

ROADS - WHAT CITIZENS NEED TO KNOW

Historically, Dunes City received a portion of the “timber money” from forestry activities within Lane County. The money was used to maintain and repair the public streets in Dunes City. Unfortunately, that money is no longer available to Dunes City and, as a consequence, we must rely solely on the portion of the State gas tax that the City receives. The Oregon cities portion of those taxes are divided up based upon population. Because we are such a



A well maintained right of way allows for good drainage.

small city, population-wise, Dunes City receives very little of that money - and certainly not enough to maintain our streets and rights of way in a manner to which we had become accustomed. Quite frankly, our coffers are running dry.

While the City Council continues to look at ways to relieve this dire situation, we ask that all Dunes City property owners please pick up the slack and maintain the rights of ways that border their lands. The right of way, in very general and certainly not accurate terms, is about six feet from the pavement on each side of the road. Keeping brush cut back and removing leaves and debris from the pavement prolongs the life of the pavement. Keeping drainage ditches clear of plants, debris, and soil build up helps protect the roadways from washouts and erosion.

If you have questions or concerns about right-of-way maintenance, or if you have ideas on how the City might fund large road maintenance and repair projects, please contact us! 🌿



Allowing build up of debris and plant materials on and next to roadways significantly reduces pavement life.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WILD ANIMALS

We know that most citizens want to do their part in protecting our environment, and it is important for all of us to get involved. We're all a part of the solution. Well-intentioned people often feed deer, elk and other wildlife without realizing the problems feeding can create.

Artificial feeding concentrates wildlife, which leads to the easier spread of

disease and parasites, and helps create unnaturally high populations. With larger, concentrated populations, there is more animal waste. This waste contains nutrients and bacteria that can pollute our drinking water sources. In natural settings, the native fauna seek and feed on a variety of nutritious foods such as plants, natural grains, insects and invertebrates. Since these foods are already abundant in our area they don't add much to the overall contamination of the water.



Many items people commonly feed wild animals (bread, corn, popcorn, etc.) are low in protein and are poor substitutes for natural foods. Every year, ODFW sees seemingly healthy deer and elk die because they have been fed the wrong food by well-meaning people. Their diet requirements actually change with the seasons and are best met by native forage. Deliberately feeding deer or elk may inhibit digestion and lead to death by starvation or infection.

The best thing we can do for the benefit of native fauna is to stop artificial feeding and let nature maintain the balance. Let's enjoy the wildlife in their natural state in our beautiful rural environment. 🌿

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Getting to know your City

Mayor's Report



The Heart of the City

The Mayor gives her time to this City of ours,
And so do our elected officials.
From writing our codes to tending the flowers,
Volunteers make Dunes City beneficial.

We hope you all will do your own part
To make the City run smoothly,
Volunteer today, don't wait to start!
Your help would really be groovy!

With plenty of helpers there will be no need
To increase fees to help pay,
With you on our side, we're sure to succeed,
Fill out the form on the website TODAY!

Mayor Rebecca Ruede ☘

“Bill” Harris named Dunes City Volunteer of the Year ~

Congratulations go out to William 'Bill' Harris, who has been named Dunes City's Volunteer of the Year for 2015!

Bill and his wife, Kay, have lived in Dunes City for 28 years. Bill holds a Bachelor of Science degree in wildlife management and served in a wildlife law enforcement capacity for the Oregon State Police.

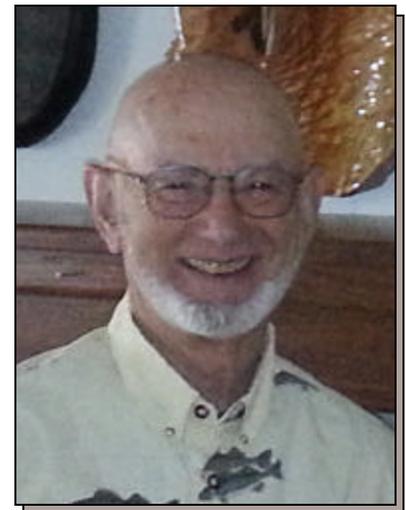
During his lifetime, Bill has had many experiences that gave him the background and qualifications to serve on the Dunes City Road Commission, including having worked on bridge construction projects. He was appointed to the Commission in 2011.

Bill consistently spent hours and hours of his time maintaining his section of Dunes City roads. He repaired and installed road signs, maintained drainage ditches, trimmed trees and shrubs, and brushed and removed debris from the edges of our streets.

Plus, he helps maintain the equipment and tools the City uses for road maintenance. Last year during the slurry seal work, he spent many hours personally contacting residents about the project to make sure they knew when the work would be done and what to expect during the project.

In addition, Bill is just a really, really nice man! Congratulations, Bill, and thank you for your dedication! ☘

“I am humbled to be selected by Dunes City as Volunteer of the Year. Dunes City is a unique incorporated community, governed by volunteers, not overburdened with taxes or ment. Dunes City is a ‘Friendly Place to Live.’ I believe many folks are blessed with various skills and abilities that can be utilized in volunteering - - like the Gold Rule concept to a larger community. Thank you all for permitting me to serve.” *Bill Harris*



*Geocaching in Dunes City***Geocaching In Dunes City**

by Kenny Henson (kenny art)

If you have not heard, geocaching is a popular real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then try to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location.

Generally speaking a geocache is a container that will contain a log sheet on which you can sign your geocaching name (handle) to prove that you were there and found it. Some containers are very small and some are bigger-like a large bucket. Most are about the size of a lunch box and, in addition to a log sheet, also contain stuff (swag) of small value that can be traded. The general idea is, if you take something from the geocache, leave something of equal or greater value. Some geocaches are easy to find, others can be very difficult!



Geocaches may also contain trackables. A trackable is an item with a tag attached that has a specific code unique to that item that can be tracked on geocaching.com (the website where you can find listings for geocaches and trackables). Other trackables are called geocoins-these can be wonderful in design and color. The idea with a trackable is to take it from one geocache and move it to another geocache. These moves can be viewed on geocaching.com with online notes entered by the geocacher who moved the trackable.

I own several trackables and it is interesting to see how far and where they go. One of mine has traveled over 59,000 miles and been to numerous countries! There are more than 500 geocaches located within about 15 miles of Dunes City! Worldwide, there are more than 2.5 million geocaches and over 6 million geocachers.

Geocaches can be hidden almost any place, some can only be reached using special equipment, such as a water craft. There are number of geocaches hidden along the Siltcoos River and on many lakes in our area. This is a fun way to enjoy time on the water, especially with friends! Geocaching is a kid-friendly game. They love to find the swag in geocache containers and the containers are fun to find!

Some people who geocache also like to go to geocaching events. A geocaching event can be something created by a single geocacher or a group and is held somewhere where geocaching activities can occur. An event could be a dinner party at a local restaurant, or a full-blown geocaching game with prizes for those who complete certain activities (finding new geocaches, visiting local businesses or other fun stuff) to qualify. An event could have ten to twenty people attending or several thousand!

There are several different types of geocaches, traditional, virtual, multi-geocache, unknown geocache, earth-cache, letterbox hybrid, or webcam geocache-all with varying degrees of difficulty.

To learn more about geocaching, the geocaching community and becoming a geocacher-or to see geocaches locations near you-visit www.geocaching.com. Geocaching was once described as: Finding tupperware in the woods with million dollar satellites-and you meet the nicest people while geocaching! ♡

Mark Your Calendar

Dunes City's first annual Dunes City Expo will be held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2015, at City Hall.

Fun for the entire family! Games, prizes, raffle items, and much, much more! Free drinks for Dunes City residents!

Lots of information will be available about emergency prep, with food samples and vendors displaying their wares and experts available to answer questions.

There will also be cutting edge information on septic maintenance and how to maintain a safe drinking water supply from your well.

Admission is free, but we are looking for vendors interested in displaying their items. Please call Dunes City hall at 541-997-3338 for more information. Booths are only \$25.00, but space is limited, so call today! ♡

Disaster Preparedness



EMERGENCY KIT Checklist

The following is a list of items we recommend to be in your emergency kit. Be sure to consider individually each family member's emotional, physical, etc. well being.

Water

- As much water as you can carry (Extra portable water 3-5 gallons of water stored for sanitation and drinking.)
- Method of water purification.

Food

- 72-Hour Supply of Food
- Can Opener

Communications

- NOAA Weather Radio with Batteries or radio with alternate power sources
- Whistle with neck cord

Personal Sanitation

- NO Toilet Paper/Tissues
- Toothbrush and Paste
- Hand Sanitizer/Soap
- Sanitary Napkins
- Comb/Razor
- Moist Towelettes
- Garbage Bags, Plastic Ties
- Cellphone & Charger
- (Handrank)

Tools

- Pocket Knife/Pliers
- Shovel/Trowel
- Hatchet or Axe
- Sewing Kit
- 50-Foot Nylon Rope
- Duct Tape

First Aid

- First-Aid Kit and Supplies
- Bum Gel and Dressings
- Bottle of Potassium Iodide
- Tablets
- N95 Respirator Mask

Important Papers

- Copies of documents important to your family (such as birth certificates, marriage licenses, wills, bank info, insurance forms), phone numbers you might need, credit card information

Stress Relievers

- Games, books, hard candy, inspirational reading. For children: small toys, paper and pen, favorite security items

Extra Clothing

- A complete outfit of appropriate clothing for each family member. Include extra socks, underwear, hat, sturdy shoes, and gloves

Money

- At least \$20 in your kit. Be sure to include quarters for phone calls

Light Sources

- Flashlight with Extra Batteries
- Candle
- Lightsticks
- Headlamp

Portable Box

- Durable water resistant duffel bag, frame pack or daypack

Tools

- E Extra Food
- Camp Stove
- Mess Kits and other cooking equipment
- Sun Block
- Insect Repellent
- Portable Toilet
- Snake Bite Kit
- Special Medication or other needs
- Local Map
- Glasses
- Infant Needs
- Pet Food/Water
- First Aid Book
- Emergency Reference Material

Warmth & Shelter

- Windproof/Waterproof/Strike Anywhere Matches
- Second method to start a fire
- Tent/Shelter/Plastic Sheeting
- Wool-blend Blanket/Sleeping Bag
- Emergency Reflective Bag/Blanket
- Hand and Body Warm Packs
- Poncho
- Lightweight Stove and Fuel



Important to Know

1 Your kit should be portable, stored in a backpack or roller bag close to an exit of your house. Do not overload your kit—you may have to carry it long distances to reach safety or shelter.

2 Each family member should have their own kit with food, clothing and water. Distribute heavy items between kits.

3 Dry clothes may be your most valued source of warmth and shelter. Enclose extra clothing,

matches, documents, and other damageable items in plastic to protect them from smoke or water.

4 Keep a flashlight in the top of your kit, making it easy to find in the dark.

5 Personalize each kit to fit the needs of each family member.

6 Inspect your kit at least twice a year. Rotate expired food and water. Check children's clothing for proper fit, while adjust for winter or

summer needs. Check expiration dates on batteries, light sticks, warm packs, food and water.

7 Consider the special needs of your family, accommodating infants and children, handicapped and the elderly. Keep a store of essential formulas, medications and other special supplies.

Communication & Education Committee ~ In the last issue of the Dunes City Newsletter we introduced you, our citizens, to the Mayor and the City Council with each giving a short biography and a picture. This newsletter reports some of their activities and the challenges that each Councilor faces. We are a volunteer city government with each Councilor heading several committees. They can function only with volunteers. See page six for a list of all the citizens who serve you.

This committee is working to educate not only Dunes City, but the entire area regarding the desirability and beauty found here. Truly, this is a friendly and a wonderful place to live. Your input and suggestions are always welcome. ☺



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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 | 1/12/2017 |
| Council President | Jamie Mills | 1/12/2017 |
| Councilor | Ken Platt | 1/10/2019 |
| Councilor | Maurice Sanders | 1/12/2017 |
| Councilor | Ed Scarberry | 1/12/2017 |
| Councilor | Sheldon Meyer | 1/10/2019 |
| Councilor | Duke Wells | 1/10/2019 |

Budget Committee*

| Position | Name | Term Ends |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Budget Officer | Fred Hilden | N/A |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 6/30/2018 |
| Citizen Member | Rob Ward | 6/30/2018 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 6/30/2018 |
| Citizen Member | Stuart "Wally" Shoults | 6/30/2016 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 6/30/2016 |
| Citizen Member | Bob Read | 6/30/2016 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 6/30/2017 |

* Also includes all City Councilors.

Communication & Education Committee

| Position | Name | Term Ends |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|
| Councilor Chair | Jamie Mills | 1/12/2017 |
| 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 | - vacancy - | 6/30/2018 |
| Citizen Member | Gary Lapping | 6/30/2017 |
| Citizen Member | April Dumas | 6/30/2016 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 6/30/2016 |

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In the dark because the street light is out?
 Let us know ~ Call City Hall

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 | Bill Harris | 12/31/2015 |
| Commissioner | Richard Palmer | 12/31/2016 |
| Commissioner | - vacancy - | 12/31/2017 |
| Commissioner | Christopher John | 12/31/2016 |
| Commissioner | Mike Clifton | 12/31/2018 |

Water Quality Committee

| Position | Name | Term Ends |
|---------------------|------------------|------------|
| Councilor Chair | Sheldon Meyer | 1/10/2019 |
| Citizen Member | Bonnie Allen | 12/31/2015 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 12/31/2017 |
| Citizen Member | David Dumas | 12/31/2017 |
| Citizen Member | Christopher John | 12/31/2015 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 1/11/18 |
| Citzn. Water Tester | Steven Hager | 12/31/2016 |
| Vol. Water Tester | - vacancy - | n/a |

Dunes City Staff

| Position | Name | Email |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
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| Planning Admin. | Rapunzel Oberholtzer | planning@dunescityor.com |
| Road Secretary | Laurale Lorentzen | roads@dunescityor.com |

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BUDGETING FOR DUNES CITY - HOW IT WORKS AND HOW IT TURNED OUT! ~

All cities in the State of Oregon are required to adopt annual budgets for their upcoming fiscal years and submit them to the State by July 15th. Dunes City is no exception. Mayor Ruede was elected to chair the Budget Committee again this year. The Budget Committee's membership consists of all the members of the City Council, the Mayor, and seven citizen members (although this year we had three vacancies that are still available for interested parties!).

The State requires cities to submit balanced budgets, meaning the projected income and the projected expenditures have to be the same. That, however, does not mean that cities cannot spend more than the revenues they receive. This is where Dunes City has differed from other cities in recent years.

The Dunes City Council set a goal, as it's number one priority, to adopt a truly balanced budget that does not anticipate spending more than what is expected to be received in the way of revenues, except in the two accounts where spending the funds is a requirement. Those two funds are the State Street Fund and the Motel Fund (tourism and recreation). The City is under the gun to spend all or a portion of those funds within a certain period of time after receipt, although the City is doing all it can to leverage those funds as much as possible through grants.

Unfortunately, the Street Fund will not have sufficient revenues this year to do the ongoing maintenance of our roadways in the manner to which we have become accustomed. We have a couple of very large projects that must be completed, or risk full failure of those streets at a much greater cost to the City in the long run. Ideas are being discussed on how to remedy this situation. Citizens can provide some help, as you will find described elsewhere in this newsletter.

All in all, the outlook for Dunes City, except for the road maintenance and repair, is not as grim as it may be for other cities in the State. We are proud to report that we received a clean audit for 2014-2015, with no problems at all for the first time in many years. Most cities have small discrepancies that need correction, but we didn't this year! We are very proud of our staff for ensuring our records are accurate and transparent, and that our dedicated Budget Committee members continue their quarterly budget reviews to ensure our clean record continues! 🌿

Thank you to our Dunes City Citizen Members of the Budget Committee:
April Dumas, Wally Shoults, Bob Read and Rob Ward



Dunes City's WISH LIST !!!

Dunes City is in need of some items that, while not absolutely necessary, would certainly make life easier! If you have any of these items, or would like to sponsor one or part of one, please let us know!

Wishes:

- New digital camera
- Patio furniture set
- New computer tower
- Display case for sister city's flag
- Large storage container (railroad car)
- Volunteers for all committees and commissions! 🌿





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