

TO: All **Duneland Beach** Home and Property Owners
FROM: Duneland Beach Association, Inc. - **Board of Directors**
RE: Spring Letter to Members
DATE: April 1, 2019

The calendar shows that Spring has officially arrived and, we hope, in no time we will be again enjoying the beach and Lake Michigan.

We encourage every member to attend the DBA Annual Meeting on Saturday June 29, at 10 am. 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 April 28th. Our contractor will make one pass through the entire community beginning Monday April 29th. 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.

BEACH

Our dune restoration project continues and again, we will be working with our environmental consultants, Jim and Sam Erdelac. We will be concentrating on removing invasive species, transplanting dune grass and picking up trash. Work days 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 dune 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

In an attempt to preserve the dune cliff, please drag watercraft down the path from the stairs to the water. All watercraft require a DBA sticker

DEER REDUCTION UPDATE

At the 2017 Duneland Beach Annual Meeting, 80% of the members advocated a deer reduction effort be initiated. A deer committee was formed. The DNR was consulted and as we are in a deer reduction zone we are able to be part of the Community Hunting Access Program (CHAP). John Sullivan, a DNR trained coordinator for CHAP, was hired. We had a successful first season. The DNR was impressed with our program and encouraged its continuation as well as application for a grant.

NIPSCO PROJECT

Starting in the Spring, NIPSCO crews will be replacing old or damaged poles and installing upgraded wiring in parts of Duneland Beach and surrounding communities. The initial phase is replacement of poles and wiring on Lake Shore Drive from Long Beach up to Stop 34. Since this work will require temporary complete closures of Lake Shore Drive NIPSCO will try to complete this phase before Memorial Day. Through the Summer and into the Fall

some individual poles in DB will be replaced. NIPSCO will put the new poles next to the old ones and transfer their wires. It is then up to Comcast and AT&T to transfer their wires and remove the old poles.

WATER

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has mandated that all in-ground 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 services your sprinkler system or pool should be able to perform this function and report. More information on this requirement will be forthcoming.

GARBAGE AND RECYCLE

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.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS

The revised bylaws were sent to all homeowners for comment in January with the dues billing. If you have not had time to review, please do so. The board will review the feedback and vote on a recommended version. The final version will be distributed a month prior to the annual meeting with the final vote at the annual meeting

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.

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 not earlier than forty-eight (48) hours prior to any such sale and removed within twenty-four (24) hours of such sale.

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!

Dr. Maryann Fumo
President
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