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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Letter from the President by Lee VanHarn

Congratulations to Terry Derks, Jim Schipper, and Dick Valone, who were elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors, and to Stan Robbins who was elected to a one-year term (to fill a vacancy). The Board looks forward to working with these new members and to having a full slate of nine members again.

Your Board had a busy August. In addition to our regular meeting, we conducted two "Meet the Candidates" forums where members could meet those running for office and ask questions, we completed an extensive management appraisal process, and we held an orientation meeting for both existing and new Board members. We also conducted the annual membership meetings for both Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course.

Due to scheduling conflicts, it is necessary to move our September 14 meeting forward to September 7. If you read this in time, please join us at that meeting. The Board will be electing new officers for the coming year.

By now, you should be used to the new "open communications" policies used by the Board the last few months. You are able to participate in

discussions occurring at Board meetings and to freely ask questions and make comments. There is much more information available in the Footprints and weekend flyers. The bulletin board at the administration office provides notices and agendas for all meetings, as well as minutes of Board and committee meetings. Member "surveys" are being used to ask your opinion on possible projects and decisions that need to be made. You were able to choose the name "Recreation Station" for our new water park facility. Members tell us they appreciate these changes and we're happy to hear that!

I want to especially alert you to the expanded Sandy Pines website. Look up "Sandypines.com" and then log into the members-only section. You can reach it with the user name "member" and password "happycamper" (all lower case letters). On the members-only section, you can then link in to various sites with a wealth of information, such as board minutes, financial reports, the budget, questionnaires, special project reports, department information, contacts, maps, the Footprints, events calendar and weekend flyer. Also, you can email the Park Director or the Board of Directors.

Finally, when you see Max Gibbs, our Park Director, or any of our employees or volunteers, thank them for their hard work and dedication. It's more than just a job to them - they love Sandy Pines, too!

Board of Directors

Mission Statement:

The Sandy Pines Board of Directors will provide positive leadership and management direction so as to insure the long term viability and success of Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails, Inc.

- Lee VanHarn President(09)
- Jean Richards ... Vice-President(09)
- Stan Robbins Secretary(08)
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- Lon Arndt Maintenance Supt.
- Dawn Arndt, CPA Finance Admin.
- Steve Deyarmond...Safety Director
- Jim Spray Golf Course

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- Mary Cooper Member Service
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- Ron Lancaster Code Inspector
- Becki Arndt Aquatics Supervisor
- Wendy Gunn Supervisor
- Youth/Teen Rec. Activities
- Rog Grinwis Adult Programs
- Kathy Brott.....Executive Assistant

PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



The last Holiday of the season is here. What a great summer this has been! We have had more children, youth and adults involved in our Recreation Programs than ever before.

Our staff has done an outstanding job, as well as the many volunteers who have helped them. Planning will begin soon for next year. If you have any ideas to pass along, please e-mail or write us with your suggestions. We want programs that interest and excite our members.

The Annual Election brought two new members to the Board of Directors. We have 2,109 members at Sandy Pines, and only 672 members voted. It is important that you be involved in the growing structure of your Park. We have had many new members over the past three years, and you need to be involved in the Election process, as well as running for your Board of Directors. Your Park can only be as good as those you elect to set the policies and rules.

An Open House for the Recreation Station, was held on September 1st. This is just the beginning. There will be a "Grand Opening" in the spring when everything is completed. Thank

you for your patience as this big project has been worked on during the summer. We know that it is something that will be available to our members for many years to come, and we didn't want to rush the work. We want to do everything right, and have a finished project that all members will be proud of.

The fall and winter months will be busy around the Park, as we get ready for your return next spring.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, and especially to our great staff. You are fortunate to have so many people who love and care for your Park, working here.



Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

Winterizings: Maintenance will start winterizing trailers after September 17th. No winterizing will be done after November 1st. Get your order in early, we will only take the first 500. No phone orders, a signature is required. The price is \$57.00, if the departure date is prior to October 8th and we have the keys by that date. After October 8th, the cost is \$77.00. All winterizings include a final pumpout.

Flea Markets: The last Flea Market of the year is October 6th. Spaces are \$22.00. You will be able to reserve a space for the 2008 Flea Markets after Labor Day, September 3rd. Dates for the 2008 Flea Markets are: May 3, May 24, June 7, July 5, August 9, September 6 & October 4.

Cable TV: Members who have the internet or a digital box with Charter, will need to turn their equipment into our office and we will let Charter Cable know to disconnect that service.

Effective September 12th, some of the existing cable channels will be assigned new channel numbers. The affected channels and the new channel # will be: ESPN Classic (209 Digital), G4 (76Digital), WE (125 Digital), Turner Classic Movies (40), Univision (52) & Style (68).

Address Changes: Please let the office know if you have a winter address and phone # that we will need to use once you leave the Park for the season.

Wireless Internet: Locations for wireless internet are: the Ranger Station, Core area, Library, CC#3, Golden Onion, Outdoor Pool and the Recreation

Station.

Pumpouts: There are no pumpouts done on Sundays or after 3:00 pm, Monday - Saturday. There is a portable sewage container (blue boy) at the Ranger Station you can use to empty your holding tank, if necessary.

Welcome New Members:

Robert & Kathy McGallan, Shelbyville
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 Diane & Marc Pauley, Holt
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Hot Tub Update

The Board of Directors has decided not to add a hot tub to the Recreation Station project for the following reasons: Survey responses (535) were not supportive (57% yes, 43% no); hot tub would cost \$65,000, be "T" shaped, and hold only 12-14 persons at a time; concern for possible excessive equipment maintenance; concern for system shut-downs; and frequent testing and monitoring requirements. There is no urgency for a hot tub. If a strong interest arises in the future, the issue will be placed on an official member ballot.

Board of Directors



Adult Activities sponsored a trip to Turkeyville in Marshall, MI, to enjoy a Dinner Theatre. Thirty-one of our members took the trip, and enjoyed the comedy "Nonsense, Amen!" Thank you to Mike Young for providing this photo.



Thank you to Cheryl Champion and Marian VandenBrink for the cover photos.

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PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

Preparing for the fall/winter storage mode:

- 1) Secure and place outdoor items in shelter
- 2) Winterize your trailer prior to freezing temps and have your holding tank pumped before freezing temps
- 3) Remove items that will freeze in cupboards. Remove alcoholic beverages from the park.
- 4) Defrost and clean your refrigerator. Place baking soda in the refrigerator to absorb odors
- 5) Place moth balls under your trailer to deter critters. Place decon or mouse-proofer down to deter mice.
- 6) Place golf carts in storage or affix to a stationary object or your second golf cart with chain and padlock to deter theft. A wheel can also be removed to deter theft. Disconnect batteries.
- 7) Turn off your propane tanks. Have your propane tanks filled if you plan to visit in the winter months. Have a furnace technician check your furnace for proper operation.
- 8) Have your watercraft winterized and place in storage. Outboard motors should be secured with chain and padlock.
- 9) Contact your lawn service for fall leaf removal.
- 10) Close vents, windows, and roll up awnings. Place pop up campers in storage mode. Secure your door from the winter months. Have a technician check around roof vents for proper weather seal.
- 11) Turn off electric at the pedestal at the road.
- 12) Place stabilizer gas treatment in golf carts, lawn mowers, watercraft and mopeds.
- 13) Remove boat dock from the lake. Place boat dock on site. Boat docks may not be stored in the green area. Watercraft may not be stored on the beach or in the green areas.
- 14) Turn off your water at the water riser, disconnect your water line and mark your water line.
- 15) Make sure that Sandy Pines has your winter address and phone number. Update the park if you move in the winter. Leave an emergency contact name with the park if you plan to be out of state or a distance away in the winter months.
- 16) Remember to replace your smoke detector batteries before leaving this fall.
- 17) Remember to turn off your thermostat before leaving this winter.
- 18) Remove valuables and valuable items from your trailer for the winter months.



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Inspector News by Ron Lancaster

Just a reminder. If you are planning any new project for the fall, i.e., new shed, golf cart shelter, deck or landscaping, to obtain a permit I need a plot plan showing distance from the lot lines.

Thank you all for a very busy but progressive and successful summer.



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Recreation Station Opening

The Recreation Station had an Open House on Saturday, September 1st to allow members the opportunity to check out the new facilities and see the splash pads and pools.

There will be a "Grand Opening" scheduled in the spring when everything is completed. Additional information about the Grand Opening will be available as plans are formulated.





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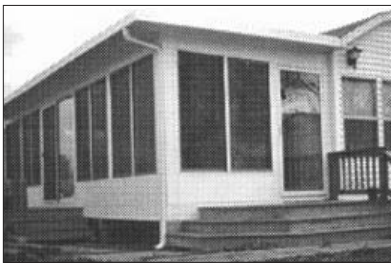


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Unapproved - Aug. 10, 2007 - Board Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: President, Lee VanHarn called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

INVOCATION: Lee VanHarn offered prayer.

ROLL CALL: Lee VanHarn, Mike Young, Tom Aldrich, Jim Schipper, Jean Richards, Stan Robbins, and Harvey Aalderink. Staff present: Max Gibbs

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 13, 2007, minutes were approved, as presented,

APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS: Motion made by Mike Young, second by Tom Aldrich to approve the New Members (52).

OFFICER REPORTS: President VanHarn reported that the Meet the Candidates forums were a success. Personnel Committee has completed their Administrative appraisal. The Board will meet next week to work on goals and objectives. An Orientation meeting will be scheduled for new Board members.

Tom Aldrich reported for the Finance Committee. They met, reviewed and approved the 2007-08 proposed Budget. Dues for 2007-08 will be increased by Cola (2.3%) \$26/per member. Capital Expenditure approved \$30,000 for a lake/gas marina, on condition of a survey of the membership. Fee structure for camping was updated. Tom Aldrich motioned to approve the 2007-08 Budget with a Cost of Living increase in dues of \$26, seconded by Harvey Aalderink. All Ayes. Motion carried. Tom Aldrich motioned that the interest due from Lake Monterey Golf Course to Sandy Pines be forgiven, and no longer require the Golf Course to pay any interest on the loan from Sandy Pines. Seconded by Jean Richards. All Ayes. Motion carried. Stan Robbins moved that the unsold Sandy Pines sites, from January 1, 2008, through June 30, 2008, be granted a \$5,000 promotional offer, which will take the selling price from \$19,900 to \$14,900. Motion seconded by Jim Schipper. All Ayes. Motion carried. Mike Young moved to have the proceeds from the sale during the promotion go to fence completion. Seconded by Harvey Aalderink. Motion defeated by a 4-3 vote. Yes votes from: Aalderink, Robbins, Young. No votes from: Aldrich, Richards, Schipper, VanHarn.

Jean Richards reported for Member Outreach on the hot tub update/survey. 535 were submitted with 57% voting yes, and 43% voting no. Further research will take place before deciding whether or not to go ahead with a hot tub project. It will be brought to the members as an official vote once the decision is made to move forward.

Harvey Aalderink reported on the upcoming events at Sandy Pines.

Tom Aldrich reported for the Vision 2010 Committee. The Committee met and discussed the possibility of a gas marina on Lake Monterey. There is \$30,000 in the budget for this project. There will be a survey in the upcoming Footprints and Weekend Flyers to determine member interest. Tom Aldrich moved to ban all motorized vehicles from the Phase Three Nature area. Seconded by Mike Young. This would not prohibit snowmobiles or ban handicapped access. After member input, motion was withdrawn by Tom. Additional information will be obtained before acting on this.

Administrative Reports: Max Gibbs, Park Director reported five handicapped accessible picnic tables have been added to the Teepee area and the Outdoor Pavilion. The Halloween program was very successful with over 200 children attending the party. Family Day was a huge success with many families enjoying the day. Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make these events the success that they were. Look for details in the Weekend Flyer regarding the Opening of the Recreation Station.

Old Business - None

New Business - The Annual Board of Directors Election will be held on Saturday, August 18th with polls open from 9 am to 2 pm. The Annual Meetings for Sandy Pines and the Lake Monterey Golf Course will be held on Saturday, August 18th beginning at 9 am at the Chapel. Golf Course meeting will follow the Sandy Pines meeting.

Jim Schipper motioned to change the September Board meeting from September 14th to September 7th. Tom Aldrich seconded the motion. All Ayes. Motion carried.

Recess/Break

Member Questions and Comments - President VanHarn addressed and answered member questions.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on Friday, September 7, 2007, in the Pavilion, at 7:30 pm.



CLASSIFIEDS

For Rent: Furnished 2-bedroom, Park Model in Sherwood Forest, Kissimmee, FL. Four miles from Disney - \$400/week. Call Mike - Site N-296 - 616-437-3691.

For Sale at Site 2: Large double wide mobile home (24x58) in Adult Park in Clearwater, FL. Central air, two bedrooms w/large walk-in closets, two baths, large Florida Room, dining room, large living room, nice sized kitchen w/ dish washer, garbage disposal, carport and enclosed porch w/hurricane blinds, large shed w/washer and dryer. Completely furnished, on corner lot w/ three fruit trees. Asking \$29,900. Call: 269-760-8453.

For Sale - Site 37, Phase 1: Lakefront lot with beautiful full view of the Island and Dam. Includes Park Model, 3-season porch, shed and boat stake - \$89,900. Call: 616-293-1335.

For Sale - Site 73 - Tree Haven Circle, Phase 1: 1990 Park Homes, 1 bedroom, three bay windows, air, 10 x 33 heated all season porch & furniture, all new in 2001, 12' deck, 2 electric golf carts & double golf cart garage, shed, fire pit & patio. Price Reduced. Call: 734-692-1953 or see Pat at lot 76.

For Sale - Site 298, Phase 1: 2001 Dutch Park Model, one bedroom, top of the line. Located at Six Lakes, MI. You move - \$19,600 - OBO. Call: 616-455-5457 - Sara.

For Sale - Site 318 Phase 1: 1982 Trophy - 35 ft. screened in enclosed porch; built in Microwave/Oven, Stereo System, newer furnace, hot water heater, air conditioner, all furnishings included. Golf Cart, Electric 1988 Yamaha, shed - \$22,500 - OBO. Call: 616-531-1903.

For Sale - Site 424: Water view, 1988 Oakland Park, new furniture, excellent condition, 30' glassed-in porch w/blinds and a porch air conditioner. Front deck and rear entrance from parking area - \$44,900. Call: John at 616-896-8371.

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For Sale - Site 977: 2004 Heritage Park w/3-season porch on lot and one half. New - used one season - furnished. One minute walk from the CC, beach and playground. Must sell - \$52,500. Call: 616-893-2396.

For Sale - Site 1054, Phase 3: Waterfront - 1996 Canterbury, 36x12, 2006 Westhouse 10x30 porch, 2006 8x10 shed, '95 Yamaha 4-passenger gas golf cart, customized porch interior w/ oak wood paneling. Gas log fireplace in porch, central air and heat, all furnishings included. New appliances in 2006. Updated deck w/new carpet in 2007. New in 2006 a 32" TV, Bose stereo system, 18' Sweetwater Pontoon boat w/40 hp motor, power trim and tilt. Excellent water view, with a lot of wild life and swimming - \$91,000. Call: 616-896-1965.

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For Sale - Site N-226: Across the street from the golf course, in desirable Phase 4. 1999 Canterbury w/ Mulder glass porch - all new in 2000. Three bedroom w/additional loft above master bedroom. Can sleep 8+, green area behind, front fire pit, AC, cable and phone hookups. Two golf carts and Honda moped included. 2007 dues paid - \$49,900. See Kathy at N-229 or call her at 616-862-5971.

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For Sale at Site K-50: Trailer Only - 1983 AMI Park Model, redone inside. New carpet and linoleum. Excellent condition - \$7,500 - OBO. Can be seen on site K-50. Call: 616-896-8295 (leave message).

For Sale - Site K-261: 2001 37' Sandpiper, Super Slide, 25' awning w/ enclosed screen porch and privacy curtains. Front Master Bedroom w/ upgraded mattress, garden tub w/glass

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door and exhaust fan in bathroom, rear bunks, sleeps 9 comfortably, has lots of storage, outside shower, AC, Cable Hookup and foam core insulation. Nice grass lot w/green area in back. 10'x32' deck, 8'x8' shed w/electric and full sized refrigerator, golf cart shed w/new cover in 2006, electric 1999 EZ-Go four-person gas golf cart w/2006 new rebuilt engine, large fire pit, picnic table, close to CC and playground. Just down the street from the lake, boat stake, 2007 dues paid. Asking \$41,900. Call: 616-581-5202 or 616-498-3026.

For Sale at Site K-300: 1977 Harris Pontoon, 25 hp Johnson, 18' Deck - 20' pontoons. New top - \$2,000 - OBO. Call: 616-896-1669 or 616-669-6041.

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For Sale at K-397: 1998 Prowler 29' Travel Trailer w/superslide and fiberglass exterior. A/C, Freestanding dinette, front corner kitchen, queen sized bed, easily sleeps four. Lots of options - \$6,500 - OBO. Call: 269-731-5145. Can be seen in the bullpen.

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For Sale - Site K-434: Lakefront on main part of lake. 1989 two-bedroom Canterbury with porch. Home has a new roof, carpet, and deck. Very large fire pit. Sandy beach with gradual slope

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For Sale at K-436: Floating Dock - three sections. One 8' (no floating), two 10' floating, and eight posts - \$1,400. Call: 269-910-0634 or 269-668-4258.

For Sale - K-457: Uniquely landscaped waterfront with deluxe styled American Heritage Park Model and enclosed porch. 24' pontoon boat, two golf carts w/garage and shed. Must see! Call: 616-896-8353 for appointment.

For Sale - Site K-486: Furnished Park Model w/enclosed porch. Sleeps 6+, large bathroom, central air, shed, golf cart and garage. Very large patio and yard. 2007 dues paid - \$52,000 OBO. Call: 616-896-1838 (D-22).

For Sale - Site K-509, Phase 5: Near the new Water Works Project and the lake. 1990 - 35' Woodland Park Trailer with 30x10' enclosed parch, shed, 2000 EZ-Go gas golf cart w/shelter. Golf cart has canopy and full windshield. 007 dues paid. Asking \$49,900. Cal: 616-281-1412 or 616-437-8832.

For Sale - Site D-42, Phase 6: Live on the Waterfront! Desirable lake lot, shed, patio and seawall. Boat stake in front of lot. All dues/permits paid - \$59,900. Two golf carts are negotiable. Also available - 2002 Bennington 18' pontoon w/25 hp Nissan motor, very low hours - \$9,900. Call: 269-275-4472 or 269-275-5524.

For Sale - Site D-69: Cul-de-sac w/ beautiful view across the big lake. Seawall and landscaping done in '04. Furnished 2000 Park Model w/enclosed porch and A/C. Club Car Golf Cart, paddle boat, metal Meyers row boat, new in '03, in the water only once. Boat stakes in front w/metal dock- new in '03. In-ground sprinkler system. Double cart shelter w/custom shelves. Separate wooden shed. Dues paid for '07. Wonderful neighbors - Price reduced - \$110,000 - make an offer. Call: 616-896-1970 or 616-291-2768 (cell).

Christmas in August Decoration winners

Following is a list of the winners of the Best Decorated Sites in each Phase, including the Condos, for Christmas in August.

Phase 1 - Warren and Pat Fought, Site 1;
Phase 2 - Bennett and Joyce Johnson, Site #578;
Phase 3 - Robert and Laurie Beldon, Site 1387;
Phase 4 - Alvin & Dorothy Bareman, Site N-54 and Gene and Hazel Boven, Site N-55;
Phase 5 - Larry, Kathy & Nate Tickfer, Site K-330;
Phase 6 - Lyle and Linda Johnson, Site D-7; and for the Condos - Chris and Diane Drayton, #7028.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to decorate their site for the Christmas festivities. As always, it was beautiful. Special thanks to the volunteers who helped with the judging of the decorations. Your help is very much appreciated.

Please remember that your ad will run until you call Kathy (896-8315 x 105) to have it removed.

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Summer Recreation Update

Adult Programs

By the time you read this, we will have traveled to the Detroit Tigers game and also to the Little River Casino in Manistee. Thanks to all of you who were able to join us on at least one of our summer trips. We hope you all had a good time and will consider joining us again next year.

We are already working on some events for our next season together. If you have any suggestions, we are always open to those, too.

We hope to see you at our Saturday morning coffee every Saturday morning at the Pavilion at 9 am, and also at the Potlucks that we have the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 6 pm. Card nights are Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Library, beginning at 7 pm. These events will continue through the month of September.

Rog Grinwis
Adult Programs

Aquatics Update

As summer comes to an end, I'd like to thank those who helped make it a wonderful year.

Special thanks to the girls at the Administration Office, the guys at Maintenance, and my lifeguarding staff.

I would also like to thank Roxanne Bareman, for always driving the boat for island swims, and Kim Day, for donating a generous amount of candy for swimming lessons.

Finally, those of us from swimming lessons, Kid's Club, and tennis, would like to thank the kids for making our summer so special. We love the kids and the families at the Park so much, and appreciate the gifts that we were given at our end of summer party.

Special thanks to the Krueger family, for the special donation of pictures and frames, for the new Recreation office. Have a wonderful winter, and we'll see you back next year.

Becki Arndt
Aquatic Supervisor

Teen/Youth Recreation

The summer sure went fast but it was fun. I want to thank all of my volunteers first because without you some of the events wouldn't have been possible you guys were great !! From the people that did the events like the carnival to the men who worked on the maze we have awesome members don't we. The maintenance staff was great and if anything needed to be fixed they got right on it. The office staff was so helpful and the employees at the Park and Garden too.

I also want to thank the people who donated things over the summer like all the movies we watched to the Halloween and Christmas supplies. I know i'm not getting everything in here you donated but you know who you are. And Rachel Overweg did a great job running the can drive for Brandon Gorden. Thank you to Mark Deemter for letting us use his golf range for golf lessons and all the other people who helped the rec. department out this year like Driver Bob who did the wagon rides.

Wendy Gunn
Teen/Youth Recreation Supervisor



A very special thank you to Warren and Pat Fought, and their grandsons who got into the Christmas Spirit by portraying Mr & Mrs, Santa and their elves for the Christmas Parade during our Christmas in August Celebration. It was a great weekend, and everyone had a wonderful time.



Annetta Jansen Ministries

Annetta Jansen Ministries, also known as Project Hope, in Dorr, would be happy to accept any non-perishable items that you might not wish to take with you at the end of the season. They help families in this area who are in need of food, clothing, and other necessities.

If you would like to donate any of your 'stuff' please drop it off at the Administration Office or at the Ranger's Station.

Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile cause.



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More Information

Senior Adult Activities by Bill Meyer, President

This season is quickly coming to an end. I hope everyone had a fun summer here at Sandy Pines with all of the activities going on. Sandy Pines is the most fun-filled and busiest campground in the area, and our group enjoys being a part of that.

Our last money Bingo will be Saturday, September 15th at 7 pm, in the Pavilion, for ages 18+. Food will be served at 6 pm. It only costs \$.25/card, but you must purchase at least four cards to play on for the evening. We appreciate you bringing the correct change with you, no big bills, please.

Thank you for your support of our activities and for attending our Pancake Breakfasts. We make our profits on those, and that money enables us to donate fun things for Sandy Pines. Our last Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, October 6th, at the Flea Market, from 8-11 am. We will also have a Free Bingo that same afternoon from 2-4 pm for ages 12+. A Soup Supper will follow bingo from 4-6 pm in the Pavilion. The supper will feature a variety of homemade soups, sloppy joes, polish dogs, hot dogs, chips

and brownies. Come and enjoy a fun day at the last big event of the 2007 season.

The Senior Adult Activities planning meeting will be on Friday, Sept. 14th at 7 pm, in the Pavilion. We will be planning our activities for the 2008 season, and also disbursing our profits from this year. This is a very important meeting, and all of our members should plan on being there for the entire time. If you are 18 years old or older, you are eligible to be a member of our group, so please consider joining us!



Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped out at Family Day. Pictured above is Rudy Fojtik, as he makes popcorn. Everyone had a great day and all of the volunteers are appreciated!



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We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to:

Clyde Thomsen, Site 465, on the passing of his mother, Shirley, on June 30th.

Brenda Brott, Site N-274, on the passing of her grandson, Justin Loux, on July 30th.

Look What's Happening!

Congratulations to **Bob & Bev Schaafsma**, Site N-125, on celebrating **50 years of marriage** on August 30th.

Florida Winter Gathering info

The Winter Gathering in Florida has been scheduled for March 4, 2008, at Homer's, in Sebring. Plan now to attend. Additional information will be forthcoming in future issues of the Footprints.

Michigan Winter Get-Together info

For those who do not go to a 'warmer climate' during the winter months, we will again be getting together for dinner and good conversation on the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6 pm, at Old Country Buffet. Our first gathering will be October 18th in Kalamazoo, at Maple Hill Mall. The next get-together is on November 15th in Grand Rapids, at Roger's Plaza on 28th Street. December 20th find us back in Kalamazoo; January 17th Grand Rapids; February 21st Kalamazoo; March 20th Grand Rapids, and April 17th back to Kalamazoo. Join us for an evening of fellowship together, a chance to see old friends, and perhaps make some new ones! Everyone is invited - hope you can join us!

Your Questions Answered

The question was: "Can anybody help me find a way to get dried pine tar (sap) off of my vinyl golf cart seats?"

Answer: The many products that work on glass, fiberglass, and car finishes like nail polish remover, WD-40, Kwik Kleen, Goo Off, and Goop Be Gone, all had minimal success on vinyl. The Goo Off worked the best after letting it set for a minute or two and then using a damp cloth and lots of elbow grease, but a product called "Awesome," purchased at the Dollar Store, removed the pine tar more efficiently, and with less work.

Thanks to the members who let us use their seats for testing and to those who offered suggestions.

If you have a question you would like us to look into, please leave it at the Administration Office for The Member Outreach Committee.



As the season at Sandy Pines begins to wind down, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who helped in any capacity during the year. Without your assistance, many of the events that we have, would not be able to take place.

Also, as your children return to school, and others of you pack up and move to a warm climate for the winter months, we send our wishes for safe travel, and we are looking forward to a fabulous Season in 2008!

Please be sure to let Member Service know if you have a winter address that we may need in case we have to contact you, and please take a moment to check and be sure that we have updated cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, or mailing addresses in our files to ensure that our records are accurate during the winter months.

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Walkers, weeks 14-17 have us clearing "Viva, Las Vegas," "I left my heart in San Francisco," and "Do you know the way to San Jose?" With only 276.5 miles to go,

we are closing in on "By the time I get to Phoenix." We have 470.5 miles to go to get to our half way point.

Everyone who walks needs to turn in their distances for the day, the week, or the month, at the Ranger

Station. We will probably not complete our entire trip, but I would like to see us make at least the half-way point, and complete the trek next season.

Thanks for taking part in the trip!

8th Annual Golf Outing results

Following is a list of the winners from this year's Golf Outing:

Flight A First Place Winners (\$160)

Wayne Conn, Eddie Murray, Michael Schnurr, Tim Doyle

Flight A Last Place Winners (\$80)

Gordon Ignasiak, Corey Rogers, Bob Baldry, Scott Jost

Flight B First Place Winners (\$160)

Karl Keuning, Terry Derks, Ken Zeerip, Mary Zeerip

Flight B Last Place Winners (\$80)

Tom Whall, Chris Donnley, Paul Goodes, Laura Goodes

Special Hole Prizes - Sorry, but nobody was able to score a hole-in-one and collect the \$5,000 prize on Hole #13. Bob Berghorst had the short that was closed to the pin and won a Lake Monterey golf shirt.

On Hole #15, the longest drives belonged to Eric Veeneman, for the men, and Deb Biesbrock, for the women. Each won a free 18 holes of golf with a cart.

On Hole #18, Karl Keuning put his second shot closest to the pin and won, for each of his team members, a free 9 holes of golf and a sleeve of balls.

Everyone had a fun round, received a door prize, and finished their day with a brat and burger luncheon.

Thanks to all of the participants, and a special thanks to those who volunteered their Saturday to help this event run so smoothly.



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PARK NEWS

Vision 2010 committee

The committee proposed a lakefront gas facility to be located in an area adjacent to the boat rental area. There will be an EPA approved 1,000 gallon tank on the site. It will be enclosed and operated by an attendant. The hours will probably be limited to the weekend, and a small additional charge per gallon for gas at this pump will be assessed. Oil will also be available for sale. There will be a dock where you can park your boat while being serviced with gas. Interested members will be given a card

that will fit on your keychain, will automatically activate the gas pump, and charge your Sandy Pines account. There are approximately 1,400 power boats registered, so this is intended to be a convenience to the members.

In addition, there is a lot of gas spillage when you fill your boat in the lake, especially on weekends when there is a lot of wave activity. Using the gas marina will be ecologically prudent. The board approved a \$30,000 capital expenditure in next

year's budget, subject to an unofficial survey of the members. A questionnaire can be found in this issue of the FOOTPRINTS and the weekly bulletin. Please submit your questionnaire to the office. We want your opinion.

The committee proposed a reactivation of the nature trail adjacent to Phase three. The concept is for both a fitness and nature trail for joggers and walkers. We will possibly include exercise stations along the way. We emphasize this is only in the concept stage. The board has discussed the banning of all golf carts in this area in order for nature to recapture the vegetation along the trail. We would like to hear from you regarding your thoughts on this project, so please write or e-mail the Board.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has approved the 2007/2008 budget. Dues will be increased by \$26/member per the cost of living increase allowed in our bylaws. The preliminary budget was submitted to the members in May. The only changes include minor fee adjustments for camping sites. We added \$20,000 in budget funds to the approximate \$3,000 in recycling income for the ongoing fencing project, plus the addition of \$30,000 for the lakefront gas facility. The budget was submitted to the board for approval.

The committee also recommended a repeat of the Sandy Pines site promotion granting a \$5,000 promotional offer from \$19,900 to \$14,900 from January 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2008.

Tom Aldrich
Chairman Finance and Vision 2010

Sandy Pines Updated Charter Member List

When Sandy Pines was first started, in 1971, there were many people who purchased a membership. We are fortunate to still have some of those people at Sandy Pines. This is our 36th year, and we wanted all of you to know who these wonderful people are who took a chance on a new campground and are still here! The list last month was not complete, so we are running it again, hopefully with everyone on it that should be. Some Charter members had moved to a new site and the computer did not generate all of the names. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Carroll & Linda Aardema
Ken & Alberta Agema
Ed & Gert Austhof
Ernie & Carol Barrigear
Hilbert Benit
Richard & Janet Bennett
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Thank you to Jim & Ann Wolford, Site 113 for these photos of Cooper Hawks that they took from their site. Great photos!



Thank you to Rog & Karen Grinwis for these photos of the Port Huron Trip that some of the members took this summer. It was one of several trips that were offered this year.



2008 DUES, CAPITAL, & SPECIAL ASSESSMENT

The total annual membership dues, capital contribution, and special assessments for the 2007/2008 season will be \$1,246.00 and will be on your September statement as follows:

2008 Annual Dues	\$ 949
2008 Annual Capital	<u>172</u>
Total Dues/Capital	1,121
Electric/Blacktop/Recreation Assessment	<u>125</u>
Total 2008	\$1,246

The cost of living increase for the annual dues and capital contribution is 2.3% or \$26.

The tenth year of the special assessment for the electric/blacktop/recreation upgrade is \$125. For all members who paid their electric assessment in advance, your member account will be billed the tenth assessment and then we will credit your account for that amount. **If you have not yet prepaid your assessment and would like to do so, the remaining three years of the assessment would be an additional \$375.00. Please send a note with your check specifying the additional amount is prepayment of the special assessment. Wouldn't it be great if we could pay off the electric/blacktop/recreation loan in full? Think of the interest costs the membership would save. Please, consider prepaying the balance of your electric assessment this year.**

YOU HAVE TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Dues, Capital Contributions, Special Assessments, and all other fees or charges (the total balance billed to your account) Must be paid in full by October 31, 2007 to avoid service charges.

OR

SIX MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS to pay **the dues, capital contributions, and special assessments only** in the amount of \$215.50 due by the 25th of each month (October through March). PLEASE NOTE: **The payment plan includes only the dues, capital contributions, 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 \$215.50.**

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. 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 of \$20 per card for reactivation.**





Park & Garden News

It's hard to believe that this is our last article of the summer. When you get this Footprints it will be September. We will list just a few thing that we can do to help you get ready for the fall months.

Boat removal - Call early to schedule your pontoon removal. Phone 616-896-9334.

Winterizing - We carry RV antifreeze and blow out plugs along with stabil for your gas.

Wood chips - We still have wood chips in stock. We will put them on sale until they are gone. The sale price will be \$25.00 a yard delivered to your lot.

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and much much more in stock.

It's been a summer of warm days and lots of warm smiles. Thanks to everyone that stopped in and said hi. If you have anything that can help us next year or if you just want to say hi our email address is tsp876@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all, John Parmeter

Thank you to Marian VandenBrink for providing photos of the various Adult Crafts classes that were held this summer. Participants were able to watercolor paint, make lighthouses, sew purses or bags, make jewelry, bookmarks, and many other items. Thank you to Vonnie DeYoung and Donna Bleyerveld for all of their hard work in making sure that everyone had a good time and for sharing their craft ideas with us.



Don't forget to check out the many different and colorful designs for the new Recreation Station water park.

We will continue to be at the Flea Markets until the end of the season with lots of designs, including sweatshirts, pajamas, sweat pants, t-shirts, and hoodies.

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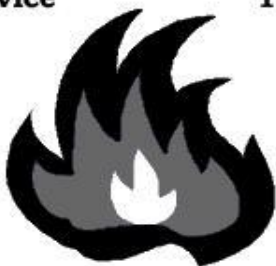
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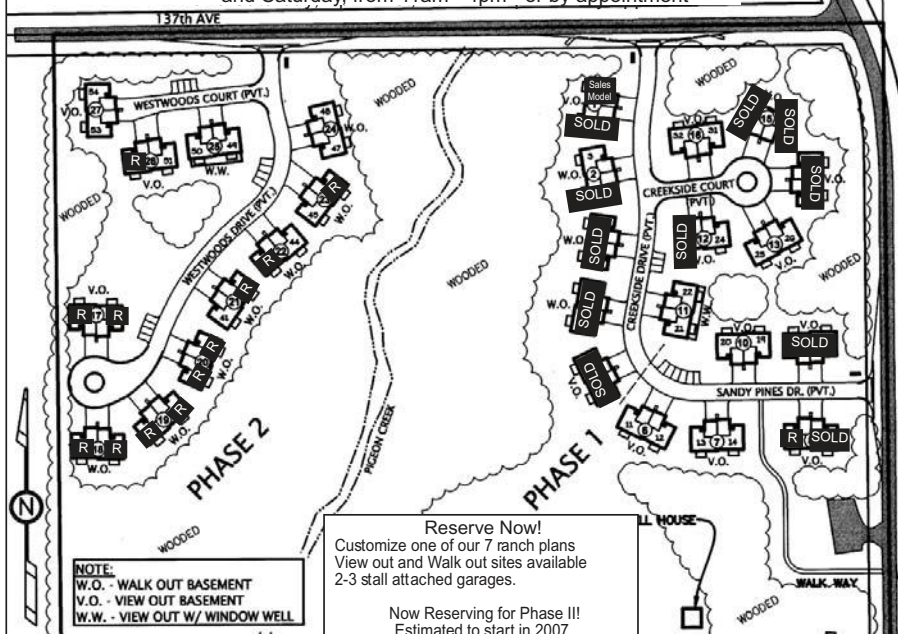
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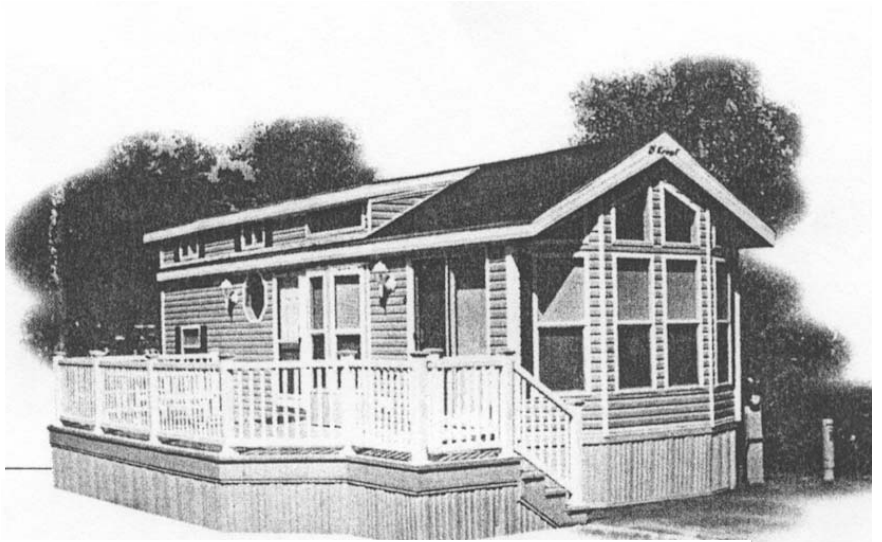
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