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## Letter from the President by Lee VanHarn

Dear Sandy Pines friends:

First, I want to congratulate the three incumbents (Mike Young, Jean Richards and myself) for winning a three-year re-election to the Board of Directors. Also, we thank John Spoelman for stepping forth as a fourth candidate.

Although I will serve another three-year term on the Board, I have informed the Board that I will not be a candidate for election as President of Sandy Pines (Board officers are elected by the Board, not the membership). I have served as President for three years. Although at times, it was exhausting and frustrating, still it was my privilege and pleasure to have represented and served you. There are other qualified Board members and it is time for new leadership. The Board will elect new officers at its September 11 meeting.

Much positive change has occurred in the last three years. Sandy Pines now has a new Recreation Station (Water

Park, teen center, physical fitness center, etc.), an Adult Recreation Center, a Ranger parking/storage garage, golf cart shelters are making way for new larger storage sheds, golf cart safety has been much improved through strict enforcement activity, mini-golf is now free to members and guests, twenty new condominium homes have been sold, we're investing in "green" technology, and a host of new recreational activities are available to us all. Although the economy continues to be a concern, members are making property improvements and our property values are holding fairly stable. Best of all, our financial position is "better" than strong – a far cry from not too many years ago when we were on the verge of financial failure.

Our original promise to you was to stop the hurtful rumors and falsehoods, restore the member's trust and to improve communications. Prior to three years ago, we had a half-dozen or so resignations from our Board in as many years. We have not had a resignation since. The Board adopted new policy procedures, and the footprints and our web site were expanded. We now index and archive Board deci-

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## 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.

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 Kathy Brott.....Executive Assistant

## PARK DIRECTOR UPDATE by Max Gibbs



The month of September brings many changes for each of us. Please take time for yourself, before the busy time of this month overwhelms you.

The memories of your experiences at Sandy Pines are there to savor and enjoy. When the world around you seems to be rushing by and is too busy, stop and think of your summer at the Park.

I have been told by many people that I always write about thanking our staff. You can't thank the people around you enough for the job they do. Think how good you feel when

your boss, wife, husband, neighbor, or a stranger says, "Thank you." It is a good feeling. The more good feelings we can pass out, the better the world becomes. The staff at Sandy Pines needs to be thanked for the great job they do. We would not be the Park we are without them. I want to thank them for all they do, and you can also take time to thank them, when you see the staff.

The Board of Directors passed a \$25 per year, for the next three years, Special Assessment at the Board meeting on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>. This money will be used to continue to make Sandy Pines more "Green." Geo-thermal heating and cooling, Solar power and upgrading our old equipment will help us become more "Green," and will save money on our utilities.

Thank you to the Board for this step in the right direction. Sandy Pines needs to be, and is, a leader in the Outdoor Hospitality Business. You should be proud of the progress we have made.

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### Member Service Information by Mary Cooper

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#### Flea Markets:

The last Flea Market of the year is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Spaces are still available. You will be able to reserve a space for the 2010 Flea Markets beginning Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>. Dates for the 2010 Flea Markets are: May 8, May 29, June 12, July 3, August 14, September 5 & October 2. The price will be \$25 for each space or all seven Flea Markets are \$20 per space.

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#### Address Changes:

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\*Useful info from Gerrits Appliance: Take your liquid fabric softener home for the winter. Once it freezes it can not be used. Liquid detergent does fine in cold weather.

#### Welcome New Members:

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sions and studies for future reference. Best of all, we try to let members know what's happening and you are freely encouraged to participate, ask questions and make comments. One reminder I frequently told the Board is "Although the Board has the authority to decide almost all matters, it is wise and prudent to obtain input from the membership." There will always be improvements we can make. We're trying!

It's still a great time to be a member of Sandy Pines! God Bless!

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Ade Scholten, President  
Dios Protection Center Board  
N256

The following rule changes to the Sandy Pines Handbook were voted upon and approved at the August 14, 2009, Board of Directors meeting.

#### Page 21 – Section III, Part P - Storage Area

A member may build a storage area with up to four 6'x6' high panels, with a gap between each slat, and without a roof. They may also have one 6'x6' panel with a gap between each slat, to protect their propane tank. It can be constructed of wood or plastic, but no mesh material or construction fencing. A permit and drawing will be required.

#### Page 19 – Section II, Part B, Number 7

#### Water Heaters - Section I, Article B, Part 7

Change the following: Water heater limited to no more than 12 gallons to read: Water Heater limited to no more than **16** gallons.

#### Page 21 – Section IV, Part A, Number 5

#### Retractable Awnings - Section IV, Article A, Part 3

Add the following: A retractable awning can be attached to a porch and may not exceed the length of said porch.



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# AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES



*Board of Directors Meeting  
August 14, 2009  
Open Session  
7:30 pm - Pavilion*

## *Unapproved*

**CALL TO ORDER:** President, Lee VanHarn called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Invocation was given by Terry Derks

**ROLL CALL:** Lee VanHarn, Mike Young, Terry Derks, Jean Richards, Jim Schipper, Tom Aldrich, Stan Robbins, Dick Valone and Gerald Williams.

Staff present: Max Gibbs & Kathy Brott

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 10, 2009 minutes were approved with a motion from Tom Aldrich and support from Mike Young. All Ayes. **Motion carried.**

**Officer Reports:** President VanHarn reminded everyone about the Annual Meetings for Sandy Pines and the Lake Monterey Golf Course on Aug. 15, at 9 am, at the Chapel. Secretary Valone reminded everyone where the Polling Places in the Park were located, and that the Polls would be open from 9 am to 2 pm on Aug. 15. Secretary Valone also notified the members that the Board will be electing Officers for the 2009-2010 season at the Sept. Board Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERS:** Motion by Jean Richards, seconded by Tom Aldrich to approve the New Members (36). All Ayes. **Motion carried.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Tom Aldrich, Chair, reported that his Committee met on Aug. 6, and reviewed Financial Statements and Check Registers from Sandy Pines and Lake Monterey Golf Course. He made a **motion to approve the 2009-2010 Operating Budget** with support from Jim Schipper. Vote: Seven Ayes, Two Nays (Robbins and VanHarn). **Motion carried.** Tom Aldrich **motioned to approve the 2009-2010 Capital Budget** with support from Dick Valone. Vote: Seven Ayes, Two Nays (Robbins and VanHarn) **Motion carried.**

**Member Outreach Committee:** Jean Richards reported that they are looking for names of members to recognize in the Footprints, who go above and beyond. Please feel free to drop off your suggestions for recognition to Jean at Member Service, and your suggestion will be put in her mailbox. She also thanked all of the members who are walking and keeping track of their miles. At least 62 members have turned in miles, and 22 of those have walked more than 100 miles this summer.

**Rules Committee:** Terry Derks reported that his Committee met on Aug. 10, and he had four Committee Recommendations to bring to the Board. Terry made the following motion: **A member may build a storage area with up to four 6'x6' high panels, with a gap between each slot, and without a roof. They may also have one 6'x6' panel with a gap between each slot to protect their propane tank. It can be constructed with wood or plastic, but no mesh material or construction fencing. A drawing will be required.** Motion seconded by Dick Valone. Vote: Five Ayes, Four Nays (Robbins, VanHarn, Williams and Young). **Motion carried.** Terry Derks made a **motion to change the 12 gallon limit on water heaters to 16 gallons.** Dick Valone seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes. **Motion carried.** Terry Derks made a motion to allow 22' watercraft on the lake, instead of only allowing 20' watercraft. Dick Valone seconded the motion. After discussion, motion was withdrawn. Terry Derks made a motion to allow retractable awings on porches. The motion reads: **A retractable awing can be attached to a porch and may not exceed the length of said porch.** Gerald Williams seconded the motion. Vote: All Ayes. **Motion carried.**

**Special Events & Activities:** Jim Schipper announced upcoming events in the Park.

**Long Range Planning Committee:** Dick Valone, Chair, made a motion to approve a Special Assessment. The motion reads: **The Bylaws allow the Board of Directors to levy an Assessment for single, unique, expenses which may be incurred in the operation of Sandy Pines. The Board of Directors is proposing a Special Assessment of \$25 per membership, for three years, beginning on October 1, 2009, to continue to upgrade our Green Plan. The following facilities will use the Geo-thermal technology for heating and cooling from the money raised with the Assessment: CC#11, CC#8, CC#2 and CC#3.** Vote: Six Ayes, Three Nays (Robbins, VanHarn and Young). **Motion carried.**

**Bylaws Committee:** Stan Robbins Chair, reported that Committee recommendations for Bylaws changes will be printed in upcoming issues of the Footprints Newsletters. Portions will be reproduced for members to read, and the document in its entirety, will be posted on our website for member viewing. This will begin with the Sept. Footprints and run until all changes have been printed. Meetings will be held in the spring to discuss these changes and get input from the members.

**Golf Course Committee:** Terry Derks, Chair, reported that there were more teams that played in our Member/Guest Golf Outing this year than there were last year. It was good time for everyone. He also reported that the CLUBHOUSE SPECIALS that are running in the Weekend Flyers this summer got a slow start, but are now being used by quite a few members.

**PARK DIRECTOR REPORT:** Max Gibbs, Park Director, thanked everyone who decorated their Sites for Christmas. He reported that as the summer winds down, we need to thank the Recreation Dept. Supervisors for a job well done! Rog Grinwis, Mary Applehof and Becki Arndt did an excellent job again this summer. There are very few, if any, campgrounds that have the programming every day that Sandy Pines has. Doris Hepp is putting together a group of volunteers to supervise the Adult Pool after Labor Day weekend, when we lose our staff back to school.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Member Input:** President VanHarn fielded questions from members and answered them.

**Meeting Adjourned:** at 9:36 pm. The next Board meeting is **Friday, Sept. 11, 2009**, in the Pavilion, at 7:30 pm.

## PARK RANGER NEWS by Steve Deyarmond

### Preparing for Fall/Winter Storage Mode

- 1) Place outdoor appliances, bicycles, furniture and other items in shelter.
- 2) Make arrangements with Member Service to have your trailer winterized.
- 3) Have your holding tank pumped.
- 4) Turn off your water at the road, and mark your water line with your site number, for winterization.
- 5) Remove items that will freeze in the cupboards. Remove all alcoholic beverages.
- 6) Defrost and clean your refrigerator. Place baking soda or charcoal briquettes inside refrigerator to absorb odors.
- 7) Place moth balls under trailer to deter animals and rodents.
- 8) Place your golf cart in storage. Take action to prevent golf cart theft. Remove a rear wheel or chain and padlock your golf cart to a fixed object, or chain your golf carts together.
- 9) Contact your propane provider to fill your propane tanks. Turn off your propane tanks for the winter months.
- 10) Contact your lawn service to rake the leaves in the fall. Review the trees on your site for dead limbs, and contact a tree service if needed.
- 11) If you plan to use your trailer in the winter or early spring, have a technician check your furnace for proper operation. Be sure to check the roof vent for bird nests or obstructions that would prohibit the exhaust from leaving your trailer. Furnace and water heater exhaust must vent to the outdoors.
- 12) Place your watercraft in storage. Make arrangements in the off season to have it tuned, repaired or checked. Small out-board motors should be removed and placed in a secure location. Other watercraft outboard motors should be chained and padlocked to the watercraft. Place gas stabilizer in your gas tanks. Have your watercraft winterized. Consider

having it shrink-wrapped to protect it from the elements.

13) Remove your boat dock from the lake to prevent ice damage. Please do not store your dock or watercraft in the green area.

14) Remove your small watercraft such as paddle boats and row boats from the lake shore. Please store paddle boats and small watercraft on your site. Please do not store items in the green area.

15) Close all vents and windows in your trailer and roll up awnings.

16) Turn off the electric at the pedestal at the road, and secure with padlock.

17) Give your electric golf cart a full charge and put gas stabilizer in your gas golf cart.

18) Replace your smoke detector batteries

19) Leave a winter contact name with Member Service if you are out of state or a great distance from Sandy Pines. Make sure that Sandy Pines has your correct address and phone numbers.

20) Remember to turn your thermostat to 'off' in your trailer. Some trailer furnace blowers will continue to run when the propane runs out and the temperature becomes lower than the thermostat setting.

21) Make arrangements with a neighbor or friend to check your trailer in the winter months.

22) Watch weather reports for snow accumulation. Remember Sandy Pines receives lake effect snow fall which can be larger accumulations than places further inland.

23) You may purchase yard waste bags at the Ranger Station or Member Services. Please place the bagged leaves at the road for maintenance to pick up, or transport your leaves and yard waste to the leaf dump across the street from the Ranger Station.

24) Lawn mowers and other gas yard tools should have gas stabilizer placed in the tank for the winter months.

25) Have a roofing contractor check your roof if you have experienced roof leaking. Have caulking around roof vents and roof mounted air conditioners checked for a proper seal.

### Leaf Dump:

A Leaf dump is located across the street from the Ranger Station. Please take leaves, brush and vegetation to this dump. Do not place leaves or vegetation in the dumpsters located in your Phase. When dumping, please place non-vegetation items in the large dumpsters located in the leaf dump area. The dump area is only for vegetation. Please do not discard trash or other non-vegetation items in the dump area, and please follow the signs to the area where the vegetation is to be dumped.

In October, the Leaf Dump area will have restricted access, and you will need to stop at the Ranger Station to get into the Leaf Dump. In the past, persons have brought items from home to dispose of. Please, only items from the Park are to be placed in the Dumpsters, as well as yard waste from the Park.

### Inspector News by Don Weiss

Wow! I can't believe we are into September already. I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer here at The Pines. I only have a few items to remind you of.

First: If you've had a new shed built and were supposed to remove the old one, I will be driving around to make sure this has been done before the season is over.

Secondly: If you need to have trees removed or trimmed, it is a good idea to have it done this fall or early in the spring.

In conclusion, please remember that you cannot put tarps on your trailers until October 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for a great summer, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns that you may have.



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# RECREATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

## Adult Recreation News by Rog Grinwis, Adult Recreation Supervisor

It's hard to believe that the summer is winding down, and we who stay in the area, already know what's coming!

Our Saturday morning Coffee is held from 9-9:45 am at the Rec. Station. You get coffee and a fresh roll for \$1.50. Please join us for a nice time to visit with friends and neighbors. Saturday coffee will continue through September.

We will also continue to have our Potlucks the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays during the month of September. Bring a dish to pass and your

own table service. Beverage is provided. Potlucks begin at 5:30 pm.

We've had a cool summer, but our trips were all very successful, and we shared lots of laughs, and had a great time together.

Last, but not least, a HUGE thank you to all of you who volunteered to help us with the 'Events of Summer.' Without your help, it would be difficult to have all of the activities that we do, and to have them be such a success.

Thanks again, and have a great Autumn!

## Youth/Teen Recreation

by Mary Applehof,  
Youth/Teen Recreation Supervisor

Here's my ABC's of Sandy Pines! **A**wesome, **B**usy, **C**razy, **D**isc golf, **E**xciting, **F**ascinating, **G**olf, **H**oly cow, **I**ce cream, **J**ust in time, **K**id's Club, **L**essons, **M**emories, **N**ice, **O**pponent, **P**eaceful, **Q**uick, **R**ecreation center, **S**wimming, **T**ennis, **U**mbrella, **V**ery cool, **W**ater, **X**-cellent, **Y**-because we like you, and **Z**oo!

What an Awesome summer of 2009! We had great attendance at all the Recreation events and I am so grateful for how everyone behaved at all the events! It was so much fun to hang out with such a great group of kids!

We are already starting to plan for next year- so if you have any new and exciting ideas for the Recreation Department we would love to hear them. Just e-mail us at [recreation@sandypines.com](mailto:recreation@sandypines.com).

Have a safe "off" season and we already are looking forward to seeing all of you next year!



## MEMBER OUTREACH COMMITTEE by Jean Richards, Committee Chair

As you travel around the Park, take notice of the beautiful flower beds at the entrances, Recreation Station, Adult Recreation Center, the CCs and the newly planted rose garden in Phase III. As you admire them, give thanks to the Garden Club for their many hours planting, mulching, dead heading, and weeding.

Thank you to Nelson Bouma, Dorothy Meiers, Sharon Prins, Mark Smith, Glen & Mary Baumgardner, Jackie Payne, Gerry Humphreys, Barb Bowman, Shirley Buter, Linda Dalter, Debbie Bunce, Greg & Janet Breen and Ralph & Regi Valentine.

If you have others you wish to recognize, please drop me a line at Member Services and they'll get it to me.

In the August Newsletter, we recognized our Library Ladies for the great job that they do. I would like to add the following names to that list that were inadvertently omitted: Thanks to Jan Raak, Darlene Goncher and Jan Wolterink, who spend many hours in our library keeping it organized for all of the members. You are appreciated!

Two members have given us an answer to the spider problem. One, flea collars: just cut them up and put them around the exterior walls. Two, Osage oranges: leave them whole and spread them out under your unit. The oranges usually are available in late September. If you have other questions, drop them off at Member Services.

Thank you for getting us names of members to recognize in this column. Please continue to do so as you notice people who continually go above and beyond the call of duty. We want to recognize and thank them for all that they do.

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The total annual membership dues, capital contribution, and special assessments for the 2009/2010 season will be \$1,321.00 and will be on your September statement as follows:

2010 Annual Dues	\$1,035
2010 Annual Capital	<u>136</u>
Total Dues/Capital	1,171
Special Assessment – Green Plan (1 of 3)	25
Special Assessment – Water Park (12 of 13)	<u>125</u>
Total 2010	\$1,321

The cost of living increase for the annual dues and capital contribution is .3% or \$4.

At their meeting on August 14, 2009, the Board of Directors passed a motion to special assess the membership \$25 for three years to fund a "Green Plan" focusing on alternative energy sources (solar and geothermal) beginning with the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

The twelfth (of thirteen) year of the special assessment for the electric/blacktop/recreation station is \$125. For all members who paid their special assessments in advance, your member account will be billed and then we will credit your account for the annual prepaid amount.

If you have not yet prepaid your assessments and would like to do so, the remaining one year of the water park assessment would be an additional \$125; the remaining two years of the green assessment would be an additional \$50 for a total of \$175. Please send a note with your check specifying the additional amount is prepayment of special assessments. Please, consider prepaying the balance of your special assessments 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, 2009 to avoid service charges.

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

**SIX MONTHLY INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS** to pay the dues, capital contributions, and special assessments only in the amount of \$227.50 due by the 25<sup>th</sup> 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 \$227.50.

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Thank you also to John Spoelman for running for the Board.

Special thanks to our Election Commissioners who gave of their time to ensure that the elections ran smoothly, and also to the many volunteers who helped to man the polls and count the votes.

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# SANDY PINES INFO

## 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.

Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>, we will have a Pancake Breakfast at the Labor Day Weekend Flea Market, from 8-11 am, in the Tee Pee area. On Labor Day, Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>, there is a free Bingo, from 2-4 pm, for ages 12 and up, at the Pavilion.

Our last money Bingo will be Saturday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, in the Pavilion. This one is for ages 18 and up. Our final Pancake Breakfast of the season is Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 8-11 am, at the Flea Market. We will also have a free Bingo that same afternoon, from 2-4 pm, for ages 12 and up, in the Pavilion.

The Senior Adult Activities planning meeting will be on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm, in the Pavilion. We will be planning our activities for the 2010 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.

Thank you to everyone in the Park for your support throughout the summer. It is appreciated.

Thank you to everyone who sent in photos for the Footprints. Please keep 'em coming! Send them to [kathy@sandypines.com](mailto:kathy@sandypines.com).



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# MORE NEWS

## Park & Garden

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

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It's been a summer of cool days, but lots of warm smiles. Thanks to everyone that stopped in and said hi. We have some new things planned for next year as well as a new look. I'll wait until later in the year to tell you what we have up our sleeve.

Have a great winter, and we'll see everyone in the spring.

Thanks to all.

John Parmeter



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# SANDY PINES NEWS

## A CAPITOL IDEA UPDATE

by Jean Richards

I am writing this on August 20, and we have now gone 6865.08 miles, and have cleared our first twenty-two capitols. We have just passed Austin, Texas, and are only 314.92 miles from number twenty-three on our list, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. We have completed a little over one-half of our trip. We have only 5182.92 miles to return to Sandy Pines.

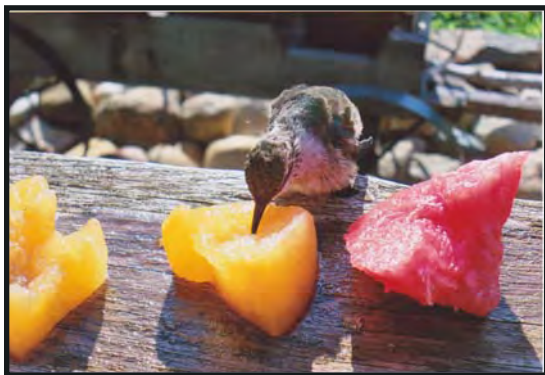
Of our 63 contributors, 22 have gone more than 100 miles since

May 1, with 10 of them over 200 miles. Thanks to those members who have taken the time to record their rides and walks. Every mile counts. We need everyone who walks, rollerblades, or rides a bike to record their mileage at the Ranger Station in order to reach our destination. Check the map in the library to follow our progress.

A question was asked about the 1/2 mile markers. There are none in Phase V as there is no green area,

curb side, to put them on. The distance around the perimeter of Phase V is 1.2 miles, not including any circles. From Memorial stop sign, around five and back, is 1.4 miles. We are working on better maps giving measured distances for different sections of the Park to assist the "walkers" with their distances.

Keep walking, riding and recording!



Dee Longstreet found this baby Hummingbird at her Site and gave it pieces of melon for it to get nectar from. Within a few days, it was able to fly away and enjoy the rest of our Park! Thanks for sharing this picture, Dee.



**Thank you, Friends!**



## Thanks for your help!

Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the Park from summer storm damage.

Stories have circulated about neighbors helping neighbors, and those types of stories are always great to hear! Thanks for all of your hard work cleaning up the trees limbs and debris, and getting your Park back in tip-top shape!

Your assistance, and the kindness that was shown to those in need is appreciated.

You've heard it before and you'll hear it many more times, Sandy Pines is a great place to be!



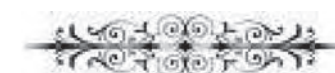
This is a rainbow over Sailboat Cove on Aug. 22nd. Thanks to DeeAnn Blanton for sharing it with us!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of your kind words, prayers, cards, flowers and compassion that has been shown to me and my family following the recent passing of our beloved father and husband, Guy Bassett.

There are no words to adequately express how much your love and kindness has meant.

Please accept my sincere thank you for everything that you have done for us. God Bless You All.

Deloris Bassett  
Site K-65





## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SANDY PINES

### Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

**Patty Muirhead**, Site 1333, on the passing of her son, **Art Aiken**, on December 8, 2008.

**Robert & Mitzi VanDongen**, Site K-384, on the passing of Robert's sister, Kathleen VanDongen, on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Nola VanBruggen**, Site N-56, on the passing of her two-year-old great granddaughter, Eleanor Locke, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, as a result of an auto accident in Kenai, Alaska. Sympathy is also extended to **Steve & Sandi Baughman**, Site N-66. They are Eleanor's great uncle and aunt.

**Stan Robbins**, Site 723, on the passing of his wife, **Ruth**, on July 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Don Swanson**, Site N-330, on the passing of his wife, **Veda**, on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Wayne & Yvonne Brower**, Site 918, on the passing of their mother, Ida Brower, on August 13<sup>th</sup>. Sympathy is also extended to **Pete & Sharon VanWeerdhuizen**, Site 89. Ida was Sharon's sister.

### Here's What's Happening...

#### Congratulations on 25 years together

**Steve & Sandi Baughman**, Site N-66, who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on August 18<sup>th</sup>. May you enjoy many more years of happiness together!

#### 30 years of great times...

**Robert & Janice Borucki**, Site K-13, celebrated 30 years of marriage on September 1<sup>st</sup>. May your great times together continue for many years to come. Happy Anniversary to you both!

#### Congratulations AYBT Basketball Champs!

Mariah McCully, Site 793, was a member of the American Youth Basketball Tour, and her team won the Girls' Championship this summer. Her father, Alonzo McCully, was their coach. Congratulations to you both, as well as the entire team!

#### Florida Winter Gathering Info

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

#### Thanks for sharing your Christmas photos with us!



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**For Sale - Site 772:** Located

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