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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY MARTI DEVRIES

At the June 17, 2016 Board Meeting, the Board approved the Capital Reserve Fund Ballot Proposal. It will appear on the August 20 ballot, and will be voted on by the general membership!

Thank you again to all of the members that did attend one of the sessions where we presented the Capital Reserve Fund plan and its details. The member questions were great!

About 3 years ago, this initiative began in our Long Range Planning Committee - we began discussing a more proactive plan or “Sandy Pines preservation initiative” with our Park President, Gene VanKoevering. Our goal was to better define the long-range capital needs for our park.

We concluded that we have NEVER had a well thought out, detailed plan for the future of our park. The survey we took provided great member feedback...that survey has since been posted for your review.

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Additionally, the Long Range Planning Advisory Committee also made a decision to gain some knowledge and expertise from an outside consulting firm...a company called ProNexus. The plan was reviewed by many eyes...again

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and again by the LRP Committee, then presented a year ago to a combined Finance Committee, Long Range Planning Committee and the Board members. Our desire was to gain additional feedback and develop the best possible presentation to be shared with the membership, all about ultimately preserving our park into next year, over the next five years and into the future.

Please let me define the following...

What is Capital?

Any assets you can walk up to, or into.....buildings, pools, tennis courts, etc. Also, assets that you may not see...septic fields, water wells, electric, gas, water lines, etc.

What is Reserve?

Collected money that is scheduled for a specific use. Reserve is in an account set aside by an individual or business to meet any estimated or unexpected costs that may arise in the future, as well as the future costs of upkeep. Given the fact that the Board is revealing what the funds would be used for, the term "reserve" may be a misnomer in light of the fact that the funds will be designated to certain expected expenses as shown on the plan. In fact, projections for the next 10 years reveal that SP may need to have a line of credit to fill in for those years where there will not be sufficient funds available due to the short period of time the reserve fund has been implemented.

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY **GENE VAN KOEVERING**

The main focus of our attention at this point for the season has been the Capital Reserve Fund ballot communications.

The approval of this project that is to be put on the 2016 ballot by the Board was the final step in continuing the process that started three years ago, with a purpose of putting Sandy Pines on a firm financial foundation by protecting the Legacy of our park for the next generation.

Without question, a successful vote will be the culmination of the work done by many on our staff, as well as many committee members and Consultants that have diligently worked on the program to this point.

Secondly, I believe passing this ballot would be one of the most important ballots Sandy Pines Members have ever passed (past, present or future) to protect our legacy of assets and prepare Sandy Pines for generations to come.

We will soon finalize the development of a multifaceted, multidimensional message for communicating the understanding of the Capital Reserve Fund ballot. From a point of simplicity for those who only

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want the basics; to a level that provides more detail for those who prefer that, the goal is to provide accurate, understandable and concise information for our membership to be fully informed about the Capital Reserve Fund.

Please take advantage of attending one of the next two Face To Phase meetings in July; on July 2 at the Phase 2 activity area, near the tennis court, or July 23 near the Human Foosball area. Additionally, there will be printed handouts, as well as information on our website.

You are invited to watch one of the two information videos that were recorded on June 11 at the Capital Reserve Information meetings by going to the Sandy Pines Youtube channel. Simply go the Sandy Pines website, scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the Youtube icon. You will be taken directly to the Sandy Pines YouTube channel where you will have the option to listen to a number of full length information meetings held already in 2016.

As you look at the plan, I would encourage you to look at it in the macro rather than the micro. Avoid throwing the baby out with the bathwater! Attempt to gain an understanding of the big picture, rather than getting caught in the minutia, where you will undoubtedly find a minor detail that you may not agree with, so again I ask you not to throw out the plan over one small detail.

Third, keep in mind that this 10 year budget is an estimate, and by virtue of being an estimate, some details, including timing of the repair or replacements, may change based on annual reviews. Where there are changes in priorities or costs, the Finance Committee and the Board will provide oversight and will be required to approve the budget each year.

There is a degree of similarity with our Capital Reserve Budget to what we do (or should do) with our own personal property. We know that our autos won't last a lifetime, so we plan to replace

it at some point. Likewise, we know our home will need a new roof, furnace, water heater or electrical fixtures etc, after a period of time, so we try to estimate when these will be replaced. Determining whether those needs will be in 5, 10, 15, 20 years is a best estimate on our part as individuals.

That said, there are also dissimilarities when comparing the Capital Budget to our personal budgeting. Some differences are that in the case of the 10 year Capital Reserve Budget estimate, much time and effort has been given to be as accurate as possible using Professional consultants, use of Sandy Pines records verifying historical asset life expectancies, including maintenance and repair costs over the past 45 years. Subsequent to the in depth reviews as mentioned above, this data is brought before and approved by our Long Range and Finance committees, and finally brought as a recommendation to the Board.

Without hesitation I will reiterate that this is likely the most important vote you will cast as a member of Sandy Pines in your lifetime, please consider the ballot seriously and base your vote on facts rather than rumor.

Seek to understand the program...approach it with a positive attitude...be grateful and view this as an opportunity to make it possible to preserve our legacy by preparing for the future.

I say with all certainty that the majority of the people who are working on this project have done so with integrity and the best intentions for Sandy Pines and our Members. In doing their best they have attempted to accurately identify needs, prioritize them in such a way as to make our continued enjoyment of the park as seamless as possible, while being focused on minimizing the costs and seeking out other sources of funding.

Examples of alternative funding, are the grants we have applied for with regard to the siren that

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would serve phases 3 & 6, as well as a FEMA grant application for Storm shelter approved buildings for CC's 5 & 6. If successful, the grants represent a 75% FEMA participation toward the construction. The potential is for over \$700,000.00 in savings to our members.

Attempts such as these are part of a focused effort to keep the membership costs to a conservative amount, while providing sufficient funding for the protection of our assets here at this great park.

Another Subject:

The largest asset here at Sandy Pines is our Lake Monterey, so I would like to provide you with a couple updates on things that are happening with that.

(1) The dam was originally required to be inspected every 10 years, then it became every 5 years, now we are required to have an inspection every 3 years. The last inspection was in 2013, so we will be having another done this year. The 2013 report was approved overall, however it indicated that we were requested to (a) operate the valves, which have never been operated, and (b) to install a liner in the tube due to corrosion. As you will see on our 10 year budget, we have scheduled this to be done in 2018 at an estimated cost of \$115,000.00.

(2) There have been a few calls from Members

regarding the weed condition in the lake, so I contacted PLM (Professional Lake Management) and asked for a status report. The following was his response yesterday:

"I was able to talk with the applicator that was out and he reported the same thing. It is basically all Eurasian watermilfoil. It hasn't been this bad since 2006, and is likely due to the weather we have been having and the increase in water clarity (the applicator reported that the water was unusually clear). We have been seeing this same thing a lot of lakes so far this season. When I sent him yesterday, I didn't expect to see this so he treated what he could with what I gave him, but we will have to come back next week and perform a large scale treatment to get things under control. In several parts of the lake it was a shoreline issue, but there was a large offshore area as well. I am in the field today but hope to sit down tomorrow and get a plan together to get things back in shape. We had nearly a decade of great control from the last Sonar treatment but things finally popped."

Thank you for your continued support and for the blessing of serving you by being part of the staff at this great park. We know this is your park, which is why we are committed to managing, maintaining and operating this park with honesty and integrity, and in such a way as to gain your respect and trust to do well, at what you have hired us to do.

Be sure to check our Events Calendar online for up to the minute activities and events!

DOG PARK NEWS

by **BILL & JOANNE VANDERWALL**

Welcome back to Sandy Pines – to all of our members - both old and new!

We would like to tell you about our Dog Park. It is located in Phase 6, behind the bathroom. It is a fenced in area for your pet to run and enjoy themselves, in a shady area. There is water for them to get a drink, with a bench and table in the shade for you to sit, while they play. There are baggies for you to pick up after your pet, and a pail to dispose of it.

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SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Mary Garbrecht, Site K-380, on the passing of her husband, **August**, on March 28th. Mary also lost her son, Gary Garbrecht, on February 18th, who is survived by his wife and daughters.

Norma Schutte, Site 46, on the passing of her husband, **Cal**, on April 22nd.

Sue Vegter, on the passing of her husband, **George**, on May 24th. Sympathy is also extended to their children: **Sandi Vegter, Daniel & Judy Vegter-TenHoopen**, Associate members **John Vegter, Gary and Tracie Vegter**, along with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Debra Barton, Site K-91, on the passing of her husband, **David**, on June 5th.

Laurie & Tom Tilton, Site K-30 and **Mary Beth & Richard Jarmosco**, Site K-285, on the passing of their mother, **Helen Hansknecht**, on June 11th.

Grant & Danielle Moore, Site K-177, on the passing of their mother, **Sharon Ellen Moore**, on June 12th.

Esther Korzilius, Site 361, on the passing of her husband, **Josef**, June 17th. Sympathy is also extended to **Joe & Joan Korzilius**, Site K-301, son and daughter, and to **Josef**, Site 895, grandson.

Judith Blain, Site 1049, on the passing of her sister, **Janice Brugh**, on June 16.

CHAIRMAN, *continued*

YOU MAY ASK....WHY CHANGE?

I would answer that it is...to responsibly take care of the 'stuff' we have, protect, maintain and preserve our 'stuff'.

AND YOU MAY ASK WHY NOW?

Well, for Sandy Pines to continue being a premier park in the state, and one of the most highly regarded parks in the nation...it is now time to shift from 'construction mode' to 'preservation mode'. Taking care of the legacy that has become SP, by preparing to repair and replace those assets that attract families to this place and support the value of our individual investments.

The primary purpose of providing the membership with the overall plan and details was to allow members to develop a better understanding of the capital needs, the projections and the costs associated with the plan.

What happens next?

You need to become familiar with the Capital Reserve Fund information, and understand how the proposal, if passed by the members, will impact you and the future of your park!

I dare you to compare where you could have a summer place with our amenities, activities and overall cost of being at Sandy Pines!

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LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE UPDATE

BY GARY PETERS

This year has seen a lot of change on the course and in the Pro Shop. One thing that is new this year is we have expanded our selection of clothing, including Adidas. We've also expanded our selection of golf accessories. So, come on down, say 'Hello' and check out the new merchandise in the Shop.

Another thing that has changed is the dress code at the golf course. The change is small, but has made some people unhappy. With the new dress code, you do not have to wear a golf shirt, but tank tops and muscle shirts will not be allowed. Tee shirts with sleeves are fine.

Our Maintenance staff and the Pro shop have been getting lots of compliments on the condition of the course. This is very nice to hear. The course is making great improvements in turf quality and that is making it more playable for the golfer. We are also getting more play from the public players.

The online tee sheet will now let you see the available tee times before you log in. There is one new feature on the tee sheet that's called the buddy list. As you play this summer it will start to build your buddy list, so when you make a tee time, a list will appear so you can select those individuals into your foursome or twosome.

GROUNDS AND LANDSCAPE UPDATE

BY NELSON BOUMA

July is here and the year is half gone. It goes fast when you're having fun at Sandy Pines!

We have three more Circles completely redone, thanks to the people who cleaned theirs up and took the time to spread the new stones and mulch.

The Memorial Tree area is shaping up with new edging and mulch around the trees. This is being done not only to the new ones, but also some of the older ones.

Thanks to the Garden Club members who weed and keep the CCs landscaping, pots of flowers and trash picked up.

It's been great that those who are re-doing their Circle or Courts can use plants out of the Garden Club garden! If you are splitting your plants at your site, please let me know. I will come and get whatever you can't use and transplant them into rows in the Garden Club garden.

Thanks to the Thursday Morning Volunteers who help trim, cut, clean up areas in the park, pick up

tables that need repair or put new tables together in the spring. Your help is appreciated.

The leaf dump is working well now with people sorting sticks and leaves, and putting each in its proper area. Thank you.

We have placed five new trees in the Memorial Tree garden. Four different types were selected, which will bring out more colors.

We need a few more people to donate a little time in Phase 3 to care for flowers. If you are willing to help, please contact me. Please let me know what you would like to see in your area.

We are working on controlling the moles in and around the Rose Garden. Please have patience... we will win!

The more we work as a team, the easier it is to keep the park clean. Enjoy your summer at the Pines!



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NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

BY RICHARD RANDELS

Thirty five condo residents had a great time participating in our first annual "Bridge-Walk" last month. The residents gathered at the Sandy Pines guard station and began a leisurely 45 minute walk through phase 1 of the development, and to the new bridge where a group photo was taken. We then moved on through phase 2 to the last duplex. The walk took 45 minutes because various condo owners had tasty snacks and drinks available along the way.

When we finally arrived at our destination, residents indulged in a fabulous cook-out pot luck, topped off with an evening of yard games. This was just one of a series of social gatherings held this year. As year-round residents, we are certainly enjoying social life at The Condominiums at Sandy Pines!

Residents also participated in the Sandy Pines yard sales in mid-June, providing park members excellent deals on quality items. We are becoming a popular stop on the annual fun park event.

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SAFETY DEPARTMENT UPDATE

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

Membership cards:

Who may have membership cards? **Member/owners:** A married couple or two (2) single adult individuals may jointly own a membership. **Associate Members:** The owner/member's children, step-children, and parents.

Designated Associate: Several years ago, the Board of Directors added a membership card called a Designated Associate. This was intended to provide a single member without any associate members the opportunity to designate one associate member to their membership. **Grandchildren** of the member/owner may have a grandchild card.

Recreation card: A Park Recreation card will permit access into the Adult lounge, the Water Park, the Fitness Center, the leaf dump, and golf course. A member/owner may have a member card and a recreation card. The Park does not issue recreation cards to associate members or grandchildren. All new cards are \$15 each. Cards reissued or reactivated because of a past due balances over 60 days are \$20 each for reactivation.

All membership cards are required to have a photo. Replacement cost is \$3 if old membership card is turned in at time of replacement. If card is lost or not turned in at time of replacement for photo, cost is \$15 for new card.

Fireworks:

Handheld sparklers are the only type of firework devices permitted to be used and must be supervised under adult supervision at Sandy Pines. Chinese lanterns and any other type of projectile device, explosive devices, or fireworks are prohibited. Please do not bring or use items other than sparklers.

Pets:

Pets are required to be on a leash and in control by the owner. Do not let your pets or dog roam free. Owners are responsible for the prevention of a barking dog becoming a nuisance to the neighborhood. Please attend to your pet so that it does not become a neighborhood nuisance. Pets are not to be tied up in green areas or beaches, and are not permitted on designated swimming beaches. When walking your pets please carry the materials to pick up after them. Dogs are not permitted at the Flea Market.

"NO WAKE" Zones:

Please be observant of the "NO WAKE" zones on the lake. Common complaints in reference to the lake are persons creating a wake in no wake zones, coming too close to the shoreline, coming too close to other watercraft or moored boats, or coming too close to swimmers or swim areas.

Boating:

Please have personal flotation devices available for all individuals on your watercraft easily accessible. Stored flotation devices do not meet boating requirements. Children less than six years of age must wear a Type I or Type II PFD when riding in the open deck area of a boat. Alcohol is not permitted off the campsite. Alcohol is prohibited on the lake or while boating.

Guests:

Please remember take the time to register your visitors in advance. You may register your guests in advance online. Please contact the Ranger Department for your user name and password.

MEMBER SERVICE

BY MARY COOPER

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Monday-Friday: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

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Flea Markets:

Upcoming dates are: *July 2, August 13 (Christmas) and *September 3 (Labor Day). Spaces may be available for \$35 each. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm. Reserve a space online thru the Web Access. Dogs are not allowed at the Flea markets, whether they are carried, on leash or in a golf cart.

*Pancake breakfast

Flea Market Parking:

Parking is not allowed in the office parking lot for Flea Markets. You can not block access for Maintenance trucks or Park & Garden equipment.

Pumpouts:

You can order regular pumpouts online using the Member Web Access. Orders can be placed up until 11:45 pm from your computer for next day service. No online orders for same day service. There are no pumpouts done on Sundays or after 3pm.

Kiosks with computers are available at the Rangers (main gate & Phase 3) and Member Service.

***Call Miss Dig when doing any work on your site. Call 811 and they will send someone out to mark any lines on your site. We have had cable and phone lines cut this year. You will be billed for repairs to those lines.**

Frequently asked about dates:

July 2: Fireworks (rain date – July 3)

July 4: 4th of July Parade line up at 10 am at the Water Park

July 9: Garages Sales for Phases 3, 5, & 6

July 16: Family Day/Kiddie Carnival 10 am – 2 pm

July 25-29: Vacation Bible School

July 23: Halloween

August 13: Christmas

August 20: Annual Meeting at the Chapel 10 am and Elections 10 am – 2 pm

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PARK & GARDEN NEWS

BY JACK SCHMIDT

It's hard to believe we are already coming up to the 4th of July weekend. We have had a great start to the season and are looking at it continuing for the next few months.

If you haven't noticed the new building at the Gas Marina, stop by and see our new location for renting Kayaks, Paddleboards, and rowboats. The Marina is open on Wednesday and Friday from 5 to 7 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 5 pm. You can rent the watercraft anytime that the marina is not open by calling or stopping by the Park and Garden and we will make arrangements to get you a watercraft. The Kayaks and Paddleboards rent for \$10 the first hour and \$5 each additional hour. Rowboats are \$10 for ½ day and \$20 for a full day.

We now have fireplace rings available at the store. We can order all types of pavers and patio blocks from Consumers even if we don't have them in stock. They will deliver within 3 to 5 days. Stop by to look at the catalog of available items.

The Park and Garden hours are 8:30 to 4 pm Monday through Saturday and 1 to 4 pm on Sunday.

Golf carts are still available for rent. Don't wait until the last minute to reserve your cart. We are already filling up for Labor Day.

There has been some question on the type of fuel that is used at the Marina. Currently, the fuel is 87 octane with an Ethanol Shield added to it to prevent the Ethanol from causing any problems. We have made the decision to switch to Ethanol Free gas when the current tank is empty. The Ethanol Free gas is 92 octane. I will notify the membership as soon as we switch over. There may be an increase in cost once we find out the difference in cost for the Ethanol Free gas.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE

BY **ROG GRINWIS**

As many of you may remember, the Golden Onion/Adult Recreation/Indoor Pool Survey was completed during the off-season. Our committee was extremely pleased with the participation in taking the survey. We had 977 members who participated! Thank you!

I am not prepared to share the survey results in total right now, as our committee will be summarizing the results to present to the Board, in preparation for aligning with the upcoming Capital Reserve Fund Proposal.

I am prepared, however, to share that with 977 responses, the bulk of the responses – about 85% - have been members between 2.5 and 25 years.

67.28% of the surveyed people were primary members, aged 55+. Almost 20% were between the ages of 45-55, and 13% were ages 25-55.

We feel that we experienced very good results, a lot of feedback, many comments about what is really important to the members, and a lot of other suggestions and ideas.

Following our next Long Range Planning Committee meeting, where we will be consolidating the survey information, we will have a better overview to provide to the Board, and ultimately, the general membership.

Our committee discussed the necessity of reassessing the Retail Service Area. Discussion was also held around options to increase our golf cart fleet, and how that might work for Sandy Pines. We would also need to talk about repairs and storage requirements for the golf carts, should this action be something we wish to pursue in the future.

FACE TO PHASE (F2P) 2016

BY **GENE VAN KOEVERING**

I will again this season 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 me, and get acquainted.

Please look at the schedule below and note the date and location where I'll be. Put it on your calendar and come on out!! You are welcome to attend any of these meetings, whether or not you happen to reside in the particular Phase that is listed.

I plan to be parked in each location on this rotation from 8:30 am until 10 am, on the days indicated below. If the weather is not conducive to being outside, I will be located inside, at the Adult Recreation Lounge.

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

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INSPECTOR NEWS

BY RALPH SMITH

Hi everyone! I hope everybody is enjoying your time here at Sandy Pines. Here are a few items I would like to talk about this month.

We are in full swing on lot clean-ups. We are now cleaning lots that were not done by the new June 10th deadline. This season, you had a few extra days. Keep in mind if your lot still is not cleaned - get to it before I see it, and save yourself a \$100 fine, plus all clean-up costs.

I think most of us are adjusting to the new boat stake markings. Please keep in mind now that they are in with GPS waypoints, we can always find your spot. Folks can no longer try to make spots bigger by just moving the stake, as now we have good points to go by.

A couple things that you may have heard about are two new things that we are now charging for: finding lot lines and locating boat stakes. Lot markers should never be buried deep in the ground or under patio blocks and never just pulled out of the ground. Your boat stake number is set to be the center of your spot.

While out doing lot inspections one thing I see a lot, all around the park, are members planting shrubs, tall grasses and putting a lot of landscaping around the electrical peds. Please keep this area clear so we can get into the boxes when needed and also to be able to read the meter. Please remember that if you leave a permit application in my office, make sure you stop in and get your permit for your window before starting any work. This goes for members and contractors, and then return the permit when your job is complete. Please don't start a job without your permit! You could end up with a fine if you don't pull a permit.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch with me 616-896-7286 or www.inspector@sandypines.com. Thank you and have a great summer!

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

Working in Member Service I have the benefit of learning some of the most frequently asked questions at Sandy Pines, such as...Is the new Weekend Flyer ready yet? What are the hours for the pool and the water park? When is the next Flea Market? When is the next garage sale? What is the current balance on my account? Can you give me a run-down of my billing statement? How do I sign in a guest? Can you schedule me a pumpout? How many boats can a member have at the park?

While it's our pleasure to answer all of your questions and assist you in any way that we can, we're also working hard to make sure all this information is available to you at the tap of a finger or the click of a mouse. All of the above questions can be answered by clicking our "Member Quick Links" buttons at www.SandyPines.com/Members/. The Weekend Flyer is updated on our website as soon as it's ready each Thursday afternoon. The pool hours are listed on the Kids Recreation Schedule. Flea Markets, Garage Sales and major events are listed on the 2016 Activity Highlights. The "Account Summary & Payments" button gives you access to your current balance and an itemized list of your entire billing history. The "Member Web Access" button is where you can login to your Member Account to sign in guests, schedule pumpouts, participate in staff surveys and view your renewal information. Any questions on park policies can be found by clicking the "Rules & Bylaws" button. Another cool tip on the Rules & Bylaws, when you click the button you'll be viewing them in your web browser. If you download the file and open in your PDF viewer, you can search for keywords like boats, boat stakes, docks, permits, etc. It is the responsibility of all Sandy Piners to be knowledgeable of the park Rules & Bylaws, so make sure to review them regularly. Need a good campfire trivia game? Pull up the Rules & Bylaws on your phone. You'll keep your friends and family entertained for hours!

If you need help navigating the new website, logging into or resetting passwords for your account statements or Member Web Access just stop by Member Service and we'd be glad to give you a quick tutorial. Don't forget to keep up on the "Member News" section of the Sandy Pines Member Page, it's just below "Member Quick Links" & "Department Contacts" and it's located beside the Sandy Pines Footprints digital archive. It will include information on all current and past park news such as the Capital Reserve Fund Ballot Proposal, the Charter Educational Seminar, the Violence Readiness Program and the new cell phone tower.

Lastly, don't forget to be social and share your photos and memories with us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram. Say cheese!



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MAINTENANCE UPDATE

BY BEN FIFELSKI

Here it is, July already! The season is going by fast.

We have added a Golf Cart Drive to the recycle area, across from the Main Gate. The drive was added to prevent carts from hitting the gate. This new drive is for golf carts only.

The beaches are groomed on a schedule. Please note the day yours gets done so your piles of debris get picked up. If you miss your date, you are welcome to bring the piles over to the recycle area, across from the Main Gate.

Maintenance is planning on installing a shade system over each bench at the Phase 2 Shuffleboard court, as well as a parking area for the tennis courts, the playground and shuffleboard.

The Lake Pumps are running in an effort to keep the lake levels up. It's the best we can do with no rain.

I would like to thank everyone who helps keep the park clean and safe. Hope your Holiday was a great one!



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ACCOUNTING UPDATE

BY KIMBERLY WILLIAMS

In June of 2016, there was a Capital Campaign presentation addressed to all Sandy Pines members, by an independent consultant, which shared with the Sandy Pines community the vision and plan for maintaining and restoring the legacy of Sandy Pines. If you were unable to attend the meeting on June 11, please note the meeting was recorded and is viewable for your information on YouTube at your leisure. Keep your eyes open also, as management and the Board of Directors are working together over the next few weeks to provide you with a summary handout displaying the 10 year plan in an easy to read guide. As mentioned during the presentation, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the plan laid out, please do not hesitate to contact me for clarity, or to answer any of your questions.

The new system, Club Prophet, is fully implemented and has been working well. Thank you for all your great questions along the way

as we have taken each comment seriously and have used them to help further design the point-of-sale system in a way to meet the member and management's needs. As we continue through the summer months, please let me know if you have any other comments relating to the new system.

The months of April and May were the first months utilizing the new QuickBooks accounting system for our Sandy Pines financial statements. We worked hard to replicate the design of the past statements with a few minor changes, and will continue to make minor changes along the way, to meet the needs of Sandy Pines more completely. You may find the most recent and up to date financial statements on the Sandy Pines website under Members and Finance information, or a single hardcopy is available in the Administration office for review.

As always, if at any point you have questions regarding your account or any other financial matter, please contact us at 616-896-8315.

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RECREATION NEWS

BY MARY APPLEHOF

The newly improved Disc Golf course in Phase 2 is all finished and ready for you to use. A big thank you to Nick Brott, who created and constructed the course again for us! The new baskets and a new course are all set for the beginner Disc Golf player. The Disc Golf Course in Ph. 3 is all set for the more advanced player. The Recreation Dept. has awesome Discs for you to purchase – including Putters, Mid. Range Discs, and Drivers all with our Sandy Pines logo on them. They are \$10 - \$15, and can be seen and purchased at the Recreation Dept.

Kids club meets Tuesday – Friday from 1 – 2:30 and will be a fun mix of toys, games, story time and crafts. The cost is \$1 per child per day.

Pre-teen club meets Tuesday – Friday from 2:45 – 3:45 and will have a little different schedule with outside games on Tuesday and Thursday, a craft day on Wednesday, and Nukem at the Phase 4 volleyball courts on Friday.

Teens can check out the schedule posted outside the Recreation Office or watch the Weekend Flyer to see the weekly schedule. We have beach parties, games, scavenger hunts, movie nights, snacks and more, planned for the teens this summer. Be sure to check out the Sandy Pines Facebook page to see all the fun we have.

Bench Creations Craft classes are again being offered by Barb and Gerri! The classes are all on

Thursdays at 10 am at the Pavilion in Phase 1. Dates are: July 31; Aug 4 and Aug 18. Take a look at the signs at the CC's and see if there are any classes that you would like to sign up for. All the classes are held at the pavilion and need to be pre-registered by calling Barb at 269-793-3008, and you pay her at the class.

I am hoping that many of you are keeping up to date with our TV station! We are really doing our best to keep you informed of all of our activities. We are still posting Flyers at the CC's and listing the events on the Weekend Flyer. The events calendar is up-to-date, so there are plenty of places for you to check out the activities happening around the park.

Here is a list of several of our upcoming events:

Saturday, July 9 – Flyboard show and rental; Drive-In Movie at the Chapel showing Zootopia; Cookies and Canvas – this is where youth with or without an adult parent or grandparent have fun painting and enjoying cookies and juice. Cost is \$25/person.

Saturday, July 16 – Family Fun Day and Stumblehead band playing in the core area!

Friday, July 22 – Pop Scholars Improv Comedy Show! All new this year! More information to follow.

Saturday, July 23 – 11 am, John Ball Park's Traveling Zoo; 3 Disciplines Triathlon; Halloween with trick or treating around the Park, and a tractor ride.

Saturday, July 30 – 10 am is the Color Run – please register right away so we can order the t-shirts. Dick's Market will be grilling brats at the end of the Color Run at the Flea Market area pavilion! Come and enjoy some great food with the runners! The band Tricks will be playing in the core area at night.

Friday, August 5 – Star and Charlie will be singing in the core area – bring your chairs!

Saturday, August 6 - Youth Triathlon and Chalk Drawing Contest.

Friday, August 12 – 126th Army Band will be playing in the core area. Bring your chairs.

Saturday, August 13 – Parent/Child Tennis tournament; Golf Cart Rodeo; Voices of Freedom will be singing Christmas carols in the core area.

We are always looking for volunteers (adults and anyone over the age of 13) in many areas of Recreation this summer: Family Fun Day, Trunk or Treat and the Sandy Pines Triathlon. Please call 616-896-8318 to sign up to volunteer. More Great times at Sandy Pines!

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DENNIS KING, SITE 1076

Greetings Sandy Pines Friends! My name is Dennis King. I'm 68 years young and am seeking a position on the Board of Directors. I was an associate member for 20 years and now a full time member for 7 years. My wife, Karin, and I have 4 adult children and 6 grand children who all love spending time at Sandy Pines!! As your board member, I would continue to keep our Park moving in a positive direction as we face new challenges and issues.

I want to keep Sandy Pines a safe and secured community at all levels. I joined the Safety & Security Committee last year. This season I took Chairperson of this committee and have also joined the Technology Committee. My background involves 34 years of public service as a law enforcement Officer; Holland Police Reserves, Zeeland Police Dept., and retired from Portage Police Dept. The last 10 years I've worked as a Security Officer in various Federal Facilities in the State. I have served on several church leadership boards, currently Finance Chair at NW United Methodist Church.

I ask for your support and vote on August 20th. Thank you.

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STANLEY ROBBINS, SITE 723

I am presently retired, but served as a school teacher for 31 years.

Board Experience: 8+ years on the Board and past Secretary and Treasurer of the Board.

Committees: Chairmen and/or Board Liaison for the By-Laws and Rules Review Committee's, Finance Committee, Policy Committee and Rules Committee.

Education: BA - WMU, MA + 40 hrs - EMU. Other Colleges attended: U of M, MSU, Oakland, and CMU.

Family Status: Widowed 7 years, 2 sons, 6 daughters, 24 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Work Experience: 31 years teaching, coaching and drivers education. Served on numerous school, district and union committees. Scoutmaster and Boy Scout Committee member. Served on my Churches Financial and Minister selection committee. Worked for GM in their skilled trade and engineering offices. Worked for GM on the assembly line. Professional singer. Staff assistant and Assistant Dorm Director at WMU.

I have been a member of Sandy Pines since 1995 and for the past 19 years I have been full time (Apr. to Oct.) and then I winter in Florida. As I began typing this for the footprints I looked back at the past 3 that I wrote in the past 10 years and each one became shorter and shorter. The first was well over 2 typewritten pages and covered all of the needs that I felt needed to be addressed. Many have been taken care of but there is still work to be done.

So with that in mind I am asking for your support as I run for the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines. My life has resolved around my family, my teaching, my church, and my community and it is with this experience that I believe that I can best serve the members of Sandy Pines on the Board of Directors. Let us work together to make Sandy Pines a great Family Orientated Park where we can all spend the summers having a good time with friends and family.

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MICHAEL HARDING, SITE 393



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I was practically raised at Sandy Pines during the summers of the 1980's. My grandparents had a place on the lake and we created many memories together that I still cherish today. When they sold their place in the late 1980's I knew I had to find my way back. On my first visit back in 2006, my wife and I purchased a place that weekend. We have been creating memories for our own children since then.

I just turned 40 in May and my wife and I have been married for 16 years and have three wonderful children. Our oldest boy is 13 and we have twin 10-year-olds, both a boy and a girl. They love Sandy Pines just as much as we do and have enjoyed the countless opportunities Sandy Pines has given families over the past ten summers.

I currently serve as the Deputy Director of Washtenaw County Community Mental Health (WCCMH) and have served in the public sector for 20+ years. In this role, I am responsible for managing an organization with a 74-million-dollar budget and 370 employees, implementing healthcare initiatives that improve quality of care while reducing health care costs, and working directly with the Board of Commissioners and the local Community Mental Health Board. I am known in the Health Information Exchange community for overcoming the challenges of integrating behavioral health information in a physical health setting. Through my leadership, Washtenaw was one of the first behavioral health settings in the country to share behavioral health information through Health Information Exchange.

We have noticed many changes in the ten years we have been members of the park. Some are beneficial and some open opportunities for future improvement. I am running for the board because I expect the voice of the members to be heard and influence the decision making process. Sandy Pines is a member run park and should be operated as such. I will do everything in my power to make sure members voice's are not lost upon the Board and Administration. I believe my leadership experience and love for Sandy Pines will make me a good candidate as a Board Member.

I appreciate your support and would be honored to serve you as a member of the board.

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DOUG WILLS, SITE D-44

My name is Doug Wills. My wife, Meg, and I have been married for 45 years. We have two grown daughters and a nine year old grandson who calls Sandy Pines "Home".

I have a diversified background including U. S. Army veteran, retired police officer, former owner of a retail tire business that I started from nothing and operated for 14 years. Additionally, I worked for a public golf course after retiring and learned the operation of this business from the owner.

We bought into Sandy Pines in 2002 and have seen many changes in the past 14 years. I believe Sandy Pines is in an excellent, sound position with fantastic assets for a recreational facility, second to none in its category. I want to continue this great heritage and preserve it for my family, and all families, now and into the future. I currently am Chairman of the Rules Committee and wish to expand my involvement by running for the Board of Directors. I look forward to working with all the people in the Administration, the Department employees, and the many volunteers who are so often taken for granted.

Please consider me for a position on the Board of Directors to represent you, the member, with a common sense approach to the many challenges ahead. Remember, I am a member just like you; and all decisions affect me, too. I will be fiscally responsible in making decisions that affect our money and our park! Thank you for considering me for this position.



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Sept. 4	Rev. Marvin Williams	Trinity Church, Lansing
Sept. 11	Rev. Ken Van Wyk	Emeritus, CRC
*Sept. 18	Rev. Kelvin Kronmeyer	Emeritus, RCA
*Sept. 25	Dave Van Noord	

*May 1, May 8, May 15 and Sept 18 services will meet in the pavilion at 10:00 AM. The Sept 25 service will begin with an 11:00 potluck in the pavilion followed by a noon worship service.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE:

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For Sale - Site 658: 2002 Dutch Park (Signature Series) park model w/rear loft & 10'x30' 3 season porch. Newly built custom 2 cart garage w/connecting storage area. Large brick paver patio, Trex deckings w/PVC railings & in-ground sprinklers. Unit features 4 bays, central A/C w/aux A/C in porch & loft, solid oak cabinets throughout, new fridge & 16 gal hot water tank, new shingles & new roof, windows & carpet on porch and a "must see" open view of the lake. Excellent condition. Incl. 2 EZ GO golf carts w/all new batteries & 20' Sweetwater pontoon w/trailer & boat stake. Asking: \$119,900. Home 248-349-5263 or SP 616-896-8017.

For Sale from Site 865: Watercraft 1973 – Harris Mfg. 24' aluminum pontoon with open deck design. Outboard gas motor. Mercury – Force Outboard Motor 40 hp, purchased 5-1-97. Complete with Water Storage frame – needs cover and bungee cords. Asking: \$2,450. Call: 734-674-8944 or 734-513-8545.

For Sale - Site 895: Site includes skirted trailer with tip-outs. A good starter unit or replace trailer with your own on ready to go lot. Asking \$12,500. For more details, call 616-299-6960.

For Sale - Site 1139: Three lots, two sheds, golf cart, deck, patio, riding mower, cell phone amplifier, two bedrooms, air. Fully furnished. In good condition. Asking: \$52,000. Call: 863-448-2148.

For Sale - Site 1330 – Phase III: '81 Honey Trailer. Porch- Deck- Fire pit patio - Shed - Paddle Boat - Boat slot & dock in front of trailer. Great

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For Sale – Site N-15 - Phase 4: Kroft trailer, Includes all furniture and two golf carts, has double loft, vinyl siding porch and deck. A Nice Brick Patio faces the beautiful lake. Garage, Boat Stake. Priced at \$160,000. For more information call: 269-501-9377.

For Sale – Site N-28: 2010 Manor House, placed in 2012 – only occupied for three seasons. Like new condition. Comes fully furnished, 3-season porch w/bamboo wood floors, porch, garage and shed. Central air, fireplace inside trailer w/drop down TV. Double loft, Club Car electric golf cart, paved patio, outdoor fire pit, great neighbors and a boat stake. Asking: \$84,900. Call: 616-293-7002.

For Sale from Site N-78: Used 24 ft. rebuilt Flote-Bote (pontoon) with 40 HP motor. Great condition: new covers and carpet. Asking: \$7,500. Call: Carolyn Cammenga at 616-560-3950.

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For Sale – Site K-36: 2001 Homestead park model trailer with double loft on lake near the cove, full size porch, nice deck with a wonderful lake view and direct beach access, newer storage shed, two golf carts, in ground sprinklers, AC in trailer and porch. Asking \$104,500. Call: 309-339-5709.

For Sale from K-297: 1990 Pontoon Boat - 20 ft. Motor was rebuilt last summer, 70 horsepower, new deck with carpet three years ago, newly painted two years ago, new furniture purchased 3½ years ago. Small hole in pontoon is patched, pontoons are larger than the average, no trailer. Asking: \$4,500. Call 269-377-7447.

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. \$58,900 includes all furniture and decor. Can be shown Wed-Sun. with 5 minutes' notice. Call (616) 886-2782.

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