



# THE BEACHCOMBER

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## SPOTLIGHT ON TOWN COMMISSIONERS

Town Commissioners are volunteers who focus on their specific area of responsibility, report to the Town Council, and work tirelessly for our town on a regular basis.

The next issue of the Beachcomber will highlight many other Dune Acres volunteers!

### Maintenance Commissioner: **Dick Taylor**

- \*Reviews maintenance requests and schedules jobs as time and budget allows.
- \*Ensures ongoing seasonal maintenance activities are regularly completed. Just a few examples include erecting the tennis shelter and nets in spring, grass cutting in summer, and keeping street drains clear of debris all year.
- \*Supervises and works alongside the town maintenance employee, Mark Taylor (no relation!)
- \*Collaborates closely with other commissioners on town needs.

### Security Commissioner: **Bill Griffin**

- \*Serves as town liaison with the Porter County Sheriff department and other area law enforcement agencies.
- \*Hires, schedules, and supervises the town's nine security employees, providing 24-7 coverage, with extra weekend shifts during the summer season.
- \*Oversees the town surveillance system, including facilitating repairs, making recommendations to the Town Council on technology upgrades, and generally maximizing effectiveness within town budget parameters.
- \*Regularly addresses security issues and concerns with town residents as issues arise.

### Roads Commissioner: **John Sullivan**

- \*Monitors roads throughout town, prioritizes projects, and makes recommendations to the Town Council for repairs and improvements.
- \*Oversees work completed by all road repair contractors, working with vendors on pricing, scheduling and quality control.
- \*Manages snow removal and ice eradication during winter months, including the town salt purchasing and inventory control process.
- \*Completes required Indiana Asset Management reports that includes annual PASER rating of all roads.

### Fire Commissioner: **Mark Bapst**

- \*Serves as town liaison with the Town of Porter Fire Department, which holds the current fire service contract with Dune Acres.
- \*Ensures fire system protection systems are regularly inspected and in working order. This includes extinguishers located throughout town, the sprinkler system at the clubhouse, the clubhouse kitchen hood system, and the fire alarm system at the clubhouse.
- \*Addresses emergency calls from fire monitoring vendors.
- \*Works in close collaboration with town engineer on mechanical repairs and improvements.

### Parks Commissioner: **Kellie Klein**

- \*Manages park facilities including playground, basketball court, tennis courts, and ice rink.
- \*Coordinates parks budget in collaboration with Beach Commissioner.
- \*Makes recommendations to the Town Council on capital expenditures including equipment replacement and facility enhancements.

### Beach Commissioner – **Rob Carstens**

- \*Oversees town beach buoy installation, maintenance, and schedule. This includes inventory management and repairs, contracting with installation service provider, and securing permits from authorizing agencies.
- \*Oversees swim platform installation and maintenance.
- \*Manages town fireworks display, including executing the contract with the fireworks contractor, securing permits from authorizing agencies, organizing equipment rentals, promoting the fundraising campaign, working with Town of Porter firefighters the day of event, scheduling volunteer crews, and generally managing all aspects of the display.
- \*Ensures adherence of town ordinances relative to beach activities including permitting and storage of boats and miscellaneous items on town beaches.
- \*Collaborates with the Parks Commissioner on budget.

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## Shop Local

You couldn't get more local than the Dune Acres Clubhouse on Saturday, July 23 when 10 very talented artisans assembled to offer their wide variety of hand-made clothing, jewelry, home-decor and gift items.

Thank you to the hearty souls who ventured to the Clubhouse on a very hot summer day to support DACIF.

And thank you to these individuals who worked so hard to produce a stellar event:

Bette Norris, Chair

Jan Bapst, Rob Carstens, Jane Dickey, Shirley & Joel Hull, Dave Rearick, Bobbi & Dick Taylor

Special thanks to Mark Taylor who moved so many heavy tables, and then moved them again...and again. And to Tina and Jim Read who donated the beverages for the cash bar.

For those of you who didn't make it to the Art Fair in the Clubhouse on Saturday, July 23, or who are still thinking about that purchase you didn't make, here's the contact information for the 10 very talented artists who offered their hand-made items for sale. They each donated 15% of their sales to DACIF, and thank you for your patronage.

*by Irene Newman*

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**"In architecture there are no perfect answers, only the earnest search for the good solution."**

*- Pietro Belluschi, Architect (1899-1994)*

Marti and I want to give our Dune Acres friends a most sincere thank you for your interest in the Belluschi Architecture presentation on June 23. It was truly amazing that so many of you came out on such a sweltering evening to hear some of our story. Your attendance certainly shows your appreciation for the importance of architecture in all of our lives. And, I am flattered by your interest in learning about my family involvement with the design profession.

We both enjoyed the reception, where we learned that many of you have strong Portland connections. We were also very impressed with the high quality and diversity of the work by the exhibiting artists. Despite the heat, it was a great event.

We want to give our special thanks to Irene Newman, Dave Rearick, Bobbi Taylor, Bette Norris, Rob Carstens and Bill Spence for their encouragement and assistance in making the presentation possible. What a great team of organizers!

Dune Acres is a beautiful community with wonderful residents. We are pleased to participate in activities, when we can, and to be your friends. We look forward to seeing you in Dune Acres and, hopefully, in Portland sometime in the future!

*Warmest regards, Tony Belluschi*



## Town Commissioners *continued from page 1*

### Building Commissioner: **Tom Roberts**

\*Reviews all building permit applications. This includes, when applicable, reviewing architectural drawings, working in collaboration with the town Plan Commission, and seeking approval from the Town Council for permits over \$10,000.

\*Works on-site at town residences to ensure construction is being conducted according to plans, that contractors are registered (bonded and insured) and that town ordinances are being followed.

\*Makes inspections or facilitates inspections of key building components including foundations, electrical, plumbing, and framing.

### Environmental Commissioner: **Robin Tennent**

\*Organizes the semi-annual town clean-up. This includes designating work areas, assigning volunteers, coordinating refreshments and acting as general manager of the weekend activities.

\*Oversees invasive plant treatment throughout the year in designated areas of town.

\*Works in collaboration with other town officials on grant administration.

\*Promotes bio-diversity goals with various educational efforts, including but not limited to, organizing educational events, working with homeowners on property improvement, and encouraging private donations to support environmental work.

*by Jan Bapst*

## Mystery Man

Can you ID this photo? Hint: He was an important part of DA history for 28 years. If you have a story you can share about him, please contact Mike Swygert at [mikeswygert@gmail.com](mailto:mikeswygert@gmail.com). All contributions will be acknowledged in the article to appear in the next issue of the Beachcomber.





## A Family and a Community Mourn the Loss of a Beloved Son

Rob and Patty Carstens, parents of Max, and his sister Erika, wish to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support from so many within the town of Dune Acres and beyond.

A telescope and plaque honoring Max will be dedicated on August 13. Everyone is invited to attend the memorial at the Dune Acres Club House from 10am-12pm.

A special thank you to these donors who made the purchase of the telescope possible.

### Dune Acres Residents:

Sarah & Austin Bancroft  
Jan & Mark Bapst  
Cecilia & Irv Call  
Sue & Ivan Chermel  
Jane Dickey  
Juanita & James Elder  
Cheryl & Bob Evans  
Linnea & John Forchetti  
Susan & Richard Grussel  
Shirley & Joel Hull  
Linda & Bill Kollada  
Kathy & Bob Lauer  
Kermit Myers  
Lois & Bill Nixon  
Bette Norris  
Dona & John Quinn  
Tina & Jim Read  
Linus Schrage  
Salvatore Schirripa  
Linda & Howard Silverman  
Heidi Studebaker  
Nancy Sullivan  
Bobbi & Dick Taylor  
Robin Tennant  
Brunhilde & Alfred Wählers



Nancy & Michael Anton, Jr.  
Darlene & Steven Baker  
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Paula & Larry Hayes  
Kathy & Tom Kalotta  
Heather & Randy Knotts  
Charmain & Stephen Later  
Holly & Kent Mishler  
Emily & John Modjeski  
Dr. Bruce Nagel  
Michael O'Connor  
James Paglia  
Mary & Paul Reilly  
Sue & Rob Smith  
Linda & Vic Szurgot  
Linda & Scott Thornburgh  
Mark Wählers

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Michigan City  
Healdsburg, CA  
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Holmes Beach, FL  
La Porte, IN  
Michigan City  
Hinsdale, IL  
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Wilmette, IL  
Chesterton  
Palatine, IL  
Michigan City  
Lake Panasoffkee, FL  
Lantana, TX  
Chicago, IL  
Waupaca, WI  
Chesterton  
Naperville, IL  
Michigan City

....and donations continue to pour in.

## Wine and Canvas

Artistic inspiration struck Dune Acres on August 4 when 17 women painted a moonscape guided by an instructor from the franchise's South Bend location. Lots of wine, many moons. Delicious food, many happy artists. Thanks to Jenny Carey for arranging this fun evening in the Clubhouse.

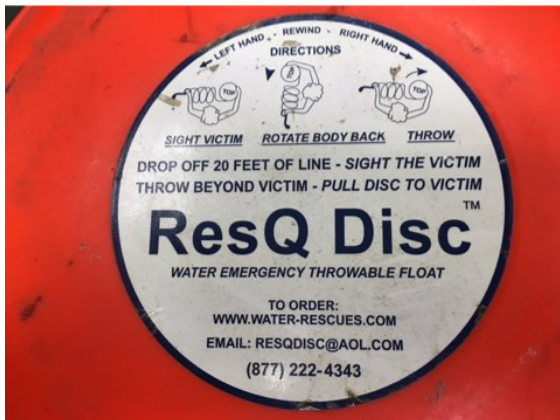


## Have Fun, Stay Safe

The nine residents who turned out for the Water Safety Class on July 16 had a lot of fun while practicing skills important to residents of a beach front community.

Here's some of what they learned:

- The difference between Rip tide and undertow
- The use of rescue devices such as the ResQ Disc, Rope in a Bag, and the ring flotation device.
- How to use a human chain
- Valuable tips regarding what to do when you see someone in distress:
  - Did you know that your cooler can be used as a flotation device?
  - Did you know, when you see someone go under, to clearly mark the area in the sand so that rescue workers know where to begin their search?
- It is helpful if you can describe the clothing worn by the victim. In the event that they get out of the water, they can be identified and the search can be aborted.
- Children should ALWAYS wear a coast guard approved life jacket, and be accompanied in the water by an adult.



ResQ Disc and Rope in a bag flotation devices are easy to carry and easy to use. After attaching the thrower end to yourself, the flotation end is tossed to the victim, who then grabs the flotation device and is towed into shore. These water safety devices are available on-line or at Bass Pro Shop.

Thank you to those who attended and to Jay Craig and the volunteer rescue workers for giving these free classes. These volunteers have full time jobs and families, but still carved out several hours on a beautiful Saturday morning to provide this service. Donations to Porter Volunteer fire department are appreciated.

*by Sharon Tuttlewski*





## Independence Day Celebration

July 2nd's Independence Day's Celebration was a lot of fun thanks to the hard work of the various committee chairmen.

Once again, I'd like to acknowledge **Tom and Carol Cornwall, Karen and Bruce Riffle, Bob and Margo Hartmann, Sarah and Austin Bancroft, Jenny Carey and Mark, Shirley and Joel Hull, Rob Carstens and my husband Lou** – for without them we would not have the events that make the day so much fun! Special thanks to **Mark Taylor** who keeps everything moving smoothly, **Mike Swygert** for the annual Declaration of Independence reading and **Howard Silverman** who keeps track of the money.

*by Carolyn Mellen*



## Dune Acres Independence Day Parade Kazoo Band Leader

For many years, Michael Treister's piccolo has led the Dune Acres Independence Day Parade Kazoo Band in lilting patriotic tunes. Dune Acres "Open Mic" parties give him the opportunity to jam with his talented neighbors, on his piccolo or one of his flutes.

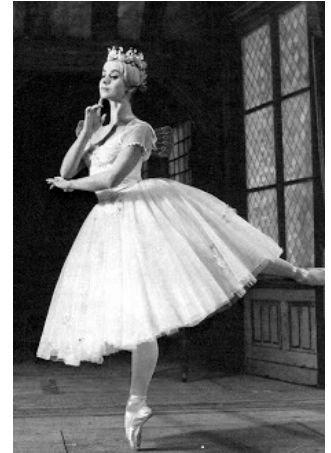
An orthopaedic surgeon by profession, it was during his years as a young orthopaedic resident that Michael began studying woodwind instruments. Now in semi-retirement he has finally found the time to join a concert band. The Ridgeville Band of Evanston (<http://ridgevilleband.weebly.com>) rehearses every Tuesday evening, and plays many concerts every year – most of them public! Check the website for the concert schedule.

*by Dana Shepard Treister*



## Who was the mystery lady riding in Alex Stemer's bright orange race car in the Independence Day Parade?

Dame Kirsten Simone, an internationally-renowned star of the Royal Danish Ballet, was visiting Dana and Michael Treister, as she does every summer – but this was the first time she had been in Dune Acres for the Independence Day celebration! Carolyn Mellen had kindly arranged for this feisty octogenarian to ride in a parade car. As soon as she spotted Alex's car



Kirsten asked, with a twinkle in her eye "is THAT the car I will be riding in?!" She had a blast, has already proudly shown the photo to all her aging ballet dancer friends in Chicago, and plans to display it in a prominent place in her home back in Copenhagen.



Kirsten entered the Royal Danish Ballet school at age 11 and retired with a gala tribute only TEN years ago – at age 72... But in all her international travels over many decades, this was her very first Small Town America Independence Day Parade!

*by Dana Shepard Treister*



## Beyond the Beach - DA Parks Provide Outdoor Fun

Kids of all ages are enjoying our town parks this summer. Whether it's tennis, pickleball, shooting hoops, or using their favorite playground equipment, everyone's having fun staying active and being outdoors.



Town park facilities are managed by Parks Commissioner Kellie Klein, with assistance on tennis courts provided by Bill Nixon. Maintenance Commissioner Dick Taylor ensures equipment is regularly inspected and that necessary repairs are made. All town volunteers work together on keeping facilities the best they can be, with very limited budgets.

This summer, the front two tennis courts were freshly striped, a pickleball set up was made available, the spiral slide (which had cracked) was replaced, and a brand new swing designed for children with special needs was installed. The town's General Fund, along with generous donations from residents, provided the resources for these improvements.

Ice skating is right around the corner! Kellie hopes a new deck at the rink will be completed for this year's season. Remember, the 'warming hut' located in Town Hall is full of spare skates in all sizes. Tom Cornwell recently dropped off another batch of both men and women skates in larger sizes, so be sure to check it out when the weather changes.

*by Jan Bapst*



Jim and Tina Read enjoy playtime in the park with their granddaughter.



Hanging out at the park.



Game...Set....Match!

## Elderberry Meetings

Speakers:

Tuesday, **September 6** from 1-3 pm: Leigh Westergren from Anton Insurance will speak about Medicare and supplemental insurance. Questions will be answered. We are getting close to that time of year when we can make changes to our plans.

All DA residents are invited.

Tuesday, **October 4** from 1-3 pm: John Pezzuto will TRY to be in town to speak. John is a scientist, our neighbor, who discovered the cardiac benefits of resveratrol. Resveratrol is found in the skin of red grapes: thus drinking red wine does have some cardiac benefits.

We will be sampling red wine with chocolates during this meeting.

Mimi Pezzuto may speak as well. Mimi is a pharmacist, and researcher, also our neighbor, who has created a compound that, when applied to your skin, will aid in relieving the pain of arthritis. She will speak re her compound.

All residents are invited, although you may be asked for proof of age before being served. Hah!

For this October meeting, please RSVP either to me: 241-0219, or to Mary Ann Crayton: 787-8104.

*by Sharon Tuttlewski*



## Wisconsin & Illinois Track Cycling State Junior Championship Winner

You've probably spotted Solomon Treister, grandson of Dana and Michael Treister, cycling up and down the Dune Acres roads. On June 26 he won the Wisconsin and Illinois Track Cycling State Junior Championship – for the 4th year in a row, in his age category! As you can see in the photos, “track” cycling is done in a velodrome, on a highly-specialized racing bike. Sol is a member of the Chicago-based XXX Racing-Athletico amateur bike racing team, although the actual “racing” is an individual sport.

Sol's fall sport is cyclocross – another demanding cycling competition, on a much sturdier bike ridden through an obstacle course of rutted mud, hills, water, rocks, gravel. His uniform puts Tide to the challenge! Sol took 2nd place in that state competition last fall.

When he is not racing or training this summer, Sol is working as a “2nd grade boys” day camp counselor. He (along with his twin sister Beatrix) will be a junior this fall at Rochelle Zell (Chicagoland) Jewish High School.

*by Dana Shepard Treister*



Deer on the beach near Hill Drive during a sunset in May.

*Photo by Bob Lauer*

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