FROM THE DIRECTOR

We look forward to the fall with its refreshing weather and wonderful changes in wildlife. Our preserve changes with the seasons, and no two strolls on the trails are the same. We are so fortunate to witness the flow of life over time and across the landscape. The opportunity to explore and learn about the millions of facets of this incredible place never cease. For example, this summer’s ample rainfall and high water made it a challenge to keep some of the trails maintained, but it also kept our newly planted trees and shrubs well watered.

Over the summer, we planted trees and shrubs within our main preserve and also at the containment facility in Manitowoc. We also seeded quite a few acres in both our main and the Bugler preserves. Now, we and the pollinators, wait patiently for the wildflowers to grow. Work has started on the design of the future wetland of the Henry Preserve on Woodland Drive with construction taking place next year. Our Forget-Me-Not Creek restoration will begin soon, as well as additional work at the Center and along the lakeshore, thanks to a grant from US Fish and Wildlife.

In addition to our land management duties, our summer programs and camps were very well attended, which kept our staff and interns busy. It’s a great joy to see so many children visiting and excitedly learning about wildlife. Each summer we are blessed with more and new young faces here.

We also worked with many groups from local high schools including Two Rivers and Denmark to organizations like Thrivent Financial and the Two Rivers Rotary Club. A big thanks goes to our longtime friends from Grace Congregational Church, who both rebuilt our boardwalk and also gathered here for Sunday worship. Our Education Program and our Dorothy Star Bee and Butterfly Garden will both be improving thanks to support from the Pivot Rock Fund and Merrie and Greg Star. Once again, we are grateful for the major support received from members of the Alyea Family. We are grateful and humbled by the support from you all.

That being said, we now face a new and perhaps unprecedented challenge to our ecosystem, posed by the invasive emerald ash borer. This tiny and deceptively beautiful iridescent green beetle has been confirmed in the City of Manitowoc. It is almost certain to devastate areas of the preserve dominated by green ash. A few years ago, we began planting other native tree species appropriate to our area to mitigate the impending effects of the borer, but we need to do far more. The loss of the ash tree canopy will create even more opportunities for alien plants to invade, and managing the preserve will become a much greater challenge. We are in the process of seeking funding to help us, and we ask for your help as well. Our property committee, staff, and volunteers will be doing all we can to continue to provide a home for as many species of native wildlife as possible here. All is not lost, but a lot of work and funding will be needed.

~ Jim Knickelbine, Executive Director
Thank you to everyone hoo-hoo attended Owl Fest! The weather was wonderful, attendance was outstanding, and everyone enjoyed spending time outdoors. Our guests met live owls and other birds of prey, and also participated in face painting, owl pellet dissections, and guided nature walks.

More wildflowers for our pollinators! Pollinators are vital to our well being, so it’s imperative that we care and provide for them. According to the USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture), 1 out of every 3 bites of food we eat exists because of animal pollinators like bees, butterflies and moths, birds and bats, beetles and other insects.

Planned Giving Means I Love You Forever

Has Woodland Dunes been important in your life? Do you and your family have an interest in seeing our habitat managed in perpetuity? Would you like to make a lasting and permanent difference?

Planned Giving is a meaningful way to ensure that Woodland Dunes will be able to take care of its precious land and provide strong nature-based programs to the children and families of our community.

What can we accomplish with your lasting contribution:

- Ensure that another 100,000 children (and more) will actively learn about nature through our impactful education programs on the preserve.
- Continue the fight against harmful invasive species, which threaten our globally significant land every day.
- Help both our common and rare wildlife species thrive through the maintenance and protection of beneficial native plants, shrubs, and trees on our 1,300 acre preserve.

Memorial Gifts and Bequests
Individuals may leave a bequest to Woodland Dunes Nature Center. A bequest is a gift made through a donor’s will and is completely free from federal estate tax. If you have already named Woodland Dunes Nature Center in your plans, we would like to acknowledge your meaningful gift. Please contact us.

Endowment
Make a gift that will support Woodland Dunes and its mission in perpetuity by contributing to the endowment fund. A percentage of the interest earned each year will support the nature center and its work, keeping the principle intact. Contributing to the endowment fund is an act of great vision, as you will leave a legacy to ensure Woodland Dunes serves the community for future generations.

Donating Stocks and Bonds
Individuals may avoid paying capital gains taxes by donating stocks and bonds to Woodland Dunes Nature Center. Donors are entitled to a charitable income tax reduction equal to the full market value of the stock.

Life Income Agreement
A life income agreement allows you to make a substantial capital gift to Woodland Dunes Nature Center, while retaining your income for your lifetime and/or that of additional beneficiaries.

For more information regarding any of the opportunities outlined above, please contact our Executive Director, Jim Knickelbine at: nature@woodlanddunes.org or by phone: (920) 793-4007.

You will be among the many compassionate friends who have a long-term vision of keeping Woodland Dunes an important and special place.

Henry’s Handcrafted Treats for Dogs
Woodland Dunes is now selling all natural dog treats in the gift shop. They have ingredients such as oats, honey, bananas, peanuts and pumpkin! A portion of the sales comes back directly to the Dunes so make a purchase next time you’re in and treat your dog and us at the same time! Great for gifts, too!

Volunteers needed to answer the phone and greet guests!

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you answer the phone and take messages if needed? If so, we would love you on our “Desk Jackie” team. As we grow, so does our need to greet our guests in person and by phone. If you can give 3 hours of time either during the morning or afternoon to keep us running smoothly, we want your talents! Please contact Nancy at nancyn@woodlanddunes.org.

Did you know?
According to UW-Madison, honey drives an industry which creates and maintains essential employment in the state and throughout the country. If 80% of the bees were gone, $4.8 billion would be lost in the state of Wisconsin.
Yoga at the Dunes

Wednesdays, September 6th- October 4th
9:00-10:00am

Back by popular demand, join registered yoga instructor Jennifer Jelenic for our third annual Yoga at the Dunes! Participate in yoga practice (beginner-advanced) set in the natural beauty of the outdoors. Class meets inside the Nature Center during inclement weather. Bring yoga mat, water and dress for movement/weather. Limited supply of mats on site. Children welcome. Contact Jennifer at yogafem108@gmail.com with questions. Pre-registration recommended, minimum of 5 registered participants to run each session.

$10 drop-in

Fall Migration Bird Walks

Fridays, August 25th
8:15-9:30am

Join Woodland Dunes staff on a weekly bird hike during the fall migration season! Meet at the Nature Center and bring your binoculars. This is a weather dependent event. Some waders will be available, but bring your own if you have them. Program takes place at the Nature Center. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

Raising a Wild Child Preschool Program

Thursdays September 14th, October 12th & November 9th
9:00-10:30am

Experience the wonders of nature with your 2–5 year old through nature hikes, play, and guided activities. Help your child notice the natural world and ignite their curiosity! Registration required by the Monday before each program. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather.

Members: $2/child
Non-members: $3/child

Who Pooped in the Preserve?

Non-Members: $6/person
Members: $5/person

Animals Entrusted in Our Care, An Evening with WOW

Tuesday, November 21st
5:00-8:30pm

This is a great opportunity to learn about the important work of the local wildlife rehabilitation facility, Wildlife of Wisconsin (WOW). Meet a few patients and understand why they need help. Bring your cameras. Please register by Friday, November 17th. Space is limited. Sponsored by Next Era Point Beach Nuclear Plant.

To register for any of our programs, please contact Jess at jessicaj@woodlanddunes.org or call at 920-793-4007.
**Land Management**

Land management is a never ending task, and this summer proved no differently than others. As part of our Phragmites control grant project, our interns were busy at the boat landings educating the public on this non-native species. One of our land management volunteers discovered our first population of garlic mustard on the preserve. Second year plants, which produce flowers and seeds, were removed and first year plants will be treated this fall when all other plants are dormant. With the help of interns and volunteers, we removed over three dumpsters worth of dame’s rocket from along Columbus Street. We have also been working hard at the Manitowoc Lakefront Birding Area, working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, Army Corps, of Engineers, City of Manitowoc, Stantec Consulting, Inc., volunteers, and others to remove invasives and plant native trees, shrubs, wildflowers, and grasses to benefit pollinator species and migratory birds.

Benches were installed at our bird park along Columbus Street, providing a place to sit and enjoy wildlife. These benches were a donation in memory of Jack Skidmore.

This fall, we will be planting over 850 wildflowers and native grasses as part of Bayer’s Feed a Bee grant program, enhancing and establishing pollinator habitat on 4 acres of land surrounding the Nature Center. We will also be planting wildflower and grass seeds on approximately 14 acres of land through the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s CSP and EQIP programs and on 10 acres of land in AEC power line right of ways through their pollinator habitat program. If any groups are interested in assisting in planting wildflowers, or with our Wednesday work days, please contact us at 920-793-4007 or jenniferp@woodlanddunes.org. Planting is scheduled to take place around September 15.

There is never a shortage of things to be done in the world of land management and we are continuing to work on some large projects. None of our work would be possible without members, donors, grants, and lots of volunteers. Thank you all for your help.

**Donations**

- The Caveley Company
- Tim & Nancy Leigh – Dollars for Doers
- Karen Koebel – PayPal giving fund
- Robert Gahl
- Country Visions – Spot the Cause Campaign
- Cordon Public Library
- Darlene Waterstreet
- Matthew Oker
- Prompt Printing Center
- Mike Reese
- The Welch Family
- Masters Gallery Foods, Inc. – Reward Your Purpose
- National Resources Foundation of Wisconsin
- Tracy Folz

**Grant Awards**

- The Pivot Rock Fund
- New Guarantors
- Glen & Joan Hanson
- Schwartz Manufacturing Co.

**New Members**

- Janet Artz
- Meredith Dimagia
- Dawn Netheling
- Josh & Brooke Neuser
- Diane Leidig
- David & Sue Hille
- Nicole Ogle
- Tana Nelson
- Laurine Lambries
Woodland Dunes Nature Center

Headquarters & Nature Shop
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Monday - Friday: 9 am - 4 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm (April - October)

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