



TO: All **Duneland Beach** Home and Property Owners
FROM: Duneland Beach Association, Inc. - **Board of Directors**
RE: Spring Letter to Members
DATE: April 7, 2020

Spring has arrived in this difficult and trying time. Soon, we hope, we will be again enjoying the beach and Lake Michigan.

We typically take this opportunity to encourage every member to attend the DBA Annual Meeting, this year scheduled for Saturday June 27, at 10 am at the Living Way Church, 2410 Duneland Beach Dr. Given the current uncertainty about the wisdom and legal status of large group meetings you will receive additional information approximately thirty days before the meeting. Shown below are the key topics for the upcoming months:

LEAF PICKUP

There is only one Spring leaf pickup: all leaves need to be at the curb by Sunday May 3rd. Our contractor will make one pass through the entire community beginning Monday May 4th. Any leaves raked to the street after the pickup will be the homeowner's responsibility to remove.

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 only leaves 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.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLE

Republic Services announced that collection will continue on the regular schedule during the pandemic. HOWEVER, the truck will only pick up the refuse that is placed in the can/bins in order to protect those collecting from exposure to anything that might hurt or infect them.

Please do not set out anything that does not fit into the bins. It will not get picked up – this includes yard waste. Everything must be in a bin.

Pick-up of both garbage and recycle is on Mondays, except from Labor Day through Memorial Day when the recycle will only be picked up every other week. Contact the DB Website info@dunelandbeach.net for extra or new containers, blue-recycle or brown-garbage, or if you have any comment on the service.

BEACH

Our dune restoration project continues and again, we will be working with Jim and Sam Erdelac. We will be concentrating on removing invasive species, transplanting marram grass and picking up trash. Workdays to be announced in early May. Join the fun and volunteer to help.

Important Reminders:

1. Please ONLY use the steps to access our beautiful beach
2. Please display your red beach tag when accessing/using the beach. NO RED tag=no beach access
3. Pets are prohibited on the beach from 10 am to 6 pm
4. Please do not play or build forts in the marram grass.
5. NO glass (not even a wine bottle hidden in your cooler)
6. Please do your part to keep the area around the stairs neat and tidy

WATERCRAFT

As you are all aware, we have lost more than 50% of our foredune and much of what is left is bordered by a steep cliff. To protect the foredune that remains from further damage, we will not allow storage of

watercraft on the dune grass this year. Any item left on the foredune will be removed. Because of limited space only beach chairs can be stored under the stairs. You may, at your own risk, leave watercraft (with a DBA sticker) on the sand portion of the beach. Currently, however, under certain wind conditions, the water reaches the base of the foredune cliff.

WATER

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has mandated that all sprinkler systems and swimming pools have a device that prevents accidental siphoning of ground or swimming pool water back into the drinking water system causing contamination. These devices must be checked on an annual basis and the results documented. The company that you have identified as servicing your sprinkler system or pool will report the results of the annual check.

DEER REDUCTION UPDATE

We had a successful deer reduction season. The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has designated this area as a Deer Reduction Zone and has been complimentary of our efforts. The DNR awarded Duneland Beach a \$15,000 grant for the 2019-2020 season to defray the cost of the program. During the recent hunting season 37 deer were removed compared to 57 the year before. Patrick Mayer, Supervisor - DNR Fish & Wildlife, praised the professionalism of our program and of our Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP) coordinator, John Sullivan. We anticipate another \$15,000 grant award next season.

We received reports last season of hunters being harassed by a resident. As a reminder, under IN state law, it is a misdemeanor to interfere with a legal hunt.

PARK

The Indiana Governor's Stay at Home order includes the closing of playgrounds, please comply. Lines for a Pickle Ball Court will be added at one end of the tennis court. There will be a portable net that can be moved to one side and stored. Work will begin on replacement of the deteriorating board walkway and patio area. The boards are going to be removed and new concrete with a textured non-skid surface will be installed. We hope that we can get some avid gardeners to help planting flowers in the areas next to the tennis court and patio.

Long Beach Civic, the group that puts on the fireworks and has a picnic on July 4th, raises funds from food and refreshment sales at the picnic and through residents' donations. Over the years they have provided matching funds to Duneland Beach to support improvements to the playground and our foredune restoration project. This year they will match up to \$4,000 for the improvements to our park. Please respond generously to their annual solicitation for donations.

NEW AND UPDATED RULES AND REGULATIONS

Changes to the Rules & Regulations regulating sheds, water usage and pets that have been reviewed by the attorney for the Association and approved by the Board of Directors are attached. A copy of the revised Rules and Regulations will be available at the annual meeting and through the website.

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.

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 use the email link info@dunelandbeach.net or "Leave a Message" 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. The Board would like to take this opportunity to communicate with you as we look forward to another delightful Spring and Summer on the shores of Lake Michigan!

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