



What can I do for my town ?



As simple as putting litter in its place, community actions accomplished today will be seen for their worth down the road.

For some, time is money. When it comes to contributions Dunes City residents give of their time like no other town. Simply put, the hundreds of hours they contribute a month add up to money in the bank; your bank. Even small contributions add up and benefit *the commons*; us. Every time you see a neighbor, councilor, committee or commission member congratulate them for contributing to your account. This may sound odd to some; volunteers adding to my bank account but when you think about it – how else is the work of the city going to be accomplished? Yes, we could pay for what now comes to us as a cooperative effort from a few; watching out for each other, as we do now, versus hiring someone to do so. Being aware of how we treat our resources - the water, earth and life around us – versus paying for systems that do that for us. Many new residents come from areas where services are taken for granted. The water comes out of the wall, the toilet flushes, there's a passing patrol car and general sense of order albeit for grumbling when the tax bill arrives. When it comes to grumbling without a tax bill we have that too – this is what we trade for a city like ours with no tax base. We trade "the city' will take care of it" for more of our own efforts being the solution. Volunteers we are, all of us, and a part of saving money we would otherwise have to deposit toward paid services. In an ideal world this has been Dunes City's method of operation since its creation forty six years ago. People step up, contribute, then step aside for others

to step up. When there is no active stepping up it is assumed that those in the community will do their part in passively continuing to preserve for all of us the tradition as seen through our Comprehensive Plan.

What happens when contributions of time dwindle? Money may be needed in order to balance the 'time' deficit. The grumbling gets louder. Everyone will then pay, in the form of taxes for what, cooperatively, we all did (or could have done) voluntarily.

Paving less	Planting more
Watering less	Talking more
Cutting less	Protecting more
Checking septic system	Preserving more

Currently, Dunes City's fourteen committees make use of seventy eight volunteers' time and energy. What keeps Dunes City's inner workings operating smoothly are three full time and one part time paid personnel.

See something that could be improved? Call the city, attend a meeting, speak up. Let the committee chair know your concerns. They are all in the phone book and accessible. Service through contribution is not costly yet it sure saves us all money. This area we call home is rich in benefits not all measured in money. True value is that which is gained from interest. Every little bit helps. Efforts that save everyone money continue.

See what we can do at this year's Festival of the Lakes on August 8th.



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Mayor

Eric Hauptman – (10)

City Council

Meeting – 2nd Thursday at 7:00

Peter Howison, President – (10)
 Richard Koehler - (10)
 Jamie Mills – (12)
 Susie Navetta – (10)
 Robert Quandt – (12)
 Becky Ruede – (12)

Planning Commission

Meeting – 4th Thursday at 7:00

David Bellemore, Chair – (10)
 Eggert Madsen – (09)
 Marilyn Miller – (11)
 Ken Platt – (10)
 Ron Shearer – (09)
 Dennis Smith – (11)

Road Commission

Meeting – 3rd Monday at 6:30

Rob Quandt, Chair – (10)
 Gerry Curran – (11)
 David Persons – (10)
 Jo Owen – (10)
 Troy Sathe – (11)
 Michael Smith – (10)

Budget Committee

Meets 1-3 times in the Spring

Amy Graham, Budget Officer
 Janet Carroll – (10)
AHC – (12)
 Dick Kibbitt – (10)
AHC – (12)
AHC – (12)
 Karen Peck – (10)
 Bob Read – (11)

Conservation Committee

Meets as needed

Peter Howison, Chair – (10)
 Judy Johnson – (10)
 Liz Purtell– (10)
 David Dumas – (11)
 Janet Carroll – (11)
 Jim Rash – (09)

Webmaster

Richard Koehler www.DunesCity.com

Parks & Recreation Commission

Meets as needed

Becky Ruede, Chair – (10)
 Richard Koehler – (10)
 Roberta Dalbeck – (10)
AHC – (10)
AHC – (12)

Site Review Committee

Meetings as needed

Jamie Mills, Chair – (10)
 Linda Ash – (10)
 David Dumas – (09)
 Debbie Pasternak – (10)

Water Quality Control Committee

Meeting – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00

Richard Koehler, Chair – (10)
 David Dumas – (11)
 Ken Henderson - (11)
 Bob Mohler– (10)
 John Stead – (09)

Water Testers
 Mark Chandler – (10)
 Ralph Farnsworth – (11)
 Steve Hager –N.V., Wes Wilcox – N.V.
 Susie Navetta. Secretary – N.V.

Communication and Education Committee

Meets as necessary

Susie Navetta, Chair - (10)
 Linda Ash – (10)
 April Dumas – (11)
 Paul Floto – (12)

Revenue Committee

Meets as necessary

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*AHC = Another Helpful Citizen

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D I R E C T O R Y



ROADS LEADING HOME

The volunteers of Dunes City Roads Commission are working hard for the Citizens in many ways. There are new budget challenges that require us to get more efficient and adapt to a new economic environment. Given the fact that the County has cut our roads budget **IN HALF**, we have to transition to a new strategy. This strategy involves two fronts. The first is to transition to a more efficient and more effective maintenance program. Second we need to find new ways to pay for it. Without the County contribution to our roads funding we need to fill that gap by aggressively pursuing grants.

The maintenance strategy "Preventative vs. Corrective"

First, it's important for the community to understand some of the details behind how pavement deteriorates. It deteriorates slowly until the top layer allows water to start penetrating. When it does, it starts deteriorating quickly. If you preserve it before it gets to that point the maintenance cost is reduced. A preventative slurry-seal coat applied sooner is cheaper than a corrective chip-seal or pavement overlay later. Cities have found the preventative program up to four times cheaper in the long run. We still have corrective pavement overlay projects but it's good practice to try and avoid them and work towards a time when the entire Dunes City road system is in preventative maintenance mode. The closer we move toward that, the less it will cost us.

How maintenance projects are identified.

The roads we will be maintaining this year were identified based on standard pavement condition index numbers (PCI#).

Our pavement management system compares those numbers with standard pavement deterioration curves.

Appropriate types of maintenance are applied based on the PCI#. The list will be posted to the Dunes City website in July.

Slurry seal program is funded by a federal grant

Victory for Dunes City. Our Slurry Seal program was one of 52 projects selected from a pool of 125 applicants fighting for a limited number of Federal grants. The Small Cities Stimulus program has responded to our application with \$94,000 for the slurry seal program. This project preserves up to 20 streets throughout the City. Also we have an overlay project involving 5 streets that will be paid for by the city. These projects are being quantified and prepared for the bidding process. Both these maintenance programs are scheduled for bidding in July and construction comes in August and September. In July we will begin communicating with the residents on the affected roads informing them as to what to expect and when to expect it.

The Volunteers

We have an energetic, involved Road Commission with too many goals to mention here. With that, please remember we are just volunteers and we could use more. Even if it's just to give input at a Road Commission meeting. You're welcome to help us as we start our brushing and limbing jobs around the city. If there are other ways you wish to contribute, give us a call.

Come help us volunteer for you.

Robert Quandt / Roads Commission Chair

Learn about the Soil Erosion and Vegetation Removal Ordinance No. 154.

154.03 (A) (1) A vegetation removal permit is required if any vegetation/tree is to be removed from the shoreland zone or riparian corridor.

No vegetation shall be removed in the first 15 feet, 25% maybe removed on the next zone of up to 50 feet from the shoreland. It is important to preserve the riparian zone, for water quality and the longevity of the lakes.

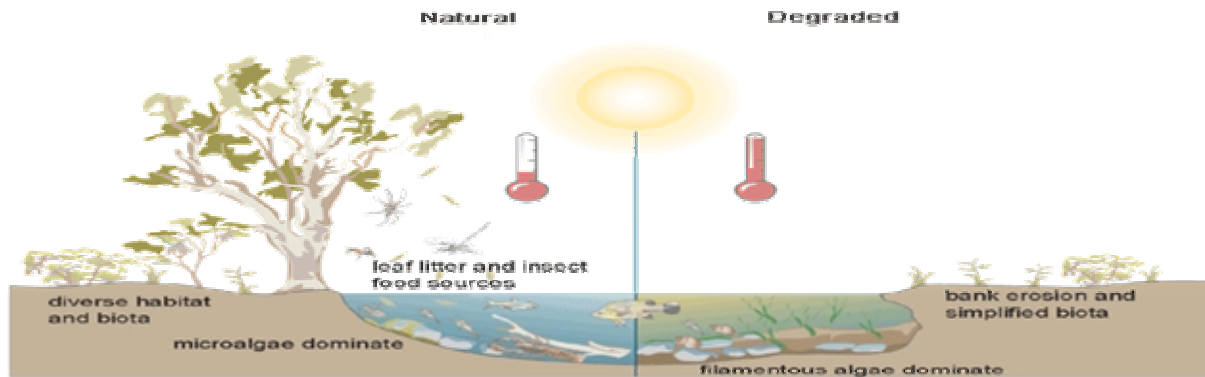
154.07 (A) No tree or vegetation shall be cut or removed from any public right-of-way without recommendation by the Road Commission and permission of the City Council.

154.07 (A) (4) ...except for maintenance trimming up to three feet in width on either side of improved public roadways.

Reduced Algal Blooms and Clean Water, for all of us!

Vegetation Removal Permits are required in the Shoreland and Riparian Zones.
 Monitored by the Dunes City Conservation Committee.

Effects of riparian loss on lakes and property values



Complaints to the City regarding violations may result in fines.

Remember, natural vegetation around our lakes and creeks protect the water.

If you plan activities within 50 feet of a water body, call us for clarification, if you are not sure about what is allowed ~ 997-3338. **Peter Howison, Chairman Conservation Committee** Learn more—please visit;

<http://www.swa.ca/Publications/Documents/LakesSloughsWetlandsRiparianHealthAssessmentFieldWorkbook.pdf>

It's about water... CLEAN SAFE WATER!

Doing Your Part

Sometimes we need to be reminded that we live in a rural area and that there are other residents here. Its original inhabitants, wild animals, wander about looking for food. Please secure garbage can lids and put trash out in the morning so that animals aren't tempted when they roam at night. **Be aware for the safety of small pets and children.**



Taking safety seriously

Councilor Susie Navetta, the Dunes City Police Commissioner, investigates citizen complaints on nuisance violations (except eyesore complaints) including excessive noise, animals at large/dangerous animals, discarded and inoperable vehicles, unsafe buildings, or other nuisances affecting public safety and health. The commissioner works with the City Recorder in notifying offenders. If you have a nuisance complaint, contact the City.

Festival of the Lakes

What can I do!



The Communication and Education Committee is proud to announce the fourth annual Festival of the Lakes. Every year the festival is bigger and better than the previous year. The theme for this year is "What Can I Do for My Town?" The Dunes City Committees are each writing articles for this summer edition of the newsletter telling what they do for our town. Richard Koehler edits this issue of the Dunes City Newsletter. Koehler also does an excellent job as the **Dunes City Webmaster**.

The **Communication and Education Committee** is responsible for the Community Pot Luck, the Festival of the Lakes, and



"Yellow Door" Heceta Lighthouse - An 18 x 22 Watercolor by Francine Derus Dark blue mat w/ dark blue frame - A premier raffle prize at this year's event.

the Festival of the Lights. Our tiny committee expands when events are nearing so that a multiple of volunteers work on their favorite projects. The committee consists of Linda Ash, April Dumas, Paul Floto, and Susie Navetta. The **Community Pot Luck**, in April, brings friends and neighbors together to dine on gourmet dishes. The **Festival of the Lakes** is a day of stewardship of our lakes with education, entertainment, friendship, food, and fun. We will have an Art Show, a Bake Sale, Cake Auction and Games for children. In December we have the **Festival of the Lights**. Of course, Santa always makes a visit to listen to children's wishes, witness the lighting of the Christmas tree and enjoy home made goodies.



Betty Romero's "Eye to Heart" framed photo is one of this year's auctioned items sure to entertain many bids.

Last year, we had a successful **Round Table Discussion** and plan another one in February 2010.

The Festival of the Lakes will be held Saturday, August 8th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Dunes City hall.

Come one and all!



Citizens are encouraged to give their feedback during the upcoming **Stormwater ordinance CCI**. The next CCI will occur on July 16th at 6 pm.

"I'm grandfathered in"... As in ~ "My lawn runs to the edge of the lake but I'm grandfathered in..."

It has to be part of an Ordinance to be legal. In order to be clear on this term and its implications this link may enable a better understanding. Please check with the office.

<http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Grandfather+Clause>

Neighbors looking out for neighbors.
We have an eye out.
Dunes City citizens look out for one another.





Dunes City's Festival of the Lights in December

- A warm winter get together -

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WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR DUNES CITY? BE COUNTED!

The dollars used by Dunes City to provide services to its residents comes primarily from state liquor, cigarette, road, and motel taxes.



Many do not know that in order to divide these tax dollars, the state uses the U. S. Census Bureau population information. What that means, then, is that if the census bureau's count is not accurate, Dunes City may not be receiving all of your tax dollars it deserves to receive in order to provide you with services such as fire protection, road construction and maintenance and street lights.

I don't think ANY of us want to see our tax dollars go to help some other community!



It is important, then, for each and every one of you to complete the

Census Bureau's short form. These forms will be mailed out in March of next year and, if you fill them out and return them by mail, **NO ONE NEEDS TO COME TO YOUR HOUSE!** One thing to remember, though, is that there is a long form that is also being mailed out by the American Community Survey. This is different from the short form that is used for the population count. If you get a long form, you must also fill out the short form in order to be counted.

Census data, which is protected from public access for 72 years, helps government at all levels make important decisions such as creating maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance and estimating the number of people displaced by natural disasters. For Dunes City, census data is used to determine what share of the tax dollars Dunes City will receive. To ensure Dunes City receives its fair share, all residents are encouraged to complete and return the census forms as soon as possible!

Jamie Mills, Revenue Committee Chair

For more information, visit www.census.gov/2010.

Get in the local loop!

Send your secure email address to dunescitywebmaster@yahoo.com

Greetings Dunes City residents! I want to talk to you briefly about the reasons we all live here. First (for me), there is the beauty of the forests, lakes, gardens, homes, and relaxing, soothing ways of life. As you all know, this ambience does not come without some contribution on our part. I volunteer for the Dunes City Planning Commission, which involves monitoring proposed developments and the potential resulting impacts. My work involves checking city ordinances to see rules are followed.

There are many ways citizens can help out with very little effort. If you have lake front property, don't remove vegetation within the 50' setback. Don't fertilize your lawn where it will have an adverse effect on lake water. Your septic systems and its surroundings will be better off too by using biodegradable soaps and materials.

Marilyn Miller, Planning Commissioner

Projects on a Budget

The Dunes City Community Center needs a little routine maintenance. Volunteers are needed for a Painting Party, the Weed Pulling Party or Clean Your Gutter Day.

- Painters - experienced or those who need to get experience
- weed pullers – no skill necessary
- gutter cleaners – short and tall

Projects on a Budget sessions will be set up for the first week in September. Sign up sheets will be available at the office or call Councilor Navetta at 997-9786.



The Parks Commission is always looking for donated parcels to provide park land for our little City. We need some help. Should you have a little piece of property, we could do a lot with it. A place to go and appreciate our beautiful area lives on for years. A place to sit and have a picnic. Do something for your city.

A future thank you from a grateful town.

Roberta Dalbeck, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

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Festival of the Lakes
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What can I do!

Saturday August 8th
10 am to 3 pm



Our water: It takes care of me ~ I take care of it.

**If you would like to sponsor
the Festival of the Lakes,
contact Susie Navetta at 997-9786
for the details.**