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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY MARTI DEVRIES

Greetings Sandy Pines Members! The New Year came quickly, February is behind us, and spring is officially a couple of weeks away. Spring at Sandy Pines begins for many of you when the snow starts to melt, others wait until it warms up a bit, and for many with busy school and work schedules...your season at Sandy Pines may not begin until Memorial Day! I am looking forward to another great season...and with that being said, I want to thank the Rules Committee for their hard work in recommending a proposal for your Board to review in the off-season...specifically Site Clean Up. It is time to begin thinking about cleaning up

your site, although it may be a couple of months away!

I want to begin by referencing the Sandy Pines Recreational Community Handbook. Please become familiar with this revised Rule as it pertains to all members in the park. Reference the Permits Edition, Section II: Site Development & Regulations section of the Handbook. Under Section A. Sites, item number 7 and item number 8 (page 30 in the Sandy Pines Handbook) have recently been amended by a Board Vote to include several revisions.

June 10th is still the date that site clean-up must be completed by; and then ongoing throughout the summer months.

The amended rule outlines the numerous items that

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the inspector will use when looking at member sites...a Site Violations Check List has been created, and will be used for each site inspected. The Board felt that a check list offered a fairer, more equitable, consistent means of inspecting sites and the requirements around the clean up. The Site Violations Check List is identical to the requirements list provided within the rule. A copy of the Site Violation Check List will be provided to you if any violations with site clean-up occur. Adherence to the numerous items listed in the amended rule should help members gain a better understanding of the specifics required around site clean-up. The member owns the responsibility of site clean-up themselves, or hiring someone to clean up their site and negotiating the cost of vendor clean up. Sandy Pines will no longer be responsible for hiring a vendor to clean up sites, and then charging the member. It is totally up to the member to make those arrangements and have their site cleaned up by June 10. It may even be helpful to make the vendor aware of what is

required with clean up, prior to getting a bid on the work to be completed.

Also included in this Clean-Up of Sites Rule amendment...is the list of violations, fine(s), potential points and the process if your site is not initially cleaned up and kept up to standards in the Sandy Pines Community throughout the summer months.

Take a few minutes to become very familiar with this Site Clean-Up Rule change, which is located on page 18 of this newsletter. Take responsibility for your site and its appearance. Be a respectable member and caring neighbor in the wonderful community that Sandy Pines has become!

Thanks again to the Rules Committee volunteers for their efforts with this site clean-up and check list recommendation. Looking forward to seeing everyone again soon!

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

Because we did not print a newsletter in January, let me say Happy New Year to all of you. As we approach another season your Sandy

Pines and Lake Monterey staff have been working diligently during the offseason on a number of projects that were on the agenda for us. Please be sure to read the articles written by each of the Department Managers and make note of some of the changes that will take place in a number of areas.

Some of the items we have been working on include the preparation of the two construction projects that will begin taking place immediately following the Labor Day, 2017, weekend. The site and construction plans have been completed and now we have built a timeline of goals that will allow us to be ready to break ground this fall. We have had tremendous assistance from Salem

and Monterey Townships, PCI inspections, FEMA and Allegan County Emergency Management, to name a few, and we are pleased with the progress to date.

We are undergoing a Safety and Security department review as requested by the Board last September. A portion of that review was a survey that was sent out in February for the purpose of gathering membership input. I want to personally thank all of you who took the time to fill out the survey. Your input was welcomed and will be used. The response was impressive with over 700 surveys taken in the first 24 hours that it came out, and over 900 after the first week. Thank you also for your comments and suggestions.

We will be reviewing the surveys and using the data as part of the background information for the departmental review. Once completed,

See PRESIDENT, page 4...



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PRESIDENT, *continued*

the evaluation report will be made into a recommendation for operations and presented to the Board for their review and understanding.

Additionally, we are using some of the survey results in evaluating other areas of security being considered for implementation and/or revision, including an emergency alert system, improved entrance technology opportunities, threat assessment review, training programs, hiring criteria, separation of duties, membership expectations for services regarding fire, medical and security, to name some of the items under consideration.

During the off-season we have worked with our Legal Counsel to develop two other safety and security operational polices that will fit into the ongoing training program that is taking place for some of our Security Staff. The Violence Readiness Program (VRP) has been given a more fitting name, now termed "Security Skills Training" program (SST) due to the expanded offering of training modules that are offered, all of which are pertinent to a variety of duties and expectations of that department.

We also offered a Recreation survey in January, of which there were 829 of us that completed it. Subsequent to the survey, our management staff spent an afternoon reviewing the data and were able to make a number of decisions regarding recreation from the survey results. As a result, you will want to stay in touch with the Recreation articles, the website and calendar to see some

of the changes (as well as some of the return) in events. Thank you all for your input!

Also, you may have heard by the grapevine that Sandy Pines will be expanding our available rental fleet options which will now include bikes, as well as a larger fleet of rental golf carts. The fleet of paddle boards, kayaks and row boats will once again also be available.

During this off-season, we have been continuing to mature the new website by making improvements to its usability and functionality. You will notice a new interactive calendar, as well as a new camping reservation system, and sales information software. The new software will allow Sandy Pines to offer discounted packages for guest campers, as well as specials on individual items. Also, these changes will provide our staff with more information regarding our marketing efforts and how they are scoring with respect to sales and reservations.

We have had a number of the memberships inquire about the status of the indoor pool and my answer to date has been that as of last September, the Board has tabled any further discussion for new construction until a future time, yet to be determined. It's my hope that the Board will consider bringing back a Capital Reserve Funding proposal that will provide funding for the 10 year budget, which included an estimated budget amount to replace the indoor pool, that was brought to the membership in 2016. The costs for those items will be realized regardless of a ballot,

but the issue before us as Members is, will we be prepared for them or not? Stay tuned!

You may hear about this in the Recreation departmental report, but the Recreation Station concessions will be operated by the Rec Department beginning this season. It will be called the Happy Shack, which is a retro name that many of our Members will recognize from way back when the Happy Shack was located in the barn on the phase one beach/core area. Please support this effort by patronizing the Happy Shack beginning this season!!

Just a couple of final items of note: #1; There is a rule change regarding the site cleanup requirements, so please watch for the details contained in this issue of the Footprints. The update has already been posted on our website, our Facebook page, the Member News on our website, and cable channels. And #2 is; If you have the desire and ability to be a contributor to the ongoing policy making of the park, I would encourage you to consider running for the Board this coming season. Each year there are three vacancies, so if you have considered the possibility of being a part of that, please contact myself or Kathy Brott in Admin. Office, and we'll get you the information you need.

On behalf of the Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey staff, thank you for allowing us the blessing of serving you in this great place!!

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

In about eight weeks we will be back at Sandy Pines getting ready for the 2017 camping season.

If you ordered a softener before you left the park last year, or have been a softener customer in the past year, you should have received an email from the Park and Garden Store for you to reconfirm the order of your softener and the date you would be looking for the install. If you did not get the email and you still want a softener, please send an email to parkgarden@sandypines.com with your name, site, and the date you would like the softener either installed or for pickup. If you haven't had a softener in the past but would like to order one, you can by email or go to the Sandy Pines Member site and there should be an order form for 2017 Water Softeners.

New this year will be a Park and Garden **RENTAL** office located near, or in, the Park and Garden store. As you were informed in past Footprints, all golf cart rentals in the park will now be handled by the Park and Garden **RENTAL** office. We have leased carts to bring our fleet up to 114 – four (4) passenger carts and 26 – six (6) passenger carts. The leased carts are 2017 Club Cars and include a windshield. There are two ways you can order a cart rental at this time until the store is open. We have an online reservation site - go to the Sandy Pines web site...click on members

tab...scroll down to departments, and click on Park and Garden. Under the hours of operation, you should see a blue button to click for rentals. There you can make reservations or you can email parkgarden@sandypines.com and give your full home address and phone number, site number, type of cart (four or six passenger). Pick up date, time to be picked up, and number of days the cart is needed should also be included. We will then put your info into the reservation system and you should get a confirmation email. Once the store is open for the season, you will also be able to stop by and make your reservation in person. **REMEMBER:** carts are rented out quickly on the holiday weekends, garage sale weekends and Christmas in August, so now is the time to begin making your plans for your golf cart rentals.

The Park and Garden **RENTAL** office will also take care of the paddleboard, kayak, and rowboat rentals. The Rental office will be open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday thru Thursday and again on Saturday. Friday hours are 9 am to 8 pm, and Sunday will be 11 am to 4 pm. Once we have a new phone installed we will post that phone number.

The Marina will open Memorial Day weekend for boat fuel and watercraft rental at the Marina site.

Since we are not up to full staff until Memorial Day weekend, the store will not be open until the end of May. That does not mean we cannot help you with your needs for landscaping supplies. We will be installing Softeners Monday - Saturday and will be available for pre-ordered landscaping supplies (mulch, stone, blocks) on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday during April and May. You will need to call the Park and Garden (616-896-9334) and leave a voice mail and we will call you back to make arrangements.

As in the past, the Park and Garden Store will be open 8:30 am to 4 pm Monday through Saturday, and Noon to 4 pm on Sunday. There are no deliveries or Propane filling on Sunday.

We are also looking for additional staff for both the Park and Garden Store and Rental office this summer. You can find more information on the Sandy Pines website, www.sandypines.com/careers.

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

BY JUDY VANKLOMPENBERG & DEE BASSETT

We would like to thank all of the ladies who participate in Helping Hands. If you come to help once...or every week throughout the season...we appreciate you!

If you are not familiar with our group – we get together on Monday mornings at the Pavilion and sew! We then donate our articles of clothing to various Missions and orphanages. We have been blessed to be able to do this work, while enjoying our summers at Sandy Pines. If you don't

sew, but would like to help, your donations of money or sewing material is always welcomed and appreciated. Donations can be dropped off at the Admin. Office and they will be sure to get them to us!

If you would like to join our group this season, please do! We meet on Mondays at the Pavilion from 10 am to 3 pm – beginning in May.

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SAFETY DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

MEMBERSHIP CARD RENEWALS:

Membership card renewals were sent to members during the month of February. If you have no changes to the individuals listed on your membership, then you do not have to respond. The cards currently on your membership will be automatically renewed for the 2017 season. If you have changes, please respond in order to have the membership cards updated in the access system. If you have young people who have turned 16, and drive to the park, you may want to order an access card for them. Membership cards for 16-18 yrs. olds will permit access into the Park at the Main gate or Phase 3 gate. If you would like to add membership cards for your parents, children or grandchildren, please contact the Ranger Station at 616-896-9006. The cards you preorder over the phone will be in the card access system waiting for that person to come in to have a photo taken, and then the card will be printed.

OUTDOOR WEATHER ALERT SIREN:

The Outdoor Weather Siren is tested monthly. This occurs on the fourth Friday of each month around 11 am. The test is activated by Allegan County Central Dispatch. Other activations mean that a Warning has been issued. You should seek shelter immediately. Outdoor Weather Alert Sirens are located in Phase 1, Phase 6 and near the entrance of Phase 3.

For weather threats the Alert siren will sound for three minutes. The siren will not sound continuously

during the event. Just because the Siren is not constantly sounding does not mean that the threat has ended. Additional sounding of the warning siren after the original siren activation will indicate that a threat is still present. Please stay sheltered until staff advise you of an all clear

Sirens are an outdoor warning system designed only to alert persons who are outside that something dangerous is approaching. Other devices within your camping unit such a NOAA weather radio, television, radio or phones with weather alert should be present to alert you of approaching dangerous weather conditions. Weather sirens are intended to alert you if you are outside. To protect yourself and your family you should be vigilant in watching the weather, and watching/listening to multiple means of communication. When one of these forms of communication indicate a threat is present, you should immediately take shelter. Do not wait for the weather alert sirens to activate in the Park. If you have received a warning from radio, television, your smart phone or device for severe weather, seek shelter immediately.

Some local television stations provide applications for your devices. An example is Wood TV 8 who provide a Storm Team 8 weather application for your electronic devices. <http://woodtv.com/woodtv-news-weather-app>. WZZM and WWMT also have weather applications for electronic devices.

WHO ACTIVATES THE WEATHER SIRENS WITHIN SANDY PINES?

Allegan County Central Dispatch activates the Sirens. Allegan County Emergency Management also has the Authority to Activate the Sirens. Sandy Pines does not activate weather sirens.

WHERE SHOULD I GO TO SEEK SHELTER?

Based on FEMA guidelines, your predetermined shelter should be within a five minute walking distance of your site. Commonly, this would be the convenience center in your area of the Park. Prior to the event you should discuss with your family members where to seek shelter and what to do when away from the site. You should also have a predetermined meeting place after the event to account for family members. Prior to a severe weather alert, please determine and discuss with your family your action plan. This plan may be to go to the nearest shelter, or to leave the Park.

During severe weather warnings Park operations will not conduct normal business. Operations focus during this time will be to direct persons to shelters, review current storm/threat status, and update persons at shelters. Please seek shelter. We ask that you only call the Ranger Station with emergencies. If you receive notice from the Outdoor Weather Alert Siren, television, radio, or electronic device of a severe weather threat, seek shelter. Do not call and confirm with the Ranger Department the threat. During these times, the Ranger Department is overloaded with calls asking *what the Siren is for or is there a warning?*

Please take the time to go to the Sandy Pines Web page in the Ranger Department section to read more about the Weather Alert Siren and notifications.



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MEMBER SERVICE & MARKETING NEWS

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

ANNUAL DUES

If you opted into the Annual Dues Installment plan, March is the magical month that you get to make your final payment! If you're not at a balance of \$0 by March 25th, you're overdue and are in danger of having your mag cards deactivated. If your account balance is \$277.01 or greater by March 1st, 2017 please call Member Service at 616-896-8315 so we can get your account caught up.

ANNUAL RENEWALS

Annual renewal summaries were sent to all members in January, please note these renewal summaries are not a bill. You have until March 15, 2017 to make appropriate changes to your renewal before we bill the charges on April 1st. Please make all appropriate changes for boat stickers, registrations & docks, bullpen storage, internet service, golf cart & moped stickers, membership cards (park access cards), mailboxes and pump out plans by replying via email, phone, fax or in person. Please remember membership cards are \$10/year to renew and keep active. If you need to remove mag cards, please notify us before March 15th. If you need a new membership card added to your account, this does not need to be addressed with your renewal. Next time that person is in the park, they'll have to stop by the Ranger Station for a photo and they'll be issued a new card. Once they have a card, they'll be on your account for future renewals.

BULLPEN PRICING

We have some changes coming to the bullpen this

year, including more 13x35 foot spaces which are more popular than the smaller 13x30 foot spaces. In addition to lowering bullpen rates we are now also offering monthly and quarterly rates in addition to annual rates.

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Annual	\$320	\$350
Quarterly	\$85	\$95
Monthly	\$30	\$35

If you already have an annual reservation, the new rate will show on your renewal and you'll be billed on April 1st. Also new this year your mag cards will no longer get you access to the Bullpen. We'll be issuing PIN numbers for gate access. If you currently have a Bullpen space and you haven't received your PIN number, please contact Member Service.

New monthly and quarterly reservations can be made at the Member Service Office. Payments are due in full at the time of booking. Your activation starts immediately and terminates after the appropriate reservation time frame. We are not able to hold specific spots for recurring seasonal reservations. So if you want to guarantee you always have the same spot to store something over the winter, you'll want to sign up for an annual reservation. Monthly and quarterly reservations are available on a first come, first served basis. Daily short term rentals are also available by visiting the Ranger Station. Further details can be found at www.SandyPines.com/bullpen-storage.

VERIZON CELL PHONE TOWER

The new Verizon cell phone tower is up and running! While we're hopeful that other providers sign on to the tower, no other confirmations have been made at this time. One thing to note with the new tower (and all new towers) is they are 4G which means if you have an older 3G phone, you may not see an improvement in your cell phone signal/reception. Resetting your network connections may help with this issue. For further details visit www.sandypines.com/cell-phone-tower.

MEMBER SERVICE MAILROOM

While UPS & FedEx are not able to deliver parcels and packages in the park, we've allowed members to have packages delivered to our Administration Building at the Member Service desk. With the growing popularity of free shipping we experienced an exceptionally high volume of packages during the 2016 season. As the prevalence of online shopping continues to grow, we're concerned that we'll quickly run out of room and the ability to handle packages at the Member Service desk. In addition to size and space limitations, the process of sorting and handling numerous large deliveries throughout the day pulls Member Service staff away from our primary function of assisting onsite member payments, inquiries and phone calls. We haven't determined a permanent solution for this growing concern and are seeking your input as policies may need to change in the near future. If you have any ideas, we'd love to hear them. Please email us at memberservice@sandypines.com.

2017 EVENT DATES

We have been very busy in the off season making upgrades to our website, including a fully interactive event calendar. All our events are now in the calendar. You'll be able to view the calendar in month, week, day and list view along with the ability to sort and view events by venue and category. Here are a few of the most requested dates, for the rest visit www.sandypines.com/calendar.

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- 6 First Flea Market of the season, Member Service seasonal Saturday hours begin
- 27 Memorial Day Flea Market & Pancake Breakfast

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- 1 Boat Registration Deadline (to hold boat stakes)
- 10 Flea Market & Site Cleanup Deadline
- 17 Garage Sale: Phases 3, 5 & 6

JULY

- 1 4th of July Flea Market, Pancake Breakfast & Fireworks
- 4 4th of July Parade
- 8 Garage Sale: Phases 1, 2, 4 & Condos
- 15 Family Day
- 22 Halloween
- 24-28 Vacation Bible School

AUGUST

- 12 Christmas in August & Flea Market
- 15 Winterization orders begin

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day Flea Market & Pancake Breakfast, Labor Day Fireworks
- 9 Member Service seasonal Saturday hours end

SEPTEMBER

- 30 Last day for early Winterization rates

OCTOBER

- 7 Last Flea Market of the season
- 16 Water turned off for the season
- 15 Last day for Winterizations
- 18 & 25 Last emergency pumpouts of the season

NEW WEBSITE & COMMUNICATION FEATURES

In addition to our new event calendar we also have a new camping reservation system and a new sales property listing system. The new camping reservation system gives you the ability to search dates and availability by site and will soon feature an interactive map. You will need to create a login the first time you access the system but then each time you return you'll be logged in automatically. Our new sales and property listing page works just like a real estate MLS listing search. You can search for properties by phase, site number and price. Once you click on a property you get all the listing details along with a photo gallery and the ability to print a PDF of property details.

Don't forget the Members page is your portal to all Sandy Pines member communication. You'll find logins to view your bill, sign in guests and update your account information. You'll also find copies of our Weekend Flyers, Footprints Newsletters, park rules & bylaws and a park staff directory including department pages with hours, contact information and services. We also have a Member News feed which populates park news chronologically similar to Facebook, so if you ever want to know what's new in the park, check the website. Make sure to use the search button in the main navigation menu if you can't find what you need.

We will be emailing more frequently this year to keep you updated with park news, event updates and surveys. If you don't have an email address listed on your account with Member Service, we highly recommend you add one. If you don't have a current email address, come in and we'll help you create one! Gmail, Yahoo, Windows & Apple email accounts are free and we'd be glad to help you set one up and show you how to use it. If you'd like to subscribe to our Member E-News List to receive all these park updates visit www.sandypines.com/e-news.



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Ted Parsons, Site K-218, on the unexpected passing of his wife, **Mary**, on December 13th.

Raymond Warner, Site K-42, on the passing of his wife, **Barbara**, on December 24th.

Virginia VanderMoore, Site N-85, on the unexpected passing of her son, Ron, on January 31st.

The family of **Arthur Overweg**, Site N-4, on his passing. Sympathy is extended to **Barb & James Overweg**, his children, and Jeremy Overweg, grandson.



"FACE TO PHASE" FORUMS (F2P) 2017

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

Please look at the schedule below and note that these meetings are going to be held in the Pavilion – so the weather won't interfere! Put it on your calendar and come on out!! You are welcome to attend all of these meetings, should you so choose.

Forums will be held from 9 am until 11 am, on the days indicated below. The July meeting will be held at the Recreation Station All-purpose room, to accommodate Family Day in the Pavilion.

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

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JUNE 24

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SALES OFFICE UPDATE

BY KATHY MOLNER

March has snuck up on us quickly! Where did the winter go? We're looking forward to all of you returning soon. That being said, it's time for us to prepare for the busy season that is just around the corner.

This month is a busy time for our office. It's when serious buyers are wanting to get out and make their purchase. If you have been contemplating selling this season using the Sales Office, you should get your paperwork together soon. You can find a listing agreement on our website. We would want this filled out and signed, along with a copy of your title and a set of keys.

We are also planning to attend the Lake and Cottage Show in Grand Rapids this year. This is a first for us at this particular show. We feel it's a better fit for our park.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. If you love Sandy Pines, and enjoy talking to people about this awesome place, then we are looking for you. The show runs from March 24-26, and is held at DeVos Place, in Grand Rapids. I will need a handful of volunteers to pull this off. Please leave a message on my office phone, as I will be heading back to Sandy Pines on March 9, and will be returning all calls. You can leave your message at 616-896-8315, ext. 113. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI

I wanted to give you a quick update on the Adult Recreation Center demolition. During the demolition, the contractor kept me updated throughout the process. I was told repeatedly that the demo of this building was way overdue.

Normally, when they demo a residential pool, they have to use a wrecking ball to break up the cement. When they started tearing our footings and pool apart, it crumbled very easily. When it was originally constructed, there was very little reinforcing materials used in the cement. They

found voids under the pool floor and decking. The structure was very rotten from water damage over the years.

Like most of you...it was hard to see this building go, but we made the right decision in doing so.

A quick reminder to you...winter isn't over yet, so don't forget about your trailer roofs, should we get a late snow!

See you soon!

NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

BY RICHARD RANDELS

After a very snowy December, the year-round residents at Sandy Pines have been enjoying a rather mild winter. It has been fun to watch the park show signs of life when we have had some warmer days in the mid 40's and above. Nearby Sandy Pines members come out and join the year round residents, bringing golf carts out of hibernation to roam the park. Children still bundled against the cool weather are clearly enjoying the memories of fun times at Sandy Pines and the promise of more such days ahead.

Those of us who stay here through the winter continue to enjoy a variety of social events. We have meals together with breakfast groups and evening nights at restaurants or potlucks. We are also enjoying the security of our newly installed standby generator that provides a reliable water supply.

Since the first of December, we have been glad to add three more families in newly built condo units. Phase 2 has expanded from four units to 10 units since last winter, with more likely being built soon. We have also contracted with BVW property Management Company to handle the day to day activities of our development.

As we continue to enjoy Sandy Pines year round, we are looking forward to another memorable summer season ahead.



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PARK INSPECTOR NEWS

BY JEFF PITCHELLIS

Hello again, with spring just around the corner, I hope that everyone has had a safe winter season. I do anticipate another busy year, and many projects to begin on your sites.

Once again, I would like to remind you that if your project requires a Permit, please include a drawing with dimensions before you begin, so it can be reviewed to ensure that it falls within our rules and guidelines.

If there is electrical work of any kind, please obtain those as well. Permits must be applied for before you start the work. Upon completion, please return the permit to the Inspector's office with a date of completion, so that we can do the final inspection soon after.

Please remember that we must start thinking of the lot/site cleaning for the season. The deadline will soon be here, which is June 10. The Board of Directors recently implemented some Handbook/Rulebook changes with regard to site clean-up. Please be sure to read that information on page 18 of this publication. This information is also posted on our website, Facebook, etc. You may go directly to that information by using the following URL: www.sandypines.com/site-cleanup-handbook-update

Once again, please make use of the Trash facilities in the Park for all your unwanted items.

As always, please feel free to contact me at 616-896-7286 or inspector@sandypines.com with any questions or concerns.

REMEMBERING AND HONORING OUR VETERANS

We would like to start a new tradition at Sandy Pines. During our Memorial Day Program at the Veteran's Memorial, beginning in 2017, we would like to read a list of the names of our Sandy Pines service men and women who have passed on. We would also like the names of those who are still alive, and those who are currently serving our great country.

If you have a Sandy Pines family member, or yourself, who has served in the Armed Forces, please send Kathy Brott the following information: Name, Rank, Branch of Service, years of service and a list of the wars served in, or service abroad (where was your time served?). We would also like to know if your loved one gave their life while serving our country, the year of their birth and also the year that they passed. Do you have a Brick at the Veterans Memorial in honor of your loved one(s)? This information can be e-mailed

to kathy@sandypines.com or dropped off at the Administration Office.

It is our intent to recognize and honor each Veteran individually, as we read their names. Thank you for helping us to collect as much information as possible, so that we can have a complete and accurate list of names to show our sincere thanks and to honor your service.

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE UPDATE

BY GARY PETERS

It's hard to believe that I am starting my third season at Lake Monterey Golf Course, and we have a lot of new things to talk about.

For starters, we have done a lot of tree removal and some pruning on the course. Holes number 15 and 17 had some Oaks removed to make those holes more playable. Hole 7, a par three, has been opened up at the tee and around the green to give them more sun light. Hole 9 has had the big Oak that over hung about 30 percent of the right side of the green, also removed, which will allow the staff to use that side of the green for cup locations too. The tree trimming program will be ongoing from year to year, as the budget allows.

There are two new things happening for kids this year. We have lowered the price per nine holes for Juniors (age 17 and under) to five (\$5) dollars per nine and a Junior membership for \$190, with unlimited golf. The age for membership is 13 to 17 years old.

We will be hosting two events this year. The Sandy Pines Member Guest Outing, will be held on June 30 and a new event called The Couples Invitational will be played on August 26. Sign up will begin one month before each event. For each of these events, sign-up will be held at the golf course.

We have added more Karaoke dates for this season. They are May 26, June 30, July 14, July 28 and August 25.

Spring cleanup last year was a great time of fellowship and celebrating a return to our beloved course, and talk of the coming season. This spring, we will be hosting cleanup on April 24 or April 31. If you are willing to help out, please bring rakes and carts. We will supply doughnuts, coffee and a hot lunch. We will have a Raffle for a membership and a few other great door prizes, too.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY MARY APPLEHOF

The Recreation Department is looking into some new events for the summer! Here are some of the ideas – but we really need to know if you are interested in participating. First, we have a member of Sandy Pines who is hoping to share some health offerings that Allegan General Hospital offers to our community, and to the members of Sandy Pines. We would like to extend preventative health offerings that could be presented onsite. They provide free educational presentations on CPR, skin health, and/or joy and stress reduction...to name a few. They are also willing to provide free onsite screening events such as blood pressure, heart health screenings (these include cholesterol, blood sugar, HDL, and LDL) sleep apnea, and vein screenings (for people with spider or varicose veins in the legs who may have poor circulation returning the blood to the heart).

Please let me know if you would be interested in any of the free services that can be offered to us. You can reach me by e-mail recreation@sandypines.com.

Next, we have some members who are interested in getting a shuffleboard league going. Do you want to play too? Anyone interested in playing in the shuffleboard league, please contact Dave Miedema at 616-886-0032 or by e-mail d.miedema@sbcglobal.net. Thank you to Dave for organizing this activity!

Doesn't Yoga on the Beach sound like a great idea! I am looking for a yoga instructor for our Sandy Pines members. If you are an instructor or know of someone who might be interested in instructing yoga for our members, please contact Mary Applehof at 616-318-3492. Thanks!



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KARATE AT SANDY PINES IN 2017

We've got something new for the kids this year! On Monday nights, at the Water Park in the All-purpose room, Master Gary Walker will be teaching Karate to anyone between the ages of 7-15. This will be in place of the Sports Clinic that we have conducted in the past, and is free of charge. Master Gary Walker holds a 6th Degree Black Belt in the following Arts: Karate, Judo and Jui Jitsu. He has also taught Self Defense classes for women.

Gary has been teaching classes at local YMCA'S, Recreation Centers, and his own private schools for over 40 years in Ohio and Florida. The name of his school was The American Martial Arts.

We look forward to having Gary work with and teach our kids the Art of Karate! Participants will be asked to wear loose fitting clothing – nothing fancy.



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ACCOUNTING UPDATE

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS, CFO

During this off-season at Sandy Pines, the office staff has been working through various projects to streamline the prior year's new software rollout to create a seamless transition and respond to the few issues that arose last season. Please continue to watch your Member News communications for updates as soon as the enhancements are complete.

As mentioned in the previous Footprints and highlighted in the Member News, as well as on your monthly statements, if you are electing the option of the installment plan for Annual Dues and Assessments, your last monthly payment of \$277.01 must be paid by March 25, 2017. The installment plan relates only to your Annual Dues and Assessments, and is not a payment option for any other charges to your member account.

Annual Renewal charges (per your individual member Automatic Renewal Summary sent the last week of January) will be posted on your March, 2017, member statement and is due April 25th, 2017.

We would also like to remind you of the various payment options available to you:

In office – Cash, Check or Credit Card payment (please note the Ranger's Office is also available to take payments 24/7, in person only); Mail – Check payment; and Online Billing – Make a payment on your account using your MasterCard/Visa/Discover. Convenience fees for MasterCard/Visa/Discover Cards will be 3% of the total payment made. The new payment system will allow your payment to be reflective on your account immediately.

ACH Authorization – Select one of our two monthly *auto payment on account* options which include: Balance on Account or a Fixed Payment Amount. Once we receive your completed and signed form with a voided check, we will activate automatic payments which will pull from your account on the 25th of each month.

Recurring ACH Authorization – Set a designated amount to pay every month that in time will create a credit balance close enough to cover your dues and assessments prior to the new season.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time regarding your member statement, we are happy to assist, and may be reached at 896-8315.

Flea Markets - Need to sell some stuff?

Rent a Flea Market space for only \$35 and get in front of thousands of Sandy Piners who are itching to buy! Flea Markets are one of our most popular summer events - and offer everything, including arts, crafts, clothing, food, services and entertainment!

Flea Market Dates: May 6 - MayFest; May 27 - Memorial Day/Pancake Breakfast; June 10; July 1 - 4th of July/Pancake Breakfast; August 12 - Christmas in August; Sept. 2 - Labor Day/Pancake Breakfast; October 7 - OctoberFest

We have 116, 10'x20' spots available. Flea Markets are from 9 am to 2 pm, set-up begins at 7 am. You must be a member to sign up for a spot, however, you can reserve a spot for a family member or friend, as long as they're signed in as a guest and properly display a guest pass in their vehicle. Contact Member Service for more information.

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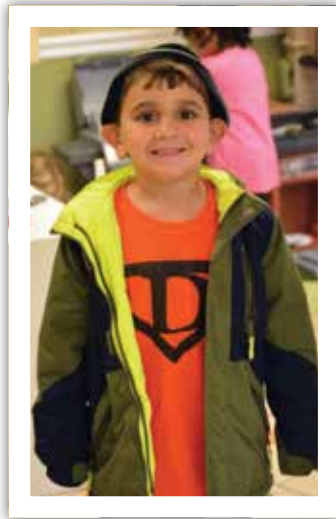
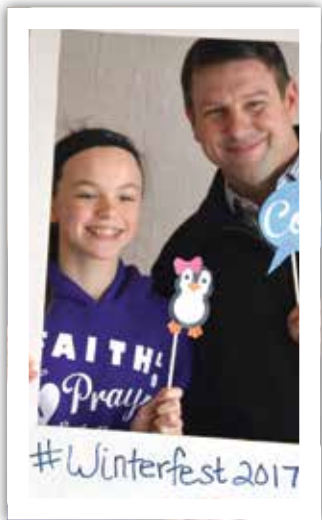
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Handbook/Rulebook Changes Regarding Site Clean-Up

The Board of Directors has approved a Handbook/Rulebook change with regard to Site Clean-up. This change can be found on page 30 of the Handbook, <https://www.sandypines.com/site-cleanup-handbook-update/>, and is outlined below for your convenience. Please be sure to read this information over to ensure that you are aware of the changes, and are in compliance by June 10 of each year. These changes are effective immediately.

(7) Clean Up of Sites: The Park President, Park Inspector or their designee has the authority to require any unsightly site to be cleaned up and maintained to a standard as required by the park rules. This shall include but is not limited to:

- ___ **PARK MODEL/TRAILER/CAMPING UNIT OF ANY TYPE:** No dirt, mold, mildew, moss, stains, leaves/branches on roof, rain gutters with vegetation visible.
- ___ **PORCHES:** No dirt, mold, mildew, moss, stains, leaves/branches on roof, rain gutters with vegetation visible.
- ___ **DECKS:** No dirt, mold, mildew, moss, leaves/branches on decking.
- ___ **GARAGES/SHEDS/TENT STYLE SHEDS:** No dirt, mold, mildew, moss, stains, leaves/branches on roof. No holes or rips in the tent material, collapsed sides or roof, broken zipper or tarps for roofs.
- ___ **YARDS:** Leaves not picked up, branches left laying on ground, grass/weeds over 6" tall.
- ___ **TRASH ON SITE:** No old batteries, tires, garbage bags laying in yard or on deck, lumber, used windows, weathered/frayed tarps, bricks/blocks, etc.
- ___ **VEHICLES/BOATS/TRAILERS:** This section includes any type vehicle/floating device/trailer that is required to be registered by any state and/or Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails. Any motorized vehicle including golf carts, cars, mopeds, etc. and boat/utility trailers must be in proper running condition, including no flat tires.
- ___ **TRAILER OR PORCH:** Must have tarps off roof by June 10th.
- ___ **GREEN AREA:** Storing items in the green area is prohibited.
- ___ **COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:** Inspector will handwrite on Site Violation Checklist, however, will NOT be considered key violations. This clean up shall be finished and up to standards as described above by June 10 of every year. All sites shall be maintained throughout the summer season from June 10 thru Labor Day, every year, to the aforementioned standards. After June 10, any site found in violation will be issued a violation ticket, a list of Sandy Pines approved contractors (or you may clean it yourself), a copy of the "Clean-up of Sites" rule, a completed Site Violation Checklist, and a \$100 fine will be assessed against the site. Notification of the violation and copies of these documents will be mailed to the member per the address in the SPWT member records. Member must provide photo proof showing the violation has been corrected to stop the violation process. If the violation has not been corrected within 14 calendar days of the first violation notice, a second violation notice will be issued that carries a \$200 fine, plus two (2) points added to member account. If it is still not corrected within another 14 calendar days, the member's Sandy Pines member cards will be suspended until such time that the site has been satisfactorily cleaned and an additional two (2) points will be added to member account. Every 14 calendar days thereafter, a \$200 fine and two (2) points will be added to member account. It is the responsibility of the member to insure their site is kept to standards. The fact that this Rule section has been adequately advertised to the entire membership via website, Facebook, Footprints Publications, etc. shall serve as proper notice to all members of the site clean-up requirements and/or site clean-up date. Sandy Pines will not employ private contractors to perform site clean ups for any member sites.

(8) Care of Yards: All yards must be mowed and raked by June 10 each year. Lawns must be maintained throughout the season and grass and weeds kept cut to a length no longer than six (6) inches. Failure to comply will result in the same fine system as listed in paragraph (7). Photo proof shall be provided to the Park Inspector to halt fine procedure.

CLASSIFIEDS

We have more 'Site for Sale' listings online at www.sandypines.com.

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

For Sale - Site 377: Kropf Park Model. Excellent condition with enclosed porch, golf cart w/shed, fire pit, gas grill and picnic table. Located near Picnic Shelter. 2017 Dues are paid. Asking: \$37,000. Call: 616-396-7803.

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

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For Sale - Site N-463 - O'Neida Trail, Phase 4: 1998 Summit w/ large double loft. Great condition. Great central location. Lots of friendly neighbors. Comes fully furnished. Front kitchen. Three-season porch. Beautiful plantings. Includes nice golf cart (maybe two). Dues are paid for 2016. Asking \$44,500. Call or text Jim: 616-813-0429 anytime.

For Sale - Site K-465: Quailridge in Phase 5 with a water view. Check out this totally updated, CLEAN trailer and porch with both air and heat. One bedroom with lots of storage, NEW mattress/box spring, NEW carpet in trailer, beautifully painted kitchen cabinets, full size appliances, trendy color choices throughout. Porch has NEW gray vinyl plank floor, NEW gray futon, NEW wicker chairs, black painted wood table/chairs, geometric area rugs. Shady lot with front and back deck, patio, fire pit, shed, and a generous parking area. Club Car golf cart has new batteries. \$49,900 includes all furniture and decor. Can be shown Wed-Sun. with 5 minutes' notice. Call (616) 886-2782.

For Sale - Site D-58, Phase 6: On the water. Fully-furnished 3-bedroom, 35-foot Trophy Park Model with central air and heating. Extra large 10' x 32' four season porch with separate house-sized air-conditioner. Large sandy beach with kids play area. Boat stake. Two gas golf carts, underground sprinkling, new roof. Sleeps 8 comfortably. Full deck with table, chairs

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Condo For Sale: 2812 Sandy Pines Dr. New 1,226 sq. ft. ranch condo. Main Floor has open floor plan with kitchen, island, a work station, dinette, great room with fireplace, 4 season sunroom with deck, master bedroom, walk-in closet, main bath, and main floor laundry. Lower level is finished through drywall with a 2nd bedroom, bath, and family room. Extra deep two stall attached garage for your golf cart. All this for \$190,000. Please call Linda Hall @ 616-292-4848

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