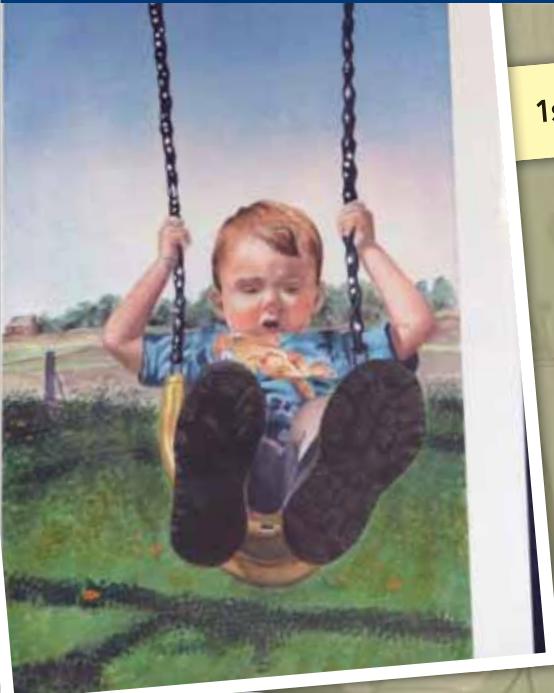




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## Letter from the Chairman by Tom Aldrich

Summer vacation months are behind us, but September can be a delightful month at the Pines. Footprint deadline requires I compose this message before the election. However, by the time you read this you will have voted in four new board members, and made your decision on the four ballot issues. Please welcome our new board members, and I know you will give them your usual support and co-operation. We also want to thank our four departing board members: Jim Schipper, Terry Derks, Gerald Williams and Dick Valone. All of these gentlemen have made substantial contribution to the Park over the years, in addition to their board responsibilities. They leave the board with the Park in stellar condition, thanks to their contribution. We also want to thank the wives of these board members. Their full support was critical to their husband's efforts on the Parks' behalf.

I have been informed that a few members have some concerns about the board's closed Monday afternoon work sessions five days prior to our Friday evening general meeting. These informal sessions enable the board to do their homework and prepare for Friday evening. We receive various reports from committees, our Park Director and our CFO. We also gather facts relative to any pending issues requiring a board vote and/or decision. We finalize Friday night's agenda. We have these sessions intentionally, five days prior to

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## ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

## Gene Van Koevering ..... Park President

## Lon Arndt ..... Maintenance Supt.

## Dawn Arndt, CPA ..... CFO

## Steve Deyarmond ..... Safety Director

## Jim Spray ..... Golf Course Manager

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## Grounds &amp; Maintenance ..... Mike Young

## Garden Club ..... Nelson Bouma

## Long Range Planning ..... Rog Grinwis

## Member Outreach ..... Kel Kronemeyer

## Rules ..... Stan Robbins

## Special Events ..... Terry Derks

## Technology ..... Jon Novakowski

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**- MISSION STATEMENT -**

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the general meeting, so each board member can ponder each issue once the facts are known, and poll member constituents when necessary in order to capture their thoughts and ideas on various pending issues. Work sessions are similar to "study hall" in school. We research and gather facts so that we can make an informed decision, and/or vote, on any issue in our Friday nights general meeting. NO VOTE OR FINAL DECISIONS ARE EVER MADE AT THESE SESSIONS. These sessions are closed to allow members free expression of ideas and questions without the intimidation of an audience. If you have any question or concerns on Park policy, please contact me or any member of the board. Please don't jump to conclusions or spread rumors until you have the facts.

The board would also like to give special recognition to Lon Arndt. Lon has been an integral contributor to the success of Sandy Pines for the past 40 years. We are thankful for his many years of very productive service, and wish him many more!

Best wishes to all our returning students. Your batteries should be charged after a summer of fun and relaxation at the Pines. Hopefully, you will have a successful and productive school year.



## Park Director Update by Gene Van Koevering

It's a little tough writing a September Footprints article on the 8th of August, not because there is no news, but because many of the important events on our minds and taking up our time, are yet to come. The election held on August 17 has not happened at this point, so I can't tell you who won. (if I could I'd be the envy of all Members!), nor can I tell you about the ballot proposals...so lets talk about what I can say with certainty.

Each month I am more and more amazed by the talents and gifts that our Membership has within it. I truly believe that there is such a plethora of diversified talent that we could take on almost any challenge that could come our way. When we needed people to help us look at solving challenges with technology, we had 12-14 Members step up and offer their expertise. When we needed people to help us with Art work for the walls in my office, we had dozens step up and submit beautiful items, when we knew we needed to design a new RV show display, a photographer, an interior/exterior design consultant and graphic designer made themselves available and willing to help develop a professionally created display. When we needed folks to help research our long term needs for water and septic management, we had a group of highly skilled Members offer to be on Long Range Planning for the purpose of a feasibility study of these systems. When we needed a person to help us with managing our landscape and grounds here at Sandy Pines, there were dozens of people who stepped up to lead and/or work at making this place beautiful and keeping it that way. The Garden Club another example of the gifts and talents of our Members. It is once again active and is led by a Member that will be a great resource for the Club and all of us will reap the benefits! Folks... these are Members that are volunteering us their time and talent!! Please don't make this the last Generation to do so... step up and get involved!

The examples I mention are only a few. You, the Members, are the reason Sandy Pines is what it is, and why it is becoming stronger and better each year. Your willingness to lend your knowledge and expertise is a gift of insurmountable value, were there an attempt to put a dollar value on it. Sandy Pines cannot simply hire "understanding and passion." It must come from a person with an in depth understanding of the culture and pride that only a Member possesses. We are truly blessed.

In my first year as Director here at Sandy Pines, I've been reminded that its not only my God-given talents that will make a difference here... its ours. I am a servant to the Membership to help accomplish the goals that are set forth by tapping into your gifts and talents. It's those of you who are willing to give of yourself that will make this great place a better place than it has ever been. Thank you for the privilege of working with and for you.

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## Outreach Committee News by Kelvin Kronemeyer

MOVING FULL STEAM AHEAD! At the board meeting on August 9, your board approved the following motion: The Sandy Pines Board approves the design of the three prototype signs and approves them to be placed in an aesthetically appealing location of the member's preference, but clearly visible from the road, and that the board make them available for purchase, and urge the membership to place a sign on their property for the benefit of the Park, by deepening a sense of community. In a group quantity of 100, the price will be \$30/ each. An order will be placed when orders total 100 or more.

As I write this on Monday, Aug. 12, following the board meeting and a good day at the Flea Market, our orders stand at 92. I'm sure the first pace setter order will be placed sometime this week, and will be delivered within two weeks.

### Why do you want to Participate?

1. To develop a sense of Sandy Pines Community.
2. To facilitate an opportunity for conversation and build relationships.
3. To give a picture of the diversity of time of existing members as we drive around on our golf carts.
4. To give the Sales Force a talking point as they drive potential members around the Park.
5. To identify new members, so longer standing members can be more welcoming and helpful in assimilating them into the Park. We want to build a stronger Sandy Pines Family.

You can view the prototype signs and place your order by stopping by or calling the office. The signs will be billed to your account when they are delivered. I will also be personally available at The Labor Day Flea Market to answer your questions and to take your order.

Other significant happenings have been our two NEW MEMBER ICE CREAM SOCIAL RECEPTIONS held on June 21 and Aug. 23 in the core area outdoor pavilion, which we hope to make a tradition. We thank Jim Warner and the "Dairy Dip" for being our sponsor. We are building into these receptions some vital aspects of orientation. A Cup and a Buck coffee hour has had two Tuesday morning gatherings thus far from 9 - 10 am in the Adult Rec. center.

Lastly, I want to thank every member of my committee who has worked very hard and cooperatively to make some significant strides in Sandy Pines Outreach.

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## Long Range Planning Committee Notes

**by Rog Grinwis**

The Long Range Planning Committee met on July 17, 2013. The entire meeting was spent discussing the current drain field and waste problem that we have at Sandy Pines.

We, the Committee, feel that it is time to put together a feasibility study of this problem. Do we put a band aid on the problem...or do we look at a sanitary sewer system for the Park?

Because of the vastness and cost of this project, we feel the need to talk to two or more engineering firms to see what would be the solution that would best fit our needs. We are told that there could be two or three options. So far, we are just talking, and there has been no cost to Sandy Pines.

There are more ideas that have come to the committee. We hope to look and talk about them at our next meeting in August. We will keep you informed as to our discussions

## Park and Garden News

by Jack Schmidt

It seems like we just opened, and now we are getting ready to end the season here at Sandy Pines. This has been a great year at Park and Garden. The staff of the store would like to thank all of the members who stopped by and took advantage of our services. If you don't remember we are the only "member owned" store in the Park.

As we finish the summer season we need your help in getting everything back and ready for the winter time. If you are a member who used the Maynard Softeners during the summer, could you please stop by or email the store as to the date you will be closing up your site for the season, so we can get the tank picked up. If you were a self install, please bring your tank to the store as soon as you close up for the winter. If you want to email a date for pickup, send it to [sppandg@gmail.com](mailto:sppandg@gmail.com).

Our hours will change after the Labor Day weekend. Due to less activity in September and October, the store will only be open on Fridays and Saturdays from September 8th until the end of the month. We close up on September 28th for the season.

Even though the retail store will be closed Sunday through Thursday, we will be working at picking up the softeners, making end of the year deliveries of landscape material and getting boats out of the lake. You can make an appointment for any of these activities by emailing the store at [sppandg@gmail.com](mailto:sppandg@gmail.com) or calling and leaving a voice mail at 616-896-9334. We will return the email or call to set up appointments to provide the service needed. We can even make appointments to fill you propane if needed before you close for the season.

Again thank you for a great summer.

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## Park Inspector Update

by Don Weiss

It's hard to believe that the summer is coming to an end already! I do have some important information this month, so please pay attention. As a lot of you may know, we have to move our outdoor storage area. At this time we do not have the new place figured out yet, so we will need everyone that has items in the outdoor storage area to move them to the chapel, along the tree line that runs over by the marina. If you are not sure of where to park, see either myself or Lon, at Maintenance. This move cannot take place until after September 9th, and the items will have to be out of the chapel in the spring, the week before Memorial Day. Please make arrangements if you can't be here to have someone move your items for you.

Another issue I am finding in the Park is electrical. If you have a shed wired, or an electrical upgrade done, the line must be on a plug at the meter. I am finding that a lot of people are hard wiring into the box behind the meter. This would be allowed in a residential area, but in a campground, everything has to be plugged in. If you are uncertain what I am talking about, please feel free to contact me with any questions at [Inspector@sandypines.com](mailto:Inspector@sandypines.com), or by calling me at 616-896-7286.

Thank you.

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## Adult Recreation by Terry Derks

Can you believe the summer is almost gone? It seems like just yesterday that we did a tribute to our Vets on Memorial Day. We, at the Recreation Dept., hope everyone had a great summer. We did our best to provide fun events for your entire family.

### Cardboard Boat Regatta Results

Here are the results of the 2013 Cardboard Boat Regatta. The first boat out of dry dock was a ship built by the Recreation Dept Kids Club. They forgot to put a bottom in the boat and it sank 20 yards into the trip. Oops! In Class II, the "the Shoe" was the winner with a time of 2:06. It was followed by "Pete's Pride" (all matching shirts in a tribute to the late Pete Jensen) at 2:16. Third place went to the "Boat" at 3:06. One full minute slower than the winner. "The Art of the Graffiti Dragon", "Don't Rock the Boat" and "Truffle Shuffle" all went to the bottom. Oops again!

Class III was won by "Scorpion," who beat out the "Harding Hubble" who, by the way, was the best dressed crew of the day. The Life Boat Challenge was a race between the staff from the Sandy Pines Life Guard Class. Three crews of two sailors each competed to see who had the fastest time in a boat that was provided to them. The winners were Tyler Harding & Branden McEachern.

We had a Challenge from the "Best of Show" boat named the "Scorpion" (David, Mariah Baumgardner & Amber Johnson) who wanted a chance to beat out the reigning champion "Hydro Thunder." The Race turned out to be the best race of the day. "Hydro Thunder" (Chad and Ania Bareman) won by a mere three seconds. However, in the final event of the day, the "Demo Derby" Scorpion won out over everyone, as it was the "Last Boat Afloat". The "Titanic" Award (Best Sinking) went to the Kids Club "Pirate Ship". All in all it was a great day of fun for everyone. Again, thanks to the volunteers who make it happen.

Christmas in August was a Light Show Spectacular. The new Live Nativity Scene was a big hit and a nice addition to our Christmas Celebration. I hope you all had a chance to see it.

As many of you know I am retiring in Sept. as the Adult Recreation Supervisor. I just want to send a big thank you to everyone who graciously volunteered their time to help make our programs and events such a success. It is your willingness and spirit that makes Sandy Pines such a great place.



**Nancee Jelsema, Site N-497**, designs and creates hats for the Kentucky Derby. For the ninth year running, her hat has been awarded First Place out of approximately 6,000 entries. The selection committee chooses 20 of the best hats and then vote. Nancee's hats have won nine years in a row.

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## Board Liason for the Bylaws and Rules Committee by Stan Robbins, Site 723

The general Rules committee and the Permit committee have been hard at work reviewing our Sandy Pines Rule Book. It is a big job, and one in which we want to do the best job in its revision as possible. I would like to thank all of my committee members, as well as the staff at Sandy Pines, for their input. The office staff, sales staff, park inspector, safety director, recreation/aquatics staff, and others have all been valuable resources to our committees in their work.

If any member has a suggestion as to what could be added, deleted, or re-worded in our rule book, please let me or a committee member know. Remember that it must be in the best interest of Sandy Pines as a whole, and it must be fair for the membership as a whole.

### General Rules:

Ken Edwards, N8  
Tom Combs, 56  
Nancy Ignasiak, N166  
Frank Hinton, 590  
Dick Pitcher, 438  
Rudi Fojtik, N5

### Permit Edition:

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Steve Lankheet, 787  
Wayne Stone, 51  
Bob Kaniewski, K332  
Harold Applehof, K321  
Joe Warden, 945

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**Sandy Pines  
Board of Directors Election  
August 17, 2013  
Election Results**

311	<b>Kerry Bunce</b>	157	<b>Terry Emelander</b>
62	<b>Jeff Hirt</b>	299	<b>Dan Kendall</b>
109	<b>Dennis King</b>	254	<b>Carolyn Nielsen</b>
258	<b>Glen Pettigrove</b>	181	<b>Gerda Pitcher</b>
165	<b>Sue Stank</b>	353	<b>Mike Young</b>

**I voted for (number of candidates) \_\_\_\_**

**Election Ballot Proposal**

I approve the Board of Directors recommendation to change the Article VIII, Section 5 bylaw language pertaining to titles to include the following changes; From Board President to Chairman of the Board. From Board Vice President to Vice Chairman of the Board. From Park Director to Park President. From Financial Administrator to Chief Financial Officer (C.F.O.)

480 YES      95 NO

I approve the Board of Directors recommendation to change the bylaws in Article VIII , Section 8 pertaining to the number of required Board meetings per year from 6 to 5 meetings.

508 YES      66 NO

I approve the Board of Directors recommendation to amend the Article IV, Section 1, of the bylaws of Sandy Pines to read as follows:

Section 1, Purchase, Sale and/or Encumbrance of Real Property: Any sales, purchase or other transfer of real property by Sandy Pines, including the grant of a mortgage, shall first be approved by the Board, and shall be effective only upon approval by a majority of members voting at a special or annual election where such proposed action is disclosed in the notice of such election, subject to the exception below: EXCEPTION; The Board of Directors, without a vote of the members, is authorized to purchase property if all of the following conditions are met; (A.) Sandy Pines has sufficient capital resources to acquire the property without taking on debt or a mortgage. (B.) The proposed property acquisition is contiguous to the property currently owned by Sandy Pines. The members shall be informed of any property acquisition via the next scheduled communication with the members.

456 YES      119 NO

I approve the recommendation of the Board of Directors to purchase the property located at 2765- 136th Ave. Hopkins, Mi. 49328.

532 YES      42 NO

## Member Services by Mary Cooper

### Fall Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:  
8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Saturday: 8:30 am - Noon  
(Closed Saturday beginning Sept. 21)  
Sunday - Closed

\*Our office will be closing at 11:30 am on September 19th for Employee Appreciation

### Flea Markets 2014:

You may start reserving spaces for the 2014 Flea Markets, beginning Tuesday, October 1, from your computer or at one of kiosks' in the Park. The price will be \$30 per space. Dates for 2014 are: May 3 (Mayfest), May 24 (Memorial Day), June 7, July 5 (Independence Day), Aug 9 (Christmas), Aug 30 (Labor Day) and Oct 4.

### Winterizings:

Maintenance will be winterizing trailers after Sept 9th. The cost is \$80 if you have your winterizing departure date before Sept. 30, and we have your keys by that date. After Sept. 30, the cost will be \$100. All winterizings include a final pumpout. No winterizings will be accepted with a departure date after October 20th. We can only take the first 500 orders, so get your order in early. No phone orders, as 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. 14. Pumpouts will be available on Wednesday Oct. 23 and Oct. 30 at the emergency rate of \$24. There will be no Saturday pumpouts after September 14.

### Water turned off:

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

Phase 1: Monday, Oct 14  
Phase 2: Friday, Oct 18  
Phase 3 & 6: Thursday, Oct 17  
Phase 4: Tuesday, Oct 15  
Phase 5: Wednesday, Oct 16

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## Preparing for Fall/Winter Storage Mode **by Steve Deyarmond**

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 above and contact a tree service if needed.
11. If you plan to use your trailer in the winter or early spring have a furnace 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.
12. Place your watercraft in storage. Make arrangements in the off season to have the watercraft tuned or repaired or checked. Small outboard 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 watercraft gas tanks. Have your watercraft winterized. Consider having your watercraft 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.
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 cart.
18. Replace your smoke detector batteries or remove for the winter if you will not be using your site.
19. Leave a current winter contact name with Member services 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. Provide your email address.
20. Remember to turn your thermostat to off in your trailer. Some trailers 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.



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## Special Events Committee Meeting Minutes Aug. 2, 2013

Special events from the month of July were reviewed and discussed.

Independence Day Parade: Good turn out, went well, lots of candy

Whitecaps Baseball night: Low turn out, maybe event has run its course

Art Expo: Had 98 exhibits, was very well received.

Family Day: Went well "Critter Barn" was very popular.

Jr. Golf Tournament: fewer number than last year but went very smooth

Concert in the Core: Only 2 this year, very well received.

Swing Dance: Had up to 32 people attend.

### August Events Updated

Cardboard Boat Race, Shopping trip to Chicago Christmas in Aug. Boat Cruise Night, Square Dance, Pot Luck Dinners.

Christmas in Aug. site decoration phase judges were assigned:

Phase 1, Jeremy Zeock-Vilas, Phase, 2 Sue Stank, Phase 3, Jim & Karen Goodin, Phase 4, Cheryl Champion, Phase 5 Jim Schipper, Phase 6 & 7 Terry & Sandy Derks

Opinions' on shorter Bus day trips were reviewed with a positive response and it was decided to list 10 possible day trips on the Face Book survey page to see what would be most popular.

Gene updated committee on the 2014 Civil War Reenactment event.

## Welcome New Members

James & Harriet Kenbeek, Hastings  
Derrick & Kelly McCarthy, Byron Center  
Dylan & Michelle Foukes, Ohio  
Brian & Gail Foster, Wyoming  
Michael & Audra Baker, Byron Center  
Susan & Jerry Buczynski, Kentwood  
Michael & Lisa Connors, Warren  
Michael & Ronda Mott, Grandville  
Brad & Debbie Meyers, Holland  
Delbert & Betty Morris, Coloma  
James & Judy Bolthouse, Hudsonville  
James & Linda Fox, Portland  
Henry & Leesa Jaquays, Kalamazoo  
Anthony & Kristy Newman, Grandville  
Eric & Rachel Zondervan, Jenison  
Terry & Gaylene Tiede, Rockford  
Michael & Tara Sherd, Coopersville  
Robert & Sheila Schippers, Holland  
Robert & Dawn Smit, Wyoming  
Mary Watkins, Wyoming

## Senior Adult Activities

Our group was organized in 1973, and we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary this year. We will be having a special 40th Anniversary party on September 21, at our bingo that is scheduled that night, with food and free bingo in the pavilion. This will begin at 6 PM with bingo starting at 7 PM for ages 18 & over.

**Labor Day, Mon., Sept. 2** will be a free bingo in the pavilion from 2-4 PM for ages 10 & over.

**Fri., Sept. 6** will be a potluck in the pavilion at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Bring a dish to share, your tableware & beverage. Our last Senior Adult Activities meeting for the season will follow the potluck at 6:30. Please be there to make plans for the 2014 season.

**Sat., Sept. 21** is our 40th Anniversary Celebration Bingo in the pavilion for ages 18 & over. Celebration begins at 6 PM with bingo at 7 PM.

**Sat., Oct. 5** is Octoberfest. We will be having a free bingo in the pavilion from 2-4 PM for ages 10 & over followed by a potluck soup supper at 5:30 PM. Everyone is welcome. Bring soup or food to share, your tableware and drink.

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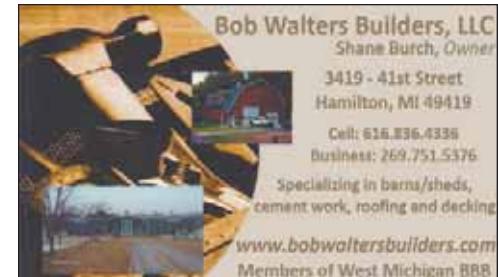
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4th Place – Mike VanderWall

5th Place – Roger Van Vleck



1st Place – DAN DUNCAN



# **2014 Dues, Capital, Cable & Special Assessment**

The total annual membership dues, capital contribution, cable TV, and special assessment for the 2013/2014 season will be \$1,550 and will be on your October 1st statement as follows:

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

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

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

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

## **YOU HAVE TWO PAYMENT OPTIONS:**

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

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

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

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

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



## Finance Committee Meeting

Thursday, August 1, 2013, 3:30 p.m.  
Administration Building

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- I. Motion by Bleyerveld, supported by Kuipers, to approve the July 3, 2013 minutes. All Ayes.
- II. Discussion regarding Schwab Investments.
- III. Motion by Bleyerveld, supported by Kuipers, to approve the Sandy Pines June 2013 Financial Statements. All Ayes.
- IV. Motion by Corstange, supported by Michaels, to approve the Lake Monterey Golf Course June 2013 Financial Statements. All Ayes.
- V. Motion by Bleyerveld, supported by Michaels, to approve Sandy Pines July 2013 check distribution report. All Ayes.
- VI. Motion by Corstange, supported by Kuipers, to approve Lake Monterey Golf Course July 2013 check distribution report. All Ayes.
- VII. Motion by Corstange, supported by Michaels, to accept the Sandy Pines 2013/14 Operating Budget. All Ayes
- VIII. Motion by Kuipers, supported by Bleyerveld, to accept the Sandy Pines 2013/14 Capital Budget. All Ayes
- IX. Gene updated the committee regarding the Salem & Monterey Township property tax petition and shared a ten year estimate report of capital needs identified at Sandy Pines and the Golf Course.
- X. Aldrich encouraged the committee to become familiar with the proposals on the ballot so they are able to talk with other members knowledgeably.
- XI. Next Meeting September 5, 2013 at 3:30 p.m. at the Administration building.
- XII. Meeting adjourned.

## Sandy Pines Tech Committee Meeting 7/19/13

Formation of syllabus (What are we doing here statement)

create a breakdown of responsibilities, goal and mission statements of the three proposed divisions of the tech committee

New members – Cap group?

Agreed on a cap. Any new members to the group will be purpose driven and will be selected based on a knowledge or skill brought to the committee.

Sub-Committee break offs – Security, Communications (Internet), facilities

Syllabus to be created to give general direction of the subcommittees

- Charter to be a part of a meeting to discuss their direction and abilities Michwave to be invited a meeting to discuss their potentials
- Closest fiber run is under legal litigation
- Point to point backhaul to Wayland with 100MB circuit discussed

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## What's Happening

**Glenn & Mary Baumgardner**, Site N-270, are the proud great Grandparents of Winston Fagan, who arrived on July 6.

**Happy 60th Anniversary to Chuck & Donna Gress**, Site 661. Chuck and Donna celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage on August 1st. Congratulations to both you on this wonderful milestone! We wish you many more years of happiness together.

**Mary Baumgardner**, Site N-270, celebrated a milestone birthday on August 10th, and would like to thank the Park for the great celebration that was planned in her honor. We all hope that you had a very Happy Birthday, Mary!

**Happy 60th Anniversary to Herb & Florence Beem**, Site 751. Herb and Florence celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss on August 14th. May you always be filled with joy and surrounded by love. Congratulations to you both!

## Congratulations!

## **Golf Course Committee Update**

by Ron Corstange

As we near the end of the golf season at Sandy Pines, we look back at a great summer of golf. We had great weather, and as a result, the course stayed in excellent condition.

Thank you for all of the thoughtful responses and opinions given about the golf course. The committee has analyzed them and as a result will bring some ideas and recommendations for next year to the Park Director and Board.

The long range repair and maintenance plan was completed and brought to the committee for discussion. This will result in much better preparation for future equipment expenditures.

Marketing our golf course to outside golfers continues to be a very challenging area. Many ideas will be pursued during the coming off season.

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## **Youth Recreation and Aquatics**

by Mary Applehof and Kim Day

What an incredible summer we have had here at Sandy Pines! We believe that this is the wackiest weather for a summer that we can remember!

We want to tell you how blessed we feel to have Sandy Pines both as our summer homes and our job location. We want to thank our Recreation Staff, and all the volunteers that have helped at all the events this summer, and to everyone who made the summer of 2013 a great time at Sandy Pines!

We are already working on our fun activities for 2014, so if you have any interesting, fun ideas, please shoot us an e-mail at **recreation@sandypines.com**.



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# *- Our Deepest Sympathies -*

Sympathy is extended to the following members and their families:

**Margaret Arizola**, Site 1125, on the passing of her husband, **Frank**, on June 25th. Sympathy is also extended to **Cirilo & Josephine Fernandez**, Site 1356; **Gilberto & Gloria Aleman**, Site 1190, **Frank Gonzales & Sylvia Arizola**, Site 1225 and **Gilbert Arizola**. Frank also leaves 69 grandchildren, 115 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren to mourn his passing.

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**Betty Woodwyk**, Site N-176, on the passing of her husband, Dale, on July 13th.

**Bob & Joni Velthouse**, Site 475, on the passing of their mother, Henrietta Oomkes, on Saturday, August 3rd. She is in the arms of Jesus. Praise the Lord!

**Eva Kornoelje**, Site K-430, on the passing of her husband, **Richard 'Dick'**, on August 4th.

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## **You Just Never Know**

On Monday, August 19, Nick Hengeveld, Site N-367, was heading out on his golf cart to run some errands. As he was driving through the Park, his eye was drawn to a familiar logo on a vehicle parked at one of our sites.

Nick pulled into the site and saw C. Russ Stanford, an Associate member, standing outside. After they exchanged introductions and pleasantries, Nick asked him about the logo. It turns out that these two gentlemen served together the summer of 1966 at Fort Meade, Maryland, in the 11th Armored Cavalry.

Thanks for sharing your story with us...and thanks for your service to our country!



## Twilight Years

As I approach my twilight years, I am struck by the inevitability that the party must end. And one clear, cold morning after I'm gone, my spouse will awaken in the warmth of our bedroom and be struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't "anymore."

No more hugs, no more special moments to celebrate together, no more phone calls just to chat, no more "just one minute."

Sometimes, what we care about the most gets all used up and goes away, never to return before we can say goodbye, or say "I love you." So while we have it, its best we love it, care for it, fix it when it's broken, and heal it when it's sick.

This is true for marriage.....and old cars, and children with bad report cards, and dogs with bad hips, and aging parents and grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it.

Some things we keep -- like a best friend who moved away or a son-in-law after divorce. There are just some things that make us happy, no matter what.

Life is important, like people we know who are special. And so, we keep them close!

Suppose one morning you never wake up, do all your friends know how you really feel? The important thing is to let every one of your friends know your true feelings, even if you think they don't love you back.

Wishing you all a safe and happy fall/winter season wherever you may be. We look forward to seeing you in the spring for another wonderful year at Sandy Pines!

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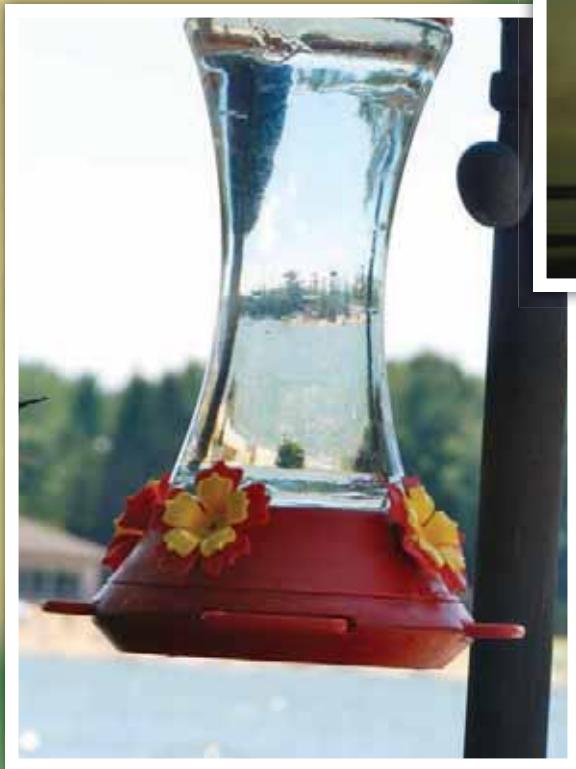
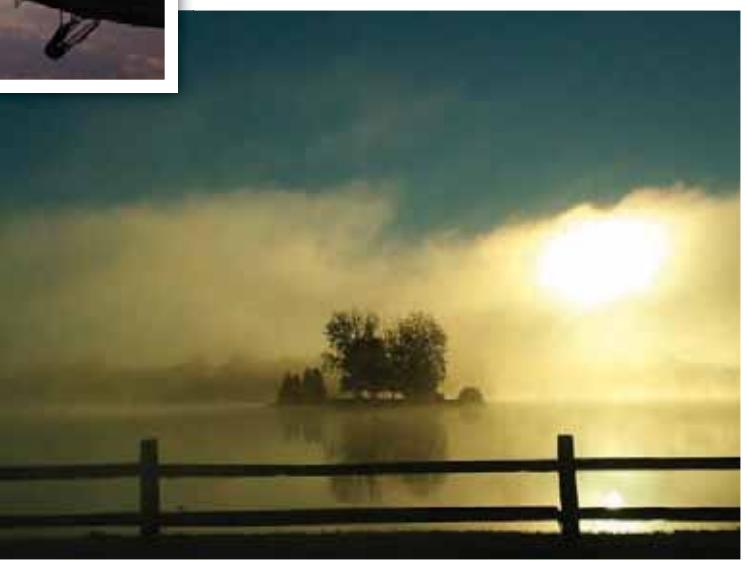
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**3rd Place – Gayla Hendon**



**1st Place – Sal Poppema**

*July  
Photo Contest  
Winners*

**2nd Place – Sal Poppema**



**3rd Place – Abby Greenfield**

## CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale from Site 81:** Set of bunk beds with mattresses – purchased in May, 2103, and NEVER used. Asking \$1,200. Please call 574-276-1039 if you would like to come and take a look at them.

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

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

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

**For Sale - Site 489:** Lakefront, Bay Breeze. Premium location and features. Stop by anytime and feel free to look around. Worth a visit, just to view Lake Monterey from three multi-level brick patios. Call for photos - \$145,000. Call Bill at 352-552-1059.

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

**For Sale - Site 704:** '93 Lee Enterprize Trailer, one bedroom w/full porch. Sleeps 10 w/futons and hide-a-beds. New carpet and kitchen and bath floors. New roof and painted trailer and shed. All furnishings included. Three TV's, large deck backs up to Green Area. Close to Disk Golf, Tennis courts and playground. Lake view w/boat stake behind Green Area. 24' Aqua Patio Pontoon boat w/90 hp Suzuki Trailer in Bullpen area. 2001 Gas Golf Cart. Move-In Condition. Asking \$59,500. Call: 269-599-5818.

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

**For Sale from Site 894:** 2004 Surveyor Travel Trailer. Weighs about 4000 pounds.

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**For Sale - Site 1125 - Phase 3:** Trailer/lot/wooden deck, wooden golf cart shed with golf cart, very close to CC, eager to sell. Asking \$23,000 OBO. Call: 616-366-5968.

**For Sale - Site 1287 - Phase 3:** Lakefront lot with beautiful view. Fifth wheel sleeps six. Furnished, in excellent condition, comes with TV, riding lawn mower, ice maker, dishes, pots and pans and deck furniture. Golf cart in almost new condition w/all new batteries. New garage built in 2011. Must see soon! Asking \$28,900. Call: 772-579-7920.

**For Sale - Site N-23:** 1996 Dutch Park with double loft. Beautiful lake view lot with boat stake plenty of parking and great access to beach. 2009 custom built porch with Pella sliding windows and doors, cottage style wainscoting, wood grain vinyl floor and custom window blinds. 2009 10x20 golf cart shed. 2009 10x14 composite deck with vinyl rails. 1992 Yamaha golf cart. Professionally landscaped, sodded yard with sprinkler system and patio furniture. Move in ready, fully furnished. Great neighbors!! Asking \$89,500. Call Tom@ 815 693-3754.

**For Sale from Site N-225:** Art supplies for sale, oil paints, canvas, brushes, frames, etc. Please call Pearl for an appointment to view – 616-890-1283.

**For Sale - Site N-418:** Beautiful lot located on the main lake. Perfect spot for watching fireworks! Completely remodeled trailer, boat stake, new shed & golf cart. Includes all brand new furniture bought within last two years. Located on a quiet, well maintained circle. Sit out and enjoy the water view with few distractions! All this for \$114,000! Call 616-550-3794.

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### For Sale - Site K-283 in Phase 5:

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**For Sale from Site K-510:** 2011 Aliner pop-up camper for sale. Well maintained, all

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