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Letter from the Chairman by Tom Aldrich

Welcome back!!! I am sure everyone is more than ready for a fun and sun filled summer at our favorite resort. My condolences to those of you that spent the entire winter in our Michigan frozen tundra. You more than deserve a summer break with lots of warm sunshine. I talked to the weather man and he/she insured me a beautiful Michigan summer. My thanks to Gene and the staff for the hard work in getting the Park ready. Be sure and mark your calendar for the first Board Meeting at 7 pm, on May 16, at the Pavilion. We will look forward to seeing a good crowd. Please note this is a week later than usual.



We have three board openings, as usual. Yours truly and Stan Robbins will have completed our terms and will not be able to run again. If you are interested in becoming a board member and would like to discuss the experience before you make a decision, contact Kathy Brott, at the office. I will, in turn, contact you and set up

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Letter from the Chairman

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an appointment to discuss the experience and answer any questions. Contact the office for details and the application forms. The deadline for submitting your application along with 25 signed member petitions is June 17. Petitions must be turned in to Member Services no later than 4:30 pm, on this date. We also would like you to encourage fellow members, who you feel are qualified and can make a contribution to the leadership of the Park, to consider running.

We are going to establish a new committee to assist in the marketing of Sandy Pines. Our long term goal is to create a strong demand for membership, to the point we will have a waiting list to join. I would like to call on members who have sales and/or marketing experience to join. Please contact Kathy Brott at the office if you are interested. You will be contacted relative to the time and place for the first meeting. We also want to encourage all of our members to do their part in the beautification of our resort. Keep your site clean and well maintained. Lots of flowers also make a welcome addition. Volunteering with the Garden Club and Grounds and Maintenance, will also make a substantial contribution. Let's all work together and make Sandy Pines a beautiful showcase.

Wishing everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Notice of Board of Directors Petitions

As per the Sandy Pines By-Laws, notice is hereby given that there will be three (3) positions available for the Board of Directors at the August 16, 2014, election.

Nominating petitions must be returned to the Administration Office by June 17, 2014, no later than 4:30 pm.

NOTE: Petition forms are available at the Administration Office during regular business hours, Monday-Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm and Saturday 8:30 am to Noon. In order to qualify as a candidate, you will need to submit a petition with at least 25 valid signatures from Sandy Pines members by June 17, and your membership dues must be paid to date.

Respectfully submitted,
John Spoelman, Secretary,
Sandy Pines Board of Directors

What's Happening

Cyndie and Al Metz, Site K-454 will celebrate 50 years of marriage on May 23rd. They have been at Sandy Pines since the fall of 2002, and have two sons, Jeff and Brad, 3 grandchildren and 2 wonderful daughter-in-laws. Thanks go out to **Pattie Menzel**, for helping them find their paradise away from home, at Sandy Pines. They celebrated their anniversary on Celebrity Eclipse, for two weeks in February, traveling in the Southern Caribbean, with two other friends that they met at Sandy Pines. Wishing you many more years of happiness and laughter together! Congratulations on this wonderful milestone!

Congratulations to **Homer and Mary Elrod**, Site K-362, who celebrated 30 wonderful years of marriage on May 4th. May you always be as happy as you were on the day you were wed! Wishing you much joy and laughter as you continue your journey together! Congratulations to you both!

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Letter From the President

by Gene Van Koevering

Welcome back to Sandy Pines!! It is really great to see the activity in the Park again and to witness the sites being cleaned, golf carts running about and Members excited to be back in one of their favorite places in the world.

Thank you, to the many of you who have stopped by to say hi, just to let us know that you're back and ready to help where needed. We look forward to your volunteerism this year; however we have been blessed by help from a number of Members in the off season, in a number of areas.

A big thank you needs to go to those volunteers who worked the RV Shows with Kathy Molner: Jeremy and Megan Zeock-Vilas, Sharon White, Pam Mott, Ade Scholten, Don Dekker, Joe Molner. Members that helped at the Golf Show with Jim Spray: Terry Derks, Bill Reynolds, Karl and Jake Keuning, Mal Scott, Ralph Smith and Ron Timm. Thanks also to Michael VanderWall for putting together the power point presentation for the RV and Golf Show!!

Thanks to Kelly Nyhuis for giving us her time, talent and treasure to provide a "face lift" to our Administration Office. If you get a chance, stop by and see the change that was made in the Member Services area. Also to her daughter, Kaylan Nyhuis for using her talents to paint some pictures for the Kids Corner in the Library!!

Thank you to all of the Members that made the "Return of Winter Fest" for 2014, such a success, especially to Greda Pitcher and Jermeij Zeock-Vilas for taking the initiative to pull together a wonderful group of volunteers to make it happen!!

Thank you to Phil Payne for providing his time and talent to layout elevation plans of the Administration Office exterior, showing suggested subtle change recommendations to help give the outside of the Admin. Building a bit of a facelift, with a cost conservative approach!

Thank you to Erika Duncan for providing the expertise and speakers from Metro Health, for our Staff Workshop this past off-season. We had a great day in the workshop, covering the topics of Customer Service and Conflict Resolution.

Thanks to the Technology committee, specifically, Jon Novakowski, for his tireless work during the offseason, on the technological aspects of the Charter Communications contract. The knowledge of the committee has, and will, continue to be a real asset to technology improvements at Sandy Pines in the years ahead.

Thank you to Chuck Parker, for his relentless work in gathering people and information to get the Civil War Remembered Event up and going. He has a passion for this event and has put much of his time and energy into researching, and reaching out to groups and individuals, in his effort to make this event exciting, as well as educational.

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I apologize if I have missed anyone, and I'm sure there are others, but please join me in thanking each of these folks, as well as the many others who have, or are, working behind the scenes to make Sandy Pines such a great place to be. These folks and others who I may have missed, are the part of the foundation of what Sandy Pines is, and it is a true privilege to be a very small part of working with such great people. Thank you!!

A FEW UPDATES:

With fourteen mini-golf holes completed in prior years, last fall, after the Park closed for the season, we contracted to have the last four mini-golf holes replaced. At the Contractor's instruction, we removed the last four old holes, however, the Contractor suffered a heart attack the week he was to come out, so the project was not completed. We have remained in contact with him, and he remains committed to get to Sandy Pines this spring to finish up early, so hopefully, by the time this letter goes out, Mini-Golf will have had all 18 holes completed. The new septic drain field is done and working, grass has been reseeded and some fencing is planned for the east side of the field, to block off any traffic from driving on the new drain field in the future.

The bullpen renovation is complete and the area looks great. It's our hope that the layout will better serve those Members that will be using the bullpen in the years ahead.

The laundry in the Retail Center and the restrooms, and showers in the Recreation Station, have had new ceilings installed with a material that is better suited for humid conditions, so we're looking forward to many years of use with that change.

The tile floors that were not replaced in the last couple years have all been steam cleaned as well as most CC's and Building floors and they look great! Enjoy the clean look!

The fitness room has had some free weights/dumbbell weights added. It had been studied for a couple years for the purpose of increasing the use of the fitness room by our younger members, while continuing to provide equipment for all adults. We also added a scale and replacement TV's to that area.

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You will notice that in all the laundry facilities other than the Retail Building, we had new equipment installed, and approximately 50% of the equipment in all the facilities will be able to accept credit card use as an option to quarters. This change was added based on suggestions received at some of the Face to Phase meetings, and I thank you for your ideas!

We are currently researching the ability to sell gas at our pump with credit cards, however as of this writing, I cannot tell you that we have been able to accomplish this ability. The measuring and monitoring equipment is in need of replacement, and additionally, the General Store will no longer be responsible for the gas, so it is our intent to continue to provide gas to our Members through a self-serve format if possible. Stay tuned for progress reports.

In the last Footprints I mentioned that Salvation Army would no longer be available for pickup of items left over from the Garage Sales. Subsequently, a Member came in to inquire if we would consider allowing LOVE INC. the ability to take items that can be re-sold. What they are offering, and we are willing to try is the following:

LOVE INC. will be located near the building across from the Main Gate (Ranger Station). There will be LOVE INC. personnel at that location, beginning at noon the day of the garage sale. All items will be inspected by them, and taken upon approval. NO JUNK! Usable items only. If you would like a donation receipt, you will be able to get that information from them at that time. No items may be left at the collection site without prior approval, and no items may be dumped in our compactors, or in the dump. If your garage sale items are not taken by LOVE INC, it will be your responsibility to remove those items from the Park.

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Sandy Pines

by Zachery Rookus, Age 7

Zachery was given an assignment by his teacher to write a story. He chose to write about Sandy Pines. Thanks for the great review! Here is his story:

Have you ever went to Sandy Pines? Sandy Pines is a camp ground. It is supposed to be a camp ground of fun. The water park is so fun because they have a water slide and a kitty pool and a big pool. You can go mini golfing. You can go bikeing. I recommend you should go to Sandy Pines. Becuse it is so fun. I give it 5 out of 5 stars.



Chapel News by Dave Van Noord

Greetings from Dave Van Noord and the Sandy Pines Chapel crew. We look forward, with great excitement, to the upcoming season at Sandy Pines. Improvements are already underway at our Chapel, with new trees planted in the back, and extra cement being poured to make access easier for all. The summer program planning is done, and now it is execution time. We invite all Sandy Pines families, along with loved ones and friends, to become involved in our Chapel Ministry. We invite you to join us for Sunday morning worship, Sunday evening vesper programs, midweek Bible studies, Sunday night youth groups, and Vacation Bible School for the kids. The Chapel Pig Roast is back again...and this summer the Chapel is also hosting three Pancake Breakfasts at the Tee Pee area during Flea Markets.

Our season kicks off the first Sunday in May:

May 4 • 10 AM

Worship in the Pavilion led by Rev. Ron Lancaster

May 11 • 10 AM

Worship in the Pavilion led by Rev. John Witvliet

May 18 • 10 AM

Worship at the Lakeside Chapel led by Rev. Glenn Pettigrove

May 25 • 10 AM

Worship at the Lakeside Chapel led by Dr. Stan Mast

May 25 • 6 PM

Vesper Program with Soul'd Out Quartet

We hope you will join us for another wonderful season of worship and praise!

10:00 AM Worship Services

*May 4	Rev. Ron Lancaster	Antioch Fellowship, Bentheim
*May 11	Rev. John Witvliet	Emeritus, CRC
May 18	Rev. Glenn Pettigrove	Emeritus, Wesleyan Church
May 25	Dr. Stan Mast	Calvin Seminary
June 1	Rev. Chad McCallum	Director of Mobilization, Global Partners
June 8	Rev. Aaron Winkle	Chaplain, Calvin College
June 15	Rev. Jon Brown	Pillar Church, Holland
June 22	Rev. Greg Kelley	World Missions
June 29	Rev. Charles Walker	Oasis Church, Byron Center
July 6	Rev. Dan Seaborn	Winning at Home
July 13	Rev. John Douma	Niekerk CRC, Holland
July 20	Rev. Paul Mpindi	Back to God Ministries International
July 27	VBS Program and Dave	
Aug 3	Rev. Don Van Slyke	Hudsonville Reformed
Aug 10	Rev. Greg VanderMeer	Fair Haven Church, Hudsonville
Aug 17	Rev. Christopher DeGraaf	Trinity Reformed, Holland
Aug 24	Rev. Craig Bridgers	The Crossing Community Church, Ft. Pierce, FLA
Aug 31	Rev. Marvin Williams	Trinity Church, Lansing
Sept 7	Rev. Ken Van Wyk	Emeritus, CRC

*May 4, May 11, Sept 14 and Sept 21 services will meet in the pavilion at 10:00 AM.

The Sept 28 service will begin with an 11:00 potluck followed by a noon worship service.

Bikes Wanted:

If you have a bike sitting around just collecting dust that you no longer use, and would consider donating it to Matthew's House – a Ministry on the west side of Grand Rapids, please read on!

Matthew's House is looking for old bikes, even if they are in need of repair, that they could fix up and donate to a homeless man or woman.

If this is something that you would like to help with, please contact Jim Kuipers at 896-8971 or stop at Site 155.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. You are making a difference in someone's life, and for that we express our gratitude. Thank you very much for your consideration!

Member Services by Mary Cooper

Spring Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

Saturday 8:30 am – Noon

Sunday – Closed

Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day) - 8:30 am to Noon

Pumpouts:

Single pumpouts are \$12 each on your scheduled Phase day, and must be scheduled online through the Member Web Access only. Emergency pumpouts are \$24. Emergencies are pumpouts done on Saturdays, not on your Phase day or same day service. No pumpouts are done after 3 pm, or on Sundays. Call-backs after a tag has been punched, may result in an additional fee.

Reminder: Please make sure that the pumpers have easy access to the holding tank valve. Fences, flower gardens or sheds should not be in the pumper's path, or blocking the valve.

Boat Stakes and Water Stickers:

We must have an up-to-date state boat registration by June 1st or you risk losing your boat stake, or getting a ticket, for not displaying a Sandy Pines boat sticker on your boat. You can email a copy to memberservice@sandypines.com or fax a copy to 616-896-7409.

Flea Markets:

Upcoming dates are: May 3, May 24 (Memorial Day) and June 7. Spaces are \$30 and can only be reserved online through the Member Web Access. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm.

Address Changes:

Members who have winter addresses will need to let the office know to change back to your summer address. All members should inform the office if you have a new address, phone number or email address.

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First practice is May 15th, with the first game played on Saturday, May 24th, Memorial Weekend. Senior Men's softball is for men 50 and up. Come on out, let's play ball and have some fun! Questions may be directed to Mike Young.

Aquasize

Aquasize begins on Monday, May 19th, at the Indoor Pool, and the schedule is as follows:

Instructor, Jane Cooke, will conduct classes on Monday and Thursday from 9-10 am and Instructor, Pat Batterbee, has classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1-2 pm. There will be no classes on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26th.

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"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." Matthew 7:25

May



Soul'd Out Quartet

"He gave some apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors, and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-13). In this spirit, Dusty Barrett (tenor), Bryan Hutson (lead), Matt Rankin (baritone), Ian Owens (bass) and Michael Howard (pianist) travel the country as Soul'd Out Quartet, to not only win souls for Christ, but also to further strengthen and encourage God's people to be the salt and light to the world.

May 25



Heritage Singing Men

As history recorded the 200th birthday of the USA in 1976, a group of Christian men begin to sing songs of their American heritage. As time went on, they included in their programs songs of their Christian heritage as well. They have continued to do this, singing in worship services, programs, hymn sings and rest homes.

June

June 1



Highroad III

Sarah Davison, Anna Grace Kimbrough and Kiley Phillips, all graduates of Belmont University's prestigious School of Music, form the trio Highroad III. This award-winning Appalachian gospel group hail from Nashville, and are quickly becoming known and loved by our Sandy Pines Chapel family. You can expect not only an inspiring musical concert with beautiful vocals, but also an evening of amazing instrumentation. It's real music from real people, all stemming from a real relationship with God and a real message of hope found in the Gospel.

June 8



The Allen Family

For the past 17 years, the Allen Family has traveled across the United States and 4 Canadian Provinces in full-time Gospel music ministry. They have also performed in Jamaica, Guatemala, Zambia, and Uganda. Todd, Michelle, Caleb, Gabrielle, Joshua, Jared, Danielle, Abigail, Zachariah, and Christian live in their bus 365 days a year and fill over 275 engagements each year. Their harmony and humor are sure to thrill your heart! The family was nominated for Favorite New Mixed Group in the 2013 Singing News Fan Awards and is a main stage group at many prestigious Southern Gospel music events.

June 15

"Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation." Psalm 95:1



Voices of Lee

The Voices of Lee is an a cappella music ensemble from Lee University in Cleveland, Tennessee. Directed by Danny Murray, the group is characterized by their unique variety of vocal harmonies, high-energy patriotic numbers, fun-filled audience participation, and heart-felt gospel favorites. Sandy Pines Chapel is especially connected to the Voices, as one of our park members, Allison Wierenga, sang with the Voices while a student at Lee University.

June 22



Ken Davis

Writing about himself, Ken says: "Ken Davis is one of the country's most sought after motivational and inspirational speakers. His mixture of side-splitting humor and his powerful insights on living fully alive have inspired audiences around the world." Humble? Slightly. Funny? Oh, yes! Inspiring? Truly! Ken speaks the truth about himself and about life, and we are honored to have him come back to Sandy Pines Chapel. Be prepared for an experience that will leave you laughing, thinking and ready to live more fully alive.

June 29



The Mark Trammel Quartet

The goal for this quartet remains that "We are to be ministers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to live, preach, and sing in such a manner that no one feels or thinks we're trying to be something we're not. We are to be trusted stewards of God's blessings in our lives. We are to be faithful and obedient to God's leadership and to administer our ministry with integrity on sound and godly principles." Please welcome Mark Trammel, Dustin Black, Nick Trammel, and Pat Barker to their first visit to Sandy Pines Chapel.

July 6



Karen Peck and New River

Karen Peck and New River is a 3-time Grammy Award Nominated and 2-time GMA Dove Award Winning Southern Gospel Group. Karen's flawless, delightful soprano voice has made its way into the hearts of Gospel Music lovers across the country. Over the past four years, New River has had five consecutive #1 songs in Southern Gospel Music. We love Karen Peck for her genuine, honest love for the Lord and her caring nature toward God's people everywhere. This group has been a long-time favorite at Sandy Pines Chapel, and we are delighted to welcome them back.

July 13

"Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me." Psalm 31:3



The Browns

The Browns have been touring across the United States since the group began its full-time ministry ten years ago. Shelly, Michaela, Adam, and Andrew continue the family tradition of delivering the powerful message of the gospel through word and song to audiences of all ages. Besides touring, the Browns manage to stay plenty busy on their farm property west of LeMars, Iowa, which has served to become somewhat of a haven for the family away from the road. "We enjoy life at home. There's just something about being in the country."

July 20



Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass

They've become an every-other-year tradition, and this is the summer to welcome back Tim Zimmerman and The King's Brass. By teaming together, these Christian professionals from around the United States perform original arrangements. The King's Brass perform over one hundred concerts each season with three trumpets, three trombones, a tuba, keyboards, and percussion. From Gabrieli to hymn classics, from Handel to jazz spirituals, from Christmas carols to patriotic marches, The King's Brass uses all corners of the concert venue to lift hearts and spirits in praise.

July 27



Triumphant Quartet

Formed in 2002, the then-named Integrity Quartet began their ministry together at the Louise Mandrell Theater in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. In December of 2004, after a nationwide contest to submit entries, Integrity Quartet changed their name to Triumphant. We have followed the singing career of Triumphant since those early days, and this group has become a definite favorite in our concert series. Let's welcome back Clayton, David, Sott, Eric and Jeff as they minister to us and testify that "Christ is the reason we sing."

August 3



The Collingsworth Family

Since their first engagement together as musicians for a church camp in Petersburg, Michigan in August, 1986 until now, the ministry God has given Phil & Kim has expanded and flourished until it is a full-time livelihood that involves their entire family - including Brooklyn, Courtney, Olivia and Phillip. They have sung and played all over the United States (as well as internationally) into their 27th year of ministry. Set your chairs early for this concert, as this evening is probably the best-attended vesper service of the season. Sandy Pines Chapel loves the Collingsworth family!

August 10

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge. He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold." Psalm 18:2



Guy Penrod

"The closest definition I've found for my music is life music. I have my wife, Angie, who's been the love of my life for twenty-five years, and we have eight wonderful kids, seven boys and one girl ages eighteen down to four that we homeschool. I live in the country on a farm in a log house and drive a tractor and a Ford F-350." Guy Penrod is in every sense of the word a man cut from the cloth of rugged individualism. This is evident in the tracks of his first solo country album project, BREATHE DEEP - the creative thumbprint of a man with strong values and a positive worldview that harkens back to deep roots in faith and family.

August 17



Tribute Quartet

"Preserving the heritage and promoting the future of Southern Gospel music" was the goal...to pay homage to the legends its members grew up admiring, to carry that torch respectfully, and yet to create a sound uniquely their own. Gary Casto (lead and MCI), Josh Singletary (a smooth baritone and pianist), Riley Harrison Clark (a clear, pure, powerful tenor), and Anthony Davis (a crowd-pleasing bass), make up this quartet that sings from the heart, aims for the heart, and clearly loves this music it has been called and blessed to share.

August 24



Avalon

When you hear "Avalon" you may think of one or more of their number one hits: "Adonai", "Can't Live a Day" or "Testify to Love", to name a few. However, there is much more to this dynamic quartet than meets the eye. Their desire to deliver a message of hope and ultimate love, freely offered from Jesus Christ, and to blatantly declare their devotion to Him through the words of every song they sing. This 3-time Grammy Nominated, American Music Award and Dove award winning Christian artist is composed of two married couples; Greg and Janna Long, and Jeremi and Amy Richardson.

August 31

By-Laws/Rules & Permit Committees by Stan Robbins

Welcome back Sandy Piners!

As I write this article down here in sunny Florida, I began to realize that when you read this, we will be just short of a month into our season. My committees will have already met at least once, maybe twice. Last year was a very busy time for these committees, and as I look at my Legal Pad of notes scribbled out over the winter, this year will be an exciting year for us, again.

I have very dedicated committee members from last year and have also added some fresh faces. With our new members, come fresh ideas and new perspectives to help us make Sandy Pines an even better place to be.

Please read your Rule Book and become familiar with it. Remember to clean your lots by June 1st, or have it done by one of our Contractors by that date. Our committee would rather not have to deal with this issue after that date.

We have many issues to deal with this year, and hopefully some of them will be completed by our May Board meeting, so that your Board could discuss and vote on them. Please take a couple of hours, once a month, and attend our Board Meetings, we would love to see you there.



Five Minutes Tardy will be playing for Sandy Pines on June 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the core area by the Ice Cream Shop. Five Minutes Tardy is a local band, originally made entirely up of educators. Primarily a cover band, FMT chooses songs that people love to hear and maybe are even a touch embarrassed to admit that they love to hear them. It all goes back to good sounds, good lyrics, and great fun. Be sure to come and enjoy a great show! For more information about the band, please visit their Facebook page www.facebook.com/fiveminutestardy.

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Adult Recreation by Mary Applehof

We are planning so many new things at Sandy Pines for this summer so keep checking the Weekend Flyers and our Events Calendar – because you do not want to miss a thing!

For our Youth: Last year, we had Teen Dances that were a big hit - so we are continuing them this summer! The dance dates are June 20, July 26 (Halloween costume dance) and August 15. These dances are for anyone 13 years of age, and older. For the Holiday Weekend, tournaments include Tennis, 3-on-3 Basketball, and Teen Beach Volleyball. On Saturday, we will have the treasure dig for kids, 2-8 years old, Night Glow Mini-Golf, Remote Control Car Races (bring your cars charged), and of course, movies will be shown at the Recreation Station. Our summer schedule is available on our website or at the Administration Office.

Tennis Lesson Registration is on May 24th from 9-10:30 am, at the Recreation Station. Registration is important to ensure proper level placement and even class sizes. If you are not available for lesson registration over the Memorial Weekend, please e-mail us at recreation@sandypines.com and we will get back with you.

We are fortunate that Don Collison has agreed to come back and run the Youth Tennis program for us! This year, we will be welcoming Mike Vanderwall, who will be running our adult lessons on Thursday evenings. Welcome aboard Mike!

We are happy that Dave DeMey has agreed to run the golf lessons again this year. We will have 7-12 year olds from 11 am-Noon and 13-17 year olds from Noon-1:00 pm. There is no charge for the lessons, but you must bring your own clubs. Adults 17 & up: Beginners 9-10 am and Intermediate 10-11 am. All lessons are at the Golf Course.

For ages 13 and older – We will be having Zumba every weekday morning from 9-10 am at the Recreation Station. We are adding another Zumba class on Mon. and Wed. mornings from 10:15-11

am, called Zumba Gold. This will be for those who would like to do Zumba, but at a slower pace. Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance fitness program that incorporates Latin and International music, with dance movements for all ages. You do not need to know how to dance, just move your body and follow along. Zumba is a fun and happy disguised way of exercise! Come and check out these fitness programs and you will get hooked! Both classes begin the week of June 16.

May 26, is our annual Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial starting at 9:30 am. This is always a very nice way to begin our summer by recognizing our Veterans, saying thanks for their service to our country, and providing us the freedoms we all enjoy.

The Boaters Safety class is scheduled for Sat. June 14, from 8 am to 2 pm at the Recreation Station. The class is free, and you may register by e-mailing us at recreation@sandypines.com. Boater's Safety Certificates are required for persons 12 to 15 years of age, who wish to operate a motor boat in Michigan. A boater's Safety Certificate is required for anyone born after Dec. 1978, in order to operate a personal watercraft. A certificate is also required of any adult who will be supervising a child, 12 or 13 years of age, in the operation of a personal watercraft. You will need to bring a pencil and a sack lunch.

The Cardboard Boat Regatta is schedule for Saturday, June 21!

The 14th Annual Member/Guest Golf Outing is scheduled for Saturday, June 7. You will find a registration form in this newsletter. Hope to see you there!

The Civil War Re-enactment will be held June 27-29. We will have authentic Civil War Artifacts in the Pavilion from 10 am to 4 pm on June 21st. We are looking for someone willing to video all of the Civil War events. If you are interested, please give Mary Applehof a call – 616-318-3492.

Drive-in Movies will be held on June 21, July 19, and August 16. Be sure to put them on your calendar.

Try to keep up with all of our fun this summer!



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Park and Garden

by Jack Schmidt

Activity in the Park is increasing each week. It is great to be back and getting ready for the summer months.

Park and Garden will open for retail business Memorial Day weekend. During the month of May, we will be busy getting softeners hooked up, preparing the store for business, and getting the golf carts ready for the busy summer.

New this year are several products for the holding tanks that are friendly to the septic system. Stop buy and check them out. We will also be carrying bundled firewood for your campfire needs.

If you need stone, mulch, peat moss, sand or dirt for your landscaping needs we will make deliveries during May, by appointment.

If you haven't ordered your softener yet, you can still do so by calling 616-896-9334, and leave and message. We will call you back within 24 hours.

We will have golf carts for rent again this year, and added to our fleet will be two, six passenger gas carts. You can start to make your reservations for the golf carts by calling the P & G. Don't wait until the holiday weekends, as we usually have waiting lists. Get your reservation in now.

The Gas Marina will open up on the weekends starting with Memorial Day. When the weather is good we will be open Friday night, Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

We also have Kayaks for rent this year. Stop by Park and Garden this year to find out all of the great things we have for our members here at Sandy Pines.

Country Café and Country Store News

by Craig VanNoord and Carol Brower

Spring has finally sprung here at Sandy Pines. We, at the Country Café, and now, The Country Store as well, would like to wish everyone a Blessed Easter and a big WELCOME BACK!!

The Cafe will be open 7:30 am - 12:30 pm, April 26 and 27; May 2, 3 and 4; and May 9, 10 and 11. We are then back to our normal schedule of being open every day except Tuesday, from 7:30 am - 12:30 pm. We have added some new items to the menu and look forward to another season of Fun, Friends, and Food.


As you may have noticed, I mentioned The Country Store. That is now under our management also. We have been working hard to turn it into a real 'Park Store' with toys, novelties, and all the clothing items that were previously available at the office. There will be groceries and household items too, and of course a wide variety of candy.

Stop in often, as we plan to add new items to the clothing line, as well as novelties. This is a new venture for us, as well as the Park, so your input is welcomed. What would you like to see at your store? Please feel free to stop by and let us know!

**SANDY PINES MEMBER/GUEST GOLF OUTING
14TH ANNUAL 9-HOLE SCRAMBLE**

Now is the time to sign up for the 14th Annual Sandy Pines Member/Guest Golf Outing! This Outing has an 18 team limit, so be sure to sign up soon!
The Golf Outing is planned for Saturday, June 7th. Prizes for Men's and Mixed Teams Longest Drive (in fairway); Longest Putt; Closest to the Pin and Lowest Team Score.

This will be a 'Shot Gun' 4-Person Scramble format that allows us to all have lunch together. The Scramble is open to everyone - so sign up today! All proceeds go to your Golf Course Improvements!



**Sandy Pines 14th Annual Member/Guest Golf Outing
Saturday, June 7, 2014**

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Frequently Asked Questions

Research for the improvement of technological amenities for Guests and Members of Sandy Pines, along with our desire to raise the levels of products and services, has offered us a new opportunity, however with it came a number of questions from the Members.

This FAQ is an

attempt to answer some of those questions, however we intend to have Open Forums at the Face to Phase meetings where we will field questions that are yet to come.

Sandy Pines is committed to using technology for good (much like the smiley face in emails). We hope to use this technological leap forward to assist the Park with items of safety, responsiveness and cost savings when implementing new conveniences. Many of the questions are listed below, however we invite you to call or email us if you have any other questions.

Sandy Pines Internet FAQ's

Q. Do I have to purchase internet?

A. No. Sandy Pines internet is completely voluntary.

Q. How much does the Sandy Pines Internet cost?

A. The \$45 fee will be a 6 month fee or a total of \$270 annually for 2014, but may be subject to change thereafter.

Q. How much is it to install the internet?

A. There is no charge for installation

Q. Do I have to purchase a modem?

A. No. The \$270 fee will be a 6 month fee annually, which includes the modem. This fee will be billed in two segments: \$135 in April on your renewal and \$135 in July, for 2014. (subject to change thereafter) These will be billed directly to the member account.

Q. Is the Sandy Pines internet and the wireless internet the same?

A. No, currently we are keeping the wireless internet offering available, but it is not the same or included in the Sandy Pines Internet. The Sandy Pines wireless service has the ability to have one device connected to it at a time with a maximum bandwidth of 3 Mbp. The Sandy Pines Charter internet service can handle unlimited devices and has a bandwidth of 60 Mbp.

Q. Can I get wireless with the Sandy Pines Charter internet?

A. Yes. Any wireless router (purchased separately) will work with the Sandy Pines internet

Q. Where can I buy a wireless router?

A. There are many online retailers as well as local retailers close by that can assist you.

Q. Can I purchase Internet directly from Charter Communications?

A. No. All Charter will be canceled in 2015 and Sandy Pines Charter Service or WiFi internet will be the only offerings in the Park.

Q. Can I hook up more than one device to Sandy Pines Charter internet?

A. Yes. Each modem is capable of handling several devices including MAC, PC, Linux, Unix, VPN, P2P, TIVO, Xbox, PS3, PS4, IOS, Chrome books, Apple TV, Smart TV, Netflix's, Multicast devices, Unicast devices and just about anything else you can think up.

Q. Can I share internet with my neighbor?

A. There is not a way that Sandy Pines can stop this from happening, however if/when this is done each member must be aware that sharing is daring! Do you trust your neighbors with access to your connection?

Q. Who do I call to get signed up?

A. Member Services at the Administration Office 616-896-8315 or email memberservice@sandypines.com.

Q. How do I pay for the Sandy Pines Charter internet?

A. The \$135 of the \$270 fee for the Sandy Pines Charter internet services will be billed directly to your member account. The other \$135 will be billed in July. These fees are for 2014 and may be subject to change thereafter. All fees are nonrefundable, and will not be a prorated charge if canceled.

Q. Do I have to turn in the modem at the end of the season?

A. No. Unless you choose to not renew your internet service, the modem can stay at your site and will be ready for you next season.

Q. Do I have to be at my site to get hooked up?

A. Yes. If you choose to have Charter install your Sandy Pines Charter internet, Charter will schedule a time with the member to have the internet installed and verified at their site. In the future we may be able to acquire a self-service model modem. If you choose to install the modem yourself, you can simply sign up at Admin. and take a modem with you. (subject to availability)

Q. What if I sell my site during my contract with Sandy Pines internet?

A. The Seller may have the service transferred to the buyer if the Buyer wants to continue the service. The other option will be for the Seller to cancel the service prior to closing and return the modem to Administration.

Q. I come to Sandy Pines to get away from the internet. Why would Sandy Pines bring an internet offering to the Park?

A. Precisely why internet service is an option, and not mandatory. However some Members require a solid internet connection for communication and business connectivity while at the Park. Additionally, it is our hope that the internet connection will become a conduit to better cell phone service in the future.

Q. What if I already signed up for Charter internet?

A. The service will be canceled after the 2014 season and you will have the option to contract with Sandy Pines Admin. office at 616-896-8315 or email memberservice@sandypines.com.

Q. What if I already signed up for wireless internet?

A. You may call Member Services and cancel your Sandy Pines Wireless Service when you order the Sandy Pines Charter Service 616-896-8315 or email memberservice@sandypines.com.

Q. Does having internet raise my annual dues?

A. No. The Sandy Pines internet services are not part of your dues.

Q. Can I purchase internet for only a month or a day at time?

A. No. The Sandy Pines internet is meant to be a long term, hassle free, year after year service. The fees are non-refundable and will not be prorated.

Q. What if I want to only buy a month, week or day at time?

A. Currently Sandy Pines continues to offer that service via the Sandy Pines wireless internet, but not for the Sandy Pines Charter internet service, at this time.

Q. What if I no longer want the Sandy Pines Charter or Wifi internet offering after I signed up for it?

A. Please notify the Member Services and we will cancel the service, however there will be no refund or proration for any unused time.

Q. Is there a lower speed offering that is less expensive?

A. No. The speed is set as well as the pricing structure.

Q. Can I bring my modem home with me at the end of the season?

A. No. The modem is meant to stay onsite and is the property of Sandy Pines.

Q. Do I own the modem or does Sandy Pines?

A. For the length of the contract with Charter communication the Park is

responsible for the modems and therefore remains in ownership of them. Replacement modems will be billed to your Member account.

Q. Will Sandy Pines be able to see what I do on the internet?

A. No. Sandy Pines is not monitoring any information.

Q. Can I filter or restrict the internet from inappropriate items?

A. Yes. Filtering can be done with open DNS or other free services. Filter is not included at this time with Sandy Pines internet. Please let us know if you would be interested in it for the future.

Q. Will Sandy Pines help me hook up my wireless router?

A. No. Sandy Pines is not in the technology services business.

Q. Will Charter Communications help me hook up my wireless router?

A. No. Charter Communications responsibility ends at the end of the modem connection.

Q. Does Sandy Pines have any one on staff that is a technical contact?

A. Not at this time.

Q. I want to complain, whom shall I call?

A. Memberservice@sandypines.com or call 896-8315. They will do their best to get you to the right people.

Q. Does the Sandy Pines internet help with cell phone signal in the Park?

A. Currently it does not. (see an option in the next Q/A below) However we are utilizing the fiber optical cable to help assist carriers to build voice communications throughout the park. We understand this is priority to most and is part of this first phase rollout of technology and front runs phase two.

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Q. Can I get cell phone booster and put it on my Sandy Pines internet connection?

A. Yes. These are offered at many different online retailers and are somewhat simple to configure.

Q. Will Sandy Pines internet be offered to everyone in the park?

A. Yes. This was a priority of the technology offering. Sandy Pines values each and every member and desires to offer equal service to each.

Q. The wireless internet connection worked great last year. Why would Sandy Pines need to have a different internet offering?

A. The wireless service works and worked great for some and for some it didn't. The service was only offered in certain phases and not in others. Sandy Pines is committed to offering excellent services to all members of the community.

Q. How do I get involved with decisions and direction of technology and Sandy Pines?

A. Sandy Pines has started a technology committee. If you are interested in joining this committee or any other please call Kathy Brott in the Admin office or email her at kathy@sandypines.com.

Q. I have a bunch of trees on my site. Will this affect the Sandy Pines Charter internet?

A. No. Sandy Pines internet offering is utilizing the existing underground coax cable to each site. It is not relying on the signal to travel from a distance to another distance and beholden to what is in the middle.

Q. Why couldn't Sandy Pines get a better deal for such a large number of customers?

A. Although Sandy Pines is larger than some cities, it is only really occupied for 90 days out of the year and coupled with that, its

geographic location is not really near another big city. The cost of bringing the services into Sandy Pines does come at more of a premium.

Q. Why did Sandy Pines decide on Charter Communications?

- A. Three main reasons:
 - a. The ability to bundle the cost of the cable TV along with the internet feed and the fiber optic cable gave us leverage to help bring Sandy Pines technologically up-to-date.
 - b. They were the least expensive. We compared other services and providers and Charter came in lower.
- B. In order to keep the cost down, we leveraged the coax cable to each site that is currently owned and maintained by Charter Communications.

Have a question or an idea please call the Administration Office at 616-896-8315 or email memberservice@sandypines.com.

Memorial Day

We, here at Sandy Pines, will once again observe **Memorial Day on May 26th**, with a brief service at the Veteran's Memorial, at 9:30 am, followed by cookies and coffee at the Recreation Station. This year we are honored to have **David Baron, Retired Lt. Colonel, United States Army**, as our speaker. Please join us for a time to honor and remember those who gave their all, so that we could know the meaning of freedom.

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday which occurs every year on the final Monday of May. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the Union and Confederate soldiers who died in the Civil War. By the 20th century, Memorial Day had been extended to honor **all** Americans who have died while in the military service. It typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

Long Range Planning Committee News

by Rog Grinwis

Those of us who were available from the LRP committee, met on Wednesday, April 16, to review information from last year's meetings and to work on ideas/projects for the future.

We currently have a few buildings in need of repair and/or replacement, and we will look into what would be the best steps to take.

Long Range Planning will meet again on May 21, at 3:30pm, in the Administration Building.



Safety Department News by Steve Deyarmond

Preparing for the spring/summer:

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.
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 water craft 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 a child that turned 12 during the off-season, and wishes to operate a golf cart this summer, please stop by 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 may lose your boat stake.
10. If you have moved, changed your phone number or e-mail address, please stop by or call the Member Service office with your 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.
13. Put a current list of medications and health issues in your medicine cabinet.

Carp Contest:

The Ranger Dept. will sponsor a carp contest during the month of May. Entry fee is \$10. You may enter in person, or members may enter over the phone, by calling us at 616-896-9006 anytime during the month. A \$100 prize will be awarded to the entrant with the highest amount of total weight of all catches. Carp must be weighed at the Ranger Station and be caught from Lake Monterey.

Bass Contest:

The Ranger Dept. is also sponsoring a Bass Contest Memorial Day weekend beginning Saturday, May 24, and ending May 26, at 3 pm. Entry fee is \$10. A prize of \$100 will be awarded to the entrant with the largest Bass, determined by weight. Entrants must sign up prior to the start of the contest. Please sign up at the Ranger Station or call to sign up. Bass must be caught in Lake Monterey. The Ranger Department supports catch and release.

Weather Siren Testing:

Allegan County Emergency Management and 911 Central Dispatch, test and activate the Weather Siren located within Sandy Pines on the fourth Friday of each month at 11 am. The Siren will last about 1-3 minutes.

Severe Weather:

Please take the time to discuss with your family your emergency plan for severe weather. Discuss where you plan to take shelter, where to meet after a storm (if separated), where to take shelter if out in the Park, and what to do if out on the lake.

Early warning preparation suggestions:

Be aware of changing weather conditions and weather forecasts. Listen to local radio and television stations. Purchase a NOAA weather radio. These commonly have a weather

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Calling All Musicians, Singers, and/or Musical Groups

We're hoping to continue "Concert in the Core" for the 2014 Camping Season, featuring musically talented members 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 program for 2014, know of someone who is, or you would simply like more information, please contact Mary Applehof at Adult Rec. by calling 616-896-8315 x 112 or e-mail recreation@sandypines.com.

We had a couple of performances last summer, and they were enjoyed by the membership! The concerts were very laid back and were a great addition to our camping experience here at Sandy Pines!

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alert tone that activates when watches or threatening weather approaches. These will alert you to changing conditions and wake you as you sleep. You may also sign up for severe weather alerts for your cell phone at WOODTV. To do this go to woodtv.com/text-alerts and follow the sign up instructions.

Refrigerators/Freezers:

If you are replacing a refrigerator or freezer please have the vendor take your old appliance. Sandy Pines will not be accepting disposal of appliances.

Senior Adult Activities

by Carol Hoffman

It's time to begin our activities for the 2014 season. I would like to welcome you all back to Sandy Pines, and I hope you have a wonderful summer! Recreation has so many great activities planned for this summer that you should have no time to be bored. Be sure to pick up a 2014 schedule of the Senior Adult Recreation activities at any of our events.

May Potluck – Friday, May 2nd at 5:30 pm in the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Mayfest Free Bingo – Saturday, May 3rd, 2-4 pm, in the Pavilion for ages 10 and up. Popcorn and water will be available.

Regular Bingo – Saturday, May 17th, 7 pm, in the Pavilion for ages 18+. Cards are 4/\$1, and you play on these cards all night. Popcorn and water will be available.

Memorial Day Free Bingo – Monday, May 26th, 2-4 pm, in the Pavilion for ages 10 and up. Popcorn and water will be available.

June Potluck – Friday, June 6th, 5:30 pm, in the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome.

Karaoke is planned for Friday, June 27; Friday, July 25 and Friday, August 22. These will be held in the Adult Recreation Center from 7-9 pm.

Golf Cart Poker Runs are planned for Saturday, July 26 and Saturday, August 23, at 2 pm. We need lots of help for the poker runs, so please let me know if you are willing to help with one or both of them. Call me at 896-7996 or e-mail me at carjoyhoff@aol.com, and put Poker Run in the subject line.

Potlucks are the first Friday of each month in the Pavilion, from May through September. Please bring a dish to pass, your tableware and drink. A Potluck/Soup Supper is scheduled for Octoberfest, Saturday, October 4th at 5:30 pm. **Regular Bingo** is the third Saturday of each month from May through September. **Free Bingo** is on all holidays, plus Mayfest, Octoberfest and August 2nd. If you have any prize donations for the free bingo, please drop them in the 'Free Bingo Donation Box' on my porch at Site 345. Thank you!

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We have two trips scheduled this summer, with Rog Grinwis, Signature Events Coordinator.

The first one is **"Brown Bags, Amish Traditions and Haystack Dinners!"** and will take place on Thursday, July 10th, with a cost of \$99/person. We will leave Sandy Pines at 6:45 am and return around 9:15 pm. Reservations for this trip must be made by June 26th.

Our second trip is **"Pure Michigan - Traverse City"** on August 12th, with a cost of \$98/person. We will leave Sandy Pines at 6 am and return around 10 pm.

You may make your reservations at Member Service, and you may charge your account for the cost of the trip(s). We hope that you will plan to join us for an enjoyable time!

The Tiger's Baseball Game Trip sold out quickly! We currently have a waiting list, if you are interested in putting your name on it. The game is August 28th against the New York Yankees, Additional information available at Member Service.

Wall Art

This is not new....but it sure was a great idea! We are searching, once again, for artistically talented Sandy Pines members to enter their artwork to hang on the walls in the Administration Office. We did this last summer and we had amazing art displayed for the summer of 2013.

We are looking for five winning pieces that will be on display for two summers. Artwork must be something that has not previously been entered in our contests. We would like for it to reflect some aspect of Sandy Pines. Your art can be of any medium: photos, paintings, sculpture, or whatever you choose. Entries must be submitted on, or before, Saturday, June 14. Entries will be on display in our library through Saturday, June 22. The selection of the winning exhibits will be decided by membership votes. Individuals 16 years of age and older, will have one vote.

Prizes are as follows: 1st place - \$150; 2nd place - \$100; 3rd place - \$75; 4th place - \$50 and 5th place - \$25. For more information, please contact Mary Applehof at the Recreation Station.

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Sympathy is Extended to the Following Members and their Families:

Art Overweg, Site N-4, on the passing of his wife, **Connie**, on November 10th. Art and Connie are Charter Members. Besides her husband, Art, she leaves behind her children, James & Barbara Overweg and Arlen & Linda Scholten. She also leaves four grandchildren and their spouses, and seven great-grandchildren. **Jeremy Overweg**, grandson, is a Sandy Pines Park Ranger. Connie enjoyed her time at Sandy Pines and golf cart rides.

Morrie Gabrielse, Site D-18, on the passing of his wife, **Harlene**, on April 12th. Sympathy is also extended to her daughter, **Sheryl Eytcheson**, Site D-19.

The Family of Francis Breen, Site 1062, on his passing at 91 years of age, on April 19th. Family members include: **Daughter, Sandy**, Site 1062; **Son and Daughter-in-law, Greg & Jan**, Site 1061; **Grandsons, Greg Breen Jr. and Kelsey**, Site 923; **Scott & Michelle Brooks**, Site 1314; and **Joe & Tracy Barone**, Site N-224.

Ed & Pearl Trojanowski, Site N-225, on the passing of their mother, Isabella Selvig, on April 19th. Isabella was 93 years old.

Helping Hands

For those of you who have been involved in our Helping Hands Group for the past couple of seasons, please note that the first meeting will be on June 2nd, at 10 am, in the Pavilion. **Judy VanKlompenburg**, will once again be organizing this group, and we thank her for the work she puts into this activity!

Thank you, in advance, to all of you who share your time to help with this endeavor.

Attention Sandy Pines Dog Owners:

If you would like to volunteer a small amount of your time to help keep the Dog Park clean, please let Kathy, in the office know, and she would be happy to give you the proper contact information (kathy@sandypines.com). We can always use more help!

When a group of us met last fall, there was discussion of what improvements could be made, to the Dog Park. We met and spent the day raking, removing walnuts, and trimming branches that were making their way over the fence. We asked for a load of sand to be delivered, so we could improve the entrance with patio stones. When members water their dogs, it creates mud! They are looking for 16" square patio stones to place there in the spring, to prevent the mud. If anyone has some that they would like to donate, you can give that information to Kathy, as well.

Sandy Pines is loved by families, and families bring their dogs. If our dogs are happy and get their exercise, they make our neighbors happy by not barking when we are not at the trailer!

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In June, we will be witnessing a reenactment of the Civil War with history events that will educate, accentuate, and help commemorate this period in history.

We begin with an Artifact Exhibit in the Pavilion from 10 am to 4 pm on June 21st. The following weekend includes a Civil War battle on both Saturday, June 28 and Sunday, June 29. Saturday morning, there will be a ladies fashion show, medical demonstrations, an artillery demo and infantry drills. Afternoon activities include a battle, another medical demo, camp life where you will be able to walk through the camp to see how they lived during this time, including the cooking and housing.

On Saturday evening, there will be dance lessons, a dance with a caller, and you will see how they danced during that time period. Following the dance we will witness the firing of the Cannons from the dam.

Sunday's activities include a church service open to the public, camp activities, a ladies fashion show, and another battle around 2 pm, which will include an artillery demonstration. Events begin at 9 am on both days, and will end Sunday around 3 pm.

We hope that you will come and enjoy some of the memorable history of the Civil War with us. This event is being hosted by the Battery D, 1st Michigan Light Artillery and the 1st Michigan Volunteer Infantry.

Aquatics by Kim Day

We will be having the Lifeguard Training Class again this year, June 7th-13th. This class will teach many important lifesaving and water safety skills, such as patron surveillance, water entries, water rescue skills, and back boarding. Participants will also learn CPR, First Aid, and how to use an AED. You will need to contact Chad Bareman, at cbareman@sbcglobal.net or call (616) 570-5942, to sign up for the class.

We will be opening the Indoor pool on Friday, May 16, 6-9 pm, Saturday, May 17, 1-5 pm and 7-9 pm, and Sunday, May 18, 1-5 pm. On Memorial Weekend, the Indoor & Outdoor pools will open Friday night from 7-9 pm and on Saturday, all pools will be open, weather permitting.

Watch the weekend Flyer's for the open pool hours, they will also be posted on the doors to the pools.

We are so ready for a wonderful and warm summer after the long cold winter we had.

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Grounds and Garden Club News by Nels Bouma

The snow is slowly disappearing. We need more sun and rain so I can find the Daylilies and Hostas! I managed to find some of the tall grasses.

We have trees cut on five rental lots and we just need to get the stumps ground out. We have also been working on new electrical upgrades so we'll have 30, 50 and 110 amp on one post, with water. This will make it easier for our campers.

The flowers at the Garden are perking their heads up. The Garden Club members can use them on their projects this year.

I couldn't believe all the stuff that Lon shared with me on my new job – and all of the enthusiasm he had. It was great to learn from him.

It's great to have people who are going to take care of the Circles, CCs and various areas in the Park, but there are some other areas where I could use your help. This year, please share with me what you see and think could stand some additional work. Either stop me when you see me out and about, or feel free to call me at 616-644-4691. I don't have e-mail.

Looking forward to seeing you all in a few weeks!

Park Inspector News by Ralph Smith

Who can believe that we are already into May, and that we are approaching the June 1st deadline for lot clean up? Remember, all tarps must be removed from items on your site, leaves raked, trailers washed, and over-all, the site must be clean and clutter free. As has been the Sandy Pines policy of the past, if you don't have your lot cleaned, the Park will have it done and add on cleaning fees, which will be billed to your Member account. Keep in mind, if you can't get out to clean your site or just want someone else to do it, please go online and contact one of the registered contractors listed, or give me a call, and I will give you names.

When you are going to have work done in the Park, we highly recommend the use of a registered contractor. Each contractor registered with the Sandy Pines Inspection Office has gone the extra mile to verify that they are licensed and insured properly, and that all of their employees have had background checks done for felonies, and felonies that require their employees to register on the Sex Offenders list.

New this year, all contractors are required to have Sandy Pines Picture I.D.'s. Among the benefits of using a registered contractor, is the fact that you, as a Member, are not required to sign in a registered contractor as a guest, nor is the Member required to be present with a registered contractor while the work is being done. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.



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Saturday, May 26th
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Member Outreach Committee

by Kelvin Kronemeyer

Do I even need to ask the question, "Are you ready for spring and the opening day...not of baseball...but the opening day of a new season of fun at Sandy Pines?" After a winter that many of you have had, I hear a resounding "Yes"! Well, so am I, and so is our Outreach committee. Therefore, I'm giving you some important reminders.

If you didn't get your membership certificates hand delivered by one of our committee members, please pick up yours at the office. For those of you whose membership was approved at either the September or October Board meeting, we made no attempt to personally deliver the certificates because both our committee members, and you, had left the Park for the season. Any new member who did not receive a new member packet last year, please give our committee until Memorial Day to prepare this year's packet and then request one from the office.

Anyone who became/becomes a member from October, 2013, to April 30, 2014, your membership will be approved at our Board meeting on May 16, 2014, at 7 PM. We encourage/urge YOU to be present to be introduced, and to receive your Membership Certificate in person.

Any new member from October, 2012, to the date of our New Member Orientation and Welcome Ice Cream Socials, who did not attend a social last summer, is invited to attend one of our socials this summer. We need to limit this to just members, not associate members, unless you just happen to have a grandchild or two with you that particular weekend. The dates, time and place for this summer are:

**Saturday Evening, June 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM
and
Saturday Evening, August 23 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM**

Both events will be held at the Outdoor Pavilion in the core area (by the Dairy Dip) unless there is inclement weather, in which case we will have an alternative location, to be confirmed later.

REMINDER TO ALL CHARTER MEMBERS – please plan to attend the special event that is scheduled to honor you, where we will present you with your special CHARTER MEMBER Footprints sign. The date is Saturday, May 31st at 6:30 pm at the Pavilion, in the Core Area.

All Sandy Pines members are invited and urged to attend this event to get acquainted, and help us honor and thank our Charter Members, for their many contributions over the years.

These are reminders. Be looking for any new plans/events the committee develops for this season. Your ideas are always welcome. This season we have begun leasing 24 golf carts for rental, replacing the aging carts that we have had for many years. You will also notice that a number of trees have been removed on the front nine. This should make for easier and speedier play. Our golf course is a wonderful asset to Sandy Pines. Many members have indicated that a key reason that they purchased a membership in Sandy Pines, or have continued to stay here, is the access to golf on our course.

The questions and comments about the golf course that were received this past year on the website have been valuable in making operational decisions. Please continue to give your opinions. Please include your name and site number when you send your questions and/or comments. You may also post your comments on our Facebook or Twitter accounts. We are hoping that our new social media will be of benefit to the members. It is a great way to keep everyone informed of what's happening with up to date and current information.



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Golf Course Committee Update by Ron Corstange

Welcome back to the 2014 golf season at Sandy Pines. We have survived an incredibly cold and snowy winter, but the warm weather is on its way. The huge amount of snow has created special challenges for the course, but we are confident that Jim Spray and the golf course staff, will soon have the course in great shape. We are all eager to get back to playing and seeing our friends again.

The Golf Course Advisory Committee is responsible for addressing various operational issues given to them, and making recommendations to the Park President and the Board of Directors. Two years ago, the decision was made by the Board of Directors, to include some golf course funding in the member's dues and have free golf for members and associate members through 2015. Also, the new tee-time reservation system is now operating very well. This year, Picture ID's will be required to play.

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For Sale – Site 39: Premier Waterfront! One of the best locations on the lake with a sunny, sandy beach in front, and no seawall to maintain. Front row seating for the Fireworks and easy in-and-out access of the main gate. Oakland Park Model, furnished, with fully closed in glass porch and deck, boat stake, paddle boat and two club cars w/full garage. Dues are paid for 2014. You can have it all for just \$127,500! Call after 7 pm: 616-375-8269 or 305-923-9405.

For Sale from Site 81: Set of bunk beds with mattresses – purchased in May, 2013, and NEVER used. Asking \$1,200. Please call 574-276-1039, if you would like to come and take a look at them. Currently set up in our bedroom.

For Sale - Site 407 – Phase 1: 1989 Mallard, new carpet, linoleum, blinds and

window treatments, 3-season room, shed, gas golf cart, firepit with landscaped yard, underground sprinkling in the back yard. Partially furnished plus several other improvements. Dues paid 2014. Asking: \$39,900. Call: 616-240-4214 to see by appt.

For Sale from Site 609: 10 x 28 brown screen room walls with 3 yr. old sliding windows and vertical blinds. No roof, but have trim. Asking: \$2,000 or best offer. Call 616-723-3990 or 269-793-7655.

For Sale - Site 669: 1991 Kropf Park Model, new roof, new decks and new windows on porch in 2011, two bedroom includes electric golf cart and storage shed. Also, new roof on porch will be installed from proceeds of sale. Stove, refrigerator, microwave and some furniture included.

Asking: \$28,000.00 cash. Call: 616-570-1024.

For Sale - Site 785 – Phase 2: Two bedroom Park Model, one Master and one bunk room w/bunk bed and fold down bed. Master has Queen sized Seeley Pillow top. Newer Berber throughout and most furniture and all appliances included. Large lot on the water with woods across. Great 'Up North' feel. Three year old 4-Season room w/insulated roof and walls. Floor is also insulated, full size hide-a-bed. Central air/heat ducted out to porch, propane fireplace with blower, 20' private dock with 40' of water frontage. Two golf carts, golf cart shelter plus 8x10 shed. Three tiered patio w/fire pit, close to Convenience Center. Asking \$84,900. Call: 734-915-1926 or 734-837-4415.

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Wanted at Site 802: Thinking of getting yourself a new trailer? We may be interested in taking a look at your gently used Park Model. We would like to upgrade and relocate your Park Model to our Site. Please call Phil or Rose at 616-335-2907 or e-mail us at rosehovinga@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

For Sale - Site 804: 1990 Casa Villa, one bedroom, golf cart, shared boat dock, great location on the no wake side of lake, quiet beach area, large deck and many up-grades! Great neighbors! This lot is on a Cul-de-sac with only 8 cottages. Asking \$95,000. Call Don at 313-319-2836.

Wanted at Site 1076: Used porch roof panels, standard size, 3-4 inches thick. Call/text Dennis, at 269-217-4534.

For Sale - Site 1125 - Phase 3: Trailer/lot/wooden deck, wooden golf cart shed with golf cart, very close to CC, eager to sell. Asking \$23,000 OBO. Call: 616-366-5968.

For Sale - Site 1287 - Phase 3: Beautiful Lakeview lot with new garage, nice golf cart with an extra large wooden shed. All of these items are three years old. Nice area, near tennis court and picnic shelter. Large 5th Wheel - sleeps six, with new laminate floors Excellent condition. Large deck and a new awning. Must See! Asking: \$29,900. Call: 772-579-5729.

For Sale - Site 1350: Two and one half sites - with only one dues! 1999 Forest River trailer, 6 x 8 Shed and Golf Cart Shed. Great site with lots of possibilities for future Park Model, porch, etc. Must See! Asking

\$32,000 OBO. Call: 269-751-8444 or see Jim a Maintenance.

For Sale - Site N-1 - Phase 4: 1998 Canterbury w/double loft, new air conditioning unit in 2012. This is a beautiful waterfront location with a boat stake right in front of the site! 3-season porch, large deck and most furniture included. Garage w/lots of storage, one two-seat electric golf cart, lawn mower, stainless steel gas grill. Also includes a brick patio w/fire pit and a Great View of the Island! 2014 Dues are paid. This could be your beautiful, new summer home! Asking \$117,000. Call: 616-457-5739.

For Sale - Site N-23: 1996 Dutch Park with double loft. Beautiful lake view lot with boat stake plenty of parking and great access to beach. 2009 custom built porch with Pella sliding windows and doors, cottage style wainscoting, wood grain vinyl floor and custom window blinds. 2009 10x20 golf cart shed. 2009 10x14 composite deck with vinyl rails. 1992 Yamaha golf cart. Professionally landscaped, sodded yard with sprinkler system and patio furniture. Move in ready, fully furnished. Great neighbors!! Asking \$89,500. Call Tom @ 815 693-3754.

For Sale - Site N-53: Park Model in a choice location near the lake. New roof and garage, boat stake, move in ready! Asking \$79,000. Call: 941-720-0909.

For Sale - Site K-28: 1983 Kropf one bedroom with 3-season porch, new hardwood flooring in kitchen/living room, some furnishings. Asking \$10,000, buyer must have removed from site. Will also sell separately. Please call 616-240-4214 for appt. or more information.

For Sale - Site K-39 - Phase 5: 2004 Dutch Park Signature model w/one bedroom and spacious loft. Premium 3-season porch with central heat and A/C. Located on Sailboat Cove channel with a beautiful main lake view and boat stake. Large 500+ sq. ft. custom decking. Price includes a 'must see' new garage w/lots of storage, 4-seat gas golf cart, underground sprinkling, brick patio

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w/fire pit. Fully furnished, move in condition. Asking \$122,900. Contact trryterry@aol.com or call 269-682-5052 for appointment. Also for sale: Electric Golf Cart w/2013 batteries, \$2,200; 20' Pontoon Boat w/40 hp Evinrude motor, \$3000; Honda Elite 50cc Moped, \$500.

For Sale from Site K-65: 1998 18' Playbouy Pontoon with 30 hp motor and a new cover. Excellent condition. Asking \$4,500. Call: 616-292-2323.

For Sale - Site K-90: 2004 30' Gulfstream Innsbruck with 14' slideout; Sunroom with wrap around deck, Four Winns Boat with trailer, boat stake with shared dock 2 golf carts and shed. Call: 517-647-2855 or 517-285-5119. Asking \$38,500.

For Sale - Site K-261: 2007 27' Springdale Trailer w/slideout, 32' deck, golf cart and golf cart garage, 8x8 shed, full sized refrigerator in shed, picnic table, lawn mower, new gas grill, fire pit, folding chairs and boat stake. Dues are paid for 2014. JUST REDUCED to \$31,900. Call: 616-245-2926 or 616-406-0991. Will sell site and trailer separately.

For Sale - Site K-334: 1985, 34' unit. Great for weekends or an all-summer retreat. Large attached 3-season porch. Large deck and brick patio with firepit. Extra wide sea wall (just re-stained). Right in the center of Lake Monterey. Great fishing lake. Gated community. One bedroom with two pullout couches on porch. Large 18'x10' garage for golf cart and all your tools and toys. Wonderful view of the lake and beautiful sunsets. Boat stake and swimming

area right in front of cottage. Underground sprinkling and plenty of electric outlets outside. Could possibly include 18 1/2 foot Sea Ray boat. Tubes (one bought just last summer and one beauty - "Big Mable"). Tow ropes, life jackets. 70 HP motor. She really gives the kids a fun ride. Great for fishing or just cruising around the lake too. Asking: \$95,000. Call: 616-212-8930

For Sale - K-454 - Phase V: Beautiful Lake Front, No Wake Zone, 2007 Dutch Par Classic Double Loft Park Model, All Season Custom Sunroom, Premier Legend Pontoon Boat, Bimini Cover & Sea Legs, Two Golf Carts, New Garage, Professionally landscaped, Brick Fire Pit Area, Pond, Fully Furnished, Move in Ready. For appointments & Inquires Call: 734-564-4446

For Sale - Site D-73: Beautiful one bedroom Park Model on the lakefront with a full sized glass porch. This unit is in excellent shape and is fully furnished so you can walk in & relax! Central air in both the porch and Park Model, and the lot has underground sprinkling!! Large deck facing the lakefront and a large golf cart garage with one gas golf cart. This unit has a boat stake directly in front as well! Asking \$104,900. Call Kathy x 113 or Dale x 114, in the Sales Office for details, 616-896-8315.

For Sale - Site D-102: 2003 Trophy one Bedroom Park Model w/Deck and Porch roof. Lakefront view w/boatstake. Ready to move in. Dues Paid. Large central air conditioner on outside of trailer. Small shed. Asking \$97,500. Call: Jim at 616-745-4026 to discuss. Willing to sell lot with different trailer, to fit your needs.

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