ mile or five minutes walking distance or within ½ mile driving distance. If your campsite is less than five minutes from the shelter, walking will reduce the potential of traffic congestion and potential delays. For campsites that are farther than five minutes walking time, we encourage you to drive to the facility for shelter. If you or a family member have a disability or are unable to walk the distance, please drive to the location. Most tornado warnings provide an average of 13 minute advance warning. With early warning devices and education, we encourage families to go to your pre-determined shelter upon observation of impending weather and immediately upon notification of a weather warning.

Sheltering:

Sheltering commonly lasts for about an hour to an hour and a half. You should plan for the temporary sheltering prior to the event. Think of medications, persons on home oxygen, water and snacks for young children, to mention a few items. Smoking, use of alcohol or drugs will not be permitted in the shelter. Pets may be present, if contained in pet carriers and placed between and under your legs.

Talk to your children:

Please take the time to talk to your children or grandchildren and provide guidance as what to



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do in a severe storm. Youth in the Park are mobile. Don't assume that the child has a plan or knows how to respond to severe weather events. Share your plan with your child or grandchild.

All Clear:

It is not uncommon for storms to continue to develop and pose a threat. If the storm continues to be a threat, Allegan County Central Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management will activate the Outdoor Weather siren. Allegan County Central Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management **will not** activate an Outdoor Warning Siren as an ALL CLEAR signal.

Upon notification, staff will advise residents that the current weather threat has expired. The notification of an all clear may occur in the following methods:

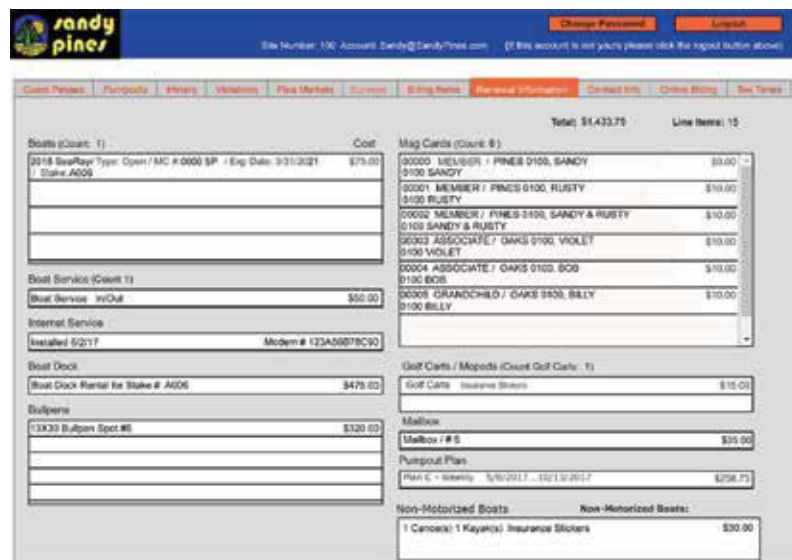
- 1) By Rave notification to your cellphone by text, email, voicemail or any combination.
- 2) By staff physically stopping at the facility in which you are presently sheltering.
- 3) Other personal means from local TV, Radio or a NOAA radio.



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Building #6 from South 11/22/17



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More 'Site for Sale' listings online
at www.sandypines.com.

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

For Sale – Site N-16 - Phase 4: Lakefront! Beautiful view. Remodeled Oakland Park, completely furnished. New furniture on the 10x30 4-season porch. Golf cart and shed. Must see! Asking: \$118,000. Call: 616.291.1618.

For Sale – Site N-148: MUST SELL! 1988 Mallard in great shape - Sleeps 6+. EZ-GO Golf Cart and double-cart shelter. Nice 24x10 deck with hard roof. Beautiful Landscaping - all perennials! Large Fire-pit area. Price includes Indoor and Outdoor furniture, dishes, linens, etc. Great Location by Phase IV Beach. 2018 Dues PAID. Asking: \$34,000 – ready to move in! Call Jane at 616-446-9403.

For Sale – Site D-16: Phase 6, Dutch Park Model. Beautiful Lakefront view. Boat stake in front of property. Sleeps 8. Has attached porch with Sunsetter Awning. Golf Cart, Yamaha Gas 2011. 2-Stall Garage for your golf carts. Large brick fire pit Central Air and Heating (heat pump). Beautiful Landscaping. A lot of outdoor furniture. Large Green Area leading to beach. Underground Sprinkler System, Large stone parking area. Asking \$130,500. Call George at 616-540-0521.

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