

SANDY PINES HISTORICAL TIMELINE

1950S	Main bulk of the acreage that constitutes Sandy Pines owned by Harm Wustmas, who raised radishes and onions.
1960s	Acreage then owned by the Bosgraafs, who grew celery and onions, then switched to using the lake bottom as a sod farm.
1970	Original plan for Sandy Pines was to develop it as a cottage area similar to Upper Silver Lake.
1971	The Bosgraaf family went into partnership with Aqua Terrace of Chicago and plans changed to make Sandy Pines a membership owned campground.
May	The State of Michigan gave final approval for the construction of the dam to form Lake Monterey.
July	State of Michigan Department of Health approved the operation of a campground.
July 21	Sandy Pines Wilderness Trails was officially registered as a non profit corporation to acquire, develop, and operate a private campground.
August	The first sites were sold.
November	Cement poured for dam construction. Phase 1 roads completed. Swimming Platforms completed.
1972	
February 12	C.C # 1 opened.
March	First Sandy Pines Newsletter published. It had five pages. Electric service available on all sites between # 308 and #467.
February 25	First Winter Carnival scheduled , with activities throughout the two week period.
Spring	Taken from the Sandy Pines Regulations Booklet: <i>Guest sign in rules: Members may admit a guest by notifying the gate guard of the guests name and anticipated time of arrival, by accompanying the guest through the gate, or providing the guest with a guest card to be presented to the guard on duty at the gate. Guests not properly identified by one of the above ways will not be admitted. Each member will be issued 2 guest cards for the year by the Executive Director. The member will be responsible for his 2 cards. Trailer length cannot exceed 32 in length and 8 in width. Tents must be approved by the Environmental Control Board.</i>
April 1	First dues payment. Members that bought in the first year didn't pay dues.
April 15	First Rules Committee Meeting
April 22	First Security and Maintenance Committee Meeting.

April 29 First Newsletter Meeting

Sales Center located on 28th St, north of the dam, with the Children's Zoo and Animal Farm and playground. The clubhouse of the golf course is also on this location.

April

Dick Freeman was the first Recreation Director.

Rev. Rodney Westveer oversees the organization of the Chapel Services during the summer months.

May 13 Finance Committee has first meeting.

3 CCs now open.

Electricity available on all sites in Phase 1.

May

Activity Building furnished and operational.

Pavilion completed

Snack Bar and Country Store opened.

May 16

Wedding in the Chapel, performed by Rev. Rodney Westveer. Karmen Wernette and Lawson Worrel were married and the reception was held in the Pavilion.

May 20 General Member Meeting

May 28

First chapel service at the Chapel in the Round held across the road from the Maintenance Building with Rev. Jack Van Heest speaking.

June

Electrical gates installed and new membership cards available.

Summer

Maximum trailer length allowed was 35.

August

Month of August retail net profits reported as \$2,400.00

September 29

Newsletter complains about Park rumors and false information being circulated.

November 11

First Annual Meeting held. Jerome Walters was elected to replace retiring Ben Bosgraaf. Ted Bosgraaf was President of the Board.

1973

January

Pinkerton was hired to oversee Security. Operating costs for the Park was estimated at \$ 275,000.00 for the calendar year of 1973.

March 24

Membership meeting. Plans for a roofed, outdoor Chapel, costing \$10,000.00 announced. \$ 5,000.00 was donated by the developer, Monterey Pines, and \$1,500.00 had already been collected from chapel services.

April 28

Ground breaking for the Lodge, a 10,160 sq. ft. facility with indoor pool.

June

Movies for kids on Sat nights during the summer. Outdoor Pavilion in Phase 3 complete and playground equipment in place. Addition of

horseshoes and volleyball to Phase 2 activity area.

Administration Office moved out of the Country Store to the Maintenance Building on 136th Ave. Nature trails in Phase 1 marked and weekly hikes scheduled for the summer.

July	Shuffleboard courts completed in Phase 1. Water flows over the dam. Dome chapel complete on the east side of the lake. First vacation Bible School with 100 kids attending. Horse corral completed. Tot center opened, but no babysitting service furnished by the park.
July 14	Phase 2 officially becomes a part of Sandy Pines
August 2	Phase 3 pool filled with 50,000 gallons of water and opened for swimming.
August 24	Island wedding with Peter Klouboucher and Barbara Chapman getting married.
November 10	Annual Meeting. Dues set for the year at \$100.00 because developer agreed to continue to subsidize the Park. Phillip Siegfried becomes the third Board Member.
1974	
February	Cross Country Skiing trails open and 4 pair of skis available for rental.
March 1	Opening of Phase 4. A memberships set at \$6,495.00
March	Westdale takes over the sale of memberships.
Spring	Roger Van Wieren bought and placed the 1 st 35 trailer with an 8 x 4 tipout on his lot. A letter was sent from the Board to him which stated that tipouts were allowed. Permanent water hookups were allowed.
April 1	Opening of the Golden Onion and the indoor pool. Doug Strange was hired as Chef
May 11	First Meeting of Volunteer Security Force to supplement the Pinkerton Force.
May	Gene Vanderwell hired as Executive Director of Sandy Pines.
June 19	Ice cream truck to make the rounds of the park.
Summer	Members are encouraged to net 1 12 - 2 blue gills because there were so many that they could never grow to proper size.
August	Air conditioning completed for the Golden Onion and Country Store.
October	First Golf Outing at Monterey Golf Course
November 1	Pinkerton Security replaced by Sandy Pines own security system. John Zeeff was the first Security Chief.
November	Annual Meeting. Board Members increase from 3 to 5 with Ken Conrad

9	and Al Visser being elected to three year terms and Ted Bosgraaf being re-elected to a one year term. Dues set at \$140.00 for 1975. 1,200 campsites have been sold.
December 1	First Sandy Pines Membership Calendar for sale at the paltry sum of \$ 2.50
1975	
January	New Recreation Office completed. It is located between the S.W. corner of the Pavilion and the attached Convenience Center. Roof on the Chapel caved in due to snow. Insurance didn't cover replacement.
March	First class of a 6 week course for women in the art of self defense- Judo The old recreation office remodeled and is now the new Pre Teen Center and movie room. It is to be used by children ages 8-12. C.C # 8 and # 10 to be completed in Phase 4.
Spring	Double tipouts, with dimensions not to exceed 8 x 4 started appearing in the Park.
May	New Chapel completed at the cost of \$ 13,698.00 and paid entirely by the members.
June	142 nd Ave. will be improved and resurfaced.
June 21	Tethered hot air balloon rides \$1.00/person. Sign up limited to 50 people.
Summer	138 th Ave from Sandhill School up to the Golf Course will be paved.
August	Newsletter reports electrical usage over budget and the Board requests the members who have these items pay the following: Golf carts \$15.00, Air Conditioners \$ 30.00, electric Heaters \$ 30.00, Electric Hot Water Heaters \$30.00 from May thru September. <i>Rule Change: Only member/owner with a magnetic card or spouse with and associate member card will be allowed to sign in guests at the gate.</i>
November 8	Annual Meeting. Ted Bosgraaf and Al Stremmler elected to 3 year terms. Dues set at \$ 180.00 for general membership and \$ 140.00 for limited membership. Budget discussion on the possibility of installing electric meters. Initial cost was estimated at \$ 30.00/site plus the cost of additional staff to read the meters.
December	Jim Alkema hired to manage the Golden Onion.

Spring	Andy & Ginny DeJong are the new religious activities coordinators, but still overseen by Rodney Westveer.
1976	
May 15	New addition to the teen center completed and the name Happy Shack was chosen from the 15 entries. The contest winner was Robert Reynolds site #842. NASA brings an exhibit to Sandy Pines and kids of all ages can build a model rocket.
May 30	Construction of C.C # 12, a solar facility to begin
August	Solar C.C # 12 open and highlighted in the Newsletter.
November 13	Annual Meeting. Jim Vanden Berg elected to the Board. Deed to phase 4 presented to the Board by Mr. Bosgraaf. General memberships increased to 2,370 from 2,300 and limited memberships reduced from 500 to 40. Dues for 1977 set at \$ 200.00 for general membership and \$ 160.00 for limited membership. Plans put in place for golf cart instruction for 12 to 16 year olds.
1977	
March	Construction of C.C # 11 in Phase 5 with Laundromat facilities scheduled to begin. Ice cream store moved to the meeting room connected to the Laundromat in phase 1. Grocery store expanded by enclosing the 10 x 30 roof on the north side of the store.
Spring	Tipouts on the trailers to remain 4x8 length. Nature Center and trails being designed by Western Michigan University students and staff for the south side of Phase 3. Don & Joni Steenbeck are religious coordinators.
April 13	Phase 5 deed to The Association.
April 26	First wedding in the Golden Onion, with Roxanne Van Wieren marrying Ed Edder.
May 27	Nature trails open in Phase 3 for guided tours.
August 6	The Back 40 miniature golf course is dedicated.
October	New Sandy Pines Security Chief is Les Portafka.

Annual Meeting. It was announced that Sandy Pines will no longer be subsidized by the developer.

**November
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Budget with dues set at \$272.00 for general membership and \$ 232.00 for limited memberships DEFEATED

Al Visser & Jerome Walters elected to the Board.

**December
1978**

Jerry Piotrowicz is the new manager of the Golden Onion.

January

Newsletter states that winter activities will be curtailed because of budget cutbacks. C.Cs will be closed, no lifeguards will be at the pool, no Newsletter, maintenance staff laid off and Happy Shack hours shortened.

Dues set at \$200.00 with special assessments to be set after Phase meetings in February.

April 22

Special Membership meeting. Dues for 1978 were set at \$ 270.00 for general membership and \$230.00 for limited memberships.

July 28

Gene VanderWall resignation as Executive Director became effective.

Robert Trapp was hired as the new Park Director at the salary of \$ 18,000.00.

August

Decision was made to lease the management of the Country Store to an independent contractor with the ice cream management to remain with Sandy Pines.

Core area parking turned into picnic area and playground.

October

Money raised by Adult Activities to put up lights in Phase 1 tennis courts and to purchase windbreakers for Phase 4 courts.

**November
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Dick Freeman's resignation as Recreation Director becomes effective.

Western Michigan University takes over the recreation program, headed by Phil Larsen.

November

Decision to keep all C.C.s open, but only 3 will have hot water and open showers.

Laundromat in C.C. # 11 will be open in the winter.

**November
11**

Annual Meeting. Board of Directors goes from 5 to 7 members with David Bernard, Forrest Rogers, Robert Brohan and Reynold Peterson being elected. 3 will serve 3 year terms and the 4th was elected for a 1 year term.

The members voted to discontinue Sandy Pines Membership in Camp Coast to Coast because of the cost and the lack of participation by our members.

Member requested that a study be made concerning the possibility of holding the Annual Meeting prior to Labor Day.

1979	
January	Dan Durham is the new Security Supervisor. Membership reaches 2,000.
March	Newsletter informs members that Jim VanBeek will operate the restaurant under the name The Waters Edge. Coast to Coast has agreed to allow Sandy Pines Members to continue their membership on an individual basis with no additional outlay of funds by the Association.
May	The newsletter lists Rod Westveer as Religious Coordinator and Richard Stevens as youth leader for the summer.
June	Movies to be held Friday night at The Waters Edge and Saturday night at the Phase 1 Ballfield.
September	New Security Supervisor is Robert Zylestra
November 10	Annual Meeting. Gordon Nederveld and Ken Conrad are elected to the Board. Dues are set at \$335.00 for general membership and \$295.00 for limited memberships. \$ 10.00 of each members dues will be used to build a reserve account for the replacement of our assets.
1980	
January	Jeff Pettinga becomes new recreation director as contract with WMU not renewed. Jay Osterhouse hired to work on the Rec Staff. Concept of interim membership introduced as a means to bring in potential members. Monterey Golf Course not offering cross country skiing or rentals. Members may ski on the golf course, but snowmobiles are forbidden.
June	Gordon Waddilove to give direction to the summer religious program. Dave & Bev Van Noord to work with young people.
November 8	Annual Meeting. Maynard De Good, John Haines and Ray Haynes elected Board. Robert Whitcomb was hired as new Park Director. Sandy Pines agrees to purchase the remaining interests of the Lake Monterey Corp., which gives the Association title to Phase 5 and 7. Special Assessment of \$ 300.00 to each membership passed. Change of

fiscal year to October 1 to September 30 of each year. Dues set at \$ 340.00 for the 9 month period from Jan 1 to Sept 30.

1981

February 3 Newsletter informs the members that the new Bylaws are passed, which gives the Board control and ability to do resale.
David Bernard resigns and Gunther Todter appointed to serve out his term. Jeff Pettinga and Jim Brannon to run the recreation program.
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Main gate to be moved over to the Administration Building entrance.

August 15 Annual Meeting. Board Members elected Gunther Todter and LeRoy Borchart to serve on the board.

Dues set at \$590.00

October Gordon & Esther Waddilove leave as Religious Coordinators and Dave and Bev Van Noord go full time.

5 C.C.s to be open in the winter, including the one in the Pavilion.

October 13 Consumers Power Company writes to Sandy Pines to inform us that we are not allowed to install individual meters so it would be useless to prepare cost estimate.

December Newsletter informs members that Ray Haynes has resigned from the Board and Arlene Robinson is appointed to fill the vacancy.

Doug Cogswell is hired as full time accountant and office manager.

Board Meetings changed to the 3rd Friday of every month.

1982

February 2 tip outs, with one not to exceed 15 in length and the other not to exceed 8 in length. Maximum floor area not to exceed 320 sq. ft.

Cement boat launch pad by the dam completed.

Diving boards removed from the swimming pools on recommendation of our insurance company.

Jeff Pettinga and Jay Osterhouse are Recreation Directors.

April Robert Hey hired as Sales Manager to do sale and resales for Sandy Pines.

Office is in the old ice cream parlor.

May Restaurant management taken over by Sandy Pines. Name changed to Sandy Pines Restaurant. Doug Strange hired as Chef

August Annual Meeting. Dick Gritter and Roger Quakelaar elected.

Dues \$510.00.

Proposals to repair electric, shore up the Island and drop our participation in Coast to Coast passed.

October	Because the wording on the ballot led to confusion, membership in Coast to Coast will be retained for 1983. Long range Committee established by the Board.
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1983

January	Jay & Carolyn Osterhouse take over the Recreation Department. Doug Bailey is new Security Chief.
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May	Doug Cogswell hired as Park Director.
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July 15	Total sprinkling ban in all phases.
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Annual Meeting. Ron Nederveld, Arlene Robinson and Mike DeGood elected.

August 15	Dues set at \$510.00
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Proposal # 2 to continue our membership in Coast to Coast passed.

September 16	The Board voted to being selling repossessed memberships at a fair market orice. Decision made to move the main gate back to its original position by spring 1984. Phase 4 gate and the gate by Administration Building to be attended in the summer of 1984.
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1984

January	Committees listed at this time. Membership, Personnel, Programs and Operations, Environmental, Public Relations, Finance and Long Range
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Spring	Full slide out for the trailer permitted, with the depth of the slide out not to exceed 4.
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May 18	The Board allows 10 foot porches and 11 foot awnings to be placed on site
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June	Chuck Russel hired as Park Director and Ron Van Singel as Assistant Park Director.
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July	Phase 4 gate no longer attended. Sandy Pines Restaurant will be managed by Irwin Grysen, who is responsible for the Country Store.
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August 25	Annual Meeting. Carl Lynema and Chris Haan elected to the board. Budget with dues set at \$540.00 defeated.
September	Committee structure overhauled. Committees under Board direction include: Personnel, Public Relations, Programs and Operations, Grounds and Maintenance, Rules, Environmental, Sales, Volunteer Security, Grievance and Professional Advisory.
October	Window put in lakeside wall of the Snack Bar.
December	Special Membership Meeting. Budget assessment failed. Dues set at \$ 510.00 Bob Heys resigns as Sales Manager.
1985	
January	Irwin Gryson manages Country Store on weekends but is looking for other employment.
April 19	At the Board Meeting, Programs and Operations recommends changing the name of the restaurant back to The Golden Onion.
May 10	Special Assessment of \$ 30.00 passed for water management. This includes putting in domestic wells in Phases 4 & 5, a golf course lake pump as well as one in Phases 2 & 4, and an engineers report on the lake.
May 17	Grand Opening of the Country Store, with expanded supply of groceries ,camping supplies and Hudsonville Ice Cream.
May	Construction begins on a new security building at the Main Gate. On Memorial Weekend, a truck load of flowers and shrubs will be brought into the Park. Top soil, peat moss, and other items will be for sale at a reduced cost. Marty Linton hired as Sales Manager.
June	Ruth Bowman hired as manager of the Snack Bar and Ice Cream Parlor.
June 30	The Golden Onion, owned and operated by Sandy Pines, open Fri & Sat only.
July	The Golden Onion open Thurs Sunday and operated by Ted Toering.
August	The Golden Onion now open Tuesday Sunday. Annual Meeting. Jim Brouwer and Larry Shoemaker elected to the Board.
August 17	Dues set at \$ 530.00 Proposal # 2 for a fixed asset and capital assessment of \$ 55.00/membership defeated.
December 29	Last day of operation of The Golden Onion for the year. Closed until March 21, 1986.

1986

January Steve Deyarmond hired as new Chief Ranger.

February New Sales Center is now located directly across from the Main Gate.

March 21 Opening of The Golden Onion for weekends only during the spring.
Mothers Day Buffet by reservation only.

Spring Mike Young hired as Recreation Director.

April 24 Because of concern expressed in a letter to Sandy Pines by our insurance carrier on this date, plans made to remove swimming platforms from the lake.

June The Country Store taken out from the Snack Bar and moved up the hill to the former sales office building that is connected to the Laundromat.

Country Store is named Goods & Goodies.

July 1 Ken Vancamp is hired as Sales Manager

Annual Meeting. Ron Nederveld, Ed Verhoeven and Henry Vandebroek elected to the Board.

August 16

Dues are set at \$560.00 proposal # 2 for a fixed asset assessment of \$ 70.00 defeated.

August 23 First Christmas in August celebrated

1987

March 20 The Board approved paving of 3 miles of roads in the Park, financed for 10 years from money budgeted for dust control.

Trailer size set at a maximum allowed 400sq. Ft. gross floor area.

April The Board approved the paving of the parking lot at the Sales Office.

Ceil Hill is listed as Manager of Goods and Goodies.

May

Park & Garden service building is proposed and built to be paid for from money received from winter storage of golf cart, boat and other retail items so as not to increase members dues.

New C.C. bulletin boards.

Precinct voting available for the 1st time.

Annual Meeting. Russ De Vette and Kathleen Pietras elected.

August 15

Dues set at \$635.00. \$36.00 assessments passed to be used to repair buildings, electrical wiring and purchase new equipment. Grounds repair proposal defeated.

Membership approved an adjustment to the general operating budget annually by a factor not to exceed COLA.

August	<p>The Board gives members in Phase 3 & 4 permission to remove dead branches from pine trees up to a height not to exceed 7 feet, to reduce fire threat and improve tree health.</p> <p>Board policy openly stated that associate members 18 or over could receive special permission to sign in guests.</p>
September	<p>Roger Quakelaar appointed Jim Brouwers term.</p> <p>Volunteer Security Committee disbanded.</p>
1988	
February 19	<p>Board reaffirms original Rule Book policy to allow only members the privilege of singing in guests, because of past abuses with associate sign in of guests.</p>
May	<p>New Membership Service Office established at the Administration Building to handle permits, pumpouts and other member services.</p>
May 20	<p>Board establishes concept of Business Affairs Coordinator and Marketing Coordinator to replace and expand the old position of Assistant Park Director, as we attempt to respond to the increasing demands on Administration.</p>
June	<p>Bio-degradable bags for leaves required.</p> <p>Sprinkling ban imposed.</p>
July	<p>Board approved concept of retail mall as a way to expand Goods and Goodies and to upgrade laundry facilities and as a means to expand and thus increase the potential retail income for the park. Increased revenue from retail sales will keep members dues from escalating as rapidly.</p>
August 20	<p>Annual Meeting. Ralph Valentine and Eugene McBride elected to the Board.</p> <p>Dues set at \$ 660.00 with member approval.</p> <p>Assessments for C.C. repair, new drinking water well in Phase 5 and electrical repairs passed.</p> <p>Ranger program and boat launch repair proposals defeated.</p> <p>Total dues for the year \$ 693.50</p>
September	<p>Retail Center approved. Construction to begin with planned opening April 1989.</p>
September 30	<p>Chuck Russell retires as Park Director and Ron Van Singel becomes new Park Director.</p>
November	<p>Lisa Bradley and Jim Martin hired as Executive Secretary and Business Affairs Coordinator.</p>
1989	

January 21 Special Meeting called to air concerns about the Retail Center.

March 7 Carolyn Osterhouse hired as Marketing Coordinator.

April New membership list and events calendar for sale at the price of \$ 4.50.

Ted Boersen hired as Park Inspector.

May Retail Service Center opened. Stores include Goods & Goodies, laundry, beauty shop and the all purpose room.

June Grand Opening of Hilltop Ice Cream and Pizza Parlor located in the old Laundromat/Goods & Goodies building.

July Chapel addition and sign finished

August Nature trails in phase 3 redone, with benches and split rail fence placed along the trail. Trees, plants and terrain classified, with much of the work being done by Bob Caravan and volunteers.

Annual Meeting. Jerry Schutte, Glen Pettigrove and Dirk Bender elected to the Board.

Dues set at \$696.00 with assessments totaling \$18.00 passed. Approved assessments were for electrical upgrade and roof repair.

August 19 Development of Capital Trust Fund and the development of Phase 6 turned down by the members.

Also defeated were proposals for health care benefits and minimum wage increase contingency funds, the hiring of additional staff member, shower panel upgrade and the repair of the boat launch.

Fireworks moved from the 4th of July weekend to Christmas in August weekend in order to get a better price and qualified operators.

September Mike Young resigned as Recreation Director

1990

January Jane Lockwood hired as Recreation Director.

Car Wash opens in retail center.

April Telephone and Cable TV almost complete for Phases 4 & 5.

Snack Bar renamed Lakeside Cafe, some remodeling is done and new curtains are made.

May Paving of the parking lot at the retail center completed and gas pumps are operational in the service island.

May 18 The Board made major changes in the point system relating to rules and violations.

May 26 Special Membership meeting. Capital Trust Fund concept and the development proposal for Phase 6 passes.

<p>June</p>	<p>Deli & Bakery opens in the retail center, under the management of Henry VandeBroek.</p> <p>Self Lock Storage also available to members.</p> <p>Contest to name new store, T-shirts and More was won by Glen Phillips, who received a gift certificate for being the winning entry.</p>
<p>Summer</p>	<p>Park & Garden Island, stocked with plants representative of all the phases, with picnic tables, walkway, bridge and flowing water completed under the direction of the Environmental Committee, with the help of Maintenance and many dedicated volunteers.</p>
<p>August 17</p>	<p>Annual Meeting. Vern Palmboos and Paul Vlietstra elected.</p> <p>Dues set by membership vote at \$727.00</p> <p>Electrical metering to each site received membership approval.</p> <p>Estimated operating costs for the Park for the 1990-1991 year are \$2,400,00.00.</p>
<p>1991</p>	
<p>March</p>	<p>All electrical meters operational in the Park.</p> <p>Work completed on Cable TV and telephone for Phases 1 & 2. Work scheduled to start in Phase 3 in the fall.</p>