

CITY HOSTS SIGNATURE SPRING EVENT!

Around Dunes City, the highlight of spring activities has become the annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon. Held on May 10th this year, the second annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon can officially be labeled a huge success! Last year, we had 53 athletes participating in the inaugural event. This year we had 203 participants—quadruple the number of athletes—including Councilors Maurice Sanders and Duke Wells, entered as sprint duathlon team “Dunes City Councilors.” Thankfully, after a short rain shower at the start of the races, the sun came out for the remainder of the day!



In case you missed all the excitement, the Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon included USAT Certified Olympic and Sprint Triathlons and Duathlons, as well as two- and three- person relays set on exciting, scenic courses located here in beautiful Dunes City. Starting with a swim in Woahink Lake, athletes biked along Clear Lake and Canary Roads and ran through the trails and campground of Honeyman State Park. All of the races finished with an epic and unforgettable climb up the daunting Oregon Dune at Cleawox Lake.

Presented by Dunes City and Best in the West Events, with local corporate and individual sponsors, the event was the culmination of more than a year of planning and development by Dunes City staff and volunteers, and Best in the West Events owner Blair Bronson, a USAT Certified Race

Director and elite athlete in his own right. The Oregon Dunes Triathlon is the first open water triathlon of the season in Oregon. The clean, clear, shallow waters of Woahink Lake warm up quickly and make for a great early season open water swim. 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.

Thank you to all the many volunteers who gave generously of their time to help Dunes City with what is now dubbed our Signature Event! Volunteers played a huge role in making this event a success for our community. We’re already planning next year’s event, scheduled for Saturday, May 9th (Mothers Day weekend) 2015! Race participants can register online beginning January 1st, 2015, at oregondunestriathlon.com. Volunteers can call Renee at City Hall now to sign up (541-997-3338).

Race results are on Page 7 of this newsletter. Check them out!



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Getting to know your City

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Have you heard the old saying, “the more the merrier?” Well, that certainly holds true when it comes to volunteerism. It takes all of us to move our community forward.

Do you have a little time to contribute to the well-being of our community? If so, Dunes City has several Committee vacancies you could volunteer to fill. We need:

- 3 Budget Committee volunteers,
- 1 Communication and Education Committee volunteer,
- 1 Parks and Recreation Committee volunteer, and
- 1 volunteer Water Tester for Siltcoos Lake.

Remember, those who serve now, are doing so for the benefit of all.

Please contact any City Councilor or me for more information about how to volunteer.

Thank you!

DUNES CITY IS WILDLIFE HABITAT, TOO!

Reports of black bears and cougars are on the rise in Dunes City. There are guidelines that homeowners and campers should follow to reduce their likelihood of contact with these potentially dangerous animals.

For black bears, put garbage cans out just before pick-up time, not the night before, and regularly clean your garbage cans with bleach or mothballs to reduce odors. Stay indoors and allow a bear visiting your yard to move on. Never, ever feed a bear—it habituates them to people and increases the chance of conflict. Once habituated to finding food near homes or campgrounds, bears can become a threat to human safety and, often, will be killed.

Precautionary measures for a cougar in your neighborhood require a little more effort but will potentially save your life, your child’s life or a beloved pet’s life. Do not leave food or garbage outside. Remove heavy brush from near the house and any outside play areas. Install motion-activated lights outdoors along walkways and driveways. Be more cautious at dawn and dusk when cougars are most active. Fence livestock and move them to enclosed sheds or barns at night. Feed pets indoors. Walk your pets during the day and keep them on a leash. A cougar’s primary food source is deer, but they also will take elk, raccoons, other mammals, birds—and pets. As a top predator, the health of the cougar population is a good indicator of the health of the entire ecosystem. Report any cougar sighting or encounter to the local ODFW office (541-867-4744) or Oregon State Police office. 🐾



Always stay clear of any baby wildlife because the mother is more than likely nearby.

2014 IS AN ELECTION YEAR

Are you thinking of running for office in Dunes City? If so, there are a few things you should know.

The Dunes City Charter states that a candidate for Mayor or City Council must be a qualified elector and resident of Dunes City. Nomination must be by petition specifying the elective office sought and must be signed by not fewer than 20 electors. An elector must have resided within the City limits for at least one year. The 2014 Candidates Manual outlines the steps to file by petition and the forms that are required. The 2014 Candidates Manual and all of the information you need to file for candidacy, including rules about posting signs, is contained in packets for candidates available now at City Hall. The deadline for filing is August 26, 2014. 🌿

INTRODUCING OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF

Dunes City Mayor Rebecca Ruede and City Administrator Fred Hilden met with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Chief Jim Langborg in January to get acquainted and give the new Chief an overview of our Community's history and current issues. The Chief was grateful for the personal welcome from Dunes City and promised to provide regular updates of SVFR activities by attending our City Council meetings. A little about Chief Langborg:

Jim Langborg and his wife, Tina, are happy to return to the Pacific Northwest after a few years of living and working in other states. Tina and Jim are from Clark County, Washington, which is located just north of Portland on I-5. Jim and Tina have a 22-year-old daughter who lives in Vancouver, Washington.

Jim comes to Florence with 21 years of fire service experience and over 25 years of EMS

experience, 18 of which were as a Certified Paramedic. Jim has a BS Degree in Fire Science, a Master's Degree in Public Administration, and is a graduate of the National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer Program. When Jim and Tina are not working, you will find them enjoying the great outdoors with their two Boston Terriers, Otis and Lucy. Jim and Tina "feel extremely lucky to live in such a beautiful community that is home to so many extraordinary people." 🌿



Tina and Jim Langborg with family

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 four months: January through April, May through August, and September through December.

Dunes City is also soliciting royalty-free photos or scanned images of artwork for our newsletter and website. 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. 🌿

LEGISLATIVE STUDY FINDS A HARSH REALITY

The Oregon Seismic Safety Policy Advisory Commission (OSSPAC) issued the Oregon Resilience Plan to the legislature in February of this year. From its research, the group determined that Oregon is far from resilient to the impacts of a great Cascadia earthquake and tsunami today.

After the February 27, 2010 earthquake in Maule, Chile was able to restore 90% of its communication services and 95% of its power supply within two weeks and re-start commercial flights after ten days. Also, after the March 11, 2011 earthquake in Tohoku, Japan was able to restore more than 90% of its power supply in ten days, 90% of its telephone lines in two weeks, and 90% cellular base stations in 19 days.

In Oregon, however, it was determined that restoration of electricity to the coastal areas would take three to six months, drinking water and sewer system restoration would take one to three years, and the coast would likely not see healthcare facilities for three years. No estimation was made as to when coastal highways would be restored, but inland highways were estimated to be back in use within six months to a year.

As a result of these and other findings, OSSPAS urges systematic efforts to assess Oregon's buildings, lifelines, and social systems, and to develop a sustained program of replacement, retrofitting and redesign. Most importantly to Dunes City residents, the study recommends that individual preparedness be expanded from the old standard of 72 hours to a minimum of two weeks, and possibly more.

As stated in the Executive Summary:
“Resilience gaps of this magnitude reveal a harsh truth: a policy of business as usual implies a post-earthquake future that could consist of decades of economic and population decline. . .”

For more information on the findings of the OSSPAC, visit the Oregon Office of Emergency Management website at:
<http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM/Pages/index.aspx>

The study finds that people who are preparing for a disaster should no longer plan for 72 hours, but instead for a minimum of two weeks —or more!

Increase your likelihood of surviving a major earthquake or other disaster.

**Contact Council President Jamie Mills to schedule your
Map Your Neighborhood Meeting today! 541-902-7651.**



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WE'RE SEARCHING FOR SOME VOLUNTEERS!

Dunes City is looking for volunteers for: Budget Committee, Communication and Education Committee, Parks and Recreation Committee, and a Water Tester for Siltcoos Lake.

If you can help, please call Dunes City at 541-997-3338, or email 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 | George Burke | 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 | 6/30/2014 |

* 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 | George Burke | 1/14/2016 |
| Citizen Member | Steve Burton | 1/9/2014 |

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 | 6/30/2014 |
| Citizen Member | April Dumas | 6/30/2016 |
| Citizen Member | - vacancy - | 6/30/2016 |

Planning Commission

| Position | Name | Term Ends |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------|
| Commissioner Chair | George Burke | 12/31/2014 |
| Commissioner VC | Paul Gargis | 12/31/2014 |
| Commissioner | Darlene Beckman | 12/31/2015 |
| Commissioner | Ken Henderson | 12/31/2015 |
| Commissioner | Norman Martin | 12/31/2016 |

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 | Roy Donaghey | 12/31/2016 |
| 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

| Position | Name | Email |
|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
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THE RESULTS ARE IN!

The second annual Oregon Dunes Triathlon and Duathlon held on May 10th at Honeyman State Park is in the history books. This year participants came from Oregon and as far away as California, Washington, Idaho, Minnesota—and Abu Dhabi. Feedback from athletes tells us that the event could be even bigger next year!

Event sponsors again this year provided a key element for success. Local sponsors included US Bank, Dunes City, Peace Health/Peace Harbor Medical Center, Lane County, Old Town Inn, WestCoast Media Group, West Coast Auto Body, Old Cedar Tree Woodworking, Coast Insurance, and Councilor Sheldon Meyer. This year we introduced the Community Supporter Sponsor Package for just \$100, a level at which smaller businesses and individuals can affordably get involved. We encourage everyone to consider sponsoring the 2015 event.

In addition to all Dunes City residents and the community at large, the 2014 winners are:

INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC TRIATHLON

1. Bradley Pigage, North Bend
2. Evan Pardi, Yachats
3. Mike Kelly, Coos Bay

OLYMPIC TRIATHLON RELAY

1. Team Mingus, Coos Bay
2. Be Orange, Corvallis
3. Team Pirates, Coos Bay

INDIVIDUAL OLYMPIC DUATHLON

1. Nicola Fucigna, Eugene
2. Jason Brown, Eugene
3. Patricia Handrich, Salem

OLYMPIC DUATHLON RELAY

1. Pretty Tough, Eugene

INDIVIDUAL SPRINT TRIATHLON

1. Marco Ramirez, Forest Grove
2. Devin Vanscoy, Eugene
3. Kenny Wood, Molalla

SPRINT TRIATHLON RELAY

1. OSU Triathlon Club, Corvallis

INDIVIDUAL SPRINT DUATHLON

1. Quincy Gill, Eugene
2. Ben Handrich, Salem
3. Robbie Garcia, Florence

SPRINT DUATHLON RELAY

1. Dunes City Councilors, Dunes City (Duke Wells and Maurice Sanders)



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*Again, a huge thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who came out to make this event a big success.
We could not have done it without you!*



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