

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report: February 15, 2017
(Date of earliest event reported)

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-12616

(Commission File Number)

38-2730780

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

27777 Franklin Rd.

Suite 200

Southfield, Michigan

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

48034

(Zip Code)

(248) 208-2500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 15, 2017, Sun Communities, Inc. issued a press release, filed as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference, announcing that it intends to increase its annual dividend rate for the 2017 fiscal year.

This report contains various “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and we intend that such forward-looking statements will be subject to the safe harbors created thereby. For this purpose, any statements contained in this filing that relate to expectations, beliefs, projections, future plans and strategies, trends or prospective events or developments and similar expressions concerning matters that are not historical facts are deemed to be forward-looking statements. Words such as “forecasts,” “intends,” “intend,” “intended,” “goal,” “estimate,” “estimates,” “expects,” “expect,” “expected,” “project,” “projected,” “projections,” “plans,” “predicts,” “potential,” “seeks,” “anticipates,” “anticipated,” “should,” “could,” “may,” “will,” “designed to,” “foreseeable future,” “believe,” “believes,” “scheduled,” “guidance” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward looking statements contain these words. These forward-looking statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and financial performance, but involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, both general and specific to the matters discussed in this filing. These risks and uncertainties may cause our actual results to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In addition to the risks disclosed under “Risk Factors” contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our other filings with the SEC from time to time, such risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to:

- changes in general economic conditions, the real estate industry and the markets in which we operate;
- difficulties in our ability to evaluate, finance, complete and integrate acquisitions, developments and expansions successfully;
- our liquidity and refinancing demands;
- our ability to obtain or refinance maturing debt;
- our ability to maintain compliance with covenants contained in our debt facilities;
- availability of capital;
- changes in foreign currency exchange rates, specifically between the U.S. dollar and Canadian dollar;
- our ability to maintain rental rates and occupancy levels;
- our failure to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures;
- increases in interest rates and operating costs, including insurance premiums and real property taxes;
- risks related to natural disasters;
- general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of shares of our capital stock;
- our failure to maintain our status as a REIT;
- changes in real estate and zoning laws and regulations;
- legislative or regulatory changes, including changes to laws governing the taxation of REITs;

- litigation, judgments or settlements;
- competitive market forces;
- the ability of manufactured home buyers to obtain financing; and
- the level of repossessions by manufactured home lenders.

Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date the statement was made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements included incorporated by reference into this filing, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in our expectations or otherwise, except as required by law.

Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements.

Item 9.01 **Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release dated February 15, 2017

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.

Dated: February 15, 2017

By: /s/ Karen J. Dearing

Karen J. Dearing, Executive Vice President,
Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 15, 2017

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT THE COMPANY:

Karen J. Dearing
Chief Financial Officer
(248) 208-2500

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC. (SUI) ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION INCREASE

Southfield, MI, February 15, 2017 - Sun Communities, Inc. (NYSE:SUI) (the "Company"), a real estate investment trust ("REIT") that owns, operates or has an interest in manufactured housing and recreational vehicle communities, today announced that its Board of Directors has approved setting the 2017 annual distribution rate at \$2.68 per common share, an increase of \$0.08 over the current \$2.60 per common share for 2016. This increase will begin with the first quarter distribution to be declared in March 2017 and paid in April 2017. While the Board of Directors has adopted the new annual distribution policy, the amount of each quarterly distribution on the Company's common stock will be subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Sun Communities, Inc. is a REIT that currently owns and operates or has an interest in a portfolio of 341 communities comprising approximately 117,000 developed sites.

For more information about Sun Communities, Inc. visit our website at www.suncommunities.com.

Forward Looking Statements

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These forward-looking statements reflect the Company's current views with respect to future events and financial performance, but involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors, some of which are beyond the Company's control. These risks, uncertainties, and other factors may cause the actual results of the Company to be materially different from any future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include national, regional and local economic climates, the ability to maintain rental rates and occupancy levels, competitive market forces, the performance of recent acquisitions, the ability to integrate future acquisitions smoothly and efficiently, changes in market rates of interest, the ability of manufactured home buyers to obtain financing, the level of repossessions by manufactured home lenders and those risks and uncertainties referenced under the headings entitled "Risk Factors" contained in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarter ended September 30, 2016, and the Company's other periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date hereof and the Company expressly disclaims any obligation to provide public updates, revisions or amendments to any forward-looking statements made herein to reflect changes in the Company's assumptions, expectations of future events, or trends.