



THE BEACHCOMBER

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June, 2016

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN DUNE ACRES – JULY 2ND

The biggest annual holiday in Dune Acres is coming up very soon! July 2nd will be the official Independence Day Celebration in town. Please look at the following schedule and RSVP for the events you and your family/friends would like to participate in. Everyone received the RSVP forms in their mailboxes, but more are available at the Security Office if needed. Please return the forms by June 27th to the Security office.

The events start early on Saturday morning with the annual walk/run starting at Town Hall at 7:45 am. Again, Tom and Carol Cornwell are organizing this fun activity. At 10:30 all children, grandchildren and interested adults should come down to Town Hall and start decorating bikes, cars and faces for the parade! Karen and Bruce Riffle are in charge of all the parade festivities.

This year we are pleased to have Irv and Cecilia Call be our Co-Grand Marshalls. After more than a dozen years of being Security Commissioner, Cecilia retired the position last November. Irv, the Town Engineer for many, many years, continues to volunteer in tireless fashion. Both deserve our acknowledgement and thanks. Come be a part of the parade or cheer them on as the parade makes its way from Town Hall to East Beach.

After the long walk (lol) to East Beach, where we will feast on hot dogs and beer/soda (Thank you Bob and Margo Hartmann for feeding the gang- again!), take the kids to the beach and enjoy the slip'n'slide, participate in the sand castle contest (great for grandparents and kids...) and watch the kids play games all organized by Sarah and Austin Bancroft.

After a day full of sun and fun, bring the whole family to the Clubhouse for a relaxing cocktail hour and dinner. *Please note that the cocktail hour includes entertainment for children and is a separate event from the catered dinner – come to either or both! **Reservations are mandatory for the dinner as space is limited.** Rumor has it that dinner coordinator Jenny Carey is serving Wagner's pulled pork among other delicious entrées and side dishes.

Fireworks will be spectacular, as always, thanks to Commish Carstens. After dinner, bring your blankets and chairs down to the beach for the show at dusk.

See you then!!

Carolyn Mellen
DA Social Chairman

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| 7:45 am | 3K walk/ 5K Run - Town Hall |
| 10:30 am | Face Painting - Decorating for Parade - Town Hall |
| 11:00 am | Assemble for Parade - Town Hall |
| 11:30 am | Grand Parade to East Beach |
| Noon | Hot Dog Roast at East Beach |
| 1:00 pm | Games at East Beach |
| 3:00 pm | Sand Castle Judging |
| 5:30pm | Social Hour and Children's Entertainment at the Club House - Cash Bar |
| 6:30 pm | Dinner at the Clubhouse - registration required |
| Dusk: | Fireworks at the beach in front of the Clubhouse |



Art & Architecture in the Dunes Special Clubhouse event July 23, 2016

"In architecture there needs to be a concern for human nature and for what promotes happiness, namely a sympathy for social communities, which include the family, the city, the region, the world, and our precious environment." - Pietro Belluschi, Architect (1899 – 1994)

Pietro Belluschi was an Italian immigrant architect who became a leader in Pacific Northwest Regional architecture. Additionally, he was a renowned Modernist who served as Dean of the MIT School of Architecture. In his long career, he was involved in over 1000 projects. His buildings include the Julliard School of Music at Lincoln Center in New York, and St. Mary's Cathedral and the Bank of America Tower in San Francisco. He was also my mentor and my father.

At a young age, I was inspired by my father's work and became an architect myself. During my forty-year ongoing architecture practice, I have had offices in Boston, Los Angeles, Miami and Chicago. My work includes projects around the world such as the American Airlines Terminal at O'Hare, North Bridge Galleria in Chicago and Les Quatre Temps retail complex in La Defense district of Paris. Most recently I have focused on residential architecture in the Northwest modern style.

After the death of my parents, my wife, Marti and I inherited a mid-century modern home in Portland, Oregon that Pietro designed for a client in 1948 and lived in himself from 1973 until his passing. We spent four years working on the restoration, renovation and expansion of the house before moving there in 2012.

Since then, our home has received more attention and interest than we could ever imagine. It is considered a Portland landmark and a classic example of Pacific Northwest Regional modernism.

Numerous articles have been written about the house and several thousand people have toured it. Here is a link to a nice article from the spring issue of Preservation Magazine, the publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. We particularly like the photos shown by clicking on "More Belluschi."

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/all-in-the-family-pietro-tony-belluschi>

On July 23 at the Clubhouse, I will give a presentation about the house and two generations of Belluschi architecture, including showing a segment of the national TV program, Strange Inheritance, about what it has been like to inherit and rehabilitate an architectural icon.

I am very pleased to be a part of the Dune Acres Art and Architecture event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Art & Architecture in the Dunes
Dune Acres Club House

July 23, 2016
1:00 - 7:30 pm

Art Fair

1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Mary Baim - weavings
Barbara Braverman - drawings
Rita Jackson - ceramic sculptures
Irene Newman - bead jewelry
Polly Pancoe - serving pieces
Stacy & Yutaka - fabric arts
Diana Widman - fine jewelry

Architecture Talk

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Tony Belluschi

Cocktail Party

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Cash Bar
Complimentary Hors d'Oeuvres

Sponsored by Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation

15% of all art sales proceeds benefit DACIF

The Rise and Fall of Lake Michigan: Part Two

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PART TWO

ADDENDUM TO PART ONE

Lake Michigan's nightmarish 1929 storm demolished a Dune Acres home and carried it in pieces offshore. The tempest also eroded and washed out the foundations of Beach and Ridge Drives. Originally they were one road, coming together at the base of the blowout where Ridge Drive ends today. In 1924, one of Dune Acres' founders Col. A. P. Melton laid out the Town's roads. Art Studebaker, long-time resident (and expert on early history) confirms that Beach and Ridge originally were connected and the 1929 storm likely destroyed their foundations. Alden Studebaker, father of Arthur and his brother Henry (deceased) built the Clubhouse and most of the Town's early homes, Alden worked with Col. Melton in supervising construction of the Town's roads including Beach and Ridge Drives. The collapsing of Beach Drive due to storms happened not only in 1929, but also in 1950's, 1970's, 1980's, and 1990's.

CORRECTION TO PART ONE: Resident Arthur Studebaker notes the photo of a house in a recent *Beachcomber* designated as belonging to Alden Studebaker, was actually owned by James and Catherine Martin.

LAKE MICHIGAN RISES 4 FEET IN 3 YEARS

On June 1, 2016, Lake Michigan's water level was 4 feet higher than it had been three years earlier, the highest since 2004. Today, the Town's beach is narrower than last summer and more so than the summer before. The rising lake level and recent storms have lessened the beach's size, eroded large portions of the foredunes, and damaged dune bluffs, making beach access more challenging. Where there had been easy access down sloped bluffs, foredunes and beaches, today in many places there are vertical drop-offs, some as tall as ten feet.

LAKE MICHIGAN "FLOW OF SAND IS OUT OF BALANCE"

The southern shore of Lake Michigan has episodically sustained beach transformations and serious erosion of near-lake dunes. Decades and decades of changing water levels coupled with powerful storms are the culprits. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers official Steve Hungness aptly puts it: "*We're just observers of what happens in Mother Nature.*" Yes, but over the past fifty years, Mother Nature has been assisted.



Lake Michigan's breaking waves reveal brownish sand. Sometimes the waves scrape the lake's bottom and carry sand up the beach (accretion). In intense high-water storms, waves remove sand from the beach and dunes and carry it out into the lake (erosion).



Photo taken next to NIPSCO water-intake, looking east. Super-wide beach caused by littoral-drift blockage. Dune Acres beach (toward cooling tower in background) is a fraction of this size.

As noted in Part One, two beaches, roughly ten miles apart and both within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, reveal what happens when natural shoreline processes are interrupted. One beach starts immediately west of Dune Acres and extends to the Bailly NIPSCO Plant jetty. There the beach is extraordinarily wide - hundreds of feet. The second National Lakeshore beach begins west of Michigan City's jetty and ends at the Beverly Shores boundary. Mount Baldy, the largest and best-known dune within the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, is within that stretch. Mt. Baldy has no beach at all. Why such disparity? The answer: it is largely due to jetties, groins, seawalls, revetments, piers, landfills, and man-made structures that extend into the lake. These "engineered peninsulas" (as some call them) break up the natural littoral-drift movement that transports near-shore, lake-bottom sand and deposits it onto beaches. Those lying east of jetties, grow rapidly, much faster than the norm, while those lying west of the jetties grow glacially if at all. What does this mean? *Chicago Tribune* reporter Ted Gregory explains:

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Stoke Riders

Porter Beach Kiteboarding lessons, Standup Paddleboard and Kayak Rentals

Stoke Riders was started by Dune Acres local, Tyler Spence, as a quest to find the perfect beach location to enjoy adventurous water activities for Lake Michigan's diverse weather conditions. You may have seen Tyler or his business partner, Tiffany Forte, navigating Dune Acres shoreline kiteboarding, SUPing, kayaking, rowing or fat tire biking over the past few years. Now they have decided to bring the adventure to the public.

You can find them at Porter beach, where they rent kayaks and standup paddleboards to beach-goers at their seasonal beach shop just a sand shuffle from the waters edge. In addition to daily rentals, they offer paddleboard yoga classes, kiteboarding lessons and a table full of beach accessories that may come in handy for a day in the sun.

With southern Lake Michigan water surface temperatures already at 65 degrees, SUP and kayaking rentals as well as kiteboarding lessons are already a big hit this year. If you head to Porter beach, you'll find big grins from paddlers going out on the water to find a cool escape from the heat and crowds. There are also some novice kiteboarders honing their kite flying skills on the shallow sandbars just offshore from Porter beach.

Next time you take a stroll on the beach, be sure to stop by Stoke Riders information table to learn more about the many services they have to offer. You might end up, "catching the stoke!"

Stoke Riders will be open until September 11.



You can learn more about kiteboarding in this article at
<http://www.thekiteboarder.com/2016/04/thewindycity/>

MORAINE RIDGE WILDLIFE REHABILITATION CENTER

Invasive Species Awareness Day

June 25 | noon-3 p.m.

Join us for the opportunity to learn about invasive species in Northwest Indiana. What makes a species become invasive and why are some species more detrimental than others? Is there anything we can or should do to help our environment be more natural? Join us to find out.

RSVPs appreciated by contacting Nicole at 219.299.8027 or nharmon@mrwildliferehab.org.

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submitted by Mary Ann Crayton

Stroke prevention

In addition to adding a statin to our drinking water, my neurologist recommends reading

HOW TO PREVENT YOUR STROKE, by J. David Spence, MD. It's an easy read and you will know more about stroke prevention than your doctor does.

Prevention begins at birth, so young parents should read this too.

Great recipes at the back of the book.

Available on Amazon at
<https://goo.gl/3Axx05>

by Sharon Tutlewski

Life is Better in Flip Flops

A little over 100 Dune Acres residents and friends celebrated Memorial Day and welcomed spring at the Flags and Flip Flops Spring Cocktail party held on May 28th.

We enjoyed food catered by Bartletts, as well as delicious salmon prepared by Tom Roberts. Tom and Lou also helped to deliver invitations. The fabulous cheese, as well as many treats for the dessert table, was donated by Robin Tennant, who also greeted guests and is always willing to help with anything! We were fortunate to have excellent bakers, Adele Simmons, Victoria Konopacki, and Dana Treister. Victoria was nice enough to loan us the window boxes that were used to decorate the fireplace mantles, and Dana also greeted our first guests of the evening while her husband Mike tended bar. I'd also like to mention that Kenneth Warren donated many wine glasses to the club house that we were able to use at our party. A sincere thank you to all these people!

Special thanks to Carolyn Mellen. She provided the guidance for hosting the party as well as helping to deliver invitations. She does so much for our town, and we are very fortunate to have her. Bill Nixon served as our liquor consultant, (so did Mark Hull, whom we ran into several times at Costco). Barbara Plampin was unable to attend, (you were missed) but her son John was nice enough to fill in for her at the reception table. Thank you John! Anne and Jerry Murphy helped set up tables and decorations, as well as tend bar. Tina Read helped set up and decorate and tended bar with her husband Jim, and they worked overtime! Michael Yetnikoff was bar tender extraordinaire, Mike Lapinski, who wasn't even on our committee, tended bar (I see a pattern here). Sharon Tutlewski helped with greeting, and Patrice Bapst went above and beyond with clean up duty.

Thank you, Irene Newman , for announcing the party in the Beachcomber, and Jan Bapst for sending out emails and posting it on the town board, Thank you, Howard Silverman, our treasurer. Many thanks to our guards for accepting the responses to the party. Ivan Chermel and Mark Taylor, we appreciate all you do for our clubhouse and town!

Last, but not least, a huge thank you to Paul and Mary Jo Wilkins. Mary Jo is Bob's sister and Paul is about the best brother-in-law you could ask for. They are new to Dune Acres and had little idea what they were getting into when we asked them to co-host the party. They were responsible for the adorable invitations as well as many decorations, including the flip flop wreath that we received many compliments on, the sign, email communications, food, setting up, cleaning up, etc. etc. We make a good team. They will be a wonderful asset to Dune Acres!

For about a month we ran back and forth to Costco and the Dollar Store, Hobby Lobby, etc., spent hours on Pinterest (me, not Bob), and had dozens (and dozens) of flip flops and red white and blue "stuff" all over our dining table, and lists and lists and more lists of things to do. Anyone who has ever hosted a party knows it's a lot of work, but it's also a lot of fun. We enjoyed visiting with friends, made new friends, and met so many nice people that it was all worth it. Thank you to all who attended and especially to all who helped, you are truly appreciated!

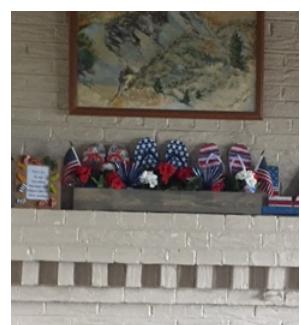
by Kathy and Bob Lauer



Kathy & Bob Lauer and Paul & Mary Jo Wilkins



A message from the party chairs



Lake Michigan

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"The flow of sand on the southernmost tip of Lake Michigan is out of balance creating serious erosion in some places and too much sand in others." (*Ted Gregory, Half-Century Late; Kennedy Compromise Yields Lake Michigan Erosion, Chicago Tribune, June 13, 2014*).

Industrialization along the Porter County Lake Michigan shoreline reached its zenith in the 1960's, resulting in miles of pristine dunes being flattened, beaches demolished, and floral and fauna habitats destroyed. Certainly, the Calumet Region, State of Indiana, and the entire country have reaped enormous economic benefits from these enterprises. But naturally there has been a huge tradeoff – the loss of seven miles of unique and beautiful Indiana dunes and beaches and the continuing disruption of Lake Michigan's westward littoral drift and the consequences thereof.

Lake hydrologists have divided Lake Michigan's southern coastal waters into five reaches. "*Reach 1*" begins at the Michigan City Harbor and ends in the middle of the Dunes State Park. There, "*Reach 2*" begins and runs west along the Dune Acres shoreline to the Baily NIPSCO/Port of Indiana jetties. Together, reaches 1 and 2 form a "*closed littoral cell*." Think of it as a body of water that has borders on each side -- breakwaters and jetties -- that restrict the movement of sediment (sand, gravel, etc.) beyond those borders. The waters in front of Dune Acres lie within a closed littoral cell. Both onshore sands -- beaches, foredunes, dune bluffs; and offshore sands -- lake sediment and sandbars within the surf zone (where waves break) for the most part are trapped between east and west barriers. Understand that the sand is trapped, not the water.

Does the closed littoral cell affect Dune Acres' beaches? Yes, the Town's beaches are narrower on the east side while significantly wider on the west, resulting from the disproportional and uneven accretion of sand caused by engineered barriers that disrupt, even stop, movement of the predominant western movement of the littoral drift. Periods of erosion and accretion are normal phenomena but one should not conclude that, after an episodic erosion event, beaches and dunes in time return to the *status quo ante*. One study suggested that assuming there had been no retaining walls, steel pilings, groins, or riprap (large boulders) barricades installed, the net erosion would have pushed back the bottom of the dune bluffs on average 6 feet a year along Indiana coastline, the range being zero to 20 feet. Though Dune Acres' older lakefront homes have less sand in front of them than when they were built, nearly all today are protected by steel pilings and/or rock revetments. Like the wood timber groins placed in front of some houses in the early 1930s, today's buried steel and rocks are beginning to reappear. One intense storm could make it all reappear in days.

THE RAVAGING STORMS OF 1972-1973

Beginning in 1943, Lake Michigan's water levels exceeded the International Great Lakes Datum (IGLD) average and remained above the norm through 1955. Not until 14 years later, in 1969, did the lake exceed the IGLD norm, and that time it did so for 18 years, the longest duration the lake has been above its IGLD since the nineteenth century. (*Dr. Clifford H. Mortimer, Lake Michigan in Motion: Responses of an Inland Sea to Weather, Earth-Spin, and Human Activities, Hydrologic Charts, pages 62-63, University of Wisconsin Press, 2004*).

During the 1970's and '80's, Dune Acres experienced the highest lake water levels and most destructive storms in its history. The first and most destructive storm occurred in September 1972. Mary Ann and Ray Tittle share what they saw from their home at 10 Shore Drive:

We kept a small sailboat and motorboat on the beach and would pull them up into the grass and onto the foredune for the winter. Ray built a 6 foot tall cement block post, 3 feet of it buried. On top was an electric winch to pull up the motorboat. This was set back in the dune grass near the end of the steps. In the fall we secured the "toys" and thought we were in good shape. A few days later the storm hit and overnight washed everything down the beach almost to the NIPSCO plant. We walked down our stairs toward the beach and came to an abrupt stop, a vertical wall of sand about 30 feet above the beach. At least 30 railroad-tie steps, a short wooden stairway at the bottom, the cement block post, the boats, everything was gone and what little was left of the beach was clean -- an



Bruce Tittle in '72 standing beneath a sheer cliff; at top is the family home. (not in the photo). Remains of Tittle's electric boat winch can be seen.

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amazing sight! That's when we installed the first steel wall. After it was in, they excavated sand from the lakeside and deposited it on the land side to restore the dune. We thought the erosion was over.

Lake Michigan's water levels continued to rise throughout 1973, enabling later storms to cause further erosion.

A few months later, during the winter of 1973, a second storm hit the Dune Acres shoreline. The waves were breaking over the first wall and destroying more dunes. We then built a second wall about 15 feet behind the first and had riprap boulders placed in front of the first. That really helped. The second wall had pilings every 10 feet with horizontal wood beams between the steel pilings. During the 70's and 80's, there were long periods when we had no beach. We walked through dune grasses above the retaining walls. In Porter Beach the walls were literally 3 feet from the houses. Closer to Michigan City we had to climb up on the dunes. The road on the east end of Beverly Shores had been washed out and the town had lost several lake front houses at that time.



Beach Dr collapsed after '71, '72 storms



The '51 pilings in front of Beach Dr could not withstand the invasions of '71 and '72..

The powerful 1972 tempest once again washed out Beach Drive. In response, Town resident Richard Smith wrote a letter to Dune Acres Trustees stating he and his wife Barbara would purchase and donate to the Town "48 interlocking sheet pilings that when vertically installed, will run 64 feet in a line parallel to Beach Drive where the shoulder supporting the public road has been washed away." They did. (*See Letter from R.J. Smith to Dune Acres Town Board Members, Dec. 27, 1972, on file in the Dune Acres Historical Archives.*)

In addition to parts of Beach Drive collapsing, the 1972 storm removed tons of sand from the foot of the Clubhouse blowout, threatening the Town's water-supply pumps located inside a large steel caisson. Prior to the storm, the caisson rested on a dune bluff set back from the lake, but afterwards the sand was gone



Pilings being installed in '71 in front of Roberts' home. Wooden pilings installed in '51 in front of Col. Melton's home reappeared in '71.



In front of Shore Dr homes: Nearest the water: riprap boulders; next, first row of installed steel pilings with sand filled-in behind; then, leveling sand in preparation to install a higher, second steel and wood wall along the dune bluffs.



Steel pilings with back-filled sand protect Town Pumps

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and the caisson was sitting in the lake's waters. Fourteen-feet tall steel pilings were driven into the sand around the caisson. The areas between the caisson and the walls were filled with sand and, eventually, riprap boulders were brought in and placed in front of the caisson on its waterside.

The storm's prodigious erosion caused dune bluffs to collapse, in some instances exposing pipes that delivered water to Town residents on the west end. People tied the pipes to trees and shored them up to keep the pipes from breaking, but winter, of course, intensified the problem. In time, the Town laid new pipes in the sands higher up in the dunes and along Town roads. Finally, one other small but interesting result of the '72 storm must be mentioned: it washed out a septic tank that slid into the lake and broke open. Tomato plants emerged from the sand the following summer. Obviously, they had good fertilizer.

Dune Acres financial resources were insufficient to pay the costs of repairing and augmenting the steel

pilings and riprap that protected the Town's roads and water system. James Halley, President of the Town Board and retired Director of Research at Inland Steel Company expended great time and effort negotiating and ultimately obtaining federal funds to help pay the costs. (*Letters between Jim Halley and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, located in the Dune Acres Historical Archives.*)

One positive that resulted from the 1972 storm -- it caused residents to become more aware of the power and unpredictability of Lake Michigan and its capability to rapidly take away the beach and alter the dune landscape while threatening private homes and public infrastructure. We live along a coastal shoreline where the forces of nature are in charge.

A LOOK AHEAD: PART THREE

Part Three of *The Rise and Fall of Lake Michigan* will appear in the September *Beachcomber* and highlight the intensities and aftermaths of storms during the 1980's, and the efforts of Town officials led by Trustee Tom Cornwell to obtain federal funds for reconstructing the infrastructure. The article then reviews the storms of 1999-2001, and discusses Lake Michigan's current conditions and how they might affect Dune Acres. It ends by summarizing plans of the NPS Indiana Dunes National Lake Shore on preventing and mitigating erosion and other damages caused by Lake Michigan's storms.

DUNE ACRES FORMER AND CURRENT RESIDENTS WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO PARTS ONE AND TWO OF THIS STORY

Mary Ann and Ray Tittle, Arthur Studebaker, Bev Hubbs, John and Nancy Wilhelm, Irene Newman, Heidi Studebaker, Tom and Lou Roberts, Dan Jenkins, Sharon Snyder, Bob and Mary Stolper, Rich Hawksworth, Rob Carstens, Pete Bomberger, [Jim Newman, Margaret Doyle, James Halley, and Barbara and Dick Smith, all deceased] and most of all, my wife, Dianne. I thank each of you for your contributions, suggestions, and assistance. This is a Dune Acres Town undertaking.



Bob Greer driving steel pilings down 15" and exposed about 4'. Most home-owners installed steel walls which connected to form a solid front. They then backfilled the dune from the lake.



Photos from Dianne's garden - submitted by Mike Swygart

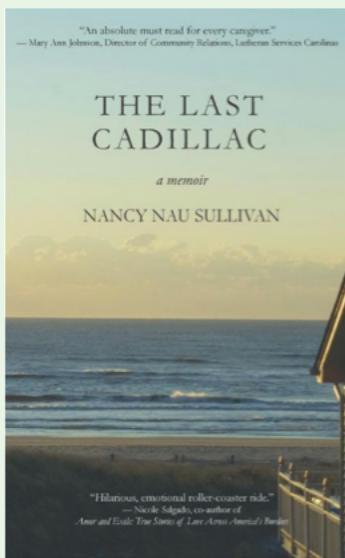
Another Resident Writer in Dune Acres

Not very long ago, through a mutual friend, I had the pleasure of getting to know a new neighbor on Crest Drive. I had heard the name Nau many times over the 9 years that I have lived in Dune Acres and knew of the occasional parties at the old family

summer home on East Road by the beach, always wishing I could sneak in and check it (and the family) out!

Much to my delight, Nancy Nau Sullivan joined the book club I am in. After learning that she was releasing a memoir, the book club read her book "The Last Cadillac" and had the unique opportunity to discuss it with her. We all agreed that the book was poignant and relatable and it received our unanimous recommendation!

by Carolyn Mellen



Buy it on amazon.com
<https://goo.gl/a6FsBc>

Welcome to our Newcomers!

The updated phone directory will be in your mailboxes shortly and you'll see there are several new names in the listings. Perhaps you have already met them at the Spring Party or on the tennis courts or just out walking.

Willow Lane has new part-time residents, Mark and Liz Doyle, who are busy with their remodeling plans. They chose Dune Acres because Liz has childhood memories of when her parents had a home here. Mark and Liz have been coming to this area in the summer for over 20 years and now their five children have great memories also.

Chris Foreit is excited about spending part time in Dune Acres at his new residence on Circle Drive with his 7 year old son, Truman. Chris says it is his desire to give Truman some great childhood memories of time spent here in peace, quiet and serenity.

Bill and Cynthia Kopper are spending their weekends at their residence on Circle Drive. Their primary residence is in Oak Park but they look forward to enjoying the beach with their two children Max and Ella.

New to Crest Drive are Beth Kronfeld and Matthew Means. Dunes Acres is their second home and they plan to do renovations through this summer. Chicago is their primary residence.

Shannon Wood and Peter Kurland are new owners on Ridge Drive. They hail from Nashville, TN. So look for them in the neighborhood along with their two sons Ben and Julian.

We welcome these newcomers to our great town of Dune Acres and wish them many happy years here.

by Lou Roberts

Clubhouse Hill Progress

The Master Plan for improvements to Clubhouse Hill is a long range plan of many steps. A great start was made on June 6 and 9 when a hard working group of volunteers, following the recommendations of landscape architect Stuart Franzen, tackled the north side of the clubhouse dune. Many thanks to volunteers Jan and Mark Bapst, Bobbie and Dick Taylor, Bette Norris, Ivan Chermel, Rob Carstens and Jane Dickey for their great efforts and to Mark Taylor, our maintenance man, who handled a mean chain saw. The view northward was greatly improved by the removal of scrubby junipers as well as dead wood on the stand of pines near the driveway. Invasive plants were treated with herbicide and removed from the north slope of the parking lot. Margaret's Garden was restored with weeding and massing of existing plants and the addition of others, just in time for the Cocktail Party and two upcoming weddings.

The Town Council had approved the delivery of two dumpsters which allowed for the removal of debris from the side and back of the maintenance building and the collected wood and debris from the beach. Many thanks to all these generous volunteers who continue our long tradition of contributing their efforts to the community they love.

by Jane Dickey



Dick Taylor, Mark Taylor and Rob Carstens doing the heavy lifting during the Clubhouse dune clean-up.

Bridge Classes

Come and learn the basics of Contract Bridge, no electronics allowed. Bridge is a game to keep your interest your entire life, derived from Whist that was played as long ago as the 17th century, now played for social gatherings, mental "exercise" and competitively in national and world tournaments.

Classes will be held at the Dune Acres Club House on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Suggest this class to your neighbors and friends. With a few more Dune Acres players we can form a Dune Acres social bridge season! There will be a \$30.00 charge for 6 lessons and materials. Contact Alan Yngve at 219-315-938 or at AlanBridge@mindspring.com with questions. Alan is an experienced instructor and supporter of bridge in Northwest Indiana.

submitted by Cathy Bomberger

UFO Sighting

Come to the Town Hall on Thursday mornings at 10:00 with your UFO's - or unfinished projects/objects. Friendship and fun as well as work to complete those unfinished projects will make your time spent very worthwhile.

submitted by Cathy Bomberger

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Kathy Lauer	

We welcome all submissions – news, stories, photos, ideas for articles, information about upcoming events, etc.

Fire and Water Safety Class

Beach Bonfire and Water Safety Classes are scheduled for July 16th at 9 am.

We will begin in either the Clubhouse or Town Hall. Location depends on the size of the class, so please RSVP to me if you plan to attend.

Class will move to the beach and we will enter the water to learn the human chain.

You must have a coastguard approved life jacket to participate.

This class is being presented by Jay Craig, a rescue diver; and Harley, his rescue dog.

Class is free and open to all. Refreshments served. Please RSVP to me at stutlewski@comcast.com.

submitted by Sharon Tutlewski

Save the Date

September 6 at 1pm Leigh Westergren of Anton Insurance in Chesterton, will speak at the Elderberry Meeting re: Medicare and Supplemental Insurances. In addition to Plans A,B, and D, Leigh will enlighten us regarding Plan C. She will answer any questions, so bring your list.

If your needs have changed, the end of the year is your opportunity to change your coverage.

Leigh can also advise you which supplemental insurance to choose if you want Silver Sneakers for that free YMCA membership.

All residents are invited to attend this meeting.

RE: YMCA Corporate Membership: We need 10 applicants and thus far have 5. Please call Emily @ 219-926-4204 to enroll.

Are your medications are too expensive?

Check out this website www.goodrx.com. Walgreens also has a savings program: \$20.00 per year for single membership. \$35.00 per month for family membership.

submitted by Sharon Tutlewski

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