



THE BEACHCOMBER

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Dune Acres Fall Clean up

November 5, 2016 was a magnificent, comfortable day. The turnout was very inspiring and the amount of work accomplished was spectacular.

Our team of accomplished oak sedge planters consisted of Sherry and Steve Carlson, Jan Bapst, Rick Demkovich, Michelle McCleod, Bob Lauer, Shirley and Joel Hull and Rich Hawksworth.

We had such fun with our youngest volunteers from Chesterton High School. Led by our own Rachel Carey, working with her friends Benea Fowler and Adam Little, these students arrived early - before 8:30 am - planting up the steep dune all the while singing beautifully, and working until we locked up at 2:30 pm. Thank you so much for sharing your joy in our happy planting. Well over two thousand sedge plants were planted that day, giving us happiness for years to come.

Our happy group included Tony Schirripa and his lovely daughters Mia and Bella who helped move sticks and branches. Kellie and Todd Klein worked with Rob Carstens and Cole and Luke Klein to move large fallen trees and branches, clearing the way for the thousands of oak sedges. Please do come and see how Clubhouse Dune behind Town Hall has been beautified by all their hard work.

Scott Arthur was a huge asset, as he and Sandy O'Brien worked on the burn break of invasive brush removal all the way down from Crest Drive Park and around to Pine Lane. Great work!

Generous donations were made by Jim and Juanita Elder, Austin and Sarah Bancroft, Dominic Marcheschi and Marilyn Blaszk, Frederick Reindel and Kenneth Warren, and Bob and Margo Hartmann. We all thank you for your contributions.

We appreciate all your help-- and please accept my apologies if I have omitted (or mis-spelled!) any names-- we are grateful to everyone who pitched in.

*Your Environmental Commissioner
Robin Tennant*

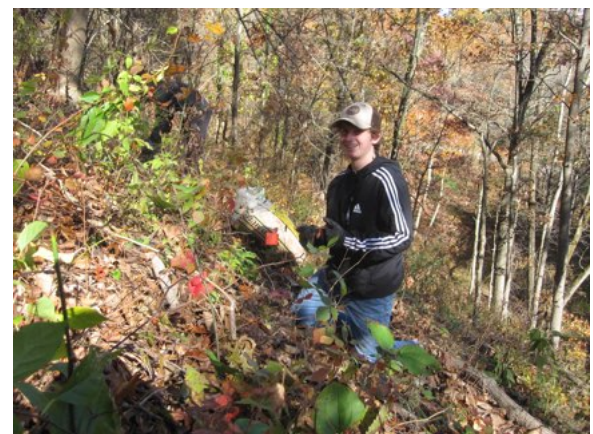
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Rachel Carey



Benea Fowler



Adam Little

Controlled Burn

The Town recently completed a prescribed burn of Crest Drive Park as part of our broader effort to reduce hazardous fuel accumulation and improve habitat for native plants and animals. The successful undertaking eliminated an estimated four tons of accumulated leaf litter, fallen branches and other fire fuel. The burn was done under authorization from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and is one of several which have been approved by the agency for 2016 – 2017.

The recent wildfires in eastern Tennessee underscore the great importance of managing our public parklands to prevent such catastrophes. In a forested community like Dune Acres, there is no way to completely eliminate the chance that a discarded cigarette or stray spark will ignite a wildfire. However, a well-planned and safely executed prescribed fire is one of our best tools to help minimize that risk.

by Rich Hawksworth



Jan Bapst



Mark Taylor



Mary Ann Crayton and Sandy O'Brien



Fall Clean-Up Photos



Rich Hawksworth and Sandy O'Brien.



Social media star/Frisbee trick artist films at Dunes State Park

From a recent Indiana Dunes Tourism press release:

Social media star and Frisbee trick shot artist Brodie Smith came to Indiana Dunes State Park on Tuesday [November 8] to film a segment for his new action sports show.

While at the dunes, Smith received a landkiting lesson from Casey VanSanten, an instructor for Stoke Riders, a Porter Beach-based business that offers lessons in kiteboarding, landkiting and other related sports.

Smith then landkited down the beach a few times, yelling with excitement during the adventure. Landkiting involves holding on to a large kite or sail, then using wind power to carry a person forward.

Smith then watched as VanSanten kiteboarded, using a kite to fly over and skip across Lake Michigan. Smith finished his dunes adventure by attempting to throw a Frisbee into the wind and have it fly back over his head to a man waiting about 20 yards behind him. People will have to watch his show, which will be available digitally, to see if the trick succeeded.

Indiana Dunes Tourism worked with Indiana Dunes State Park and Stoke Riders to host Smith's dunes visit.

"Brodie's videos attract hundreds of thousands of views, and in some cases millions of views, so having him show the dunes in his social media and his action sports show will put the dunes on the radar of even more outdoor enthusiasts," said Ken Kosky, promotions director at Indiana Dunes Tourism.

"While he was filming, some of his fans heard about it from social media and showed up to watch and have their picture taken with him."

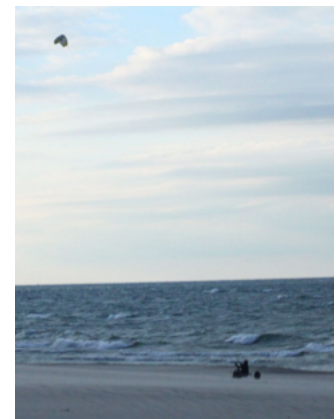
Smith's producers haven't released information about when and on which digital platform the segment about the dunes will be available for viewing.

For more information about kite sports at the dunes, visit www.stokeriders.com. Visit www.youtube.com/user/brodiesmith21 to watch Smith's videos or check him out on Twitter to see the landkiting video.

Dropbox link to photos of Brodie Smith landkiting, being filmed and posing with his instructor, Casey VanSanten of Stoke Riders. There is also a photo of Brodie Smith posing with three Chesterton High School students who stopped by the video shoot to meet him (left to right, Eric Amling, a junior; Brodie Smith; Derek O'Dell, a senior; and Trevor Webb, a senior): goo.gl/Kfr0em



Brodie Smith and Casey VanSanten



Immunization Day

Flu and Pneumonia shots were given in Town Hall on October 29, 2016. Although late in the season, 9 Flu and 3 Pneumonia vaccines were administered. Our thanks to Malhar Desai, Pharm.D.; and to Kaitlyn Talliey, CPhT. Malhar and Kaitlyn are from Chesterton Walgreens. Thanks also to Dave Kasarda, CEO of Chesterton YMCA for helping to orchestrate.

Walgreens will return early in the Fall of 2017. Since immunization day coincided with World Stroke Awareness Day: Karen Riffle and her son Tyler Gengnagel volunteered to check blood pressures and to distribute Stroke Awareness literature during the time immunizations were given.

Karen is an RN, working at St. Catherine's Hospital in East Chicago. She is a wife, Mom and our neighbor. Tyler is a Student Nurse at Purdue University, and works as a CNA at St. Catherine's. Even with their hectic schedules, they didn't hesitate volunteering to spend a few hours of their Saturday morning in Town Hall. Thank you both.

by Sharon Tuttlewski



Karen Riffle, RN, Tyler Gengnagel, CNA, Malhar Desai, Pharm.D., Kaitlyn Talliey, CPhT.

See more information about stroke awareness on the next page.

All Aboard the Boo Bus!

It's an annual tradition in Dunes Acres. Parents and kids are escorted around town in suitable Halloween style. This year the Bancrofts, the Riffles, the Schirripas and the Masloroffs were driven around the towns windy roads in Bruce Riffle's trailer, pulled by Rob Carstens ATV. Hay bales provided comfy, atmospheric seating. The Boo Bus allowed the parents and kids to ride around the windy roads in Dune Acres to visit more houses on Halloween and is safer than walking when it is dark out with the little ones. This has become an annual tradition for our group of young families.

story and photos by Sarah Bancroft



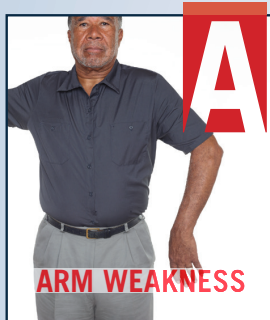
SPOT A STROKE F.A.S.T.

F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember the sudden signs of a stroke.



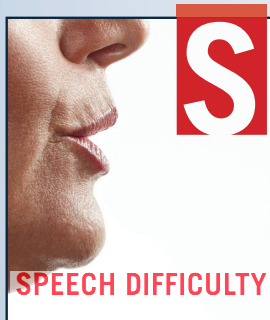
Face Drooping

Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile.



Arm Weakness

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



Speech Difficulty

Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "the sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?



Time to Call 9-1-1

If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

Beyond F.A.S.T. – Other Symptoms You Should Know

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the leg
- Sudden confusion or trouble understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause



StrokeAssociation.org/warningsigns

A Good Deed Acknowledged

I would just like to thank these gentlemen for their help in towing my golf cart uphill to my house. I would not let them leave without a picture

Thank you Roy Cutrell and Mark Bapst. Best wishes Roy and family in your upcoming move and congratulations on the sale of your home here.

Submitted by Deanna McDowell



Dune Acres has a Facebook page



If you are on Facebook just search "Dune Acres Residents".

I thought it would be a fun way to keep in touch and post pictures or news about what's going on in the neighborhood.

Submitted by Kathy Lauer

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Irene Newman	Sharon Tuttlewski

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

Elderberries

Ms Julia Taylor, LSW, a professional social worker and health advisor, will be leading a discussion on Tuesday, December 6th from 1 to 3 p.m. on "Aging in Place" at the Elderberry Meeting in the Town Hall.



She will answer your questions and help address any issues you are facing with your aging in place plans.

Julia is a Case Manager at Northwest Indiana Community Action (local Area Agency on Aging) and is the wife of our Town's maintenance manager, Mark Taylor.

by Sharon Tuttlewski

Letter to the Editors

I read the recent Beachcomber with delight, as always, but especially so when I read about the Town Marshals, especially Art Johnson!

When Rob and I moved into 21 Crest Dr., after purchasing it from the Conklin family, we were given a packet of information and inside was this wonderful picture of "what had been there before" the Conklins built their home. I'm sure this is the the "small beach house" referred to in the article. We never knew, now we know!

The picture sat sweetly on our table at 21 Crest and it is now on our bookcase in Wisconsin.

Always interesting information in your wonderful publication, The Beachcomber. It keeps the bonds of friendship together wherever we are!

Thanks to all,
 Fondly,
 Sue Smith

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