

FIRST ANNUAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

by Rebecca Ruede



It began as the vision of Councilor Duke Wells, who brought forth a recommendation to the City Council to recognize the citizens in Dunes City that have given countless

hours as volunteers. Our selection of the first recipient of this award couldn't be to anyone more deserving.

During the July City Council meeting, Mayor Rebecca Ruede presented the first annual award to Mr. Robert Read stating, "Bob has been graciously volunteering his time and knowledge to the citizens of Dunes City for about forty years. Bob served on the Planning Commission and the City Council prior to being the first elected Mayor in Dunes City from 1975 to 1977. While on the Planning Commission, Bob was instrumental in passing the one-acre requirement for residential zoning and development.

Since that time, he has served on the Revenue Committee and most recently, for many years on the Budget Committee, where his business experience helped him provide leadership to the Committee as well as practical and sound fiscal reasoning. His service to the community truly exemplifies the spirit of trust and integrity. It is my distinct honor, as the Mayor of Dunes City, and on behalf of the City Council, to present Mr. Read with Dunes City's first annual Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012." 🌿



BEAR PROOF YOUR YARD

Bear proofing your yard can help avoid potentially dangerous bear encounters.

Most problems are caused by people feeding bears, either actively or inadvertently. Once habituated to finding food near homes, bears can become a threat to human safety and must often be euthanized. Follow these guidelines to protect both humans and bears.

- Keep pet food indoors.
- Hang bird feeders from a wire at least 10 feet off the ground and 6 to 10 feet from the trunk of tree.
- Remove fruit that has fallen from trees.
- Add lime to compost piles to reduce odors. Do not compost meat, bones, fruit, dairy products or grease.
- Secure garbage cans in a garage, shed or behind a chain link or electric fence.
- Clean garbage containers regularly with bleach to reduce odors.
- Don't leave scented candles, soap or suntan lotions outdoors or near open windows.
- Keep barbeques clean. Store them in a shed or garage.
- Teach children about bear safety.
- Do not bury garbage - bears will dig it up. 🌿

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Getting to know your City

Mayor's Report ~ Summer has finally blessed the Oregon Coast and Dunes City is thriving with the warm weather and beautiful surroundings. The Dunes City Councilors are very busy with their Committees and all Committees are reporting progress with their goals. Our city Recorder, Fred Hilden, reports that we have had 68 building permits issued since January. The momentum is good for Dunes City.



Recently, the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) remanded Ordinance No. 211A that repealed the septic ordinance because of a procedural error. The error was that the Council failed to adopt the education program at the same time as the Ordinance. Therefore, septic Ordinance No. 203 is still in effect requiring all property owners to have their septic inspected every 5 years. At the Council meeting in June, the Council voted to extend the deadline until March 1, 2013 for any property not yet in compliance with Ordinance No. 203.

It is my sincere hope that ALL citizens of Dunes City have an opportunity to be heard on this issue. In my opinion, the question is: "Do the Citizens of Dunes City want an ordinance that mandates septic pumping and inspection over and above the requirements of Lane County and the State of Oregon?" It may be as simple as yes or no.

We all want to keep the lakes safe and clean for the next generations. Our goal is to engage Dunes City residents in an effort to determine an effective ordinance that ensures water quality while balancing the financial and regulatory impact on homeowners and the City. I encourage everyone to talk openly with me and the other Councilors about the septic ordinance so that we may truly be a voice of the people of Dunes City.

Mayor Rebecca Ruede ☘

Your Dunes City Road Commission...serving the community ~ You're driving around Dunes



City enjoying the scenery and warm summer sun. The sky is clear and the road is in good condition. What more could you ask for? Well, you may not know it, or appreciate it at the time, but the condition of the roads is directly linked to a small group of hard working volunteers known as: Dunes City Road Commission. This group was established some time ago and has been responsible for maintaining the roads throughout our community, cleaning up after storm damage, street light locations, brushing and ditching, signage and fixing right-of-way issues.

The Commission meets on the third Monday of the month, at Dunes City Hall, and is open to the public. Citizen input is encouraged and welcomed at the meeting. Folks with any of the above concerns should attend the meetings and voice their comments. Often

issues are decided on the spot at the meeting, which takes place at 6:30 PM.

The Commission is currently made up of 5 Commissioners and a Chairman. Troy Sathe is our Road Chairman. Jerry Curran is Vice Chairman and Commissioner. Ron Tucker, Henry Leach, Richard Palmer and Bill Harris are seated Commissioners. Each volunteer Commissioner is responsible for a specific area of Dunes City which they monitor, oversee work parties, or ROW issues, and listen to citizen concerns pertain-

Your Dunes City Road Commission ~ continued

ing to the roads in their section. Chairman Sathé monitors roads in the Westlake area; Commissioner Curran looks after the roads in the Clear Lake/View Terrace section; Commissioner Tucker covers roads from 101 to Little Woahink; Commissioner Leach oversees the Huckleberry area; Commissioner Palmer watches out for the Cloud Nine section; and Commissioner Harris handles the Hilltop zone. Check with City Hall to find out which Commissioner covers your specific street or right-of-way concern.

Recently, the Commission has compiled a revised volume of the Master Road Plan which is the definitive document that the group uses to glean facts and figures as it pertains to our area's pavement requirements. A Pavement Management Plan (PMP) was developed by Gary Baker, Engineer, friend, and advisor to Dunes City. The Plan lists all of the roads covered under Dunes City Charter, their condition, dimensions, and schedule of improvement; now and in the future. It is an extensive plan, which was partially funded by State and Federal monies, and has allowed Dunes City to establish an average of 88% quality road condition throughout the City! This figure is unheard of in most small communities and is a result of Mr. Baker's perseverance in establishing the program and grants. The new master road plan is now headed to the City Council for final approval, and will be the definitive tool for the Commission to use, to solve road issues and control the quality of the pavement throughout the City.

Next time you are driving around enjoying all that Dunes City has to offer, and see the Road Commission work crew cleaning up or monitoring the area...give them a tip of your hat...they are volunteers working hard to help keep you on the straight and narrow.

Henry Leach, Road Commissioner ☘

Parks & Recreation Commission - Supporting a Quality Future ~ The Parks and Recreation



Commission volunteers have been working on a few projects for the common good. Sprucing up the parks is always necessary after the winter storms. The Overlook situated at the end of the street where Dunes City Hall is located is a nice place to have a quiet sit or observe what floats by on its way to the sea in the Siltcoos River waters. Taking care of this secluded area is an ongoing task for the public's enjoyment. We also approved the repair of the portage, where kayakers can walk around the dam. This landing / portage is down river from the Overlook and is a key recreation point of interest to those traveling kayakers that allows these adventurers a lake to ocean ride. Byrd Park also has a new look thanks to our volunteer members. Lower limbs have been cut making it safer, more open, for the neighborhood. Other parklands are under consideration, yet discovering areas that provide safe public access is a current difficulty. A donor of such lands to the City is our greatest hope albeit for the possibility of a grant making it easier to purchase park property.

Meanwhile, in order to help visitors locate places to stay and recreate while they visit Dunes City new signs supporting our eight hospitality locations is in the works. This display will be located to the right of the Kiosk outside Dunes City Hall. The Commission is also looking into replacing a deteriorated sign on Canary near the dam at Little Woahink with another sign more fitting to our unique rural environment. As our parks are put on the Lane County's map our recreation support grows with more and more folks involving themselves with all facets of lake activity and concern there will be more to do with your help. My thanks to the good work from Commissioners Mimi Tizzard, Gary Lapping, Roberta Dalbeck, and April Dumas for their support.

Parks and Recreation Commission Chair, Richard Koehler ☘

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Communication & Education Committee ~ We live in a pristine, beautiful and unique area of forests and lakes. We all want to retain, protect and conserve what we have and enjoy. Much attention has been given over many years by many so that we and our posterity will continue to enjoy these blessings.



The City is faced with many challenges. We have to balance the services we provide with our limited financial resources. Rather than trying to provide more and more complicated services that are difficult or impossible to enforce, I feel we can simplify some ordinances and clarify areas that are ambiguous and outdated. At times we have, I feel, tried to use big city ordinances as models for our own. This has been a source of frustration and time wasted for those trying to make these models fit. Remember we are only about 1200 spirited citizens.

I appreciate any suggestions to help us provide sound ideas and impartial judgements. The city belongs to each of us. We are anxious that our reputation is enhanced.

Dick Anderson, Councilor 🌿

Special Care for Your Pets

It may be rare sight to see a coyote in Dunes City. However, if you are awakened in the night with coyotes howling to each other, there's no doubt they are here.

They are secretive and elusive. It is not unusual to hear of missing cats or small dogs. One account claims that a small dog barked incessantly night after night and each night the dog was lured further and further away from the house of the owner. Suddenly the barking ceased with a yip. The next day all that was found was patch of white fur. This is not as uncommon as one might think. For the safety of your small pets don't let them out of your sight especially at night. Our domestic pets, here in their wild kingdom, requires special cautions. 🌿

It's All About Water

 TIP: If a surface water right is certificated, the right runs with the land and transfers when ownership changes, however, if a water right is only in the form of a permit, a new owner must file an Assignment with the State Natural Resources Department. If this Assignment is not recorded, it places the water right at risk of cancellation. It is the individual property owners' responsibility to ensure this Assignment is submitted.

 TIP: If you signed up for a Dunes City water right, you may be contacted by Dunes City to identify the location of your meter and to make arrangements for the meter to be read, if it is not in an easily accessible location. The contract you signed grants permission to the Dunes City meter reader to enter onto your property for purposes of reading the meter at any reasonable time.

 TIP: If you do not have a permit or certificate issued by the State of Oregon granting you permission to pump water out of a lake, stream, spring, or other surface water source, and you are doing so, it likely is a violation of state law (ORS 540.990) punishable as a Class B misdemeanor (ORS 161.635). 🌿



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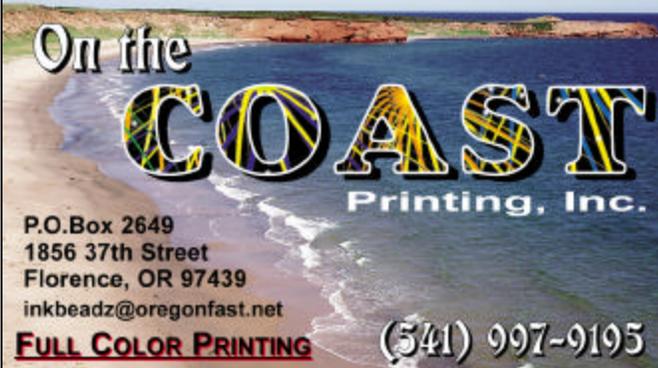
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Volunteers with a boat!!!

The Water Quality Committee is looking for volunteers that are willing to allow the use of their boat for water testers once each month. They would prefer one volunteer for Siltcoos Lake and one for Woahink Lake. Contact Jamie Mills at 541-902-7651 if you are interested. ☺

City Council

The City Council is comprised of a seven person non-compensated board consisting of a mayor and six councilors.

Position	Name	Term Ends
Mayor	Rebecca Ruede	1/10/2013
Council President	Jamie Mills	1/10/2013
Councilor	Dick Anderson	1/8/2015
Councilor	Richard Koehler	1/10/2013
Councilor	Ed Scarberry	1/10/2013
Councilor	Troy Sathe	1/8/2015
Councilor	Duke Wells	1/8/2015

Budget Committee*

Position	Name	Term Ends
Budget Officer	Fred Hilden	N/A
Citizen Member		6/30/2012
Citizen Member		6/30/2012
Citizen Member		6/30/2012
Citizen Member	Darlene Beckman	6/30/2013
Citizen Member	Jackie Crave	6/30/2013
Citizen Member	Maurice Sanders	6/30/2013
Citizen Member	Paul Floto	6/30/2014

* Also includes all members of the City Council.

Communications & Education Committee

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Dick Anderson	1/10/2013
Citizen Member		12/31/2014
Citizen Member	Darlene Beckman	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	Steve Burton	12/31/2013

Conservation Committee

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Dick Anderson	1/8/2015
Citizen Member	Judy Johnson	12/31/2013
Citizen Member	Lee Riechel	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	David Jackson	12/31/2013
Citizen Member	Ronelle Kuert	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	David Dumas	12/31/2014

Ordinance Review Committee

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Jamie Mills	1/12/2012
Citizen Member	George Burke	1/10/2013
Citizen Member	Steve Burton	1/9/2014

Parks & Recreation Commission

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Richard Koehler	1/10/2013
Citizen Member	Mimi Tizzard	6/30/2013
Citizen Member	Roberta Dalbeck	6/30/2015
Citizen Member	Gary Lapping	6/30/2014
Citizen Member	April Dumas	6/30/2013

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Richard Koehler

Planning Commission

Position	Name	Term Ends
Commission Chair	Lee Riechel	12/31/2014
Commissioner	Ken Henderson	12/31/2012
Commissioner	Darlene Beckman	12/31/2012
Commissioner	Paul Gargis	12/31/2014
Commissioner	George Burke	12/31/2013
Commissioner	Norman Martin	12/31/2013

Revenue Committee

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Ed Scarberry	1/10/2013
Citizen Member	John Stead	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	Vacancy	12/31/2014
Citizen Member	Maurice Sanders	12/31/2013
Citizen Member	April Dumas	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	Vacancy	12/31/2014

Road Commission

Position	Name	Term Ends
Commission Chair	Troy Sathe	1/8/2015
Commissioner	Jerry Curran	12/31/2014
Commissioner	Richard Palmer	12/31/2013
Commissioner	Henry Leach	12/31/2013
Commissioner	Ron Tucker	12/31/2013
Commissioner	Bill Harris	12/31/2012

Site Review Committee

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Duke Wells	1/8/2015
Citizen Member	Milton Farrand	12/31/2013
Citizen Member	David Dumas	12/31/2013
Citizen Member	Ken Platt	12/31/2012

Water Quality Committee

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Jamie Mills	1/10/2013
Citizen Member	John Stead	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	David Gosselin	12/31/2014
Citizen Member	Carlton Smith	12/31/2013
Citizen Member	David Dumas	12/31/2014
Citizen Member	Milton Farrand	12/31/2012
Citizen Member	Ken Pesnell	12/31/2014
Citzn. Water Tester	Mark Chandler	12/31/2013
Vol. Water Tester	Steven Hager	n/a
Vol. Water Tester	Vacancy	n/a

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Community Center Update ~ Two key improvements were completed at City Hall during July.



A new high definition digital security system has been installed including eight new color cameras that record straight to our computers.

Additionally, City Council meetings, as well as all other meetings, will be recorded digitally on our new Teac rack-mount digital audio recorder. We are now able to provide digital audio files of all of our meetings so folks can listen to them on their own computers. Thank-you for your support!

Duke Wells, Councilor ☘

Site Review Committee ~ It has come to the attention of the Site Review Committee that there is an on-going problem in Dunes City with non-occupied properties, both vacant lots

and those with structures. It was the unanimous consensus of the Committee that some form of action should be taken by the Site Review Committee and the Dune City Council. We feel there is an urgent need to address these violations because of their health and safety nature.

At the July City Council meeting it was decided that the Site Review Committee would begin by identifying the properties (2 or 3) with the biggest health and / or safety problem and work through the abatement process. I will keep you informed on how this process works out. Thank you!

Duke Wells, Site Review Chairman ☘

Revenue Committee ~ At the July 12 Council Meeting, Maurice Sanders was appointed to the Revenue



Committee. This will now allow us to begin meeting again as we have not had a quorum since November's loss of two members. There are still two vacancies that need to be filled. If you would like to become a part of our Committee, contact Fred Hilden at City Hall for an application.

There are several ongoing topics that the Revenue Committee will now be addressing. One of those topics is the Dunes City Mother's Day Triathlon. This is an event we are excited about and anticipate becoming an annual event for the City. Mother's Day 2013 is the planned date for the first ever event.

We are in current discussions with an entity to coordinate and plan this event. We hope to soon have Council approval to set the wheels in motion for this event. This Triathlon would bring many

visitors and participants to the Dunes City area and at the same time, provide much needed funds for our shrinking budget.

As Revenue Committee Chair, I was asked by the Council to oversee the Siltcoos River dam portage repair issue. The Portage is outside Dunes City limits but in light of a 2000 agreement with the Dept. of State Lands, the City is responsible for the portage until 2015. We are seeking another group or organization to take over our licensing agreement with DSL for the Portage when the agreement expires in 2015.

At this point, the good news is the damage to the portage is being repaired at no cost to Dunes City. More information will be forthcoming after the repairs are completed. We also hope to soon have the downed trees in the Siltcoos River cleared away, thereby allowing a safer and more enjoyable float from the dam to the ocean.

Several topics of new discussion will include the potential for Dunes City to sponsor a kayak/canoe event for the summer of 2013. Our discussions will include the approaching 50th Anniversary for Dunes City. The Council may decide some type of celebration commemorating this Golden Anniversary is appropriate for our small City. If this is the case, our Committee will discuss possible ways to mark this occasion. Respectfully submitted.

Ed Scarberry, Councilor ☘



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