



THE BEACHCOMBER

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Keeping up with the Ordinances – Some New & Some Old

With spring right around the corner, we'd like to remind our residents of some ordinances that should be followed.

Ordinance 2015-02 states: "Whereas, the unique natural environment of Dune Acres is a basic natural resource of the community; and whereas the quality of this shared resource may be adversely impacted by landscaping, tree removal, and other grounds maintenance activities undertaken on private property a new ordinance must be added....

1. Landscaper and Grounds Maintenance

Contractor Registration (a) No person, firm, partnership or other entity shall contract, either orally or in writing, for landscaping services or lawn or grounds maintenance services within the Town of Dune Acres without first registering with the Town... (b) ..."landscaping services or lawn or grounds maintenance services" includes, but is not limited to, the planning and the planting of trees, shrubs, flowers, bulbs and other plants for the purpose of beautifying the premises: grading; the application of fertilizers and top soil; installation of lawn sod or seed; brush and leaf removal; herbicide application; tree trimming and tree removal; lawn mowing and trimming; irrigation; landscape illumination or lighting; and mechanical snow removal. (c)...However, those persons, firms, partnerships or other entities regulated solely by this section **shall be exempt from the insurance and bonding requirements of Section 10-30...**"

Exceptions to this provision include "Minors doing yard work, snow removal or other casual chores in and about a one-family, owner-occupied residence. Casual means occasionally, without regularity, foresight, plan or method."

You may read the entire Ordinance No. 2015-02 on our website at www.duneacres.org.

Another new ordinance addresses **when a building permit is necessary**. Ordinance 2015-03 Building and Building Regulations amends a previous ordinance. It states: "1. Sec. 1025. Permits Generally (a) **Permits required**. It shall be unlawful to erect, construct, convert, demolish, remodel, enlarge, move, remove, reroof, reside or repair any building or structure in the Town, or install equipment for the operation of a building or structure, or commence the clearing, grading, excavation, filling, tree removal, or paving any parcel of land, or make any improvements required by Chapter 30 (Subdivisions), **the total cost of which exceeds three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00) in materials and labor**,

Town Commissioners- The people that make this town work!

I would like to personally thank all of our town commissioners for the pleasure of working with them during my time as President of the Town Council in 2013 and '14. We are pleased to inform the town that all the commissioners have stayed on into 2015!

I'm not prone to exaggeration, unless I'm trying to be funny, but I can tell you in all seriousness that without these volunteers, Dune Acres would simply not function.

If you see a town commissioner, thank them for their service to this town! You might be interested to ask them what they are working on and also ask "what can (you) I do for my town".

*Thank you,
Lou Mellen*

Commissioners

Cecilia Call- Security
Mark Hull- Roads
Rob Carstens-Beach
Dick Taylor-Maintenance
Robin Tennent-Environment
Rich Hawksworth-Building
Kelli Klein-Parks
Mark Bapst- Fire

Not really commissioners but should be thanked!
Irv Call-town Engineer
Howard Silverman-Webmaster
Ivan Chermel-Clubhouse Coordinator
Sue Smith, Diane Swygert and the members of the Garden Club

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SONG OF MY LIFE: A MEMOIR

by HARRY MARK PETRAKIS, reviewed by Alex Vavoulis

This great Greek-American author has now written this memoir; having lived ninety years he is not only entitled to write it, but he is probably the only one that can do it justice. This is a special Song he writes; it keeps the reader riveted because the writing is so fluid and sensitive and with a depth and humility that the reader will feel that he or she is learning about a man of culture, intelligence and an intellectual capacity that is rare among human beings.

After reading this book, the reader will not be surprised that the author received an Honorary Doctorate Degree of Humane Letters from the American College of Greece in Athens (the sixth such doctorate he has received) or that the Noble Laureate, Isaac Bashevis Singer said that "Harry Mark Petrakis is good news in American Literature" or that he won the O'Henry Award that is given to short story writers of exceptional merit. (He has received other accolades, too numerous to include in this review.)

He was also the award-winning author in 2001 for *Dream of Kings* and *The Hour of the Bell*. In regard to *The Hour of the Bell*, Singer said it is "a tale of the 1821 War of Independence which will endure as a remarkable literary achievement." In this novel, Petrakis writes of the Greeks rising up to achieve freedom from some 400 years of Ottoman occupation. Having read this novel, I certainly concur with Singer's statement.

In this memoir, Petrakis details the many times he gave lectures and taught classes in many colleges, universities and schools in many parts of the U.S. He shows his natural ability to be a teacher in writing a chapter with the title Education. From this chapter I offer the following two paragraphs:

Lest any young aspiring writer use my meager academic resume to justify their own indolence and downgrade the value of education, let me warn them that the course of my life has been a bewildering series of incongruous events. There is no lesson to be learned besides the obvious one that an outcome often depends on the vagaries of chance.

In the end, abandoning my formal education did not impede my life as a writer. At the same time, if I had remained in school, perhaps some perceptive high school or college teacher might have recognized in me some glimmering of writing talent and been able to offer me guidance.

Under more enlightened tutelage, I might not have had to serve a ten year apprenticeship before selling my first story.

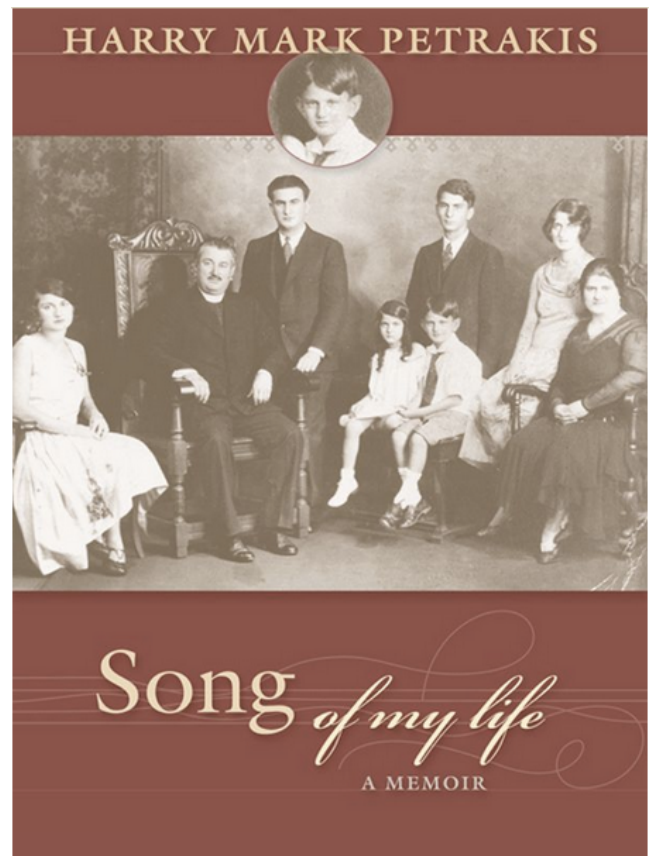
In a not too complicated way, one can discern Petrakis' process of integrating his experiences and knowledge to a progressively fuller and active life. The book also describes eloquently, and at times with poignancy, his experience of how a person can actualize one's potential no matter how many environmental obstacles are encountered. The book is recommended with enthusiasm.

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Dr. Vavoulis is Professor Emeritus at California State University, Fresno. He is an Honorary Board Member for The Sword of Zeus Project and for 20-years was president of the Fresno Free College Foundation during which time he founded KFCF-FM, a listener-sponsored radio station.

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Beware of Scams

The Porter County Sheriff has invited a group of representatives from law enforcement, fire departments, senior health care providers, clergy, social service organizations, assisted living and nursing facilities, YMCA's, state and local agencies dedicated to educating seniors to organize and provide information about what services are available for senior citizens. I represent Dune Acres.

At the meeting on March 3rd, which focused on scams, I was amazed to find fifty people there who are all involved in this organization. I was also very surprised to learn about so many scams, identify theft, and ways to take advantage of us that are happening in our county. The scam of the month is calling to tell you that you owe back taxes that must be paid immediately or you will go to jail.

Many, many people fall for this and give their bank account information so the taxes can be paid directly to the IRS. The phone number on your telephone actually says IRS. Others are offering to fix your ceilings, roofs, driveways, and landscaping and demand an upfront payment. We discussed this at our Elderberry meeting and some folks reported receiving phone calls like this. There is one resident in town who has experienced a very costly scam.

Home healthcare workers steal medication and money, etc.; family members take advantage of their parents or grandparents; and on and on. The nursing homes reported that these problems occur on a daily basis.

We must all be on the alert for these issues and report abuses immediately to the Sheriff's office.

The fire departments are very involved as they have sections on teaching seniors how not to be victims as do several other organizations. If you know of any of this kind of problem I would appreciate it if you would call me at 787-8104. I will have someone come to educate us later in the year.

by Mary Ann Crayton

Spring Party

The Social Committee is happy to announce the Spring Party will be held on **Saturday, May 23rd**. This year's theme is **Homecoming**. Robin Tennant and Carolyn Mellen are chairing this event. If there are former residents you would like to invite please let Carolyn know (lcmellen@comcast.net or datownclerk@frontier.com and an invitation will be sent (please include their address!))



I recommend ACORN ACRES, since 1969 a provider of high-quality, sustainably-farmed products from a family farm in Kouts. They sell humanely raised grass-fed beef as well as pork, lamb and poultry. Eggs from hens raised on pasture. No hormones, antibiotics, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, man-made fertilizers, or GMO's are used on the farm. In season they have fresh organic produce, and some are heirlooms. Acorn Acres is located next to Tiger Lily Cafe at 1505 S. Calumet Road in Chesterton. South of the Post Office on the East side. The farm market is open Friday and Saturday 10 to 3 or by appointment. 219-766-3806. And I always stop in the Tiger Lily Bakery and Cafe right next door. Check out their Facebook pages for daily specials.

-by Mary Ann Crayton

Ordinances

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without first obtaining a Building Permit..." Please read the entire ordinance on our website.

As a reminder...**Only Property Owners or residents, who have been issued a current Parking Permit, may obtain a Guest parking Permit from the Security Office.** This will be necessary for any cars that park at the beach parking lots, the tennis court or Town Hall parking lots or on the street.

Also, if you are planning a party or get together you may now bypass the requirement of obtaining guest parking passes for roadside parking by giving Security advanced notice by phone with the date, time and estimated length of the party with an approximate number of vehicles that may park on the street. "All attempts to use the owner's driveway must first be made before parking on the street. **Designated beach parking may not be used for the private event guest parking.** Time will be limited to 12 hours with no overnight street parking allowed." See Ordinance 2014-4 for its entirety.

by Carolyn Mellen

Dune Acres Social Bridge Invitation for May to October 2015

We want to invite everyone who enjoys playing bridge to join the Dune Acres Social Bridge group. It's a great way to know your Dune Acres neighbors and friends while having a good time. We will begin in May, and we will play through October.

You don't have to be a bridge expert. Beginners are welcome-and you can get plenty of help. Each team will 'host' three other teams once or twice during the season. So pick a partner and let me know!

Please join by providing the following information and returning it to me ASAP. You can fill out the information below and email it back to me: pgeren@comcast.net.

PLAYERS'
NAMES _____

DUNE ACRES
ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER(S) (Dune Acres and Others) _____

EMAIL
ADDRESSES: _____

MONTHS IF ANY THAT YOU CANNOT HOST OR
PLAY: _____

IF YOU CANNOT BE A REGULAR PLAYER, BUT
WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE LIST OF
SUBSTITUTES, PLEASE
INDICATE: _____

If you have any questions, please email or call
Phyllis Geren [847 945-2624](tel:847-945-2624).

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

Please remember about this service that is provided to you by various people in Dune Acres (listed in your phone directory) who have volunteered to be of help in taking you to the doctor, store, library, etc. They haven't committed to the service for long periods of time but are eager to be of help when they are available. Some are away for the winter so if you don't get a call back within your time frame then go to the next person on the list. This list is in your Phone Book. If you have any questions call Mary Ann Crayton at 787-8104.

Dear Dune Acres Friends,

We have been in Pittsburgh for two years now and have certainly enjoyed being here to watch Stella grow. She is so adorable and gives us much joy.

Sadly, there has been another reason for us to be here, close to our family. In October, our wonderful daughter-in-law, Lisa, was diagnosed with metastatic lung cancer at the age of 38. As a healthy non-smoker, her diagnosis was shocking and devastating to all of us who knew and loved her. Lisa battled bravely, but regrettably, the cancer won and took her from us on February 27th.

We will be participating in the Breathe Deep Pittsburgh 3K Walk on **Sunday, March 22nd** in memory of Lisa and to support lung cancer research. Team LG has 58 family and friends (including 2 1/2 year old Stella) who are walking to help raise donations to fund innovative research into earlier detection and more effective treatments of lung cancer.

We would be grateful if you would consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the cause.

Jeffrey's page:

<http://lungevity.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=1212>

Linda's page:

<http://lungevity.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=1211>

On a more personal level, a trust will be set up for Lisa's beloved Stella, in care of her father, Jason Swoger.

*Thank you so much,
Linda and Jeffrey Swoger*



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BREATHE DEEP PITTSBURGH

Remembering Henry Studebaker

I am so sad to learn of Henry's passing. We are moving back to the Boston area in May after 11 years in Cape Town, and I was hoping we could visit him and his wife Marian in the next couple of years.

Hank and Art were iconic, heroic figures for us kids in the Dunes, perhaps at Chesterton High as well, but I was too young to know about that. There weren't many of us then. At first, my first year in the Dunes, when I was six and started first grade at Porter Grade School, there were only eight of us who caught Eschy's bus at the first intersection coming in from highway 12, where the three mail boxes that served the whole town waited with red flags up. Hank and Art; George, Lynn, and Cissy Bennett, and Marcia, Clare, and Billy Hilliker. The Martin kids joined a little later. A number of the kids then were summer kids, like the Rogers and the Schmidts and the Bahlkes and the Sullivans and the O'Sullivans and the Marhavers and the MacNamaras and the Saladins. The Studebakers were the famous pioneer family of the town. A.K., "Studie," built our concrete block house on the Circle in 1940 with a dangling cigarette and a great laugh. His concrete block factory was quite something, a little frightening for a little boy. I wandered all over the place by myself, but I only went into the block plant once by myself. Hank was eight years older than I. He had a great smile, a wonderful naughty chuckle, and a hearty laugh that served his ready sense of humor. Soon, in those years, the boys had the Model A pick-up that, I hope, still resides either in the garage of the Studebaker house or in the barn the brothers built to house their collection. Sometimes, when we were lucky, Hank would let us ride in the back as he drove us around, or up Parmalee hill, we called it, to our house. Hank drove that truck on many adventures. I'm sure he and Art helped out at the farm, but I didn't know much about the farm. I know they used it to deliver tomatoes to South Shore Drive and to service various farm outbuildings in the area. I used to hang out alone at the Live Dune as an Indian, sometimes scouting along Knife Ridge or greeting dawn at the top of the Jump-off, and once, looking over the edge into the forest below, I saw the brothers driving the Model A through the woods, just seeing what it could do.

One summer he and Art and John Stocks, who came out for summers from Chicago, built a wonderful tunnel system in the side of the hill near their house, and they let me go in once. How scary, how well-built it was, tunnels and a room in the sand hill held up with a structure of boards, lit with a kerosene lamp. What a lucky treat for me,

the young guy, to be allowed in. Henry and my sister Marcia dated for quite a while; John and my sister Clare went together and later married for a while and had three wonderful kids.

When we moved to New Orleans in 1947, Henry and Art and George Starr drove down in the big Lincoln Cosmo and visited. Henry was in the Navy then.

We weren't in touch for a long time, but, as it happens with people who are important in your life, you hear about them, and I heard that Henry went to Purdue and got an MBA at the University of Chicago, married Cynthia, and worked at the Bishop in Honolulu. I did a little research project there in the 1960's; it's quite a place. When Linda and I moved to a Boston suburb in the early 70's, and raised our two boys there, Henry stayed with us a couple of times when he had work to do at nearby Naval installations. He was so great with the boys, a good listener and a good teacher. We did a trip west when our boys were young teenagers and stopped by at Dune Acres for a visit. We spent part of an afternoon at the Studebaker house. Art was up from Indianapolis, and they showed Adam, our younger son, all through the Model A, and I think they started it up. It was a big moment for Adam. I am sure that it added to Adam's abiding interest in cars which led him, as a young adult, to do hill climbing in modified first-generation Mini. I always think of Henry and Art when I remember Adam doing his thing with his Mini. Hill climbing is related to driving around in the forest.

One year we decided to have a reunion for those who were kids and 1930's and 40's. It was around 1991. (Forgive me; all our records are on a ship headed for the US, so I don't have any memory aids). Henry and I pretty much put it together, thanks to email, regular mail, and the telephone.

We both did a lot of work, finding and communicating with the "eligibles," and he did a lot more work than I did, for he put together most of the program. It was wonderful. BG and his wife had us over for drinks and a barbecue on the first evening to kick things off, and we had meals at the Club House where we talked and ate and drank into the night for a couple of days and wandered around the glorious lakeshore and the dunes and drove around and found everyone's houses and explored the Tamarack Trail. It reminded me of staying in the Guest House while our house was being built, for in those days we could get meals at the Guest House. It was marvelous to see the beautiful teenagers as grandparents and to mix memories and the present and catch up, a precious time.

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DUNE ACRES CIVIC IMPROVEMENT FOUNDATION 2014 HONOR ROLL

THANK YOU to these generous residents whose contributions enabled the foundation to fund projects to benefit the entire Dune Acres community:

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DONATION IN MEMORY OF HENRY STUDEBAKER:
Mary Ann & John Crayton

IN-KIND DONATION
Mary Ann & John Crayton - 2 bluebird boxes & Aldo Leopold bench in Plampin Park



Winter came in like a bear.....

.....but Spring is on it's way!

This year's **Easter Egg Hunt** will be on **Saturday, April 4th at 11:00 a.m.** All kids (and grandkids) ages 10 and under are invited to JUMP into the action! The Bunny and her (his?) helpers will hide eggs at 10:00 and refreshments for kids and parents alike will be served after the hunt.

This year, Sara and Chris Masloroff are chairing the event. If you have kids (or grandkids) or just love the Easter Bunny and can volunteer to help, please contact Sara or Chris at 787-0117.

There is no cost for the event, however contributions of baked goods are appreciated as well as monetary donations. So HOP on down to the Town Park on April 4th!!



Town Tid-Bits

Once again, it's that time of year for dog licenses. Please print the dog license application off our website www.duneacres.org. Bring that along with your dogs' shot records to the Town Hall. The fees are \$3 for male or spayed female, \$5 for unspayed female, and \$5 for second and each additional dog. These are due by June 15th. You may drop your envelope in the lock box by the USPS mail box if the Clerk-Treasurer's office is closed and the tag will be mailed to you.

Where's our information board? After years of use, Mother Nature got the best of the old notice board by the front entrance. But by using Dune Acres' resident Dave Rearick's ingenuity and craftsmanship we should have a new and improved one again soon. In the meantime, please forgive the appearance and thank you for your patience.

- by Carolyn Mellen

Henry Studebaker

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Of course I heard about Henry's loss of Cynthia. (I had gone to her mother's nursery school.) And then, later, he emailed me that he and Marian found each other and married. Lucky him! He did a lot of good work, and he had a good life. I'm sorry that I don't know his children and their families.

My first image of him and his brother always will be in their great leather jackets, with a bit of a cowlick and a ready smile. He personified a kind of freedom we enjoyed, at our different ages, that is not permitted now. I will miss him always, but I will carry memories of him for the rest of my life and, I am happy to say, so will my children.

by Bill Hilliker



July 4th falls on a Saturday this year, so our **Fireworks Display** will be on **Friday night, July 3rd**, but our day-long celebration for Independence Day will be on the 4th. Volunteers are needed for:

- The walk/run
- Parade
- Hot Dog Roast
- Beach Games
- Social Hour
- Dinner

Please contact Carolyn Mellen if you are available to be in charge of one of these activities. Also, donations for the 2015 Fireworks can be given at any time!!

Thanks to the following people who made this issue happen:

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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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