

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community... and as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can. I want to be thoroughly used up when I die, for the harder I work, the more I live. I rejoice in life for its own sake. Life is no brief candle to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations."

George Bernard Shaw



What keeps DC special—volunteers

Webster Dictionary states that a volunteer is a person who enters or offers to enter into any service of his own free will. Many of us, at some time or other, perform volunteer work. We do it not expecting compensation or recognition but because we see a need and we try to fill it. Often, the services that are provided are so important to health and welfare that serious consequences are avoided only by the recognition that there is work to be done and "someone needs to do it."

Without our volunteers, many services could not be provided in Dunes City unless city taxes were levied and salaried personnel were hired. We have been very fortunate, so far, that we have people who have been willing to step up to the challenges that face our community. However, we often take for granted these services and the people who work so hard to provide them.

While large cities such as San Diego pay salaries in the many thousands of dollars for their mayor, council members and

committee members, smaller cities also pay salaries. Since our city does not have a tax base, our council and our committees are comprised of volunteers. So, why would people like Mayor Hauptman, Councilors Howison, Navetta, Curran, Koehler, and Petersdorf devote countless hours overseeing the interests of Dunes City and its residents? Councilor Howison put it well when he said "it is natural for those with self interest to be involved in government because of what they have to gain. It is essential to balance that with some who represent the interest of the people as a whole

and the naturally systems upon which we depend." This beautiful city is important to them and they understand the need to preserve and protect this place we call home.

The Planning Commission reviews land use applications and makes recommendations to the council while the budget committee reviews and sometimes revises the proposed city budget. It is important that land is developed for the betterment of our community and that the funds we have available be used for the good of all. This is an awesome

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When you put your hand in a flowing stream, you touch the last that has gone before and the first of what is still to come."

—Leonardo da Vinci

"The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others."

--Ghandi



Plant flowers in others' gardens and your life becomes a bouquet!



"In the long run, we get no more than we have been willing to risk giving."
Sheldon Kopp

Special people... (Continued from page 1)

responsibility that takes a lot of commitment and integrity.

Hard working Road commission members plan and make improvements to the city road system. Dedicated people like Dave Persons, Bob Petersdorf, George McKenzie, Bill Connell, Linda Lauck and Jo Owens meet to discuss problems which are brought to their attention by Dunes City road inspector Keith Herring and citizens who have concerns about road damage or overgrown easements. As Dave says, "If there is a problem with the roads or easements, the volunteers serving on the road commission will fix it." You might want to wave a hand of gratitude for their tireless work. It will surely put a smile on their faces even when their muscles are aching.

And what would we do without the Walter Quality Control Committee? Men like Ralph Farnsworth and Mark Chandler who continuously test and monitor the water quality of our lakes and try to enlighten our community to the importance of protecting our water supply. Not just to protect our land value but, even more importantly, our health. Ralph states "if we don't perform good stewardship over the lakes we won't have good water to drink sometime down

road." Do you ever wonder who follows through on those calls to the city hall when you are tired of looking at the rusted, windowless, tireless truck parked across the street or the neighbor's unleashed dog keeps getting into your trash or your concerns that there might be a meth lab operating in that run down shack in the middle of the junk filled yard? Susie Navetta calls her Site Review committee members together to make those house calls to try to bring resolution to the problems. Many a time Susie Navetta, Linda Lauck, David Dumas and Deborah Pasternak go where many dare not tread!

While the Conservation Committee members work towards protecting wildlife habitats and the important riparian area, the Parks and Recreation Committee help to keep our city a place where others love to visit and, for a short time, enjoy what we are privileged to have all the time.

The Communications and Education committee would be remiss if we did not bring to light the importance of having so many wonderful and selfless people in this community. There is much to do and so few to do it. If you have entertained the idea of wanting to contribute in

some way, just give us a call----- do we have a job for you!

Then there are people who contribute on their own, by doing silent work without committee or control, by doing what's right – people like Joanne McMicken. She has been volunteering for the past twenty years pulling the Scotch Broom weed. Joanne attempted to get Honeyman to take on the task but they did not seem too worried about weed and said it dies every 7 years. It scatters easily and is a continual problem.

Joanne has personally pulled the entire weed on Huckleberry Lane and along Clear Lake road to Canary. Needless to say, the many residents who are allergic to the weed were very grateful.

Scotch Broom is an aggressive plant that is a threat to native plants. It forms dense strands that crowd out native species and can destroy wildlife habitats. In Oregon it is considered a class B noxious plant.

Joanne suggests that if anyone would like to help with this effort it would be a good idea to wear a wet face mask and not only pull the weed but to try to get all the pods.

Thank you Joanne for your hard work in trying to eradicate this problem.

Linda Ash is a member of two committees and contributes to Dunes City awareness.

Festival of the Lakes

Saturday August 9
10 am to 3 pm

Dunes City Hall, 82877 Spruce Street, Westlake

Fun! Entertaining! Educational!

“Volunteers make the difference.” That’s the theme of this year’s Festival of the Lakes. This year’s festival will be sponsored by Commissioner Bill Fleener, Combest Investments and the Woahink Lake Association. Life in our small City is getting better..

“Dunes City has made fabulous strides in the last three years,” said Councilor Richard Koehler who is one of the festival organizers. “The festival is a great place to learn, relax and be pleasantly entertained. Come see the accomplishments of dedicated volunteers.”

Like last year, the festival will include a photo contest, speakers, information booths, food, entertainment and special children’s events.

“Folks can come together in a positive, fun-filled atmosphere,” said Linda Ash, a member of Dunes City’s Com-

munications and Education Committee—the group responsible for this community event. 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 can learn important tips for living in our watershed through our speakers or demonstrations that include:

* 319 grant for Siltcoos Lake
*Composting *Water Safety
*Woahink Weir *Revenue

Local businesses and agencies dealing with water, waste-

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

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, artwork and games. “We have an amazing array of talented artists in our midst,” said Councilor Susie Navetta, one of the festival organizers. The various media will include oil and watercolor paintings, pottery, jewelry, dolls, photos, sculpture and textiles.

April Dumas, an event organizer said, “No festival is complete without food. This year’s menu will include hot dogs, veggie bags, ice cream, soda, and an amazing array of homemade baked goodies and of course, free coffee.”



A graciously donated painting from Kathryn Damon Dawson is one of many raffle prizes in store for you at this year’s Festival



What better way to start spring than Dunes City’s April Potluck!

Enter your DC volunteer photo in the Festival contest!

Dunes City photographers still have a little more time to enter their “volunteer” photos in the Festival of the Lakes photo contest. Photos must be taken in Dunes City, and be photographed by a Dunes City resident. Remember both the obvious and quiet volunteers, those who quietly cooperate with community concerns as well as those folks who are front and center.

Photos entered into the photo contest will be on dis-



play 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 the volunteers of Dunes City. Each entry must show the people found in

Dunes City and be taken by a Dunes City resident.

All the entries will be on display at the August 9th festival. Each photo entry must be printed on 8” x 10” photo paper, unmounted, and unframed. The photographer’s name, address and phone number must be either marked on the back or attached to the photo. Photos are to be received at Dunes City Hall no later than 2 p.m. Wednesday, August 6th.



Another Dunes City festival: The Festival of Lights in December.



The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others.

-- DeAnn Hollis

The breeze,
the trees,
the honey bees -
All volunteers!
~Juliet Carinreap

Water Quality at Siltcoos Lake

Portland State University's Center for Lakes and Reservoirs (CLR) will conduct a 15 month study of Siltcoos Lake's water quality and macrophytes problems. In order to determine the sources and extent of water quality and macrophytes problems, CLR will partner with Dunes City, the Siuslaw Watershed Council, Honeyman State Park, the South Coast Water District, and DEQ. Collaboration with Dunes City will be especially close as the Dunes City Water Quality Control Committee has been monitoring water quality in Siltcoos and Woahink Lakes for several years and will continue monitoring Woahink Lake. Funding for the study will be provided through DEQ's Non-Point Source Pollution Implementation 319 Grant program which provides funds to address non-point sources of pollution affecting coastal, river, lake, drinking and ground-water resources.

During the fall of 2007 a health advisory against usage of Siltcoos Lake for drinking and other domestic use was issued by Dunes City, the South Coast

Water District, the Lane County Health Department, and the Oregon Department of Human Services. The advisory was the result of a dense bloom of the potentially toxigenic blue-green algal species *Anabaena planktonica*. Residents dependent upon Siltcoos Lake were forced to find alternate domestic water sources for a total of 52 days.

The study will 1) quantify water quality and macrophyte conditions within the lake, both seasonally and spatially, 2) determine the contributions of sub-watersheds to nutrient loading and 3) disseminate information to resource managers and residents. Data collected will be used to assess the total maximum daily load (TMDL) of nutrients that will result in acceptable water quality conditions. Data will also be used to identify and prioritize restoration activities. Successful implementation of TMDL limits to reduce nutrient loading to the lake can be expected to reduce algae densities, decrease turbidity, and increase light penetration of the water.

—Water tester Mark Chandler

Drugs follow the water cycle

Medication Disposal Guidelines

- Don't put meds down the toilet or sink! Whether you are on a septic system or municipal water, traces of flushed chemical can reach the environment. Research shows that neither system removes them completely.

- Ask your pharmacist to take them back. Some pharmacies return leftover and expired medications to the manufacturer for proper disposal.

- Wrap and Trash: Wrap medication containers in duct tape, followed by several layers of plastic bags, to prevent crushing in the trash truck and contents spilling out. Many people are reluctant to send meds to landfill for fear that someday they will reach the aquifer, but landfills are lined, and the leachate is pumped out and sent to the wastewater treatment plant to remove harmful compounds.
- Clean out old

meds for safety. Medicine Chest confusion can result when leftover or expired pharmaceuticals are stored, sometimes leading to dangerous mix-ups. Or they can get into the wrong hands: medications are a major source of poisoning in young children.

The Environmental Practices Act (EPA) warns the fish and other wildlife are affected by poor disposal methods.



Failing septic systems can make you or someone you know sick by polluting your drinking water. Such failures can also threaten the health of children and pets playing in the effluent, and make waterways green with slime. Simple, logical care of your septic system can keep people and properties healthy, prolong the system's life, and save on very costly repairs. If you are like most people, your home is your biggest asset, so it makes sense - in terms of health, economics, the environment, and both personal and community responsibility - to understand how a septic system works and how to take proper care of it.

Keeping in step with other concerned cities nationwide, Dunes City has also adopted a septic ordinance that requires ongoing inspection, maintenance and repair of septic systems. Understanding that mapping and inspecting the systems can be costly, Dunes City is also actively seeking grant funding to provide

assistance to its citizens in implementing the various provisions of the ordinance.

To date, over ten percent of all the septic systems have been evaluated as required by the ordinance. Dunes City is proud of those individuals and businesses who have complied and knows everyone will recognize the need to ensure their septic system is working properly.

The Care and Feeding of Septic Tanks

A well-designed, *properly* constructed and adequately maintained septic system can serve a home as efficiently as a city sewer. On the other hand, a system that does not receive proper care and attention can become a burdensome expense to a home owner.

It is important to know the capacity of your septic tank and your drainfield design capacity to be sure that you can serve the anticipated number of occupants in your home. It is also important to know the septic

tank's location and the mapping of the entire septic system.

Septic tanks settle and treat such household wastes as soapy water from the laundry and bath, discarded food scraps, and body wastes. Solids settle to the bottom of the septic tank, bacteria destroys some organic matter by changing it into gases, and clarified liquid flows into the drainfield where it seeps into the soil. By the time treated wastewater reaches groundwater, disease-causing organisms will be reduced to safe levels in a properly designed, operated and maintained system.

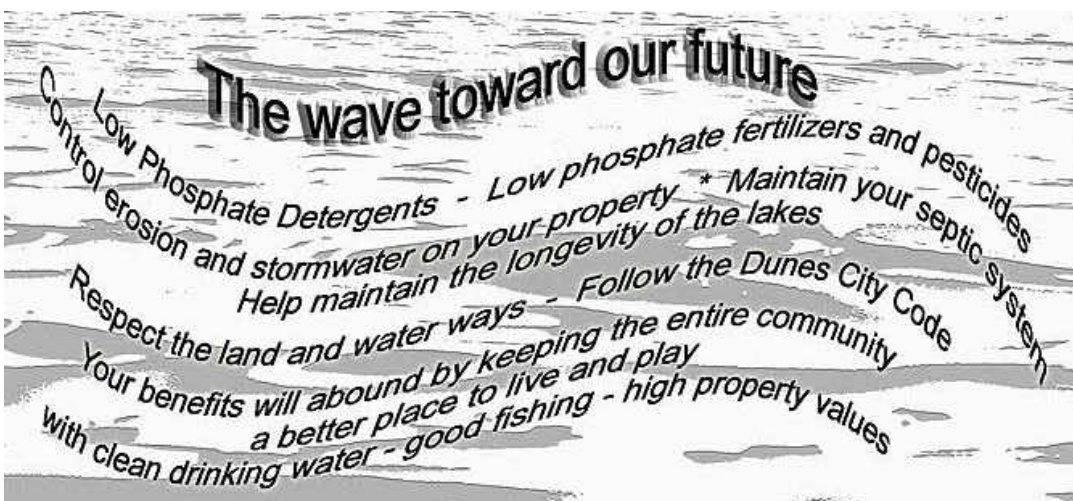
When septic tank systems are *improperly* located, designed, installed, or maintained, liquid wastes can flow to the ground's surface and can also pollute groundwater. Surface flow creates offensive odors and can be a health hazard, often contaminating organisms that cause typhoid fever, dysentery and other diseases. Surface sewage flow into ponds provides a



From fire protection to water protection Dunes City depends on generous people

"Our lives are to be used and thus to be lived as fully as possible, and truly it seems that we are never so alive as when we concern ourselves with other people."

-- [Harry Chapin](#)





Honeyman State Park caretakers help inform us that we share the elements with this area's original inhabitants. Here showing how owls observe us.

I want to thank all the ladies who volunteered to bake for the Festival of the Lakes bake sale. I am new on the volunteer list although I have lived here for 16 years. It has been fun meeting & working with new neighbors & office staff.

We live in a wonderful area; let's keep it this way. Hope to see everyone August 9th.

—Jo Owen



Every human being feels pleasure in doing good to another.

— Thomas Jefferson

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breeding ground for mosquitoes and other disease-carrying insects. It is particularly hazardous for children or pets playing in the area.

To maintain a septic properly inspection is necessary. Sewage volume depends on the number of people the system serves

and the amount of waste they create. A garbage disposal, for instance will increase the solids by as much as 50 percent. Have your septic tank evaluated every 3 to 5 years and, depending on the tank size and the amount and quality of solids entering it have it pumped if needed. A sand-filter system must be pumped every year.

Know more about how to save through proper septic maintenance

<http://www.deq.state.or.us/wq/pubs/guides/septicmaint.htm>

Volunteerism seems to be a way of life and a way of giving time and effort back to the community. It provides us the opportunity to participate and play an active part in shaping the future of this pristine environment. Little if anything would get done in Dunes City without the network of volunteers. They provide this community with the donated efforts to sustain the quality of life offered in Dunes City.” Jerry Curran



"In Dunes City, much of what gets done is because of the volunteers who selflessly give of their time and expertise in an effort to make life better for us all. Without their effort we'd have to pay huge amounts to keep the city afloat. That could make living here too expensive for many of us. So I encourage everyone to give a little of themselves for the benefit of the city,

as their time permits."

— Ralph Farnsworth

I think we have a very beautiful and unique community. If folks that can give some time and energy towards their community, do so. Hopefully we can continue to enjoy that unique beauty of Dunes City.—Mark Chandler

We have in our community a secret core of volunteers. They are the people that come forward to help the city with endless hours to fill in the gaps. They devote hours of expertise, research, office time and even physical labor that the City could not possibly afford. I won't name them as they know who they are and I salute them!

— Susie Navetta

Relay for Life

Folks of Dunes City are invited to walk for the **Relay for Life** on Saturday, August 15th and Sunday, August 16th. Amy and Lisa in the office will help residents wanting to walk or contribute in any way with Dunes City's group. Please call 997-3338 or email... dunescityrecorder@charterinternet.com



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Festival of the Lakes
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The State of the Lakes

In 1963 a group of area residents, gave of their time, skills and energies towards the creation of Dunes City. They proposed that the city's boundary front on Siltcoos Lake and cross Woahink Lake at what is today the South end of Honeyman State Park, which would put the majority of Woahink Lake within the city's jurisdiction.

Using a special election residents voted 143 in favor of incorporation and 74 against, and gave the new city a special responsibility for the stewardship of Siltcoos and Woahink Lakes.

The city's Comprehensive Plan clarified this responsibility. Revised in 1997, the plan contains several policies designed to guide us in making land use decisions. In regards to the lakes' water quality, the plan is very specific:

The city shall protect water assets with vigilance for the benefit of the entire community. The effective guarantee of preserving the quality is to enact specific regulations pertaining to development and land/water use in the region coupled with appropriate enforcement.

Over time, disturbing signals regarding water quality have appeared. These signs include, but aren't limited to:

- 1998 — Siltcoos Lake was added to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality's list of Water Quality Limited (Impaired) Water Bodies, as required under Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act.

- 2006 — Dr. Douglas Larson, who has been studying Woahink Lake since 1968, said, "Regular lake monitoring is important as the more the lake's watershed is manipulated, the more problems will occur". He cautioned that as algae take up nutrients, phosphorus becomes less noticeable. In February of 2006, Dr. Larson wrote that, "Last summer, the lake produced a noticeable algae bloom, a phenomenon never before recorded or observed." [A prescription for healing Woahink Lake, Register-Guard, February 9, 2006]

- 2007 — On September 18, high algae levels in Siltcoos Lake prompted the Oregon Department of Human Services to issue a Public Health Advisory.

The phosphorus balance in a lake can be upset as the result of human activities including vegetation removal, careless grading, the use of septic systems, and the use of fertilizers and cleaning products containing phosphorus. Unlike carbon and nitrogen, phosphorus attaches to soil particles. Removal of vegetation exposes soil to the severe actions of erosion. Without intervention, soil particles can be transported by stormwater runoff into the lakes. Phosphorus trapped in the lakes as sediment may be released into the water during warm and windless days, adding to the existing phosphorus and stimulating algae growth.

Dissolved phosphorus, conveyed to the lakes by subsurface water and stormwater, will add to phosphorus in the lakes unless it is taken up by vegetation. For this reason, the maintenance of wetlands and riparian areas is vital.

Under certain conditions, algae may reproduce so rapidly they form highly visible mats that block sunlight, preventing photosynthesis, and causing algae to die off. The dead algae drop to the bottom of the lake and during the process of decomposing, deposit additional phosphorus in the lake.

The septic system ordinance, phosphorus reduction ordinance, erosion control ordinance and the pending stormwater ordinance are recent examples of the city's phosphorus management efforts. During the ordinance approval process many residents volunteered their time and expertise to discuss these before the Committee for Citizen Involvement, the Planning Commission, and the City Council. As a result, the city has ordinances that fit the specific needs of Dunes City.



Dunes City Directory July 2008

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Eric Hauptman – (08)	Meets as needed Robert Quandt – (08) Bob Petersdorf - (08) Vacant – (07) Vacant – (07) Mimi Tizzard – (09)
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Meeting – 2nd Thursday at 7:00 Peter Howison, President – (10) Jerry Curran – (08) Richard Koehler - (08) Susie Navetta – (10) Bob Petersdorf- (08) Robert Quandt – (08)	Meetings as needed Susie Navetta, Chair – (10) Linda Ash David Dumas Debbie Pasternak – (11)
Planning Commission	Water Quality Control Committee
Meeting – 4th Thursday at 7:00 Lee Reichel, Chair – (09) David Bellemore – (11) Sandra Jones – (08) Eggert Madsen – (09) Ken Platt – (10) Ron Shearer – (09)	Meeting – 1st Thursday at 7:00 Richard Koehler, Chair – (08) Water Testers David Dumas – (08) Mark Chandler – (10) Rick Cox - (10) Ralph Farnsworth – (08) Jamie Mills – (08) Bob Mohler – N.V. John Stead – (09) Brian Gray - N.V. Susie Navetta, Secretary – N.V.
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Meeting - 3rd Monday at 6:30 Bob Petersdorf, Chair – (08) Bill Connell – (08) Keith Herring, Road Inspector Linda Lauck – (11) George McKenzie – (11) Jo Owens – (11) David Persons – (08) Lee Reichel – (09)	Meets as necessary Richard Koehler, Chair - (08) Linda Ash – (10) Janet Carroll – (08)
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