

# Sugar SCOOP

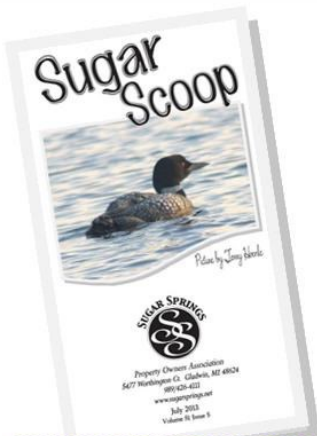


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**BOARD MEETINGS**  
*Meetings are held in the Activity Building*  
**December 10, 2016 ~ 10am**



## General Manager's Report November 23, 2016

I spoke with our Gladwin County Drain Commissioner late yesterday and I want to update you on where we are with regard to Lake Lancer. Despite my frequent updates there are so many false statements being made so I will try to clear some of them up.

The outflow of water from the lake through the overflow tube has been slowed by the repairs made by the Drain Commissioner and his contractors. We have not lost additional water from the lake since last Tuesday. Some have thought that we had, but that was a result of the high winds blowing one direction or another, not the loss of water. So to be clear; we are no longer losing more water than is coming into the lake from the Sugar River.

The gate was found to be in good condition so no replacement of it is necessary. There is some deterioration of the concrete which surrounds the inlet tube, which is forty feet down in the tube but that is expected after being underwater and in so much pressure for almost fifty years. No repairs are anticipated there either. He has attached a new device which would be used in the future, if necessary, to lower the gate and he is still proceeding with repairs to the screw that was originally designed to raise and lower the gate. There are three brackets which are cracked or broken that he feels it is necessary to replace. Those plates have been fabricated. The steel plate that is going to be attached to the inlet tube in the lake is on site. They attempted to place the steel plate into position this past weekend but the winds were too strong to complete the work. He has met with a company that hopefully will be coming in the next week to have two divers safely bolt the steel plate on the inlet tube. There is a possibility that this may not work because the safety grate that is over the inlet is simple re-rod and may only be tack welded into place. If that is the case the plate may not be stable. He has thought this part of the process through very carefully because there is a concern about the fifty year old steel pipe and the reaction it may have when the water pressure within the tube is lowered. He does not want to collapse the tube. That would then make the repairs very extensive and expensive. Many have suggested that he use a sewer plug which is an inflatable bag to seal the inlet tube. He has discussed this and his reluctance to this point is it would be difficult to place the bag. It would have to be in a two foot space forty feet down underwater at the inlet discharge for a person to try and place the bag into the tube. Typically these are placed at the inlet, but ours is covered with re-rod in the lake. He is concerned about the safety of someone working in that environment. Once the work is done the steel plate would be removed from the inlet tube. None of this affects the level of the water or the gate. He is doing this to try and create a safe environment for a diver to go into the overflow tube to clean out all the debris that remains on the bottom, get a better look at the inlet and outlet tubes, and replace the broken brackets.

I also talked with him about ongoing financial considerations with the repair. The cost of this has been very greatly exaggerated by a few. Unless he runs into something totally unexpected our costs of repairs will be covered entirely by what we are currently paying each year on our property taxes. The charge (Sugar Springs Lake Level) is charged once a year. Tier 1 is \$9.32; Tier 2, \$4.66; Tier 3, \$2.33. There will not be any additional assessments because of the repair. He has been very cost minded in his repair strategy. This is not to say that he is doing things cheaply, rather he is being careful what he spends. If he does not run into any significant problems the current charges will be completely absorbed by what we are all paying already.

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It is my understanding that there has been much written about the job he has done, his qualifications to complete the task, and what the POA has done or not done in this situation. First, to be clear, the Drain Commissioner did not cause the bracket on the overflow to break. It was simply a mechanical failure due to the ice that forms in the top of the overflow tube. That break created a domino effect and caused other things to happen. When the lakes committee noticed the problem this spring and notified the Drain Commissioner he came out immediately to assess and attempt to close down the gate but was not successful. All of us involved agreed that sandbags would need to be added and the situation watched on a daily basis for the summer because the repair would undoubtedly result in lowering the lake level, which was not acceptable during the boating season. With the end of the boating season the only way to begin repairs was to remove the sandbags which immediately started the lake level to fall. We warned you of that possibility during the season. In my dealings with Mr. Evans he has shown a legitimate concern about the problem, is concerned with how important the lake is to our community and our properties, and has done things in a systematic fashion with a plan in mind. He has also seemed to adapt to changes that alter the plan as well. All of us would like to have things done quickly but he is ultimately responsible for a complete and proper repair of the overflow, and for the safety of both it and the people carrying out those repairs.

Now that the water loss has been stopped we must wait for precipitation to refill our lake. There is no magic bullet, we need rain and snow and a large spring runoff. The lake will refill itself, hopefully in the next six months so that we do not lose a boating season. But, whatever the timeline is there was no getting around what has happened, it was no one's fault. Man-made lakes are subject to mechanical failures. Beaverton had to completely drain their lake a few years ago, Wixom and Sanford have been lowered and all of them have returned to proper levels; we will as well. Earlier this year I told you about a beaver dam that was upriver. To date we have not been able to get it removed. I was able to do a flow study, not on the owner's property of the inflow and outflow to the area this fall and there was little or no flow either in or out. We can't get people's attention if it looks to be not causing a loss of water. We have not forgotten about the area and will look at it again in the spring when water flow should be higher.

A concern that is valid is that there will probably be a larger than normal fish kill this year because of the lack of water depth, particularly in some of the coves. That is dependent on the severity of the winter, the ice cover and depth. If we get an increase in water levels yet this fall and early winter that will obviously lessen the problem. He has also held back releasing the water from Lake Lancelot, which he is required to do each fall to bring the lake level to winter levels. I have asked him to delay that until he has completed all his repairs that could involve the gate so that we can take full advantage of the one foot of water, not risk any of it going out through the tube. That one foot, while only a guess, will raise the level of Lake Lancer a few inches but we will take anything we can get. If you live on the small lake be prepared to see your level drop at some point. It has not been lowered to date.

While we wait for our water levels to increase over the next few months I have been looking at projects that we typically cannot get to because of the water. We are looking at trying to replace the concrete launch pad that is badly damaged at Islander's Beach Club; trying to level off or widen the bottoms of launches at our other beach clubs; and I have asked the Gladwin County Road Commission about the possibility

of removing the large buildup of gravel and sand underneath the bridge on Hockaday Road that is the conduit from the Fairfield area to the main body of the lake. This like anything else that deals with the lake bottom or shoreline requires permits so I don't know if they will be able to do anything in a timely manner before the lake rises to a level that makes any work impossible; but we are trying. We will try to pull some of the loose rip rap back toward the shore, if time allows. No permit is required to do this. One obvious suggestion would be to dredge, particularly the Queens area now that the silt is so accessible. Tim Stegeman, the Lakes Committee Chair and I have discussed it and while a nice idea, the permit process, from experience is so slow that the water will be back long before we could expect a permit to be approved.

From the POA's standpoint we will do as much as we can, while we can, keeping in mind that Building & Grounds is a crew of two until next spring. From the lakefront owners' standpoint, this is an excellent opportunity to access your lakefront, clean up things and make repairs. The low water level looks terrible to all of us but it may afford us a silver lining in that the lake level opens up things we previously were unable to do.



Robert Neeb, CMCA, AMS, PCAM  
General Manager Sugar Springs Property Owners Association

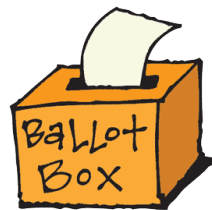
**October 15, 2016 Camping on Lot Election Results**

**PROPOSITION:**

That camping on lots in Hamilton, Highlander II, Highlander IV, Kings, North Westchester, Queens, Sir Richards and South Westchester Realms, Sugar Springs Property Owners Association, Inc., shall be extended for a period of three (3) years, through December 31, 2019, as provided under Article IV, Section 1, of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions.

Number of eligible votes:

Hamilton	101
Highlander II	222
Highlander IV	36
Kings	210
North Westchester	50
Queens	180
Sir Richards	181
South Westchester	9



Ballot Results:

	<u>NO</u>	<u>YES</u>	
Hamilton	10	50	Passed
Highlander II	12	74	Passed
Highlander IV	3	12	Passed
Kings	9	79	Passed
North Westchester	2	19	Passed
Queens	20	63	Passed
Sir Richards	2	75	Passed
South Westchester	3	4	Passed

NUMBER OF VOIDS: 1 voided Ballot representing 1 vote.

Declared the forgoing to be an exact record of ballots received by the Election Committee on October 15, 2016.

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



## Sugar Springs Property Owners Association Board of Directors

President Jim Issitt, Vice President Dale Maxim, Ben Baker, Dale Dunham, Dennis, Hagey, Thomas Hug, Steve Surowiec and Lynn Wright

Per SSPOA Bylaws & Covenants Article IX, Section (d) The Newsletter, in addition to other information published, shall contain in the next succeeding issue, a summary of: (1) board actions; (2) standing committee reports; (3) annual budgets & financial statements. Full minutes are available for review at the POA office, or you may obtain a copy for a nominal copying fee.

## **October 15, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting**

### **BOARD ACTIONS**

- Approved minutes of the August 20, 2016 Board of Directors Meeting and the September 24, 2016 Special Meeting of the Membership
- Accepted Treasurer's Report
- Approved Deborah E. Mahaffy as Editor of the Sugar Scoop for 2017 and Matt Schindler as the Trustee of the SSPOA Retirement Plan and the Administrator of the SSPOA Health Care Plan for 2017
- Approved 2017 tournament schedule for the Men's and Women's Golf Associations
- Approved recommended requirements and fees for consolidating lots purchased from the Gladwin County Land Bank and Gladwin County Treasurer. Lots must be purchased and consolidated between January 1, 2016 and December 31, 2016 and share a common property line. This special provision will be in effect from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 and may be extended by the Board of Directors.
- Approved the consolidation of Highlander II Lot # 369 and Highlander II Lot #370. Lot purchased through Gladwin County Land Bank and consolidated pursuant to Tax Sale Lot Consolidation approved by the Board of Directors at the December 12, 2015 Board of Directors meeting.
- Approved the consolidation of Sir Richards Lot #57 and Sir Richards Lot #58. Sir Richards Lot #58 was purchased on June 16, 2016 from the Gladwin County Land Bank and meets the consolidation requirements as outlined with the special provision for lot consolidation approved by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2015.
- Approved the consolidation of Salisbury Lot #175 and Salisbury Lot #176. An addition of a 15' x 20' sunroom and a 9'6" x 10'6" entryway to the existing house located on Lot #175 will violate the common property line by 4'. Additionally, a 40' x 60' detached garage and recreation room will be constructed on Lot #176.
- Approved following resolution: *Whereas, the Sugar Springs Board of Directors hereby resolves to create a Golf Cart Purchase Fund and add \$80,000.00 of our annual 2016 revenues to the Fund. In addition, add \$40,000.00 of our annual 2016 revenues into the Parking Lot Replacement Fund. This fund was established by the Board of Directors at the December 14, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting.*
- Motion to approve publishing of the SSPOA Sugar Scoop in electronic form only, beginning January of 2017. Sugar Scoop will be available on [www.sugarsprings.net](http://www.sugarsprings.net) and/or can be received by members by supplying their email address to the POA office. Paper copies can be purchased at the POA office. This is in accordance with the SSPOA Bylaws, Article IX, Section 2, (d) which states: "To institute a newsletter which shall be published monthly from May through August and bi-monthly from September through April."

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**BOARD ACTIONS**

- Announced that the Hearth Restaurant will change their hours of operations from November 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017. Sundays will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:00 p.m. Restaurant to remain closed Mondays and Tuesdays. Wednesday and Thursday hours are 4:00 – 8:00pm, Friday – 4:00pm to 9:00pm and Saturdays – 11:00am to 9:00pm. Members needing special arrangements for events may contact the restaurant manager to secure availability.
- Approved setting the base rate of yearly assessment at current rate of \$440.00 for the 2017 calendar year. Because of the assessment vote non-passage, another assessment vote will be scheduled in 2017 for the years 2018 and 2019.
- Accepted the 2016 Camping on Lot Election Results: That camping on lots in Hamilton, Highlander II, Highlander IV, Kings, North Westchester, Queens, Sir Richards and South Westchester Realms, Sugar Springs Property Owners Association, Inc., shall be extended for a period of three (3) years, through December 31, 2019, as provided under Article IV, Section 1, of the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions. *Complete results on Page 5*
- Approved a vote of the membership on a proposal to change the voting for camping on a lot in each realm from the current three years which was approved by a vote of the membership on February 22, 1986 to seven years. Vote will be mailed to the membership, along with the Board of Directors election ballots. It will be announced at the membership meeting in June, 2017.
- Approved winter camping at the SSPOA Campground by members. Based on availability, member can leave their camper at the campground during the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> – April 15<sup>th</sup>. Member will be required to pay \$285.00 for 10 days of camping. After the 10 days member will pay \$11.00 for each day of camping use thereafter. The SSPOA will plow the road to the campground, however, snow removal for each individual campsite will be the responsibility of the camper. The Chalet will be available for bathrooms and showers. Camper must not be plugged into the campground electrical when camper is not in use. Camper is to notify the POA office when they are intending to use their campsites.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ARCHITECTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL COMMITTEE** (Ben Baker)

Committee Chair, Scott Jones reported actions included 4 additions, 4 out buildings, 7 miscellaneous and 1 color change for a total of 16 actions.

**AIRPARK COMMITTEE** (Dale Maxim)

Meeting minutes of September 10, 2016 were provided to the Board prior to this meeting. Subjects of discussion included Hangars, 2017 Fly-In date of August 19, the Airpark Master Plan, Budget, Emergency Plan and Airpark Mixed Environment Safety.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** (Jim Issitt)

No Report. The committee will be meeting in November.

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE** (Steve Surowiec)

No Report.

**CAMPING COMMITTEE** (Dale Maxim)

Meeting minutes of September 10, 2016 were provided to the Board prior to this meeting. Camping Sub-Committee provided their findings and three proposed resolutions were discussed. This proposal to be submitted to Board for review and response.

**ELECTION COMMITTEE** (Jim Issitt)

The committee has completed all assignments for 2016.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**GOLF COMMITTEE** (Dale Dunham)

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No Report.

**LAKES COMMITTEE** (Dennis Hagey)

Meeting minutes of September 1, 2016 were provided to the Board prior to this meeting. A PLM 2016 summary of treatments/costs was reviewed. Silt traps approved for five years, E. coli tests continued, and the Bypass Valve on Earth Dam continued to be monitored daily.

**MEMORIAL COMMITTEE** (Steve Surowiec)

Meeting minutes of September 1, 2016 were provided to the Board prior to this meeting. Donations for trees and watering cart would be submitted to Scoop for publishing. A spring planting of new trees will be handled by Building and Grounds. Memorial plaques and Book were updated and installed in the Activity Center Lobby.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** (Lynn Wright)

The committee is seeking members who have an interest in Board positions. Three positions will be open in June 2017. See Page 8 for 2017 Board Application.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE** (Lynn Wright)

Chairperson, Ernie Sullivan, announced that building awareness of Sugar Springs continues to be addressed. A full page ad in the 2017 Gladwin Chamber of Commerce book has been produced. Committee members attended a multi-media presentation and pursuing recommendations for additional promotions.

**RECREATION COMMITTEE** (Tom Hug)

Chairperson, Pat Issitt, reported that October Card Party and Oktoberfest events were well attended and thanked Heinz and Norma Becker for providing entertainment over the years. A big screen TV has been purchased with committee funds and will be used for functions such as football parties and other televised events. Holiday parties are scheduled for December 17 and New Years Eve.

**ADDRESSES TO THE BOARD**

A variety of opinions were expressed regarding Board of Directors decision on all season camping on lots. Disappointed members felt the Board lacked consideration to the proposed resolutions submitted by campers. Others thanked the Board for honoring the Sugar Springs Bylaws and Covenants rules and regulations on private camping and outbuildings. Concern for restaurant hours in early spring as golfers return was stated and information regarding fines for infractions was sought.

**COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

All contributors who posted positive comments on social media were thanked.  
Board members will work towards a satisfactory conclusion to current issues.



**WINTER POA OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday 9am to 5pm through December 31st  
Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm - January 1st through February 28th  
Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays

**Office Closed December 24th, 2016 through January 2nd, 2017**



**FINANCIAL TOTALS as of August 31, 2016**

Cash on Hand: \$1,081,447    Lake Dredging: \$55,000    Emergency Reserve: \$128,000  
 Building Fund: \$216,000    Parking Lot Fund: \$8,040

<u>REVENUE:</u>	Aug ACTUALS	Aug BUDGET	YTD ACTUALS	YTD BUDGET
Administration	\$17,408	\$8,545	\$1,193,076	\$1,177,160
Building & Grounds	\$3,865	\$6,330	\$144,777	\$131,500
Pool	\$3,927	\$4,080	\$52,199	\$63,540
Pro Shop /Golf Course	\$38,739	\$44,100	\$329,840	\$311,600
Restaurant	\$76,635	\$78,000	\$389,453	\$363,000
Lake Management	\$430	\$500	\$204,985	\$203,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$141,004</b>	<b>\$141,555</b>	<b>\$2,314,330</b>	<b>\$2,249,800</b>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
Administration	\$35,910	\$36,950	\$316,005	\$325,500
Building & Grounds	\$36,023	\$38,400	\$282,799	\$277,195
Pool	\$12,890	\$13,835	\$113,075	\$117,630
Pro Shop	\$23,749	\$27,080	\$142,562	\$139,125
Golf Course	\$54,720	\$51,565	\$278,303	\$275,360
Restaurant	\$74,937	\$82,975	\$435,898	\$443,740
Lake Management	\$33,360	\$15,170	\$198,861	\$199,660
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$271,589</b>	<b>\$265,975</b>	<b>\$1,767,503</b>	<b>\$1,778,210</b>
<b>Rev. Less Expenses:</b>	<b>(\$130,585)</b>	<b>(\$124,420)</b>	<b>\$546,827</b>	<b>\$471,590</b>
Cash Savings Account: \$19,194    Petty Cash Account: \$3,305    Memorial Savings: \$15,033				

**FINANCIAL TOTALS as of September 30, 2016**

Cash on Hand: \$943,211    Lake Dredging: \$55,000    Emergency Reserve: \$128,000  
 Building Fund: \$216,000    Parking Lot Fund: \$8,040

<u>REVENUE:</u>	Sept ACTUALS	Sept BUDGET	YTD ACTUALS	YTD BUDGET
Administration	\$4,401	\$8,495	\$1,197,477	\$1,185,655
Building & Grounds	\$2,401	\$4,430	\$147,178	\$135,930
Pool	\$2,257	\$2,180	\$54,456	\$65,720
Pro Shop /Golf Course	\$40,269	\$33,800	\$370,110	\$345,400
Restaurant	\$66,434	\$61,000	\$455,888	\$424,000
Lake Management	\$151	\$500	\$205,135	\$203,500
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$115,913</b>	<b>\$110,405</b>	<b>\$2,430,244</b>	<b>\$2,360,205</b>
<u>EXPENSES:</u>				
Administration	\$32,208	\$37,080	\$348,213	\$362,580
Building & Grounds	\$41,456	\$36,830	\$324,255	\$314,025
Pool	\$12,317	\$13,735	\$125,392	\$131,365
Pro Shop	\$20,691	\$22,155	\$163,253	\$161,280
Golf Course	\$45,207	\$49,445	\$323,510	\$324,805
Restaurant	\$65,561	\$67,925	\$501,459	\$511,665
Lake Management	\$2,270	\$2,295	\$201,131	\$201,955
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$219,710</b>	<b>\$229,465</b>	<b>\$1,987,213</b>	<b>\$2,007,675</b>
<b>Rev. Less Expenses:</b>	<b>(\$103,797)</b>	<b>(\$119,060)</b>	<b>\$443,031</b>	<b>\$352,530</b>
Cash Savings Account: \$19,194    Petty Cash Account: \$3,305    Memorial Savings: \$15,609				

## **NOMINATION PERIOD NOW OPEN FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SUGAR SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOCIATION**

There will be three (3) positions to be filled at the 2017 election. Directors elected in 2017 will serve for three years from June 2017 thru June 2020. Nominations for these openings must be submitted to the POA office by Monday, February 6, 2017. If you are interested or know of someone that is interested in running for a Director's position, please do not miss this opportunity. The Nominating Committee encourages all current and former members of committees, and those with the working knowledge of Sugar Springs, to consider running for the Board of Directors.

What is expected of a Director of the POA Board?

- ◆ A Director on the Board must be a member in good standing as stated in Article VIII "Membership and Voting Rights in the Association" as indicated on page 27 of the Covenants.
- ◆ A Director on the Board must attend 6-8 board meetings, which includes the annual meeting, and any additional special meetings that may be called.
- ◆ A Director on the Board must attend any pre-board work session to discuss the agenda for upcoming board meetings.
- ◆ A Director on the Board must attend any special session called to discuss any current concerns, problems and/or projects.
- ◆ Each Director will be assigned two (2) committees by the President of the Board to oversee. The Director will attend these committee meetings and report back any concerns or questions to the Board.
- ◆ A Director on the Board must abide by Article IX "Powers and Duties of the Board" as listed on pages 5, 6, 7 & 8 in the Bylaws.

Upon review of all candidate applications, the Nominating Committee shall prepare a proposed ballot as provided in Section 5 of Article VIII in the Bylaws to present to the current Board of Directors of the Association.

**Sugar Springs Nomination Committee**

*See Page 8 for Board Application*

**INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE  
SUGAR SPRINGS BOARD OF DIRECTORS?**

There will be three (3) positions available in 2017 for the following term: June 2017 through June 2020. If you are interested or you know of someone that is interested in running for a Director's position, please do not miss this opportunity.

All Board applications  
must be filed in the POA Office no later than February 6th, 2017.  
Mark your calendars!

**SUGAR SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Board of Directors Candidate Application**  
APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 6th

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE:

SUGAR SPRINGS ADDRESS:  
REALM & LOT #:

Resume of Candidate (employment, family, background):

Reason for wanting to serve as a Director on the S.S.P.O.A. Board:

Recreational interest include:

Notes:

1. Please be sure to include a picture of yourself that is suitable for publishing in the newsletter along with the above information no later than February 6th, 2017.
2. There are a minimum of eight (8) Board Meetings per year and your participation is greatly needed.

Application must be submitted by 5pm on February 6th, 2017 to:  
SUGAR SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
Attn: Nominating Committee  
5477 Worthington Ct.  
Gladwin, MI 48624



# Memorial Committee

Donations for Memorials can be made at the POA building.  
Memorial Funds are used in many areas at Sugar Springs.

Memorial donations have been received for the following:

- Rebecca Purdy
- Barb Widrig
- Boyd (Butch) Overton
- Roger Moon
- Margaret Sheedy
- Barbara Hager

### Current Memorial suggestion list

- Sugar Springs Beautification Projects
- American, Michigan & Sugar Springs flags
- Sugar Springs Beach Areas
- Sugar Springs Golf Course
- Sugar Springs Recreational Areas
- Sugar Springs Chalet Area

### Volunteers Needed

Our Memorial Committee members are looking for a couple of individuals who would be interested in serving on this committee. We have four meetings during the year (May, July, September & November) where we go over the current and future projects, financials etc.

**Memorial Committee**

**Sign Up Today!**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SUGAR SCOOP

The Board of Directors at their October 15th Meeting approved publishing the Sugar Scoop in electronic form only, beginning with the first issue of 2017. The Sugar Scoop will be available on our website [www.sugarsprings.net](http://www.sugarsprings.net) and will also be emailed to members that have joined our mailing list. If you haven't already signed up for our mailing list do so now by going to our website [www.sugarsprings.net](http://www.sugarsprings.net) and select the "Join our Mailing List" button at the bottom of the home page. Paper copies can be purchased at the POA office.

**You can also fill out the form below and mail it to:**

**Sugar Springs POA ▪ 5477 Worthington Court ▪ Gladwin, MI 48624**

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Member #

Name:

Email (s):

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# Card Party

Thanks to the 42 wonderful people who made the October 10<sup>th</sup> Sugar Springs Card Party a success. We had wonderful desserts and lots of fun playing Euchre, Pinochle, Hand & Foot, Texas Hold 'em, Slide, and a card passing game. The \$5 entry fee went back to the winning players as prize money and everyone was given a ticket for the door prizes. Kathy Johnson and Mike Visnaw were the Sweepstakes winners. Door prizes were won by G. Cooper, L. Cooper, B. Johns, S. Pfund, B. Jendrowski, M. Eppley, K. Johnson, N. Purdy, M. Bogdanski, R. Bogdanski, J. Lewis, J. Schairer, and S. Jones.

We would like to thank Mark Bayer, Bridget Kelley, Pat Issitt, Pilar Hagey, and the Recreation Committee for their donations of door prizes. Also a special thank you to our set up crew: the Monday afternoon poker group, Kim Krenz, and Dennis Hagey and to the POA Office staff for their help in this event. This is an annual event sponsored by the Recreation Committee and we hope to see even more Sugar Springers next year.

Deb Krenz and Jo Hagey  
Event Co-chairs

## Garden Club's Fall Craft Project



## SUGARCISE

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays  
9:00am in the Lancer Room  
of the Activity Center.



Join us for an hour of fun and improve your fitness level. Start with a warm up to get those muscle groups ready, then swing into a "FUN" cardio segment. That's right we said "FUN CAR-DIO". Finish with exercises to improve muscle tone in those "areas" we all need to work on. Classes are led by an instructor that will demonstrate low impact moves and lead you through an hour of "fun". Wear good supporting shoes and clothing that allow you to move. We are going to do some hip shaking.

Thanks, Joyce Lewis  
812/593-3915

## TEAM TRIVIA

Join your Sugar Springs neighbors on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the Activity Building  
Cost is \$2/person  
Cash prizes ~ Snacks

Question topics run from Golf to Geography, Science to Sports, Money to Movies, Landmarks to Language, Entertainment to Endangered Species, Food to the Funnies, Drinks to Dogs, TV to Travel, Vegetables to Vegas, and More.



**Come, be on a team,  
and have some fun  
with us.**



The Sugar Springs Recreation Committee invites you to attend their monthly Birthday Dinners held at 5:00 pm at the Hearth Restaurant. Join us for dinner and we will provide the dessert. Have fun with friends, or make new ones as we celebrate those who have had their birthdays throughout the month.

**Thursday, December 1st, 2016**

**Thursday, January 26th, 2017**

**February 23rd, 2017**

**Thursday, March 23rd, 2017**

**Thursday, April 27th, 2017**

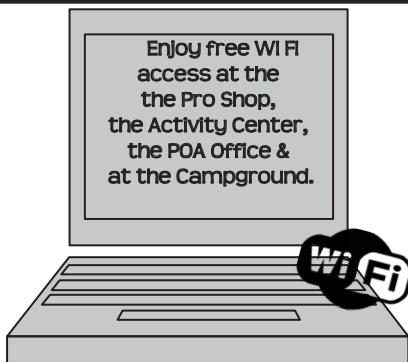
## Mah Jongg

Attention Mah Jongg Players

The game of Mah Jongg will be played on Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Lancelot Room.

If you are interested in playing the game please join us.

Enjoy free WiFi access at the Pro Shop, the Activity Center, the POA Office & at the Campground.



## Stay Fit, Healthy & Strong Forever

Join our exercise group!

Stretching and toning your muscles to video instructions, some standing up, some sitting in a chair, no floor exercises.

**MONDAY - WEDNESDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 to 9:30am**

in the Lancelot Room of the Activity Center



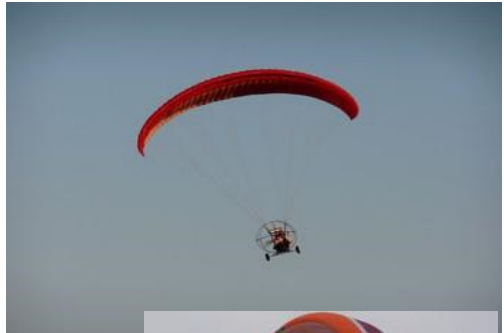
# Pilot's Corner

## Special Visitors

On the weekend of August 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> (which was also the annual Sugar Springs Airpark Fly-In), another group of pilots came to Sugar Springs for a different type of Fly-In. A typical Fly-In is where pilots fly their aircraft to the destination, but this group of pilots drove their RV's, campers, trailers or in some cases just a car and set up camp. This is the normal scene when it's for a Powered Paraglider (PPG for short) event.

The PPG permits a unique perspective that's unlike any other aircraft. The pilot has the ability to fly low (legally they can be just a few feet off the ground) and slow (25-30 mph), which allows them to see things that would literally fly by or be too far away with an airplane. A dozen pilots, spouses, and even some non-flying friends showed up to socialize and talk with area residents about the sport that they all love.

Some of the group stayed at the campground so they could make use of the amenities, but the majority stayed with us on our lots on the airpark, so they could have easy access and front row seats to the weekend's activities.



Each of the pilots (and one non-pilot passenger) flew the area throughout the weekend to take in the beauty of Sugar Springs and the surrounding area from an aerial vantage point. Nearly all of them were new to Sugar Springs, so exploration was taking place in every direction. Even though the weather wasn't totally cooperative, no one was disappointed and all said they hoped to return for a future event.



We hope you had the opportunity to watch them fly the skies above. If you could have gotten a close enough look at their faces, you would have noticed the smiles as they discovered the beauty that we call Sugar Springs.

Dave & Ellen Kasper  
Airpark Committee



*Dinner - Dance*

**Saturday, December 17, 2016**

Sugar Springs Activity Center  
1930 Sugar River Rd.

Hors D'oeuvres 6pm – 6:30pm      Dinner served at 7pm  
Dancing 7pm-11pm - Music by The Darringer Band

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Dinner & Entertainment  
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# Around the Campfire

United We Stand

Commonality brings people together. When people unite behind a common purpose, they are able to look beyond their differences and work together to achieve great things. That's how successful sports teams operate; the players put their differences on the sidelines and focus on playing to win.

While we as individuals may have different hobbies, different tastes in food and decor, and different political viewpoints, we Sugar Springers have one thing in common; we love our community and want to see it prosper. Our love of Sugar Springs unites us for a common good. It motivates us to put our individual differences on the sidelines to do our part to maintain and improve our community to the benefit of all.

There is another thing that we Sugar Springers all have in common. We all have an annual property owners assessment. Whether we have a vacant lot or have a home on our lot, we all pay the same basic assessment. Of the approximate 2755 assessable lots within Sugar Springs, there is about a 50/50 split between vacant lots and lots with homes. Our assessments equally combine to contribute to the common good of the entire community. No one assessment has a bigger impact than another. It's the same with our vote.

Some want to believe that there is a divide between lot owners and homeowners in Sugar Springs but the bottom line is, we all recognize the need for each other and the value of our commonalities. Our love of Sugar Springs overshadows our individual interests to unite us in a way that will keep us focused on the future and the common good.

Rebecca  
SSPOA Camping Committee Chairperson

A poster for a winter event. At the top, the words "Winter Fest" are written in a stylized, black, snowflake-like font. Below this, a photograph shows three children in winter gear (blue and red jackets, hats, and gloves) sitting on a red sled, sliding down a snowy hill. The child in the back is waving. Below the photo, the text "JOIN US ON THE SLEDDING HILL!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the right, another photograph shows a single child on a red sled. Next to it, the text "FREE HOT COCOA AND COOKIES" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom center, the date and time "January 14 1:00-4:00 pm" are displayed in a large, black, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, the text "FIRE IN THE CHALET FOR BYO HOT DOGS!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "Sponsored by Sugar Springs Recreation Committee" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

# Sugar Springs' Mitten Tree

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December 2016

Member \$5.00 Guest \$6.00 Public \$7.00



## MONDAY

FITNESS ROOM 8AM TO 9PM  
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& 10:15AM TO 11:15AM  
MEN'S POOL VOLLEYBALL 11:30AM TO 1:00PM  
OPEN SWIM 1PM TO 9PM

## TUESDAY

FITNESS ROOM 8AM TO 8PM  
LAP SWIM 8AM TO 9AM  
WATER AEROBICS 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
10:15AM TO 11:15AM & 4PM TO 5PM  
LAP SWIM 11:30AM TO 1PM  
OPEN SWIM 1PM TO 8PM

## WEDNESDAY

FITNESS ROOM 8AM TO 8PM  
LAP SWIM 8AM TO 9AM  
WATER AEROBICS 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
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MEN'S POOL VOLLEYBALL 11:30AM TO 1:00PM  
OPEN SWIM 1PM TO 8PM

## THURSDAY

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WATER AEROBICS 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
10:15AM TO 11:15AM & 4PM TO 5PM  
MEN'S POOL VOLLEYBALL 11:30AM TO 1:00PM  
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## FRIDAY

FITNESS ROOM 8AM TO 8PM  
POOL LAP SWIM 8AM TO 9AM  
WATER AEROBICS 9:15AM TO 10:15AM  
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LAP SWIM 11:30AM TO 1PM  
OPEN SWIM 1PM TO 8PM

## SATURDAY

FITNESS ROOM & OPEN SWIM 8AM TO 8PM

## SUNDAY

FITNESS ROOM & OPEN SWIM 1PM TO 8PM

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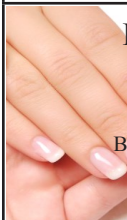
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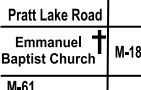
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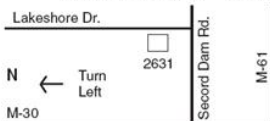
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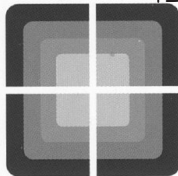
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