



ARE YOU READY?

Dunes City's first disaster program was held this month. The 3 hour 'Are You Ready' program is designed to teach individuals and families how to be better prepared for a disaster. The program was well attended by Dunes City residents. A handbook from FEMA was given out as well as an additional packet of information to personalize this program to our area and the hazards we may face. The citizens learned how to make a Grab 'n Go pack, stock up on water, food and medicines, to shelter at home for 3 weeks or more, how to protect their home, take care of their families and their pets. The focus of the class was on the individual, their families and their neighbors.

Could a catastrophe happen here? Yes! A disaster in Dunes City could be an earthquake, wildfire or tsunami. It is not a matter of if we'll have a disaster, but when. There maybe no advance warning but by being well informed we will be prepared. Oregon is due for an earthquake that would be 100 times greater than the one in Haiti and likely even stronger than the one in Chile. On January 26, 1700, an estimated 9.0 earthquake shook everything from the cascades to the coast, from Canada to California. This magnitude of earthquake has happened multiple times before in the region in 300 to 500 year intervals. Some geologists estimate a 10 -14 percent chance that a massive earthquake of 8.5 - 9.5 magnitude will shake Oregon in the next 50 years, but could happen at any time. The City, County, State, and Federal Government will take time in getting help to you. You will have to rely on yourself and what you know.

If you missed the 'Are You Ready' meeting contact the Dunes City Recorder and ask to borrow a DVD of the program. Other programs offered at the Siuslaw Rural Fire Department include the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and Organizing Neighborhoods for Disaster Preparedness.



Stormwater Runoff is Everyone's Business

Urban trees cool, cleanse and reduce stormwater runoff. Impervious surfaces generate much more runoff and cannot filter water.

To better mimic natural areas, plant trees, plan landscaping areas by the use of pavers, flagstone, or pervious concrete asphalt. Look around at your stream banks, lake shore or your wetland edges. Where do you have gaps or lots of invasives? They might be good places to put in some native plants. Now is a good time to start to prepare areas for winter plantings. If you do remove invasives from a large swath of bank, you may need to put down temporary erosion control until you plant during the winter.

Write the Siuslaw Watershed Council, P.O. Box 422, Mapleton, Or 97453 or contact them at watershed@siuslaw.org to learn more.

Siuslaw Watershed Council
Remember - Native Plant Distribution Notification in November, 2010

Free plants Saturday, February 12, 2011
nativeplants@siuslaw.org 541-268-3044



Septic Maintenance Ordinance

How we all help keep Dunes City Special



Are you ready?

Stormwater awareness

Be wildfire safe

Cost of Representation

October Directory

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What to do with old medications?

Tree Services

Conservation

Wildfire Protection for Your Property

Most, if not all, of Dunes City lies within forestland-urban interface lands, within an Oregon Department of Forestry protection district. The Oregon Forestland-Urban Interface Fire Protection Act, and simple common sense, require property owners to reduce potentially flammable materials around homes, other structures, and driveways.

A 30 foot fuel break needs to be established and maintained between the eaves of a structure (500 square feet or larger) or the edge of its attached deck, and the potential fuel for a wildfire. Within this fuel break, ground cover must be non-flammable or fire-resistant, such as asphalt, bare soil, concrete, green grass, ivy, succulents etc. Grass must be kept cut to four inches or less. Dead branches and other dead plant material should be removed from the fuel break.

Driveways over 150 feet long need to be within a fuel break 10 feet either side of the driveway's centerline, and have a vertical clearance of 13 1/2 feet, plus a horizontal clearance of 12 feet. All branches must be

cleared to 10 feet away from any chimney used for wood burning appliances. Lumber and firewood should be stored no closer than 20 feet to structures. It and other flammables should not be stored under decks, or exterior stairways, and those areas should be enclosed if possible.

Accumulated leaves, needles, twigs etc. must be cleared from roofs and rain gutters, and dead branches overhanging a structure must be removed. It is not required that green, living trees be removed from within fuel breaks, only dead wood.

Failure to protect your structures and driveways with fuel breaks not only could result in loss of those structures to wildfire, but could also result in fire-cost recovery penalties up to \$100,000. being levied against you should a fire start on your property, or a fire spreads through parts of your property where fuel-reduction should have been done. Better safe than sorry—protect your valuable assets from wildfire.

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Representation

This is an election year. Everyone has been inundated with political junk mail, TV spots, radio advertisements and emails. Politics dominate the news and the letters to the editor. National, State, County and local candidates are running for a myriad of reasons; many for a well paying job with incredible perks, many for a personal agenda or a political agenda or just for the power that some elective offices offer.

Dunes City Council is different than most elective offices. There is no salary for City Councilors, no expense accounts and no perks. In fact it actually costs to be on the Dunes City Council. Not only does being on the Council cost in personal expenditures of money – it also costs dedicated Councilors a huge amount of time. In this Dunes City Council election not only are the sitting Councilors running but two additional citizens. This is a good thing. Unlike in years past where the citizens of Dunes City were apathetic. That was bad, but it was a direct result of citizens at large not getting involved.

For Dunes City to survive and prosper it needs its citizenry to get involved to run for office, to volunteer

for the Committees and Commissions to help the Road Commission and the Planning Commission when they have their work sessions. We do not have a department of public works or staff positions to clean up the deadfall and cut danger trees after a hard winter. We do not have parks and recreation employees to maintain our parks or oversee our lakes, rivers and streams. All the work has to be done by volunteers. The same people seem to be our cadre of volunteers. They are great people; they give of their time unselfishly. When is it your turn? When do you get actively involved in your city? We all feel fairly helpless and somewhat victimized by our Federal Government. We complain about the way our State and County spends our resources. Dunes City is offering you a chance to get out of your easy chairs and get involved. You can make a difference at least in your own hometown. Home, that is where democracy begins. If you can sit back and see what should be done, then it is your civic duty to help do it. That is democracy on the neighborhood level on the City level at home. Good citizens of Dunes City, get involved!

Mayor

Eric Hauptman – (2010)

City Council

Meeting – 2nd Thursday at 7:00

Peter Howison, President – (2010)

Richard Koehler – (2010)

Jamie Mills – (2012)

Susie Navetta- (2010)

Troy Sathe – (2010)

Rebecca Ruede – (2012)

Planning Commission

Meeting – 4th Thursday at 6:00

Lee Riechel, Chair – (2011)

David Bellemore – (2010)

Marilyn Miller – (2011)

Ken Platt – (2010)

Tom Bassett – (2012)

Ken Henderson – (2012)

Road Commission

Meeting – 3rd Monday at 6:30

Troy Sathe, Chair – (2010)

Jerry Curran – (2011)

Henry Leach – (2010)

Jo Owen – (2010)

Michael Smith – (2010)

Duke Wells – (2012)

Budget Committee

Meets 3 times in the Spring

Fred Hilden, Budget Officer

April Dumas – (2012)

Marilyn Miller – (2012)

Vacant – (2013)

Jo Owen – (2012)

Vacant – (2013)

Vacant – (2013)

Bob Read – (2011)

Conservation Committee

Meets as needed

Peter Howison, Chair – (2010)

Judy Johnson – (2010)

Liz Purtell – (2010)

David Dumas – (2011)

Lee Riechel – (2012)

Vacant – (2011)

Web Master

Richard Koehler (2010)

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Revenue Committee

Meets as needed

Jamie Mills, Chair – (2010)

John Stead – (2012)

Ralph Farnsworth – (2011)

April Dumas – (2012)

Vacant – (2010)

Vacant – (2011)

Park & Recreation Commission

Meets as needed

Rebecca Ruede, Chair – (2011)

Vacant – (2012)

Gary Lapping – (2011)

Richard Anderson – (2013)

Mimi Tizzard – (2013)

Site Review Committee

Meets as needed

Jamie Mills, Chair – (2010)

Milton Farrand – (2010)

David Dumas – (2010)

Duke Wells – (2012)

Water Quality Committee

Meeting – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00

Richard Koehler, Chair – (2010)

David Dumas – (2011)

Ken Henderson – (2011)

John Stead – (2012)

Milton Farrand – (2012)

Susie Navetta – N.V.

Water Testers

Mark Chandler – (2010)

Ralph Farnsworth – (2011)

Robert Mohler – (2010)

Steve Hager – N.V.

Communication & Education Committee

Meets as needed

Susie Navetta, Chair – (2010)

Michael Herbert – (2010)

April Dumas – (2011)

Mary Jo Leach – (2012)

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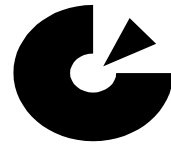
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How to Reduce Pollution and Prevent Poisoning



Never flush old medications! Properly dispose of prescription medications, including medications classified by the FDA as controlled substances, over the counter medications and even pet medications. **You can bring in pills, liquids patches, ointments and lotions.** You can leave the medication in the original package or put it in a sealable plastic bag before bringing it to the collection receptacle. The Drop off Location is Justice Center, 900 Greenwood Street (off Ninth St.) 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon Through Fri

Pharmaceutical Disposal Program for Unused and Expired Medications

Tree Service

We live in an area with many beautiful trees and from time to time it's necessary to seek professional help when dealing with the problems they create. There's a big difference between State Licensed Contractors, Certified Arborists and the Handyman/Tree Trimmer. Not all tree services are created equal...be careful. Not just the health of your trees is at stake, but the safety of your property as well.

Oregon law requires anyone who works for compensation in any activity involving improvements to real property to be licensed with the Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) this includes tree service. Protect yourself and your property by hiring only state licensed tree service. Recently Dunes City passed an ordinance that requires Contractors to be licensed with the City.



Choosing to use a Certified Arborist is up to you. Certified Arborists are tree technicians. Their certification is maintained through continuing education, keeping up with all of the latest techniques and information on tree care, training and experience.

Did you know?

One tree alone produces nearly 260 pounds of oxygen per year!

One acre of trees produces the amount of oxygen consumed by 18 people annually!!

In one year one acre of trees can remove 2.6 tons of carbon dioxide – or the equivalent of what one car driving up to 8700 miles produces!!!

CONSERVATION

The Dunes City Conservation Committee consists of only five people at the present time. Members are: Peter Howison, Chair, David Dumas, Judy Johnson, Liz Purtell, and Lee Riechel. Janet Carroll recently resigned because of personal reasons. So, we are asking for applicants to fill her spot.



The Dunes City Conservation Committee should consist of six members, one non-voting, who is a member of the Council and serves

as chair and five voting citizen members appointed by the City Council for 3-year terms.

This committee meets as needed, which usually depends upon the number of Dunes City residents asking for advice and recommendations. It is the Committee's responsibility to present our recommendations to the Planning Commission and this Commission determines the action to be taken. We visit sites in a timely manner that fits into our personal calendar schedules.

Usually, the committee is asked questions about soil erosion and vegetation removal and after inspecting the sites in question; the committee makes suggestions and recommendations based on the provisions listed in Dunes City Ordinance No. 154.

In conclusion, Dunes City Conservation Committee works towards controlling soil erosion, protecting wildlife habitat, and water quality in the Dunes City shoreland and riparian areas. If you are a member of the Dunes City Conservation Committee, you will have the opportunity to help protect and preserve Dunes City for generations to come and enjoy visiting some wonderful home sites you've never seen before and meet some residents you've never met before.

For additional information, please contact Councilor Peter Howison or Dunes City's staff.

Newspaper your weeds away

Start putting in your plants, work the nutrients in your soil. Wet newspapers, put layers around the plants overlapping as you go cover with mulch and forget about weeds. Weeds will get through some gardening plastic they will not get through wet newspapers.

Squirrel Away!

To keep squirrels from eating your plants, sprinkle your plants with cayenne pepper. The cayenne pepper doesn't hurt the plant and the squirrels won't come near it. (Wonder if this works with rabbits? Sure gonna give it a try)

It's Autumn!

Turn clocks back one
hour on November 8th

Happy Halloween!

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