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Letter from the Chairman of the Board

by **Marti DeVries**

It is hard to believe that in approximately 6-7 weeks the water will be turned back on, members trickle in on the weekends, a few more during the week, spring lot clean up begins and yet another season at Sandy Pines!

The staff has continued to work diligently to keep our park operating efficiently, and also preparing the grounds, facilities and our many amenities for the return of our members! Remember to thank the staff for the great job they have done while we were away these winter months!

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Since my last article, hopefully you have

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CHAIRMAN continued...

considered volunteering, this upcoming season. Our member volunteer advisory committees will begin meeting in the spring, focusing on changes and improvements for our park. Your ideas and suggestions should be passed along to these advisory committees for review and discussion.

This is also a great time of year, prior to your return to the park, to review the Rules and Bylaws which can be found on the Sandy Pines website, or a hardcopy is available in the office for \$2. Become familiar with the rules, including the site clean-up responsibilities. Almost always, rules are put in place for the safety and security of everyone in the park. Respect others, and be proud of your park, your community and your investment...keep your site picked up and clean!

Take a few minutes to review the

Top 10 Most Common Violations during the 2015 season:

Speeding / No wake / No vehicle sticker displayed / Parking in the green area
Curfew / Illegal entry / Reckless driving / Alcohol off campsite
Overflow parking (boats) / Careless driving

In closing, I wanted to share that I visited the super RV show at the Florida state fairgrounds last month. The numerous RV parks and resorts represented at the event validated for me that the cost of our membership and the variety of our great amenities could not be matched... within 50 miles of Sandy Pines, anywhere in Michigan, or anywhere else in the U.S.

We are blessed to be in such a great park! Looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring!



Letter from the President

by Gene Van Koeving

With spring around the corner, we are working diligently to finalize a number of projects that we have been undertaking during the off-season. It's amazing how I can think that March is light years away

when I'm thinking of it at the end of the previous season, but then all of a sudden, here we are with March staring us in the face! With that said, much has been done this off-season, so I want to start by saying THANK YOU to the Staff, Vendors and Consultants that have helped us get so much accomplished to date.

As we said "Congratulations and Goodbye" to Dawn Arndt after 18 years here as our CFO, we now say "Welcome" to Kimberly Williams. Kimberly began her tenure here at Sandy Pines on February 16 and has been warmly received by our staff, as we expected her to be. We are certain you will find yourself warming up to her as well. Kimberly is the wife of Brandon Williams. Brandon works in our Maintenance department and has been a valuable asset to Sandy Pines since arriving in 2014. Brandon and Kimberly have five children and live about a half mile from our Main Gate entrance, so this will be a short commute for her as she begins the next steps in her career. Please stop by and meet her when you get a chance. As always, please feel free to ask her any questions you may have regarding all financial matters.

See PRESIDENT on page 4...



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PRESIDENT continued...

Many of you know Mary Cooper, or you may know her simply as “Mary” here in the Admin. Office. Mary is the Member Services Manager, and has worked for Sandy Pines for 20 years. She informed me, during our last staff evaluation session that she too, would like to retire after the 2017 season. She has told me that her job is a position that takes a person an extended period of time to learn. It also requires time for the membership to get to know and trust the person that will replace her in that role. Because of this, we are currently interviewing candidates for a support position that will become a Management position, allowing us to be prepared for a smooth transition at Mary’s time of retirement. It’s our intent to have that person on board before April 15.

Guest Camping Sales reservations has been strong again this year, as it has in the past three years. In 2013, 2014 and 2015, guest camping sales has increased in double digit percentages each year. We’re very proud of the Staff for all the work they do to make this happen. Also, Kelli informed us that as of February 1st, she had three seasonal sites rented, so we’re excited about that. We have up to nine more sites available for the season, so if you know of anyone that may be interested renting a seasonal site, please have them contact Kelli Blackman, at the Admin. Office.

As you may recall, in my last article I mentioned that we were installing new accounting software, new point of sale software, and updating the data management software (the web based site we go to, to sign in guests, order pump outs etc.). Progress continues to take place in a number of ways, but a few things that would be of interest to the membership in general are: (a) Members will have the ability to see more detail on their accounts with breakdowns available on a per item basis. (b) Members will be able to charge to your account from the Golf Course, and the Ranger Station, as well as Park and Garden. (c) We will begin having the ability to invoice for the Bullpen on a monthly, quarterly, semiannual or annual basis, which will allow each Member the ability to pay for only the time needed. (d) We will be introducing a new Staff/Department evaluation survey this year, which will give the membership the ability to take a short survey to provide us feedback on any communication or engagement experience you have had with any of our staff members. These surveys will provide Management feedback for each department, allowing us to evaluate our strengths and where we need improvement. The survey will be called “How am I doing?”, so watch for the details of how you can be a part of this program. These are a few of the improvements to information, communication and operations that will benefit the membership and Operations.

The application for the grant to FEMA has been completed and we hope to receive a successful notification by June or July for the Storm Shelter hardening for both CC5 and CC6, which are scheduled to be replaced. The grant would save Sandy Pines approximately \$150,000 for each building.

The boat stake mapping has been completed and information regarding the boat stake waypoints can be found by contacting the Member Services desk, the Rangers desk or the Inspectors desk. We hope to have the maps available through the website, however at the time of this writing, we have not requested this as a high priority in our ongoing project progress.

I have been assured that the new Sandy Pines website will be operational by April 1st. We will make an announcement as soon as the site is up. I’m sure you’ll enjoy the updated look and ease of navigation around the site.

AN AMAZING CAMPING EXPERIENCE HAS GONE SEASONAL!

Sandy Pines is now offering campers the option to rent a campsite for the entire season. They enjoy all the great amenities of the park without the long-term obligation of a membership.

More...

I have contacted the individuals who have, and are, involved in the development and training of the Violence Readiness Program to invite them to a communication forum in late May or early June (date yet to be determined). I am extremely pleased with the positive response from them and their willingness to be a part of that forum. I will announce the day/time as soon as we have one confirmed. We also plan to video this event and post it on You Tube for those who will not be able to attend.

Not much has happened that is visible in the last month with regard to the cell tower. However, the soil borings have been completed and we are waiting on the results of those, but it's likely that we will receive a positive report when it comes. If that is the case, the progress toward construction will continue with the goal of beginning construction in the fall of 2016.

We continue to update and gather information that we will provide to the membership this summer regarding the proposal to create a long overdue Capital Reserve Fund. As stated in prior articles, this will be the most important issue placed before the membership this year. It will be the focus of the Board, Committees, and this Administration, to provide the membership with valuable information that will give each Member the basis and knowledge they need to cast a favorable vote this coming August. This will give our Sandy Pines present and future membership the ability to preserve the physical assets of this park. Please watch for opportunities to attend meetings and forums pertaining to this project.

Finally, on behalf of the Staff and myself, please accept our sincere appreciation for the tremendous support and acts of kindness you provide us, even in the off-season! I am especially grateful for your expressions of appreciation to our staff, and I know they appreciate it as well. I thank God every day for this appointment, and I also thank you for the opportunity to work in this great place!

Park Inspector News

by Ralph Smith

Well, here it is March already! I hope you are getting excited to be back at Sandy Pines. During the off season we did get all of the boat stakes re-marked. They all have GPS markings for them I don't believe that anything got moved too far from the original marks. Anyone wanting to make sure where your stake is, just stop in and we will be able to help you with that.

Another thing I want to touch on in this letter is member sites getting cleaned up. Remember, you have until June 1st to have your lot cleaned. This means having your trailer, porch, and sheds washed if they are dirty, your leaves all picked up, grass and weeds no more than 6" tall, and all tarps removed. Please keep in mind that if you do not have time to get this done, you can have someone get it done for you. We have names and numbers of contractors who are willing to clean your site up for you. If I need to have anything taken care on your lot, it will cost you an automatic \$100 fine PLUS the cost of the clean-up. My goal is to issue NO fines to our membership this year.

It is also time for all of our contractor to send in your new application and all of your documents (License and Insurance papers) so you can be placed on the 2016 Contractors List.

I will be back in the office full time beginning April 15th, so until then, leave me a voice message at 616-896-7286, or e-mail me at inspector@sandypines.com, and I will get back with you.



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Park & Garden News

by Jack Schmidt

It is time to begin thinking about opening your place here at Sandy Pines for the summer of 2016. The Park and Garden invites you to stop by our store this summer to see what we have available for you. We carry all of your septic chemical needs, as well as lawn and garden items. If you are looking for nails, bolts, a tool you left at home, etc., we have them for you at the store.

I placed a notice on Facebook last month announcing that we now have a way for guests and members to reserve golf carts and watercraft rentals online. Go to the Sandy Pines website (www.sandypines.com) and you will see a tab for Golf Cart and Watercraft Reservations. You can still email, call, or stop in to make a reservation. Remember that we run out of golf carts on the holiday weekends, so now is the time to make those reservations.

For those of you who came in and reserved a water softener before you left in the fall, you should be receiving an email from the store to confirm your reservation and hook up date. It is important that you respond to this email. We will begin installing the softeners as soon as the water is turned on in April. Please remember that we cannot hook all of them up the first week, so if you aren't planning on being in the park first thing, we ask that you give us a firm date to install, and we will attempt to have it ready when you arrive. We need to be able to find your hose at the riser, so hopefully you marked it well last fall. Also, if you have any hoses that are used to hook up the softener, please make sure they are out and ready for us to install. You will be billed on the April statement for the softener and installation.

For those who are doing a self-install, we are going to make scheduled times for you to stop by and pick up the tank. We will be at the store on weekdays, 11 am to Noon, and again from 4 - 5 pm. On Saturday, we will be available from 11 am - 1 pm.

If you did not reserve a softener in the fall, you can still get on the list for one. The softener is a great way to keep the rust off your sink, tub, etc. in the trailer. It is not meant to stop the smell that we sometimes get during the summer, but it can help. Stop by the store for more information on the softener, and/or the smell.

The store will not open full time until after Memorial Day Weekend, but we will be available to help you with your needs during the months of April and May. We will have mulch and stone available for delivery. You will need to call and make an appointment for the delivery of items. Someone from the Park and Garden will call you back to schedule an appointment, during April and May.

The Park and Garden will open the last two weekends in May. Our hours this year have changed. Monday through Saturday we will be open from 8:30 am to 4 pm. Sunday hours will begin in June, and will be from Noon until 3:30 pm.

If you have any questions or needs, you can reach us at 616-896-9334, or email us at parkgarden@sandypines.com.

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Maintenance News

by Ben Fifelski

Your Maintenance Department has been busy this winter, making sure that everything is ready to welcome you back next month!

I regret to inform you that the Red & White Climbing Pole, located by the Ice Cream Shop, has been removed. The poles were no longer safe for our children to play on or around. There was a lot of corrosion below the surface, so we deemed it necessary to remove it.

On a more positive note, the Dump Station has had a makeover! This should make it easier to use for our members and guests.

The Recreation Station has been painted. That building gets a lot of use, and it was hard to see how much it needed paint during the season, because of the many people always around it. Once everyone had left for the season, we realized that it needed to be spruced up. I must say, it looks great!

Our team has also been busy repairing buildings this winter, just like all of the previous winters. There never seems to be enough time to get all of our projects done. As a result of the light winter weather this year, we have been able to complete a lot of them.

The last of the new well controls have been installed. One in Phase 3, one in Phase 2 and the last one in Phase 4. We have also installed water softeners at some of the CCs to cut down on the rust. This means we will need less chemicals to clean the buildings which will in turn, extend the life of them.

The river pump has been running for a couple of months to bring the lake level back up. As of February 5, the lake started to trickle over. The river pump has since been shut off.

If you had the Sandy Pines Maintenance Department winterize your trailer in 2015, you may have a new potable water hose at the riser, with a label for your site. This will replace the white hose. If you need assistance finding your water line in the spring, please be proactive and catch us during normal business hours and we will be happy to help you out. We will be at your service from 8 am until 4 pm, Monday through Friday, and 8 am until noon on Saturdays. As the season begins to ramp up...our hours will be extended.

It won't be long now and you will be back at Sandy Pines, enjoying your beautiful Park!

LMGC Clean-up

Volunteers are needed to help with the Spring Clean-up at Lake Monterey Golf Course. If you are willing and able to assist with this, please e-mail Gary at gary@golflmgc.com.

Clean-up date is yet to be determined, but will be sometime in April. Information will be available on our Facebook page when the date/times have been set. Thank you in advance, for your willingness to help out!



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Member Services Update

by Mary Cooper

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Boat Stakes and Water Stickers:

We must have an up to date state boat registration by June 1st. After June 1st, your boat stake will be opened up for someone on the boat stake waiting list. You can email a copy to memberservice@sandypines.com or fax a copy to 616-896-7409.

Seasonal Wifi:

Seasonal Wifi will no longer be available, due to the cost of replacing the equipment for the minimal number of members using it. We are researching solutions for park-wide Wifi. We are offering two options for our members this season:

Option one:

Charter Internet (60Mbps) is available for the cost of \$192 (April 15-October 15) You are billed ½ in April (\$96) & ½ in July. Call or email Member Service to get on the list for an appointment to have a modem installed this spring.

Option two:

Use the Wifi hot spots located at:
Retail Laundry
Phase 5 Laundry – CC#11
Phase 3 pool/Laundry
Library
Rec. Station/Water Park

Mailbox Rentals Available:

We have added 48 new mailboxes at the ATM building. If you are interested in renting a mailbox, call the office at 616-896-8315, or email memberservice@sandypines.com. The cost is \$35

Mailbox Renters:

The mailboxes have been rearranged in numerical order. You may find your box located in a different space. It is the same box, and your key will work for the number you have always used.

Before you head back to Sandy Pines you must turn in a temporary forwarding card to the Post Office. Make sure to list all names (including business names) that will be using your mailbox unit number. The Post Office does not inform the office when you are coming back, so be sure to let us know that you will be using your Sandy Pines mailbox again.

Portable Sewage Tanks:

Members who empty their own holding tanks will be required to purchase a sticker and display their site number on the portable tank. The cost for the sticker is \$15. This is to offset the cost of using the Park septic system or spillages. There will be a \$25 fine if you do not have a sticker displayed on your tank.

2016 Flea Markets:

May 7, ***May 28** (Memorial Day), June 11, ***July 2**, Aug. 13 (Christmas), ***Sept. 3** (Labor Day) and Oct. 1. Spaces are \$35 and can only be reserved online by using the Member Web Access.

*Pancake breakfast

Frequently asked about dates:

- June 18: Garages sales – Phases 1, 2, 4 & Condos
- June 25: Civil War reenactment
- July 2: Fireworks
- July 9: Garage sales – Phases 3, 5, & 6
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Allen Jones, Site D-81, on the passing of his wife, **Judith**, on December 31st.

Sharon Reed, Site D-119, on the passing of her husband, **Chester**, January 21st.

Dave & Bev VanNoord, Site D-145, on the passing of their father, Lewis, January 24th. Lewis was nearly 101 years young!

Dear Sandy Pines Family,

The memories we have made and the stories we could tell! We've played, laughed, and cried together. We've cared, hugged, and prayed for each other. You've generously shared your families, campfires, smiles, wisdom, and so many other things. I am truly honored and blessed to know and/or work with so many wonderful people.

Please accept my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your kindness, friendship, support, and the opportunity to serve Sandy Pines all these years. Sandy Pines is a very special place because of you.

God bless and keep you until we meet again.

Dawn Arndt



Safety Department Update

by Steve Deyarmond

Membership Cards:

Membership card renewals have been sent out to memberships. If you have no changes to persons listed on the renewals then you do not have to do anything. The cards will be automatically renewed. If you have membership cards that are deactivated because the card needs a photo please stop at the Main Gate upon return to the park or instruct your associates or grandchildren to stop at the Main Gate to get a membership card with a photo. The replacement card is \$3. Membership cards without photos have been turned off and will not work at the entrances of the Park.

Membership cards that were turned off because of payments past due of more than 60 days have also been shut off. If you have been late on payments and have had your membership cards deactivated in the off season please make arrangements to have your account current prior to arrival at the Park. Please have all of the memberships cards turned back on prior to your arrival at the Park. If you have associate members and grandchildren with membership cards deactivated please advise them that their membership cards are inactive and will not operate the gates. This will prevent their delay and others from being delayed entry into the Park. Cost to reactivate deactivated because of late payments is \$20 per card.

Vehicle Registration Stickers:

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The park requires that you have \$300,000 liability insurance on your golf cart. Please review your policy or check with your

Golf cart driving permits:

Youth wishing to drive a golf cart that are 12 years of age or older must take the golf cart safety course to operate a golf cart in the park. The safety packet information is on line at the SandyPines.com website or you may pick up a hard copy at the ranger station. After the youth studies the packet he/she may come to the Ranger station, show proof of age and take the written test. If the youth passes the youth will be issued a permit to drive a golf cart in the park. If the youth is twelve years of age he or she must operate the golf cart with an adult (18yrs of age or older). If the youth is 13 he or she must operate the golf cart with an adult for three weeks.

A youth golf cart permit is \$10.

Park Emergencies:

Are you prepared and do you know who to call in an emergency?

For all Fire, Police or medical emergencies call 911. Please give your Phase and site number so emergency responders know your location.

Fire Emergencies:

Call 911 for Fire Emergencies.

Smoke Detectors save lives. Upon your return to the Park this spring please check the batteries and make sure that your smoke detectors and Carbon monoxide detectors are functioning.

Check the fire extinguisher in your trailer. If the fire extinguisher is not charged or is old and functionally questionable replace it.

Make sure your exits are not blocked. Don't place sofas or large items against the exit doors of your trailer in your porch enclosures

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or trailer exits. If you have loft upstairs make sure that the windows are operational and not blocked or being used by an air conditioner.

Medical Emergencies:

For Medical Emergencies Call 911.

Commonly persons try to get by without calling anyone. It is common for persons to have denial or just wait for the pain to go away. Some

persons don't want to alert or concern family members of their problem. As a result the condition in many cases becomes worse.

Some of the common medical problems within the Park:

Know the signs of a Stroke – Facial droop – commonly an uneven smile, slurred, garbled or confused speech, and arm weakness – Ask the person to raise both arms out and determine if one arm is unable to be lifted or drifts downward. Numbness, weakness or paralysis on one side of the body could be an indicator of a stroke. It is very important to be treated for stroke in a timely manner. The conditions of a stroke may be reversed if taken to a Hospital Emergency room and treated as an emergency, upon of the onset of a stroke. The quicker the person receives care the better the prognosis.

Chest Pain and Heart Attacks: If you have chest pain, tightness, heavy pressure, squeezing or crushing pain in your chest which may spread to you neck, jaw, shoulder or arm, you may be having a heart attack. Other symptoms may include nausea, shortness of breath, feeling faint, or feeling weak. Time is also important as your heart tissue may be dying if blockage has occurred and your heart is not receiving blood flow. Do **not** put off calling for help.

Allergic Reactions: Food or insect stings are common. If you have a history of severe

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reactions get help immediately, and if prescribed an epinephrine pen, have it available for use, and let others know where you keep your Epi Pen. Severe allergic reactions can have an effect on your ability to breathe and become hypotensive. Do not hesitate to call 911 for help.

Blood Sugar: Blood sugar lows are common. Taking insulin while doing more activity than normal, or not eating enough carbs, can all cause low blood sugar events. With low blood sugar a person's mental ability can be decreased, have slurred speech, become unconscious, be sweaty and combative. Low blood glucose levels are a true emergency and 911 should be called.

Call 911 for medical problems. Do not hesitate to call with chest pain, difficulty breathing, absence of breathing, change in mental status, or if the person is unresponsive. Maintain a list of the medications that you are taking. Keep the list in your medicine cabinet. Update the list when your medication changes.

Know what hospital you would like to go to, in advance. West Michigan has several choices, as follows: Metropolitan, St. Mary's (Mercy), Butterworth, Helen DeVos Children's Hospital, Blodgett, Holland, Zeeland, Bronson, Borgess, Pipp and Pennock.

Senior Adult Activities Trips for 2016

Hello everyone! As Sue Stank talked about in her article in February, we have four off-site trips scheduled for this summer. At the time of this writing, we did not have departure/return times available. That information will be forthcoming in a future issue of the Footprints. All of these trips will have self-pay meal stops along the way. Please call Member Service at 616-896-8315 to get your name on the sign-up sheet. We can bill your account, or you can stop in and pay – your choice!

June 20: IKEA/Woodfield Mall – Chicago. Cost is \$55/person

June 29: Tiger Baseball Game vs Miami Marlins. Cost is \$75/person

July 18: Fair Oaks Farm, Fair Oaks, Indiana. Cost is \$63/person

This is an enjoyable escape to the country where you can explore family farms and reconnect with nature, animals and our planet. You will experience mind-blowing and entertaining interactive exhibits. Learn and play in their activity centers. Absorb the farming lifestyle at a modern working farm, in the air-conditioned comfort of their farm buses. Sample award-winning cheeses. Witness the miracle of life at their birthing facilities and then travel to their newest destination: The Pig Adventure, and expose yourself to the captivating life of a pig. With state-of-the-art technology, this attraction is sure to make your group squeal with excitement! This adventure is totally family friendly!

Aug. 4: Tiger Baseball Game vs Chicago White Sox. Cost is \$75/person

Hope to see you on da bus!



Introducing Kimberly Williams, CFO

Hello, my name is Kimberly Williams, and I am honored to introduce myself as the new CFO at Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails. I come to Sandy Pines with 2+ years of Public Accounting experience, a two year background in Internal Audit, and most recently nine years of financial accounting in the non-profit sector. I completed my MBA at Grand Valley State University in 2013. I bring with me a vast knowledge in accessing business processes, aiding in the implementation of new software, and having a full understanding of the financial processes of an organization.

I am also a mother to five beautiful children, four daughters and a son. My husband, Brandon, is also a proud employee of Sandy Pines, in the Maintenance Department. We reside very close to the Sandy Pines campus and look at Sandy Pines as a second home.

I was blessed to have the opportunity to work closely with Dawn Arndt during my first week, and know she will be missed. I gained through my training with her the dear admiration of Sandy Pines, and I am very excited to take on this new financial role. I will strive hard to do my best for the organization and all of the Sandy Pines community.

I look forward to working with and meeting all of you in the near future.

Technology Committee Report

by Al Retherford

As you read this issue of the Footprints, the official 2016 season will soon be upon us. We live in a technology society and changes happen daily. The seasonal WiFi that was available to the members has been disconnected. This service was antiquated and could not provide reliable service for the 130 plus members who subscribed to this service. After doing some research, it was decided to retire the seasonal WiFi service. Members will still be able to receive free WiFi from various hot-spot locations throughout the Park.

The Internet service that Charter offers, is extremely reliable, with speeds up to 60mbs, it offers service that allows you to use numerous devices at one time, provided you install a wireless router to the Charter modem. Yes, this service is about \$70 a year more than the Seasonal WiFi, but you will be overwhelmed with the results.

The Technology Committee has been doing research this winter to find an alternative for providing a daily TV Guide for your cable TV. It is possible to provide this service, but at a considerable expense to the membership. This service, through our provider, is cost prohibited and cannot be justified. The consensus of the Tech Committee is that the majority of the members are from the western portion of Michigan and know what is on TV. Members can find a list of TV channels on our Sandy Pines Channel, 9.4.

On May 27, 2016, the Technology Committee, along with **CHARTER** will be hosting a **Question & Answer Seminar** at the Pavilion at 7 pm. The purpose of this seminar is for the membership to be able to ask questions regarding the services that CHARTER provides. Members may have questions regarding equipment that will or will not work at Sandy Pines. There will also be a progress report given on the cell tower construction and what additional technology would be gained when this tower is operational.

Sandy Pines has purchased camera equipment to rebroadcast Board of Director's meetings and special events on the Sandy Pines in-house channels for the 2016 season.

The Technology Committee has nine (9) active members, and it is one of eleven advisory committees at Sandy Pines. If you are interested in being involved on a committee, applications are available at the **Sandy Pines office** or go online to the **Sandy Pines web site**, open the **MEMBERS ONLY** section, go to the **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** section, and open **Application form for Advisory Committee**.

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I will post all the new hours in future editions of the Footprints.

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Collisions are big! We will be playing on the Soccer field! KnockerBall™ West Michigan can accommodate all ages (8 yrs. +) and both genders, for those who want to play together, laugh together or knock each other around.

We will be having Knockerball here on a Saturday near the end of June. Now is the time to start thinking about what friends you want to get together and sign-up for available playing times. Cost will be \$5/person for 15 minutes, and a sign-up sheet will be available at the Recreation Station.

More information coming soon!



Ideas to Help you Prepare for the 2016 Season

Preparing for the spring/summer season:

1. If you winterized your trailer last fall, remember to hook up the water connection at the water riser and let the RV antifreeze flush out of your system by running your tap water.
2. Check roof/shingles for leaks and damage. With the heavy snow load from the past winter you may have porch panel leaks, caused by the heavy snow load.
3. If you forgot to winterize your trailer, check for pipe damage after hooking up your water.
4. Plug in your golf cart to recharge, if electric. Check the fluid level in the batteries. Inspect your golf cart's braking system, steering system, check proper tire inflation, and mechanical system or engine/motor for proper operation. Adjust your golf cart headlights, check for illumination of both front and rear. You may want to take your golf cart to a qualified repair technician for a spring checkup.
5. If you winterized your watercraft, make sure you put any drain plugs back in place. Check the fluid levels and charge the battery for trolling motors. You may even want to send the watercraft in to have a tune up before summer. Once summer begins it may take a few weeks to get the repair done, when most marine shops are the busiest.
6. Rake your leaves or have a lawn service clean your site.
7. Wash your trailer or arrange to have the exterior cleaned by a cleaning service.
8. If you have youth that have turned twelve over the winter months and wish to operate a golf cart this summer, please stop in at the Ranger Station and pick up a golf cart study guide.
9. Check your watercraft registration for expiration. If your watercraft registration is expired, you could lose your boat stake.
10. If you have moved or changed your phone number or e-mail address, please stop by, or call the Member Service office with the updated information.
11. Replace your smoke detector batteries.
12. Check the propane level, and inspect for leaks. Check furnace filters and ventilation. Check grill for proper operation and inspect for leaks.
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Senior Adult Activities, Bingos & Potlucks

by Carol Hoffman

Come and have a fun time at our Senior Adult Activities bingos this summer. All supplies are furnished. You just need to come looking for a fun time with either no cost or a low cost. Bingos are held in the Pavilion on the main beach in Phase 1, near the Dairy Dip. Popcorn and bottled water are available at all bingos. Donations accepted. You may bring your own preferred beverage, but no alcoholic beverages are allowed

Free Bingo: Cards are free and you are allowed six yellow cards for regular games and two blue cards, for special speedy games. All persons 10 and older are invited to play. Donated prizes for the free bingos can be brought to Site 345, or to any bingo. Free Bingo is on all U.S. Holidays, plus at Mayfest, Octoberfest, and on Saturday, August 6, from 2-4 PM.

Adult Money Bingo: You must purchase at least four yellow cards at a cost of four/\$1. With every four yellow cards you purchase, you get one free blue card for the speedy games. You purchase your cards before bingo and play on them all night for no additional cost. You must be 18 or older to play for money. We will be having the money bingos on the 3rd Saturday of each month, May through September, from 7 – 9 PM.

Potlucks: Potlucks again will be held in the Pavilion in phase 1, on the first Friday of each month, May through September, at 5:30 PM. Bring a dish to share, your tableware and a preferred beverage. We will be having a soup supper/potluck on Octoberfest, Saturday, October 1, at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome at all of our potlucks.

Thank You Dawn Arndt!
Words are hard to find when it comes to saying thank you to Dawn. Your service and dedication to Sandy Pines will be remembered long after you have left our employ. Your experience, expertise, knowledge and history of Sandy Pines will be missed. May you find much happiness as you open the door to begin your new journey! On behalf of the entire staff of Sandy Pines...
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Lake Monterey Golf Course News

by Gary Peters

The staff and I are very excited for the 2016 season to begin. We have a few changes to tell you about.

The Clubhouse will have a new Point of Sales system, which will allow members to charge to their Sandy Pines account.

We are changing the 18 holes around, so number ten will become number one. This makes it easier for golfers to play 18 holes with no crossover having to be made. We are going to have a new self-service food bar at the Clubhouse. You can choose from grilled hot dogs, brats or polish dogs, along with pulled pork, pulled chicken and chili. Our staff will cook the hamburgers and chicken sandwiches.

The Proshop will have a better selection of Ladies and Men's clothing. We will also have a better selection of golf balls, including all of the top golf balls in A1 grade use.

Hopefully, spring will be early this year so we can get a start on spring cleanup sooner. All the stumps that needed to be ground on the front, were done in December. There are about seven stumps left to be pulled out by the backhoe this spring.

We have put new trash cans on the course and continue to add new ball washers. All 18 greens have been enlarged...some more than others. The front nine greens have had the biggest increase in size - from 30% to 40%.

The staff will be doing some tree trimming and tree removal. The removals are mainly to get more sunlight, so turf on the tees can better recover from all the wear and tear.

Spring is coming – get working on that golf swing!



Sandy Pines Chapel 2016 Summer Concert Schedule

All Concerts begin at 6 pm. Chapel gate opens to the public at 4 pm. Bring your own lawn chairs... Everyone is welcome!

- May 29 The Brady Trio
- June 5 Faithful Journey Quartet
- June 12 The Matthyse Family
- June 19 Southern Raised
- June 26 Gold City Quartet
- July 3 King's Brass
- July 10 The Brown Family
- July 17 Taylor Mason
- July 24 Triumphant Quartet
- July 31 Karen Peck and New River
- Aug. 7 Guy Penrod
- Aug. 14 Collingsworth Family
- Aug. 21 Gordon Mote
- Aug. 28 Keepers of the Faith
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For Sale - Site 62: 2010 double loft Breckenridge trailer with insulated Jamestown porch on a double lot. Beautiful furnished rustic decor, landscaping bricks, fenced in front, garage, huge deck and lots of parking. Asking: \$109,900. Please call Larry at 616-443-4459.

For Sale - Site 240 - Phase 1: 2007 Wildwood 37' two bedroom sleeps 8-10 people, pass thru full bathroom with garden tub. Super-slide out in living/dining area. Huge multi-level wooden deck and large stone patio with firepit. Mature perennial gardens and landscaping. Wooden shed and

double golf cart shelter. Includes two golf carts, all patio furniture with cushions, picnic table, patio deck box, new grill, two place snowmobile trailer, 5 full parking spaces with new stones. The best added feature is the hard to find boat stake. Priced to sell fast at \$37,000. If interested call or text 616-318-3303, or email mtalalay@att.net

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

For Sale - Site 503 - Phase 2: Bay Breeze. Corner of Woodland on the hill. One of the BEST views of the lake. 2012 Dutch Park Sterling Series Park Model. Purchased new 9/2013. Excellent quality and condition. High open ceilings. Siding color is Clay w/ driftwood shingles. Bisque appliances. White wainscoting & cabinets. Oiled bronze hardware & lighting. 1 bedroom with bed box. Sofa hide a bed. Beautiful views out front & side windows. New Deck. Wonderful neighbors. Easy access to water. Beautiful flowers & rock gardens. Shed & golf cart shelter. Includes previous white porch. Stored in Dorr. Must see the views. Asking: \$68,000. Call Judy @ 616-828-2454

For Sale - Site 532: 1982 32' Sportsman travel trailer – newly remodeled. Sleeps eight w/three sofa sleepers and all other furniture included. 19" Enclosed TV in bedroom; 10x20 enclosed porch; 10x12 covered porch; sprinkler system, 10x12 golf cart shed; 6x8 storage building. 2009 EZ-Go Golf Cart w/ roof, windshield, back seat, lights, rear view mirror, charger and rain cover. Exceptions: TV on Porch and in Living Room. Asking: \$27,900. Call: 251-747-5238.

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.



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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 1356: 1982 travel trailer across from the lake. Close to CC and Outdoor Pool in Phase 3. It has a connected porch, wooden shed and boat dock. Asking: \$29,000 O.B.O. Call: 787-299-8974 or 616-805-4163.

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-106: 2004 Kropf, well-maintained, one bedroom, cathedral ceilings, full-size three-season porch, heat & air conditioning. Located on a quiet road in Phase 4. Beautiful landscaped yard overlooking the golf course, with a brick-paved fire pit area. Garage with electric door opener houses the 2 electric golf carts, included with the sale. Fully stocked kitchen, appliances, indoor (including a loveseat and sofa that are pull-out beds) and outdoor furniture included. Asking: \$73,900. Call 616-446-3640.

For Sale - Site N-257, Phase 4: Large lot with 1987 park model trailer. Very well maintained. New garage, new underground sprinkling and sod, new patio and fire pit, and new air conditioning unit. Unit has master bedroom and bunk room. On a quiet, kid-friendly street. Asking \$49,000 OBO. Call Julie at 269-838-0997.

For Sale from Site N-350: 1986 Full slide-out Woodland Park Model and Porch. Front kitchen, middle bedroom, rear bunks with 28' brown porch. Asking: \$12,000. Come and see it. Call John at 616-896-9371.

For Sale - Site N-463 - O'Neida Trail, Phase 4: 1998 Summit w/ large double loft. Great condition. Great central location. Lots of friendly neighbors. Comes fully furnished. Front kitchen. Three-season porch. Beautiful plantings. Includes nice golf cart. Dues are paid for 2016. Asking \$48,500. Call Jim at 616-813-0429 anytime.

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For Sale - K-155: 1991 Trophy - 1 Bdrm - Customized Bathroom w/tub. Storage Galore, Shed, Golf Cart Enclosure, (1) gas golf cart, Enclosed Porch, Deck, next to extra wide walk-way and Green area in back, which gives extra space for entertaining. Boat Stake, Patio block in front and back, so mowing is minimal. Great location, near CC 11, which includes laundry, mini golf, Water Park and more. Asking: \$47,500. Call: 616-318-6957.

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