

# Dunes City *NEWS*

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## **Dunes City Plans Second ‘Festival of the Lakes’**

Life in small cities can get contentious. That’s why the theme of this year’s Festival of the Lakes is “A Community Coming Together.”

The second annual Festival of the Lakes will be held Saturday, August 18, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce St., Westlake.

“Dunes City has made fabulous strides in the last two years,” said Councilor Richard Koehler who is one of the festival organizers. “The festival gives us a chance to unite as a community and celebrate our successes.”

Like last year, the festival will include a photo contest, speakers, information booths, food, entertainment and special children’s events. An extra-special guest, the Oregon State University Beaver will be on hand.

“Folks can come together in a positive, fun-filled atmosphere,” said Christine May, a member of Dunes City’s Communications and Education Committee—the group who has taken over responsibility for this community event.

Highlighting the event will be a roundtable discussion on “Developing Land in the Watershed” moderated by KCST radio’s Bob Sneddon. Three individuals will participate in the discussion:

- \* A local builder;
- \* A representative from Water Watch of Oregon, a non-profit river conservation group devoted to restoring and protecting natural flows in Oregon rivers; and

\* A Dunes City citizen attempting to build a home.

The audience will be encouraged to ask questions and present their own viewpoints. Moderator Sneddon will help keep the discussion positive and the focus on a community coming together.

KCST will air the discussion as its Community Forum. It will also be televised by Alan Campbell Productions and shown on LKAN, Channel 10.

KCST radio is one of the festival sponsors. The others are the Woahink Lake Association, Florence Marine, and Susie Navetta. KCST also will be on hand in the morning to talk with festival-goers.

This year the festival will have both an indoor and an outdoor stage. Each will feature demonstrations, lectures, and entertainment.

There will be a strong focus on issues that apply to our coastal lakes. Festival-goers also can learn important tips for living along the water through demonstrations that include:

- ~ How to be safe in the water.
- ~ How to “grow” worms that eat your garbage.
- ~ What new ordinances are needed as the population grows.
- ~ What to put in a 72-hour “grab & go” kit.

Entertainers include the Florence Nightingales, Lori Robertson & Ron Kiturkes, and Natalie Madden & Hailey Guyette.

Photos entered into the photo contest will be on display and participants will vote for their favorite. The top three vote-getters will be framed for permanent display at the Dunes City Hall.

The contest theme is wildlife. Each entry must show a type of wildlife found in Dunes City and be taken by a Dunes City resident.

The talents of local residents will also be on display from the artwork on the walls to the singers and musicians. For the kids there will be face painting, balloon animals, artwork and games.

No festival is complete without food. This year’s menu includes hamburgers, ice cream, sodas, and an amazing array of homemade baked goodies.

Local businesses and agencies dealing with water, wastewater, and the environment will have informational booths. Participants will be able to pick up informational materials and talk one-on-one with knowledgeable experts.

“Whether you live by a lake, use it for recreation, or just enjoy its beauty, you have a stake in its future,” said Councilor Susie Navetta, one of the event organizers. “Come to the Festival of the Lakes and be a part of a community coming together.”

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