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Letter from the President by Jean Richards

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years are quickly approaching. It is the time for us to sit back and reflect upon the year in passing, and look ahead to the coming year.

At Sandy Pines, we need to give thanks to the Administration, the Board, the Staff, and all of the members, for a successful 2009 season. We are financially sound, and able to keep working on improving the Park and its amenities. This could not have happened

without a commitment from all.

In 2010, we will continue our move toward making Sandy Pines a "greener" Park by pursuing our geo-thermal projects and other green endeavors. With a total group effort, Sandy Pines will remain a place for safe, affordable, family fun.

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PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



This is a special time of year for all of us. Thanksgiving brings a time to give thanks for those around us, and all of

the things we have. Christmas brings forth our faith and time to reflect on what the Christ child has done for us.

We cannot do anything on our own. It takes our family, friends and our faith to be happy in this world. All of us at Sandy Pines want to thank you for being our members.

It takes many people to make our Park successful - Board members, volunteers, employees and members. Everyone working toward the same goal equals success. This Park has had many successes over the years, and it couldn't happen without everyone moving in the same direction. Thank you for that.

The 'Greening' of Sandy Pines continues, and I want to thank you for paying the special assessment that is being used for this purpose.

The progress that we are making today, will help us in the future, when our children and grandchildren are members of Sandy Pines.

You should take great pride in what you are contributing to Sandy Pines and the Earth around us.

I hope you all had a very Happy Thanksgiving, and all of us at Sandy Pines wish each and every one of you, a Very Merry Christmas for you and your families.

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- CC#6 – Phase 3
- CC#8 – Phase 4 *
- CC#11 – Phase 5
- Recreation Station
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Happy Holidays from Member Services! Mary, Susie and Paula



Welcome New Members:

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- Richard & Judith Randels, Flint
- Ron & Tammy Scott, Zeeland
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Holiday Hours:

On December 17th, we will be closing at Noon for our employee Christmas party. **Administration offices will be closed December 24th & 25th and December 31st & January 1st.**

2010 Flea Market Dates:

May 8, May 29 (Memorial Day), June 12, July 3, August 14 (Christmas), September 4 (Labor Day) and October 2. You can sign up now for \$25 per space, or all seven Flea Markets for just \$20 per space.




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PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

Snow load:

Porch enclosure roofs have become damaged from snow load, in the past. Some trailer roofs have also been damaged by snow load. Please remember to check or have a friend check the amount of snow on your porch enclosure roofs.

Sandy Pines commonly has lake effect snow. As a result the park normally has more snow than inland areas.

The Ranger Station will have phone numbers of persons who clean snow off from roofs. Please contact them for phone numbers and names if you need to have snow shoveled off porch roofs.

Golf cart roof bowing can also occur from the accumulation of snow. Don't forget to check your golf cart roof if stored outside.

Lake Ice:

As the days begin to get colder, ice will form on the lake. Please use great caution when going out on the ice.

A general guideline of four inches of new, clear, ice is the minimum thickness for travel on foot. A general guideline of five inches of ice is required for snowmobiles. Remember, these are general guidelines, and many factors besides thickness determine the safety of the ice. The lake does have a constant current, and underwater springs. These can make the ice weaker in various areas. Don't risk

your life to get out on the lake to fish or snowmobile.

The water is extremely cold, and hypothermia can place your life at risk, should you fall through the ice.

Snowmobile usage of the Park:

Please operate snowmobiles on Park roadways, and abide by the 10mph speed limit and vehicle operation rules.

Operators must have a State driver's license or State issued snowmobile safety certificate.

Please do not cut across member sites or drive in green areas.

If driving along the lake, be careful not to run into a dock or boat stake along the shoreline.

Roadways in the Park are often snow and ice covered. Stopping distances increase. Use caution and slow down when traveling around curves.

Snowmobile trails are nearby Sandy Pines and connect with the Nature Trails in Phase 3. Local Trail Maps are available at area retailers.

Park Roads and winter conditions:

Maintenance does a very good job of plowing the roadways in the winter. However; winter storms and lake effect snow can cause Park roadways to be filled with snow. Expect the roadways within the Park to be snow/ice covered and slippery.

If you decide to come to the Park, be aware of the weather forecast and contact the Ranger Station to check current conditions. Lake effect snow can accumulate quickly, and blowing snow can fill roadways. Maintenance is not in the Park 24 hrs. a day. Park roadways can, and do, fill with snow that impedes travel. If the weather changes, you may want to decide to leave before heavy snow or snow storms, or plan ahead to stay in the Park until roadways are cleared. It can be a few days after severe storms that County roadways or Park roadways are cleared.

Please do not park on the roadways within the Park. This prevents the Park's plow trucks from plowing streets. If you plan to come out to the Park, plan to clear your driveway, park at the nearest convenience center, at the core parking lot, or the Adult Recreation Center parking lot.

Getting to your site, over the plowed snow banks and through the snow, can be very exhausting. If you have health conditions, you may have a difficult time reaching your site.

Plan ahead if you have health conditions that will prevent you from walking distances, or prevent you from shoveling snow. Don't over exert yourself!

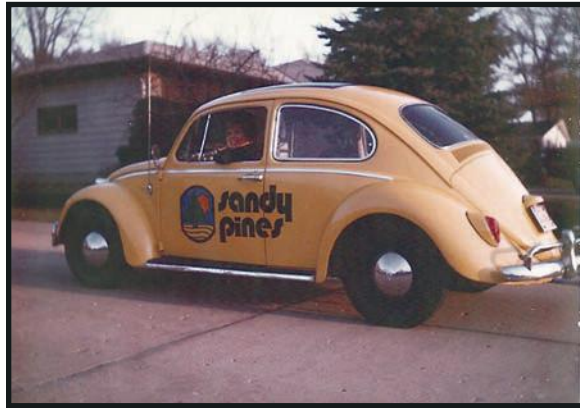
Enjoy the winter and stay safe!



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Thank you to former member, Dianne Bosker, for sending this photo to us. Dianne said, "We spent many wonderful years at Sandy Pines. Our children played in the tennis tournaments and ended up playing on their high school team, thanks to all the great training they received at the Sandy Pines lessons. We still have several friends who spend their summers at Sandy Pines. Enjoy the photo!"

Dianne, Curt, Jodi and Bret Bosker



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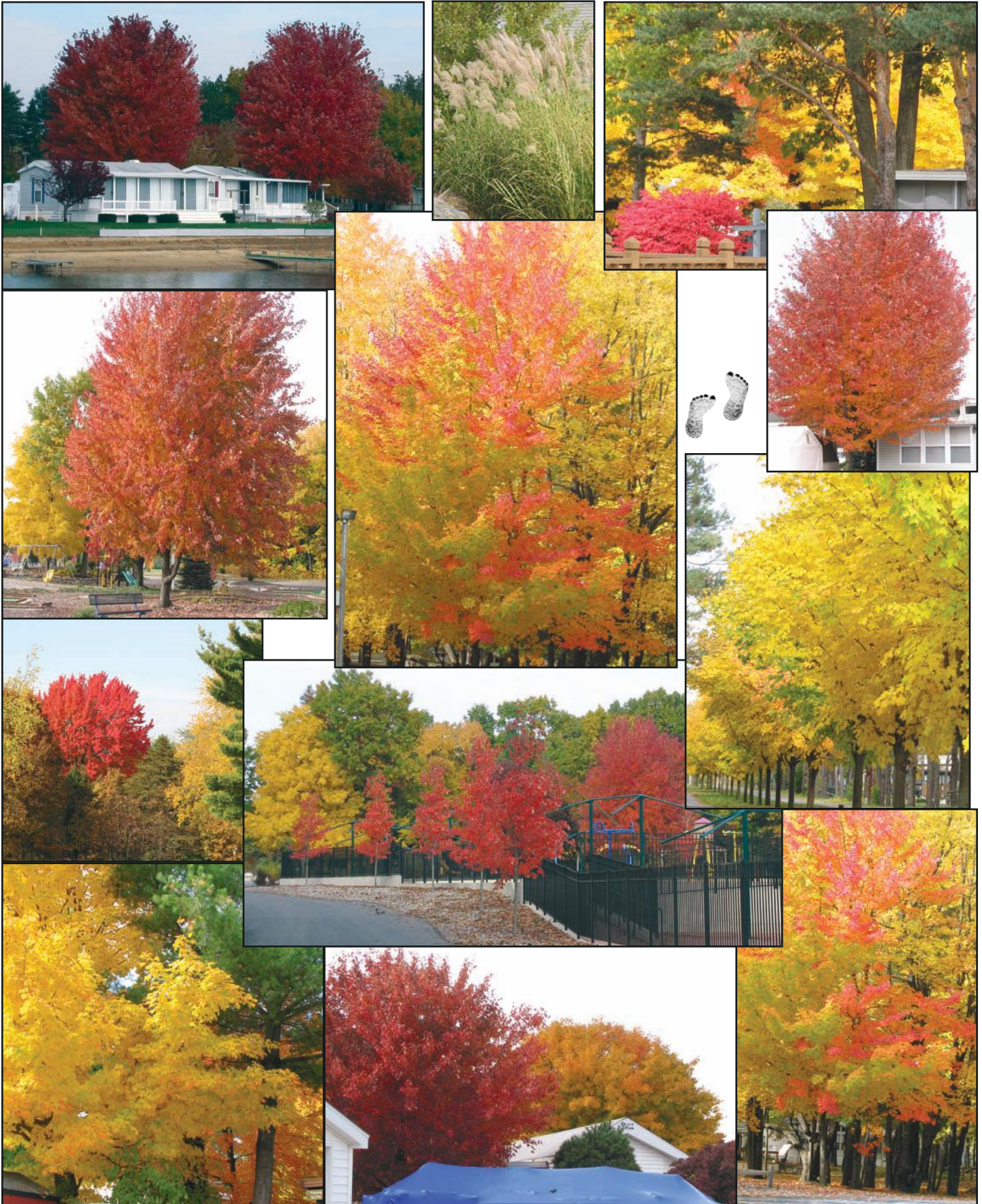
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Adult Craft Class helps Middleman Ministries

The Adult Craft classes worked on a lot of new projects this past season. During the course of the summer, our class learned about a Mission Project from Vicki Avery, one of our Rangers. She talked about Christmas Present Packets that her church sends to a Mission in Mexico, through the Middleman Ministries. The packets were to include an apron for each of the women in a Village that is located right next to a city dump. When Vonn learned of this mission, she brought the idea to class, and our wonderful Sandy Pines people came forward with donations of supplies and their time.

We set a goal to make 200 aprons. We scheduled a Sewing Bee, and some of our members

brought fabric, cut out aprons, and began sewing. By September, there were only a few ladies in our class left at Sandy Pines to help us reach our goal.

On September 23, we presented 187 aprons to the Diamond Springs Wesleyan Church and Rosie Gonzalez, the head of Middleman Ministries. It was a very rewarding night to hear about the village, and to know that our work was going to be appreciated by so many women. There are many other needs for those in the villages in Mexico, and we hope to be able to dedicate some of our classes next summer to fulfilling these needs. Be sure to watch for more information in the Footprints regarding upcoming projects.

A very special thank you to all who gave donations of their time, cutting and sewing the aprons, and also to those who provided fabric, bias tape and money for us to purchase supplies.

We had a couple of ladies who each sewed over 35 aprons! Special thanks to each and every one of you who helped in any way. Your time and talents are truly appreciated.

If you would like more information on Middleman Ministries, please visit their website at middlemanministries.com.

Thanks again to everyone for your help and support of this project. Sandy Pines is a great place to be!

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Senior Adult Activities

by Bill Meyer, President

The 2009 season at Sandy Pines has come to an end, and we finished up with a Pancake Breakfast, free Bingo, and a soup and potluck supper during Octoberfest weekend. Thank you to everyone for your continuing support at all of our events during the season.

As a result of your great support, we were able to purchase some additional furniture for the Recreation Station pool area, a clock and bench for the Recreation Station pool area, some money towards miniature golf upgrades, and two baby changing stations at the Phase Three Pool CC. Thanks again for your great support this year.

We wish you a safe and healthy winter, a look forward to seeing you at Sandy Pines in 2010. We have our events set for next year, so watch for postings.

I personally would like to thank all of our volunteers that contributed their time and energy to help make 2009 such a great year. We couldn't have done it without you.

A special thank you to Carol Hoffman for running all of our Bingo games, to Mike and Nancy Young, and Virginia and Cheryl Champion, for heading up the Golf Cart Rally and Poker Run, and to Pat Batterbee for taking care of our sign!

I also want to thank Lyle and Carol Sue Morton, and my wife Cheryl, for all of their extra help during the year.

Thanks again to everyone for a wonderful year. See you in 2010!

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A CAPITOL IDEA UPDATE by Jean Richards

I wish to thank the other 74 participants who chose to record their walking or bike riding mileage throughout the 2009 season. We completed the 12,048 mile trip, passing 48 capitols and Washington, D. C. on September 27, and have an extra 246 miles, as of October 4, to use to jump start the next adventure.

I am looking for a new destina-

tion for 2010. If you have any ideas, send them to me by way of the Member Service Office or through the Sandy Pines Website, using "Letter to the Board." As the time for the Park to reopen gets closer, I will use the footprints to advise you of the trip, the total mileage to cover, and how you can participate.

Until then, stay healthy and keep those legs in shape!



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For Sale: Site 505 - Lakefront view: 1988 Park Model, fully furnished, w/2 bedrooms, dining area, kitchen w/full size appliances and large bath w/shower-tub combo. 1999 golf cart w/garage, large paver patio, wood deck, fire pit, gazebo and add-on porch on back of home has movable partition for separation of rooms to fit your needs. Asking \$56,000 – call John at 616-881-2325 or 616-949-9670 or email hwassouf@comcast.net.

For Sale – Sites 520 and 521: Double lot, single dues! 1984 Trophy w/porch, ceiling air conditioner, one golf cart and shed. 2009 Dues are paid. Asking - \$31,900 O.B.O. Call: 616-931-

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Here's What's Happening at Sandy Pines

Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

Terry & Sandy Derks, Site D-65 and **Ken & Mary Zeerip**, Site N-114, on the passing of Terry and Mary's mother, Florence Burch, on October 11th.

Steve Miller, Site 789, on the passing of his wife, **Barb**, on October 30th. Sympathy is also extended to their son, daughter-in-law and grandchildren, **Greg & Missy and Kayla and Kendall Miller**, Site 1262; **Henry & Mary Louanne Miller**, Site N-119, her father and mother-in-law; **Tim & Troya and Tyler Miller**, Site 1268, brother and sister-in-law and nephew; and **Mike & Randi Miller**, Site 792, Barb's Uncle and Aunt.

Susan Bussa, Condo 7029, on the passing of her husband, **Elton**, on November 15th. Sympathy is also extended to son, **Alan**, Site 1197, and daughter and son-in-law, **Merrie & Dave Nelson**, Site 519.

Steve & Ann Bolick, Site 808, on the passing of their son, **Matthew**, on November 16th.

Dean & Gail Larson, Site 1331/1332, on the passing of their mother, Marian Larson.

Tom & Teresa Bernott, Site 191, on the passing of their mother, Elizabeth 'Betty' Bernott, on November 18th.

Joann Paris, Site D-22, on the passing of her husband, **Mike**, on November 23rd.

Here's What's Happening...

Florida Winter Gathering Info

Please be sure to mark your calendars for March 9, 2010. That's when the Florida Winter Gathering will take place in Sebring. More information will be forthcoming, so keep reading the Footprints for the latest news!

Michigan Winter Gatherings

The Sandy Pines Winter Group People who do not go away for the winter will be meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 6 pm, at the Old Country Buffet. We will alternate between Grand Rapids (Roger's Plaza) and Kalamazoo (Maple Hill Mall) each month. Our schedule is as follows: **December 17th**: Old Country Buffet at Roger's Plaza in Grand Rapids (28th St.); **January 15th**: West Main Mall - Kalamazoo; **February 19th**: Grand Rapids; **March 19th**: Kalamazoo; and **April 16th**: Grand Rapids. Everyone is welcome!

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank our friends and staff here at Sandy Pines for all of your prayers, cards and words of kindness, when our father, Frank Grinwis, passed away September 16th.

Your thoughtfulness will long be remembered.

Rog & Karen Grinwis



Looking for a few good people...

The Long Range Planning Committee would like to add two or three members to its Committee. Do you have ideas or dreams that will make Sandy Pines a better place? If the answer is yes, please let us know.

It often takes years to implement dreams, and we need dreamers to help plan the future of Sandy Pines.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please e-mail Dick Valone, at BoardofDirectors@sandypines.com. Dick is the Chairperson of this Committee, and he wants to hear from you. Thanks!

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