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# LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

BY MARTI DEVRIES

Again, this summer has gone by too quickly! We have been blessed with great, hot, humid Michigan weather - at times unpredictable storms, but nothing too damaging. When you read this article, many of you are already in the 'schools open' mode, some are enjoying their early fall golf game, a few more games of tennis, pickle ball or basketball. We are very blessed with an unbelievable range of activities in this park! What a great place to enjoy family and friends!

It has been another great season - and I want to personally thank the staff here at Sandy Pines...Member Service, Maintenance, Recreation, Sales & Camping, Security Personnel, Gene, and those behind the scenes that make our park tick every day! To all of the employees - full time, part time or seasonal... Thank you!

I also want to express my gratitude for the departing Board Members - Dan Kendall, Kerry Bunce and Mike Young! Thank you for your contribution to our park - your dedication and commitment not only as a Board Member, but your volunteer time on committees and at events. It was my pleasure working with each of you!

To the many volunteers - wow! Many hours, many events and what about the numerous committee

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members that drive change and progress for our park...Thank you!

I would like to thank all of the members that supported your Board of Directors this season - the many emails, comments, attendance at meetings, and personal site visits showing your appreciation, trust and respect...Thank you!

With another month and a half remaining in the normal Sandy Pines season, please begin to prepare for the season changing and scheduling winterization, getting your boat out, shrink wrapping and perhaps one of your last ice cream cones!

Please continue to visit the Sandy Pines website for updates on what's happening in the park during the off season. Additionally, for those who do not have access to the website, please continue to look for your Footprints articles where a lot of updates and details will be captured.

I have been honored to serve as the Chairman of your Board of Directors this season. I am excited to work with the three new Board members elected in August as I continue to serve your park on the Board for another two years.

I trust that I will make the best decisions for this park because I will always be focused on the best interests of this park!



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

BY GENE VAN KOEVERING

It goes this way every year, so I shouldn't be surprised...but here we are at the end of the summer season. 2016 has been a challenging and eventful year for Sandy Pines, Lake Monterey Golf Course and Sandy Pines Condo Development.

I want to begin by expressing my appreciation to our awesome Staff for their work here in the park. It is my pleasure and blessing to work with such a wonderful group of individuals. Additionally I would like to thank all Volunteers for their work in making this park what it is. The park is what it is because of your efforts.

Certainly the park would not be the park without the Members, so thank you to all who have participated in events and social activities that were planned this past season. There are many hours that go into preparation of all events, so it's exciting and we are grateful when these activities are as well attended as we have witnessed in 2016.

I want to join the Members in thanking the outgoing Board Members for the time and efforts you have given to the park. Also I wish to congratulate our incoming new Board Members. I look forward to working with you in the year ahead.

See **PRESIDENT**, page 4...

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## **PRESIDENT, continued**

Finally, thank you to all the Members that voted in this year's election either by absentee or at one of the two polling stations on August 20. The final counts were posted on the Website under the "Members" page on the "Election" tab, as well as being posted on the Sandy Pines information channels 9.1 and 9.2. Finally, we also posted them on our Facebook page and at the Admin. Office and Ranger Station, immediately following the counting. We are truly blessed to have so many communication options to inform the membership of things that are important to them.

I join the hundreds of Members who voted yes, as well as the Staff at Sandy Pines, and others in leadership by expressing our disappointment in the ballot outcomes. However, I also want to express my appreciation to all of the Members that took the time to go to the meetings, read the literature and/or look at the website information, to gain a clear understanding of the overall need for the passage of these ballots. Many chose to support the ballots knowing nothing is perfect, and in spite of possibly not agreeing with each item on both ballots, numerous Members voted in favor of the ballots due to the overall vital importance of them to Sandy Pines. Sandy Pines is a wonderful place that has a fantastic legacy of supporting and encouraging family values, and each vote of approval for the ballots was a testament and commitment to retain these qualities for generations to come. Thank you!!

I also want to express my gratitude to the many

members, volunteers and Consultants that had a part in creating, and promoting the ballots with the continuing knowledge of the level of importance these ballots had for the safety and security of the future for Sandy Pines both physically and financially. I encourage you to continue on with a positive attitude in determining why many other Members of our Park, who love this park as much as the rest of us, could not vote yes.

At this point all plans for construction will be on hold, other than the plans for the construction of the two CC's in phase 3. However, there is a high likelihood the construction schedule of one or both of these projects will be reevaluated based on the status of the grant application, as well. With respect to the Security Skills Training, I will meet with Steve, his staff, our Safety and Security Committee to subsequently determine a new series of protocols for responding to calls and/or reports of serious situations in the park. The new protocols will be communicated to the membership when appropriate.

Finally, with respect to August 20th, I am extremely grateful to God for protecting our Park, our Staff, our Members and our Guests from the tornados that came so close and caused such damage to areas in West Michigan and in some cases, areas very near Sandy Pines. This was definitely the Hand of God in the protection of families, friends and property. Regardless of ballot results, this, in my opinion, was the most important thing that occurred on August 20. Thank you to our

awesome Ranger Department for the warnings, for the periodic updates at each CC, and for coming around to communicate the all clear call when it was safe to return to our sites. Great Job!!!

Activity at Sandy Pines will change radically in the month of September. With kids back in school and the absence of a Recreation department and activities going on, the activity in the park will be something for those of us who remain, to adjust to once again. But please know that our Full Time Staff will continue to be here, and we remain willing and ready to help you with anything we can. Please stop and thank any staff persons you come across in your travels around the park. They certainly deserve your accolades and any show of your appreciation will be greatly received.

As this season comes to an end, I want to express my deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve God, by serving this park. I will be the first to admit that I will not make all decisions correctly, which is only one of the reasons I am so blessed to have great, talented and committed people around me.

By God's Grace there are many persons in leadership that are committed to making plans and decisions based on what is best for the park, and not a personal agenda. These people, along with all our Staff Team, have been blessed to see an unbelievable number of opportunities and improvements come to reality in this park. Thank you for the privilege to serve with such a great group of people in such a great place.

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## STORM SHELTER UPDATE

BY STEVE DEYARMOND

A concern has existed at Sandy Pines of sheltering during severe storms for numerous years. A severe weather event could have a devastating impact on the members, guests and employees of the Park, and overwhelm local emergency services. Although the present CC's are a better option than sheltering in an RV, they were not engineered to FEMA P 361 Safe Room standards.

At the time these buildings were built, (38 yrs. ago), the current standard did not exist. Sandy Pines plans to replace the two CC's in Phase 3 in the very near future. Sandy Pines, Salem Township and Allegan County Emergency Management have been working together for the past year in writing a FEMA hazard mitigation grant that would assist in making the CC's in Phase 3 Safe rooms to shelter during a high wind or tornadic event. These Safe rooms are designed and engineered to have a very high confidence in protection and safety in the event of a severe weather event. As other buildings age in the Park and are planned to be replaced, consideration will be made to harden or engineer these buildings to provide safe shelter to our members, guest and employees.

At the present time we are working with Michigan State Police and FEMA to make these Safe Rooms a reality. Michigan State Police have been very helpful and supportive in this initiative. Our mitigation grant is one of the top five in the State of Michigan. Sandy Pines, Salem Township, Michigan State Police and FEMA continue to review the proposed design and make adjustments to comply on a weekly basis. Hopefully, in the near future, this Hazard Mitigation Grant is awarded.

Also included in the grant proposal is a Weather Alert Siren that will be placed in Phase 6 near the Marina to assist in alerting our residents, as well as local residents. This weather alert Siren will be activated by Allegan County Central Dispatch or Allegan County Emergency Management.

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## MAINTENANCE NEWS

BY BEN FIFELSKI

**Winterizing!** If you winterize your own trailer or have someone besides the Sandy Pines Maintenance Department do it for you, please make sure that your waterline is blown out from the riser at the street. When we turn the water off on October 17th, we will be turning off the entire park on that day. We will not be doing it by phases this year, that's why water will be on until the 17th.

During the off-season, Sandy Pines Maintenance will be doing an inspection on the electric peds by the road. Please do not lock your box or the lock will be cut off at your expense. If you have any issues or concerns about the way that your trailer has been wired **at the road**, please come and see me at the Maintenance Office. As we do our inspections, if we come across any wiring that is not up to code, the member will be notified and given time to make corrections. **This is only at the pedestal at the road.**

I would like to thank the volunteers and staff for all of the hard work they have done this season to keep our park beautiful...so, ***thank you very much!***

As you all begin to pack up and head for warmer weather – or simply back home – we wish you safe travels, and a happy and healthy fall/winter season. See you again in the spring!



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**Donna & Frank Bower**, Site N-209, on the passing of their mother, **Dorothy Hirt**, on July 17th.

**Del Rutgers**, Site 273, on the passing of his wife, **Linda**, on August 6th.

**Brent & Kathy VanZandbergen**, Site K-304, on the passing of their mother, **Sue VanZandbergen**, on August 13th.

**Michael & Andrea Twigg**, Site 50, on the passing of their mother, **Renee Twigg**, Site N-452, on August 14th.

**Toni Deemter**, Site K-295, on the passing of her husband, **Jerry**, on August 19th.

## SANDY PINES ACCOUNTING UPDATE

BY **KIMBERLY WILLIAMS, CFO**

It has been such a pleasure and joy to meet the many warm faces within the park during the summer season. As we are preparing for the tasks that will occupy our off-season, I am looking forward to the opportunity to work through the kinks in the new point-of-sale system to further transition its implementation. We have come a long way! Thank you all for your patience and understanding through this major transition. If you have not been receiving a monthly bill, please ensure that you have unblocked our Club Prophet system's name (**prophet-cps@prophetservices.com**) from your email profile. Please also ensure that we have your correct email on file. We will continue to learn together and make accommodations as necessary, to ensure the system works to the best of all of our needs. If we can aide in the assistance of answering any other finance related questions, please let us know. In the meantime, we will continue to do our best to be the best financial stewards of Sandy Pines as possible.

Enjoy these last few weeks here during the 2016 season and be sure to keep in touch until we see each other again in the spring of 2017!

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# ATTENTION — NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN SANDY PINES!

BY **STANLEY ROBBINS, POLICY COMMITTEE**

We are coming to the end of our fiscal year and with that, all of our committees will be losing 1/3 of their present committee members. New members can be added to replace the outgoing members and these new members will then serve a three year term. If there are no members that apply for a committee, the chairperson may ask retiring members to serve again. There is a six year maximum, and then you have to sit out a year, just like what the Board of Directors does.

This new system was put in place this year because in the past our committees had very little turnover. Unless someone sold their site or decided that they had been on a committee long enough, committee members didn't change very often. We have asked for members to sign up for a committee and when they did, they would be told that the committee was full.

Now is your chance to become part of one of our committees. You may either go to the Office and ask for a committee application form, or

download one from our website. The form can be found under Members, scroll down to Department Contacts, click on Board of Directors, and you will find the application form right under the Board Meeting Dates. Fill out the form and return it to Kathy Brott. Make sure you include your background and how you can help a particular committee. Kathy will direct your application to the Chairperson to review and then the Chair selects new members for the coming year.

SANDY PINES would like fresh eyes and new ideas as we move forward. If you are that type of person, please take the time to get involved. Most committees meet once a month for an hour or two on a Saturday. The Finance committee normally meets on Thursday, at 3:30 pm, the week before the Board meeting.

Thank you for your consideration, and welcome to a great opportunity to serve our Park.

## BUILDING, GROUNDS AND LAKE COMMITTEE

Our main topic was how we would put together a committee for moving forward with plans and the direction we need to go to replace the indoor pool and building. We talked about having one or two members from our committee to be members of an Ad hoc committee. We had two members who would very much like to work with this committee. Bert Bakhuyzen and Jess Larson both have skills that could greatly help in the plans to replace the indoor pool and building, and we highly recommend them both.

Our committee talked about many ideas that they could bring to the table and had some recommendations for the design and engineering companies in this construction project. We also talked about names that could be used to label this project. They liked the idea that the Ad hoc committee put out a survey to find a name along with other ideas from the Sandy Pines Members. We also wondered if we might have a member or two who would be interested in donating to this project.

Jess brought up a week or so ago, when we did the color run, we had a food truck from Dick's Market selling Brats and wondered if there could be other food trucks, on certain weekends and over the holidays. We do not want to be in competition with our own food vendors, however.

This is my last meeting, and Kel Kronemeyer has stepped up to lead our meeting on September 10th. At that meeting a chairman for next year will be voted on.

We are still looking for new members, as we have lots of work to do and we need ideas from our members. Please do not be a sideliners and join us. We need your input.



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*May 15	Rev. Dennis Taylor	Emeritus
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May 29	Pastor Jon Brown	Pillar Church, Holland
June 5	Dr. Stan Mast	Emeritus, CRC
June 12	Rev. Brett Boomsma	Trinity Baptist Church, Grand Rapids
June 19	Rev. Sam Vander Kloof	Life Church, Grand Haven
June 26	Dr. Paul Mpindi	Mission French Africa
July 3	Rev. Dan Seaborn	Winning at Home
July 10	Rev. Don Van Slyke	Hudsonville Reformed
July 17	Rev. Bill Crowder	Our Daily Bread Ministries
July 24	Eric Bennett	Triumphant Quartet
July 31	Vacation Bible School	Program
Aug. 7	David Mosterd	Holland Christian High School
Aug. 14	Pastor Kyle Sanford	First CRC, DeMotte, IN
Aug. 21	Rev. Greg Vander Meer	Fair Haven Ministries, Hudsonville
Aug. 28	Ray Vander Laan	Follow the Rabbi
Sept. 4	Rev. Marvin Williams	Trinity Church, Lansing
Sept. 11	Rev. Ken Van Wyk	Emeritus, CRC
*Sept. 18	Rev. Kelvin Kronemeyer	Emeritus, RCA
*Sept. 25	Dave Van Noord	

\*May 1, May 8, May 15 and Sept 18 services will meet in the pavilion at 10:00 AM. The Sept 25 service will begin with an 11:00 potluck in the pavilion followed by a noon worship service.

# MARKETING & MEMBER SERVICE UPDATE

BY JOSH JANOWIAK

Throughout the season we have been extoling the virtues of the new and improved Sandy Pines website. The Members Page at [www.SandyPines.com/members](http://www.SandyPines.com/members) is your one stop shop for all the information you could ever want on viewing and paying your monthly bill, scheduling guest passes and pump-outs, viewing schedules and events, etc. When in doubt, click the search button on the navigation menu and seek whatever your heart desires.

Since we launched our new Club Prophet point of sale system in March, we've received reports that some members aren't receiving their monthly email billing statements. This issue could be due to your statements being tagged as spam or junk mail. Statements are now sent from the new email address: **prophet-cps@prophetservices.com**. Within your email client (Gmail, Yahoo, Hotmail, AOL) you should add this new email address to your safe address list. This will ensure that you receive all future emails from this address. If you don't receive your monthly email statement, you now have the ability to login to your billing account to make payments and view statements anytime. Visit **www.SandyPines.com/members**, scroll down to the Member Quick Links and click on the "Account Summary & Payments" button. You'll need your account number or email address and password to login. Please note that the "Member Web Access" login you use for guest passes, pump-outs and renewal information is a separate login. If you cannot login to the new billing system or haven't previously reset your login credentials, please call Member Service at 616-896-8315, and we'll reset your login for you.

Upon receiving statements, should you have a question on a particular charge or see a mistake on your bill, you'll need to contact the department in which the charge was made. The following list includes the most common services for each department.

**Member Service:** Pump-outs, boat & golf cart stickers, storage, internet & electric

**Rangers:** Guest passes, magnetic cards & violations

**Park Inspector:** Permits & site cleaning violation fees

**Park & Garden:** Fuel, golf cart & boat rentals, store products & services

**Lake Monterey Golf Club:** Golf fees, food & merchandise charged at the club house

A list of all of our department contacts including phone numbers and emails are listed on the first page of the Sandy Pines Footprints. Department contacts are also available on the Members Page of our website.

With the new billing system and our new website, we have some very powerful tools to keep you informed and keep you up to date with your account. The more you acquaint yourself with these new tools, the more knowledgeable you'll be. Don't forget, knowledge is power!

## PARK & GARDEN STORE HOURS FOR SEPTEMBER

The hours for Park & Garden will change beginning **September 6th**.

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# THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT SEASON!

As the 2016 Season comes to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to our members and staff for another great season.

Thank you to the Staff at Sandy Pines for everything you do to make Sandy Pines the wonderful place that it is. Thank you to Gene Van Koevering, Park President, for his leadership and positivity each and every day, as he leads and guides our staff. Thanks to our Maintenance Department for keeping everything clean, beautiful, and properly maintained for our enjoyment. Thank you to our Thursday Morning Volunteers who help out wherever needed during the season. Thanks to the Ranger Department and First Responders for all that you do to keep Sandy Pines safe and orderly. Thanks to the Recreation Department for planning and pulling off all of the events and activities that you put together each summer – this summer was a challenge, and you all rose to the occasion! Thank

you to the Office Staff, which includes our Sales Department and Camping, for all that you do to ensure that correct information is disseminated in a timely manner to the membership, and for keeping those beautiful smiles on your faces – even during times of adversity!

Thank you to the Staff of Lake Monterey Golf Course for keeping the Course beautifully manicured and ready for play. It looked beautiful all season long! Thank you to the Chapel Committee for all of your work to provide Worship Services on Sunday mornings and Vespers on Sunday evenings. We especially enjoyed the Pancake Breakfasts again this year! Thank you to our Board of Directors for assuming a leadership role, and providing guidance as we continue to move forward. Thank you to each of you who take the time to serve on one of our very busy committees. Your knowledge and expertise prove to be invaluable. We would

also like to thank our Library Volunteers who keep our library books shelved and orderly, our Election and Poll Workers, and our Electric Meter Readers for helping us with our end-of-year readings.

Thank you to our Retail entities for providing us with not only items that we need...but also items that we want! We appreciate having you here!

Sandy Pines is a place that is all-inclusive! Once you arrive for the season...you can stay and play...knowing that if you need something – it is probably available somewhere within our lovely community. We look forward to serving you again in 2017!

Have a very safe and healthy fall and winter... and we look forward to seeing you back here in the spring!

## THANK YOU, FACE TO PHASE SPONSORS, 2016

During the summer season, Gene sets aside several Saturday mornings so he can get out into the Park and visit with our members. He schedules stops at various Phases and enjoys coffee and cookies with anyone who wishes to come out and ask questions, express concerns, or simply say hi!

We would like to take a moment to thank our 2016 Sponsors of these events, who provide the coffee and cookies for you.

Thank you to Clean Sweepers, Inc., Bakhuyzen Landscape Management, Superior Carts and More, LLC, Yoder's Services, and Farmers Insurance/The Porczynski Agency. You are appreciated!

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## INSPECTOR NEWS

BY RALPH SMITH

By the time you read this article I will no longer be your Park Inspector. I would like to take a minute to say what a joy it has been working in this position for the past three years. I will miss working with all the members, staff and contractors, but look forward to being able to be just a member. We have found a replacement, and his name is Jeff Pitchellis. He will be a great addition to the Inspector's office. He brings a lot of knowledge that will help keep this position moving in the right direction. Please stop in and tell Jeff hi, and wish him good luck in his new position.

Now is the time of year we all need to start thinking about closing up our homes here at our happy place. Please make sure that if you have any permits not turned in, now is the time to do so.

If you plan on doing any projects in the upcoming months, look at the Rulebook to see if what you want to do requires a permit. You should not be starting any projects until you have your permit in hand. If you have applied for a permit and never picked it up, please stop by the office and pick it up.

One last thing, please read the Rulebook and understand what is in it so you don't get caught off guard and fined for something that you should have known about. Everyone should mark their calendar for May 1st - with a reminder every two weeks, to remind you of the June 10 site clean-up deadline. Let's shoot for 100% compliance, so no fines get issued. We can do it.

If you have any questions, call Jeff at 616-896-7286 or e-mail him at [inspector@sandypines.com](mailto:inspector@sandypines.com).

# 2017 DUES, CAPITAL, CABLE, & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

The total annual membership dues, capital contribution, cable TV, and special assessment for the 2016/2017 season will be \$1,602 and will be on your October 1st statement as follows:

2017 Annual Dues	\$1,123
2017 Annual Capital	200
<b>Total Dues/Capital</b>	<b>1,323</b>
2017 Annual Cable TV*	129
Special Assessment – Golf Course (2 of 10)**	150
<b>Total 2016</b>	<b>\$1,602</b>

The cost of living increase for the total annual dues/capital contribution is .60% or \$8.

\*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 the annual election held August 15, 2015, the membership approved a ten year annual golf course assessment to be used for golf course operations and capital assessments.

## 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, 2016 to avoid service charges.

\*\*\*OR\*\*\*

SIX MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS to pay **the dues, capital contributions, cable, and special assessments only** in the amount of **\$277.04** 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 \$277.04. 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.**

**Sandy Pines Bylaws, Article III, Section 6, Effect of Nonpayment of Annual Dues, Special Assessments, Capital Assessments or Other Charges:** The nonpayment of any annual dues, special assessments, capital assessments, or other amount due and/or owed to Sandy Pines by a member within sixty (60) days after the same shall become due and payable, shall result in the automatic termination or suspension of the membership, and all rights and privileges related thereto except the right to vote at annual or special elections. The terminated or suspended member shall NOT have the right to recover any monies from Sandy Pines.

**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.

## LAKE MONTEREY GOLF COURSE UPDATE

BY GARY PETERS

**Reminder:** We would like to remind golfers that at this time of year, other than early spring or late fall, only foursomes or less will be allowed to play. More than four slows play and throws off tee time for those following you.

**Online Tee Time Reservations:** In the past, members have been told to make tee times only online. We would like to let everyone know that is not required anymore, while we still encourage online tee time scheduling, we would be happy to assist via phone should you be having problems.

**Policy Reminder:** I would like to thank most golfers for their pace of play. We still have a few that want to play five some and six some. There is a note on both doors as you come into the Pro Shop that states if you do play as a five some or six some you will be asked to leave the course and lose two weeks of use of the course. Additionally, all players must have their own set of clubs to use on the course. Sets of clubs are available for rent in the Pro Shop.

**Course Maintenance:** We will be aerating the greens on the back nine on Monday, September 19th and the front nine on the next day Tuesday, September 20th, weather permitting. Additionally we will be converting to a 3/8 inch hole versus the 1/2 inch hole used in the past. The 3/8 inch hole will allow the greens to heal in quicker.



## SENIOR ADULT ACTIVITIES

BY SUE STANK

Wow...It is September! Where did the summer go? The Senior Adult Activities group wants to thank you for attending our Bingo and Potluck events. We set some records this season with as many as 80 people in attendance (we have some hungry Sandy Piners!).

The buses left with Loyal Tiger fans and returned with still loyal fans...even though they lost to the White Sox). Our Dine-A-Rounds were a great time for fellowship and food. Cup and a Buck had to be moved to the library – and that is always a great time with delicious donuts and great conversation.

We had three Karaoke events at the Golf Course Clubhouse, with a supper buffet, where we enjoyed great singing and food. There were several Adult Coloring Events where the ladies had a fun time coloring – and enjoyed great food at the Country Café. Thank you to Carol and all of your help at the Café for hosting these events.

We had a Dessert Contest with First, Second and Third prizes. After these awesome desserts were


judged – we all had a chance to enjoy samples of the sweet recipes that our members provided. Hopefully you were able to attend and enjoy the calories along with us!

Please join us for these end-of-the-season events:  
**Friday, Sept. 2:** Potluck in Pavilion at 5:30 pm, followed by a Brown Bag Auction. Bring a nice gift sealed in a bag that can be auctioned off.  
**Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5:** Free Bingo in pavilion for ages 10 & over from 2-4 pm; **Friday, Sept. 9:** Karaoke at 7 pm in the Golf Course Clubhouse; **Saturday, Sept. 17:** Adult Bingo in Pavilion at 7 pm and **Octoberfest, Saturday, Oct. 1:** Free Bingo in Pavilion for ages 10 and over from 2-4 pm followed by a Soup Supper Potluck at 5:30 pm.

As we begin to pack up and head back to our winter destinations, we wish you safe travels and blessings for a healthy, happy winter season. Remember...we are JOY – just older youth! See you in the spring!

*Please remember to change your mailing address with Member Service when you leave the Park for the season. If you have a different phone number or e-mail address, please update that, too. Thanks!*

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# MEMBER SERVICE NEWS

BY MARY COOPER

## Fall Office Hours

Monday-Friday:

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Saturday: 8:30 am - Noon

(Closed Saturdays /starting Sept. 17)

Sunday-Closed

\*Our office will close at 11 am on Thursday, September 22nd for Employee Appreciation Day

## Flea Markets 2017:

You may start reserving spaces for the 2017 Flea Markets beginning, Saturday, October 1, from your computer or one of kiosks' in the Park. Dates for 2017 are: May 6 (Mayfest), May 27 (Memorial Day), June 10, July 1 (Independence Day), Aug 12 (Christmas), Sept. 2 (Labor Day) and Oct 7.

## Winterizings:

Maintenance will be winterizing trailers again this fall. The cost is \$80 if you have your winterizing departure date before October 1st, we must have your keys by that date. Starting October 1st, the cost will be \$100. All winterizings include a final pumpout. No winterizings will be accepted with a departure date after October 16th. We can only take the first 500 orders, so get your order in early. No phone orders, a signature is required for this service. You can fax a signed copy to us at 616-896-7409 or email [memberservice@sandypines.com](mailto:memberservice@sandypines.com).

## Pumpouts:

Scheduled pumpouts will end the week of Oct.10th. Pumpouts will be available on Wednesday, Oct.19th and Wednesday, Oct. 26th at the emergency rate of \$26. There will be no Saturday pumpouts after September 10th.

## Water turned off:

Water will be going off on October 17th for all Phases. Maintenance will no longer go by Phase pumpout schedules.

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## PARK & GARDEN UPDATE

BY JACK SCHMIDT

It is hard to believe that we are only a few weeks away from the water turn off at Sandy Pines. It has been a great summer. Thank you all for your support of the Park and Garden Store. We had record numbers using the water softeners and the Paddleboards, Kayak, and Golf Cart rental exploded.

We will continue to rent the watercraft through the end of September. The Marina will be open only on Saturdays after Labor Day Weekend. The Park and Garden hours will change starting the week after Labor Day. We will be open only on Friday and Saturday from 9 to 4. The store closes for the season on September 30th.

You can still rent golf carts during the week in September by going online or calling the store. We will still be checking Voicemail during the week and will call you to set up times.

The biggest item for September is to start getting the water softeners returned and signing you up for next year. Stop by the store and sign a new contract for next year and get \$20 off the cost for 2017. We also need to know the date you will be leaving Sandy Pines so we can pick up your softener. It helps us if you don't wait until the water turn off date. All softeners will be picked up by October 14th. If you are returning them to the store, please use duct tape and place your site number on the softener. Leave it at the gate to the Propane area. Again, thank you for using the softener service and be sure to sign up early for next year to get the discount.

We will have RV winterizing solutions and Leaf Bags for your needs during the month of September.

The staff of Park and Garden thanks you for your patronage this summer and we look forward to the 2017 season.



## RECREATION NEWS

BY MARY APPLEHOF

*Thank you and let's get to Thinking Positively!*

Thank you to everyone who decorated their sites for Christmas! It was so much fun driving around and seeing all the decorations. A special thank you to the Justin Albrecht Family and the volunteers for putting up an amazing amount of Christmas decorations along the road between the soccer field and the water park for us to enjoy! It just amazes me the amount of work and effort that Sandy Pines members are willing to put into our park to make it the most awesome place to spend our summers! Check out the pictures on our Facebook page.

I want to spend just a few minutes talking about positive thinking! I have read some of the posts on the Sandy Pines Forum site and am really upset at all the negative posts on that site. I want to encourage everyone that if you have a problem with something going on, please go right to the source and simply ask. I can't believe how many of you post on this site and are expecting an answer. If you truly have a problem, do the right thing and go and talk to that person. I want to encourage all of you to work on going positive. Take the time to volunteer, or better yet – do a good deed and not let that person know you did it. It will make you feel great, it might encourage that person to do something for someone else, and it could snowball into something wonderful! It can be as simple as seeing the neighbors flowers wilting and watering them! It doesn't need to be something big, just a simple act of kindness. Sandy Pines is my Happy Place! Let's all work together to keep it that way for everyone!

Thank you to our Recreation Staff, and all the volunteers that have helped at all the events this summer, and to everyone who made the summer of 2016 a great time at Sandy Pines! We are already working on some fun activities for 2017, including a puppy parade and Water Balloon Olympics. If you have any interesting and fun ideas that you would like to share, please e-mail me at [recreation@sandypines.com](mailto:recreation@sandypines.com). We get a lot of our ideas from all of you, so please keep them coming!

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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## SALES DEPARTMENT NEWS

BY KATHY MOLNER

Wow! Where has the summer gone? It was another busy summer for us in the sales office. I just want to say a word of thanks to all of you who sent your friends to our office when they were considering purchasing here at Sandy Pines. A big welcome to all those who bought through us this year. It has been our privilege to take them on a tour and to show them sites that are available. We enjoy meeting with them and working with them.

I also wanted to give a warm welcome to Nicholas Brott. He joined our team the end of June and has been a great new addition to our office. Please give him a welcome if you happen to see him.

As the end of the season approaches I just want to remind all those who are new to the Park, to sign up with Sandy Pines for your winterization. I know it feels like it has crept up fast and I guess it has.

Thanks again for a great season!



### Dessert Contest Winners:

*Issy Aley, Regina Grinwis, and Rochelle Selback*

## NEWS FROM THE CONDOS

BY RICHARD RANDELS

This summer has been a very active time for new sales of condos, and therefore there is lots of building going on. Seven new condos have been sold so far this year and we have almost a half year to go! Of the new sales, one unit was completed last year, but the other six are still in various stages of being built.



The last unit to be built in Phase 1, containing two condos, is nearing completion, while the other four units are in the early stages of construction in Phase 2. Additionally, the builder will be building another duplex unit in phase 2 for prospective buyers. This is a total of eight new units being built this year. More information on the condos is available as part of the Sandy Pines ad playing on the Sandy Pines channel 9.2

It is exciting to know that so many people have been discovering that The Condominiums at Sandy Pines is a great place to live. The year-round Sandy Pines residents continue to enjoy the many activities of the park with the comfort of condo living.

## DESSERT COMPETITION WINNERS

A Dessert Competition was held on August 21st at Sandy Pines. Members were invited to share their 'best' dessert with judges making the decision on the favorites. After desserts were judged, the members were able to do some 'taste testing' for \$1/plate. There were 15 desserts entered in the competition, and 92 members took advantage of the opportunity to come by and check out the desserts for themselves!

Winners of the competition are as follows: First Place – Rochelle Selback, who won with her Cookie Dough Brownies; Second Place – Regina Grinwis with Faux Cherry Cheesecake; and Third Place went to Issy Aley for her fabulous Lemon Bars.

Thanks to everyone who shared their favorite desserts, those who came by to taste-test, and especially to the judges who had the hard job of tasting all of the recipes and determining the winners! We hope to see this event become even more popular next season – so be working on your dessert creations and be willing to share them with us at the next Competition!

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**Sandy Pines  
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Dennis King</b>	<b>615</b>	*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Doug Wills</b>	<b>675</b>

**Proposal to Approve an Annual Capital Reserve Fund**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. have proposed to place on the 2016 Annual Election ballot an Annual Capital Reserve Fund Assessment proposal;

*Shall the Membership approve an annual Capital Reserve Fund assessment of \$325.00, for a period of 10 years? Resulting accumulated Capital Reserve Fund assets shall be dedicated to capital expenditures, as listed and reviewed annually, on the 10 year Capital budget estimate, beginning in fiscal year 2016/17, for the purpose of making capital improvements to common areas in such a way as to maintain the use and financial stability of the park.*

*All funds collected shall be maintained in a separate account earmarked for capital expenditures and shall not be comingled with the general funds or any other funds. Amounts not expended for the projects indicated above shall only be expended for capital projects approved by the board.*

413 YES

642 **NO** \*

**Sandy Pines  
Board of Directors Special Election  
August 20, 2016**

**Proposal to Approve an Employee Firearms Policy**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. have approved a Special Election to approve an Employee Firearms Policy as follows;

**Sandy Pines Special Election Ballot - August 20, 2016  
Proposal to Approve an Employee Firearms Policy for all  
Trained and Approved Employee(s) of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.**

*Shall the Membership approve an Employee Firearms Policy for all Trained and Approved employee(s) which will allow the Trained and Approved employee of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc. to carry a firearm beginning effective immediately for Self Protection and the Protection of any individual(s) staying or visiting at Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc., in the event of an occurrence where an individual or individuals cause a threat where Grave Bodily Injury is Imminent?*

420 YES

589 **NO** \*

## CLASSIFIEDS

### We have more 'Site for Sale' listings online at [www.sandypines.com](http://www.sandypines.com).

Please call **Kathy (ext. 113)** or **Nicholas (ext. 114)** at 616-896-8316, for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

**Wanted for Site 130:** Are you thinking about upgrading to a newer Park Model or RV? If so, I am looking to purchase a used Park Model or RV in good condition. I would also like to buy a gas powered golf cart in good condition. Please call: 616-437-7477.

**For Sale - Site 367:** Lakefront, Beautiful view, fully furnished 1992 Mallard Park Model, air conditioned, one bedroom, sleeps 6 comfortably. 10x30 air conditioned fully enclosed porch, large multi-level deck, all facing the lake. New roof on porch and trailer, new flooring thru out trailer. Very large grassy lot with your own horseshoe pits, large fire pit, boat stake in front of trailer with aluminum dock. Includes 2 sheds, dock, 2 electric golf carts, 1 Ez-Go, 1 Club car, 1996 Aqua Patio 21 ft pontoon boat with 30 hp Mariner motor, 2 picnic tables, gas grill, deck furniture,

fire pit furniture and all inside furnishings. Close to flea market, stores, laundromat and ice cream shop. Great neighbors! A must see! Asking: \$129,500.00 Call: 269-471-1250 or 269-757-3091.

**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 597 - Phase 2:** Lovely, pampered, 2012 Breckinridge Park Model w/loft. 10 x 28 Three-season porch w/thermopane windows. Great back yard for entertaining. 2008 EZ-Go golf cart (one yr. old batteries) new golf cart shelter and shed in the back. RC Track across the street. Must see. Reduced! was \$84,900 New price: \$79,900. Call: 269.350.7471.

**For Sale - Site 654:** Location, Location! Looking for peace and quiet? 2010 Kropf Island Series park model on waterfront at quiet end of the lake with beach area in front and quiet neighborhood. Front kitchen, open concept, one bedroom, double loft. Loads of storage areas. Lake views throughout. Full 3 season porch, decks, patio with fire pit all facing the lake. Air conditioned throughout. Fully furnished inside and out, including kitchen and linens. Large gas grill, golf cart, and canoe included. Asking \$153,000. Call Carol at (616) 460-1901 for more details and to arrange a visit to this prime site!

**For Sale from Site 865:** Watercraft 1973 - Harris Mfg. 24' aluminum pontoon with open deck design. Outboard gas motor. Mercury - Force Outboard Motor 40 hp, purchased 5-1-97. Complete with Water Storage frame - needs cover and bungee cords. Asking: \$2,450. Call: 734-674-8944 or 734-513-8545.

**For Sale - Site 895:** Site includes skirted trailer with tip-outs. A good starter unit or replace trailer with your own on ready to go lot. Asking \$12,500. For more details, call 616-299-6960.

**For Sale - Site 1139:** Three lots, two sheds, golf cart, deck, patio, riding mower, cell phone amplifier, two bedrooms, air. Fully furnished. In good condition. Asking: \$52,000. Call: 863-448-2148.

**For Sale - Site 1330 - Phase III:** '81 Honey Trailer. Porch - Deck - Fire pit patio - Shed - Paddle Boat - Boat slot & dock in front of trailer. Great views of the lake kitchen, fire pit, porch & deck. Close to CC and Outside Pool. Asking: \$49,500. Call: 616-340-1871.

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**For Sale - Site N-28:** 2010 Manor House, placed in 2012 - only occupied for three seasons. Like new condition. Comes fully furnished, 3-season porch w/bamboo wood floors, porch, garage and shed. Central air, fireplace inside trailer w/drop down TV. Double loft, Club Car electric golf cart, paved patio, outdoor fire pit, great neighbors and a boat stake. Asking: \$84,900. Call: 616-293-7002.

**For Sale from Site N-78:** Used 24 ft. rebuilt Flote-Bote (pontoon) with 40 HP motor. Great condition: new covers and carpet. Asking: \$7,500. Call: Carolyn Cammenga at 616-560-3950.

**For Sale - Site N-400:** Park Model w/sunroom. New flooring, shed and golf cart garage. Close to Convenience Center and within walking distance to the Water Park. Asking: \$37,900. Call: 616.885.8513.

**For Sale - Site N-463 - O'Neida Trail, Phase 4:** 1998 Summit w/ large double loft. Great condition. Great central location. Lots of friendly neighbors. Comes fully furnished. Front kitchen. Three-season porch. Underground sprinkling, beautiful plantings Includes nice golf cart. Asking below market price of \$39,900 to get a quick sale. Call or text Jim: 616.813.0429.

**For Sale - Site K-111:** 2013 Rockwood Signature Ultra-Light Trailer in excellent condition. Sleeps 10, inside and outside kitchen, double slides, double electric awnings. 15,000 BTU air conditioner. Unit is deluxe and loaded with options. Site backs up to large green area w/playground equipment and volleyball net viewable from screened gazebo on patio. 10x20 deck. One minute walk to CC-11 and laundromat. Five minute walk to the Water Park!

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