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Letter from the Chairman by Tom Aldrich

The beautiful fall colors are in full bloom at Sandy Pines. The bustle of golf carts and boats have given way to a peaceful tranquil environment. I hope you can take advantage of fall at Sandy Pines. We have had another fun filled, productive summer at the Pines. Your Board of Directors would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge the leadership of our new Park President, Gene Van Koevering. Gene has taken the reigns of his new leadership position from his first day on the job. His leadership skills enabled not only a smooth transition, but a very innovative and productive first year. We would also like to thank Joyce Van Koevering for her support and contribution. Special thanks goes to the Van Koevering's daughter, Kelly, a long time member, who encouraged her father to apply for the job. The back bone of successful leadership is a strong support staff. Every staff member worked extra hard to facilitate a successful season. We thank them for their efforts and support.



The Board would also like to thank the
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Park President Update

by Gene Van Koevering

With summer now behind us, the fall activities outside the Park have kicked in. Fall sports for the kids and/or Grandkids.

Plans have been made to winterize our trailers, and the unmistakable coolness in the air tells us we live in a State of four seasons.

For me, as much as I love summer, fall is another favorite time of year. The colors of fall are an unbelievable way for God to let us see His majestic beauty of His nature as our part of the world prepares to take a rest for the winter months. Fall is a time of preparation for a well-deserved rest.

As we approach this month, your staff here at Sandy Pines is also in preparation for the winter months. On October 15, the water will be shut off and the season will officially have come to an end. The Park will begin to go through the process of preparing for winter in a number of ways. The laborious process will take many hours of careful attention to detail, to avoid offseason damage. But thanks to a seasoned Staff our property is in good hands.

For some of us in management, the fall is a time when next spring's opening and summer programs and events are already in the process of being planned. 2014 is shaping up to be another exciting year. As new event plans are finalized, we'll make sure we keep you informed in the Footprints, on Facebook or by email. Stay in touch!

I hope you are as pleased as I am with the work done by our committees this past year. The effort they made allowed them to get so much done. (See the Directors Annual Report on the website for details) Active committees are an important aspect of consistent management. No organization will survive without being prepared to transition its leadership, and for Sandy Pines, committees are a large part of bringing stability to consistent leadership regardless of who the Park President is.

We are blessed here at Sandy Pines to have Members involved in so many ways and in so many capacities. If you are not involved, I urge you to do so, especially if you plan to remain a Member for a long period of time. Your participation on a committee will help to assure a better future, a more secure future and a future that you can pass to the next generation with confidence. Thank you to all of you who have given your time, talent and gifts to serving the membership at Sandy Pines in 2013!!

I'm going to try a new article in this issue of the Footprints, as well as some future occasions.

I will entitle it "Comments, Suggestions and Questions from Members" for the lack of a better title at this point!

I have received a number of comments, suggestions and questions this season. In some cases, they have come out of concern for unfounded factual conversations, some arise out of curiosity and some come as a way to express an idea. My thought is that it might be a good idea to have a section in the Footprints where I would list these things and where applicable, follow up with the answer in an effort to clarify truth from fiction, reality from dreams and clarity from confusion. Check it out if you have time!!

Thank you again for allowing me to work in this place to serve God, by serving you. I have been challenged this year; however, I have enjoyed this place and you, more than I can express! Have a great winter, Lord willing, we'll see each other in the spring!

Letter from the Chairman

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membership who supported all of the ballot issues. Your board takes our fiduciary responsibility seriously and will work diligently to deserve your trust and continued support. We also want to thank our membership who have responded to our call to serve. Our election commissioners and volunteers did a superb job administering this year's election. We have had excellent response for participation in our nine committees. We had ten candidates run to fill our four Board vacancies. Your new Board is functioning and tackling our many issues and opportunities. Your Park ends the season and fiscal year in excellent financial condition and high staff and membership morale. Our continued progress will always depend heavily on our member volunteers and participation.

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Helping Hands Group

Many Thanks to the volunteer 'Helping Hands' group, led by Judy VanKlombenburg. Each week throughout the summer, eight to 12 ladies met to sew. They made aprons, girl's dresses and boy's shorts.

These items will be sent to Mexico and given to families in need. This year, they made 300 aprons, 200 dresses and 65 pair of shorts!

Many of the items were created from material that Judy herself donated. Some of our Park members donated pillow cases for dresses and there were some donations of material for the aprons and shorts. We were also fortunate enough to have monetary donations made to help defray the costs of goods needed to create the above items.

Everyone is welcome to come and join us! We need help with sewing on buttons and other types of things. We have a great time of fellowship and friendship while we are creating these items. If you would be willing to help us out, please watch the Footprints in the spring for details!

Thank you to Judy VanKlombenburg for taking on the job of organizing this group.

Your time and efforts are very much appreciated!



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Senior Adult Activities

by Carol Hoffman

It seems that this summer has gone by way too fast. We only have one event left and that is Octoberfest on Saturday, October 5. We will be having a free bingo for everyone ages 10 and over from 2 to 4 PM, followed by a Soup/Potluck Supper at 5:30 PM. Bring soup or any other dish to share, plus your own tableware and drink and enjoy our last potluck of the year. Both events take place in the Pavilion and everyone is welcome.

We have enjoyed doing the bingos, golf cart poker runs, potlucks and Karaoke for you this summer and look forward to doing them again next year. I want to personally thank everyone who volunteered to help with our events, especially the poker runs. It takes a lot of willing people to make these events a success and we really appreciate all of your help.

We hope you have a healthy and safe winter, and we look forward to seeing you again next spring at the Mayfest events. We will be begin with a potluck on Friday, May 2, at 5:30 PM, and a free bingo on Saturday, May 3, from 2 to 4 PM. If you happen to see any good deals this winter while you are shopping, we would appreciate some new donations for the free bingos. If you knit or crochet, we could use homemade dishcloths and hanging kitchen hand towels. They go very well at free bingo.

Thanks again for all your help and donations.



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Photo ID Membership Cards by Steve Deyarmond

The Ranger Department will now be taking pictures for your membership cards. The cost to have your membership card replaced this fall with a photo membership card is \$3.00.

Next spring (2014) the Golf Course will require a photo ID for free or reduced rate golf.

Members, Associate members, and Grand Children will all be required to have photo IDs by January 1, 2016, for Park use. The cost of membership card renewal for cards that do not have a photo after Jan 1, 2016, will be \$25.

Holders of Member, Associate, Grand Children, and recreation cards may stop at the Ranger Station to have their card replaced. Please bring your membership card with you to turn in.

If a couple has one card between them we will require both persons to be present to take the photo ID. If each person has their own membership card we will only require one person to be on the ID.

All New cards will now have a photo ID. This will require the person to be present to have their photo taken on their card. If the person is not present the cost of a new card is \$10. The person will have to return at a later date to have a photo taken at a cost of three additional dollars.

Rules Committee Update by Stan Robbins

The Rules and Permit Committees have completed their final meetings for this season. Their recommendations have been sent to the Board of Directors for review and will be voted upon at the Oct. 4th Board Meeting. If approved, the New Rule Book will be posted on the Sandy Pines Web Page.

The Rules and Permit committee will continue to fine tune our rule book next year, and your input is welcomed. If you are interested in serving on either committee next year we will have two openings on each committee. Send me an e-mail stan_g_robbins@msn.com, stating what you can bring to these committees.

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Comments, Suggestions and Questions from our Members!!

As I stated in my President's report, this is a new article and I truly hope it will answer more questions than it will create! I will attempt to use actual comments, suggestions and questions that were submitted on paper where I can, or I will quote those that have come to me verbally as best as I can recall them. Thank you goes to all of those who have submitted the following:

Question: Why charge \$3 for the new photo cards?

Answer: The new photo card is part of the Security initiative that was begun for the purpose of improving security here at Sandy Pines. Some thought it was a last minute decision to do this since it was just prior to season end when it was introduced. The fact is, we have been discussing this and other ideas since the springtime, but we felt that we needed to take the time to closely monitor the misuse that some members, associate members and guest campers were involving themselves in.

With the results measured, it was decided to implement one of two methods of identification confirmation. Thumb print or photo identification. Certainly thumbprint is more precise, however it is also more costly and some say, more intrusive. The decision to go with a photo was the lesser of both of the above reasons. The cost of the card, the cost of administration, the cost of the hardware and software to implement should be covered, and revenue neutral, by our best estimates with the \$3 fee. We knew that it would take some time to transition, so it was decided to give the Membership until January of 2016, or two full seasons, to get a card with the photo ID on it. However, we felt there had to be an end date for compliance, rather than just leaving the requirement open ended in time, therefore, we set January, 2016, as the goal date for everyone to have a photo ID card. As an incentive to accomplish total Member involvement by that date, we are encouraging Members to avoid a \$25 fee after that date, and instead get them at \$3.

Question: Why do we need to pay this when we already pay our dues?

Answer: The truthful answer is that the dues cover about \$2,700,000 of our \$5,000,000 cost of operations. With over 10,000 cards out there at \$3 each, the \$30,000 + would be a cost that would likely require us to defund something that would adversely affect other member benefits to offset it. It is our hope that the photo ID change will help minimize the fraud that cost us all money. If the photo ID helps, it will help minimize increasing pressure on dues in the future.

Question: Are we going to stop allowing gas golf carts in the Park?

Answer: No, simply untrue. There has been no talk at the administrative level here at Sandy Pines to go to only electric golf

carts. I'm not sure where this started, but it was likely from an electric golf cart salesman.

Question: Is the pancake breakfast coming back?

Answer: Yes!! We have teamed up with the Sandy Pines Chapel to bring back the pancake breakfast in 2014. The details are still being worked out, i.e: we need to find equipment and other items that were sold or given away from the previous pancake breakfast efforts, but there appears to be three dates that the Chapel has identified as pancake breakfast mornings, just prior to the Flea Markets on those days. Watch our calendar for the confirming dates and times.

Question: Is the Civil War Reenactment event coming back to Sandy Pines?

Answer: Yes! We are now in the planning stages of this three day event for June 27, 28 and 29, 2014, and it is shaping up to be an awesome event with numerous infantrymen, canons, battle reenactments, artifact displays and impersonators of famous men and women. More information is coming, but please put these dates on your calendar and invite your friends and family to this. It will be a great learning experience as well as being fun!

Question: Are we really going to put in a new septic system and sewer plant? Are we really going to be assessed \$15,000 per site?

Answer: No!!! Two years ago the drain field by the dump station failed. There were a few reasons for this, but parking on the drain field seems to be the main culprit, based on conversations with the DEQ and local contractors. Since June of 2012, we have been having our waste water hauled to Allegan County Waste Water. We pay them by the gallon, to take the waste and we pay a trucking company by the gallon to bring it to Allegan. The DEQ informed us that hauling could only be a short term solution and that we would be required to build a new system.

In an effort to find the best solution for the members of Sandy Pines, we began searching for available options. In our search, we had extensive conversations with Engineers, representatives from the DEQ, and from Contractors who all know and understand waste management. Our task was to find a solution in the short term to comply with the DEQ request, however we also felt the need to begin to prepare for long term potential challenges.

Short Term:

The short term goal was to get approval to install a new drain field where the old one was because we do not have a lot of options for other locations. The second thing we needed to accomplish was to have a system designed that would allow for the waste to be

treated as effectively as possible in terms of reducing the toxicity of the effluent going into the new drain field. Subsequently (and gratefully), we were given the approval from the DEQ to install a new field where the old one is now. Once installed, there will not be any parking on the new drain field and it will be fenced off to prevent this from happening.

Secondly we had to research the options for the pre-treatment of the waste. After looking at a number of options available to us, it was decided that a system engineered by Feenstra Associates from Jenison, Michigan would be used. This system was subsequently approved by the DEQ. This new system will be installed in November, 2013. At this writing, the bids have not yet been received, however it is expected that the cost will not exceed the budget that has been set aside. Consequently there will be no assessment levied to the membership for this new system, as it will be paid out of the Capital Asset Budget. With this new system our short term challenges will be met.

Long term:

As this process was happening we invited the Long Range Planning Committee to become involved in the research. The committee includes some Members that have a deep knowledge

of waste management and waste water systems installation and excavation. As the process to find solutions moved forward, the thought occurred that it would be prudent to research "next step" possibilities, in the event that the DEQ requirements ever changed with respect to what Sandy Pines will be allowed to do with its waste. Although we are all confident that Sandy Pines will be secure in its present situation for the next 8-10 years, the committee felt that it would be wise to search out other options for future generations by beginning a feasibility study for a more complex waste water handling system, specifically a system that would include the grey water in the treatment or collection process.

The decision to be proactive in researching long range options will allow us to be prepared for an event that may never happen. However, being prepared is a much better option than being unprepared for a catastrophic event initiated by some future new DEQ compliance directive. It is here that I want to stress that the committee is made up of members that will, if called upon, pay the same as all of us will. Therefore it is in their own interests to research the best option, at the least cost, with the most effective results. Fortunately we are blessed with Members of the Long Range Planning Committee that are professionals that are in, or have been in, careers that required long range research that result

in making decisions that affect many others. As more information is gathered over the next 2-3 years, it is certain that their findings will be communicated to the membership. This research is ONLY for the purpose of searching out the potential options to potential future needs, with respect to our wastewater system.

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Water turned off:

During the week of October 14, water will be turned off according to the pumpout schedule.
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Flea Markets:

Dates for 2014 are: May 3, May 24, June 7, July 5, August 9, August 30 and Oct 4. Spaces are \$30 each and can be reserved online only, starting October 1st after 8:30 am using the Member Web Access.

Pancake Breakfast:

It's Back! The Chapel will be doing a Pancake Breakfast in the Tee Pee area during the holiday Flea Markets for 2014. The dates are: May 24, July 5 and August 30.

Winter address:

Did you notify the office to change our records to your winter address?

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Outreach Committee Reaching Out To Each Other

The final meeting of the summer was held Sat. Sept 6, on the Kronemeyer's patio for a blueberry pancake, sausage, bacon, orange juice and coffee breakfast. It was a time of fellowship, evaluation of the summer's activity and involvement, and planning for next summer. All members felt we had made great strides as follows:

The implementation of a mantra/slogan "It's a good thing to remember; a better thing to do. Be part of the construction gang and not the wrecking crew."

The implementation of two WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ICE CREAM SOCIALS, which were attended by about one third of our new families, with many more expressing regrets because of conflicts of schedules and appreciation for the invitation.

The implementation of personally inviting new members to Board meetings, and personally delivering their Certificate of Membership, to those who didn't get to the board meeting. Many new members expressed their appreciation for the personal approach.

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The members felt we could improve on this year's effort by making some slight improvements.

Next year's WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ICE CREAM SOCIALS AND ORIENTATION will be held on Sat. evenings, June 21 and Aug. 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, in the core area outdoor pavilion. Please mark your 2014 calendar.



The committee is also recommending that we have a Park-wide EVENING WITH OUR CHARTER MEMBERS on Sat. evening May 31, at 7:30 PM in the core area pavilion, at which time, we will present them with a Charter

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As of September 10, 2013, you are required to move your items in the Outdoor Storage area to the Chapel (south side of parking lot near the tree line that runs along the Marina side), or you may store them at your own site. If you are not sure where to park your item at the chapel, please contact the Inspector at 616-896-7286, Maintenance, 616-896-8317 or the Admin Office 616-896-8315.

Next spring 2014, you must make arrangements to have your items removed from the Chapel location no later than May 19, 2014. You will have to make other arrangements for storage, either inside Sandy Pines as space in the bullpen permits, outside the park or on your site. Check with Member Services for bullpen availability and pricing after April 1, 2014.

There will be a fee assessed, should our Maintenance Department be required to relocate your item for you. We apologize for any inconvenience, but the drain field replacement has become necessary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Blood Drive Update

The American Red Cross would like to thank all of you who either attempted to, or were able to give blood this season. We had a couple of very productive drives. Our Labor Day Drive had 65 presenting donors, three double reds, and 52 productive donors, WOW!

Thank you to the donors and volunteers for the great job this summer. Your donation of blood could help to save a life!

Outreach Committee

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Member Sign; where we will identify all former board members from among all members present; where new and all members will have opportunity to ask charter members about life at Sandy Pines from the beginning. The footprints on the beach is a very fitting design uniquely designed for them because they made the first footprints in the sand, some even perhaps in the bottom of the lake before there was any water. Please mark your 2014 calendar for this event as well.

The committee welcomes all new members and new ideas. If you would like to serve on this committee please send me an email kkronemeyer6215@comcast.net.

And lastly a huge THANK YOU to all members of this year's committee, to Kathy Brott, and to Gene Van Koevering for his encouragement and assistance!

- Our Deepest Sympathies -

Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

The Family of Mary Henderson, Site N-143, on her passing in February, 2013. Sympathy is extended to **Marge McCray**, Site N-195, Mary's sister, and also to **Benita Spight**, Site N-195, Mary's niece.

Marge McCray, Site N-195, on the passing of her husband, Carl, on August 5th. Sympathy is also extended to **Benita Spight**, Site N-195, Carl's step-daughter.

Bob & DeeAnn Blanton, Site N-434, on the passing of their father, Oran, on August 21st.

The family of Phyllis Shoemaker, Site 363, on her passing, September 14th. Sympathy is extended to Associate Members, Tim & Cindy and Clare and Mindy.

Ed & Pearl Trojanowski, Site N-225, on the passing of their son, James, on September 15th. Sympathy is also extended to **Denise & Brian Sikkema**, Site N-292, James' sister and brother-in-law.



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2014 Annual Dues	\$1,096
2014 Annual Capital	<u>200</u>
Total Dues/Capital	1,296
2014 Annual Cable TV*	129
Special Assessment – Golf Course (3 of 4)**	<u>125</u>
Total 2014	\$1,550

The cost of living increase for the total annual dues/capital contribution is 1.4% or \$30.

*At the annual election held August 21, 2010, the membership approved a requirement that ALL memberships be required to participate in the bulk cable TV program which reduced each members cost of cable by 43% in the first year.

**At their meeting on August 12, 2011, the Board of Directors passed a motion to special assess the membership \$125 for four years to fund the golf course.

YOU HAVE TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Dues, Capital Contributions, Cable TV, Special Assessments, and all other fees and charges are **due and payable October 1st**. The total balance billed to your account must be paid in full by October 31, 2013 to avoid service charges.

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SIX MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS to pay **the dues, capital contributions, cable, and special assessments only** in the amount of \$268.05 due by the 25th of **EVERY** month (October through March). **PLEASE NOTE: The payment plan includes only the dues, capital contributions, cable, special assessments, and related service charges. The payment plan DOES NOT include any other fees and charges billed to your account each month. You must add all other charges for services, electric, state unit tax, etc. to the monthly installment amount of \$268.05. As dues and assessments are due and payable October 1st, a missed payment under the payment plan, 60 days from October 1st, will result in magnetic card deactivation and additional charges will apply for reactivation.**

SERVICE CHARGES: A service charge of 1.5% (18% APR) applies after the 25th day of each month on the unpaid balance on your account. Minimum Service Charges apply. We do not accept postmarks or check dates as payment dates, so please mail early. We cannot guarantee timely delivery by the post office. Unfortunately, we cannot waive the service charges. **Your payments on account are due in the office on or before the 25th of the month. Accounts more than 60 days past due will have all magnetic cards deactivated and there will be an additional charge per card for reactivation.**

We offer three automatic debit payment plans (balance on account, fixed amount, or you will call each month with the amount). You may also make debit or credit card payments through our website (convenience fees apply). In addition, most online bill payment systems through your bank now electronically transmit payments to Sandy Pines.

Bike Donations

Thank you to all who have donated bikes this summer. We have been privileged to collect and deliver 60 bikes, which beats last summer's total of 45!

Matthew's House continues to receive them in refurbished condition thanks to donations of parts and labor. You have played an important part in this ministry!

Thanks so much,
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Building and Grounds Advisory Committee, 9/13/13

by Mike Young

At this time, our meetings have been mainly about the Sandy Pines Bushes and the Memorial Gardens. The Sandy Pines bushes are getting very old and are in need of a lot of work. Trimming of the bushes has begun and they are starting to look like letters again. The Thursday Men's Volunteer Group have started trimming, and have sent out an invitation to 'help save our bushes.' If you can help, please report to the bushes on the dam Thursday morning at 8:30. We are also in communication with the DEQ to see how we can trim the wetland area that now hides our Sandy Pines bushes from being seen from the road.

Plantings in our Memorial Gardens are on hold as we are working on designing the garden and setting some rules for what can be planted, and where. We are looking at a tree trunk being at least 1.5" in diameter with mulch and a protective ring around its trunk. Trees need to be watered and dead branches trimmed. Memorial signs need to be a uniform size of 4"x8" and NO plastic flowers around the base.

Long range plans may include a walking path going through our Memorial Garden.

We have also worked with the newly formed Dog Park Club. We are trying to make this area a neat, clean place to take dogs for exercise.

We have also had two donations to be put towards a special beautification project in our Park. We are open to new ideas and would welcome a couple of new committee members. See Mike Young if you are interested.

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Trimming the Sandy Pines Bushes

Thank you to the many volunteers who turned out to help trim the Sandy Pines bushes by the Dam.

Volunteers, led by Kel Kronemeyer, have been working to trim up the bushes to make them once again readable.

The Thursday Morning Volunteer group, as well as other volunteers turned out in force to trim, haul and clean up that area.

Thank you so much for your hard work. The bushes are looking great again!



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Park Inspector News by Don Weiss

You can sure tell that school is back in session and fall is rapidly approaching.

By the time you read this, each of you who have rented an outside storage space should be placing your items either at the Chapel, or at your site, if you do not wish to use the Chapel area. Please remember that tarps are not allowed to be placed on units until October 15th. You should also check your lawn one more time to see if it needs to have one last mow. We do still check this until October 15th.

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It has been a fairly busy fall for me, but I will be finishing up final inspections for projects that have been completed. If you are still holding on to a permit card for a finished project, please return it, as it will not be inspected until I get the permit card back.

If you remove your dock from the water, please remember that it must be stored on your site, and not in the green areas or beaches. One more thing to think about this time of year... if you have some oak trees that need trimming, now is the time to do it, so it doesn't cause damage to the tree.

Thank you very much for your time and also for a great summer!

Please Note:

The October issue of the Footprints is the final 'monthly' issue of 2013. We plan to publish at least one Newsletter during the off-season to keep you informed about the happenings at Sandy Pines, and how we are working hard to get ready for spring 2014.

Please be sure that you have given Member Service your winter contact information, i.e. phone number, cell phone number, e-mail address, mailing address, emergency contact, etc. Occasionally, we may have to get in touch with a member regarding their Site and if we don't have current contact information that becomes a difficult task.

Please continue to 'like' and 'share' our Facebook page with your friends and family. We look forward to seeing our number of friends grow...even in the off-season!

**Thank You
for Yet Another
Great Season...**

We would like to take a moment to say 'THANK YOU' to all of our amazing volunteers! Sandy Pines would not be the same without your willingness to help out when and where needed, and the enthusiasm with which you do so!

Thanks to our Board of Directors. Special thanks to Terry Derks, Jim Schipper and Gerald Williams for the time you spent serving on the Board of Directors and various committees.

Thank you to all of our committee members, Flea Market Helpers, the Thursday Library volunteers, Bible School and recreation volunteers, the Helping Hands Group and those of you who simply picked up trash along your path as you took walks though your beautiful Park. Thank you to our Senior Adult Activities Group for the events you plan during the season, those who organize the various card games, Adult Crafts and also our Aquasize Classes.

Thank you for the bikes you donated to Matthew's House and also to those of you who donated, or attempted to donate Blood this summer.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy fall and winter – we look forward to your return in the spring!

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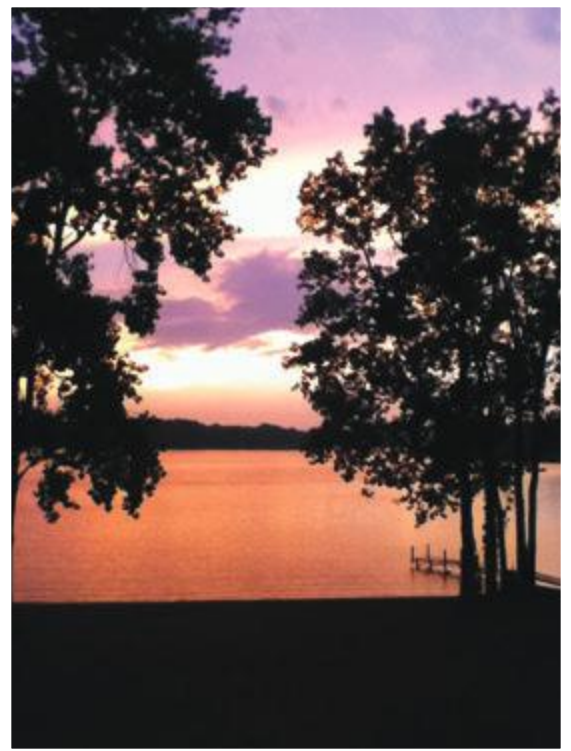
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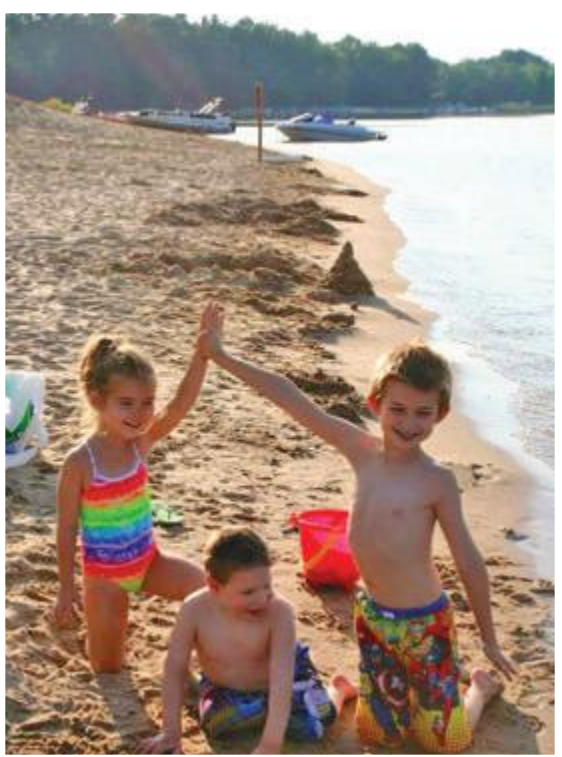
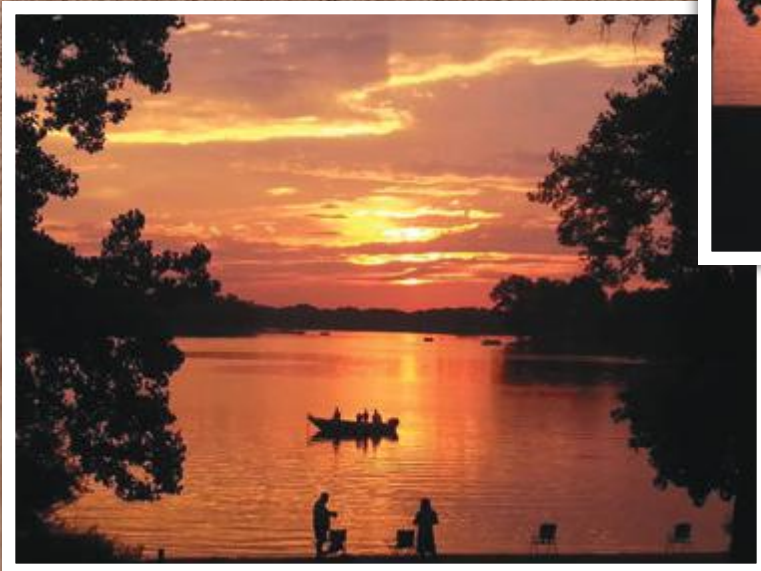
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For Sale – Site 146 – Phase 1: Ready for you to enjoy with a white rock pad, new garage, finished inside w/two storage lofts, new large patio w/gazebo and landscaped. By CC#1 and Green Area w/Playground. Asking \$26,000. Call: 269-682-5086 or 217-433-8921.

For Sale – Site 394: 1992 Chariot – one bedroom, two sofa beds, sleeps six possibly eight using futon on 10x25 glassed in porch. Built in entertainment center and microwave, central air. Located on quiet cul-de-sac, adjacent to laundry, store, beauty parlor and monthly Flea Market area. Includes EZ-Go Yamaha gas golf cart, vinyl shed. Dues paid for 2012. Asking \$43,000 or \$44,000 w/furniture. Call: 810-730-3017. – In for October...out for winter.

For Sale – Site 425: Woodland Park - Park Model. One bedroom, sleeps six. Air conditioned. Jamestown Patio 3-Season 10x30 heated porch. 2005 electric golf cart and golf cart garage. 6x8 shed, two decks, sandstone fire pit., and swing. Eight seat picnic table on patio. Well landscaped, near CC and water. Asking \$24,900. Call: 616-455-7601 or 720-633-1110 (cell).

For Sale – Site 429: Phase 1 - 1999 Wilderness Trailer with 3 Season Porch. Sleeps 6-8. Asking: \$28,700. Sun. pm to Thurs. pm call: 616-942-8837; Fri. pm and Sat. pm call: 616-896-1720. Bob & Joni Velthouse – At site 475 on weekends.

For Sale – Site 681 – Phase 2: Brown Recliner Chair and Black and Brown Queen Size Sleeper Sofa. Both in good condition sleeper never been used. Call Judy at 734-748-1139

For Sale - Site 811: Lakefront with boat stake and sandy beach. Sun, shade, large back yard. Tennis courts, playground and CC are all nearby. Two bedroom trailer with sun room. Call: 616-889-3152 for

more information.

For Sale – Site 847: 2002 Qualridge with enclosure. Enclosure is 10x20 with 10x10 open area. All new flooring and paint throughout. New toilet and 15 gallon water heater. Located by back gate in phase 2 on 136th on a nice double lot. Lots of room for whatever you want to do. 10x12 golfcart enclosure and 8x10 shed. Everything you need at a great price \$37,500. Call Kendra at 616-669-6788, 616-896-1744 or 616-889-5108; or Dave at 616-890-2040.

For Sale from Site 894: 2004 Surveyor Travel Trailer. Weighs about 4000 pounds. Exterior is smooth fiberglass. 27 foot long; Rear twin bunk beds; Front fold out queen bed; Sleeps at least 8 people. Has Awning with a custom made screen house. Trailer is fully functional and is very clean. Currently in storage at the Sandy Pines Bullpen. Asking: \$7,500. Call: 586-228-0267 - home or Cell: 248-875-7406 for more information.

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 N-23: 1996 Dutch Park with double loft. Beautiful lake view lot with boatstake 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 at 815 693-3754.

For Sale – Site K-90: 1996 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-283 – Phase 5: Beautiful 1993 Dutch Park waterfront site with sandy beach just inside no-wake zone. Fully furnished one bedroom with loft. Many interior upgrades to include new flooring and counter tops, insulated porch and windows. Site also includes new roof, garage, central air, boat stake, electric golf cart and a wrap around deck. This is a must see! Asking \$134,900. Call: 910-367-6081.

For Sale – Site K-366: 1998 13' Barnett 1400 Sailboat with a yellow sail. Excellent condition. Asking \$1,200. Call: 616-318-5712.

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