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# TWO REASONS TO CELEBRATE Inaugural Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon



The City of Dunes City Oregon and the Smith Rock Race Group LLC of Bend, Oregon are pleased to announce the Inaugural Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon on Mother's Day weekend Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 2013, starting at Honeyman State Park.

The weekend will include an Olympic and Sprint Triathlon as USA Triathlon certified events. Also included will be a Kids Event making this a fun weekend for the whole family. The

signature aspect of these new events will be the final dash to the finish line on the iconic Oregon Dunes.

On Mother's Day all Mothers participating in the race will be given a special signature necklace and single Rose to celebrate their special day. The signature jewelry will be produced by a local coastal designer.

This event is the culmination of over a year of planning and development between the City of Dunes City and Brian Douglass, Founder and President of Smith Rock Race Group. SRRG has hired Blair Bronson, a USAT Certified Race Director to oversee the event.

Please visit www.oregondunestriathlon.com for more event details and information. Please plan to join us at the beautiful Oregon Coast for a very special weekend for all Mothers, athletes, their families and fellow spectators. Mark your calendar now for Dunes City's new and iconic event!!!

### **Dunes City Prepares to Celebrate 50 Years!**

Did you know that Dunes City was founded on June 13, 1963, and is preparing to celebrate a major milestone? Current planning for the Semi-Centennial celebration kick off will occur at Dunes City Hall on Saturday, June 22, 2013, with the opening of the time capsule locked away at Dunes City Hall as requested by founding members of our community.

We are also planning other summer events in July and August with more information to be announced soon so you can mark your calendars. Please contact Dunes City Hall if you would like to assist with organizing Dunes City's upcoming Semi-Centennial events. Visit www.dunescity.com for more information on both events.

#### **SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

At the January City Council meeting, the elected Mayor and Council members were sworn in.

Rebecca Ruede was elected to a twoyear term as Mayor. Jamie Mills, Ed Scarberry and Maurice Sanders were voted in for four-year terms. They join Duke Wells, Dick Anderson, and Troy Sathe, who have two more years of their terms of office.

New to the Council is Maury Sanders who has a rich history in law enforcement, both in the military, in California and in Florence. Most recently he served over five years as Florence Chief of Police before retiring. "After completing 28 years of service in law enforcement, I hung up the gun belt and badge. My wife, Denise, and I live together with our three cats. We are both very happy to call Dunes City our home. I look forward to serving on the City Council and the Road Commission."



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## Getting to know your City

**Mayor's Report** ~ 2013 is shaping up to be an exciting and busy year for Dunes City. Plans for our Semi-Centennial are fully underway which will include something

old and something new!

In celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> year, it is only fitting that we are holding the first ever Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon right here in Dunes City. (See other articles in this newsletter for details.)

We are also planning to open our Dunes City 50 year anniversary time capsule. I know I am anxious to see what was put in there by a fortuitous few as they were celebrating the beginning of a new city in Lane County Oregon. I'm also thinking about what we will put back in the time capsule for the council to open 50 years from now at our centennial celebration!

To accomplish an event of this magnitude it takes many volunteers giving selflessly of their time and energy. We are reaching out not only to our own community but to clubs and organizations in Florence as

well. I encourage everyone to get involved. Let's make it a really FUN celebration of our Semi-Centennial. Mayor Rebecca Ruede ₩

In the Dunes City Right-of-Way??? ~ We have all heard of the City's right-of-way, but many are



not sure of what it means. The public right-ofway (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 in a nutshell the code states that no per-

son 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.

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 in the future 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,

#### Your Dunes City Road Commission ~ continued

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 type encroachments until such time as it becomes necessary.

Should the City have approved a permit for an encroachment on or for use of the right-of-way, such as an electrical meter box, and if the city wanted to have that item removed from that portion of the right-of-way, the City would have to do so at its own expense.

If the City needs to access any portion of the right-of-way where a person is using it without a permit, then the City could do so where it could require the responsible person to remove the encroachment at their own expense or the City could abate it as a code enforcement issue with the potential penalties available in the City code.

Examples of where this may occur would be if a drainage ditch was needed, a culvert installed, the road widened, remove vegetation blocking the vision of drivers of motor vehicles, and so on. The bottom line is there is no "grandfathering" for any non-permitted uses of the public right-of-way.

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.

Councilor Maurice Sanders, Road Commission Chair W

Meet Mary Dimon ~ Your neighbor is now one of our most recent volunteer firefighters at Station VIII



on Clearlake Road! Mary
Dimon, who has lived in the
Dunes City area for nine years,
recently graduated from firefighting classes and now, in
addition to being a single, working Mom, she has carved out
some time to volunteer on behalf
of her community! Next time
you see Mary walking down the
street, in the grocery store, or at
work at the casino, give her a
Dunes City "hello!" and tell her
thanks for donating her time! 
#

Know someone in Dunes City who volunteers their time to the community? Let me know and we'll introduce them to the rest of the City! Jamie

### **An Emergency Prep Tip from Jamie:**

Storing food for an emergency doesn't have to be complicated or take up a lot of room. Kits are readily available for purchase at many companies. One I found that I like best is on-line at Costco. As of today, for \$99.99, you get a full month's supply of emergency food for one person. To prepare the tasty meals, all you have to do is add water. It comes in a five gallon bucket and is nitrogen packed making it air and water tight. It has a shelf life of 20 years, if you keep it at or below 60 degrees (10 years if you keep it at or below 70 degrees). And the best part - right now standard shipping is free! The email address is: www.costco.com.  $\checkmark$ 

## Getting to know your City continued from page 3

Dunes City's having a party! ~ Yes, we're turning 50 and plan on celebrating our Semi-Centennial the ENTIRE YEAR of 2013!

What does that mean? Well, lots and lots of visitors to the area for events like the Oregon Dunes Triathlon, the opening of the time capsule, and the 1960's themed potluck event!

Wouldn't it be GREAT if Dunes City were "spiffed up" and "squeaky clean" before all the haps? Let's all pitch in and clean up the place so we can make a good impression and live up to our motto: It's simply paradise!

If you need help, give Jamie Mills a call at 541-902-7651 and she'll see what kind of arrangements she can make to help you out! W

#### WE'RE SEARCHING FOR SOME VOLUNTEERS!

Dunes City's 2013 Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon is fast approaching and we need volunteers for:

**Transition Areas** Finish Line Kids Triathlon

Packet Pickup Day of Race registration Water Stations

Setup and Breakdown Course Flaggers Course/Safety Monitors

Course Communications Team and more!

If you can help, please call Dunes City at 541-997-3338.



## What's Up With Septics?

As a reminder, the Land Use Board of Appeals remanded Ordinance No. 203 back to Dunes City and directed that it reinstate that ordinance. This means that MANDATORY INSPECTIONS, MAP-PING, AND INITIAL PUMPING ARE REQUIRED. The Dunes City Council did extend the time in which citizens have to comply with the law until the end of March, 2013. At this time, the records indicate that about 150 residents have not complied in any way.

The Code currently requires compliance and reporting to the City or fines will be imposed. Residents who have not complied or who have complied but have not submitted their documentation and fees to the City may face imposition of fines and liens against their property for failure to obey the law. While some may disagree with the provisions, they are currently the "law of the land" and failure to obey these provisions may result in penalties.  $\Psi$ 

## **Dunes City's NEW Tsunami Inundation Map Revealed**

The Oregon Department of Geology & Mineral Industries (DOGAMI), taking into consideration the lessons learned from the tsunami in Japan in 2011, has updated the tsunami inundation maps for this area. This time around Dunes City got its own map.

The new map for Dunes City was revealed at a meeting on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at City Hall. Many Dunes City residents turned out to participate in the event to take advantage of numerous displays on how easy emergency preparations can be. Attendees also received emergency food samples and a free entry into a drawing to win door prizes! Hope you made it! W



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#### CALL FOR MEMORIES....

Dunes City is seeking input from long-time residents as to events and special moments that have occurred during the past 50 years. This coming year we will commemorate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a City. We are looking for funny, touching or just plain interesting stories and anecdotes about the area. If you have lived or played in or around Dunes City for a long time, give Jamie a call at 541-902-7651, email her at jamie.mills@dunescity.com, or call or email Renee Green at Dunes City Hall. **\*\*** 

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Council President	Jamie Mills	1/12/2017	Commissioner	Paul Gargis	12/31/2014		
Councilor	DickAnderson	1/8/2015	Commissioner	Ken Henderson	12/31/2015		
Councilor	Maurice Sanders	1/12/2017	Commissioner	Norman Martin	12/31/2013		
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**Call for ART!** ~ Do you have a unique perspective that deserves a chance at some great local exposure?



Dunes City is looking for progressive art to display in its Council Chambers and Community Center. This is your opportunity to exhibit your work where it will receive substantial recognition.

All media is accepted, including photography, water color and oil paintings. There is 24 feet of horizontal rod space and framed size should be no more than 4 feet tall. Work should be available for exhibition or sale at the artist's discretion. Exhibit periods are for three months; January through March, April

through June, July through September and October through December.

Dunes City is also soliciting royalty free photos or scanned images of artwork for our newsletter and web site. If you would like to display your art or contribute to our digital archive, please contact Renee Green at Dunes City Hall, 541-997-3338.

**Councilor Troy Sathe Resigns** ~ Near the end of the February 14th City Council meeting, Councilor Troy Sathe announced his resignation stating, "This is going to be my last meeting, there are places I need to be besides Dunes City." Troy had previously indicated his intention to relocate to Albany to be closer to his fiancée. In preparation for his departure, Troy had already asked to have a replacement named for his post as the City's Road Commission chairman. Troy's willingness to volunteer and helpful nature will truly be missed! We wish him the very best wherever his future takes him!!! The Council will select a candidate from applicants for the balance of his term which ends in January 2015. \*

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