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QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016.

or

TRANSITION PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 1-12616

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland 38-2730780
(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

27777 Franklin Rd.
Suite 200
Southfield, Michigan 48034
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(248) 208-2500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes [] No [X]

Number of shares of Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding as of March 31, 2016: 64,577,863

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | (unaudited) March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Land | \$456,380 | \$ 451,340 |
| Land improvements and buildings | 3,586,969 | 3,535,909 |
| Rental homes and improvements | 469,217 | 460,480 |
| Furniture, fixtures and equipment | 104,855 | 102,746 |
| Land held for future development | 23,047 | 23,047 |
| Investment property | 4,640,468 | 4,573,522 |
| Accumulated depreciation | (889,941) | (852,407) |
| Investment property, net (including \$91,246 and \$92,009 for consolidated variable interest entities at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015; see Note 7) | 3,750,527 | 3,721,115 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 410,408 | 45,086 |
| Inventory of manufactured homes | 16,636 | 14,828 |
| Notes and other receivables, net | 54,124 | 47,972 |
| Collateralized receivables, net | 142,944 | 139,768 |
| Other assets, net | 188,247 | 213,030 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$4,562,886 | \$ 4,181,799 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Mortgage loans payable (including \$63,450 and \$64,082 for consolidated variable interest entities at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015; see Note 7) | \$2,114,818 | \$ 2,125,267 |
| Secured borrowings on collateralized receivables | 143,664 | 140,440 |
| Preferred OP units - mandatorily redeemable | 45,903 | 45,903 |
| Lines of credit | 58,065 | 24,687 |
| Distributions payable | 45,351 | 41,265 |
| Other liabilities (including \$4,213 and \$4,091 for consolidated variable interest entities at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015; see Note 7) | 184,102 | 184,859 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 2,591,903 | 2,562,421 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Series A-4 preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. Issued and outstanding: 2,067 shares at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 | 61,732 | 61,732 |
| Series A-4 preferred OP units | 20,762 | 21,065 |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Series A preferred stock, \$0.01 par value. Issued and outstanding: 3,400 shares at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 | 34 | 34 |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value. Authorized: 180,000 shares; Issued and outstanding: 64,578 shares at March 31, 2016 and 58,395 shares at December 31, 2015 | 646 | 584 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 2,706,657 | 2,319,314 |
| Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings | (896,896) | (864,122) |
| Total Sun Communities, Inc. stockholders' equity | 1,810,441 | 1,455,810 |

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Noncontrolling interests:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Common and preferred OP units | 80,018 | 82,538 |
| Consolidated variable interest entities | (1,970 |) (1,767 |
| Total noncontrolling interests | 78,048 | 80,771 |
| TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | 1,888,489 | 1,536,581 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$4,562,886 | \$4,181,799 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| REVENUES | | |
| Income from real property | \$ 129,235 | \$ 119,525 |
| Revenue from home sales | 24,737 | 16,834 |
| Rental home revenue | 11,708 | 11,129 |
| Ancillary revenues | 4,613 | 3,191 |
| Interest | 3,945 | 3,984 |
| Brokerage commissions and other income, net | 406 | 537 |
| Total revenues | 174,644 | 155,200 |
| COSTS AND EXPENSES | | |
| Property operating and maintenance | 31,201 | 29,214 |
| Real estate taxes | 9,585 | 8,715 |
| Cost of home sales | 18,184 | 12,557 |
| Rental home operating and maintenance | 5,876 | 5,605 |
| Ancillary expenses | 3,508 | 2,546 |
| Home selling expenses | 2,278 | 1,690 |
| General and administrative | 13,792 | 11,628 |
| Transaction costs | 2,721 | 9,449 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 48,412 | 44,001 |
| Interest | 26,294 | 25,389 |
| Interest on mandatorily redeemable preferred OP units | 787 | 852 |
| Total expenses | 162,638 | 151,646 |
| Income before other gains | 12,006 | 3,554 |
| Gain on disposition of properties, net | — | 8,769 |
| Provision for income taxes | (228) | (75) |
| Net income | 11,778 | 12,248 |
| Less: Preferred return to preferred OP units | 1,273 | 1,029 |
| Less: Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests | 276 | 264 |
| Net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. | 10,229 | 10,955 |
| Less: Preferred stock distributions | 2,354 | 4,086 |
| Net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders | \$ 7,875 | \$ 6,869 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 57,736 | 52,498 |
| Diluted | 58,126 | 52,892 |
| Earnings per share (See Note 13): | | |
| Basic | \$0.14 | \$0.13 |
| Diluted | \$0.14 | \$0.13 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net income/comprehensive income | \$11,778 | \$12,248 |
| Less: Comprehensive income attributable to the noncontrolling interests | 276 | 264 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. | \$11,502 | \$11,984 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

| | 7.125% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock | Common Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital | Distributions in Excess of Accumulated Earnings | Non-controlling Interests | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|---|--|-----------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2015 | \$ 34 | \$ 584 | \$2,319,314 | \$ (864,122) | \$ 80,771 | \$ 1,536,581 |
| Issuance of common stock from exercise of options, net | — | — | 149 | — | — | 149 |
| Issuance, conversion of OP units and associated costs of common stock, net | — | 62 | 384,990 | — | (108) | 384,944 |
| Share-based compensation - amortization and forfeitures | — | — | 2,204 | 58 | — | 2,262 |
| Net income | — | — | — | 11,499 | 243 | 11,742 |
| Distributions | — | — | — | (44,331) | (2,858) | (47,189) |
| Balance at March 31, 2016 | \$ 34 | \$ 646 | \$2,706,657 | \$ (896,896) | \$ 78,048 | \$ 1,888,489 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$11,778 | \$12,248 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Gain on disposition of assets | (2,661) | (1,526) |
| Gain on disposition of properties, net | — | (8,769) |
| Share-based compensation | 2,262 | 1,475 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 47,594 | 43,454 |
| Amortization of below market lease intangible | (1,350) | (1,051) |
| Amortization of debt premium intangible | (2,479) | (1,955) |
| Amortization of deferred financing costs | 484 | 390 |
| Change in notes receivable from financed sales of inventory homes, net of repayments | (3,664) | (2,646) |
| Change in inventory, other assets and other receivables, net | (1,229) | 1,553 |
| Change in other liabilities | 191 | (2,229) |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES | 50,926 | 40,944 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Investment in properties | (48,220) | (40,339) |
| Acquisitions of properties | — | (148,620) |
| Payments for deposits on acquisitions | (13) | (1,950) |
| Proceeds related to disposition of assets and depreciated homes, net | 2,847 | 1,343 |
| Proceeds related to the disposition of properties | 1,634 | 17,282 |
| Issuance of notes and other receivables | (1,746) | (40,206) |
| Repayments of notes and other receivables | 248 | 320 |
| NET CASH USED FOR INVESTING ACTIVITIES | (45,250) | (212,170) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Issuance and associated costs of common stock, OP units, and preferred OP units, net | 384,915 | 33,618 |
| Net proceeds from stock option exercise | 149 | 71 |
| Borrowings on lines of credit | 44,820 | 4,863 |
| Proceeds from issuance of other debt | 8,096 | 255,136 |
| Proceeds received from return of prepaid deferred financing costs | — | 4,986 |
| Distributions to stockholders, OP unit holders, and preferred OP unit holders | (43,511) | (38,119) |
| Payments on lines of credit | (11,459) | (10,513) |
| Payments on other debt | (8,249) | (36,185) |
| Payments for deferred financing costs | (15,115) | (1,209) |
| NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES | 359,646 | 212,648 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 365,322 | 41,422 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 45,086 | 83,459 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$410,408 | \$124,881 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited - dollars in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: | | |
| Cash paid for interest (net of capitalized interest of \$101 and \$124, respectively) | \$26,813 | \$21,452 |
| Cash paid for interest on mandatorily redeemable debt | \$787 | \$855 |
| Cash paid for income taxes | \$100 | \$14 |
| Noncash investing and financing activities: | | |
| Reduction in secured borrowing balance | \$4,872 | \$3,936 |
| Change in distributions declared and outstanding | \$3,984 | \$3,457 |
| Conversion of common and preferred OP units | \$137 | \$902 |
| Noncash investing and financing activities at the date of acquisition: | | |
| Acquisitions - Series A-4 preferred OP units issued | \$— | \$1,000 |
| Acquisitions - Series A-4 Preferred Stock issued | \$— | \$175,417 |
| Acquisitions - Common stock and OP units issued | \$— | \$258,918 |
| Acquisitions - debt assumed | \$— | \$207,784 |
| Acquisitions - other assets | \$37,750 | \$4,221 |
| Acquisitions - note payable | \$— | \$2,377 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

Sun Communities, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and all wholly-owned or majority-owned and controlled subsidiaries, including Sun Communities Operating Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and Sun Home Services, Inc. ("SHS") are referred to herein as the "Company," "us," "we," and "our".

We follow accounting standards set by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"). FASB sets generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), which we follow to ensure that we consistently report our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. References to GAAP issued by the FASB in these footnotes are to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification.

These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for interim financial information and in accordance with GAAP. Pursuant to the SEC rules and regulations we present interim disclosures and certain information and footnote disclosures as required. Accordingly, the unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements reflect, in the opinion of management, all adjustments, including adjustments of a normal and recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation of the interim financial statements. All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain reclassifications have been made to prior periods' financial statements in order to conform to current period presentation.

The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the full year. These unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 as filed with the SEC on February 23, 2016 (the "2015 Annual Report"). These statements have been prepared on a basis that is substantially consistent with the accounting principles applied in our 2015 Annual Report.

2. Real Estate Acquisitions

Acquisitions

On March 22, 2016, we and the Operating Partnership entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement with Carefree Communities Intermediate Holdings, L.L.C. (the "Seller") with respect to the Operating Partnership's acquisition from the Seller of all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock of Carefree Communities Inc. ("Carefree Communities"). Carefree Communities directly or indirectly owns 103 manufactured home ("MH") and recreational vehicle ("RV") communities, comprising 9,829 developed manufactured home sites, 17,725 RV sites and approximately 396 additional manufactured home sites and approximately 2,586 additional RV sites suitable for development. We anticipate that the closing of the acquisition will occur no later than July 9, 2016. As of March 31, 2016, we have deposits of \$15.1 million related to rate locks on potential debt instruments related to the Carefree acquisition. The consummation of the \$1.7 billion acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions. As a result, there can be no assurances as to the actual closing or the timing of the closing.

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On March 30, 2016, we closed on an underwritten public offering of 6,037,500 shares of common stock at a price of \$66.50 per share. The net proceeds from the offering of \$385.4 million will be used to fund a portion of the purchase price for the acquisition of Carefree Communities. If for any reason the acquisition is not consummated, we intend to use the net proceeds of the offering to repay borrowings outstanding under the revolving loan under our senior credit facility, to fund possible future acquisitions of properties and for working capital and general corporate purposes.

In March 2016, we acquired Hill Country Cottage and RV Resort ("Hill Country"), an RV resort with 353 sites located in New Braunfels, Texas.

In March 2016, we acquired Kimberly Estates, an MH community with 387 sites located in Frenchtown Township, Michigan.

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(Unaudited)

The following tables summarize the amounts of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition dates and the consideration paid for the acquisition completed in 2016 (in thousands):

| At Acquisition Date | Hill | Kimberly | Total |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------|
| | Country (1) | Estates (1) | |
| Investment in property | \$29,990 | \$ 7,313 | \$37,303 |
| Inventory of manufactured homes | — | 97 | 97 |
| In-place leases and other intangible assets | 10 | 340 | 350 |
| Total identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed | \$30,000 | \$ 7,750 | \$37,750 |
| Consideration | | | |
| Proceeds from prior dispositions held in escrow | \$30,000 | \$ 7,750 | \$37,750 |

(1) The purchase price allocations for Hill Country and Kimberly Estates are preliminary and may be adjusted as final costs and final valuations are determined.

The amount of revenue and net income included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 related to the acquisitions completed in 2016 is set forth in the following table (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 (unaudited) |
|------------|--|
| Revenue | \$ 280 |
| Net income | \$ 188 |

The following unaudited pro forma financial information presents the results of our operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 as if the properties were acquired on January 1, 2015. The unaudited pro forma results reflect certain adjustments for items that are not expected to have a continuing impact, such as adjustments for transaction costs incurred, management fees, and purchase accounting. The information presented below has been prepared for comparative purposes only and does not purport to be indicative of either future results of operations or the results of operations that would have actually occurred had the acquisitions been consummated on January 1, 2015 (in thousands, except per-share data).

| | Three Months Ended March 31, (unaudited) | |
|--|--|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Total revenues | \$175,547 | \$156,498 |
| Net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders | \$8,243 | \$7,069 |
| Net income per share attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders - basic | \$0.16 | \$0.13 |
| Net income per share attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders - diluted | \$0.16 | \$0.13 |

Transaction costs of approximately \$2.7 million and \$9.4 million have been incurred for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and are presented as "Transaction costs" in our Consolidated Statements of Operations.

3. Collateralized Receivables and Transfers of Financial Assets

We completed various transactions with an unrelated entity involving our notes receivable under which we received cash proceeds in exchange for relinquishing our right, title, and interest in certain notes receivable. We have no further obligations or rights with respect to the control, management, administration, servicing, or collection of the installment notes receivable. However, we are subject to certain recourse provisions requiring us to purchase the underlying homes collateralizing such notes, in the event of a note default and subsequent repossession of the home by the unrelated entity. The recourse provisions are considered to be a form of continuing involvement, and therefore these transferred loans did not meet the requirements for sale accounting. We continue to recognize these transferred loans on our balance sheet and refer to them as collateralized receivables. The proceeds from the transfer have been recognized as a secured borrowing.

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 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (Unaudited)

In the event of a note default and subsequent repossession of a manufactured home by the unrelated entity, the terms of the agreement require us to repurchase the manufactured home. Default is defined as the failure to repay the installment note receivable according to contractual terms. The repurchase price is calculated as a percentage of the outstanding principal balance of the collateralized receivable, plus any outstanding late fees, accrued interest, legal fees, and escrow advances associated with the installment note receivable. The percentage used to determine the repurchase price of the outstanding principal balance on the installment note receivable is based on the number of payments made on the note. In general, the repurchase price is determined as follows:

| Number of Payments | Repurchase Percentage | |
|---|-----------------------|---|
| Fewer than or equal to 15 | 100 | % |
| Greater than 15 but less than 64 | 90 | % |
| Equal to or greater than 64 but less than 120 | 65 | % |
| 120 or more | 50 | % |

The transferred assets have been classified as "Collateralized Receivables," net and the cash proceeds received from these transactions have been classified as a "secured borrowing" on collateralized receivables within the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The balance of the collateralized receivables was \$142.9 million (net of allowance of \$0.7 million) and \$139.8 million (net of allowance of \$0.7 million) as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The receivables have a weighted average interest rate and maturity of 10.1% and 15.7 years as of March 31, 2016, and 10.2% and 15.6 years as of December 31, 2015.

The outstanding balance on the secured borrowing was \$143.7 million and \$140.4 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

The collateralized receivables earn interest income, and the secured borrowings accrue interest expense at the same interest rates. The amount of interest income and expense recognized was \$3.4 million and \$3.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The balances of the collateralized receivables and secured borrowings fluctuate. The balances increase as additional notes receivable are transferred and exchanged for cash proceeds. The balances are reduced as the related collateralized receivables are collected from the customers, or as the underlying collateral is repurchased. The change in the aggregate gross principal balance of the collateralized receivables is as follows (in thousands):

| | |
|---|---|
| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 |
| Beginning balance | \$ 140,440 |
| Financed sales of manufactured homes | 8,095 |
| Principal payments and payoffs from our customers | (2,626) |

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| | |
|--|------------|
| Principal reduction from repurchased homes | (2,246) |
| Total activity | 3,223 |
| Ending balance | \$ 143,663 |

The following table sets forth the allowance for the collateralized receivables as of March 31, 2016 (in thousands):

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 |
| Beginning balance | \$ (672) |
| Lower of cost or market write-downs | 203 |
| Increase to reserve balance | (251) |
| Total activity | (48) |
| Ending balance | \$ (720) |

4. Notes and Other Receivables

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SUN COMMUNITIES, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(Unaudited)

The following table sets forth certain information regarding notes and other receivables (in thousands):

| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Installment notes receivable on manufactured homes, net | \$23,424 | \$ 20,418 |
| Other receivables, net | 30,700 | 27,554 |
| Total notes and other receivables, net | \$54,124 | \$ 47,972 |

Installment Notes Receivable on Manufactured Homes

The installment notes of \$23.4 million (net of allowance of \$0.2 million) and \$20.4 million (net of allowance of \$0.2 million) as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively, are collateralized by manufactured homes. The notes represent financing provided by us to purchasers of manufactured homes primarily located in our communities and require monthly principal and interest payments. The notes have a net weighted average interest rate (net of servicing costs) and maturity of 8.7% and 11.5 years as of March 31, 2016, and 8.6% and 10.0 years as of December 31, 2015.

The change in the aggregate gross principal balance of the installment notes receivable is as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 |
|---|---|
| Beginning balance | \$20,610 |
| Financed sales of manufactured homes | 4,359 |
| Principal payments and payoffs from our customers | (823) |
| Principal reduction from repossessed homes | (517) |
| Total activity | 3,019 |
| Ending balance | \$23,629 |

Allowance for Losses for Installment Notes Receivable

The following table sets forth the allowance change for the installment notes receivable as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Beginning balance | \$ (192) |
| Lower of cost or market write-downs | 28 |
| Increase to reserve balance | (40) |
| Total activity | (12) |

Ending balance \$ (204)

Other Receivables

As of March 31, 2016, other receivables were comprised of amounts due from residents for rent, and water and sewer usage of \$5.2 million (net of allowance of \$(0.6) million), home sale proceeds of \$16.4 million, insurance receivables of \$0.9 million, insurance settlement of \$3.7 million, rebates and other receivables of \$2.3 million and a note receivable of \$2.2 million. The \$2.2 million note bears interest at 8.0% for the first two years and in year three is indexed to 7.87% plus the one year Federal Reserve treasury constant maturity rate for the remainder of the loan. The note is secured by the senior mortgage on one MH community and a deed of land, and is due on December 31, 2016. As of December 31, 2015, other receivables were comprised of amounts due from residents for rent, and water and sewer usage of \$4.7 million (net of allowance of \$0.9 million), home sale proceeds of \$10.5 million, insurance receivables of \$1.2 million, insurance settlement of \$3.7 million, rebates and other receivables of \$5.3 million and a note receivable of \$2.2 million.

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5. Intangible Assets

Our intangible assets include in-place leases from acquisitions, franchise fees, and other intangible assets. These intangible assets are recorded in "Other assets, net" on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The gross carrying amounts, and accumulated amortization are as follows (in thousands):

| Intangible Asset | Useful Life | March 31, 2016 | | December 31, 2015 | |
|--|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization |
| In-place leases | 7 years | \$63,331 | \$ (22,398) | \$62,981 | \$ (20,245) |
| Franchise fees and other intangible assets | 15 years | 1,864 | (751) | 1,864 | (622) |
| Total | | \$65,195 | \$ (23,149) | \$64,845 | \$ (20,867) |

The aggregate net amortization expenses related to the intangible assets are as follows (in thousands):

| Intangible Asset | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|------------------------------|---------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| In-place leases | \$2,153 | \$1,899 |
| Franchise fees and other intangible assets | 129 | 129 |
| Total | \$2,282 | \$2,028 |

6. Investment in Affiliates

Origen Financial Services, LLC ("OFS LLC")

At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had a 22.9% ownership interest in OFS LLC, an entity formed to originate manufactured housing installment contracts. We have suspended equity accounting as the carrying value of our investment is zero.

Origen Financial, Inc. ("Origen")

Through Sun OFI, LLC, a taxable REIT subsidiary, we own 5,000,000 shares of common stock in Origen, which approximates an ownership interest of 19.3%. We had suspended equity accounting for this investment as the carrying value of our investment was zero. In January 2015, Origen completed the sale of substantially all of its assets to an affiliate of GoldenTree Asset Management, LP and has announced its intention to dissolve and liquidate. During the second quarter of 2015, and as disclosed in a press release on March 30, 2015, Origen made an initial distribution of \$1.50 per share to its stockholders of record as of April 13, 2015, retaining approximately \$6.2 million for expected dissolution, wind down costs, expenses, and contingencies. Depending on the actual cost of estimated wind down expenses, Origen may make one or more additional interim distributions of excess cash to stockholders prior to completing liquidation. Upon completion of liquidation, Origen will distribute remaining cash, if any, to stockholders. During the second quarter of 2015, we received an initial distribution of \$7.5 million from Origen. No distributions have been received in 2016.

7. Consolidated Variable Interest Entities

In 2016, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis. The Company evaluated the application of ASU No. 2015-02 and concluded that no change was required to its accounting of its interests in less than wholly owned joint ventures, however, the Operating Partnership now meets the criteria as a variable interest entity. The Company’s significant asset is its investment in the Operating Partnership, and consequently, substantially all of the Company’s assets and liabilities represent those assets and liabilities of the Operating Partnership.

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Other VIEs that are consolidated include Rudgate Village SPE, LLC, Rudgate Clinton SPE, LLC, Rudgate Clinton Estates SPE, LLC (the "Rudgate Borrowers"), and Wildwood Village Mobile Home Park ("Wildwood"). We evaluated our arrangements with these properties under the guidance set forth in FASB Accounting Standard Codification ("ASC") ASC Topic 810 "Consolidation". We concluded that the Rudgate Borrowers and Wildwood qualify as VIEs as we are the primary beneficiary and hold controlling financial interests in these entities due to our power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the economic performance of the entities, as well as our obligation to absorb the most significant losses and our rights to receive significant benefits from these entities. As such, the transactions and accounts of these VIEs are included in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

The following table summarizes the assets and liabilities included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets after appropriate eliminations have been made (in thousands):

| | March 31, December 31, | |
|---|------------------------|-----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| ASSETS | | |
| Investment property, net | \$91,246 | \$ 92,009 |
| Other assets | 3,398 | 3,823 |
| Total Assets | \$94,644 | \$ 95,832 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Debt | \$63,450 | \$ 64,082 |
| Other liabilities | 4,213 | 4,091 |
| Noncontrolling interests | (1,970) | (1,767) |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$65,693 | \$ 66,406 |

Investment property, net and other assets related to the consolidated VIEs comprised approximately 2.1% and 2.3% of our consolidated total assets at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Debt and other liabilities comprised approximately 2.5% and 2.5% of our consolidated total liabilities at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Noncontrolling interest related to the consolidated VIEs comprised less than 1.0% of our consolidated total equity at March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

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8. Debt and Lines of Credit

The following table sets forth certain information regarding debt (in thousands):

| | Principal Outstanding | | Weighted Average Years to Maturity | | Weighted Average Interest Rates | |
|---|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 | March 31, 2016 | December 31, 2015 | March 2016 | December 2015 |
| Collateralized term loans - CMBS | \$636,824 | \$642,429 | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 % | 5.3 % |
| Collateralized term loans - FNMA | 784,598 | 791,304 | 5.6 | 5.8 | 4.7 % | 4.6 % |
| Collateralized term loans - Life Companies | 497,161 | 502,555 | 14.1 | 14.4 | 4.1 % | 4.1 % |
| Collateralized term loans - FMCC | 196,235 | 197,418 | 8.7 | 9.0 | 4.0 % | 4.0 % |
| Secured borrowing | 143,664 | 140,440 | 15.7 | 15.6 | 10.1 % | 10.2 % |
| Preferred OP units - mandatorily redeemable | 45,903 | 45,903 | 6.0 | 6.1 | 6.9 % | 6.9 % |
| Total debt | \$2,304,385 | \$2,320,049 | 8.2 | 8.4 | 5.1 % | 5.0 % |

Collateralized Term Loans

In March 2015, in relation to the acquisition of Meadowlands, we assumed a \$6.3 million mortgage with an interest rate of 6.5% and a remaining term of 6.5 years. Also, in relation to this acquisition, we entered into a note payable with the seller for \$2.4 million that bears no interest but is payable in three equal yearly installments beginning in March 2016. During the first quarter of 2016, we paid the first of the yearly installments of \$0.8 million.

The collateralized term loans totaling \$2.2 billion as of March 31, 2016, are secured by 160 properties comprised of 65,653 sites representing approximately \$2.6 billion of net book value.

Secured Borrowing

See Note 3, "Collateralized Receivables and Transfers of Financial Assets", for additional information regarding our collateralized receivables and secured borrowing transactions.

Preferred OP Units

Included in preferred OP units is \$34.7 million of Aspen preferred OP units issued by the Operating Partnership which are convertible into 500,234 shares of our common stock. Subject to certain limitations, at any time prior to January 1, 2024, the holder of each Aspen preferred OP unit at its option may convert such Aspen preferred OP unit into: (a) if the market price of our common stock is \$68.00 per share or less, 0.397 common OP units, or (b) if the market price of our common stock is greater than \$68.00 per share, that the number of common OP units determined by dividing (i) the sum of (A) \$27.00 plus (B) 25% of the amount by which the market price of our common stock exceeds \$68.00 per share, by (ii) the per-share market price of our common stock. The current preferred distribution rate is 6.5%. On January 2, 2024, we are required to redeem all Aspen preferred OP units that have not been converted to common OP units.

Lines of Credit

In August, 2015, we amended and restated our senior revolving credit facility with Citibank, N.A. and certain other lenders in the amount of \$450.0 million, comprised of a \$392.0 million revolving loan and \$58.0 million term loan (the "Facility"). The Facility has a four year term ending August 19, 2019, which can be extended for two additional six-month periods at our option, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions as defined in the credit agreement. The credit agreement also provides for, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, additional commitments in an amount not to exceed \$300.0 million. If additional borrowings are made pursuant to any such additional commitments, the aggregate borrowing limit under the Facility may be increased up to \$750.0 million. The Facility bears interest at a floating rate based on the Eurodollar rate plus a margin that is determined based on our leverage ratio calculated in accordance with the credit agreement, which can range from 1.40% to 2.25% for the revolving loan and 1.35% to 2.20% for the term loan. As of March 31, 2016, the margin on our leverage ratio was 1.40% and 1.35% on the revolving and term loans, respectively. We had zero on the revolving loan and \$58.0 million on the term loan totaling \$58.0 million

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in borrowings as of March 31, 2016, with a weighted average interest rate of 1.84%. As of December 31, 2015 we had no borrowings on the revolving loan and \$25.0 million in borrowings on the term loan totaling \$25.0 million in borrowings.

The Facility provides us with the ability to issue letters of credit. Our issuance of letters of credit does not increase our borrowings outstanding under our line of credit, but does reduce the borrowing amount available. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, approximately \$2.8 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, of availability was used to back standby letters of credit.

We have a \$12.0 million manufactured home floor plan facility renewable indefinitely until our lender provides us at least a twelve month notice of their intent to terminate the agreement. The interest rate is 100 basis points over the greater of the prime rate as quoted in the Wall Street Journal on the first business day of each month or 6.0%. At March 31, 2016, the effective interest rate was 7.0%. At March 31, 2016, there were approximately \$0.4 million in borrowings and at December 31, 2015 there was no outstanding balance.

Covenants

Pursuant to the terms of the Facility, we are subject to various financial and other covenants. The most restrictive of our debt agreements place limitations on secured borrowings and contain minimum fixed charge coverage, leverage, distribution, and net worth requirements. At March 31, 2016, we were in compliance with all covenants.

9. Equity and Mezzanine Securities

In March 2016, we closed an underwritten registered public offering of 6,037,500 shares of common stock at a price of \$66.50 per share. Net proceeds from the offering were approximately \$385.4 million after deducting discounts and expenses related to the offering. We intend to use the proceeds for the acquisition of Carefree Communities.

If certain change of control transactions occur or if our common stock ceases to be listed or quoted on an exchange or quotation system, then at any time after November 26, 2019, we or the holders of shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock and Series A-4 preferred OP units may cause all or any of those shares or units to be redeemed for cash at a redemption price equal to the sum of (i) the greater of (x) the amount that the redeemed shares of Series A-4 Preferred Stock and Series A-4 preferred OP units would have received in such transaction if they had been converted into shares of our common stock immediately prior to such transaction, or (y) \$25.00 per share, plus (ii) any accrued and unpaid distributions thereon to, but not including, the redemption date.

In November 2004, our Board of Directors authorized us to repurchase up to 1,000,000 shares of our common stock. We have 400,000 common shares remaining in the repurchase program. No common shares were repurchased under this buyback program during the three months ended March 31, 2016 or 2015. There is no expiration date specified for the buyback program.

Subject to certain limitations, common OP unit holders can convert their common OP units into an equivalent number of shares of common stock at any time. During the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, there were 0 and 17,500 common OP units converted to shares of common stock, respectively.

Subject to certain limitations, Series A-1 preferred OP unit holders may convert each Series A-1 preferred OP units to approximately 2.439 shares of our common stock at any time. During the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, holders of Series A-1 preferred OP units converted 1,298 units into 3,165 shares of common stock, and 9,015 units into 21,985 shares of common stock, respectively.

Subject to certain limitations, Series A-4 preferred OP unit holders may convert each Series A-4 preferred OP units to approximately 0.444 shares of our common stock at any time. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, holders of Series A-4 preferred OP units converted 1,000 units into 444 shares of common stock. No such units were converted during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Cash distributions of \$0.65 per share were declared for the quarter ended March 31, 2016. On April 15, 2016, cash payments of approximately \$43.8 million for aggregate distributions were made to common stockholders, common OP unit holders and restricted stockholders of record as of March 31, 2016. Cash distributions of \$0.4453 per share were declared on our Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stock for the quarter ended March 31, 2016. On April 15, 2016, cash payments of approximately \$1.5 million for aggregate distributions were made to Series A cumulative redeemable preferred stockholders of record as of April 1, 2016. In addition, cash distributions of \$0.4062 per share were declared on our Series A-4 Preferred Stock for the quarter ended March 31,

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2016. On March 31, 2016, cash payments of approximately \$0.8 million were made to Series A-4 Preferred Stock stockholders of record as of February 15, 2016.

10. Share-Based Compensation

During the three months ending March 31, 2016, we granted 16,800 shares of restricted stock to our non-employee directors under our First Amended and Restated 2004 Non-Employee Director Option Plan. The awards vest on March 15, 2019, and had a fair value of \$69.45 per share. The fair value was determined by using the closing share price of our common stock on the date the shares were issued.

During the three months ending March 31, 2016, we granted 130,000 shares of restricted stock to our executive officers under the Sun Communities, Inc. 2015 Equity Incentive Plan. The shares had a fair value of \$69.25 per share. Half of the shares will vest as follows: March 20, 2019: 20%; March 20, 2020, 30%; March 20, 2021, 35%; March 20, 2022, 10%; and March 20, 2023, 5%. The remaining 65,000 shares are subject to market and performance conditions with multiple tranches that vest through March 2022. Share-based compensation for restricted stock awards with performance conditions is measured based on an estimate of shares expected to vest. We estimate the fair value of share-based compensation for restricted stock with market conditions using a Monte Carlo simulation.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, 4,500 and 4,084 shares of common stock, respectively, were issued in connection with the exercise of stock options, and the net proceeds received during both periods was \$0.1 million.

The vesting requirements for 49,734 restricted shares granted to our executives and employees were satisfied during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

11. Segment Reporting

We group our operating segments into reportable segments that provide similar products and services. Each operating segment has discrete financial information evaluated regularly by our chief operating decision maker in evaluating and assessing performance. We have two reportable segments: (i) Real Property Operations and (ii) Home Sales and Rentals. The Real Property Operations segment owns, operates, and develops MH communities and RV communities and is in the business of acquiring, operating, and expanding MH and RV communities. The Home Sales and Rentals segment offers manufactured home sales and leasing services to tenants and prospective tenants of our communities.

Transactions between our segments are eliminated in consolidation. Transient RV revenue is included in the Real Property Operations segment revenues and is expected to approximate \$49.1 million annually. This transient RV revenue was recognized 20.7% in the first quarter and is expected to be recognized 20.9%, 45.0% and 13.4% in the second, third and fourth quarters, respectively. In 2015, transient revenue was \$39.7 million. We recognized 22.5% in the first quarter, 17.7% in the second quarter, 45.2% in the third quarter, and 14.6% in the fourth quarter.

A presentation of segment financial information is summarized as follows (amounts in thousands):

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 | | | Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | Real Property Operations | Home Sales and Rentals | Consolidated | Real Property Operations | Home Sales and Rentals | Consolidated |
| Revenues | \$ 133,848 | \$ 36,445 | \$ 170,293 | \$ 122,716 | \$ 27,963 | \$ 150,679 |
| Operating expenses/Cost of sales | 44,294 | 24,060 | 68,354 | 40,475 | 18,162 | 58,637 |
| Net operating income/Gross profit | 89,554 | 12,385 | 101,939 | 82,241 | 9,801 | 92,042 |
| Adjustments to arrive at net income (loss): | | | | | | |
| Interest and other income, net | 4,351 | — | 4,351 | 4,521 | — | 4,521 |
| Home selling expenses | — | (2,278) | (2,278) | — | (1,690) | (1,690) |
| General and administrative | (11,774) | (2,018) | (13,792) | (9,830) | (1,798) | (11,628) |
| Transaction costs | (2,721) | — | (2,721) | (9,449) | — | (9,449) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (35,362) | (13,050) | (48,412) | (31,497) | (12,504) | (44,001) |
| Interest | (26,289) | (5) | (26,294) | (25,387) | (2) | (25,389) |
| Interest on mandatorily redeemable preferred OP units | (787) | — | (787) | (852) | — | (852) |
| Gain on disposition of properties, net | (25) | 25 | — | 9,479 | (710) | 8,769 |
| Provision for income taxes | (187) | (41) | (228) | (75) | — | (75) |
| Net income (loss) | 16,760 | (4,982) | 11,778 | 19,151 | (6,903) | 12,248 |
| Less: Preferred return to preferred OP units | 1,273 | — | 1,273 | 1,029 | — | 1,029 |
| Less: Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests | 643 | (367) | 276 | 760 | (496) | 264 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. | 14,844 | (4,615) | 10,229 | 17,362 | (6,407) | 10,955 |
| Less: Preferred stock distributions | 2,354 | — | 2,354 | 4,086 | — | 4,086 |
| Net income (loss) attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders | \$ 12,490 | \$ (4,615) | \$ 7,875 | \$ 13,276 | \$ (6,407) | \$ 6,869 |

| | March 31, 2016 | | | December 31, 2015 | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| | Real Property Operations | Home Sales and Rentals | Consolidated | Real Property Operations | Home Sales and Rentals | Consolidated |
| Identifiable assets: | | | | | | |
| Investment property, net | \$ 3,326,090 | \$ 424,437 | \$ 3,750,527 | \$ 3,303,287 | \$ 417,828 | \$ 3,721,115 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 404,310 | 6,098 | 410,408 | 44,150 | 936 | 45,086 |
| Inventory of manufactured homes | — | 16,636 | 16,636 | — | 14,828 | 14,828 |
| Notes and other receivables, net | 37,319 | 16,805 | 54,124 | 34,258 | 13,714 | 47,972 |
| Collateralized receivables, net | 142,944 | — | 142,944 | 139,768 | — | 139,768 |
| Other assets, net | 184,636 | 3,611 | 188,247 | 209,957 | 3,073 | 213,030 |
| Total assets | \$ 4,095,299 | \$ 467,587 | \$ 4,562,886 | \$ 3,731,420 | \$ 450,379 | \$ 4,181,799 |

12. Income Taxes

We have elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) pursuant to Section 856(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (“Code”), as amended. In order for us to qualify as a REIT, at least 95% of our gross income in

any year must be derived from qualifying sources. In addition, a REIT must distribute annually at least 90% of its REIT ordinary taxable income to its stockholders and meet other tests.

Qualification as a REIT involves the satisfaction of numerous requirements (some on an annual and quarterly basis) established under highly technical and complex Code provisions for which there are only limited judicial or administrative interpretations, and involves the determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control. In addition, frequent

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changes occur in the area of REIT taxation which requires us to continually monitor our tax status. We analyzed the various REIT tests and confirmed that we continued to qualify as a REIT for the quarter ended March 31, 2016.

As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to United States ("U.S.") federal income taxes at the corporate level on the ordinary taxable income we distribute to our stockholders as dividends. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, our taxable income could be subject to U.S. federal income tax at regular corporate rates (including any applicable alternative minimum tax). Even if we qualify as a REIT, we may be subject to certain state and local income taxes, U.S. federal income taxes and excise taxes on our undistributed income.

SHS, our taxable REIT subsidiary, is subject to U.S. federal income taxes. Our deferred tax assets and liabilities reflect the impact of temporary differences between the amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the bases of such assets and liabilities as measured by tax laws. Deferred tax assets are reduced, if necessary, by a valuation allowance to the amount where realization is more likely than not assured after considering all available evidence. Our temporary differences primarily relate to net operating loss carryforwards and depreciation. Full valuation allowances are recorded against SHS's federal deferred tax assets and therefore, no federal deferred tax asset is included in "Other assets, net," in our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

We had no unrecognized tax benefits as of March 31, 2016 and 2015. We expect no significant increases or decreases in unrecognized tax benefits due to changes in tax positions within one year of March 31, 2016.

We classify certain state taxes as income taxes for financial reporting purposes. We recorded a provision for state income taxes of approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

13. Earnings Per Share

We have outstanding stock options, unvested restricted shares, Series A Preferred Stock, and Series A-4 Preferred Stock, and our Operating Partnership has outstanding common OP units, Series A-1 preferred OP units, Series A-3 preferred OP units, Series A-4 preferred OP units, Series C preferred OP units, and Aspen preferred OP Units, which, if converted or exercised, may impact dilution.

Computations of basic and diluted earnings per share were as follows (in thousands, except per share data):

| | Three Months | |
|---|-----------------|---------|
| | Ended March 31, | |
| Numerator | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net income attributable to common stockholders | \$7,875 | \$6,869 |
| Allocation of income to restricted stock awards | (61) | (39) |
| Net income attributable to common stockholders after allocation | 7,814 | 6,830 |
| Allocation of income to restricted stock awards | 61 | 39 |
| Diluted earnings: net income attributable to common stockholders after allocation | \$7,875 | \$6,869 |
| Denominator | | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding | 57,736 | 52,498 |
| Add: dilutive stock options | 13 | 16 |
| Add: dilutive restricted stock | 377 | 378 |

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| | | |
|---|--------|--------|
| Diluted weighted average common shares and securities | 58,126 | 52,892 |
| Earnings per share available to common stockholders after allocation: | | |
| Basic | \$0.14 | \$0.13 |
| Diluted | \$0.14 | \$0.13 |

We excluded certain securities from the computation of diluted earnings per share because the inclusion of these securities would have been anti-dilutive for the periods presented. The following table presents the outstanding securities that were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (amounts in thousands):

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| | Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 2015 | |
|-------------------------------|--|--------|
| Common OP units | 2,863 | 2,544 |
| Series A-1 preferred OP units | 387 | 420 |
| Series A-3 preferred OP units | 40 | 40 |
| Series A-4 preferred OP units | 754 | 869 |
| Series A-4 Preferred Stock | 2,067 | 6,331 |
| Series C preferred OP units | 340 | — |
| Aspen preferred OP units | 1,284 | 1,284 |
| Total securities | 7,735 | 11,488 |

14. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

Our objective in using interest rate derivatives is to manage exposure to interest rate movements thereby minimizing the effect of interest rate changes and the effect it could have on future cash flows. Interest rate caps are used to accomplish this objective. We do not enter into derivative instruments for speculative purposes nor do we have any swaps in a hedging arrangement.

The following table provides the terms of our interest rate derivative contracts that were in effect as of March 31, 2016:

| Type | Purpose | Effective Date | Maturity Date | Notional (in millions) | Based on | Variable Rate | Fixed Rate | Spread | Effective Fixed Rate |
|------|-------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------|----------------------|
| Cap | Cap Floating Rate | 4/1/2015 | 4/1/2018 | \$ 150.1 | 3 Month LIBOR | 0.3240% | 9.0000% | —% | N/A |
| Cap | Cap Floating Rate | 10/3/2011 | 10/3/2016 | \$ 10.0 | 3 Month LIBOR | 0.3240% | 11.0200% | —% | N/A |

In accordance with ASC Topic 815, "Derivatives and Hedging" ("ASC 815"), derivative instruments are recorded at fair value in "Other assets, net" or "Other liabilities" on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the fair value of the derivatives was zero.

15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Our financial instruments consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts and notes receivable, accounts payable, derivative instruments, and debt.

ASC Topic 820 "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures" ("ASC 820"), requires disclosure about how fair value is determined for assets and liabilities and establishes a hierarchy under which these assets and liabilities must be grouped, based on significant levels of observable or unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect the Company's market assumption. This hierarchy requires the use of observable market data when available. These two types of inputs have created the

following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1—Quoted unadjusted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2—Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets.

Level 3—Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value drivers are unobservable.

We utilize fair value measurements to record fair value adjustments to certain assets and liabilities and to determine fair value disclosures. The following methods and assumptions were used in order to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instruments for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

Derivative Instruments

The derivative instruments held by us are interest rate cap agreements for which quoted market prices are indirectly available. For those derivatives, we use model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in

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active markets provided by brokers or dealers to determine the fair value of derivative instruments on a recurring basis (Level 2). See Note 14 for Derivative Instruments.

Installment Notes Receivable on Manufactured Homes

The net carrying value of the installment notes receivable on manufactured homes estimates the fair value as the interest rates in the portfolio are comparable to current prevailing market rates (Level 2). See Note 4 for Installment Notes Receivable.

Long-Term Debt and Lines of Credit

The fair value of long-term debt (excluding the secured borrowing) is based on the estimates of management and on rates currently quoted, rates currently prevailing for comparable loans, and instruments of comparable maturities (Level 2). See Note 8 for Long-Term Debt and Lines of Credit.

Collateralized Receivables and Secured Borrowings

The fair value of these financial instruments offset each other as our collateralized receivables represent a transfer of financial assets and the cash proceeds received from these transactions have been classified as a secured borrowing on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The net carrying value of the collateralized receivables estimates the fair value as the interest rates in the portfolio are comparable to current prevailing market rates (Level 2). See Note 3 for Collateralized Receivables and Secured Borrowing.

Other Financial Instruments

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable approximate their fair market values due to the short-term nature of these instruments.

The table below sets forth our financial assets and liabilities that required disclosure of their fair values on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2016. The table presents the carrying values and fair values of our financial instruments as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 that were measured using the valuation techniques described above (in thousands). The table excludes other financial instruments such as cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and accounts payable because the carrying values associated with these instruments approximate fair value since their maturities are less than one year.

| | March 31, 2016 | | December 31, 2015 | |
|---|----------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Fair Value |
| Financial assets | | | | |
| Installment notes receivable on manufactured homes, net | \$23,424 | \$23,424 | \$20,418 | \$20,418 |
| Collateralized receivables, net | \$142,944 | \$142,944 | \$139,768 | \$139,768 |
| Financial liabilities | | | | |
| Debt (excluding secured borrowings) | \$2,160,721 | \$2,220,518 | \$2,179,609 | \$2,181,790 |
| Secured borrowing | \$143,664 | \$143,664 | \$140,440 | \$140,440 |
| Lines of credit | \$58,065 | \$58,055 | \$25,000 | \$25,000 |

16. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02 "Leases (Topic 842)." The core principle of Topic 842 is that a lessee should recognize the assets and liabilities that arise from leases while the accounting by a lessor is largely unchanged from that applied under previous GAAP. The amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years

beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of this new standard.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03 "Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs" ("ASU 2015-03"). This amendment requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15 "Interest - Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements" ("ASU 2015-15"). This amendment provides additional guidance within ASU 2015-03 for debt issuance costs related to line of credit arrangements. These amendments are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those years, with early adoption permitted. Entities should apply the amendments retrospectively. ASU 2015-15 provides commentary that the SEC staff would not object to an entity deferring and presenting costs associated with line of credit arrangements as an asset and subsequently amortizing them ratably over the term of the revolving debt arrangement. We adopted these amendments as of March 31, 2016, which resulted in a reclassifying of deferred financing costs of \$8.2 million from "Other assets, net" to "Mortgage loans payable" on the Consolidated

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Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2015. The debt issuance costs related to our line of credit facility remain classified as an asset on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. This change was applied throughout this document where applicable.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02 "Consolidation (Topic 810) Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis" ("ASU 2015-02") which modified the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities or voting interest entities. All entities are subject to reevaluation under the revised consolidation model. The Company is the sole general partner in a limited partnership, and as such, the Company has complete control in conducting all business activities associated with the Partnership. Limited partners do not have kickout rights or participating rights. The Company adopted ASU 2015-02 as of March 31, 2016 and fully consolidates the activities of the Operating Partnership within its Consolidated Financial Statements under the variable interest entity model as it is the primary beneficiary. There was no impact to the Consolidated Financial Statements as the Company previously consolidated under the voting interest entity model.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09 "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)" ("ASU 2014-09"). The objective of this amendment is to establish a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and will supersede most of the existing revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. The core principle is that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In applying this amendment, companies will perform a five-step analysis of transactions to determine when and how revenue is recognized. This amendment applies to all contracts with customers except those that are within the scope of other topics in the FASB ASC. This amendment is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within that reporting period; early adoption is not permitted. An entity should apply the amendments using either the full retrospective approach or retrospectively with a cumulative effect of initially applying the amendments recognized at the date of initial application. We are currently evaluating the methods of adoption and the impact that the adoption of ASU 2014-09 may have on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

17. Commitments and Contingencies

We are involved in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. All such proceedings, taken together, are not expected to have a material adverse impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

18. Subsequent Event

We have evaluated our financial statements for subsequent events through the date that this Form 10-Q was issued.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion and analysis of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes filed herewith, along with our 2015 Annual Report. Capitalized terms are used as defined elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

OVERVIEW

We are a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed REIT. As of March 31, 2016, we owned and operated a portfolio of 233 developed properties located in 29 states throughout the United States, including 186 MH communities, 37 RV communities, and 10 properties containing both MH and RV sites.

We have been in the business of acquiring, operating, developing, and expanding MH and RV communities since 1975. We lease individual sites with utility access for placement of manufactured homes and RVs to our customers. We are also engaged through SHS in the marketing, selling, and leasing of new and pre-owned homes to current and future residents in our communities. The operations of SHS support and enhance our occupancy levels, property performance, and cash flows.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

We have identified significant accounting policies that, as a result of the judgments, uncertainties, and complexities of the underlying accounting standards and operations involved could result in material changes to our financial condition or results of operations under different conditions or using different assumptions. Details regarding significant accounting policies are described fully in our 2015 Annual Report.

SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES

In addition to the results reported in accordance with GAAP, we have provided information regarding Net Operating Income ("NOI") in the following tables. NOI is derived from revenues minus property operating and maintenance expenses and real estate taxes. We use NOI as the primary basis to evaluate the performance of our operations. A reconciliation of NOI to net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders is included in "Results of Operations" below.

We believe that NOI is helpful to investors and analysts as a measure of operating performance because it is an indicator of the return on property investment and provides a method of comparing property performance over time. We use NOI as a key management tool when evaluating performance and growth of particular properties and/or groups of properties. The principal limitation of NOI is that it excludes depreciation, amortization, interest expense, and non-property specific expenses such as general and administrative expenses, all of which are significant costs, and therefore, NOI is a measure of the operating performance of our properties rather than of the Company overall. We believe that these costs included in net income often have no effect on the market value of our property and therefore limit its use as a performance measure. In addition, such expenses are often incurred at a parent company level and therefore are not necessarily linked to the performance of a real estate asset.

NOI should not be considered a substitute for the reported results prepared in accordance with GAAP. NOI should not be considered as an alternative to net income as an indicator of our financial performance, or to cash flows as a measure of liquidity; nor is it indicative of funds available for our cash needs, including our ability to make cash distributions. NOI, as determined and presented by us, may not be comparable to related or similarly titled measures

reported by other companies.

We also provide information regarding Funds From Operations (“FFO”). We consider FFO an appropriate supplemental measure of the financial and operational performance of an equity REIT. Under the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) definition, FFO represents net income (loss) (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding extraordinary items (as defined under GAAP), and gain (loss) on sales of depreciable operating property, plus real estate related depreciation and amortization (excluding amortization of financing costs), and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Management also uses FFO excluding certain items, a non-GAAP financial measure, which excludes certain gain and loss items that management considers unrelated to the operational and financial performance of our core business. We believe that this provides investors with another financial measure of our operating performance that is more comparable when evaluating period over period results. A discussion of FFO, FFO excluding certain items, a reconciliation of FFO to net income, and FFO to FFO excluding certain items are included in the presentation of FFO in our “Results of Operations” below.

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RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

We report operating results under two segments: Real Property Operations and Home Sales and Rentals. The Real Property Operations segment owns, operates, and develops MH communities and RV communities throughout the U.S. and is in the business of acquiring, operating, and expanding MH and RV communities. The Home Sales and Rentals segment offers manufactured home sales and leasing services to tenants and prospective tenants of our communities. We evaluate segment operating performance based on NOI and gross profit.

REAL PROPERTY OPERATIONS – TOTAL PORTFOLIO

The following tables reflect certain financial and other information for our Total Portfolio as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015:

| Financial Information (in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | % Change | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | Change | | |
| Income from Real Property | \$129,235 | \$119,525 | \$9,710 | 8.1 | % |
| Property operating expenses: | | | | | |
| Payroll and benefits | 9,720 | 8,675 | 1,045 | 12.0 | % |
| Legal, taxes, and insurance | 1,300 | 1,755 | (455) | (25.9) | % |
| Utilities | 13,231 | 13,152 | 79 | 0.6 | % |
| Supplies and repair | 2,350 | 2,770 | (420) | (15.2) | % |
| Other | 4,600 | 2,862 | 1,738 | 60.7 | % |
| Real estate taxes | 9,585 | 8,715 | 870 | 10.0 | % |
| Property operating expenses | 40,786 | 37,929 | 2,857 | 7.5 | % |
| Real Property NOI | \$88,449 | \$81,596 | \$6,853 | 8.4 | % |

| Other Information | As of March 31, | | |
|--|--------------------|--------|--------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | Change |
| Number of properties | 233 | 243 | (10) |
| Overall occupancy ⁽¹⁾ | 95.5 % | 92.9 % | 2.6 % |
| Sites available for development | 7,181 | 7,206 | (25) |
| Monthly base rent per site - MH | \$490 | \$467 | \$23 |
| Monthly base rent per site - RV ⁽²⁾ | \$431 | \$402 | \$29 |
| Monthly base rent per site - Total | \$482 | \$459 | \$23 |

(1) Occupied sites and occupancy % include MH and annual RV sites, and exclude transient RV sites, which are included in total developed sites.

(2) Monthly base rent pertains to annual RV sites and excludes transient RV sites.

The 8.4% increase in Real Property NOI consists of \$1.9 million from newly acquired properties, net of disposed properties and \$5.0 million from same communities as detailed below.

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REAL PROPERTY OPERATIONS – SAME COMMUNITY

A key management tool used when evaluating performance and growth of our properties is a comparison of Same Communities. Same Communities consist of properties owned and operated throughout 2016 and 2015. The Same Community data may change from time-to-time depending on acquisitions, dispositions, management discretion, significant transactions, or unique situations. The Same Community data in this Form 10-Q includes all properties which we have owned and operated continuously since January 1, 2015. All communities from the American Land Lease portfolio acquisition are included within Same Communities.

In order to evaluate the growth of the Same Communities, management has classified certain items differently than our GAAP statements. The reclassification difference between our GAAP statements and our Same Community portfolio is the reclassification of water and sewer revenues from income from real property to utilities. A significant portion of our utility charges are re-billed to our residents. We reclassify these amounts to reflect the utility expenses associated with our Same Community portfolio net of recovery.

The following tables reflect certain financial and other information for our Same Communities as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015:

| Financial Information (in thousands) | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | % Change | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|----------|-------------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | Change | | |
| Income from Real Property | \$ 114,545 | \$ 107,447 | \$ 7,098 | 6.6 | % |
| Property operating expenses: | | | | | |
| Payroll and benefits | 8,877 | 8,157 | 720 | 8.8 | % |
| Legal, taxes, and insurance | 1,685 | 1,625 | 60 | 3.7 | % |
| Utilities | 6,396 | 6,239 | 157 | 2.5 | % |
| Supplies and repair | 2,731 | 2,560 | 171 | 6.7 | % |
| Other | 2,890 | 2,621 | 269 | 10.3 | % |
| Real estate taxes | 8,993 | 8,263 | 730 | 8.8 | % |
| Property operating expenses | 31,572 | 29,465 | 2,107 | 7.2 | % |
| Real Property NOI | \$82,973 | \$77,982 | \$4,991 | 6.4 | % |

| Other Information | As of March 31, | | | Change | |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|-------|--------|--|
| | 2016 | 2015 | | | |
| Number of properties | 219 | 219 | — | | |
| Overall occupancy ^{(1) (2)} | 96.1 % | 93.6 % ⁽⁴⁾ | 2.5 | % | |
| Sites available for development | 5,906 | 6,574 | (668) | | |
| Monthly base rent per site - MH | \$488 | \$472 | \$ 16 | | |
| Monthly base rent per site - RV ⁽³⁾ | \$430 | \$416 | \$ 14 | | |
| Monthly base rent per site - Total | \$481 | \$465 | \$ 16 | | |

(1) Occupancy % includes MH and annual/seasonal RV sites, and excludes recently completed but vacant expansion sites and transient RV sites.

- (2) Occupancy % for 2015 has been adjusted to reflect incremental growth year over year from filled expansion sites and the conversion of transient RV sites to annual/seasonal RV sites.
- (3) Monthly base rent pertains to annual RV sites and excludes transient RV sites.
- (4) Occupancy reflects current year gains from expansion sites and the conversion of transient RV guests to annual/seasonal RV contracts as vacant in 2015.

The 6.4% growth in NOI is primarily due to increased revenues of \$7.1 million partially offset by additional expenses of \$2.1 million.

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Income from real property revenue consists of MH and RV site rent, and miscellaneous other property revenues. The 6.6% growth in income from real property is primarily due to increased revenue from our MH and RV portfolio due to the 2.5% occupancy gain, a 3.4% increase in the weighted average rental rate, and an increase in transient RV revenue and other of \$0.7 million.

Property operating expenses increased approximately \$2.1 million, or 7.2%, compared to 2015. Of that increase, real estate taxes increased \$0.7 million primarily due to increased tax appraisals in four communities. Payroll and benefits increased \$0.7 million, partially attributable to an increase in health and life insurance expenses. Supplies and repair and other miscellaneous expenses increased \$0.5 million primarily due to increases in community maintenance expenses.

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HOME SALES AND RENTALS

We purchase new homes and acquire pre-owned and repossessed manufactured homes, generally located within our communities, from lenders, dealers, and former residents to lease or sell to current and prospective residents.

The following table reflects certain financial and statistical information for our Home Sales Program for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands, except for average selling prices and statistical information):

| Financial Information | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | Change | % Change | |
| New home sales | \$5,469 | \$5,246 | \$223 | 4.3 | % |
| Pre-owned home sales | 19,268 | 11,588 | 7,680 | 66.3 | % |
| Revenue from home sales | 24,737 | 16,834 | 7,903 | 46.9 | % |
| | | | | | |
| New home cost of sales | 4,844 | 4,191 | 653 | 15.6 | % |
| Pre-owned home cost of sales | 13,340 | 8,366 | 4,974 | 59.5 | % |
| Cost of home sales | 18,184 | 12,557 | 5,627 | 44.8 | % |
| NOI / Gross profit | \$6,553 | \$4,277 | \$2,276 | 53.2 | % |
| | | | | | |
| Gross profit – new homes | \$625 | \$1,055 | \$(430) | (40.8) | % |
| Gross margin % – new homes | 11.4 | % 20.1 | % (8.7) | % | |
| Average selling price – new homes | \$82,864 | \$79,484 | \$3,380 | 4.3 | % |
| | | | | | |
| Gross profit – pre-owned homes | \$5,928 | \$3,222 | \$2,706 | 84.0 | % |
| Gross margin % – pre-owned homes | 30.8 | % 27.8 | % 3.0 | % | |
| Average selling price – pre-owned homes | \$27,565 | \$24,294 | \$3,271 | 13.5 | % |
| | | | | | |
| Statistical Information | | | | | |
| Home sales volume: | | | | | |
| New home sales | 66 | 66 | — | — | % |
| Pre-owned home sales | 699 | 477 | 222 | 46.5 | % |
| Total homes sold | 765 | 543 | 222 | 40.9 | % |

Home Sales gross profit decreased \$0.4 million on new home sales and increased \$2.7 million on pre-owned home sales. The decrease in gross profit on new home sales is due to an increase in the cost of new homes sold as compared to their selling price. The increased profits on pre-owned homes are primarily due to an increase in volume and an increase in per unit sales prices.

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The following table reflects certain financial and other information for our Rental Program as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands, except for statistical information):

| Financial Information | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | % Change |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 | Change | |
| Rental home revenue | \$11,708 | \$11,129 | \$579 | 5.2 % |
| Site rent from Rental Program ⁽¹⁾ | 15,218 | 15,127 | 91 | 0.6 % |
| Rental Program revenue | 26,926 | 26,256 | 670 | 2.6 % |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Commissions | 775 | 834 | (59) | (7.1)% |
| Repairs and refurbishment | 2,666 | 2,416 | 250 | 10.3 % |
| Taxes and insurance | 1,565 | 1,476 | 89 | 6.0 % |
| Marketing and other | 870 | 879 | (9) | (1.0)% |
| Rental Program operating and maintenance | 5,876 | 5,605 | 271 | 4.8 % |
| Rental Program NOI | \$21,050 | \$20,651 | \$399 | 1.9 % |
| Other Information | | | | |
| Number of occupied rentals, end of period | 10,815 | 11,157 | (342) | (3.1)% |
| Investment in occupied rental homes, end of period | \$447,378 | \$431,421 | \$15,957 | 3.7 % |
| Number of sold rental homes | 294 | 181 | 113 | 62.4 % |
| Weighted average monthly rental rate, end of period | \$865 | \$834 | \$31 | 3.7 % |

The renter's monthly payment includes the site rent and an amount attributable to the leasing of the home. The site rent is reflected in the Real Property Operations segment. For purposes of management analysis, the site rent is ⁽¹⁾ included in the Rental Program revenue to evaluate the incremental revenue gains associated with implementation of the Rental Program, and assess the overall growth and performance of the Rental Program and financial impact to our operations.

The 1.9% increase in NOI is primarily a result of an increase in rental rates for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to March 31, 2015. The increase in operating and maintenance expenses of \$0.3 million was primarily a result of expenses related to refurbishment of the home after a renter move-out, offset by declines in commissions and marketing expenses.

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OTHER INCOME STATEMENT ITEMS

The following table summarizes other income and expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (amounts in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | Change | % Change | |
|--|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|---|
| | 2016 | 2015 | | | |
| Ancillary revenues, net | \$1,105 | \$645 | \$460 | 71.3 | % |
| Interest income | \$3,945 | \$3,984 | \$(39) | (1.0) | % |
| Brokerage commissions and other revenues | \$406 | \$537 | \$(131) | (24.4) | % |
| Home selling expenses | \$2,278 | \$1,690 | \$588 | 34.8 | % |
| General and administrative expenses | \$13,792 | \$11,628 | \$2,164 | 18.6 | % |
| Transaction costs | \$2,721 | \$9,449 | \$(6,728) | (71.2) | % |
| Depreciation and amortization | \$48,412 | \$44,001 | \$4,411 | 10.0 | % |
| Interest expense | \$27,081 | \$26,241 | \$840 | 3.2 | % |
| Gain on disposition of properties, net | \$— | \$8,769 | \$(8,769) | (100.0) | % |

Ancillary revenues, net increased primarily due to increased golf course income and increased entertainment and merchandise income.

Home selling expenses increased \$0.6 million, primarily as a result of increased commissions on home sales given the volume increase in pre-owned home sales.

Real property general and administrative expenses increased primarily due to increases in deferred compensation expense of \$0.8 million, salaries, wages and related taxes of \$0.7 million, and employee benefits and incentives of \$0.4 million.

Transaction costs decreased as a result of lower acquisition costs during the first quarter of 2016 compared to higher diligence costs related to the American Land Lease acquisition during the first quarter of 2015. (See Note 2 in our Consolidated Financial Statements).

Depreciation and amortization expenses increased as a result of additional depreciation and amortization of \$4.0 million primarily related to our newly acquired properties, \$0.2 million related to depreciation on investment property for use in our Rental Program, and \$0.2 million related to the amortization of in-place leases and promotions.

Interest expense on debt, including interest on mandatorily redeemable preferred OP units, increased primarily as a result of an increase of \$0.2 million of interest on miscellaneous other long term debt, a \$0.4 million increase in interest expense associated with our secured borrowing arrangements, and an increase of \$0.2 million of interest on our line of credit.

Gain on disposition of properties, net decreased \$8.8 million as a result of no disposition activity in 2016.

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COMPARISON OF THE THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2016 AND 2015

The following table summarizes our consolidated financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands):

| | Three Months | |
|--|-----------------|-----------|
| | Ended March 31, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Real Property NOI | \$88,449 | \$81,596 |
| Rental Program NOI | 21,050 | 20,651 |
| Home Sales NOI/Gross profit | 6,553 | 4,277 |
| Ancillary NOI/Gross profit | 1,105 | 645 |
| Site rent from Rental Program (included in Real Property NOI) | (15,218) | (15,127) |
| NOI/Gross profit | 101,939 | 92,042 |
| Adjustments to arrive at net income: | | |
| Other revenues | 4,351 | 4,521 |
| Home selling expenses | (2,278) | (1,690) |
| General and administrative | (13,792) | (11,628) |
| Transaction costs | (2,721) | (9,449) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (48,412) | (44,001) |
| Interest expense | (27,081) | (26,241) |
| Gain on disposition of properties, net | — | 8,769 |
| Provision for income taxes | (228) | (75) |
| Net income | 11,778 | 12,248 |
| Less: Preferred return to preferred OP units | 1,273 | 1,029 |
| Less: Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests | 276 | 264 |
| Net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. | 10,229 | 10,955 |
| Less: Preferred stock distributions | 2,354 | 4,086 |
| Net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders | \$7,875 | \$6,869 |

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FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

We provide information regarding FFO as a supplemental measure of financial and operational performance. FFO is defined by NAREIT as net income (loss) (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding extraordinary items (as defined under GAAP), and gain (loss) on sales of depreciable operating property, plus real estate related depreciation and amortization (excluding amortization of financing costs), and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Due to the variety among owners of identical assets in similar condition (based on historical cost accounting and useful life estimates), we believe excluding gains and losses related to sales of previously depreciated operating real estate assets, impairment and excluding real estate asset depreciation and amortization, provides a better indicator of our operating performance. FFO is a useful supplemental measure of our operating performance because it reflects the impact to operations from trends in occupancy rates, rental rates, and operating costs, providing perspective not readily apparent from net income (loss). Management believes that the use of FFO has been beneficial in improving the understanding of operating results of REITs among the investing public and making comparisons of REIT operating results more meaningful. Management, the investment community, and banking institutions routinely use FFO, together with other measures, to measure operating performance in our industry. Further, management uses FFO for planning and forecasting future periods.

Because FFO excludes significant economic components of net income (loss) including depreciation and amortization, FFO should be used as an adjunct to net income (loss) and not as an alternative to net income (loss). The principal limitation of FFO is that it does not represent cash flow from operations as defined by GAAP and is a supplemental measure of performance that does not replace net income (loss) as a measure of performance or net cash provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity. In addition, FFO is not intended as a measure of a REIT's ability to meet debt principal repayments and other cash requirements, nor as a measure of working capital. FFO only provides investors with an additional performance measure. FFO is compiled in accordance with its interpretation of standards established by NAREIT, which may not be comparable to FFO reported by other REITs that do not define the term in accordance with the current NAREIT definition or that interpret the current NAREIT definition differently.

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The following table reconciles net income to FFO data for diluted purposes for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 (in thousands, except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net income attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders | \$7,875 | \$6,869 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Preferred return to preferred OP units | 625 | 45 |
| Amounts attributable to noncontrolling interests | 349 | 78 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 48,077 | 44,264 |
| Gain on disposition of properties, net | — | (8,769) |
| Gain on disposition of assets | (3,656) | (1,702) |
| FFO attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders and dilutive convertible securities ⁽¹⁾ | 53,270 | 40,785 |
| Adjustments: | | |
| Transaction costs | 2,721 | 9,449 |
| FFO attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders and dilutive convertible securities excluding certain items ⁽¹⁾ | \$55,991 | \$50,234 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | 57,736 | 52,498 |
| Add: | | |
| Common stock issuable upon conversion of stock options | 13 | 16 |
| Restricted stock | 377 | 378 |
| Common OP units | 2,863 | 2,560 |
| Common stock issuable upon conversion of Series A-1 preferred stock | 945 | — |
| Common stock issuable upon conversion of Series A-3 preferred OP units | 75 | 75 |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - fully diluted | 62,009 | 55,527 |
| FFO attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders and dilutive convertible securities per Share - fully diluted | \$0.86 | \$0.73 |
| FFO attributable to Sun Communities, Inc. common stockholders and dilutive convertible securities per Share excluding certain items - fully diluted | \$0.90 | \$0.90 |

⁽¹⁾ The effect of certain anti-dilutive convertible securities is excluded from these items.

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LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our principal liquidity demands have historically been, and are expected to continue to be, distributions to our stockholders and the unit holders of the Operating Partnership, capital improvement of properties, the purchase of new and pre-owned homes, property acquisitions, development and expansion of properties, and debt repayment.

Subject to market conditions, we intend to continue to look for opportunities to expand our development pipeline and acquire existing communities. We also intend to continue to strengthen our capital and liquidity positions by continuing to focus on our core fundamentals, which are generating positive cash flows from operations, maintaining appropriate debt levels and leverage ratios, and controlling overhead costs. We intend to meet our liquidity requirements through available cash balances, cash flows generated from operations, draws on our unsecured credit facility, and the use of debt and equity offerings under our shelf registration statement.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we acquired one MH community and one RV community with 740 combined sites. See Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for details on the 2016 acquisitions and Note 8 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for related debt transactions.

We will continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities that meet our criteria for acquisition. On March 30, 2016, we closed on an underwritten public offering of 6,037,500 shares of common stock at a price of \$66.50 per share. The net proceeds from the offering will be used to fund a portion of the purchase price for the acquisition of Carefree Communities. See Note 2 to our Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details on the Carefree Communities acquisition. Should additional investment opportunities arise in 2016, we intend to finance the acquisitions through available cash, secured financing, draws on our credit facilities, the assumption of existing debt on the properties, and the issuance of certain equity securities.

During the three months ended March 31, 2016, we invested \$9.8 million in the acquisition of homes intended for the Rental Program net of proceeds from third-party financing from home sales. Expenditures for 2016 will depend upon the condition of the markets for repossessions and new home sales, as well as rental homes. We finance new home purchases with a \$12.0 million manufactured home floor plan facility. Our ability to purchase homes for sale or rent may be limited by cash received from third-party financing of our home sales, available manufactured home floor plan financing and working capital available on our lines of credit.

Our cash flow activities are summarized as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | \$50,926 | \$40,944 |
| Net Cash Used for Investing Activities | \$(45,250) | \$(212,170) |
| Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities | \$359,646 | \$212,648 |

Cash and cash equivalents increased by \$365.3 million from \$45.1 million as of December 31, 2015, to \$410.4 million as of March 31, 2016.

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities increased by \$10.0 million from \$40.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015 to \$50.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Our net cash flows provided by operating activities from continuing operations may be adversely impacted by, among other things: (a) the market and economic conditions in our current markets generally, and specifically in metropolitan areas of our current markets; (b) lower occupancy and rental rates of our properties; (c) increased operating costs, such as wage and benefit costs, insurance premiums, real estate taxes and utilities, that cannot be passed on to our tenants; (d) decreased sales of manufactured homes; and (e) current volatility in economic conditions and the financial markets. See “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of our 2015 Annual Report.

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Investing Activities

Net cash used for investing activities was \$45.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$212.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The decrease is primarily due to a decline in acquisition activity for the three months ended March 31, 2016 as compared to the second phase closing of the American Land Lease transaction in the first quarter of 2015.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$359.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, compared to \$212.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. The increase is primarily due to a significant increase in our equity offerings in 2016 as consideration for the Carefree Community acquisition as compared to the equity offerings in 2015, offset by a reduction in proceeds from the issuance of other debt year over year.

Financial Flexibility

In August, 2015, we amended and restated our senior revolving credit facility with Citibank, N.A. and certain other lenders in the amount of \$450.0 million, comprised of a \$392.0 million revolving loan and \$58.0 million term loan (the "Facility"). The Facility has a four year term ending August 19, 2019, which can be extended for two additional six-month periods at our option, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions as defined in the credit agreement. The credit agreement also provides for, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, additional commitments in an amount not to exceed \$300.0 million. If additional borrowings are made pursuant to any such additional commitments, the aggregate borrowing limit under the Facility may be increased up to \$750.0 million. The Facility bears interest at a floating rate based on the Eurodollar rate plus a margin that is determined based on our leverage ratio calculated in accordance with the credit agreement, which can range from 1.40% to 2.25% for the revolving loan and 1.35% to 2.20% for the term loan. As of March 31, 2016, the margin on our leverage ratio was 1.40% and 1.35% on the revolving and term loans, respectively. We had zero on the revolving loan and \$58.0 million on the term loan totaling \$58.0 million in borrowings as of March 31, 2016, with a weighted average interest rate of 1.84%. As of December 31, 2015 we had no borrowings on the revolving loan and \$25.0 million in borrowings on the term loan totaling \$25.0 million in borrowings.

The Facility provides us with the ability to issue letters of credit. Our issuance of letters of credit does not increase our borrowings outstanding under our line of credit, but it does reduce the borrowing amount available. At March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, approximately \$2.8 million and \$3.4 million of availability was used to back standby letters of credit.

Pursuant to the terms of the Facility, we are subject to various financial and other covenants. We are currently in compliance with these covenants. The most restrictive financial covenants for the Facility are as follows:

| Covenant | Must Be | As of March 31, 2016 |
|-------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Maximum Leverage Ratio | <65.0% | 38.3% |
| Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio | >1.40 | 2.39 |
| Minimum Tangible Net Worth | 0 | 2,860,013 |
| Maximum Dividend Payout Ratio | <95.0% | 74.1% |

Market and Economic Conditions

U.S. rate environment, monetary policy change in China, Japan and the Euro area, fluctuating oil prices, and turmoil in emerging markets are factors that are influencing financial markets in 2016. Questions still exist on whether the

U.S. economy will sustain the growth indicators it has reported and the pace at which the U.S. Federal Reserve will raise interest rates, citing the weakness of the global economy as a reason for greater caution about the prospects for domestic growth. While the U.S. economy looks poised for self-sustaining growth, the global economy is seeing modest improvement led by developed countries. Continued economic uncertainty, both nationally and internationally, causes increased volatility in investor confidence thereby creating similar volatility in the availability of both debt and equity capital. If such volatility is experienced in future periods, our industry, business and results of operations may be adversely impacted.

We anticipate meeting our long-term liquidity requirements, such as scheduled debt maturities, large property acquisitions, and Operating Partnership unit redemptions through the issuance of certain debt or equity securities and/or the collateralization of our

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properties. At March 31, 2016, we had 75 unencumbered properties with an estimated market value of \$273.1 million. Sixty-three of these unencumbered properties support the borrowing base for our \$450.0 million unsecured line of credit. From time to time, we may also issue shares of our capital stock, issue equity units in our Operating Partnership, obtain debt financing, or sell selected assets. Our ability to finance our long-term liquidity requirements in such a manner will be affected by numerous economic factors affecting the manufactured housing community industry at the time, including the availability and cost of mortgage debt, our financial condition, the operating history of the properties, the state of the debt and equity markets, and the general national, regional, and local economic conditions. When it becomes necessary for us to approach the credit markets, the volatility in those markets could make borrowing more difficult to secure, more expensive, or effectively unavailable. See “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of our 2015 Annual Report and in Part II, Item 1A of this report. If we are unable to obtain additional debt or equity financing on acceptable terms, our business, results of operations and financial condition would be adversely impacted.

As of March 31, 2016, our net debt to enterprise value approximated 27.7% (assuming conversion of all common OP units, Series A-1 preferred OP units, Series A-3 preferred OP units, Series A-4 preferred OP units, and Series C units to shares of common stock). Our debt has a weighted average maturity of approximately 8.2 years and a weighted average interest rate of 5.1%.

Capital expenditures for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 included recurring capital expenditures of \$2.9 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. We are committed to the continued upkeep of our properties and therefore do not expect a decline in our recurring capital expenditures during 2016.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains various “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the United States Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), 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,” “po,” “anticipates,” “anticipated,” “should,” “could,” “may,” “will,” “designed to,” “foreseeable future,” “believe,” “believes,” “sche,” “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” in Part I, Item IA, contained in our 2015 Annual Report and our other filings with the SEC, 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;
- 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 or 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.

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ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our principal market risk exposure is interest rate risk. We mitigate this risk by maintaining prudent amounts of leverage, minimizing capital costs, and interest expense while continuously evaluating all available debt and equity resources and following established risk management policies and procedures, which include the periodic use of derivatives. Our primary strategy in entering into derivative contracts is to minimize the variability that interest rate changes could have on our future cash flows. We generally employ derivative instruments that effectively convert a portion of our variable rate debt to fixed rate debt. We do not enter into derivative instruments for speculative purposes.

We have two interest rate cap agreements with a total notional amount of \$160.1 million as of March 31, 2016. The first interest rate cap agreement has a cap rate of 9.00%, a notional amount of \$150.1 million and a termination date of April 2018. The second interest rate cap agreement has a cap rate of 11.02%, a notional amount of \$10.0 million and a termination date of October 2016.

Our remaining variable rate debt totals \$216.0 million and \$160.4 million as of March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and bears interest at Prime or various LIBOR rates. If Prime or LIBOR increased or decreased by 1.0%, we believe our interest expense would have increased or decreased by approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million as of March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, based on the \$208.0 million and \$162.0 million average balances outstanding under our variable rate debt facilities, respectively.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, Gary A. Shiffman, and Chief Financial Officer, Karen J. Dearing, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report, pursuant to Rule 13a-15 of the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report were effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in our filings with the SEC under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and to ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in internal control over financial reporting

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. All such proceedings, taken together, are not expected to have a material adverse impact on our results of operations or financial condition.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors in Part 1, Item 1A., "Risk Factors", in our 2015 Annual Report, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. There have been no material changes to the disclosure on these matters set forth in the 2015 Annual Report.

We may not acquire Carefree Communities.

We expect to close the acquisition of Carefree Communities no later than July 9, 2016. However, the closing is subject to the satisfaction of the closing conditions set forth in the purchase agreement for the transaction, including obtaining certain third party consents. If these conditions are not satisfied or waived, or if the purchase agreement is otherwise terminated in accordance with its terms, then the acquisition will not be consummated. We have incurred significant costs associated with the potential acquisition of the Carefree Communities and expect to continue to incur such costs until the acquisition closes or is abandoned. If the acquisition is not consummated we will not receive any benefits associated with these costs. The price of our common stock

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may decline to the extent that the current market price of our common stock reflects a market assumption that the Carefree Communities properties will be acquired and that we will realize certain anticipated benefits of acquiring Carefree Communities.

The intended benefits of the Carefree Communities acquisition may not be realized.

The Carefree Communities acquisition poses risks for our ongoing operations, including, among others:

• that senior management's attention may be diverted from the management of daily operations to the integration of the properties acquired in the acquisition;

• costs and expenses associated with any undisclosed or potential liabilities;

• that the properties acquired in the acquisition may not perform as well as anticipated; and

• that unforeseen difficulties may arise in integrating the properties acquired in the acquisition into our portfolio.

As a result of the foregoing, we cannot assure you that the Carefree Communities acquisition will be accretive to us in the near term or at all. Furthermore, if we fail to realize the intended benefits of the properties acquired in the acquisition, the market price of our common stock could decline to the extent that the market price reflects those benefits.

We will assume a significant amount of debt in the Carefree Communities acquisition, which, together with our other debt, could limit our operational flexibility or otherwise adversely affect our financial condition.

Carefree Communities has approximately \$1.0 billion of debt. If the acquisition closes we will increase our debt by approximately \$1.0 billion. In addition, as of December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$2.3 billion of total debt outstanding, consisting of approximately \$2.2 billion in debt that is collateralized by mortgage liens on 160 of our properties, \$140.4 million that is secured by collateralized receivables, and \$45.9 million that is unsecured debt. As of December 31, 2015, we had \$25.0 million outstanding on our senior revolving credit facility. If we fail to meet our obligations under our secured debt, including any debt we assume in the Carefree Communities acquisition, the lenders would be entitled to foreclose on all or some of the collateral securing such debt which could have a material adverse effect on us and our ability to make expected distributions, and could threaten our continued viability.

We are subject to the risks normally associated with debt financing, including the following risks:

• our cash flow may be insufficient to meet required payments of principal and interest, or require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow to pay our debt and the interest associated with our debt rather than to other areas of our business;

• our existing indebtedness may limit our operating flexibility due to financial and other restrictive covenants, including restrictions on incurring additional debt;

• it may be more difficult for us to obtain additional financing in the future for our operations, working capital requirements, capital expenditures, debt service or other general requirements;

• we may be more vulnerable in the event of adverse economic and industry conditions or a downturn in our business;

• we may be placed at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors that have less debt; and

•we may not be able to refinance at all or on favorable terms, as our debt matures.

If any of the above risks occurred, our financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

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ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

In November 2004, our Board of Directors authorized us to repurchase up to 1,000,000 shares of our common stock. We have 400,000 common shares remaining in the repurchase program. No common shares were repurchased under this buyback program during the three months ended March 31, 2016. There is no expiration date specified for the buyback program.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit No. | Description | Method of Filing |
|-------------|--|--|
| 2.1 | Stock Purchase Agreement dated March 22, 2016, among Carefree Communities Intermediate Holdings, L.L.C., Sun Communities, Inc. and Sun Communities Operating Limited Partnership * | Incorporated by reference to Sun Communities, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 22, 2016 |
| 4.1 | Form of Registration Rights Agreement between Sun Communities, Inc. and Carefree Communities Intermediate Holdings, L.L.C. | Incorporated by reference to Sun Communities, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed March 22, 2016 |
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| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rules 13a-14(a)/15(d)-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. | Filed herewith |
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| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document | Filed herewith |
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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: April 26, 2016 By: /s/ Karen J. Dearing

Karen J. Dearing, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
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