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Dune Acres 2020 Election Update

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That's why it is more important than ever to simply think through how and when you are going to cast your ballot. This first step is to make sure you are registered. Indiana has a terrific and easy site, <https://indianavoters.in.gov>.



From the home page you can register to vote, checking your registration status, request an online ballot and verify your polling place. It's a quick and well-organized site for immediate information. However, obtaining an absentee ballot takes a few steps **so make sure you leave sufficient time to complete the process.** Voters will need to first download, print and complete the request form, mail or scan it to return to the Board of Elections before receiving their election ballot.

A Different Polling Location for Dune Acres Residents

This year, the **polling place for Dune Acres residents is the Porter Fire Department, 550 Beam St., Porter.**



Need a Ride? Just ask!

Several residents have offered to transport their neighbors to the polling place on Tuesday, November 3 should any of us have difficulty in driving. If you need a lift, you can send an email to Laura Truex, laura.sumner.truax@gmail.com or call her at 773-575-3761 to coordinate transportation.

A few important dates to note:

October 5, 2020 is the last day to register to vote.

October 6, 2020, is the first day of voting in person at the Board of Elections and Registration, 155 Indiana Ave. Ste. 105, Valparaiso, IN **See updated list: Page 5*

October 22, 2020 is the last day to request an absentee ballot. Ballots must be received by noon, November 3, 2020.

November 3, 2020 Voting Day for in-person voting.

We are the juice of democracy. Our leaders answer to us. Let's get out to vote and make ourselves heard!

Dune Acres Summertime Activities

DA 2020 Vaccine Clinic

On Saturday, September 12th, the annual Dune Acres Vaccine Clinic was held at the Clubhouse. Moved from the usual Town Hall location, the first floor of the Clubhouse provided extra space to allow for social distancing. More than 24 residents took advantage of the service provided by the local Walgreens Pharmacy which was coordinated by Dune Acres Town Wellness Coordinator Sharon Tutlewski.



From left, Walgreen Pharmacy Technician, Miranda Malinovsky, Pharmacy Manager, Allison Martin, and Sharon Tutlewski, Dune Acres Wellness Coordinator.

In addition to flu and other vaccinations a wonderful selection of tasty breakfast treats and plenty of tasty Bigby Coffee was provided.

... and speaking of keeping healthy

The cooler fall weather is a great time for exercise and outdoor activities without dealing with heat and humidity. The Dune Acres tennis courts are a great place to take advantage of this. Our



tennis pro, Mary O’Conner is still available for those who would like to learn the game or brush up on skills. Mary is a certified USPTA Tennis Professional with over 25 years experience. A #1 ranked player for Northern Illinois Tennis Assn., she represented NITA 3 years in a row as Midwest Junior Wrightman cup winner. She

provides lessons for children AND adults. Call 480-363-5451 to schedule your lesson!

The Clubhouse and its Grounds are Open

The clubhouse grounds are always open for residents. The yellow gates across the access drive are sometimes closed, but not locked. Residents are authorized to open the gate, then close it when leaving. If the lock is engaged, call security 787-8800 for instructions. Enjoy the patio, the telescope viewing deck and other areas (although, walking to the beach from clubhouse hill is strongly discouraged due to the fragile nature of the dune.) Residents should also note that surrounding marram (dune) grass is highly flammable, particularly with our recent dry weather. PLEASE be mindful!



“OPEN WEDNESDAYS” CONTINUE

If cabin fever sets in during the coming seasons, residents can enjoy the building for a game of pool or ping pong. The table, along with equipment, is located in the north alcove on the ground floor. “Open Wednesday” is 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

CLUBHOUSE AS WORKSPACE

The Clubhouse is available daily during 'business hours' for work, small meetings, small group instruction, or any other purpose that may serve residents. The link below provides details on the "Clubhouse as Workspace" program. Please contact the town clerk with any questions.

<https://duneacres.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1a8b4ed8f48420a517ed9e7ef&id=86fe94b3bb&e=66f5396439>

RENTALS

The clubhouse is always available for residents’ special events. The rental agreement can be downloaded: <https://duneacres.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=1a8b4ed8f48420a517ed9e7ef&id=7745320939&e=66f5396439>

Light up Your Life

Dusk is arriving earlier and earlier! DA residents can make use of the following outdoor lighting options:



TENNIS - The light timer switch for the tennis courts is located on the pole next to the shelter. Just lift up the plastic cover and set your desired time.

BASKETBALL - The light timer switch for the basketball court is located on the pole at the basketball court, under the gray box with hinges. Again, just lift the cover and set your time.



CLUBHOUSE - The parking lot light switch is on the pole at the southwest corner of the gravel lot. Residents may turn the lights on and off as needed!

Septic SmartWeek

The week of September 14th was proclaimed annual SepticSmart Week. But that isn't the only week to consider having your septic system checked and serviced before winter . . . and there is nothing worse



than a septic problem when the ground is covered with snow and cold winds are blowing off Lake Michigan! The DNR Lake Michigan Coastal Program (LMCP) works to promote septic system awareness and maintenance. Failure to maintain a septic system can lead to back-ups and

overflows, which can result in costly repairs, polluted lakes and waterways, and risks to public health and the environment.

Generally a septic system should be inspected every three years by a licensed contractor. Pump tanks when necessary, typically every three to five years. You can contact the Indiana Onsite Wastewater Professionals Association ([org](#)) for information on Certified Professional Inspectors. In Dune Acres, Paul Woidke serves as Clean Water Ambassador; contact him if you have questions.

Mark these Fall Dates on Your Calendar

OCTOBER 12-16: Organic Waste dumpsters on site. There will be one unit at the tennis courts and one unit on West Road, near Hill Drive. Dumpsters are for any organic waste such as leaves, old firewood, brush. NO PLASTIC BAGS.

OCTOBER 17: Town Cleanup day organized by Environmental Commissioner Robin Tennant. starts at 9:00 am outside Town Hall until 3:00 pm with breakfast and lunch provided! Work will be centered on the Playground and Park areas including sprucing up play equipment and planting native plants. The beach crew will focus on Beach clean up prior to the cold months ahead.

Town Cleanup day organized by Environmental Commissioner Robin Tennant. A special schedule has been developed to ensure COVID-19 regulations are met.

OCTOBER 19: Roadside brush pickup by town contractor. Brush and small branches should be neatly stacked by the roadside.

Rest in Peace

Jerry Murphy

Jerry Murphy, age 91 of Chesterton passed away on September 16, 2020. He is survived by his wife Anne Murphy, daughters Kathy and Laura, son Mike, and five grandchildren. Maggie, Jack, Jake, Hudson, and Kyle. In passing he joins his daughter Sally, parents, and sisters.

Born to Marian and Newton Murphy on November 22, 1928 he was raised in Spencer, Iowa. Following service in the US Navy, Murphy attended the University of Iowa and was graduated with a degree in Political Science.

Murphy's career included stints with the Studebaker Corp. and US Steel. After a dozen years, he joined the steel processor Feralloy Corp. as Vice President of the Eastern Division. He transferred to Chicago in 1968 as Vice President of the Midwest Division. In 1970 when the Feralloy acquisition by German steel producer, Salzgitter Steelwich was completed, Murphy was appointed President and CEO; he served for 23 years.

When he retired, Jerry relocated from Winnetka, Illinois to Dune Acres, Indiana in 1995 and engaged in several other corporate ventures. He retired in the early 2000s to spend time traveling with his wife. They visited every continent including Antarctica in 2006. He was an avid sports fan and the pains in his life mostly revolved around Chicago sports teams or Hawkeyes' failures to win. Most important to him were his wonderful family and his loving wife of 69 years.

Howard Burton Silverman

Howard Silverman passed away on September 10, 2020. He was born in Chicago in 1938 to Jack and Pearl Silverman, who preceded him in death. His wife Lynda also preceded him. He is survived by daughters Julie (Kenneth) Artrip, Jill (Kyle) Edwards and step-daughter Mimi (Dr. John) Pezzuto as well as seven grandchildren and his brother and sister.

After service in the US Army, Howard received BS and MBA degrees from Northwestern University. As a banker, he ultimately became Chairman of the Board of Directors, President, and Chief Executive Officer of First Illinois Corporation, the parent company of the

First Illinois Banks and other financial services subsidiaries. Active in charitable and civic affairs, Howard served on many boards, including St. Francis Hospital of Evanston, Dune Acres Civic Improvement Foundation, Child and Family Services, McGaw YMCA, American-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Lekotek, Evanston Inventure, Evanston Chamber of Commerce, and the Evanston Historical Society. The American Jewish Committee honored Howard at a dinner, and presented him with their Civic Leadership Award.

Howard and Lynda enjoyed spending their weekends with family, friends and pets at their lake home in Dune Acres, Indiana. He designed the internet web site for the Town, and for many years served as its webmaster.

Dr. John L. Simmons

John Simmons, 82, died on September 1, 2020 at home in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Adele Simmons, son Ian (Liesel), daughter, Erica (John) Balz, son Kevin, and grandchildren.

Simmons grew up in Decatur, Illinois, graduated from Philips Exeter Academy and served in the US Army before attending Harvard College where he studied Middle Eastern history and met his future wife, Adele Smith. He earned a doctorate in economics from St. Antony's College at Oxford in 1966.

His work led him to a lifetime of world travel. An economist at the World Bank he worked on agriculture and education projects in including Tunisia, Liberia, Pakistan and China. As an independent consultant and author, in the 1990s, Simmons traveled frequently to Russia to teach high-performance management when Russia began its transition from communism toward a market-based economy.

Simmons lived a life devoted to public service and family. Relocating to Chicago in 1980, he focused on the Chicago School Reform movement. His goal was to empower teachers and principals to make meaningful changes for their students. In 2003, the Erikson Institute awarded Simmons an honorary doctorate for his education reform work. Simmons loved tennis, hiking, fishing, and camping, spending time in the family's Dune Acres residence.

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Early Voting Location Update

The location of early voting sites in Porter County has recently been revised. For your convenience, there are five early voting locations. Eligible Porter County voters can cast their ballot at any of these locations:

Chesterton Town Hall Meeting Room

790 Broadway, Chesterton

Hebron Community Center

611 N Main, Hebron

Porter County North County Annex

3560 Willowcreek Rd, Portage

Porter County Administration Center

Suite 102A, 155 Indiana Ave, Valparaiso -
PLEASE ENTER THROUGH NAPOLEON ST
ENTRANCE.

Union Township Fire Station #2

267 N 600 W, Valparaiso