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Preparing for the Town Council Elections

The election for Town Council will take place in November. The candidates are: Peter C. Bomberger, Cheryl Evans, Richard Hawksworth, Mark Hull, Lou Mellen, Bruce Riffle, and Alexander Stemer.

Because this will be a contested election, residents submitted questions for written responses by the seven candidates for election to the three positions on the Dune Acres Town Council. More than 50 questions were submitted; however, many of them were duplicates or similar. A questionnaire has been put together and sent to each of the seven candidates with a September 15 deadline to respond. All of their responses will be posted on the Dune Acres website shortly thereafter, and an email notification will be sent to subscribers to email notifications.

Following are the questions that were submitted to the candidates for their written response:

1. Why should the voters elect you to the Town Council?
2. Which three candidates would you prefer to see elected to the Town Council? (You may include yourself.) Will you be willing to put aside personal differences with your fellow Town Council members for the good of the Town? If your personal differences were to cause the Town Council to not function cohesively, would you be willing to resign?
3. What do you believe to be the significant issues facing Dune Acres, and what is your position on those issues?
4. What policies, procedures, commissioner appointments, and Town ordinances will you, if elected, advocate to be changed, and what changes do you suggest? What is your first priority?
5. How much authority should be granted to the

various commissioners? Should they be micro-managed by the Town Council?

6. How do you propose that the Town deal with the National Park Service in connection with beach and other related issues?
7. What should be the specific duties of the security personnel? What are your thoughts with respect to providing 24/7 coverage at the Security Office? What are your thoughts regarding granting "police powers" and "first responder" authority to security personnel? How do you propose funding any additional costs?
8. What thoughts do you have, if any, to improve the appearance of the Town (e.g. roads, beach, clubhouse, public areas, entrance to Town, etc.)?
9. The Town Council holds regular monthly meetings, occasional special and executive meetings, and workshops. In addition, all members of the Town Council are on the board of Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation, and at least two members of the Town Council are on the Plan Commission. The Town also has social and clean-up events. Describe your availability to participate in these meetings and events.
10. In looking at the Town budget, what components of the budget do you advocate to be increased, and what components do you advocate to be decreased? If necessary, how do you propose that the Town raise additional revenue? (Keep in mind that any expenditure increase must be offset by a similar decrease in order to balance the budget, unless you advocate increasing real estate taxes, transferring funds from the rainy day fund, or finding sources of additional revenue.)
11. Do you believe that the Town Council should notify residents of important issues and proposed changes to Town ordinances to come before the Town Council? If so, what mechanism should be used to solicit residents' comments and to report the Town Council actions to residents?

by Howard Silverman



Dune Acres Fall Party

at the Clubhouse

October 10, 2015 7-10 pm

Open Microphone – Come to
listen or perform
\$25/person

RSVP Rick Demkovich
219-787-9806
or at the Security Office

Meet the Candidates

As you have probably seen from our “Save The Date” flyer, the Elderberries are sponsoring a “Meet the Candidates Forum” on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Clubhouse. The seven candidates (A. Stemer, L. Mellen, R. Hawksworth, C. Evans, P. Bomberger, M. Hall and B. Riffle) have agreed to participate. Dune Acres residents are requested to submit questions for the candidates to the Elderberries via Mary Ann Crayton (2 Crest Drive mailbox or via email to maryanncrayton@earthlink.net) by October 5th.

Lou Roberts will be the moderator of the forum. The candidates will be asked to make an opening statement (3 minutes) on “why I am running for the council position”. The questions (selected by the submission process) will be asked of each of the candidates: The candidates will not be given the questions in advance and the candidates will have two minutes to respond. Due to time constraints, there will be no questions from the audience.

This is your opportunity to see and hear the candidates live. We hope you will join us for this special event.

by Mary Ann Crayton



September Fitness Schedule

- Saturday, Sept. 5 - NO CLASS
- Saturday, Sept. 12 - Balance Ball workout
bring your balance ball
- Saturday, Sept. 19 - Rubber Band class
bands will be supplied
- Saturday, Sept. 26 - Lower body yoga flow

***Remember to bring your mat!**

Classes will be on Saturday mornings at 10 am.
\$5 per person or \$3 per person if 10 or more
show up.

by Sharon Tutlewski

Letter to the Editors

You do one helluva fantastic job with this publication and reporting on DA history!

I was first introduced to DA in the 40's. Mother, an attorney, worked at United Charities Legal Aid . She worked with Helen Brown...who lived with Auga Adams - (head of primary grades at U Of Chicago Lab School (aka "Lab rats.")

Helen and Auga owned a home on Beach Drive.

I visited occasionally, finished college, US Army, married etc. Forgot all about DA. Then by chance we vacationed in Porter Beach one summer (1963) and for some reason the whole place seemed familiar to me. It dawned on me to stroll down to Helen's place and reestablished a long-lost friendship.

When I sold my business in 1987 I thought I'd like to spend a year or two visiting various islands around the world. Then I thought: Why? DA has views, sunsets, beach, fine people ... why not dig in? Just 90 minutes from our Wilmette home!

And so we spent 26 great summers (5-6 months) at 70 East Road. When we first visited it and saw the view from the living room I thought OMG what a view! Then I went to the porch - even better! Then we went upstairs - wow! Then to the balcony -still another great view.! Best view this side of Lake Michigan: Trees, beach, lake, Chicago sky line (1/16th of an inch high!) and the sunsets!!!

We had to have this place! Named it Fairview.

Along the way Sally and I made many good friends AND got to know Wade Ray, his sister and brother in law (Porter Beach). Wade had a fantastic sense of humor and I've saved his illustrated, home-made postcards. AND, as you know, his son now has his pieces on display at the Art Institute.

Ahhh so many memories ... so many fantastic sunsets!

So - we moved to the Presbyterian Homes in Evanston and gave Fairview to our kids. I am suggesting they keep your publications and pass them on to their kids ... who all say "We'll Keep Fairview ... We'll want it for years to come!"

Long live D.A.! And thanks to all those folks who made it possible to be what it is!!!!

by Kermit Myers



Letter to the Town of Dune Acres

In the early hours of July 18th, our family experienced a devastating fire at our beloved house at 6 Shore Drive. I say devastating rather than tragic as we are blessed that no one was in the house - truly a miracle. By the grace of God, all members of our family were in other locations. Our wonderful neighbors, Mike and Dianne Swygert, called 911, avoiding damage to other property thanks to their fast thinking. Unfortunately, my house was a total loss. While beyond difficult to accept losing irreplaceable family photos, heirlooms, renovations and hard work spent creating my home, I am reminded of how lucky I am when I look at my children and grandchildren. The destruction of fire really brings to light what is important in life - family, not things.

Since purchasing the house in 2002, it has become a haven for family and friends from near and far; an oasis to all who visit. To me, it has always felt like home and I have enjoyed every single day I've spent overlooking the lake, enjoying walks and soaking in the natural beauty of Dune Acres. I experienced a wonderful feeling the very first time I walked into the house when it was for sale. I've spent the past 13 years putting my heart and soul into my home, and I look forward to doing so again. I will rebuild. I will once again look out and listen to the heavenly sound of the great lake. Although the house itself will never be the same, our family is still the same. We will create new memories. Dune Acres is part of me and I look forward to our future!

Thank you to all who have reached out. While I may not have met you personally, it has meant so much to know that this community is caring and willing to lend a helping hand. My heartfelt thanks to the fire departments involved. Porter, Chesterton, Burns Harbor, South Haven, Union Township, Portage and Ogden Dunes all rallied to extinguish a fire that could have spread. I am forever in debt to the men and women working at these stations for their actions and assistance with the scene overall. Thank you to the staff at Dune Acres, the backbone of our town, for providing such care and accessibility.

Last, but not least, if you can spare 15 minutes once a year, take pictures of your home, the outside as well as the rooms themselves, including open drawers and closets, and put them in a safety deposit box. Pray you never need to look at them for reference in the event of a natural disaster. Should you need to, the photos will take an immense burden off your mind.

by Pat Krug

HOME FIRES IN DUNE ACRES

FOREWORD

Pat Krug's loss of her beautiful home and contents at 6 Shore Drive continues to be a painful event for her and her family. As Pat's friend and neighbors for a dozen years, Dianne and I share her sadness about her loss but are joyous and grateful that she, her children, and grandchildren were not harmed. Pat we reach out to you with our love, prayers and assurance that we will always stand by you and wish you the best.

Mike and Dianne Swygert

**Dune Acres is better prepared to fight fires today
than it was during most of its history.**

The Town's Original Water Supply and Distribution Infrastructure

From the founding of Dune Acres in the early 1920's until the mid-1930's, residents dug wells to get water. Then, from about 1935-1937, Dune Acres installed a sophisticated water system with the assistance of WPA (Work Progress Administration) workers. From Lake Michigan, the men laid an inlet pipe under the beach to the bottom of Clubhouse Hill where they had built a large steel enclosure for three pumps. From there, the three pumps pushed the lake water through lines to the top of Clubhouse Hill into a 38,000-gallon reservoir located in the basement of the hotel (the maintenance building today). From there, other pumps sent the water through an array of water lines spreading throughout the Town to residences and hydrants. After the system went into service, no further private wells were allowed.

This water system worked well for a while but in time serious problems arose. Increasingly, water from the lake would be unavailable for lengthy periods due to line breaks or pump failures. Even when the system did work, it often failed to produce sufficient water volume and/or pressure. Houses close to the Clubhouse typically enjoyed strong pressures while homes further away, especially on the West end, struggled with weak (and sometimes no) pressure. The water distribution lines were only two-inches in diameter, not large enough to carry the volume of water with requisite pressure to serve a growing population of residents and homes, or to the small fire hydrants. Moreover, county and state health agency regulations and state laws were requiring changes in the operation and infrastructure of municipal water systems, changes that would be cost prohibitive for Dune Acres.

Dune Acres officials understood that the Town needed a new system. In the 1990's, the Town sold its water-system infrastructure to the Indiana American Water Company, a regulated public utility that became Dune Acres exclusive supplier and distributor of water. American Water rebuilt the entire infrastructure, replacing the older 2-inch distribution lines with pipes having 6-inch, 8-inch, and 10-inch diameters (plus two 12-inch lines that brought water from outside into the Town). In addition, the new larger hydrants had to have a color-coded system to indicate the size of the supply lines: hydrants that took six-inch lines had green tops; 8-inch, orange tops; and 10-inch red tops. Today, the Dune Acres has about forty hydrants.

The All-Volunteer Dune Acres Fire Fighters

During much of the Town's history, Dune Acres had limited fire protection, residents, for the most part, provided it. In 1945, the Town built a Fire Station -- later converted to the Town Hall -- along East Road at the foot of Clubhouse Hill. At the start, the Station housed one small truck. (A second was added years later.) The firefighters were "all able-bodied men" (women also joined) who lived in Town. Upon hearing a loud siren from a horn affixed to the Clubhouse, the men and women assembled at the Fire Station. Those who had "Indian Firefighters" -- heavy metal canisters with hand pumps that held water and were meant to be carried on one's back -- brought them.

The system worked well, especially from the 1940s through the mid-1960s when grass fires were frequent but usually presented no serious threat. An exception was in 1949 when a dangerous and out-of-control serious fire started adjacent to the South Shore tracks and swept through the Town, burning down one home on Crest Drive and injuring others including the Clubhouse (only minor damage). Since then, a number of homes in the Town have burned down. Assistance from out-of-town fire departments was sporadic and never guaranteed.

In the late 1980s, Dune Acres resident and Fire Commissioner John Wilhelm along with other Town officials grew concerned that Dune Acres needed a written contract with outside fire departments to assist in fighting fires when needed. They understood that an all-volunteer, all-amateur, and all-age "group" of well-intended people having at their disposal two Town vehicles (one small truck and a jeep) plus 40 or 50 back-pack style Indian firefighters would not provide a level of protection and firefighting expertise the Town required for adequate protection.

In the 1980's, Dune Acres had informal agreements with the Porter, Chesterton and Burns Harbor volunteer fire departments to come to the Town provided their equipment and/or personnel were available. Later, all the Porter County towns and fire departments signed a formal mutual-aid agreement. Dune Acres with its volunteer fire

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Mini Art Fair a Huge Success

“I had fun. I made money. I met new people and I had good food. It doesn’t get any better than that!” So wrote Rita Jackson in a note that accompanied her check payable to DACIF after the mini art show held in Dune Acres’ Town Hall on Sunday, August 23. Rita, a ceramicist from Chesterton, along with weaver Mary Baim from Chicago, and myself with my bead jewelry offered our hand-made items for sale, with a pledge to donate 25% of the proceeds to DACIF. And we were successful beyond our greatest hope, netting over \$1,100 to DACIF! Thanks to all of you who came, brought friends, and bought.

If you are an artist or artisan, or know someone nearby who is, and would like to participate in a similar show next year, please contact me. It would be terrific to make this into an annual fundraiser for DACIF, and give DA residents a chance to display their labors of love for neighbors to enjoy.

by Irene Newman

Another Fund Raising Opportunity

Are you an Amazon shopper? Did you know that through their Amazon Smile program, 0.5% of each of your purchases will be donated to the 501(c)(3) charity of your choice?

Quoting from their website:

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you’ll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

To learn more, go to <https://smile.amazon.com/about>. And yes - DACIF is on the list as one of the choices.

by Irene Newman



Rita Jackson
Ceramic Sculpture



Mary Baim
Weaving



Irene Newman
Beaded Jewelry



I recently released three flying squirrels and a bard owl on our property which were rehabbed at Moraine Ridge Wildlife Rehab Center.

by Mary Ann Crayton



Monarch Butterflies

Raising monarchs is a wonderful project and especially for children. Watching the transformation from egg to butterfly happen in just 30 days is a miracle. I find them on common milkweed (along East Road) at all stages of life.

Sometimes an egg or caterpillar. Bette Norris found recently found a chrysalis on a milkweed. It takes 18 days from egg hatch to the "J" stage, 8 hours and 30 minutes from the "J" stage to the beautiful green chrysalis with gold dots, and then in 12 days the chrysalis begins to turn clear so you can see the butterfly inside and in about five minutes it hatches.

The monarchs that I am releasing now will not breed but instead will join the annual 3000 mile migration to their overwintering area in Mexico.

Monarchs are experiencing a 90% decline as a result of pesticides, habitat loss and climate change. They are being considered to be endangered. To help the monarchs you can plant milkweed and other native nectar plants. Jan Bapst and Bette Norris raised monarchs this summer and hopefully more Dune Acres residents will participate in the years to come. Learn more at www.monarchwatch.org.

by Mary Ann Crayton



Lions and Lynxes and Bears (Oh My!)

In light of the recent sightings of a black bear near Michigan City, it's interesting to consider the many animals that have lived in and around Dune Acres through the years. A little research yields an eclectic list of critters.

First, about that bear. The last sighting of a black bear in the Chicago region was in October 1871 "...where [a bear] was seen in the woods west of Waverly (Porter) Beach, near what is now called Juniper Valley."

Cohabiting the region with bears were a host of well-adapted predators. The fisher, described as "somewhere between a domesticated ferret and a wolverine" in size and attitude, once roamed the area. A partial jaw was discovered in the Indiana Dunes and an 1855 account said that "...the fisher used frequently to be seen in the heavy timber along Lake Michigan." The lynx, a creature of the northern boreal region, is recorded in Starke, Lake, LaPorte and Porter counties. The last one seen near Dune Acres was killed by a hunter in 1873 "at Tremont on Beach Ridge..."

While the fisher and lynx would have preyed on middle-sized and smaller animals, apex predators abounded, too. George Brennan, author of *The Wonders of the Dunes*, quoted two old-timers who noted that, when they arrived in the area in the 1830s, there were "large numbers of panthers [mountain lions] in the Dunes, the beaches, and woods of the Valparaiso Moraine." Timber wolves, though largely extirpated throughout the eastern United States by the mid-1800s, persisted until the eve of Dune Acres' settlement. Two wolves were killed in 1914 "in the dense woods some distance east of Dune Park near Oak Hill." And Brennan reported the Dunes provided splendid hiding-places for the last wolves and that, "there were still a few of them left between Dune Park and Michigan City until 1919." (Note: "Dune Park" was a stop on the South Shore line, just west of Dune Acres--roughly where the Arcelor Mittal plant is today.)

It's probable that these meat-eaters sated themselves on elk (a pair of antlers were discovered near the Kankakee River near South Bend in 1895), deer (common in the Dunes until the late 19th century), snowshoe hare (extensive reports from the Dunes), and other herbivores. There are even accounts of Bison grazing along the banks of the Saint Joseph River near Niles, Michigan during the 18th century and a bison skeleton was recovered in Berrien County, just twenty miles from here. Porcupines were common in the Dunes, too. In 1915 one was shot "directly north of Cowles' tamarack swamp." (Cowles Bog)

While many of these Duneland inhabitants are relegated to history (at least for now) some are probably still present, if not extraordinarily rare.



This handsome dude greeted me the other morning on Shore Drive. I quietly watched him and he quietly watched me while he munched on the hillside greens. Then he nonchalantly walked up the hill to the clubhouse. I've never seen a deer with this big of a rack here in DA. So glad I had the experience.

by Tom Roberts

Bobcats were formerly common in the area and, if infrequent reports are to be believed, still live here in small numbers. Barbara Plampin tells me that she once collected a grey fox that was a local traffic casualty. She also mentions that the National Park Service verified badger tracks along the Cowles Bog trail. Alas, no badger was found. And, if you like your animals without fur, consider this: When the local dunes were bulldozed to build Bethlehem Steel in the 1960s, one operator reported seeing from forty to fifty massasauga rattlesnakes. More recently, in 2004, the discarded skin of a rattlesnake was discovered in Howes Prairie (between DA and Porter Beach). And, since the 1990s, there have been several live rattlesnakes sighted at the Beverly Shores train station. Perhaps they were visiting from Chicago.

Most of these these long-vanquished species fell prey to hunting, trapping and habitat destruction. But, with modern day legal productions and more enlightened environmental attitudes, perhaps some will follow in the tracks of their animal cousins and reestablish themselves around Dune Acres.

by Rich Hawksworth

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department was one of the signers. Beginning in the 1990's, Dune Acres and the Porter Volunteer Fire Department negotiated successive detailed binding agreements whereby the Town paid an annual fee to the PVFD for its assurance of coming into the Town when called. From that point on, Dune Acres had a guaranteed outside and mutual-aid fire assistance. That arrangement is ongoing today.

A recent Dune Acres house fire demonstrated that both the township water system and outside professional fire-fighting assistance work.

My wife Dianne at 4:30 a.m. on the morning of July 18, 2015, made an emergency 911-call, requesting fire-fighting units be dispatched to 6 Shore Drive, exclaiming that the house at that address was on fire. Within minutes Porter Fire Chief Lewis Craig was on the scene, quickly followed by fire trucks and personnel from both the Chesterton and Porter Fire Departments. Soon afterwards, additional fire departments arrived from Burns Harbor, Portage, South Haven, Liberty Township and Ogden Dunes plus a Porter Regional Hospital EMS team and Porter County Sheriff police. The response was welcomed and appreciated.

With orderly precision, the firefighters hooked up hoses to the fire hydrant at Clubhouse Road and Shore Drive. The water from the hydrant was high volume and pressure, resulting (according to the *Chesterton Tribune*), in "20,000 gallons of water" being put on the burning structure. Fortunately, no one was home at 6 Shore Drive when the fire occurred.

When I went outside our house, I was overwhelmed by the enormity of the fire -- flames shooting out windows, doors, through walls and roofs -- while at the same time being over powered by the intensity of the heat. The fire chief told me that it was too late to save the burning house, but assured me they would prevent the fire from extending to our adjacent log house at 4 Shore Drive (where, less than a half hour earlier, my wife and I had been asleep).

A Lesson Learned: Smoke Detectors May Not Provide Sufficient Protection

Like many Dune Acres homeowners, my wife and I had smoke detectors in various locations throughout the home, devices emit loud high-frequency sounds when smoke (or heat) is detected. They save lives, awakening those who are sleeping, alerting them of the danger, and permitting them to take protective actions. People's safety always comes first. But at the earliest opportunity after the family's personal safety is assured, call 911 immediately. Fire units will quickly be on their way.

But what if you and your family are out of the house when a fire starts? Though the detector sounds an alarm, nobody will likely hear it. No fire or rescue units will besent. Well, they won't be sent UNLESS you have installed an externally monitored fire-alarm system. A monitored system (*either through smart phones digitally or through phone lines*) uses special sensors that when smoke or high heat are detected, the system instantly transmits an electronic message to a central monitoring station that in turn contacts the nearest fire department alerting it to the fire at your address. Think of it as an automatic 911 fire-alertcall.

After fire destroyed our neighbor Pat Krug's home in July, Dianne and I analyzed our home's fire risk. We realized that fire detectors were of little use should a fire start when we were not home, for example, when we visit our children and grandchildren. Recognizing this risk, within days we had professionals install an electronic/digital monitoring system that covered fire and CO2 risks whether we were home or not and at the same time upgraded our monitored burglary home security system.

ADDENDUM

FIRES AND EARLY DUNE ACRES HOMES

The house destroyed by fire at 6 Shore Drive this past July was originally owned by one of the Town's founders, Col. A.P. Melton and his wife Edith. Mary Ann Tittle's records of Dune Acres homes reveal that the Melton home was one of the earliest houses (1925) built in Town. Col. Melton named his small cottage "The Crow's Nest". Over the ensuing ninety years, the cottage was expanded into a large modern home through four additions and several remodelings.

Before coming to Dune Acres, Melton was the City Planner for Gary, Indiana, and laid out the city's configuration of streets and roads, an effort recognized when city officials named U.S. Highway 20 "Melton Road." Later, William Wirt (the man who purchased the land that became Dune Acres) asked Melton to layout the new Town's roads. He did so and with Wirt went on to plat the Town's First Subdivision (east of Shore Drive).

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Home Fires in Dune Acres

Over the past ninety years, several of the Town's early homes have been destroyed by fire. They include the first home built in the newly-platted Dune Acres (*and the first built by Alden Studebaker*). The year was 1924 and the owner was none other than William Wirt (the Town's principal founder). Wirt chose a home site on a ridge overlooking Lake Michigan (today, 74 East Road). In 1927, only three years after it was built, Wirt's home burnt to the ground. Only the garage survived.

Author's concluding comments:

In researching and writing this essay, it became clear that no person and no structure is exempt from the risks of fire. Dune Acres' early fire chiefs included Ray Tittle during most of the 1950's and Rod Dyerly during most of the 1960's. As fire chiefs, each man worked hard in making the Town and its residents prepared for fire, including keeping fire lanes accessible and open. On one New Year's Day, Chief Dyerly's home burnt to the ground due to a poorly insulated fire place. Nobody and no home is exempt.

A suggestion: October in the United States is Fire Prevention Month. Now is the time to change smoke detector batteries and/or upgrade your alarm system to include external monitoring in your home.

by Mike Swygert

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Conversations with Mark Hull, Chip Lesch, Pat Krug, and Officials of the Porter Volunteer Fire Department (July and August 2015).



Hedgehog in Dianne's garden. Photo by Mike Swygert

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If you would like to contribute a story, photo, poem, art, something from your children or grandchildren, etc,

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