



June 13, 2018

Dear Duneland Beach Association Member,

Summer is upon us! With all the rain we have had since Memorial Day, our beautiful place is now even more lush and green.

We have our annual meeting on Saturday, June 30th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (Moore Road and US 12), and the Duneland Beach Association Board ("the Board") wanted to provide all Members of the Association 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 with comments and suggestions through our website, info@dunelandbeach.net.

PROXY - Please return completed proxy by Monday, June 25th whether or not you are attending the meeting.

Enclosed is a Proxy for ALL members to fill out, 1 proxy per household.

“Vote To Approve” or “Vote To Reject” the 2018-2019 DB Budget

1. Vote on the nominations for the Board of Directors
2. Sign and date the Proxy

If you are attending the annual meeting, please return BEFORE the meeting by Monday, June 25, 2018.

If you cannot attend the meeting, please mail, scan, or drop off the Proxy to:

Carol Westbrook, 3303 LaSalle Trail, Duneland Beach, IN 46360 by Monday, June 25, 2018.

We must have a majority of members and/or proxies in order to conduct our business and approve the 2018-2019 Budget at the meeting.



BEACH SECURITY

As the prime beach season approaches, we would like to update you on beach access and security. After analyzing and discussing our security options with several members of the Association, Duneland Beach will focus on enforcement and compliance at our beach access points or “Stops” this year. The goal is to secure our private beach and make it available to members of the Association and their guests. We will not be employing the ATVs for the shoreline patrol nor have armed reserve officers patrolling the beach this year. Our Board has selected NWI Security to manage the beach access at the Stops and as a private contractor they work directly for the Association.

Duneland Beach issued 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 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 security 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 to a supervisor 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. Additionally, when a home is sold in Duneland Beach, the tags shall be turned in to the Association at the closing.

BEACH USAGE: Please review the updated beach rules attached. Please email info@dunelandbeach.net if a homeowner is having a beach parties involving more than 20 guests - the DEPOSIT is \$200.00.

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

All personal items including chairs, tents, coolers, rafts, volleyball nets, lily pads, etc. must be removed at the end of the day. The exception is pre-approved water craft with a valid 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 to access the beach between the hours of **10:00 am and 6:00 pm CT**. The pet owner is responsible for cleaning up the any droppings and all pets must be under your control at all times.



DUNE GRASS

Dune Grass is a significant protection against beach erosion caused by rising lake levels and storm driven waves. Please do not walk or store items in areas that would destroy the dune grass. Make sure to only access the beach at the Stop stairs.

FIREWORKS

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

NEW RULES

The Board has approved new rules about creating walking paths in the dune grass and use of drones. **REMEMBER** to access the beach at the beach Stop stairs on Lake Shore Drive and not by walking across the fore dune. The use of drones is prohibited on Duneland Beach common areas and subject to all Federal Aviation Association rules and regulations.

BREAK-INS

With the enhanced Long Beach Police contract now in place, patrolling will be more systematic and frequent in order to keep our crime at a very minimal level. Please remember to lock any vehicles left outside. Please help your neighbors by watching their homes during the week and putting their garbage/recycling cans back near their homes after the Monday pick-ups if necessary. If you see anything suspicious, call the police on the non-emergency line at **(219) 874-4243**.

ANNUAL DUES

Our annual dues for the 2018-2019 budget will remain **flat** for the 12th year in a row AND all approved capital projects have been completed by this VOLUNTEER board.

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. For those 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**.



Service from Republic/Able has been consistent as we continue our second year of the five year contract. Better yet the current contract is a 15% reduction in cost over the prior the contract. The 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.

If you have any questions or concerns about your garbage or recycle pick up, please send an email to info@dunelandbeach.net. **Please do not call Republic direct.**

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Last May, a major water system infrastructure improvement was completed to Duneland Beach's water system and a second connection was made to our water supplier, the Michigan City Water Department. This project improved the integrity and reliability of our water supply. Due to the loop configuration of the Michigan City Water system the second connection means that no single outage or point of failure can shut off our water. In addition, the second connection provides greatly increased water volume available to fire fighters in the event of a large house or wild fire. The Board is currently researching more ways to improve the system with better technology and improved operations' management.

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. For those residents who have an automatic sprinkler system, please install 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. A new rule requires that all new or renovated automatic sprinkler systems must have this feature along with a back flow device.

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 including Board members or contractors. 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.



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.

CONSTRUCTION OR HOME IMPROVEMENT

If you or your contractor are doing construction, renting heavy equipment, or delivering a dumpster to use on your property for construction work – it will require a “ROAD BOND”. Contact info@dunelandbeach.net with any inquiries for clarification.

LEAF COLLECTION & GENERAL MAINTENANCE

The Board conducted an exhaustive search of local contractors to better maintain our grounds and manage our key maintenance duties. **Northwoods Construction** in Michigan City was the successful partner to contractually perform general maintenance, snow plowing, and leaf removal. The Association will have **THREE** leaf collections in Autumn, in which the last pick up, please have leaves to street by November 30th. **AND ONE** in the Spring, leaves need to be at street by April 30th. The Board will email more details and the website will have the dates posted.

IN CONCLUSION

The Board is looking forward to our annual meeting. Please join us and express your thoughts and ideas that will continue to position Duneland Beach as a special place to live. The purpose of the annual meeting is to approve our budget for the upcoming year, ratify our by-laws to comply with updates at the state level, and to hear your concerns and constructive opinions. If you have an interest in assisting our volunteer board, please do not hesitate to contact the email on our website.

Respectfully Yours,

The Duneland Beach Board