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My Deepest Appreciation and Thanks

1 message

Margaret Marino <mmmarino@msn.com>

Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 12:27 PM

To: Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>, "mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com" <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

Mayor Brown and Chad Sweet,

As each new year approaches, I like to reflect on the good things that have happened in the current year. One thing important to me is to thank those people who had a significant impact as they worked to make those good things happen.

The most amazing transformation has begun on the beach dunes of Gearhart. As you walk to the beach, or through the dunes, there are areas of openness and light. The fire department now has access to defend the city from potential danger with their new fire road in the dunes. Residents and visitors can walk safely and comfortably through several open areas. Some acres of scotch broom and blackberries have been initially removed.

This has all happened through the hard work of Gearhart City Manager Chad Sweet and Mayor Matt Brown in bringing a new code to our city. I want to sincerely thank you for all your efforts to make this happen and for your diligence in the careful management of the ongoing work with a view to the future.

It's also important to recognize the kindness and generosity of several Gearhart homeowners for funding significant portions of the recent work in acknowledgement of the limited funding the city has for such undertakings.

Though what I'm most thankful for is a project about which I just recently became aware: the forthcoming restoration of the grace and beauty of Dune Meadows Park. It seems most fitting to end this 100th year of historic Gearhart and start the next 100 years with a special project in the heart of our city.

Dune Meadows Park on the ocean front was acquired for the community of Gearhart over 70 years ago by Lesley Miller and dedicated as a place for the entire community to enjoy the boundless glory

of the beach. Thanks to a quiet group of generous neighbors, all of the community will once again be able to sit on the benches and embrace and behold that which we hold so dear.

My sincerest thanks to all of Gearhart as we enter 2019 and the next 100 years of kindness within our community as we join to celebrate the beauty of our precious beach.

Thank you for all that you do for our community,

Richard and Margaret Marino

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Gearhart, Oregon 97138

Please include in the City Council correspondence packet



Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Fwd: 100 Years

Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 2:52 PM

To: Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Krysti,
Please add to the Jan council packet.
Thanks,
Chad

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From: **Dianne Widdop** <r_widdop@msn.com>

Date: Tue, Dec 11, 2018 at 2:16 PM

Subject: 100 Years

To: Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>, mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

As the city of Gearhart's 100 year anniversary is ending, the two of you, the city councilors, the city staff and workers, and the department heads deserve a sincere thank you for all the work they have done to accomplish all they have this past year on the dunes. The difference in the dunes now versus their prior neglect is incredible. This has been a wonderful beginning to restore the dunes to their former beauty and may it continue for years to come.

After serving in appointed and elected positions for twenty three years, I understand the time and effort all of you give to make Gearhart the well maintained and well run City it is. You all receive far too much criticism and not nearly enough thanks for your work and dedication. Thank you very much for all you do.

Dianne Widdop
P O Box 2116
Gearhart, OR 97138

Please include this in the January council packet. Thank you.

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"Resilient Together!"

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Richard T. Schroeder
3840 SW 75th Ave
Portland, OR 97225

December 14, 2018

Mr. Matt Brown, Mayor
City of Gearhart
698 Pacific Way
PO Box 2510
Gearhart, Oregon 97138

Re: Dune issues

Dear Matt,

I would like to thank you and the City of Gearhart for addressing your dune issues. I have tried to follow this over the years and have come to realize how difficult the process has been. I see similar issues coming around the corner in Surf Pines and only hope that they reach out to you for guidance.

Sincerely,



Richard T. Schroeder



Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Our Thanks

1 message

Joyce Hoffman <joycephoffman@me.com>
To: chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com

Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 5:15 PM

After recently visiting Gearhart I was so impressed by its transformation. It is almost returned to the beach I grew up playing on and loving. Today it welcomes you with open arms as it did 50 years ago. That being said, I know it couldn't of happened without your support and for that we are most grateful. Our job now is to maintain the beauty you have created. We support your efforts and are here for you if needed.

Our thanks,
Joyce and Gary Hoffman



Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Thank you

1 message

srworkman1 <susanrw60@gmail.com>

Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 2:05 PM

To: chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com, mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com

Mayor Brown and Chad Sweet,

As I sit enjoying the blessings of this holiday season, I wanted to write you both a note to thank you for all the work that was done this year in our dunes.

As I sit in my home and look out, I can see the new fire road. Our fire department will now be able to access the dunes should a dangerous fire arise. My home, many others, and the city are now safer.

I recently walked down to the beach for the first time in two or three years. Previously, I did not feel safe walking to the beach, but now I do. There are areas of openness and light where I can walk. Also, some areas of blackberries and scotch broom have been removed. The transformation and restoration of our dunes has begun. I am truly joyful and grateful.

I know this has happened because of the difficult work done by our Mayor, Matt Brown, and our City Manager, Chad Sweet, who have worked diligently to bring a new code to our city. Thank you for your work. Careful management of the dunes with a view to the future benefits our entire community.

I recently became aware truly wonderful news. Gearhart homeowners have generously pledged funding for the restoration of Dune Meadows Park. I look forward to the day when I can, once again, sit on the benches in the park and look out to the sea. It is fitting that this should happen on our 100 year anniversary.

Once again, thank you to Mayor Brown, Chad Sweet, and all members of our community who have lovingly worked toward town's future.

Sincerely,
Susan Workman
671 S. Ocean

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Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Gearhart Dunes Beautification

1 message

Fred Trullinger <ftrullinger@comcast.net>

Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 9:08 AM

To: Matt Brown <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>, Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Dear Mayor Brown and Mr Sweet,

The beautification work in dunes this past year would not have been possible without the support of the Council and Administrator Sweet. We want to thank you for your effort to make this happen. This has been a very positive beginning of what is hoped to be a long-term effort of private-public cooperation.

We have learned of a further initiative to beautify the park at the end of Pacific Way by removal of the noxious weeds and trimming shore pines. This will be a wonderful addition to the dune beautification effort and provide unfettered viewing access of the dunes and ocean for all to enjoy. We hope you support this effort of kind generosity of local residents to make Gearhart a more beautiful community we're all so proud of.

Thank you again for the help and support.

Susan Hoffman and Fred Trullinger
44 S Ocean

Please include our note in the January council packet



Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Fwd: Thank you for the Gearhart dunes

Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>
To: Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Tue, Dec 18, 2018 at 9:17 AM

Correspondence for next meeting.

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From: **Mary Murphy** <emurphyfam@comcast.net>
Date: Mon, Dec 17, 2018 at 2:30 PM
Subject: Thank you for the Gearhart dunes
To: <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>, <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

Mayor Brown and Mr. Sweet,

As a Gearhart homeowner, I would like to thank you for all the cooperative work that has been done in the dunes. We now feel safer that the fire lane was widened and hope that the scotch broom removal reduces the fire danger. I hope this is a work in progress and that there is a plan for the future. The shore pines at the south end of the City property get higher each year.

From our home, we see that more people are walking into the south section of the Gearhart beach. Many people I know did not feel safe (Elk trampling, homeless camp site). Even this last winter weekend we saw many walkers.

Sincere thanks,
Mary and Ed Murphy
702 S Ocean Avenue

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Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

Thanks for Dunes Clearing

1 message

Norma Reynolds <normac35@comcast.net>

Wed, Dec 19, 2018 at 4:30 PM

To: "chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com" <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>,
"mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com" <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

Dear Mayor Brown and Mr. Sweet:

I want to express my appreciation to the city and to any others who are responsible for clearing many of the paths to the beach from South Ocean. I had been avoiding those trails because I didn't feel safe walking through the dense growth which might shelter elk or even campers. Now I can resume using my usual paths from D and G streets without worry. What a wonderful gift of freedom to ring in the new year!

I understand that the fire department now has access to homes and property from their fire trails. This is wonderful news as well.

Thanks are also due to the generous homeowners who are restoring the view of the ocean from the benches in the Dune Meadows Park. I think of my dear friend who has now passed. As she became unable to walk to the beach, she spent many hours sitting on those benches enjoying the ocean view. She would be so happy to see the view restored.

Again, thanks to all who participated in this project and those to come. Please include this in the City Council correspondence packet.

Yours truly,

Norma Reynolds

D Street



Chad Sweet <chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com>

100 years and counting

1 message

Alix Meier Goodman <goodmanalix@gmail.com>

Sun, Dec 23, 2018 at 4:30 PM

To: chadsweet@cityofgearhart.com, mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com

Dear Mayor Brown and Mr. Sweet ~ I would like to add my voice to the chorus writing to thank you both, council, staff and volunteers for serving our Gearhart community.

We especially appreciate the dunes restoration occurring because of your efforts to improve city code. The work has been wonderful. We hope the area around the park benches will be similarly addressed so all can sit and enjoy a view westward.

Wishing you all the joys of the season.

Alix Meier Goodman
22 S Ocean Ave

Please include this in the Council correspondence packet, thank you.

December 27, 2018

Thank you to Mayor Matt Brown, City Manager Chad Sweet and all in Gearhart city management for the careful enactment of the new Gearhart ordinance which governs restoration and preservation efforts allowed in the Gearhart dunes.

Old timers may grouse that no such work is needed, that we should just leave the dunes alone; but decades of benign neglect are what brought us here. Doing nothing assures negative change is certain. Non native plants will continue to spread, choking out the native grasses and wild flowers that once flourished in the dunes. Soil chemistry will continue to change to more readily support non native plants. Unchecked forests will render easy passage to the beach impossible. It is past time to act so that the fond memories of former generations do not become impossible memories for future generations to make.

I congratulate our current elected officials and professional staff for having the wisdom and courage to admit that if we truly treasure the dunes, we must act to preserve them.

In celebration of Gearhart's 100 Year Anniversary, a group of generous homeowners is funding work allowed by the new ordinance to clear the massive stand of trees and weeds which now blocks the westward view from all memorial benches in Dune Meadows Park at the west end of Pacific Way. This project to launch Gearhart's second century is a model of cooperation between the City and private home owners. I understand the designation of Dune Meadows Park as a possible site for a new fire station may mean this work could seem premature but whatever configuration a future use of this property would take would surely begin with clearing the current view-blocking eyesore. I look forward to the start of this project that can be immediately appreciated by all Gearhart home owners without hindering possible future land use that is surely years from final determination.

Again, thanks to Mayor Matt Brown and all elected and volunteer officials who have been wise enough to recognize the importance of caring for the dunes. I also wish to recognize City Manager Chad Sweet for overseeing the permit process with fairness and consistency. Excellent, privately funded projects have already begun on both public and private property in the dunes south of Pacific Way.

Restoration work in the City's "living room" on the edge of Dune Meadows Park will be a welcome extension of this City/citizen collaboration.

I request that this letter be included in the City Council packet for January 2019.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Delaney
Surfside Condominium #217
PO Box 2187
Gearhart, OR 97138

I am writing to praise those in Gearhart City Management who have been instrumental in enacting a new ordinance allowing for restoration and preservation of public and private land within the Beaches and Dunes Overlay Zone. As a member of the citizen committee responsible for recommending guidelines for this work, I continue to feel the new code is too restrictive. It is, however, a start which authorizes the removal of State-recognized noxious weeds and a dangerously flammable understory of "old growth" scotch broom, blackberries and dead wood marooned in the dunes until the new ordinance authorized removal.

As a retired Portland firefighter, now a full time Gearhart resident, I have been most concerned about measures which allow for fire suppression. Surely recent wildfire tragedies should make this goal paramount in our consciousness as we seek to restore and preserve the dunes.

Gearhart's new guidelines require removal of cut debris. Professional landscape contractors confirm such removal can be accomplished two ways -- by chipping in place or trucking away. Dune committee members who originally advocated for *no vehicular traffic* at all should be pleased that trimmings can be mulched and spread as a layer of natural material which will help to retard regeneration of unwanted growth.

As the ordinance has been enacted, I have been most pleased to see the City has been open to generous donations from local homeowners. Keep up the good work, folks!

I request this letter be included in the City Council packet for January 2019.

Respectfully,
Jack Delaney
Surfside Condominium #217
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Gearhart, OR 97138