



June 1, 2016

Dear Duneland Beach Association Member:

After a mild winter that lasted all of Spring, warmer and drier weather is here.

We have our annual meeting on Saturday, June 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Moore Road and US 12), and the Duneland Beach Association Board wanted to provide all members with a summary of our activities from the past twelve months and outline the plans for the future. Please read below as we want your feedback at the annual meeting and if you cannot attend please send an email through our website, info@dunelandbeach.net.

PROXY

We have enclosed a Proxy for those members who cannot attend the annual meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please do the following:

- 1. "Vote To Approve" or "Vote To Reject" the 2016-2017 DB Budget**
- 2. Vote on the nominations for the Board of Directors**
- 3. Sign and date the Proxy**

Please mail, scan, or drop off the Proxy to: Carol Westbrook, 3303 LaSalle Trail, Duneland Beach, IN 46360 by Friday, June 17th. We must have a majority of members and/or proxies in order to conduct our business and approve the 2016-2017 Budget at the meeting.

BEACH SECURITY

As the long awaited beach season approaches we would like to update you on beach security. The reserve police officer's that we contract for securing the beach and monitoring the beach stops will again have ATV's that are equipped with defibrillators for heightened safety.

The old beach tags that were blue in color are NO longer valid. These tags will not be accepted for beach access by security. *No exceptions.*

Please recall that Duneland Beach issued **new** beach tags that are red in color with identification numbers in 2014. Each resident received two (2) tags. The cost to replace a lost tag is \$50 and the lost tag will be invalid for all future use. If you need a replacement tag, please send an email to info@duneland.net. The new beach tags are to be prominently displayed while on the beach for easy identification as a Duneland Beach resident. One tag per **group** is all that is necessary. If the officer identifies a group without a tag they will be approached and asked to identify themselves by name and address. The officer can confirm this information via radio at the station or by a published list. If they are not Duneland Beach residents or guests they will be asked to leave the beach. If they are residents or guests they will be asked to produce their tag when they return to the beach. It is recommended that association members accompany their guests to the beach.

PLEASE DO NOT SHARE OR LOAN YOUR BEACH TAG TO NON-RESIDENTS OR FRIENDS. The misuse of the tag will result in a loss of beach privileges.



BEACH USAGE:

As a reminder, no glass of any kind is allowed on the beach.

All personal items including chairs, tents, coolers, rafts, volleyball nets etc... must be removed at the end of the day. The exception is preapproved water crafts with a DBA sticker.

Do not cover bonfires with sand. If the coals are covered and still hot, feet can get burned the next day.

DOGS ON THE BEACH

Pets, owned by members and their guests, are not allowed on the beach between the hours of **10:00 am and 6:00 pm**. Please note the new times. The pet owner is responsible for cleaning up the pet's droppings and all pets must be under your control. We have increased police patrols with an increase of owners/dogs on our beach from the surrounding communities that no longer allow dogs on their beaches.

PARKS:

We recently removed dead wood and trimmed trees at the Duneland Beach Park. Additionally Beachside Gardens will be beautifying the park with new plants.

FIREWORKS

Indiana State law allows fireworks on a homeowner's property and only during a ten day period around the 4th of July. The Board has voted to ban all fireworks on the common properties that are owned by the Association, **including** the beach, park, and roads. Fireworks are very dangerous and we do not want any Association Members, their families, or guests injured by fireworks while on the common properties. If a homeowner chooses to allow fireworks on their property, use fireworks that will not send debris or dangerous projectiles onto the common properties or the private property of your neighbors. Potential forest fire from projectiles is a serious threat due to the wooded areas within Duneland Beach.

BREAK-INS

For those lucky enough to live here *full time*, please help your *part time* neighbors by watching their homes during the weekdays and putting their garbage/recycling cans back near their homes after the Monday pick-ups. If you see anything suspicious, call the police on the non-emergency line at (219) 874-4243. Two years ago, a burglary ring was broken up recently after a Duneland resident noticed a suspicious suspect and immediately contacted the police. Note, the new Security System signs at the three Duneland Beach access points, Lakeshore Drive and Duneland Beach Drive.

ANNUAL DUES

Our annual dues for the 2016-2017 budget will remain **flat** for the tenth year in a row.



GARBAGE REMOVAL AND RECYCLE

Republic Services has provided every homeowner with a large **brown** 95 gallon trash container and a **blue or yellow** 95 gallon recycling container. Please note that these trash containers are deer and raccoon resistant. For those of us who are not here on Monday morning or are not early morning risers, these containers will keep the animals out and allow you to put your garbage out on Sunday night.

Garbage pickup will continue to be once a week all year long. Recycle pickup will continue to be once a week from Memorial Day to Labor Day. During the remainder of the year, recycle pickup will continue to be every other week. The recycle trucks pick up the containers with a mechanical arm to speed up the collection process. **Please keep the large garbage and recycle containers separated by at least 5 feet so that there is room to pick up each container with a mechanical arm.** This labor savings is reflected back in our lower monthly fees so please help us reduce our costs.

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Last October the water tower was taken out of service, all internal surfaces sand blasted and recoated, a new corrosion protection system installed, and access ladders and railings brought up to code. The next step to improve the integrity and reliability of our water system is to create a second connection to our water supplier, the Michigan City Water Department. Currently the entire water system is fed from a single connection on Duneland Beach Drive. This year an engineering study will be conducted to determine the feasibility and cost of a second connection at a different location in the water system.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

The state mandated survey of residential water uses that have the potential for backflow and contamination of the water system has been sent to all residents. We still need replies from 16 of our DBA members. The results of the survey will be reviewed at the Annual Meeting.

WATER USAGE

The Duneland Beach Homeowners Association purchases all of the water for homeowners, as a bulk purchase, to save on the cost of water and is paid for as part of your semi-annual dues. Last July our water supplier, the Michigan City Water Department, petitioned and received permission from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission to increase water rates. Because this was the first change in rates in ten years it was large. For those residents who have an automatic sprinkler system, please consider a rain/soil moisture sensor so that the sprinklers do not run while it is raining or when there is adequate moisture in the soil.

WEB SITE

The web site for the Duneland Beach Homeowners Association is www.dunelandbeach.net. There is a contact form link at the bottom of the web page. Click on it and it will open a mail box that can be used to communicate with your Board. This mail box is monitored for messages and provides us another method of staying in touch. We continue to request your email address and do not share email addresses with anyone. When you allow the Association to communicate electronically with you, it increases our efficiency and it helps control our costs. We post information that relates to Duneland Beach on this web site as it the primary way to stay informed about our community.



ROADS

Paving has been done for this year: Stop 36, Manitou Court and Duneland Beach Drive. We will continue upgrading each year. The speed bumps are installed again this year to protect our children.

LONG BEACH CIVIC ORGANIZATION

Long Beach Civic supports our beach communities and has been a driving force in continuing to improve the quality of life for residents in the beach area. The Long Beach Civic has supported Duneland Beach in our efforts to restore our park and beach. One of the fundraisers for Long Beach Civic is a mailer seeking contributions to support their organization. Any funds collected are spent on projects in the communities that contributed.

MISCELLANEOUS

A road bond (\$6,000) is required for external construction work or the use of a dumpster on your property. The deposit for beach parties involving more than 20 guests is \$200.00. Contact info@dunelandbeach.net with any inquiries.

IN CONCLUSION

The Board is looking forward to our annual meeting later this month. Please join us and express your opinions and concerns. The central purpose of the annual meeting is to approve our budget for next year and to hear your concerns and opinions.

Respectfully Yours,
The Duneland Beach Board