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**Letter from the President** by Tom Aldrich  
 Sandy Pines has grown to be one of the premier Summer Recreation Parks in the USA. Our membership has grown to 2122 member sites which translates into an estimated 10,907 card carrying members and associate members. When you add the many children, we have a population in excess of 10,000. Sandy Pines is the largest community in Allegan County in the summer. We have made substantial progress over the years developing our community and physical infrastructure. We owe a debt of gratitude to our past member volunteers who have contributed sweat equity in participating on the Board, various committees and ad hoc activities. We know our members join Sandy Pines to have "fun in the sun" however, member volunteer participation and contribution is key to continuing our progress. It's an opportunity for our members to meet new friends, neighbors and enjoy a rewarding experience. We encourage our members to run for the Board of Directors. There are three new Board openings every year. We have various committees that you could be a part of. These committees are integral to the current and future direction of the Park.

**RULES:** Police, review and recommend revisions and modifications of Park rules when necessary. Stan Robbins, Chair

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Develop long range strategic direction and new projects to potentially enhance our community. Dick Valone, Chair

**FINANCE:** Periodic review of the Park finances and budgets. Greg Maichele, Chair

**MEMBER OUTREACH:** Ways and means directed toward improving member communication and relations. Kelvin Kronemeyer, Chair

**SPECIAL EVENTS:** Develops member activities and special events. Terry Derks, Chair

**GOLF COURSE:** Oversees the operational development, rules, regulations, special events and activities of the golf course. Gerald Williams, Chair

**BUILDING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE:** Develops ways and means to continually provide a pleasant outdoor environment by ensuring the grounds, buildings and Park are attractive, orderly and healthy. Jim Schipper, Chair

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## Board of Directors

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## PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Gene Van Koevering



Greetings from the Staff at Sandy Pines! We think of you, talk about you often and anticipate your return! The winter is going by really fast, but we are getting a number of things done in advance of your return to this Great Place!

**New Directional Signage:** We are re-negotiating and acquiring locations for new Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Lake Monterey Golf Club, Sandy Pines Condo signs that will be very visible and helpful for those finding their way to Sandy Pines for the first time. The plan at this point is to install nine new directions signs (each approx. 4'x8' in size) in key locations around the local area.

**Social Media Communication:** In an effort to improve communication, information, safety and marketing, we are constructing a Sandy Pines Facebook account, a Sandy Pines Twitter account and a Sandy Pines Pinterest account. For those of you who have computers or smart phones, these forms of media will keep you apprised of current conditions as they occur, plus be a electronic form of the weekend flyers. These sites will offer a new format for Members to communicate and/or offer comments, suggestions or questions to us and other Members as well.

By early to mid summer we hope to have the capability to offer online survey's to the membership. These will be done through the website or one of the social media links. The goal is to give Members an opportunity to be involved in the decision making process, simply by having access to your computer or your smart phone. More information will follow....

Don't worry...the option to communicate by voice, pen, paper or phone calls will always remain available! Whether you communicate online or not, is unimportant. The important issue is that we want to communicate with you.

**BMX track:** Subsequent to an insurance review in early December, it was decided that the use of the track was not sufficient enough to warrant the expense of additional funds to meet compliance for liability coverage required by the Underwriter. Once the decision was made, the track was removed, so you'll see that the moguls were leveled and the area was graded. Any ideas for that area in the future would be welcome.

**A few other items:** You'll likely notice new signage on the Ranger Station, identifying the location of the Med Station. Also we have had some meetings with the company that provides the WiFi service and we plan to have additional meetings for the purpose of improving performance during the busiest times.

These are only a few of the things we're working on and needless to say, it's an exciting time here each day as we look forward to preparing for your return. On behalf of the Staff and myself; thank you for the opportunity to work for you in this Great Place!

### Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

Convenience Centers open this winter:

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### Mailbox Renters:

Before you head back to Sandy Pines, you must turn in a temporary forward 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.

### 2013 Flea Market Dates:

May 4 (MayFest), May 25 (Memorial Day), June 8, July 6 (Independence Day), August 10 (Christmas), August 31 (Labor Day) and October 5.



# SANDY PINES NEWS

Letter from the President - (continued from page 2)

We encourage you to contact any of our committee chairs if you are interested in participating. You can reach them via email: [boardofdirectors@sandypines.com](mailto:boardofdirectors@sandypines.com).

Spring is almost here and with that comes another fun filled season at the Pines.

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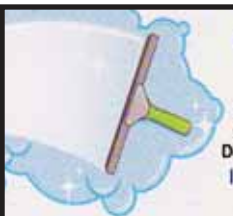
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## SANDY PINES NEWS

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Irv & Marianne Boersema, Site 440, on the passing of their son-in-law, Mike Vanwaarden, on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to Mary Dice & Jeff Grooters, Site 558. Mike was their brother-in-law. Mike, his wife, Cathy, and their children Matt & Katie are Associate members of Sandy Pines. Cathy is Marianne's daughter.

Marilyn Spitale, Site N-235, on the passing of her husband, Joe, on December 25<sup>th</sup>.

Todd & Kelly Boerema, Site K-244, on the passing of their mother, Nellie, on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We recognized Nellie's husband, Tom, Site, K-81, last month, but didn't have this additional information. Sympathy is also extended to Tara & Jared Dishinger and family, Site 1186, Nellie was their grandmother, and Dwight & Mary Jo Boerema, Site 468, Nellie was their sister-in-law.

Bill & Suzanne Bailey, Site 797, on the passing of their father, Bill, on January 26<sup>th</sup>.

Jim & Shirley Schipper, Site K-501, on the unexpected passing of their daughter-in-law, Cindy Schipper, on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Dick Valone, Site N-180, on the passing of his sister-in-law, Gerry, on January 28, and his brother, James, on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to David & Kathy Valone, Site K-10. James and Gerry were their parents.

Robert 'Bob' VanderKlok, Site N-372, on the passing of his wife, Sharon, on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

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**SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES**

by Carol Hoffman

It's time to start marking your calendars with the first events of our 2013 season.

We have changed the start time of our Potlucks to 5:30. Everyone is welcome!

We have Golf Cart Poker Runs scheduled for June 22 and Aug.

24, but we need volunteers to help out. Please let us know if you are able to assist us with these. We also have three Karaoke nights scheduled in the Adult Rec. Center on Friday nights so the "weekenders" will be able to join in on the fun. They are planned for June 21, July 26 and August 23, so please put those dates on your calendar!

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## PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

**Seasonal Positions:** The Ranger Department will have several part time seasonal positions this summer. Applications are available on our website under the 'contact us' link.

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**Office worker:** Will check vehicles coming into the Park, assist members in signing in their guests, assist guest campers, answer phones, give directions, dispatch ranger patrol to various situations or problems, data entry, and will contact other departments to resolve problems.

**Water Patrol:** Will patrol the lake, assist boaters, enforce Park rules, assist person in distress, check Park watercraft registration, handle complaints, work with other departments at events, respond to emergencies and provide safety.

**Vehicle patrol:** Patrol the Park and enforce Park rules, assist members, give directions, respond to emergencies, respond to and handle complaints and issues, work with other departments, and local agencies.

All of these positions are seasonal and hours may vary from 6 hrs./day to 40 hrs./week. Please include the days of the week you are willing to work, the times of the day or the shift and the number of hours each week that you prefer.

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You may send your application by email to [steve@sandypines.com](mailto:steve@sandypines.com), by mail to: Sandy Pines Ranger Dept., 2745 136<sup>th</sup> Ave, Hopkins, MI 49328 or drop off at the Ranger Station on 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

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### Park Inspector News by Don Weiss

I hope everyone has had a great winter and is looking forward to returning soon.

It's that time of the year again...time to renew your license, if you are a contractor in the Park. I will be sending out e-mails soon, so please keep an eye out for the renewal information. This year, you will also be charged renewal fees for each contractor card that you have, so please plan accordingly.

It's a little ways out yet, but please remember that the date for clean up of sites and equipment is June 1<sup>st</sup> this year. I will remind you again in the coming month's articles.

I will be back on First Shift starting the beginning of April to help you get ready for any spring projects that you might be contemplating. As always, if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at [inspector@sandypines.com](mailto:inspector@sandypines.com) or 616-896-7286. Thanks!

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### Calling all musicians, singers, and/or musical groups

We're hoping to start a new feature for the 2013 camping season. We are calling this program "**Concert in the Core.**"

It would feature musically talented persons and groups who would perform in the core area by the Ice Cream Shop on Saturday evenings.

If you are interested in being part of this new program for 2013, know of someone who is, or you would simply like more information, please contact Terry Derks at Adult Rec. by calling 616-896-8315 x 112 or e-mail [adultprograms@sandypines.com](mailto:adultprograms@sandypines.com).

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For Sale – Site 153: 2004 Trophy w/double loft, 3-Season Mulder glassed in porch, huge deck, and vinyl sided shed. Includes an E-Z-Go gas golf cart w/vinyl cover. Trailer has central air and loft has individual air conditioner. Located on a quiet cul-de-sac adjacent to a well-equipped playground and CC #1. All trailer, porch and deck furnishings included. Block cement patio with fire pit. Dues paid for 2013. This is a must see. Asking \$69,000. Call: 616-915-2967.

For Sale – Site 375: Beautiful Park Model w/full-length glassed-in porch and open floor plan, completely updated with all new furnishings, appliances, hot water heater, and flooring in last few years. Includes boat stake on nice sandy beach near the Basketball Courts in Phase 1, a 10 x 12 golf cart shed, wood deck, fire pit, & wood storage shed. Extremely clean!! Located on largest lot on the cul-de-sac (see Sandy Pines site map) and backs up to quiet green space. Awesome neighbors! 2013 dues paid, so you can enjoy 2013 on us! We have pictures and a more detailed handout including improvements. Asking \$39,900. Won't last long! Call: 616-583-0333, 616-446-8649, or 616-581-0769, or Email: [kimandbriank@comcast.net](mailto:kimandbriank@comcast.net).

For Sale – Site 394: 1992 Chariot – one bedroom, two sofa beds, sleeps six possibly eight using futon on 10x25 glassed in porch. Built in entertainment center and microwave, central air. Located on quiet cul-de-sac, adjacent to laundry, store, beauty parlor and monthly Flea Market area. Includes EZ-Go Yamaha gas golf cart, vinyl shed. Asking \$43,000 or \$44,000 w/furniture. Call: 810-730-3017.

For Sale - Site 804 – Phase 2: Shoreline Circle. 1991 Casa Villa

w/one bedroom and an enclosed newly painted porch (30x10) and deck. Most furniture is negotiable. Enjoy the lake as you sit on your huge deck on the 'fishing' end of the lake. Lots of green area, one shed, golf cart storage for two, one golf cart, and a boat stake with dock. Asking \$110,000. Call: 313-319-2836 and ask for Don or e-mail [baldie2461@yahoo.com](mailto:baldie2461@yahoo.com) for more information.

For Sale – Site 1060 – Phase 3: Ready to move in, fully furnished, air conditioned, double loft, Country Manor Trailer, purchased new in 2009. It has a 10'X30' three seasons room, and large wrap-around deck, both newly carpeted. The trailer sits on a lake-front lot with a huge sandy beach, private dock, decorative lighthouse, fire pit, and a new garage built in 2010. Included are a paddle boat, row boat, lawn mower, and numerous tools. The 2012 pontoon is negotiable. The asking price is \$99,000. For more information call Joe or Sandi @ (269)749-8013.

For Sale from Site 1131: 2005 Vespa 150 cc motorcycle. Only 3,600 miles – Asking \$3,000 or best offer. Call Ruth at 616-422-0724.

For Sale from Site 1394: Opportunity knocks! Nearly new 2011 Forest River Cedar Creek Destination Trailer, Model 40CFL. This 3-slide gel coated beauty has nearly every option available. Save thousands on a unit that was only used a handful of nights. Stored at Sandy Pines – asking \$40,000, or best offer. Call: 248-350-0361 or e-mail [DaisyCuts@gmail.com](mailto:DaisyCuts@gmail.com) for photos.

For Sale - Site N-53: Corner lot with lake view and boat stake! New and/or clean everything: New Garage, New Roof, New A/C on porch with gas heater, PVC porch railings. Golf Cart Optional. Moving to Florida. Asking \$89,000. Call: 941-720-0909.

For Sale - Site N-210: 2005 Kropf one bedroom with family room/2nd bedroom on quiet circle close to the CC, beach and indoor pool. 3-season porch, deck and patio with large fire pit. Beautifully landscaped yard with fountain and gazebo. Electric golf cart and shed, \$37,000. Call: 734-459-3481.

For Sale - Site N-414: Two bedroom Franklin Park Model with full porch

with A/C. Includes all trailer and porch furnishings. Also includes EZ Go Golf Cart, Sheds, Canopy and outdoor furniture and fire pit. Centrally located near beach, Indoor Pool and playgrounds. Asking \$38,500. Call: 616-550-3577 or e-mail [consydra@yahoo.com](mailto:consydra@yahoo.com).

For Sale - Site N-510: One of the Best Lakefront lots! 2005 Trophy Park Model double loft w/ Westhouse porch. Fully furnished and includes Weber Gold grill, 9' Patio Umbrella, Patio Furniture, Porch Furniture, 2 electric golf carts and golf cart tent, shed, 15X38 composite maintenance free deck and walk. Includes Boat Stake. Like new REDUCED \$154,900. Call (616) 893-3981.

For Sale - Site K-118: In Phase Five on Cherokee. Oakland Park one bedroom in a great location, with glassed in porch. Furniture is included. Located near the Water Park, bathrooms, and the Laundromat. Large green area in back. Upgrades to the unit in 2011: new toilet, ceiling fans, Kitchen lights, new 2" blinds, new air conditioner on the porch, newly painted inside, roof is four years old, new Golf Cart Garage and includes a sharp EZ-Go Electric golf cart and an 8'x10' storage building!! Check out our listing on Grand Rapids Craig's list under (for sale RV, and also Real Estate for sale.) Pictures of our unit in the ad. Priced right at \$39,900. Call: 616-772-3968, or cell numbers 1-616-566-4087 and 1-616-510-9187.

For Sale from Site K-350: Shed for sale – 8x8x8. Asking \$100. Call: 734-377-1114.

For Sale - Site D-28: Canterbury Unit. Waterfront site with boat stake. 20' 2005 Sylvan Pontoon w/50 hp motor. New roof. Very clean. Fire pit, Sunsetter awning, sprinkling system, 200 sq. ft. garage. Two golf carts – 1 gas, one electric. New refrigerator in garage. New carpet throughout. Fully furnished. Asking \$127,000. Call: 269-963-3279 or 269-282-2345.

We have more 'Site For Sale' listings **online Please call Kathy or Dale at 616-896-8315 x 113 and 114, for more information, or to schedule an appointment to come in and check things out. Thanks!**

# ADULT RECREATION NEWS

Adult Recreation by Terry Derks, Adult Rec. Supervisor

Winter continues here in West Michigan, but our thoughts and plans are moving toward another fun filled summer at Sandy Pines. Many of the activities and events are already scheduled, and again, a reminder that you can find all of these on our website. You can, of course, pre-register for most, including the Bus Trips, which are GREAT this year; the Cardboard Boat Race and Hula Hoop Contest; Golf Outings; Art Expo; and others. Please visit our website and take advantage of your opportunity for early registration.

“Christmas in August” is always a fun time in the Park, and this year, we have two new things planned for our Christmas Celebration. First, we are going to have a Christmas Parade. This new event will feature Christmas themed decorated Golf Carts and decorated Dogs! Yes...I said Dogs! This is a chance for you to show off our family pet. We are calling this “Deck the Dogs!” There will be three prize-winning categories: Best Decorated Golf Cart; Best Dog Riding in the parade, and Best Dog Walking in the parade. Parade begins at the Adult Rec. Center and goes to the Softball Field and is on Saturday, August 10, at 3 pm. That same evening, from 6-9 pm, you will be able to enjoy a real, live Nativity Scene, which will feature live goats, sheep and other animals that were part of the Christmas Story Nativity. This special Christmas display will be on the Pavilion lawn.

Those of you who asked for Swing Dance lessons...well...you got it! July 27<sup>th</sup> will be the night for Swing Dancing enjoyment at the Pavilion. Can you say “Jitterbug?” I get tired just thinking of that dance! Don’t be alarmed, it won’t be all that hard. Hey...let’s get the young folks out to dance with those of us who are just young at heart. For the “Square Dance” fans, we again welcome the Flutterbyes Square Dance Club for your enjoyment. They will be here August 23 for some great fun and good exercise, too!

Ok...here’s my plea for help. As you all know, these activities and events require lots and lots of people to make them a success. I need you!! Please consider being a volunteer for one or more of the summer activities. It will be fun and your help will be much appreciated. I have a booth at the Flea Market on May 25 (Memorial Day Weekend) so stop by and check out all of the planned activities for the summer, and get signed up! You can put your name on our volunteer list too, if you want.

**BREAKING NEWS!!** A special day of food tasting from local Eatery’s and Sandy Pines members is being planned for June 16. More details to follow...stay tuned for updates!



The Condo Spec. Models of Sandy Pines have been reduced by \$20,000!

Stop in and see our new Sales Model.

They will re-open on April 19, 2013.

Thank you!

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