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Letter from the Chairman of the Board

by Kel Kronemeyer

LET THE FUN BEGIN!

Wow! Sandy Pines is back in business to welcome us back to family fun and more precious memories. As I write this, on tax day, I hope your tax return is filed and you do get a return. On this day or perhaps a few days prior, the water has been turned on. In less than a week my wife and I will be heading north to our second and beloved home.

Before the fun, however, there is work and responsibility. I wonder how much clean up there is to do, how many leaves have to be raked, will the weather cooperate with my limited free time? Meetings are being scheduled so your board and committees do their part to make Sandy Pines a fun and happy place. Therefore, let me remind you, that all is not fun and games. While many are having fun, many more are working hard to serve you. Let us be grateful, be respectful and always be ready to share the load by looking for ways that you can volunteer. The saying goes..."many hands make light work".

See **CHAIRMAN** on page 3...

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CHAIRMAN continued...

Now, let's have fun! There will be many opportunities. Your mind is already beginning to imagine many of them. I'm sure you will agree with me that everything is more fun when communication is working like a fine oiled machine. When we are tense, angry, upset and disrespectful, it is hard to have fun when it is surrounding us on all sides. Often, in the midst of a party, fun-loving atmosphere, things change in an instant with miscommunication. We, as a staff and as a board, are doing everything possible to improve communication. This year we are going to have a Board of Directors Tent set up at each of our Flea Markets staffed by at least two board members to get acquainted, share information, answer questions, and hear your creative suggestions for improvements to our Park. We are asking you to be respectful and offer positive solutions to your situations. Remember, we are your servants, not your whipping persons. We invite you to stop by and tell us what we are doing well. Everyone has more fun when we offer praise, instead of criticism. We hope this initiative will be one more thing to enhance having fun at Sandy Pines. I'm looking forward to a fun filled summer!



Letter from the President

by Gene Van Koevering

Welcome Home!! It's so good to see activity beginning to happen here in the park after a season of silence without golf carts, boats and voices of laughter this past winter. Thank you to the many who have stopped by to say "Hi" and allowed us to welcome you back face to face. You have been missed!

Many of us will be moving out to the Pines this month to stay for the season, but it's our hope that you will enjoy the park and all that it has to offer, regardless of how often or how long you are here. Another sign that spring has arrived is that all of the Committees will begin meeting this month. I look forward to seeing all of those who volunteer their time, talent and energy to serving on one of the committees or one of the departments in the park, helping our Team to make Sandy Pines a beautiful place to be.

As you may know, we have a new channel line up on the Charter Cable TV, including four (4) Sandy Pines channels. Please familiarize yourself with these channels and their content. I encourage you to patronize those Retailers and Suppliers that are advertising on these channels. I'm hopeful that you will see many familiar businesses, as well as some new Advertisers that are taking advantage of this new communication tool.

As always, we are open to suggestions for channel content on these four new channels. We will continue to develop new content, some of which we will purchase and some of which we will develop internally, but if you have an idea...please let us know!

We have a full plate of things going on in 2015, so stay close to the calendar of events to avoid missing anything. Some events are returning this year, however, there are also many new events that have not been seen at Sandy Pines before!

Assuming that we all agree that Monterey Lake is one of the most important amenities we enjoy as a park community, we should also agree that a long term management plan will benefit generations to come, with a lake that is healthy and vibrant. Because we feel strongly about this, we have hired a Marine Environmental Services Company to conduct a Lake and Fishery

See **PRESIDENT** on page 4...

Think Spring!

PRESIDENT continued...

survey to help us formulate a long term plan, as well as provide us with short term goals and tasks.

The Lake and Fishery survey is tentatively planned for the evenings of May 4, 5 and 6, depending the water temperature. The purpose of this survey is to check the lake for the quantity and quality of the fishery food supply, species balance and species health. Part of the survey will be a method to send electrical currents into the lake, which will temporarily stun the fish and bring them to the surface where the species counts, as well as health and species balance, can be observed. During those evenings when the lake is being shocked, we may hear generators running, which is part of the equipment that will be required to shock the areas of the lake that will bring up the fish for counts, and allow them to remove a portion of unwanted species.

The marine survey company will also be checking the lake depths for any underwater soil movements or changes, as well as surveying the area in Sailboat Cove, to help us determine how best to treat that area for long term health and depth control. All of these tasks are being done to assist us in formulating a long term Management Plan for the Lake and Fishery. I appreciate your patience as this work is conducted. If the dates change, we will notify the membership on Facebook, our website, as well as posting the change on our Cable Channels and on bulletin boards.

The golf committee will reconvene this month and develop a ballot for 2015. We have all the data gathered from the survey taken last fall/winter, as well as a number of comments and suggestions for the committee to review. When they present their ballot proposal, please learn all you can about the proposal so you understand it completely, then get out to vote in August to make your choice known.

This year, we will again have three positions available for the Board of Directors, so if you have the skill sets and the desire to help Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course successfully navigate through the challenges and opportunities ahead, please come in and get a packet from the office for Board Candidacy.

We have negotiated for a movie rental kiosk to be placed in the Recreation Station for 2015. More details are on page 13. This will be similar to Red Box, which many of you have used in the past, however these units are owned and operated by a Michigan Small Business, and we look forward to working with them this year.

Be sure to read all the departmental reports in this issue so you are fully informed. It's amazing that those of us who write articles, still hear from a number of Members that they are unaware what is happening here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey. Certainly the Footprints will continue to be provided, however the new Sandy Pines TV channels will most certainly be one of the best communication tools the park has ever had, as a source of information for all our Members and Staff.

Thank you again for your support and words of encouragement to all of your Staff here at Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. Oh...and don't forget to stop down at the course and introduce yourself to our new Manager, Gary Peters. I'm sure he'll enjoy meeting you all.

Finally, thank you again for the extreme privilege to work with such a talented staff, in a tremendous place, for a wonderful group, like you!!

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Inspector News

by **Ralph Smith**

Here we are into May already, and boy it is nice to see everybody returning to the park!

Just a quick reminder of the June 1st deadline to have your lot cleaned up. This includes making sure your trailer and porch are clean, along with golf cart garages and sheds. All tarps need to be removed from trailers, porches and garages, and you also need to make sure that you have your yards cleaned. After June 1st, any lot that we find that has not been cleaned, the Park will have it done, bill your account for the cleanup, plus an automatic \$100 fine. Please take care of your lot on your own, by the deadline. If you need help getting your lot cleaned up, check the Contractor's list for people who can be hired to do it for you.

One thing I would like everyone to look in to...if you have green area behind you, this is not to be used as a storage area. We need you to remove wood, toys, furniture and swing sets. Keep in mind that if you didn't get a permit to put something in the green area, it shouldn't be there. If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with me at inspector@sandypines.com or call me at 616-896-7286. Thanks!

Member Outreach Committee Update

by **Kel Kronemeyer**

What a privilege we have to welcome, as of April 16, 40 new members since our September Board meeting last fall. We welcome you, and promise to do everything possible to assimilate you and your family, into the Sandy Pines Community. Your membership will be approved at our May Board meeting, on Friday May 15, at 7 PM, in the core area indoor Pavilion. We urge you to be present so we can recognize and welcome you. You are all invited to one of our two (2) New Member Welcome and Orientation Ice Cream Socials scheduled for June 20 and August 22. Both dates are Saturday evenings, from 6-8 pm, at the Core Area Outdoor Pavilion.

Our first Member Outreach Committee meeting of the season will be Thursday, May 7, 4 pm at the Adult Recreation Center. We are looking for additional members. If this is your gift and you have a heart and desire to serve, please call or text me at 407-247-1534, or email me at **kkron6759@att.net**.

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Corner Café and Corner Store Update

by Craig Van Noord

Spring has sprung!! Welcome back Sandy Pines Family! The Cafe and Store are open weekends until Mother's Day. After that, hours will increase as demand requires.

We are always adding new items in the store, so come check them out. Soup is on again this year, as well as Byron Meats and Dutch Treat salads. Leaf bags and holding tank chemicals are in stock.

The Cafe will be trying out some new Specials on Wednesdays, such as Breakfast Bakes or Quiche, so watch for those.



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Member Service Update

by Mary Cooper

Spring Office Hours:

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Pumpouts:

Single pumpouts are \$12 each on your scheduled Phase day, and must be scheduled online through the Member Web Access. 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.** Callbacks 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 perhaps 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 2, May 23 (Memorial Day) and June 6. Spaces are \$30 and can only be reserved online through the Member Web Access. Flea Markets run from 9 am to 2 pm. Spaces are available for Garage Sales.

Address Changes:

Members who have winter addresses will need to let the office know to change you 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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Park and Garden News

by Jack Schmidt

Now that the Park is open and water is on, we look forward to providing for your needs again this summer.

We are currently installing Maynard Water Softeners for those members who have requested one. If you have not confirmed your reservation from last fall, when we picked up in October, or if you want a softener installed this year, for the first time, please let us know by sending an email to parkgarden@sandypines.com. (Please note new e-mail address).

Those of you who had a convertor box installed for the TV's last summer may need to do an auto scan of the channels when you re-connect this season. Mary, at Member Service, has directions or you can email the store, and we will send you a copy.

Just a reminder that the Park is requesting that the members avoid formaldehyde based toilet additives. All the products we sell at the Park and Garden will meet that standard.

Our store will be open for retail at end of May, but we are available now for deliveries and other items, by appointment. Call the store at 616-896-9334, and a staff member will call you back, and help to fill your needs.

We are currently taking reservations for golf cart rentals. We usually fill up for the holiday weekends early, so now is the time to get your reservations made. Call us at 616-896-9334 and leave a message, and we will get back to you to make the reservation, or send an email. We will have golf carts available for Memorial Day weekend. Get your reservation in soon.

The store will open on May 18th from 10 am to 4 pm, and then start full service hours beginning May 23rd. Hours will be Monday - Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, and Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm. We will be opening a few Sunday hours this summer for in-store sales with no deliveries. We will start the Sunday hours on June 7th and will open from Noon to 3 pm.



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Dog Park News

by Bill & Joanne VanderWall

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

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

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Technology Update

by Jon Novakowski

You truly know the season is upon us, when you hear leaf blowers roaring, and there is a line to get into the leaf dump.

As the technology committee is gearing up for another season, we focus on our goals and directions of this year, which include:

Cellular signal; Interconnection of park facilities; Better and stronger public wireless hot spots;

Unified integration of the security cameras and card access; Hosted/Virtual committee meetings for all committees; Interactive applications and resources for the park; Facility monitoring and reporting; Website updates and back-end application tie-ins.

Cellular voice quality at Sandy Pines is a number one priority for us. However, we are in need of your help to help make this goal happen. The cellular carriers need to hear our cries for better signal strength in our area! We have received and filed for all the necessary paper work to make the cellular tower happen, now we just need to get the carriers (Verizon, Sprint, ATT, etc.) to hear our pleas to bring the necessary equipment to our area. Included on page 20 in this newsletter is a form for you to use if you'd like to send a note to the carriers to help communicate to them what we are in need of.

We have begun the undertaking of interconnection of the park facilities through a "back haul" system. Currently, this is already connected the facilities/services in Phases 1, 4, 5, and 6. With this connection we plan to better monitor/expand/deliver the current or new services (Air Conditioning, hot water, lights, environmental, credit card, wireless hot spots, security, etc.)

This year we plan to host our committee meetings virtually, and hope to expand this to the other committees going forward, as a way to allow more members the ability to participate in the various committees. If you have wanted to join a committee, but have not been able to make the time of the meetings work, we hope this gives you the ability to get involved. We also hope this gives us the ability to host meetings so that we can continue the work of the committees during the off season.

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We are always looking for committee members to join us. You don't need to be a technical person to be on the committee. If you are interested please email us at SandyPinesTech@egearusa.com. Thank you for your consideration.

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Maintenance News

by Ben Fifelski

Spring is here and it's good to see a lot of you back, cleaning up your lots.

Please remember to place leaves and brush in the appropriate place at the dump. Thank you for not mixing garbage in with the compost. All construction materials must be placed in the compactor, this will help with keeping the cost of the dump cleanup down.

It is always a good practice to check, and replace if needed, the white hose at the road, and under your trailer, so you're not surprised when you least expect it. Maintenance will provide the hose by the road, free of charge. We do ask you to place a good label on the white hose for clear identification of your trailer.

Please remember to have a clear path to your pump out valve, the guys are dragging a long hose, rain or shine.

There has been some work done to the overflow area on the Dam. Please be sure to drive by and take a look. The lake level is running over the overflow and the lake looks great!

The recycle program will be the same as last year, except for one thing. The blue plastic shrink wrap will also be next to the recycle bins at the leaf dump.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer at Sandy Pines!

WELCOME GARY PETERS!
 Be sure to stop by Lake Monterey Golf Course during our period of transition this spring. Jim Spray will be retiring in mid-June, so stop in to wish him well in his well-deserved retirement. Gary Peters has been hired as the new Manager of Golf Course Operations. Be sure to welcome him to our Leadership Team as you return to the Park.

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Lake Monterey Golf Course News

by Gary Peters

Finally, spring has arrived and the snow has gone! Many courses in the Grand Rapids area had ice damage to their greens this spring. Steve and his crew did a great job of putting your course to bed last fall, and the greens came through the winter with little to no damage. Once again, the spring rains have greened up the course, and it is now ready to be played!

Our staff is beginning to come back to work as I write this letter, with the usual spring cleanup of leaves, branches and whatever else that has blown in from the winter.

This will be an exciting new year for myself, as I get to learn the course and the staff, who are coming back. I also look forward to meeting the members of Sandy Pines!

Remember to make your Golf Tee-times online, or at one of the kiosks throughout the Park.

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Safety Department News

by Steve Deyarmond

Disposal of leaves, vegetation and brush:

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Member, Associate and Grandchild vehicle registration stickers:

All vehicles within Sandy Pines must display a Sandy Pines vehicle registration sticker.

The Ranger Station in Phase Three, and the Main Gate have vehicle registration stickers available for purchase. To obtain a vehicle sticker, the Ranger will need your membership card. Sandy Pines vehicle registration stickers are to be displayed in the lower left corner of the vehicle's windshield.

Operation of Golf Carts by youth:

Youth 12 years of age, must take, and pass, the Golf Cart Safety Program, to operate a golf cart in the Park with an adult. Young people wishing to receive a golf cart driving permit must stop at the Ranger Station, pick up a Golf Cart Safety Study Guide, or download one from the Sandy Pines website. This information should then be studied and the parent should review the information with the youth. After the Guide has been studied, the young person may stop at the Ranger Station and take a written test. After the 12 year old passes the written test, he/she will be issued a golf cart driving permit to operate a golf cart with an adult. Twelve year olds must have an adult present on the golf cart to operate a golf cart.

Young people 13 years of age, or older, may also pick up a Golf Cart Safety Guide to study to operate a golf cart within the Park. After they have studied the Golf Cart Safety Packet, his/her parent should review the information with them. They may stop at the Ranger Station to take the written test. After they pass the written test, he/she must operate the golf cart with an adult for three weeks.

Age verification is required at time of testing. Please bring a birth certificate or passport as proof of age.

Member, parent or guardian will be required to sign a hold harmless clause prior to youth taking the test and being issued a golf cart driving certificate.

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“FACE TO PHASE” (F2P) 2015

Gene will again this season be conducting ‘Face to Phase’ meetings on Saturday mornings, giving everyone an opportunity to come out, have a cup of coffee or cold drink and a cookie with him, and get acquainted.

All the Phases have a designated area that he hopes to visit at least one time again this season. Please look at the schedule below and note the date and location where he’ll be. Put it on your calendar and come on out!!

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

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

MAY 16	PHASE 1	BY THE HORSESHOE PITS sponsored by Superior Carts and More
MAY 23	PHASE 2	OUTSIDE BY THE TENNIS COURT/DISC GOLF AREA by Yoder’s Cleaning Service
JUNE 20	PHASE 3	PHASE 3 GARDENS AREA
JULY 18	PHASE 4	IN THE PARKING LOT BY THE ADULT REC. CENTER
AUGUST 1	PHASE 5	IN THE PARKING AREA BY THE WATER PARK
AUGUST 8	PHASE 6	MEET NEAR THE DOG PARK/CC AREA
AUGUST 22	PHASE 7	MEET IN FRONT OF THE MODEL HOME

Grounds and Landscape Manager Update

by Nels Bouma

Spring has sprung, the flowers are popping, the leaves are blowing...time to go to work!

The leaves on the camping sites and the cabin sites will soon be all cleaned up. Six new Crimson King Maple trees have been planted on the new sites in Phase 3.

It would be very helpful if you kept a bag on your golf cart this summer to help keep our Park clean! Please use it to hold water bottles, candy wrappers, wraps from Ice Cream cones, etc. Let’s all work together to keep our Park clean. Thank you in advance for your participation in this endeavor.

If you see something around the Park that needs attention, please leave me a message and tell me the site number or the area in which you see the problem. My phone number is 616-644-6491.

Garden Club meetings are scheduled for the following dates. We will meet in the Library at 10 am on meeting days. May 2, June 6, July 18, and August 15. The Library will be closed on these dates from 9:45 am to Noon. Thank you.

Various plants are available to the Garden Club members – just see me for more details.

Looking forward to seeing you all back in the Park!

Aquatics Update

by Kim Day

We will be opening the Indoor Pool the weekend of May 15th -17th. For the Memorial Holiday weekend, we will have the indoor and outdoor pools open on Friday night, weather permitting, and the Water Park will open on Saturday, weather permitting.

Don’t forget, Swimming Lesson registration for children begins Memorial weekend! Sign up at the Rec. office on Saturday, May 23, from 9 -10:30 am or on Monday, May 25, from 10 am -Noon. There will be lifeguards available at that time for you to meet, enroll your child, and answer any questions you may have. If you can’t make it during Memorial weekend, don’t worry! Just visit the Rec office after June 5th, during regular Water Park hours, and we’ll be happy to help you. Swimming lessons begin June 15th.

We will be offering a Lifeguard Training Course from Saturday, June 6 through Saturday, June 13, which will cost \$180. This class will teach many important lifesaving and water safety skills, such as patron surveillance, water entries, water rescue skills, and back boarding. You will also learn CPR, First Aid, and how to use an AED. To register or ask questions, please email Chad Bareman at cbareman@sbcglobal.net or call (616)-570-5942.

Michigan Video on the Go

Okay Sandy Pines we will have a DVD Kiosk in the Water Park for your movie rentals this summer! It is called Michigan Video on the Go. They have been in business for over 5 years and have a Kiosk at Dick’s Market in Dorr too. The Kiosk will have 250 movies that you can rent for only \$1.49 for the first night and \$1.79 for each additional night. Customers can reserve movies online for in-store pick up too! The Movie rental will be billed directly to your credit card. The Kiosk will be in place the first week of May, so come and check it out!



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June 1 - Monday at 6:00 pm Card Class. Cost \$5.00. All supplies included.

June 4 - Thursday at 10:30am AND 2:30 Fused Glass Flower. Cost \$25.00 All supplies included.

June 9 - Tuesday at 10:30 am Nuno Felting Scarf. Cost \$25.00. All supplies included.

June 16 -Tuesday at 10:30am Card Class. Cost \$5.00 All supplies included.

June 18 - Thursday at 2:00 Saw Painting. Cost \$25.00. All supplies included.

June 25 - Thursday at 6:00pm Wreath Making. Cost \$25.00. All supplies included.

July 9 - Thursday at 10:30: Brush & Beverage. Cost \$15.00. All painting supplies included.



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July 13 - Monday at 6:00pm: Mosaic Stepping Stone. Cost \$25.00. All supplies included.

July 21 - Tuesday at 2:30 AND 6:00 Fused Glass Birds. Cost \$25.00. All supplies included.

July 23 - Thursday at 10:30am Dry Felting. Cost \$10.00. All supplies included.

August 4 - Tuesday at 10:30 AND 2:30 Christmas Decor. Cost \$10.00. All supplies included.

August 13 - Thursday Mini Craft Bonanza. Cost \$5.00 per class. All supplies included.

10:30am - Wrapped Bracelets
12:00pm - Polymer Clay Pendants
1:30pm - Glass Painting

August 18 - Tuesday at 6:00pm. Brush & Beverage. Cost \$15.00. All painting supplies included. Bring your favorite beverage or appetizer. This beautiful cardinal would fit into any decor.

August 27 - Thursday at 2:00. Decorated Door Mat. Cost \$15.00. All supplies included.

Bench Creations will be hosted by Barb and Gerri. Most classes will take app. 2 hours. The minimum will be 8 students and maximum will be 20.

All crafts are completed in one class.

Also, pre-registration is a must so we know how many to expect. The class will be cancelled if there is not enough people signed up. You may sign up by calling Mary Applehof at 616-318-3492. We will bill your site when you sign up.

Thank you for your interest in our craft classes.

Senior Adult Recreation

by Carol Hoffman

The water is on and the gates are all open, plus we are having beautiful spring weather right now, so we are anxious to get out to Sandy Pines and start our activities again.

The winter always seems so long, and we sure have missed all of your smiling faces. We did have fun at WinterFest doing the Free Bingo, and that made us even more anxious for the 2015 season to begin.

Thank you to everyone who made the 2014 OctoberFest Potluck such a success. We enjoyed 13 delicious pots of homemade soups at that potluck, plus so many other delicious dishes. What a great way to end the season!

We will start out MayFest this year with a Potluck in the Pavilion on Friday, May 1, at 5:30 pm. Bring your tableware and a dish to share. We will have hot water available for instant drinks, plus bottled water. You may bring any other beverage you prefer, but remember that alcoholic beverages are not allowed in the Pavilion.

On Saturday, May 2, from 2-4 PM, we will have a Free Bingo in the Pavilion from 2-4 pm. No cost for this bingo, but we welcome prize donations that can either be brought to the bingo or to my lot #345 in Phase 1. All persons 10 years old or over are welcome to this bingo. Popcorn and bottled water will be available for a donation.

On Saturday, May 16, we will be having an Adult Bingo (18 and over) in the Pavilion at 7 PM. This is for a cost of only 25 cents per card, and we require you purchase at least four cards to play on for the entire night. This is an inexpensive, but fun night out, so please bring the exact currency for your cards. We do not have change for large bills. These bingos are held on the third Saturday of each month. Popcorn and bottled water are also available at these bingos for a donation.

Memorial Day, May 25, brings another Free Bingo from 2-4 pm in the Pavilion. Play the entire two hours, or just come and go, as you please.

On June 5, we will have another Potluck in

the Pavilion. Everyone is welcome, so pack up your tableware and the casserole that you made for the family, and come and join us at 5:30 pm.

We are planning a Golf Cart Poker Run for June 13, at 2 pm, but we will need lots of volunteers to pull this off. We need at least seven couples, just to be at the Poker Run stations, so please let me know if you can help. If we can't get enough help, we will have to cancel the poker run. Call me at (616) 896-7996, see me at lot #345, email me at carjoyhoff@aol.com or talk to me at one of our activities. I will be contacting others that have helped out before, so please consider helping out again.

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Adult Recreation News

by Mary Applehof

We have some very important safety information to pass along! **The Water Park entrances have changed!!** You will now be entering closest to the Water Park and exiting where you entered last year! This will help ensure better safety at our Water Park! Please pay attention, as are used to the old way of entering and exiting.

One more item of safety that needed to be addressed is the Zip line. The Ropes Course Company that installed the Zip line has notified us of a safety issue, and that it required the removal of our existing Zip line. We are removing the Zip line and adding four more challenging elements to the existing Ropes Course.

The band 5 Minutes Tardy will be playing for us on Friday, May 22 from 7:30-9 pm in the Core area. Just bring your chairs for a great concert!

For the Memorial Holiday Weekend tournaments, we will be having Tennis, 3-on-3 basketball, and teen beach volleyball! On Saturday, we will have the treasure dig for the kids (2-8 years old), Night Glow Mini Golf, Remote Control Car races (so bring your cars charged) and of course, movies will be shown at the Recreation Station. A copy of the summer schedule can be picked up at the Administration Office, or can be found online at our website.

Come for tennis registration on May 23, from 9-10:30 am at the Recreation Station. Registration is important to ensure proper level placement

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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 so fortunate that Don Collison has agreed to come back and run the Youth Tennis program for us! This year, we will be welcoming back Mike Vanderwall, who will be running our adult lessons on Thursdays – we are adding an 11 am class, and then having the 7-9 pm class too.

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

For those 13 and older – Zumba will be held every weekday morning from 9-10 am, at the Recreation Station. We will also be continuing our Zumba Gold class on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 10:15-11 am. This is for those who would like to do Zumba, but at a slower pace. Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance fitness 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 to exercise. Come and check out these fitness programs and you will get hooked! Zumba begins the week of June 15. Zumba Gold will begin June 22.


May 25 is our annual Memorial Day Service at the Veterans Memorial starting at 9:30 am. This is always a very nice way to start our summer by recognizing our veterans, saying thanks for their service to our country, and providing us the freedoms we all enjoy. We hope you will plan to join us.

The Boater's Safety class is scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 8 am-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 12-15 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 age 12 or 13 in the operation of a personal watercraft. You will need to bring a pencil and a sack lunch.

Since we have so many young people riding bikes at Sandy Pines, we are holding a Bike Safety program on June 13, at 10 am. You will be riding your bikes with the Allegan County Police officers around Sandy Pines. Your bikes will be checked for correct seat height – your chains will be looked over – and you will learn all the proper riding rules for biking, including hand signals! Meet at the Rec. Station at 9:45 am on June 13, and be ready to ride! Please wear bike helmets!

The Civil War Re-enactment is June 26-28. Information will be published with the exact times, in the June Footprints. The Civil War Artifacts will be on Display June 20th at the Pavilion from Noon-4 pm.

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For the Michigan Blood drive being held on Saturday, May 23, from 10 am–4 pm, at the Pavilion, you may register ahead of time to eliminate waiting. Simply go to www.miblood.org *there will be a red box that says make an appointment – put in the zip code 49328 – enter promo code 20118 – that will take you to the appointment sheet. Find a time slot that works for you and sign up! Thank you in advance for taking the time to give blood!

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We are adding many new and exciting things at Sandy Pines this summer, so keep checking the Weekend Flyers and our events calendar – because you do not want to miss a thing! Weekend Flyers begin Memorial Day Weekend and run through Labor Day Weekend.

Here's to keeping it fun at Sandy Pines!

News from the Sales Department

by Kathy Molner, Sales Manager

Well, we've had a busy spring already! As of the date of this writing, we have sold 25 units. We would like to thank you for your faith in us.

If your site is not selling, here are a few suggestions...Is everything clean and up to snuff? Perhaps you might think about making your site more beautiful with some red flowers. It has been our experience out here, that the more homey your place looks, the more likely it will sell. It also helps if everything is in working order. These small things can bring big rewards.

This is for all Members: If you go to the Secretary of State to replace a lost title, please make sure they understand that this is NOT a manufactured home. Our park models are considered "Trailer Coach". This is very important, especially when it comes time for you to sell. Manufactured homes are over 400 square feet. We are only allowed 400 square feet, or less.

2015 Sandy Pines Tours

Don't forget that we have a few Sandy Pines Tours scheduled for the summer.

The first trip is 'Chicago's Bad Guys – The Whole Story' and will take place on Wednesday, July 15th. Cost is \$132/person. We depart Sandy Pines at 7 am and return at approximately 10:15 pm, after a great day touring Chicago's Prohibition-era landmarks. If you are interested in going on this trip, please confirm your reservation in the office by June 30. No reservations will be accepted after July 1st.

JUST ANNOUNCED! It's that time of year again...for a **DETROIT TIGERS BASEBALL GAME!** We will be seeing the Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals on **August 6th**. Cost is \$69/person. We depart Sandy Pines from the Core area at 8 am sharp! Game time is 1:08 pm. We will sit in Section 324 – right field line, rows 9, 10, 11 and 12. We will stop for a self-pay dinner on the way home. Maximum of 50 participants. This trip will fill up quickly, so make your reservations to attend soon!

The third trip, 'A Foody Fantasy' Graze through Chicago is on Thursday, August 20th. Cost is \$138/person. This group departs Sandy Pines at 7 am with an expected return of 11:30 pm. This trip takes you to several eateries in Chicago, including a Neighborhood Bakery, Italian Market, Kendall Culinary School, Merchandise Mart, a Chocolate Shop, Spice Market, Oil & Vinegar Emporium, Grocery Emporium and an included Italian Dinner at Pompei. Reservations and payment are due in the office, no later than August 6th.

You may charge these trips to your member account, should you so choose. We're looking forward to a lot of fun and an excellent time – so plan to join in on the fun!



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Wireless coverage has always been a challenge for this area, however at this point there are now 2200 sites located on the Sandy Pines property alone, consisting of 11,000 Residents during the six month season. Additionally, there are typically numerous guests, the total of which has resulted in the fact that Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails has the highest population of any community in Allegan County.

Considering the fact that the challenge of wireless coverage is not limited to the service provided by your company, this request is going to other Providers as well. In fact, all the major Providers are being challenged to improve their coverage in this area, and will all be contacted with similar requests as this letter, encouraging them to act first and swiftly, so as to become the preferred Carrier for all 11,000 of the members in the park.

This request to act swiftly is vitally important, because the demographic in this park has and is, becoming a younger demo that communicates, entertains themselves, and seeks information on their devices at an ever increasing rate.

I look forward to hearing a positive response from you as my Provider, as soon as possible. If necessary, I may be contacted at the above address and phone number for more detailed information and explanation for this opportunity.

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For Sale from Site 116: 1986 EZGO electric golf cart. Very solid condition. All 4 seats are like new. Charger included. Asking: \$950 OBO. Best deal in the park! Call Brian at 616-450-4407.

For Sale - Site 384 - Phase 4: Large Site "Turn Key" 2000 Dutch Park, A/C. Queen Master suite. Gas stove, micro, full fridge, gorgeous oak cabinets. Queen sofa bed LR. A/C porch 10x25 all season, screened, carpeted, blinds. Large 12x18 "Amish" garage, lots of storage room, loft. 2004 EZGO "Lifted" 4 seat gas golf cart. Stone Driveway, brick flower bed, sidewalk & patio, portable fire kettle, patio set w umbrella, gas grill. Centrally located to indoor pool, soccer field, Splash Park, beach, adult center, golf, & cc NO GRASS TO MOW! All dues paid for 2015. Asking \$66,500. For more information call Doris 734-679-9086 or Frank 248-345-0176.

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

For Sale - Site 494 - Phase 2: Lakefront lot. Dutch Park with Westhouse Porch w/heat and air. Boat Stake and Golf Cart included. 2015 Dues paid. Selling Turn-Key just bring your tooth brush! Open house to follow. Please feel free to call with further questions. 616-405-5303 or 352-396-8651.

For Sale - Site 642 - Phase 2: 1988 Nomad with 10'x20' three season porch. Like new 8x10 storage shed, two stall golf cart shelter, two golf carts - one gas and one electric (new batteries 2013). Like new refrigerator and digital TV. Close to CC. Reduced to \$19,900. Call: 616-583-8066 or 616-822-1092.

For Sale - Site 1184 - Phase 3: 1986 Oakland Park w/cement pad and porch. 1999 Gas Golf cart included. Asking \$38,000. Call: 616-510-3643. Also for sale: 2001 EZ-Go Gas Golf Cart, General Lee w/horn and stereo. Asking \$4,500 OBO.

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

For Sale - Site N-75: Lakeview, greenspace/woods in back, 1993 Roxbury, 1 bedroom, front kitchen, new furnishings, deck, beautifully landscaped with pavers, no grass to mow, putting green, garage, electric golf cart. Asking: \$58,500. Call: 616-896-9567.

For Sale - Site N-128: 2012 Canterbury, 1 bedroom w/large double super loft. Year old 3-season porch w/new mini-split AC/heat. Garage. Located close to Ropes Course, Indoor Pool and Golf Course on a nice cul-de-sac. Excellent condition. Asking: \$95,000. Call: 616-403-2361.

For Sale from Site N-210: Enclosed porch, 9 1/2' X 17' Asking: \$800 or best offer. See it at lot N-210 or call Dave, at 616-446-4885.

For Sale - Site N-342: 2005 Canterbury w/Large Double Loft - centrally located by indoor pool/soccer fields - no maintenance lot with pavers & deck. Comes fully furnished, pantry & extra cabinets in kitchen for storage (new fridge), extra large double loft w/built in cabinets for storage & lots of room. Queen size bed in master with built in storage. Tub/Shower unit. 3-season porch w/pergo flooring & A/C. Two (10 x 10) Garages & Patio Furniture, included also. Dues are paid for

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For Sale from Site N-361: 1995 20' Manitou Pontoon with 60hp Mariner motor - rebuilt in 2014. Runs great! Asking \$5,000. Call 616-836-8218 or email ray.lohman@yahoo.com. Photos available upon request.

For Sale from Site N-415: Double your entertaining space with a Westhouse built wood deck in excellent condition that wraps around the perimeter of any 30' porch with generous room for outdoor dining! The total capacity is approximately 682 sq. ft. and includes three sets of stairs and built in seating. Call Denise for dimensions at 248-737-7263 or visit lot #N-415. Asking price of \$1,900 or best offer.

For Sale - Site K-19 - Phase 5: Great location, Lakefront lot, no wake zone on Sailboat Cove, across from the Water Park. 1989 Canterbury Park Model with 3 full sized beds and a 3-season porch. Furniture included, ready to move in...a must see. 18' Sweetwater Pontoon Boat w/cover and awning. Hummingbird fish and depth finder, boat stake and shared dock in front. Electric Club Car Golf Cart w/charger. 10x16 steel shed with workbench and tools. Lawn sprinklers, front and back, fireplace and firewood rack. New Price - Asking: \$110,000! Call: 419-382-6559.

For Sale from Site K-111: 2012 Misty Harbor 20 foot Pontoon with 2012 Mercury 50 HP Big Foot 4-stroke motor. Excellent condition, great fuel mileage, very low hours. Call: 616-632-4538 anytime.

For Sale - Site K-256: 2003 Tahoe with Jamestown 3-season porch with heat and air. Fully furnished with large master bedroom. Includes 11 X 18 golf cart garage with opener,

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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 2015. JUST REDUCED to \$31,900. Call: 616-245-2926 or 616-406-0991. Will sell site and trailer separately.

For Sale - Site-K-357: 2003 Trophy Park Model, 2 bedroom w/loft. 3 season porch, large deck for entertaining. Garage, additional garden shed. Large lot and 1/2, underground sprinkling, and private backyard. Includes EZGo gas golf cart and is fully furnished. Move in ready. 2015 dues paid. Close to CC on cul-de-sac. Asking \$72,500. Call: 616-299-6960.

For Sale - Site K-465: Quailridge in very good condition with a view of the lake. One bedroom. Very clean with newer carpet and vinyl floors. A large brick paved patio with built in firepit. Electric golf cart included. A must see! Asking \$54,900. Call Sandy Pines Sales Office at 616-862-5971 or 734-320-2650.

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