



THE BEACHCOMBER

DUNE ACRES, INDIANA

WWW.DUNEACRES.ORG

May, 2017

Town Clean-Up and Earth Day

Dune Acres Neighbors:

This wonderful day exceeded all expectations ! The camaraderie and focus was spectacular, great work was accomplished, the weather was perfect, and we welcomed several new families into our grateful town fold. It is truly unusual to gather a group of people who love nature and our exquisite town, and to see them come together with such ease and joy. Our Earth Day/Town Clean Up celebration was magical !



Among many other tasks, a huge volunteer work group beautified Town Park A, just off Mineral Springs Road and Oak Drive. The work teams cleared the area of burning bush, garlic mustard and other invasives, making room for beautiful wildflowers such as trillium, blooming anemone, wild geranium, lion's foot, wintergreen, sedges, and many more. Many other areas were cleaned and beautified, including Town Hall Park.



A Big Turnout for the Easter Egg Hunt

The weather was glorious on Sunday, April 15 and we had lots of families participate in this annual favorite.



Children	Family	Children	Family
Ava & Lauren	Mike & Vicki	Skylar & Parker	Jim & Cindy Burnson
Cassie & Olivia	Konopacki	Julian & Autumn	Pete & Cathy
Lange		Fischer	Bomberger
Thomas Heenan	Jane Heenan	William Roberts	Tom & Lou Roberts
Liam & Olivia	Spence/Meyer	Bella & Mia	Tony Schirippa
Matt & Hailey	Lynn & Mary	Violet & Oliver	Carolyn & Lou Mellen
Boland	Boeke	Ava & Elli	Chris & Sara Masloroff
Emma & Kate	Mike & Vicki	Jared & Brent	Bruce & Karen Riffle
Morrison	Konopacki	Gengnagel	
Ella Kopper	Bill & Cynthia	Olivia & Aubrey Riffle	Bruce & Karen Riffle
	Kopper		



Thanks to all who dropped off baked goods; to Jared & Brent Gengnagel and my nieces Sydney & Maddie Lund for hiding the eggs and set up; and to my mom, Sharon Lund helped with clean up.

continued on page 5

Submitted by Sara Masloroff

New 4-year Vehicle Registration Stickers

Dune Acres' current vehicle registration stickers are expiring! New 4-year registrations effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2021 are now being processed. We hope all residents will have new stickers in place before the July deadline since old ones will not be valid after that date.

Your cooperation in promptly submitting applications for all cars, golf carts, scooters, and ATV's is greatly appreciated.



STEPS:

- Download form from the Dune Acres website, or pick up form from either the gatehouse or town hall.
- Submit completed form to either the town hall or security office. Please include a copy of the vehicle's BMV registration and check payable to the Town of Dune Acres.* (One check per family may be submitted for multiple resident-owned vehicles.) The fee is \$40 per vehicle for a 4-year sticker.
- Your vehicle registration will be processed within 2 business days. Stickers will then be available for pick up at the security office.
- A special vehicle registration day is being offered on Saturday, May 27th, from 9:00 AM to noon at the Town Hall. Residents submitting completed forms at the town hall during this time will receive vehicle stickers that morning.

Please remember stickers are only issued to vehicles owned by town residents, and visitor parking permits are available only to residents who have registered their personal cars.

The Dune Acres windshield decal allows residents to park at the beach, tennis courts, trailheads, and any other town-owned parking area. Decals help town security staff verify resident-owned vehicles when entering town. In addition, registration decals provide emergency vehicle ownership information should your car be found abandoned.

**Please note that per Town Ordinance, long term renters, defined as those renting for one year or more may, upon submitting a copy of the signed property lease to the Clerk-Treasurer, apply for a parking permit.*

PROM NIGHT IN DUNE ACRES

Saturday, May 27th @ The Clubhouse

6:00 -9:00 pm



Prom Attire encouraged but not required!

-Live music, fabulous food & drinks-

👉 Voting for Prom King & Queen 👈

\$25 PER PERSON PAYABLE AT SECURITY OFFICE

Please return this portion with payment:

NAMES OF ATTENDEES:

Amount paid: \$

Favorite Prom Song :

Download the printable reservation and payment form here: www.duneacres.org/downloads/prom_night.pdf

Phone Home



The Dune Acres telephone directory update is in progress. If any resident still has any changes they would like to make to their residential listing, it can be turned in at the security office. Or you can email me at tomlou25@aol.com. Thank you to all those who have already done so. We hope to have them printed and in your mailbox by the end of May.

submitted by Lou Roberts

Thanks to the following people who made this issue happen:

Jan Bapst	Irene Newman
Sarah Bancroft	Lou Roberts
Rick Hawksworth	Mike Swygert
Sara Masloroff	Robin Tennant
Carolyn Mellen	Sharon Tutlewski

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

Wildflowers are springing up all over!

by Rich Hawksworth

For every plant there is a season and the warming weeks of May and June are among the most bountiful in our corner of the world. Spring is the time for our most iconic wildflowers, like wild lupine and puccoon, and for some of our most exotic and elusive as well. As you take advantage of the fair weather and DA's welcoming trails, keep your eyes open for these late spring treats.

Cirsium pitcherii (Pitcher's thistle) – Dune Acres is privileged to provide habitat for this federally endangered species. It's endemic to the shifting sands along the shores of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron and grows nowhere else.



Cypripedium parviflorum var. pubescens (yellow lady's slipper orchid) – "Breathtaking" doesn't do justice to this bright yellow "lady's slipper." A century ago, Duneland orchids were harvested by the thousands to grace the table of Chicago restaurants. Today, there are just a few colonies remaining in DA.



Krigia biflora (two-flowered Cynthia) – Don't eradicate this beautiful native dandelion! It's one of two lovely *Krigia* species that thrive in DA. You'll find *K. biflora* behind the tennis courts and the diminutive sand-lover *Krigia virginiana* in open areas and blowouts.



Lithospermum carolinense (hairy puccoon) – You can't miss the brilliant deep yellow blooms of hairy puccoon along Mineral Springs Road and on Clubhouse Dune. You won't find it available commercially, though. No one has quite figured out how to germinate its tiny nut-like seeds.



Lupinus perennis (wild Lupine) – Wild lupine thrives on neglect. In fact, *Lupinus* means wolf, because early botanists thought it killed surrounding plants. Now we know that, as a member of the legume family, lupines can fix nitrogen from the air, allowing them to grow where other plants cannot.



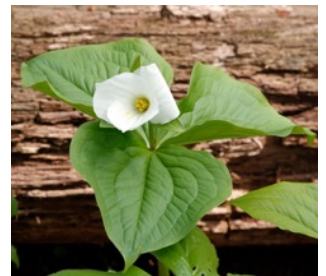
Phlox pilosa (prairie Phlox) – This cheery native continues the Phlox family flowering procession after cleft Phlox fades. Look for it in sunny spots along East Road and in the sunny dunes just west of Dune Acres.



Polygala paucifolia (gaywings) – This amazing little plant isn't known to grow in DA, but there are two populations nearby in similar habitat, so who knows? Gaywing's seeds are encased in a sweet sticky structure called *elaiosomes*, which encourage ants to disperse them.



Trillium grandiflora (large-flowered Trillium) – The huge white flowers provide an amazing display, especially when growing *en masse*. *T. grandiflora* used to be more commonplace in DA, but were probably over-browsed by deer. There are thousands growing along the Little Cal at the Heron Rookery.



Trillium recurvatum (prairie Trillium) – "Prairie" is something of a misnomer because this species prefers our rich woodlands and savannas. It even survives some degree of habitat degradation. You'll find it along the Cowles Bog trail and at other locations throughout DA.



Uvularia grandiflora (large-flowered bellwort) – Beautiful sulphur-yellow flowers emerge even before the leaves of this wonderful May wildflower. While not common, bellwort grows in several places in DA, often on rich north-facing dune slopes. There are good populations near West Road (west of Summit) and along Oak and Linden.



Shopping far from local

Photos from Dianne & Mike's recent excursion to Thailand (Ko Samui, Bangkok and Phuket); Malaysia (Kuala Lumpur and Penang); Singapore; Myanmar (Rangoon); India (Cochin, Mangalore, Goa and Mumbai/Bombay); and two Mideast countries: Oman (Muscat) and United Arab Emirates (Dubai and Abba Dhabi).

Photos by Mike Swygart



Clean-Up

continued from Page 1

So many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who came to help, including Sarah, Greyson and Brianna Bancroft; Jan Bapst; Lynn and Mary Boeke; Cathy and Pete Bomberger; Rob, Patty and Erika Carstens; Mary Ann Crayton; Susan and Ivan Chermel; Jane Heenan; Rick Demkovich and Michelle McClead; Tom, Tammy and Caitlin Donnelley; Cheryl Evans; Deborah Franczek; Geoff Goldberg; Richard Gossel; Rich, Bonnie, Riley and Kaden Hawksworth; Todd, Kellie, Lucas and Cole Klein; Mike and Vicki Konapacki; Bill and Linda Kollada; Lynn La Joan and Chris Mollett, Parry Metz, Pat McGinn and Sarah Burgis; Kathleen and Bob Lauer; Sarah Masloroff; Tom Roberts; Dave and Jacque Owens; Barbara Plampin; Lynn Remington; Tony, Mia and Bella Schirripa; Bill Sandrick; John and Marie Slaughter; Terry Truax; Dick Taylor; Mark Taylor; Robin Tennant; Savanna Whalley; Jack and Lucille Wehner; and Michael Yetnikoff.

Many thanks as well to our wonderful donors who contributed: Fredrick Reindel and Kenneth Warren, Barbara Plampin, Irene and Arnie Newman, Jane Heenan, Lynn Remington and Geoff Goldberg, Rich Hawksworth (wonderful wildflowers !), Sarah Masloroff (coffee setup).



Todd Klein removing cover from ice rink

Please forgive me if I inadvertently omitted (or mis-spelled !) any names... you were all so wonderful to help us !

Gatherings like this are what make Dune Acres such a special place... We hope to see all of you this fall for our Fall Festival/Clean Up... and have a fantastic Summer !

*With Much Appreciation
Your Environmental Commissioner
Robin Tennant*

Health Tips from the Town Wellness Coordinator



Desire a Healthy Heart?

Prevention is the key to a healthy heart. Nurses' Health Study researchers have developed an online calculator called Healthy Heart Score. Take the free test at www.healthyheartscore.com

The American Heart Association states that one in three adult women are living with some form of cardiovascular disease and may or may not realize it. The disease remains the number one killer of women in the U.S.

To learn more about Warning Signs of Cardiovascular disease go to <https://goo.gl/AR1K4l>

Join National Stroke Association to raise stroke awareness during National Stroke Awareness Month – <https://youtu.be/POLmGdHD0Us>

submitted by Sharon Tutlewski



Next publication date: July 7, 2017. Submission deadline July 5, 2017

The Fine Print: *The Beachcomber* is published on-line monthly during the summer and periodically during the winter. All information, news, creative contributions, articles, reports, corrections, suggestions, Letters to the Editor, art work, comments and otherwise are welcomed and encouraged. *The Beachcomber* is a grass roots publication not officially affiliated with either the Town of Dune Acres or the Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation, Inc. (DACIF). All content is believed to be reasonably accurate and reliable but not "guaranteed!"

Editorial Board: Irene Newman, Jan Bapst and Mike Swygert.

Email submissions to inewman680@aol.com. Please use "Beachcomber," in the subject line.