

**AN INVITATION FROM THE MAYOR!**

Please join us for the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Mayor's Banquet on December 12<sup>th</sup>. We have a special treat this year. Our newest citizen baby, Olive Patricia, plans to join us with her parents Kady and Ethan Daugherty. Olive will be awarded the roll of Nickels and Dimes from the Time Capsule opened last year at our 50th anniversary celebration here at city hall. Please join us for a time of fellowship. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. with potluck dinner and will likely conclude about 7:30 p.m. All Dunes City residents are invited to attend.

**CITY TO HOST 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL OREGON DUNES TRIATHLON AND DUATHLON**

The highlight of spring activities in Dunes City has become the annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon. Held on Mother's Day weekend, the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> 2015.



In case you missed all the excitement, last year the Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon included USAT Certified Olympic and Sprint Triathlons and Duathlons, as well as two- and three-person relays. Starting with a brisk swim in Woahink Lake then onto biking along Clear Lake and Canary Roads, the athletes finish with a run through the trails of Honeyman State Park and up the "unforgettable" Oregon Dune at Cleawox Lake to the finish line.

Presented by Dunes City and Best in the West Events, with local business, corporate and individual sponsors, the event is the first open water triathlon of the season in Oregon. In addition to being the first open water triathlon, it is also the first USAT sanctioned event of the season and *the only* Olympic distance triathlon on the Oregon Coast.

It takes a minimum of 200 volunteers to staff this event and we would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the past volunteers. Volunteers play the biggest role in making this event a success for our community. We are well into planning the 2015 event and

would like to give a shout out to all to join us for this fabulous spring event. You can call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338 and talk to Renee about registering for volunteer opportunities, or visit [www.oregondunestriathlon.com](http://www.oregondunestriathlon.com) to register to participate in the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 event.



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## Getting to know your City

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The recent election shows a vote of confidence in the leadership of Dunes City. It also reveals Dunes City residents are involved, informed and care about the things that make Dunes City a "Nice Place to Live." Re-elected are Councilor Duke Wells, Councilor Sheldon Meyer, and Mayor Rebecca Ruede. Continuing on the council are council President Jamie Mills, Councilor Ed Scarberry and Councilor Maury Sanders. As of press time for this newsletter our final councilor write-in votes have not been announced by the Lane County Elections Department. Whoever the councilor is we appreciate and welcome his service to Dunes City. We are excited to move ahead in 2015 with a full council ready and willing to work hard on the issues that affect us all.

I would like to recognize Councilor Dr. Richard Anderson for his long time service to Dunes City. Dick has served two terms as City Councilor and has also served on the Planning Commission. As a respected leader in the community he exemplifies putting service before himself. Dick is kind, compassionate and a pleasure to work. He will truly be missed by everyone at city hall.

Dick and his wife Diane plan to spend more time traveling to see those two cute new great grandbabies and he says that he may even be coaxed into service on a committee in his spare time. As always Dick, we wish you the best. 🌸

### IN THE DUNES CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY?

We have all heard of the City's right-of-way, but many are not sure what it means. The public right-of-way (ROW) is defined as the area or territory over which the City now has or acquires jurisdiction for the exercise of its powers. It is generally seen as, but not limited to, the traveled or



paved portion of the public streets as well as the border area to the paved streets. Streets are not paved to the entire width of the right-of-way, which is an important point to remember.

Chapter 90 of the Dunes City Code defines and describes streets and sidewalks establishing jurisdiction and control over the public right-of-way. Basically the code states that no person may encroach upon or use a public right-of-way without permission of the City. Dunes City grants permission to use the rights-of-way by franchises, licenses, and permits.

As streets are not paved to the entire width of the right-of-way, some people may have lost sight of that fact and have chosen to use the public right-of-way for their own uses without the permission of the City, to leave cars parked, to plant trees, to remove vegetation, to build decorative entrances to their driveways, and so on.

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Permission is required to occupy or encroach on a public right-of-way. Citizens must be aware that any encroachments on the public right-of-way that exist for some length of time without permission of the City does not mean that the City is waiving its jurisdiction and right to control any of the public right-of-way. Just the opposite is the case. The City continues to assert its jurisdiction and may require the removal of any encroachment when it may be necessary, such as widening a roadway, ditching to allow for drainage, enlarging an intersection's turning apex, and so on.

So, what do we do in the interim? While the City reserves its right to remove any non-permitted encroachments on the public right-of-way at any time or other code violations in the public right-of-way, the reality of staff time constraints and budget restrictions dictate that unless there are real hazard/safety issues present or the encroachment poses a threat to the pavement viability, such as causing water to pool on the asphalt, the City may not take any enforcement action on some non-hazardous/non-safety issue encroachments until such time as it becomes necessary.

To prevent problems "down the road," anyone needing to temporarily use or to occupy the public right-of-way needs to obtain a temporary right of way use permit from the City of Dunes City. If a question exists as to whether something is in the public right-of-way or not, they are asked to contact City staff at (541) 997-3338. ☘

## **DUNES CITY LOSES VALUABLE ASSET**

Much to the dismay of Dunes City residents, Mark Chandler and his wife Cindy, have opted to move into their new home on the Siuslaw River, thus ending more than a decade of incalculable help to Dunes City.

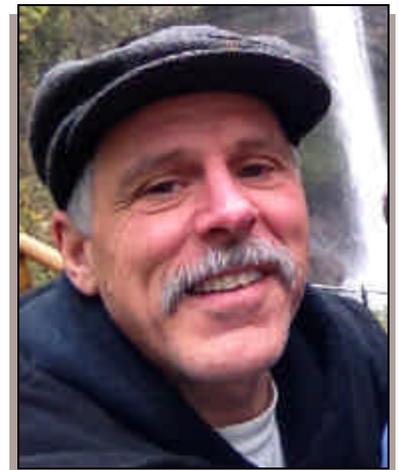
Mark has served as the Project Manager for Dunes City's water quality testing program since 2003. Neither snow, nor sleet, nor hail, nor rain stopped them from their appointed duties. Well, they actually did try not to go out in inclement weather, but Mark and the other water testers over the years spent much of their personal time performing water quality tests for such things as dissolved oxygen levels, clarity, temperature, and collecting samples to send to the lab for other important tests, then following it all up with the important task of recording the data in an understandable manner.

Not only did Mark design and manage the water testing program, but he also worked diligently to successfully get the Dunes City Water Quality Assurance Project Plan approved and accepted by the U. S. and the State of Oregon's Departments of Environmental Protection.

In addition, Mark made annual reports to the Dunes City Council on the status of the water quality in both Woahink and Siltcoos Lakes, and was always ready to step up and provide water quality education at events sponsored or organized by the City over the years. He assisted in getting approval for the Drinking Water Protection Grant in which Dunes City is a participant.

Mark, however, won't escape that easily. He will be living far too close to not ask him to consult on important City issues in the future. He has expressed his willingness to help out when we need him, if he is available. What a guy!

Please join the Mayor and City Council in thanking Mark for his loyalty and his dedicated service. He will be sorely missed! ☘



### IMPORTANT WATER RIGHT INFORMATION

There are primarily three ways to have drinking water in a home in Dunes City. One is by an approved well permit issued by the State of Oregon, one is by a permitted or certificated State of Oregon surface water right (which includes all water districts like South Coast, Alderwood, etc.), and one is by signing up for the Dunes City Shared Domestic Water Right Program. All water usage in the Dunes City limits must result from one of these three methods.

Under the terms of one of its permits with the State, and to ensure equitable and legal use of its water resources, Dunes City has been asked to identify where each and every home gets its water--whether it is a well, an individual permit, or the Dunes City permit. Many hours have been donated by volunteers and expended by Dunes City staff to try and make the determination as to each structure and develop a spread sheet that accurately reflects the data. This has become a valuable tool for realtors and prospective buyers and sellers of property.

The problem, however, is that the original permits are likely in the name of the original property owner or, oftentimes, the developer. Most property owners do not bother to inform the State when the permit changes ownership. This leads to great confusion when it becomes necessary, for safety or other reasons, to contact a current holder of a permit and, in fact, may have already lead to the cancellation of a permit without the knowledge of the current property owner, because the State had no way of knowing how to contact the current owner. This is not a good situation.

(Note: Information as to parcels served by water districts such as South Coast and Alderwood are already contained within the State's and Dunes City's records.)

#### **Surface water rights (pumped from a lake or stream)**

A form is available for surface water right permit holders to file with the State to update the ownership records. Owners of properties that draw water from a lake or stream in the Dunes City boundaries are urged to update their records with current information at the State level (unless you pay Dunes City, in which case, just check with Dunes City to ensure that the City has the correct contact information). We are also asking that you notify Dunes City via email to [admin@dunescityor.com](mailto:admin@dunescityor.com) or by phone, 541-997-3338, to let us know your permit or certificate number. Dunes City has a record of those who are on its Shared Domestic Water Supply Permit. If you do not get invoices from Dunes City, you are not on that list and we need your permit information.

#### **Well owners**

It is a different situation for those who have wells. The State does not track current ownership of wells. That having been said, they do want to ensure their information as to location, depth, etc., is accurate. All Dunes City needs to know, however, is if you get your water from a well, so that we don't inadvertently report you to the State as taking water from a lake or stream without a permit. We are asking that you please notify Dunes City that you are a well owner. Please include your name and property address to facilitate entering the data into our spreadsheet. The best way to submit the information to City Hall is by email or telephone.

So long as Dunes City's permits remain in permit status and not certificated, they are subject to challenge and possible loss to other uses. To best protect our water resources, it is necessary for this information to be gathered and used to calculate current usage of the water so that we can seek certification, and thus protection, of our water supplies. Your cooperation and assistance will be greatly appreciated! 🍀

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*Jamie Mills, Dunes City  
Council President*



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**WE'RE SEARCHING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**

Dunes City needs volunteers for: Budget Committee, Communication and Education Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, Ordinance Review Committee, Road Commission, Planning Commission, and a Water Tester for Siltcoos Lake.

If you can help, please call Dunes City at 541-997-3338, or email [admin@dunescityor.com](mailto:admin@dunescityor.com)

**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	1/8/2015
Council President	Jamie Mills	1/12/2017
Councilor	Dick Anderson	1/8/2015
Councilor	Maurice Sanders	1/12/2017
Councilor	Ed Scarberry	1/12/2017
Councilor	Sheldon Meyer	1/8/2015
Councilor	Duke Wells	1/8/2015

**Budget Committee\***

Position	Name	Term Ends
Budget Officer	Fred Hilden	N/A
Citizen Member	April Dumas	6/30/2015
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	6/30/2015
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	6/30/2015
Citizen Member	Stuart "Wally" Shoults	6/30/2016
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	6/30/2016
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	6/30/2016
Citizen Member	Paul Floto	6/30/2017

\* Also includes all City Councilors.

**Communication & Education Committee**

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Sheldon Meyer	1/8/2015
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	12/31/2015
Citizen Member	Steve Burton	12/31/2016

**Ordinance Review Committee**

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Jamie Mills	1/12/2017
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	1/14/2016
Citizen Member	Steve Burton	1/12/2017

**Parks & Recreation Committee**

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Ed Scarberry	1/12/2017
Citizen Member	Roberta Dalbeck	6/30/2015
Citizen Member	Gary Lapping	6/30/2017
Citizen Member	April Dumas	6/30/2016
Citizen Member	- vacancy -	6/30/2016

**Planning Commission**

Position	Name	Term Ends
Commissioner Chair	Paul Gargis	12/31/2014
Commissioner VC	Ken Henderson	12/31/2015
Commissioner	Bonnie Allen	12/31/2015
Commissioner	Norman Martin	12/31/2016
Commissioner	- vacancy -	12/31/2014

**Road Commission**

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Maurice Sanders	1/12/2017
Commissioner VC	Jerry Curran	12/31/2014
Commissioner	Richard Palmer	12/31/2016
Commissioner	- vacancy -	12/31/2017
Commissioner	Christopher John	12/31/2016
Commissioner	Bill Harris	12/31/2015

**Water Quality Committee**

Position	Name	Term Ends
Councilor Chair	Jamie Mills	1/12/2017
Citizen Member	Bonnie Allen	12/31/2015
Citizen Member	David Gosselin	12/31/2014
Citizen Member	David Dumas	12/31/2014
Citizen Member	Christopher John	12/31/2015
Citizen Member	Ken Pesnell	12/31/2014
Citzn. Water Tester	Steven Hager	12/31/2016
Vol. Water Tester	- vacancy -	n/a

**Dunes City Staff**

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Planning Dept.	Rapunzel Oberholtzer	planning@dunescityor.com
Road Secretary	Laurale Lorentzen	roads@dunescityor.com

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## MORE ABOUT WATER RIGHTS...

As Dunes City Staff works on getting the State Water Right files in order we have had questions from residents about what the cost is covering. Most residents have paid a "reservation fee" which reserves them a pump location in Woahink Lake on the Dunes City Water Right. When a vacant property becomes developed there is a balance due of \$550 to help recover the cost of having Oregon Water Services install a meter at that location. Thereafter, the homeowner will receive an invoice called a "Water Admin Fee" in July or August. This fee is collected yearly to pay City Administration for the work it takes to report the annual water meter readings to the State of Oregon, the fee is \$100.

Anyone using water from Woahink Lake should have a meter installed and submit monthly readings to Dunes City Hall at [admin@dunescityor.com](mailto:admin@dunescityor.com). In order for Dunes City to stay compliant with the State of Oregon, we need monthly meter readings along with an annual reading that is done in December and reported to the State Water Division. If we do not stay in compliance, the State of Oregon could cancel Dunes City's water right which would leave many residents on Woahink Lake without a water source. Not all properties on Woahink Lake use water under the Dunes City Water Right; some have their own State Water Right which is good forever and transfers with every sale of the property, and some choose to put a well on their property.

If your property in Dunes City is a "getaway" home please let Dunes City Staff know so that when we don't receive a meter reading we know it's because you haven't used any water since the last meter reading. If you have any questions, please call Dunes City Hall at 541-997-3338 or send an email to [admin@dunescityor.com](mailto:admin@dunescityor.com). 🌿

## DON'T SPREAD INVASIVE SPECIES!

Invasive species can hitch a ride on your fishing and swimming equipment, on your boat and trailer, in your boat's live well and bilge water, and even on your hunting boots!

Motorboats, kayaks, canoes, drift boats and other watercraft can carry destructive aquatic plant and animal invasive species that cause serious economic and environmental damage to lakes, streams, and irrigation and water delivery systems.

In 2009, the Oregon State Legislature passed the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention Program and established an AIS Prevention Permit. The purpose of the AIS Program is to protect Oregon against the introduction and spread of aquatic invasive species. All non-motorized boats (paddle craft) that are 10 feet or longer must obtain a \$5.00 permit. All out of state motorboats and sailboats 12 feet or longer must obtain a \$20.00 permit. Permit fees for Oregon resident motorboat and sailboat owners are included in their registration fees. Permits are available online via the Oregon Marine Board, at any ODFW licensed sales agent or any ODFW office that sells licenses.

Special care and attention must be given to your equipment! Before launching and before leaving, *inspect everything*. The New Zealand mudsnail is less than 5 mm and can hitch a ride in hunting boot-laces! Clean all visible aquatic plants, animals and mud from your vehicles, boat, motor, clothing, floatation equipment, water toys, and trailer. Rinse, scrub or pressure wash, as appropriate, *away from stormdrains, ditches or waterways*. This means **DO NOT** flush your boat in a freshwater lake, despite what your boat manufacturer recommends! After careful cleaning, drain all live well, bilge and internal compartments. Also, dry your boat between uses, if possible. Leave all compartments open and sponge out any standing water.

Inspecting, removing, and treating gear before moving to a new water body is the most effective means of preventing the spread of invasive species. Please help protect our water resources! 🌿



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