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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Letter from the President by Lee VanHarn

At the June 8 Board meeting, at the risk of alienation, I urged members to help stop the deliberate rumors and falsehoods which damage our Park's reputation and attack the integrity of our leadership and management. The incidence of these has already diminished. Thank you for whatever part you personally played in making this happen.

Dean Neild, our former President, resigned his position because he and Deb are relocating to Arizona, and for no other reason. Dean's talents and hard work kept us moving forward on a track of stability and I hope to build on the legacy he left us. "Dean, best wishes and good luck in your new endeavors. We'll miss you!"

The Board has initiated progressive practices in the manner in which its monthly meetings are conducted. Meeting notices and itemized agendas are posted on a bulletin board in the administration office. Volunteers also assist with postings on the various CC bulletin boards. Handouts are available at meetings. Draft meeting minutes are available within 7 days following meetings and are also published. Members may ask questions or make comments on

motions before the Board votes upon them, as well as at a "question and comment" session toward the end of the meeting. Occasionally, "Member Hearings" will be used to ask members for informal comment on major topics. Much more information will now be posted on the Sandy Pines member's web site and in the monthly Footprints newsletter. Committees will generally follow the same procedures as the Board. New Board policy provides that appointments to committees stress representation from the various phases within the Park, as well as pro and con positions on matters of known concern.

The Rules and Regulations Committee has completed its review of the Park rules and has submitted its recommendations to the Board. The Board is expected to approve rules changes, if any, at the July 13 meeting. Changes being reviewed include the permitted size of sheds and golf cart shelters, issues that have been subjects of concern for some months. At the meeting, we will accept comments regarding the proposed changes. A Bylaws Committee has also begun work reviewing the Bylaws of Sandy Pines. Any Bylaw changes must be approved by the members (by vote).

The 2007-08 proposed budget submitted by the Finance Committee calls for a cost-of-living increase in dues of \$26. The Board must adopt a

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PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



The staff is busy cleaning the beaches.

The exciting summer season is upon us, and that's what makes Sandy Pines such a great place! The lake is almost full, and we have been killing off the weeds that have grown so well this spring.

The Recreation project is coming along, and we hope it will be open by the end of July. It will be an exciting place to be!

We hope you will tell your friends about the special sale we are having on the few remaining sites we have left to sell in the Park. It is a good deal for young families.

Please check our website and the Weekend Flyer to keep up on all of the events that we have planned for you.

A special thank you to our volunteers. Without you, many of our big events would not be able to take place. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

Be sure to enjoy all of the special events that are planned for you and your family during the 4th of July Holiday week.

Have a good summer and take time to play and relax with your family. Families are our most important asset!

Member Service Information by Mary Cooper



Office Hours
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Flea Markets: Upcoming dates are- July 7, August 11 & September 1. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm. Spaces are available for \$22.

Reminder: Dogs are not allowed at the Flea Markets. Vendors must park at their Flea Market space, or at the Maintenance parking lot. Vendors are not allowed to park at the office.

Pumpouts: Please make sure that the pumpers have easy access to the holding tank valve. Also, please make sure that fences, flower gardens, or sheds, are not in the path for the pumper.

Welcome New Members:

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MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Cheryl Champion - Site N-212



My name is Cheryl Champion and I have lived at N212 for the past five years. My love of Sandy Pines is the reason I am running for one of the positions on the Board of Directors. We are fortunate to have a community here where neighbors help neighbors, kids are safe and people smile, wave and talk to each other. All the old fashioned values are demonstrated here at the Pine's and that's the reason we have THE best RV park.

As the manager of J & H Family Stores Sunnybrook location in Grandville, and a single person, I have the time to live at the Pines and manage a very busy location. Supervising ten to fifteen employees, some for whom this is their first work experience, allows me to instill positive values and strong work ethics in these young adults which will serve them for the rest of their lives.

I served in the US Army from 1975 to 1978 and also the National Guard for six additional years. I have spent my entire adult life working in middle management and from this experience I will bring many skills to the Board. I am an excellent communicator and look forward to continuing to open the lines of communications, which the present Board has initiated. I am an attentive listener, open to all new ideas and capable of making "the decision" after a full investigation of the facts,

serving the majorities best interest.

As a member of the Senior Adult Activities I volunteer for their pancake breakfasts, poker run and have helped with the parks Family Day. I am currently serving as Chairperson for the by-laws committee. I was also Secretary of the Owners Association and helped raise money for hurricane Katrina victims, cleaned up the dam area, and gathered donations of food for the local food bank. I serve in the park in the hopes of uniting all members and making this an even better place.

My family has five lots in the park; and all live here full-time. Sandy Pines has offered us the opportunity to become closer as a family and provides a safe place for the kids to lay and grow. I am a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. I would welcome an opportunity to serve on the board so I am asking you to Choose Champion.

Terry Derks - Site D-65



Let me introduce myself to you the members of Sandy Pines Resort.

My name is Terry Derks. My wife Sandy and I live in Holland and have been members of Sandy Pines Resort for the past thirteen years.

Our family consist of two wonderful daughters and sons in law (one a Sandy Pines member) and five fantastic grand children which is the reason we are so adamant about keeping Sandy Pines the great resort that it is.

I am an U.S. Navy Veteran. I am a retired Maintenance Section Head from the Pfizer Corp. where I worked for thirty-one years. I served on the board of directors of the Ottawa County Fair for ten years, five years as the Fair Manager. I am also a retired Fire Fighter where I served for thirty years as an officer and an E.M.T.

My wife and I are members of Christ Memorial Church in Holland.

For the past eight years I have been a part time associate with the Hope College Transportation Dept.

The reason I am running for the board of directors is to help keep the park headed in the positive direction that we have experienced in the past several years.

For some unknown reason special interest groups have influenced board members by intimidation, accusations, false rumors and mistruth. These persons do not want what is good for the operation and success of our park. A large majority of our membership who are happy with the park, need to put a halt to this practice. With your vote I hope to be a part of that important goal. I cannot do that as a board member alone, but with you the membership, working together, we can. We all need to insist that everything we hear and are told by special interest groups or anyone, is the absolute truth. We need to insist that we see proof of anything that we are being informed of. I want to work together with you to keep our park growing forward.

Therefore my campaign pledge to you is very simple. I will always do my very best to make decisions that will be in the best interest for the majority of members in our park. We have one of the finest resorts in the Midwest. Let's keep it that way. I would appreciate your vote.

LET'S KEEP GROWING.

MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Chris Drayton - Site 7028 (C-28)



I am running for the Sandy Pines Board of Directors this year and I would appreciate your support. I have been a member of Sandy Pines for 6 years. The first 5 were spent in Phase 4. We moved into our condominium about a year ago. I am an active member of the Sandy Pines Senior Activities and ran the Sandy Pines website for about 3 years. I also helped our Recreation Department in organizing the Christmas in August golf cart parade, when we were attempting to make the worlds record. I attend board meetings regularly.

My lovely wife Diane and I have been married for 36 years. We have 3 children and 9 wonderful grandchildren who love coming to visit at Sandy pines. I was in the Navy for the first 4 years of our marriage, stationed onboard the USS Kitty Hawk. I am currently working for General Motors as an electrician and infrared thermographer. In 1998 I was part of a team that won a Chairman's Honor Award. This is the highest award an hourly employee can receive from General Motors. I have been working there for almost 30 years and plan to retire soon. My wife and I are members of Resurrection Life Church in Grandville. I was an usher there for 8 years.

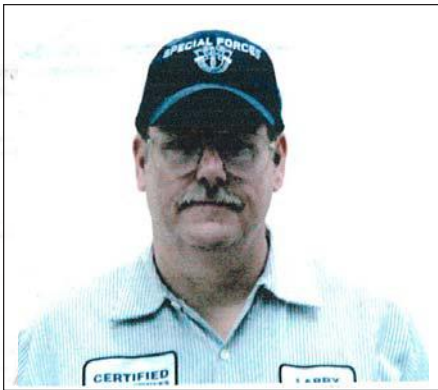
I believe that all the members of Sandy Pines deserve to have a voice. I believe that we need to improve communication between the board, our members, and our employees. I would like the opportunity to try to improve this while representing you the members of Sandy Pines. I believe we have the best camping resort in the nation and I want to help keep it that way.

As a condominium owner I think that we need to try to include the condominiums in more of the park activities. We need to establish a better way to let members know that their roofs need clearing of snow instead of waiting for the next footprints to come out.

If you have any questions or would like to talk to me on any issue feel free to email me at crsdrayton@yahoo.com or stop by my condominium at 2803 Creekside Ct.

I appreciate your consideration for this office and promise to serve you to the best of my ability for the next 3 years if I am elected. Thank you,

Larry Lane - Site K-360



I will do the right thing...I swear! This is the motto I live by every single day.

My name is Larry Lane, My family and I have been members at Sandy Pines for about 9 years. I have been married to my wife, Denise for 20 years, and we have one daughter, Krystal. Our family lives at Sandy Pines all summer. We truly believe that Sandy Pines is the greatest place for a family to spend time. I am 52 years old and have spent the last 22 years as an entrepreneur. During these 22 years I have owned a variety of businesses. Presently I am the owner/head technician of Certified Repair Services. We specialize in Heating and Cooling. We also do full maintenance of both commercial and residential properties. I am a licensed contractor in Sandy Pines and offer virtually any type of maintenance service that your residence may require. I was also involved with the Cutlerville Business Association for approximately 2 years.

Prior to owning my own companies I served in the United States Army as a Green Beret in the 5th Special Forces, stationed in Vietnam. I am very proud of my military service and proud to be a veteran. I believe that my military experience is reflected in my personal life each and every day. My special forces training taught me the true meaning of honor and duty. It has also taught me that no matter what the adversity, you must always adapt and overcome every situation. I have learned that you must stand up for your beliefs, respect your fellow man, and your word is your honor. Our daughter Krystal graduated from Hudsonville High School this year and is going off to MSU in the fall. My wife Denise and I believe that a good education is the foundation to a successful life.

I firmly believe that Sandy Pines belongs to each and every member. Every member should have the right to be heard. Any question that a member has should be answered promptly and truthfully to the best ability of the board of directors. During the next couple of months I will be out and about in Sandy Pines, trying to talk to as many members as possible. I really want your input into how you want YOUR Sandy Pines to run. If I happen to miss the opportunity to meet you, please feel free to look me up I am at lot K360. I will be available to answer your question and discuss your concerns. Thank you.



MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Jim Schipper - Site K-501



My wife, Shirley, and I have been married for 54 years. We have five married children who have blessed us with twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We have been full-time seasonal (Apr.-Oct.) residents of Sandy Pines for six years. We have come to love the Park as our Michigan home.

I have enjoyed serving the one year term for which I was elected and have a sincere desire to be re-elected to a full term. If elected, I herein pledge that it is my intention to fulfill the term for which I am elected. I believe that my past term has equipped me with greater insights and understanding of the future challenges of Sandy Pines. I believe we have made progress in the positive direction of the Park through Board policies and leadership. I have come to appreciate the commitment and efforts of the staff and administration.

Some life experiences which have prepared me for this position include my volunteer work, my business experience and my service on several Boards. I have volunteered in the Park for the Thursday work group, Triathlon and the

Park's mail program. In the winter months, Shirley and I serve on the volunteer staff at the headquarters of Wycliffe Bible Translators located in Orlando, Florida. For many years I volunteered at the Christian Reformed Conference/Campground located on the shore of Lake Michigan. It is through these volunteer experiences that I have learned to work with and relate to many people. I have gained the joy and satisfaction of giving and sharing.

In 1957 I started my business, Schipper Wallpaper Service. After a successful 40 years in business I retired and turned the business over to my son. During those years as a self-employed business owner I learned management and people relationship skills that I believe promoted and resulted in my business success. This success has enabled me to retire with a sense of pride, fulfillment, integrity and dignity. These skills have prepared me to serve on the Sandy Pines Board.

Through serving on various Boards I have gained some leadership experiences. For many years I served on the Board of Directors of the Christian Reformed Conference/Campground and my church's Council as Deacon and Elder. For six years my wife and I served as Youth Leaders at our church.

Throughout these past leadership positions and experiences I was involved in many discussions, debates and decisions similar to the issues and challenges that face the Board of Sandy Pines.

I firmly believe that these life experiences have prepared me to contribute with commitment, enthusiasm, integrity and dedication to the welfare of the Park and the Board of Sandy Pines. I would appreciate the opportunity to represent all the members of Sandy Pines and continue to serve as a member of the Board.

Joe Korzilius - Site K-357



My name is Joe Korzilius and I grew up in Kalamazoo. My family moved to the Grand Rapids area where I attended Calvin Christian and met my wife Joan. We are celebrating 25 years of marriage this year. My parents purchased a site and upon visiting them, my wife and I fell in love with Sandy Pines. We have been members for 20 years and raised our 3 children here every summer. Our children and 3 grandchildren continue to enjoy their time here.

My wife and I have supported the community by actively being scout leaders, members of Parent Teacher Association, and fund raising groups for our local schools. My wife Joan volunteers weekly at our local library. I have enjoyed coaching for the local American Youth Soccer Organization. I was president of Great Lakes Avicultural Society (West Michigan Exotic Bird Club).

I have worked for the same company, Industrial Firebrick, for 29 years in Grand Rapids, I am the owner and operational manager of the company and have

expanded to include a business in Detroit. Through my business I have also taught seminars at Western University in the graduate-engineering department. I am also a member of the Bricklayers Union negotiating board.

At Sandy Pines I was a member of the former Environmental Committee which planted all the flowers, screened the dumpsters, and placed the benches on the dam. I was president of the Owners Association because of my concern for lack of unity and communication in the park. The projects accomplished by the organization while I was president were clean-up of the dam area, money raised for Katrina victims, and we implemented a food drive for the local food bank. I am a current member of the Rules Committee. My wife and I have also joined the Senior Adult Activities group.

My goals for Sandy Pines Resort are to keep a secure family atmosphere while maintaining affordability. We need to move forward, be open to new ideas and progress, while insuring the integrity and our love for Sandy Pines.

I have developed skills in communication and the fine art of compromise working within the union board. Leadership skills are crucial to the board, which I have demonstrated; I am also a team player. I maintain that my business experience and strong commitment to our Sandy Pines family will be beneficial to the board of directors and all members. Thank you for your consideration.

MEET THE BOARD CANDIDATES

Stan Robbins - Site 723



Name: Stanley Robbins, Lot #723, Phase II stan_G-robbins@msn.com

Occupation: Retired School Teacher

Committees: Board Liaison for the By-Laws Review Committee

Education: BA—Western Mich. U. MA +40 hrs - Eastern Mich. U. Other Colleges attended: U of M, MSU, Oakland U. and Central Mich. U.

Family Status: Married to Ruth, 2 sons, 6 daughters, 19 grand children and 7 great grand children

Experience Related to Board Service: 31 years teaching and coaching. Served on numerous school and district and union committees as well as Boy Scout Committee service. Served on my Churches Financial and Minister selection committee.

What would be your Objectives for the Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.:

1. Ongoing long term planning for improved infrastructure, continued improvements to Park security and oversight of all committee and management functions.
2. Strict compliance with and equal enforcement of all applicable Laws, Acts, Articles, By-Law, Rules & Regulations, Policies and Procedures to insure that every member's investment is protected; encourage mutual respect between all members

despite differences of opinion. Insure that each member's will, needs and concerns receive fair and equal weight and consideration in the decision making process. Maintain the highest ethical and legal standards. The elected Board of Directors and hired Management and Staff should be held accountable and responsible for their satisfactory completion of all assigned and required duties.

What Major Concerns should the Sandy Pines Board Address? After less than one year of the Board of Directors, I see the following as major concerns: 1. Staffing and administration of the new Community/Recreational Center and how we are going to ensure that we have no outside or unauthorized entry into any of our facilities. 2. Continued development of effective and consistent communication tools to insure all members are informed concerning issues, plans and actions being considered. 3. The Board should continue to develop a proactive Governance Model which will protect the members in the future from potential actions.

- a. The Board must develop and adopt a complete Board of Directors Manual, a complete restructured committee system with Board directives, and a new and clearer member handbook.
- b. We must set up a complete Board Policy Handbook to cover all operations of our Park. We need a Policy Book to cover the Day to Day operations of the Park and Policies as to how we the Board and the members would like the Park to be operated

Why do you want to serve on the Board? My wife and I have been full time summer residents of Sandy Pines for approximately 14 years and would like to help make a difference in the following ways:

1. I feel that each of us has a responsibility to give back to the community by not only keeping it a good place to live, but improving it.
2. Being retired, I have not only the time but the desire to devote to making Sandy Pines a better place for all now and in the future.

Dick Valone - Site N-180



During the past 16 years, our family has grown to the present total of 9 grandchildren and accompanying parents, (age range, 87-6) who visit periodically at N-180 throughout the summer. Each family utilizes the Park's "offerings" during their visits.

As a previous town planning commissioner (for 8 years in Manistee, MI), I learned the importance of the necessity for growth and the future of communities.

During my time here, I have sat on two committees; the Capital Trust Fund and recently, the Dynamic Finance Committee. I have attended Board Meetings in the past, keeping current on Park concerns and activities. As a Board member I will be able to arrange my schedule to attend meetings as needed in your behalf. I wish to stabilize the accomplishments of the Board and preserve our future.

My background as a Biology Major, relates to the lake and swimming pools. A Master's Degree in Health Care Administration majoring in Management and Supervision lends itself to our Administration. My degree as an Educational Specialist, dealing in Continuing Education of the Adult speaks to the Adult Activities Group and a large portion of our population. As a Nurse Anesthetist/Respiratory Therapist, having repeated ACLS Certifications, I believe I can speak to the Health and Safety issues confronting the Park. As a Vietnam Era Veteran (stationed at the United States Military Academy) I understand the need for rules and discipline that presents itself in the Park.

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Letter from the President *(continued from page 2)*

budget in August. At this month's meeting (July 13), in order to keep you informed, the Board will present facts and financial projections for three large Park projects - the blacktop/electrical upgrade (completed), the Phase 7 condo project (in progress), and the Water Park project (completion scheduled for August).

We still have most of this wonderful summer ahead of us, with time to enjoy our exceptional life style and the numerous recreational facilities and programs we have, Have a great time!

**2007 Board of
Directors Meeting Dates**
All meetings are held at the Pavilion (unless otherwise noted) and begin at 7:30 pm
July 13, 2007
August 10, 2007
September, 14, 2007



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PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

No Wake Zones on Lake Monterey:

A "No Wake" zone is an area marked on the lake in which a watercraft may not create a wake (waves created by the watercraft's motion in the water). Sandy Pines has several areas. The areas are from the mouth of the channel of Sailboat Cove and Sail Boat Cove, The mouth of Phase 2 Channel and the Phase 2 Channel, Phase 6 Bay, and Phase 3 Bay.

A line of buoys are present on the east end of the lake. This line of buoys runs from Sauk Court point across the lake to Bay Breeze Circle Point. The area east of this line of buoys is a "No Wake" zone. This zone includes the lake area east of the buoys, the mouth of the Phase 6 Bay and Phase 6 Bay, the mouth of the Phase 2 Channel and the Phase 2 Channel and Phase 3 Bay.

Basically, the lake area east of the line of buoys that are present from Sauk Court point, across to Bay Breeze Circle, is a no wake zone.

Fireworks:

Sandy Pines permits the use of sparklers in the Park when adult supervision is present. Please properly dispose of the used sparklers. Any other type of spark emitting, explosive

or fireworks displays by members, or guests are prohibited.

Bike Safety:

Wear a helmet. Sandy Pines does not require you to wear a helmet within the Park, but a helmet can assist in preventing head injuries. Wear bright clothing to make yourself visible to other drivers.

If you operate from dusk to dawn make sure you have head and tail lights and reflectors.

Children should ride with parents and should be supervised during the ride. Please don't let small children ride bikes or small toys in the roadways without adult supervision. Remember to stop at all stop signs. Ride on the right side of the road and travel with the traffic. Don't drive against traffic.

Always check both directions when pulling out from your site.

Ride single file when riding with a group.

Always pass on the left. Don't pass other vehicles on the right side.

Wear appropriate footwear and wear clothing that will not be caught in the bike's chain.



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Inspector News by Ron Lancaster

We have a new visitor to our Park, and one that is not welcomed! His name is Emerald, and he is a little insect that invades Ash trees and kills them. Southwest Michigan has been hit hard by them, and there is really only one way to stop them, and that is to cut down the Ash trees and dispose of them. There is a treatment if the tree has not been infested as yet, so if you have an Ash tree, call me, and we will take a look at it. The Department of Agriculture, however, recommends the removal of the trees over treatment, because treatment has not proven to be very effective.

I need to correct an error on my part. The Handbook states that any shed or golf cart shelter is to be placed two foot from the lot line, and ten foot from the road. To make certain that you and I comply with the rules, we must place them accordingly.

Many people call me to ask how to obtain a permit. To do so, you will need to come to my office, during office

hours, which are 8:30-9:30 am, and again from 3:30-4:30 pm, Monday through Saturday, except on Tuesday and Saturday, when I leave at noon. If you are placing a shed or golf cart shelter, or building a deck or landscaping, I will need a scaled drawing of your site with the placement of your project.

If you are building a deck, you will need a township permit, as well as a Sandy Pines permit, if the deck is over 200 sq. ft. To obtain a permit, we will need to submit complete engineering plans, with a material list, to our local code inspectors, and I will need to have a check to the township for their fee.

Electrical: To upgrade your electrical service, or to wire an enclosure, you must have a permit from the township. There is a fee of \$84 to the township for this, no charge for the Sandy Pines permit for electrical.

I hope this helps to clear up some

confusion - any other questions, please come and see me. Thanks!

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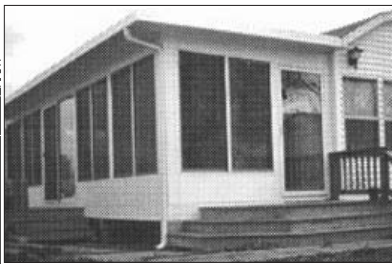
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Unapproved - June 8, 2007 - Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Acting President, Lee VanHarn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

INVOCATION: Harvey Aalderink offered prayer.

ROLL CALL:

Lee VanHarn, Mike Young, Tom Aldrich, Jim Schipper, Jean Richards, Stan Robbins, and Harvey Aalderink
Staff present: Max Gibbs, Kathy Brott

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 11, 2007, minutes were approved, as presented.

Motion made by Jim Schipper, second by Mike Young to approve the list of new members given to the Board by the Sales Department. **Vote:** All Ayes - **Motion Carried**

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (until Sept. 2007): **President - Lee VanHarn; Vice-President - Jean Richards; Secretary - Stan Robbins; Tom Aldrich will remain Treasurer.**

OFFICER REPORTS: President VanHarn discussed the new policies and procedures that the Board has implemented. **Vice President Richards read the new Board Mission Statement and moved that it be adopted.** Jim Schipper seconded that motion. **Vote:** All Ayes - **Motion carried.** Jean then read the Goals and Objectives that the Board has put together. Handouts were available at the meeting of the Mission Statement and the Goals and Objectives. Secretary Robbins talked about the upcoming election in August. Treasurer Aldrich passed out non-resignation pledges to each Board member and asked for their signatures, indicating that they would serve out the term to which they were elected.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **Finance** - Tom Aldrich reported for the Finance Committee. He said that they did not meet in June, but would meet again in July. His Committee has representation from all of the Phases now.
- B. **Member Outreach** - Jean Richards reported that they will meet on July 14 at 10 am in the library. Five of the six Phases are represented on this Committee. They are looking to develop a 'Welcome Packet' for new members.
- C. **Rules** - Mike Young is the Board Liaison. Rudy Fojtik was named Chair of the Committee at the June 2nd meeting. Minutes are posted at the Admin. Bldg. They will meet again when the need arises.
- D. **ByLaws** - Stan Robbins is the Board Liaison. Cheryl Champion was appointed Chair of the Committee at the May 26th meeting. Minutes are posted at the Admin. Bldg. This Committee is scheduled to meet again on June 23 at 8:30 am in the Admin. Office. ByLaws may not be changed without a vote of the membership.
- E. **Special Events & Activities** - Harvey Aalderink reported about the numerous upcoming events to be held in the Park. Saturday morning coffee; Line Dancing; Triathlon; Men over 55 Softball; Rick Harris Concert; Casino trip, etc. Info about all upcoming events is on our website, as well as posted in the office.
- F. **Vision 2010** - Tom Aldrich reported that he will have a full update next month.
- G. **Administrative Reports** - Max Gibbs, Park Director, reported that the water dispenser had been moved to the parking area by the Pavilion. On July 10th, Car #6, driven by Nascar driver David Reagan, will be in the Park for people to look at and take pictures of. Thanks to Tom Ditmar for arranging this. The Allegan Co. Health Dept. did their annual inspection of the Park and we only had two minor corrections that needed to be made - both were on member sites. Shingles were replaced on the new building and the 30 year warranty became effective following satisfactory installation. Planning meetings have been held with the various groups who will be using the new Rec. Building. We hope to have the new pools splash pads and Rec. Building in operation by the end of July. The area previously suggested for a possible hot tub at the new Rec. area is not workable, and a new plan is being devised.
- H. **Old Business** - None
- I. **New Business** - Lee VanHarn spoke to the membership about rumor control.

The Board recessed for five minutes to provide members the opportunity to write down their questions for the member input session.

J. MEMBER INPUT Questions were asked, and President VanHarn addressed and answered them.

Rudy Fojtik asked for volunteers to help round up the Geese on June 19th. He said that six boats are needed and they will begin the round up at 6:30 am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **Friday, July 13, 2007, in the Pavilion, at 7:30 pm.**





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For Sale - New! Never set up - Premium All-Season Suntarra Sunroom 10'x32', white, 3" insulated, with vinyl Low E windows and screens; 2 six foot sliders. Retail Value: \$19,500 last year. Will sacrifice \$11,000. Call: 616-723-3232.

For Rent: Furnished 2-bedroom, Park Model in Sherwood Forest, Kissimmee, FL. Four miles from Disney - \$400/week. Call Mike - Site N-296 - 616-437-3691.

For Sale - Site 73 - Tree Haven Circle, Phase 1: 1990 Park Homes, 1 bedroom, three bay windows, air, 10 x 33 heated all season porch & furniture, all new in 2001, 12' deck, 2 electric golf carts & double golf cart garage, shed, fire pit & patio. Price Reduced. Call: 734-692-1953 or see Pat at lot 76.

For Sale - Site 253: Shed and Golf Cart Shed - 1994 Chariot. **Site 208** - Shed and Golf Cart Shed - 1994 Terry. Both priced to sell - must see to appreciate. Both have glass porches. Call: 616-896-7223.

For Sale - Site 318 Phase 1: 1982 Trophy - 35 ft. screened in enclosed porch; built in Microwave/Oven, Stereo System, newer furnace, hot water heater, air conditioner, all furnishings included. Golf Cart, Electric 1988 Yamaha, shed - \$23,500. Call: 616-531-1903. For Sale-Pontoon 1997: 20' Northland with 25hp Mariner, Live Well, Fish finder, CostomeCover - \$6,000. Call: 616-531-1903.

For Sale - Site 348, Phase 1: Lakefront - 1989 Oakland Park, dual sliders to porch and patio, trailer and porch sit parallel to lake for gorgeous views. Underground sprinkling, shaded yard, double golf cart hut, new shed, two boat stakes in front, ideal swimming. Call: 616-878-4669.

For Sale - Site 415, Phase 1: Lakeview - 1990 Dutchman Classic, 2 bedrooms, new refrigerator and microwave. Porch, patio and golf cart - 2007 dues paid. **MUST SELL!** Call: 616-218-8690 for more information.

For Sale - Site 424: Water view, 1988 Oakland Park, new furniture, excellent condition, 30' glassed-in porch w/ blinds and a porch air conditioner. Front deck and rear entrance from parking area - \$44,900. Call: John at 616-896-8371.

Wanted - Site 507: Guitar teacher for a beginning student - starting mid-June. Contact Kathy at 616-896-1435. Thank you!

For Sale - Site 673: 2002 3 bedroom Park Model w/32' glass porch all new in '03. Great for large family w/5 actual beds and a sofa sleeper. Fully furnished. Air. Deck, shed, large patio around firepit. 2000 elec. golf cart w/ double garage. Boat stake within walking distance. All on a quiet cul-de-sac lot. **REDUCED** - \$57,900. Call: 616-887-5760 or 616-915-3733.

For Sale - Site 687: 36' two bedroom w/new updated kitchen and appliances, and newer screened-in porch. Great shade trees with location in Fawn Circle in Phase 2. Firepit, storage shed, Yamaha golf cart, 12' Kolibri Sailboat and stake, make this the **BEST VALUE** in the Pines - \$15,900 or offer. Hurry! Call: 616-669-6867.

For Sale - Site 704, Phase 2: 24' Aquapatio Pontoon - \$7,500 or best offer. Call: 269-792-0742.

For Sale - Site 805: on Shoreline Circle (cul-de-sac)...one of the nicest spots on the lake. Complete with nice dock, Four Winns Candia 200 (Seats 13, 2-Tubes and 3-Tow Ropes), 1997 Trophy 40'x10' w/36'x10' enclosed porch (heated and air conditioned), spacious deck overlooking the lake, brand new 3.5 Ton air conditioner installed October 2005, extra large furnace, 1-1993 EZ-GO Marathon gas golf cart (runs awesome), One-2003 EZ-GO TXT electric golf cart w/ custom cut-in headlights and tail lights, shed, fire pit, picnic table, plenty of brand new high quality outdoor furniture and a brand new stainless steel grill. Sleeps 11 comfortably. Completely furnished including newer sectional sofa with two built-in recliners, brand new Woolrich bedding, kitchen wares, towels, newer television, etc. Just move in and start having fun...**MUST SEE!!!** \$109,995. Call: 517-862-9417 and ask for Dean.

For Sale - Site 810, Phase II: Premier, Beachfront lot, complete with dock, pontoon boat, firepit & shed. 2001 Dutch Park w/cathedral ceilings, 3 season porch, pilotless appliances, central air/heat & auxiliary heater. Completely furnished - everything you need to move in, ready for summer fun, sleeps seven. Extras - EZ-GO gas high

raised enclosed golf cart with shelter & electricity included. 2007 dues paid & cable TV. Must see - priced at \$124,000. Call - 616-682-9052 ask for Jeniece or Tony or 616-447-0735 ask for Kevin or Tina.

For Sale - Site 923: 2003 Dutch Park, loft and front second bedroom. Park Model only. Must Sell - \$36,000. Call: 269-207-2184 (leave message).

For Sale - Site 977: 2004 Heritage Park w/3-season porch on lot and one half. New - used one season - furnished. One minute walk from the CC, beach and playground. Must sell - \$52,500. Call: 616-893-2396.

For Sale - Site 1259: Double lot, 40 ft trailer with two pull outs, deck with roof over, 2 golf carts, golf cart garage, moped, shed, fire pit, pontoon boat, paddle boat, dock - \$39,900 or offer. Call: 616-662-4395 or 318-1458.

For Sale - Site 1337 and 1/2 of 1338 in Phase 3 on the channel: 1988 Kropf Park Model, Yamaha golf cart, paddle boat and 17' Bayliner speed boat - \$35,000. Call: 616-361-5134.

For Sale - Site N-191: Furnished & air conditioned - 1995 Casa Villa, 10x30 Enclosed porch, deck, two golf carts, double golf cart shelter, shed, pontoon boat, boat stake. 2007 Dues Paid - \$51,900. Call: 616-842-1801 or cell 616-638-6156.

For Sale at Site N-214: 35' 98 Dutchman 5th Wheel - superslide, rear bunks. Call: 616-878-1212. Site is NOT for sale - 5th Wheel only.

For Sale - Site N-279: Oakland Park, A/C, 1 bedroom plus built in bunks, new windows and siding, open floor plan, 2005 storage shed, golf cart and golf garage. boat stake and dock - \$47,500. Call: 616-885-7205 or 616-667-9405.

For Sale - Site N-380: One bedroom Trophy, two large decks and H/A 3-Season room. Private - convenient to beach, indoor pool and CC #10. Large professionally landscaped lot and green area. Paving stone drive, patio w/unique waterfalls and walkways. All new furniture, carpet and refrigerator in the last few years. Many extras, ready to move in, everything needed to make this your summer home - no need to buy anything! 2007 Dues and Assessments paid. Move in at closing. Asking \$76,900 - make us an offer.

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Call: 517-323-0014 or 616-896-8254 (after 4/15). Garywolfeg@aol.com.

For Sale - Site N-454: Can easily accommodate 40' 5th Wheel or Park Model w/adjoining porch, with room to spare. Amenities include: completely updated water lines and electric. Professional landscaping, storage shed and boat stake across from lot. Information box at site. Inquiries call: 616-450-3376 or stop by Site 497. 2007 Dues and Boat Stake Fee paid. \$19,900 - OBO.

For Sale - Site N-510: 1972 Slickcraft SS170 Speedboat 17', Johnson 130 hp outboard, new seats, fish finder, runs and looks great \$2,700 - OBO. Call: 612-685-3341 OR 763-425-6930.

For Sale - Site N-513: VACANT LOT. On main lake. \$63,900. Start from scratch and do it your way. Great view of the lake and island. Next to The Onion, tennis, and life-guarded beach. Call 248-594-6525 weekdays, 248-459-6226 weekends.

For Sale at Site K-9: Pontoon Boat - 1994 18' Aurora with Johnson Motor - Shrink wrapped winters, \$3000 - OBO, Call: 616-235-1676 Evenings, or 616-364-3228 days - ask for Tish.

For Sale at Site K-28: 1988 Manitou Pontoon Boat. Cushioned Seats, 85 hp Chrysler Motor. Runs good. Can be seen at Site K-28. \$2,500 - OBO. Call: 616-218-5450 or 896-6997.

For Sale - Site K-50: 1983 AMI Park Model, redone inside. New carpet and linoleum. Excellent condition - \$8,200 - can be seen on site K-50. Call: 616-896-8295 (leave message).

For Sale - Site K-51: 10'x30' Brown Enclosure - doors at both ends. Located on Site K-51 - \$3,000 - OBO. Call: 616-896-8295 (leave message).

For Sale - Site K-061: 1992 - 18' Playbouy Eagle Pontoon boat w/40 hp Mariner - tube and rope included. Call: 517-669-8044.

For Sale - Site K-243: 36' Fifth wheel w/slide out. Deck, beautiful gardens, gazebo, golf cart garage, corner lot, boat stake - \$28,500. Call: 616-896-9169.

For Sale - Site K-261: 2001 37' Sandpiper, Super Slide, 25' awning w/ enclosed screen porch and privacy curtains. Front Master Bedroom w/ upgraded mattress, garden tub w/ glass door and exhaust fan in

bathroom, rear bunks, sleeps 9 comfortably, has lots of storage, outside shower, AC, Cable Hookup and foam core insulation. Nice grass lot w/ green area in back. 10'x32' deck, 8'x8' shed w/electric and full sized refrigerator, golf cart shed w/new cover in 2006, electric 1999 EZ-Go four-person gas golf cart w/2006 new rebuilt engine, large fire pit, picnic table, close to CC and playground. Just down the street from the lake, boat stake, 2007 dues paid. Asking \$41,900. Call: 616-581-5202 or 616-498-3026.

For Sale - Site K-303: VACANT LOT. Last one available. \$74,900. Don't buy an older used park model. You can design your dream lot on the main lake. Great Views of the whole lake, nice shade, sun and sand. Completely brand new heavy duty sea wall. Go for an all new trailer, porch, lot and landscape the way you want it. Call Matt at 616-836-4711 or 616-355-2086 work.

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For Sale - Site K-395: Furnished Woodland Park, 3-season porch, large deck and fire pit, shed, new roof in 2005, great neighbors, Lakeview - close to beach - \$47,500. Call Sales Office at 616-896-8315 x114.

For Sale - Site K-432: Beige Club Cars with tops. These cars are lease release machines reconditioned by Club Car. 2002 Gas-Powered, and 2000 48V electric w/chargers. Maintained only by Club Car, since new. Better than average carts, untouched by back-alley mechanics. Delivered to Sandy Pines any weekend. Fred's Pro Hardware. Call: 419-729-1961, or Site K-432 at 896-6970, or 419-297-3373 (cell).

For Sale - Site K-434: Lakefront on main part of lake. 1989 2 bedroom Canterbury with porch. Home has a new roof, carpet, and deck. Very large fire pit. Sandy beach with gradual slope makes great swim area for kids. Located on quiet wooded cul-de-sac with large parking area. Gorgeously landscaped by T & L in 2006. Golf cart, storage shed, and boat stake. \$109,900 Call: 616-292-4690.

For Sale at Site K-445: Taurus Pontoon boat trailer. Holds up to a 24' boat. New tires - \$600 or best offer. Call: 616-842-1885.

For Sale - Site K-486: Furnished Park Model w/enclosed porch. Sleeps 6+, large bathroom, central air, shed, golf cart and garage. Very large patio and yard. 2007 dues paid - \$52,000 OBO. Call: 616-896-1838 (D-22).

For Sale - Site K-509, Phase 5: Near the new Water Works Project and the lake. 1990 - 35' Woodland Park Trailer with 30x10' enclosed parch, shed, 2000 EZ-Go gas golf cart w/shelter. Golf cart has canopy and full windshield. 007 dues paid. Asking \$49,900. Cal: 616-281-1412 or 616-437-8832.

For Sale - D-30: Aluminum dock - three sections: one 4'x4' - \$200; two 8'x4' - \$375/each. Cool top surface. Call: 616-531-1109.

For Sale - Site D-42, Phase 6: Live on the Waterfront! Desirable lake lot, shed, patio and seawall. Boat stake in front of lot. All dues/permits paid - \$59,900. Two golf carts are negotiable. Also available - 2002 Bennington 18' pontoon w/25 hp Nissan motor, very low hours - \$9,900. Call: 269-275-4472 or 269-275-5524.

For Sale - Site D-69: Cul-de-sac w/ beautiful view across the big lake. Seawall and landscaping done in '04. Furnished 2000 Park Model w/ enclosed porch and A/C. Club Car Golf Cart, paddle boat, metal Meyers row boat, new in '03, in the water only once. Boat stakes in front w/metal dock-new in '03. In-ground sprinkler system. Double cart shelter w/custom shelves. Separate wooden shed. Dues paid for '07. Wonderful neighbors - \$115,000. Call: 616-896-1970 or 616-291-2768 (cell).

For Sale - Site D-162: Waterfront on main lake near chapel. 1997 Trophy, sunroom, deck, shed, dock/boat stake, and paddleboat. \$127,000. Call: 616-896-8703 or 740-254-9522.

Please remember that your ad will run until you contact Kathy at 896-8315 x 105 to have it removed. Thanks!





Summer Recreation Update

Adult Programs

Have you heard about our Saturday morning coffee get-togethers, or our potlucks? We have coffee every Saturday morning in the Pavilion, beginning at 9 am. Price is \$1 for coffee and a donut, and we sit around and hash over the week. We'd love to have you join us!

Potlucks are the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month in the Pavilion, and begin at 6 pm. Our first potluck of the year brought in 65 people, and a good time was had by all! Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and silverware, and we will supply the beverage.

Card nights are at the library every Tuesday and Wednesday. Bridge is on Tuesday from 7-9 pm, and Euchre is on Wednesday night from 7-9 pm. If you enjoy playing either game, stop in and have some fun. Other board games are welcome too.

The Chicago Gangster trip is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18th, with departure time at 7:30 am from the core area near the ice cream shop. This trip still has some seats available. Please sign up at the Admin. Office if you would like to join us. It promises to be a very fun day.

Our next Little River Casino trip is scheduled for Thursday, July 26th.

Cost is \$29.50/person, and there is still space available. Departure time is 7:30 am from the core area.

Rog Grinwis
Adult Recreation Supervisor

Aquatics Update

Summer is off to a great start, and it's nice to see everyone enjoying the recreation programs that we have available. Swimming lessons have been very full, and the class sizes very large.

On Saturday, July 7th, at 9 am, there is a Kid's Olympic Swim Meet, that will be held at the Indoor Pool. Children will be allowed to swim competitively, and have the opportunity to take home many award ribbons! Postings of the events will be available so you can see what events your child may wish to participate in. On this particular Saturday, there will be no Teen/Adult lap swim, or Adult Open Swim, because the Olympic Swim Meet will be occupying the pool. If you have any questions, please call the Recreation Office.

The Annual Children's Lock-In will be on Friday, August 3rd, from 11 pm to 6 am, at the Indoor Pool. Children will have the opportunity to swim all evening, eat pizza, watch movies, and play games. This event is for children between the ages of 6-12. Sign-ups will take place in the Teen Center, beginning Tuesday, July 23rd. The cost is \$5/child, to cover the cost of the food and movies. Sign-ups are on a first-come-first-served basis. The first 50 kids who are signed

up and paid, will have a reserved spot for the Lock-In. This usually fills up pretty quickly.

I wish you all a wonderful 4th of July!

Becki Arndt
Aquatics Supervisor

Teen/Youth Recreation

The Whitecaps are coming to the Park again this summer. They will be here on August 4th, to play baseball with the children. They are here from 10 am to Noon, and will sign autographs before they leave.

During the week of July 4th, there will be some extra activities and movies every night, except the night of the Fireworks. On Wednesday, July 4th, there will be an ice cream social, however, all other regularly scheduled events are cancelled that day. There will be no Kids Club, lessons, or sports clinic.

Something New!! All Scrapbookers, as well as want-to-be scrapbookers, we will be meeting on Thursday evenings in the Pavilion from 6-10 pm. Creative Memories Scrapbooking supplies will always be available for purchase. Bring your current scrapbook and supplies, and crop all evening! We will have a limited supply of Make-And-Take projects, with a small fee for products used. Thanks to Nonee Kuipers, Site #155, for helping get this started.

I hope you are all enjoying your summer. Call the Rec. Office if you have any questions.

Wendy Gunn
Teen/Youth Recreation Supervisor





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Senior Adult Activities by Bill Meyer, President

It's hard to believe that the summer is going so fast! We have several activities scheduled for the month of July. On Wednesday, July 4th, we will have Free Bingo from 2-4 pm in the Pavilion. Anyone 12 years or older can play. We have popcorn .50, water \$.75, and pop \$1, to purchase if you desire.

Saturday, July 7, we will be having another Pancake Breakfast at the Flea Market. There will be plenty of food, and lots of smiles. Our wonderful volunteers will try to get everyone through as quickly as possible.

On Saturday, July 15, we will have a money Bingo at 7 pm, with food at 6 pm. You must be 18 years or older to play. Yellow cards are \$.25 each, and you must purchase a minimum of four cards. You will also receive one free blue card for the speedy games. Please bring correct change.

Don't forget the Kiddie Karnival on Saturday, July 21st, from 10 am to 1 pm. You purchase tickets, five for \$1, at the door. These tickets can only be used for

the Kiddie Karnival. They cannot be used for other purchases on Family Day. Children use the tickets to play games and win different tickets, which can be used to purchase prizes. Senior Adult Activities is sponsoring a trip to Turkeyville on July 24 to see the play "Nunsense." Cost is \$40/person. You must see Mike Young, at Site #492 immediately, if you are interested, to see if there are any spaces still available. Money is due when you make your reservations. There is a potluck and Christmas Party for all Senior Adult Activities members on August 3rd in the teepee area. There will be a \$5 gift exchange after the meal. More information to follow.

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Vern & Arlene Kruithof, Site 303, Vern's mother, Edna, passed away on May 22nd. Sympathy is also extended to **Tim & Sherri Halstead**, formerly of Site N-353. Edna was Sherri's grandmother.

Rose Wolters, Site K-79, who husband, Mel, passed away on May 24th. Sympathy is also extended to Tim, Rajean, and Jarod Wolters, Site K-150. Mel was Tim's father.

Rich & Marion Dykstra, Site 324, who father, Richard Dykstra, passed away on June 11th.

Special thanks to Max and the office staff for all of their kindness and friendship when I was forced to stay on at Sandy Pines for a portion of the winter, for medical reasons. I was checked on frequently, and that was very much appreciated. The Maintenance staff was wonderful, and I would like to thank each of them for all they did to keep the roads clear, so that I could get out of the Park for treatments. You are the best, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.
Pearl Trojanowski, Site N-225

Look What's Happening!

Congratulations to **Rudy & Marie Fojtik**, Site N-5, who will celebrate **50 years of marriage**, July 13th. They celebrated on June 30th with family and friends at the Holiday Inn on Stadium Dr. in Kalamazoo.



It doesn't seem like we can be celebrating July 4th already, but here it is! I guess time really does fly when you're having fun!

Ladies, the Clothing Corner will be adding more fun to your summer in July. We are sponsoring "Ladies Night" on Saturday, July 14th, from 7- 11 pm, at the library. This is a night for all you girls to pamper yourselves, so make arrangements for the kids, grab your favorite craft, and join us. We'll have tables for scrapbookers and beaders. Some new clothing lines to see, and some definite pampering, along with lots of girl talk! You don't need to be a crafter to enjoy the evening. Registration is required for this event, along with a \$5 cover charge, for refreshments and costs. Fill out registration forms at Member Services.

We can accommodate 30 for the event, but we'll make a waiting list and schedule a second event, if there is enough interest. I'm very excited about this evening, and I hope you'll enjoy it.

Thank you for all of your great feedback on our NEW designs. We're glad you like them. Look for one more new embroidery design before the summers end.

We are preparing water designs for our new recreation area; we know you are going to love them.

July promises to be a full month, and before I know it, I'll be sitting down to write: "This can't be August already, can it?"

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Kevin and Denise Hauch



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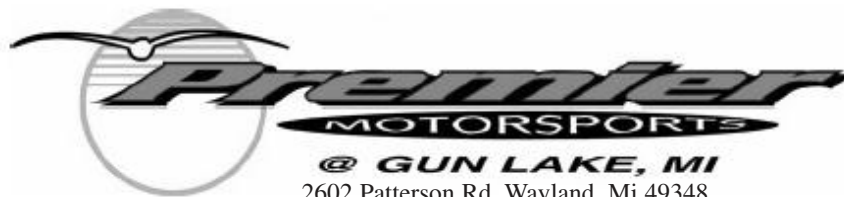
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Thank You

Sometimes words don't come easily, and this is one of those times. Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who helped to make our Memorial Day Observance at the Veteran's Memorial so meaningful. Thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to be there. If you were there, I'm quite sure that your heart was touched by the ceremony.

Special thanks to Joel Bradt, for playing the bagpipes for us; thanks also to Ron Lancaster, Bob Stiles and Dave VanNoord for the roles you played. Thank you to the Specialist from Iraq who led Etta Whelan up the walkway, and for Etta's assistance with raising the flag.

Thank you to Rainbow Farms for donating the flowers along the walkway, Bakhuyzen Landscaping for the lawn care, Bill & JoAnn VanderWall for their help in getting the ground ready for planting, and to our Maintenance Department for keeping this area looking beautiful.

Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank my wife, Karen, for the planting and continual dead-heading of the flowers to keep them looking lovely. Without each and every one of you, this service would not have been nearly as meaningful as it was. Again, Thank You!

Rog Grinwis



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 which means we've covered over
 1,200 miles! If we have any chance
 of completing our US Cities in Song
 trip, which is 9,432 miles, we need
 everyone who walks to fill out a
 mileage slip at the Ranger Station.

Please take a minute out of your
 busy schedule and fill out a slip - you

can do this once a week, at your
 convenience. Whether you walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile,
 or ten miles, we need your support. If
 every member in the Park walked an
 average of 3.5 miles per site for the
 season, we would surpass our goal.

There are Park maps in the Admin.
 Office and the Main Ranger Station.
 The half mile location markers are
 indicated, as well as a distance
 breakdown to walk around the lake.

If you have any questions, leave me
 a note at the Admin. Office. Thanks!



BOARD ADOPTS MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS

In order to arrive somewhere, you need to know how to get there! The Board of Directors has formally adopted a Mission Statement to identify its purpose and aspirations (not be confused with Sandy Pine's mission statement which is contained in the Bylaws).

The Sandy Pines Board of Directors will provide positive leadership and management direction so as to insure the long term viability and success of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.

The Board has also adopted 2007 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, toward the goal of providing our members with the highest quality of resort style campground living:

1. Develop an atmosphere of openness and respectfulness, integrity and honesty, and accountability to the membership
2. Adopt rules and regulations in the best interest of the membership
3. Provide strategic planning structure for future vision and direction of the park; build, administer and maintain community properties and facilities
4. Provide regular assessment of the effectiveness of park policies and decisions
5. Selection of operational leadership (Park Director)
6. Oversight of operational management (Park Director)
7. Administer and enforce restrictions contained in the Bylaws
8. Collect and disburse assessments and charges as permitted by the Bylaws
9. Do all things necessary and incidental, as permitted by law, and under the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws, to promote the common benefit and enjoyment of the membership.

Additionally, the Board's Personnel Committee is working on goals and objectives, and operational standards, of the Park Director.

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Member Survey Results

Survey responses were based on last year's (2006) experiences, as responded to by 611 members. A high percentage rated Sandy Pines as a good-to-excellent place to live. There was a common desire for a safe and healthy community, where all members are treated equally, and with respect from staff and other members, as stated through comments and suggestions for changes within the Park structure.

All responses were tallied and percentages calculated, based upon the number of members who responded to each individual question. If a member marked two values in their response, the response that was tallied, corresponded to the lower of the two values, for example, a poor/good rating was tallied as poor. All comments and suggestions for improvements were recorded in categorical groups for referencing, and have been made available to the appropriate supervisors for their consideration.

Approval rating is based on the percentage of responses in the passing range (fair to excellent). The main concern(s) listed was (were) the most reoccurring theme(s) for that question.

Questions:

Member Services (Office)

#20: Customer Service - 98.8%. Main Concerns: smokers outside entrance; need longer weekend hrs.

#21: Quality of Service - 98.8%. Main Concerns: office personnel need to be more friendly and smile more.

Sales Office (Based on 42.7% who indicated contact)

#22: Customer Service - 94.9%. Main Concerns: smoking outside entrance or while on "sales golf cart"; do not represent member's best interest in promoting their units.

#23: Quality of Service - 95.3%. Main Concerns: no consistency w/follow-ups and phone calls; non-informative; lack of enthusiasm for the Park; fees are too high.

Maintenance (Based on 84.5% who indicated contact)

#24: Customer Service - 99%. Main Concerns: "Holding tank" guys speed through the Park; charged for meter maintenance and none done.

#25: Response Time - 98.5%. Main Concern: None

#26: Quality of Work - 99.9%. Main Concerns: need more frequent dumpster pick-up, especially on holidays; too many leaky faucets around the Park; need more attention to beach clean up.

Safety/Rangers

#27: Customer Service - 96.7%. (Based on the 88.4% who indicated contact) Main concerns: more visibility; patrol - don't just sit and wait for offenders; need better relationship w/members and teens; be consistent - treat all equally and with respect, not as criminals; need to follow through on complaints and advise members on status of their case.

#28: Response to Call - 96.4%. (Based on 59.6% who indicated contact) Main concern: more crackdown on cart horseplay.

#29: Member Expectations

No changes necessary - 61.9%; additional staffing on lake - 13.4%; additional staffing in Park - 24.6%. Main Concerns: staff needed on lake; no wake rule not followed; enforce boating courtesy; ensure safe distances between boaters and skiers or tubers; more patrol is needed to prevent horseplay and speeding.

Park and Garden (Based on the 89.5% who indicated contact)

#30: Customer Service - 99.8%. Main Concern: prices are high compared to local markets.

#31: Prompt Service Delivery - 100%. Main concern: None

#32: Quality/Supply of Products - 97%. Main Concerns: need larger selection of screws, nails, nuts and bolts, water filters, repair and maintenance items, and other hardware; need more camping supplies; look into possibility of rental equipment, i.e. leaf blowers, chain saws, folding tables and chairs.

(Survey results will be continued each month until completed)

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Park & Garden News

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Some of the things that the volunteers work on are painting picnic tables, minor repairs, trimming trees, etc.

There are lots of things to keep us busy, and we would love to have your help. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us on July 12th! Thank you in advance.

Name the Water Works Park Project Contest

Thanks to the members and families who participated by entering 67 suggested names for the project. This list was narrowed down to the top 10, and then to the top five, by the Member Outreach Committee and the Board of Directors.

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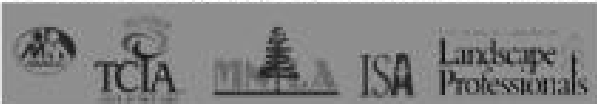
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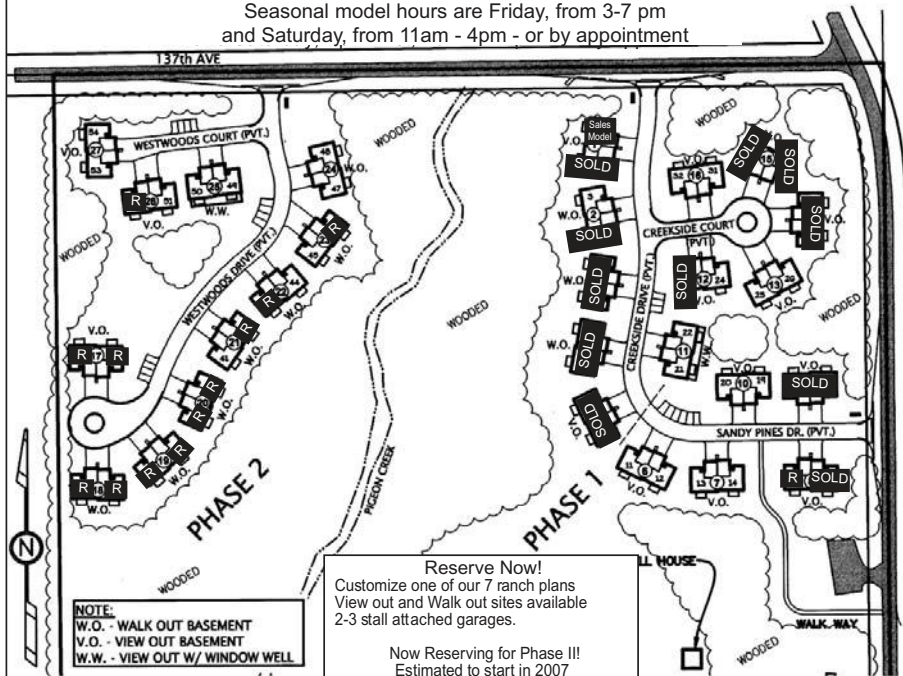
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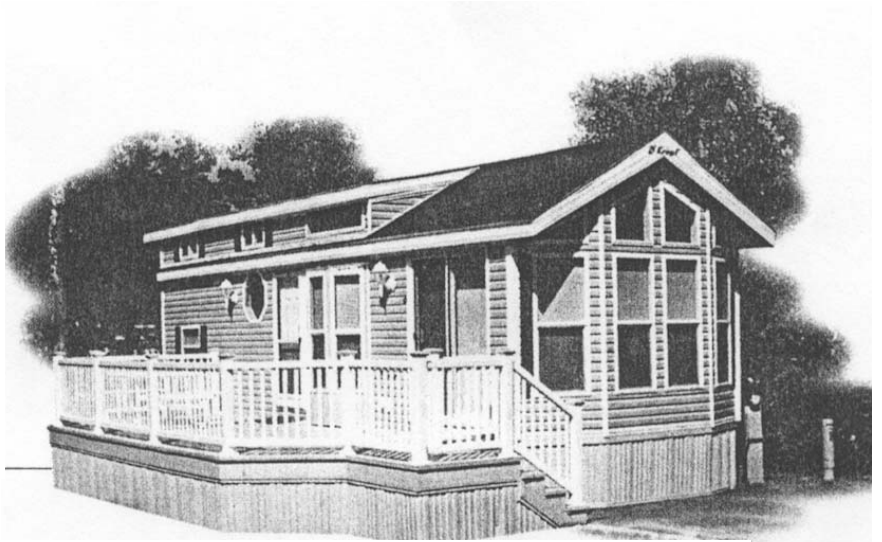
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