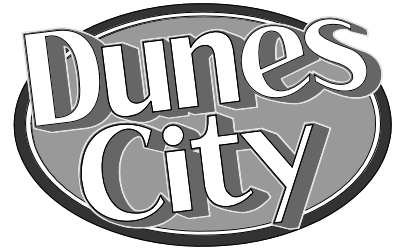


## **Press Release – Outstanding Citizen Award**

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#### **Dunes City Resident Receives Lane Council of Governments’ “Outstanding Citizen of the Year” Award for 2013**

As part of their annual recognition of individuals throughout Lane County, Lane Council of Governments (LCOG) selected Dunes City resident Richard Palmer as the 2013 Outstanding Citizen for his volunteer efforts in the maintenance of the City’s road network.

Mr. Palmer is a member of the Dunes City Road Commission which is comprised of all volunteers. Since the

spring of 2013, Richard has been using his own equipment to sweep the 10.23 miles of the City’s streets and brush vegetation back from the shoulders. He is also using a blade and backhoe to ensure problematic culverts and ditches drain properly to keep water from standing on the roadways. This has been an extremely time consuming task requiring specialized equipment and skills.

To date, Commissioner Palmer has contributed a substantial amount of equipment and man-hours toward this effort, saving Dunes City an estimated \$8,000 to \$12,000. His efforts are also helping to keep our streets in a preventative maintenance mode, which, in turn, also saves the City money. All of the feedback received from residents during this ongoing endeavor has been very positive and encouraging. When you see Richard around town, be sure to give him a big thank you for all his hard work!

