



MEMORANDUM

TO: All **Duneland Beach** Home and Property Owners
FROM: Duneland Beach Homeowner Association - **Board of Directors**
RE: Fall Season Informational Letter
DATE: October 15, 2014

We trust that all residents enjoyed a lovely summer in Duneland Beach.

As we have mentioned, Duneland Beach is a fantastic place to live and the Board is dedicated to managing the affairs of our community in a fair and equitable manner for the benefit of the homeowner and the respective association. We are pleased to announce that all the roads at “Stop 32” have been repaved as part of our ongoing efforts to maintain and improve the infrastructure of the community.

Please see below the key topics for the upcoming months:

RULES & REGULATIONS

Several residents have commented on the lack of awareness of the Association's Rules & Regulations. All new residents should receive the Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Rules & Regulations prior to closing on a house in Duneland Beach. There have been occurrences when third parties are involved in a sale and the documents did not reach the ultimate homeowner. We will make sure this does not happen in the future. A copy of the Rules & Regulations is available by requesting a copy by sending an email through our website www.dunelandbeach.net. We encourage all homeowners to read and comply.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLE

A reminder that garbage is picked up every Monday and recycle picked up every other week until Memorial Day. Please see www.dunelandbeach.net if you require additional information.

LEAF PICKUP

Please start raking leaves to the roadside on the following Fall 2014 dates:

-Week of October 27th - November 1st

-Week of November 10th - November 15th

-LAST DAY TO RAKE LEAVES TO THE CURB IS NOVEMBER 30th.

All leaves raked to the road after this date will be the responsibility of the homeowner to remove prior to snowfall.

The leaf pickup machine is vacuum operated and pulls the leaves into a spinning blade that is very susceptible to damage from solid objects. Please rake leaves only to the edge of the road - NO rocks,



bricks, wires, branches, etc. If you have small branches please put them in a separate pile for pickup. Do not place leaves or sticks in the garbage or recycling containers.

BEACH

- A. The newly issued “RED” beach passes will be required for beach access as of next Memorial Day. If you have not already obtained the new passes, send an email request to info@dunelandbeach.net or send a note through www.dunelandbeach.net. Access to the beach with the “OLD” beach passes will be denied in 2015.
- B. Boats on the beach must be removed by October 31st. We will attempt to contact owners of boats with Duneland Beach stickers remaining on the beach after that day. Boats without the DB stickers will be presumed the property of non-residents and disposed of accordingly.
- C. Chairs, beach toys, tables, etc. are not to be left on the beach/dune grass or near the stairs overnight. Chairs may be placed in storage under the stairs if there is space but everything else, with the exception of watercraft, must be removed each day.
- D. Glass containers, bottles, and wine glasses were frequently seen on the beach this summer. The hazard presented by broken glass in the beach sand, particularly to children, is too great to ignore violations of the rule banning glass from the beach. NO exceptions.
- E. Our Dune Restoration Project was started in the fall of 2010. Using funding from the Lake Michigan Coastal Grant, *Save the Dunes* developed a master plan for the restoration of our ailing fore dune. The Duneland Beach Homeowner Association using budgeted money from our dues and money donated by the Long Beach Civic Association funded the cost of the project again this year. We have finished removing the invasive trees and vegetation and we will continue to have *Save the Dunes* use herbicides to control the invasive species. We have started the process of replanting and reseeding the dune grass and expect to have the dune grass restored.

The board is currently planning a beach cleanup with the assistance of *Save the Dunes*. The Beach committee has designated the morning of **November 15th from 9am -12pm** with a backup date of November 22nd if the weather is inclement. Any and all volunteers are welcome to help as the more the merrier. We will start at the stairs at Stop 32.

BREAK-INS

We have not experienced break-ins this year like neighboring towns but when they occur the targets seem to be homes that are owned by our part-time residents and appear to be unoccupied. For those of us that are full time, please help your part time neighbors by watching their homes during the weekdays and putting their garbage cans back near their homes after the Monday pick-ups. If you see vehicles or persons in your area that seem suspicious, write down the date, time, description, and if possible a vehicle license number and contact the police. If you see anything suspicious at a neighbor's home, call the Long Beach police non-emergency number (219-874-4243) for them to investigate. The best way to prevent crime is through homeowner involvement and communication.



811 – CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

We are members of the 811 – the call before your dig program in Indiana. Call 811 when you need to have your utilities located and our water lines will be included in the location process.

WATER USAGE

The DBA 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 make sure you have the system turned off for the winter season.

NO SOLICITING

Our rules and regulations do not allow soliciting. Any service provider that comes to your home unsolicited, such as tree trimming or house maintenance and offers you a service is doing so contrary to our rules and regulations. Please inform them that solicitation is not allowed in Duneland Beach. As a reminder, **yard signage** (i.e. “For Sale” signs or those advertising contractor, school, political, etc.) is prohibited. Real estate open house or estate sales signs are acceptable only for a 24 hour period prior and it is the homeowner’s responsibility to remove following the event.

EMAIL

Please assist us in reducing cost and improve efficiency by emailing the seasonal newsletter and other important announcements to you instead of using the US Postal Service. Please “Contact Us” on the main page of our website www.dunelandbeach.net and provide your latest email address with a request to have all communications sent electronically. This mailbox is monitored for messages and provides us another method of staying in touch. If you are interested you can leave your email address at this site and we can use that email address to provide you information and reminders.

The Board would like to take this opportunity to communicate with you before we look forward to a winter that does not *include* a polar vortex and we celebrate Autumn. In the words of journalist Jim Bishop, “Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.” Enjoy!