



Efforts Are Paying Off

Water quality has been and will remain the most important issue in Dunes City. The Woahink Lake's water quality has improved according to Dunes City's water testers. Phosphorus levels, in Woahink, have dropped from a high of 11 down to a low of 4. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) levels for costal lakes are set at 7.3. Water testers believe that the reduction is caused by our compliance with the Erosion Control Ordinance, Phosphorus Reduction Ordinance, and the Septic Maintenance Ordinance. These ordinances came about because of a Moratorium in 2006. An overwhelming number of residents are complying with the Septic mapping and pumping which is probably the most important factor in helping to preserve our lakes. The Clean Water Act specifically mentions Woahink Lake as one of the top fifty lakes in the country for having clean water. Your efforts are paying off!

Recently new residents have volunteered for commissions and committees. Tom Bassett applied for Planning Commission, Gary Lapping asked to join the Parks and Recreation Commission, Henry Leach applied for the Road Commission and Michael Herbert just wanted to help the city with the Communication and Education Committee. They were all appointed and their efforts will be paying off!

The Planning Secretary, Lisa Ekelund, reported that permits relating to land use are on the increase. Many of the Dunes City permits have minimal fees to cover the cost of administration, inspection and approval. When property owners go the extra step to get a permit they get a better finish to their project and of course, your efforts are paying off!

One Hundred and thirty five households are using the Dunes City water permit and as water users they report their water usage every month to the City. Once a year, the City reads the water meters, completing the permit current for the Oregon Water Resources Department. Your efforts are paying off!

The Brushing Program, introduced by the Road Commission several years ago allows residents to trim the road right-of-way in front of their homes. The cost for the permit is \$ 4.00 (plus a one time sign-up charge of \$30.00) and saves the city the cost of brushing. Yes, your efforts are paying off!

Senate Bill – SB360 is Federal bill for decreasing wildfires in forested areas. Every homeowner/resident needs to monitor the vegetation around their home. Large trees need to be trimmed up and the forest floor needs to be trimmed down. The space in-between will slow down fires. Gutters need to be cleaned a few times a year especially before fire season. Gutters filled with debris can catch fire. Later this year Dunes City will have a presentation on the program. Some folks have already started their trimming. Your efforts are paying off!

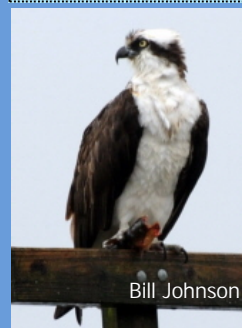
In 2007 Dunes City passed the Phosphorus Reduction Ordinance. Many folks are learning to read labels before purchasing cleaners, fertilizers and other household products. New products are on the shelves to make stewardship of our lakes easier. Thanks for buying low and NO PHOSPHATE items and thanks for your efforts.

They are paying off!

Community Pot Luck

Saturday
April 17th
3:00—6:00 pm

Dunes City Hall



Bill Johnson

Westlake Osprey Resident

Everyone takes part in making community.

Erosion Control
Prevent silt run-off

Water Conservation
Water rules are much different here

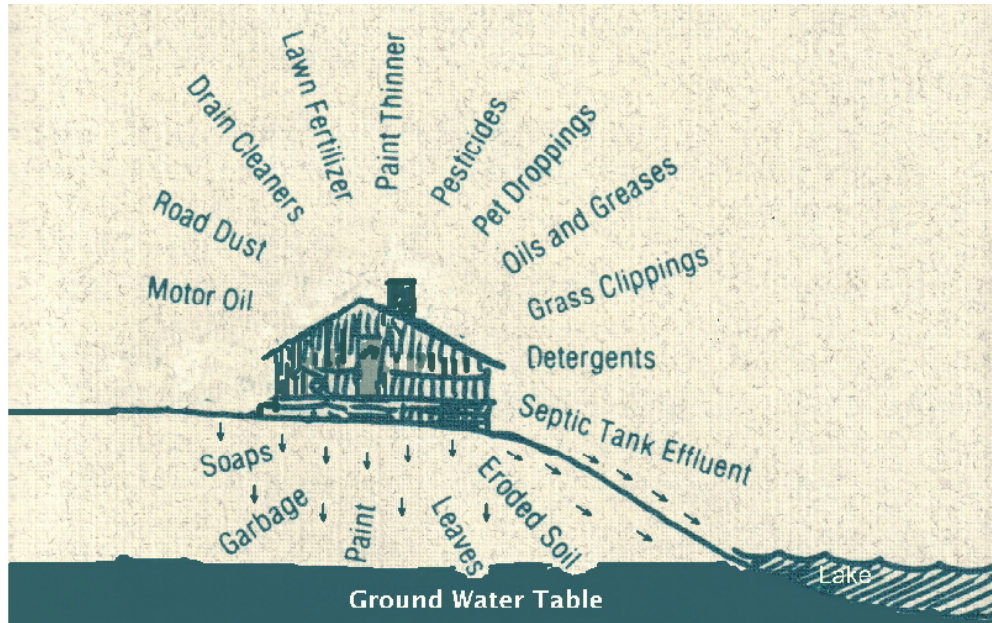
Phosphorus Control
Fertilizers are discouraged

Vegetation Plans
Native vegetation helps near shore

Septic Systems
Properly working - help us all.



KEEPING OUR WATERS CLEAN



This illustration shows typical sources of phosphorus and other contaminants. Phosphates are bad for our environment. They cause increased growth of algae and aquatic weeds in lakes and streams. High phosphorous levels are less hospitable for fish.

STOP & THINK



DO'S



& DON'T'S



MINIMIZE

DO

- Do check labels for phosphates
- Do minimize the use of fertilizers and use organic fertilizer
- Do use natural landscaping .

DON'T

- Don't use soaps, cleansers or fertilizers with high phosphate contents.
- Don't dump leaves or grass into lakes or streams
- Don't disturb natural sites when unnecessary.
- Don't use drain cleaners, pesticides, herbicides or other toxic materials in septic systems or near lakes or streams*

One of the major threats to our water quality is septic tank seepage and poor maintenance. Another major cause of declining water quality is soil disturbance which occurs during construction, road building, logging, tree removal, and improper landscaping.

Use discretion in the use of products such as detergents, pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers.

It is not possible to maintain watersheds in an undisturbed state, but the impacts of land use on water quality can be dramatically reduced if everyone cooperates. Consequently, only by changing bad habits can we lessen our impact on water quality, by doing our best to protect our natural treasures.

Your friendly Conservation Committee

***NOTE: The use of any of these chemicals is strictly prohibited in the 50' shoreline area.**

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)

– (12)

Becky Ruede – (12)

Planning Commission

Meeting – 4th Thursday at 6:00

David Bellemore, Chair – (10)

– (11)

Marilyn Miller – (11)

Ken Platt – (10)

Tom Bassett – (12)

Ken Henderson – (12)

Road Commission

Meeting - 3rd Monday at 6:30

Chair – (10)

Gerry Curran – (11)

Henry Leach – (10)

Jo Owen – (10)

Troy Sathe – (12)

Michael Smith – (10)

Budget Committee

Meets 1-3 times in the Spring

Budget Officer

April Dumas – (12)

Marilyn Miller – (12)

Dick Kibbit – (10)

Jo Owen – (12)

Janet Carol – (10)

Karen Peck – (10)

Bob Read – (11)



Conservation Committee

Meets as needed

Peter Howison, Chair – (10)

Judy Johnson – (10)

Liz Purtell – (10)

David Dumas – (11)

Lee Riechel – (11)

Janet Carroll – (11)

Revenue Committee

Jamie Mills, Chair – (10)

John Stead – (12)

Ralph Farnsworth – (11)

April Dumas – (12)

Tracey Quandt – (10)

(11)

Park & Recreation Commission

Meets as needed

Becky Ruede, Chair – (10)

Mimi Tizzard – (10)

Gary Lapping – (11)

Roberta Dalbeck – (10)

Richard Anderson – (10)



Site Review

Meetings as needed

Jamie Mills, Chair – (10)

– (10)

David Dumas – (10)

Duke Wells – (12)

Water Quality Committee

Meeting – 3rd Wednesday at 7:00

Richard Koehler, Chair – (10)

David Dumas – (11)

Ken Henderson - (11)

John Stead – (12)

Susie Navetta, Secretary – N.V.

Water Testers

Mark Chandler – (10)

Ralph Farnsworth – (11)

Robert Mohler – (10)

Steve Hager – N.V.

Wes Wilcox - N.V.

Communication and Education Committee

Meets as necessary

Susie Navetta, Chair - (10)

Michael Herbert – (10)

April Dumas – (11)

Paul Floto – (12)

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Navigating the City's Website

Dunes City's website, dunescity.com, has, over the last few years, been an excellent way to know just what is going on here in town. Explanations of what occurred in committees, commissions and the council have been more available than ever.

Many times it's difficult to understand the whole issue involved in a story. The city's website, with the efforts of committee and commission heads, and city staff work to bring you minutes, agendas, reports and special features unique to our volunteer town. As web'ster (webmaster), going on four years, I have found it a pleasure to provide for you as much public display of information available. Your contributions (photos & comments) and continuing to visit dunescity.com is much appreciated.

Currently divided into four categories the city's website is designed to provide you with as much information possible.

- The **Calendar** gives you a capsulated view of the current month and city activities.
- The **City Business** page contains meeting agendas, minutes, ordinance updates and committee information.
- **City News**, provides past information important to living in a rural environment as well as our newsletters.
- Look to the **Directory** to find who is volunteering, how to get in touch with our staff.
- And the **Visitors** page gives an overview of lodging, points of interest and what to do in and around town.

Visit the website and get to know our history.

Richard Koehler

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Sprucing Up For Spring

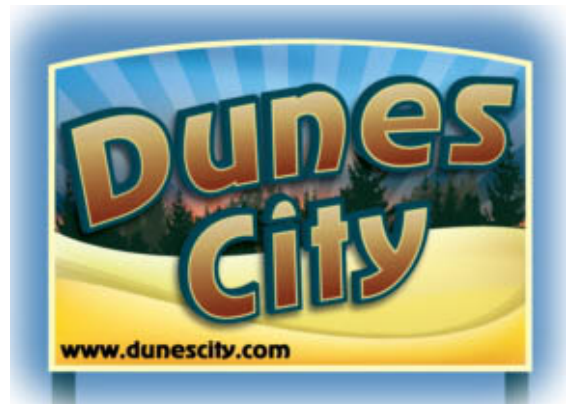
With spring fast approaching, the Dunes City Parks and Recreation Commission is preparing a fresh new look for the entrance to our city. The newly designed sign will feature a more simplified look with a focus on the sand dunes from which we get our name. Reflective paint will add a contemporary element.

One will notice that reference to Siltcoos Lake has been removed. This was done because of the numerous other directional signs in the vicinity that reference Siltcoos Lake and to promote focus on the dunes. Both Siltcoos and Woahink Lakes will become major features of the Kiosk sign located near Dunes City Hall. The Kiosk sign will have historical and other enlightenment information about the area. There will be narratives and photographs of local recreational opportunities and landmark features.

Interested citizens may submit photographs for consideration of inclusion on the kiosk sign. Submit photographs to Dunes City Hall.

Many thanks to our Parks and Rec. Commissioners Roberta Dalbeck, Mimi Tizzard, Gary Lapping, Richard Anderson. The new Dunes City sign is nearing completion and is expected to be up within 30 days.

Parks & Recreation Commission Chair Rebecca Ruede



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Spring Potluck

Susie Navetta,
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