



Dunes News

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Protecting the Nation's First Dedicated Nature Preserve

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Luncheon Reservations

Saturday, November 18

12 PM \$12

Park Resort

Please give your menu choice when you make a reservation:

1. Chicken Caesar Salad
2. Sesame Chicken Salad, fruit
3. Reuben Sandwich, fries
4. Club Sandwich
5. Beach Burger, fries and Choice of Swiss, American, or Cheddar cheese

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SCARY FACT!

More than 1700 chunks of asbestos were removed from the north end of the park in May due to a complaint filed by Dunesland. The *Waukegan News Sun* ran a story showing photos of the friable asbestos contamination that the state tried to cover up. The state is still in violation of asbestos regulations and hikers are exposed unknowingly.

Invite Your Friends to Lee Goodman's Presentation

Great Lakes Targeted as Coast Guard Shooting Range

November 18 at the Illinois Beach State Park Resort at Noon

Have you heard about the controversy concerning the Coast Guard's use of the Great Lakes as a shooting range? This is another environmental assault that must be stopped!

Attorney Lee Goodman, our November speaker, was one of the people who helped form Citizens for Lake Safety to oppose the Coast Guard's plan to turn the Great Lakes into the world's largest freshwater firing range.

If you would like further information and/or wish to sign a petition protesting the Coast Guard's use of the lakes, go to citizensforlakesafety.org.

At a public meeting sponsored by the Coast Guard on November 1, Lee made several comments and criticized the Coast Guard's consultant, raising serious questions about the consultant's report and credibility. Lee has been involved in

a number of grassroots political efforts. Six months before the U.S. invasion of Iraq, he and a few neighbors formed the Northbrook Peace Committee, a group that has continued to advocate for peace and justice throughout the world.

In 2004, Lee was the Democratic candidate for Representative in Congress from the tenth district in Illinois. Lee and his wife Nancy live in Northbrook, Illinois.

Illinois Attorney General Ignores Dunesland's FOIA Requests Inspector General Receives Group's Complaint

Dunesland filed two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests with Lisa Madigan's office on July 7, 2006. The requests were made to Public Access Counselor Terry Mutchler who handles compliance with FOIA laws. State law requires a response within seven days. It is now more than four months since our original request. Although we have made several requests, they are still essentially unanswered. Paul Kakuris spoke to Terry Mutchler three

weeks ago; she promised she would get right back to him, but there has been no response. Unfortunately, this stalling and avoidance of FOIA responses is a continuing pattern at the IAG's office, which is charged to make sure other government bodies are in compliance with FOIA laws.

Dunesland has now filed a complaint with the IAG's Inspector General Diane Salton. What do they have to hide? It's obvious that the

documents and records we have asked to review deal with the Asbestos Task Force and the involvement of the IAG's office. Allegations have been made about the Task Force's "rigged" report and cover-up and careless spending of state and federal tax dollars.

Dunesland had requested copies of the Attorney General's Asbestos Task Force Report when it was discovered that the report was being secretly distributed to their "friends," while Dunesland was left off of (continued on p. 2)



Children have been seen building sand castles and "burying" friends in the sand. With microscopic asbestos mixed in with the sand, as tests have proven, a child's action might be more literal than figurative!

www.asbestosbeach.com

A new website has been designed for the purpose of informing the citizens of Illinois about the truth of asbestos contamination on the beaches of Illinois from the Wisconsin border to Chicago, fouling our precious shoreline. It will help separate fact from the fiction that public officials have put out to try to cover up their actions, their own direct and indirect involvement in contaminating the Illinois shoreline with microscopic asbestos.

This website contains many links which will allow you to garner more information and education about asbestos and contamination from many sources. The links will also direct you to specific documents and other information as it becomes available. It contains letters, documents, Dunes News, newspaper articles, complaints to government agencies and reports.

The Home Page and links will be continually updated, so make it a habit to visit the website frequently. This is designed to be a powerful learning tool and will continually educate the public on breaking news and issues about asbestos and the corruption of public officials.

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IAG Ignores Dunesland's FOIA Requests (continued from p.1)

the apparent "insiders" list. After contacting Assistant Attorney General Matt Dunn's office, it was discovered that the report had been available for several days, just not to Dunesland.

Chief of Staff Ann Spillane instructed Terry Mutchler to release the report to Dunesland after it was distributed to the larger public list. They were holding the report so they could spin it with their own press release be-

fore Dunesland had time to review it and make our own comments to the press.

Dunesland has yet to receive a complete and legible copy.

The second FOIA was a request to review the last few months of the IAG's records pertaining to the Task Force. They have yet to comply with that request. So much for the "open government" IAG Lisa Madigan touts on her web site!

Senator Obama's Determination Needed for Evaluation

When Senator Barack Obama was a candidate in 2004, he suggested that the state consider shutting down the beaches at Illinois Beach State Park until the government determines why the asbestos continues to appear at the beaches. There are still massive amounts present.

At that time, he said to the *Chicago SunTimes*, "I think that we have to use the time now that the summer is over and the beach season is over to get the Illinois EPA to reassess what exactly is happening at this beach. We can't have our kids swimming in areas that might be contaminated with asbestos. That's one of those substances where they may not get sick right away, but it's a known carcinogen if ... particulates are taken into the lungs."

Dunesland would certainly appreciate his influence in making that happen two years later. How many more thousands have been exposed on the whole Illinois shoreline since he made that statement? Senator Obama, you have the influence to make this happen now. Please use it to protect your constituents and future generations!

Lake Michigan Shoreline Asbestos Contamination Continues

By Jeffery C. Camplin, CSP, CPEA

State & Federal Government Polluters Must be Held Accountable for Pollution!

Why does asbestos pollute the Illinois shoreline at least as far south as Chicago's Oak Street Beach and north to Illinois Beach State Park? I believe that we have identified the sources of the asbestos pollution and have identified the polluters. We should hold them accountable for their actions. The Illinois Attorney General deceptively touts on her web site and in the press that polluters pay for the pollution caused in our state. What if the state and feds allowed the pollution to occur? What if the state of Illinois and the federal government are willfully polluting Lake Michigan and its shoreline?

Public officials who are charged to regulate asbestos violations have knowingly allowed illegal asbestos dumping into Lake Michigan. They have also participated in the actual dumping of asbestos-contaminated dredgings into Lake Michigan, knowing that the material was contaminated with asbestos. They then used federal and state tax dollars, rigging tests in an attempt to cover-up their egregious behavior.

Most illegal polluters willfully lie, they misrepresent the facts, they manipulate data, and they try to cover-up their actions. The state and federal agencies are guilty of these same shameful traits in an attempt to cover-up the asbestos pollution they have helped to create on our shoreline. Most egregiously, they attempt to hide behind their legal teams, just like the polluters. Epidemiological studies show that Illinois counties along Lake Michigan have an elevated presence of asbestos-related diseases and cancers. Lake County has a mesothelioma rate seven times the national average and Cook County has one of the highest asbestos disease rates in the country.

Dunesland Reveals Lies and Distortions as State and Feds Claim Asbestos is “Safe”

Is chronic exposure to toxic asbestos fibers ever considered safe? How can chunks of asbestos debris be removed each and every week from public areas while families are present? How can elevated levels of the more deadly asbestos fibers that originate from South Africa and are found in Waukegan Harbor's approach channel, ever be safely dredged and dumped on the shoreline of Illinois's most visited state park? Where else in Illinois would asbestos polluters be allowed to fraudulently conclude that their asbestos pollution does not cause cancer and disease based upon their own secret, “rigged” studies? The answer is at Illinois Beach State Park and the Illinois shoreline, at least as far south as Chicago's Oak Street beach. The state and federal agencies and officials claim that the asbestos pollution they caused on our shoreline is safe because:

- *It is non-friable or substantially intact.* This is a false statement. The broken pieces of Johns-Manville debris have been exposed to extreme weathering and have tumbled in the surf zone for decades. Toxic asbestos fibers are released from the exposed, abraded surfaces of this waste. Some of the weathered edges have exposed fibers which are released when the friable edges are touched or tumbled on the shoreline.
- *There is background asbestos in many places.* Studies claim asbestos is toxic to human health above 5 microns in size. Most background asbestos fibers in urban areas are well below 2 microns in size. All of the asbestos fibers measured on Illinois's Lake Michigan shoreline were above 5 microns. All the fibers were toxic, unlike the majority of small fibers found elsewhere in Illinois and mentioned in urban studies. Toxic microscopic asbestos fibers are ELLEVATED in areas the state and federal government agencies dredged and then dumped asbestos-contaminated lake-bottom sediments as beach “nourishment.”
- *Asbestos fibers are naturally occurring or are from water pipes or car brake pads that contain asbestos.* Some asbestos fibers on our shoreline, as found in a state asbestos study, originated from South Africa. They are not used in waterlines or car brake pads. They are not naturally occurring in the Midwest. However, these rare South African asbestos fibers were used by Johns-Manville.
- *Asbestos was claimed safe by an Illinois Attorney General/University of Illinois at Chicago Task Force study.* This is the biggest fallacy. Their study deceitfully claimed that there was no elevated risk for asbestos disease from exposure to airborne asbestos at Illinois Beach State Park without taking one air sample! Even the USEPA and Centers for Disease Control admitted that this flawed conclusion by the state contained “uncertainties” that required actually taking air samples. The polluters at the state and federal agencies have tried to hide behind this scientifically corrupt report.

Can you think of any situation in which you have heard that it was safe for children to play in the presence of damaged asbestos debris and elevated levels of microscopic asbestos fibers? The presence of asbestos pollution on our shoreline is unacceptable, regardless of the deception and illogical facts presented by the state and federal polluters.

Attorney General Protects State Polluters Instead of Public

Attorney General Lisa Madigan formed a sham “asbestos taskforce” to look into the serious asbestos issues created by state and federal officials and uncovered in my June, 2003 “Camplin Report.” This explains why Lisa Madigan controlled this secret group (her state agency clients and their close allies) of local, state, and federal “polluters” that were allowed to operate and manipulate taxpayer-financed asbestos studies under a veil of secrecy while being conveniently exempt from the Open Meetings Act. Lisa Madigan's office ruled they were exempt from their own law when Dunesland asked to be involved and observe these meetings. However, truth has a funny way of leaking out. Not only have we identified some of the sources of the chronic asbestos pollution that has plagued our shorelines, we have identified that major polluters are state and federal agencies who helped write the Asbestos Task Force report and then tried to palm it off as an “independent” report. Now it is time for them to acknowledge, rather than hide, their misdeeds and correct them to protect the public's health and safety.

State and Feds Involved in Hiding Fact that Primary Source is Manville Asbestos Debris

Identifying the main source of asbestos pollution was quite easy since there was a mountain of asbestos debris situated at the south end of Illinois Beach State Park at the current Johns-Manville (JM) Asbestos Superfund site. JM manufactured asbestos products from around 1920 to 1985, producing a waste pile nearly 40 feet high that covered 130 acres, containing over a million cubic yards of asbestos debris strewn along the Lake Michigan shoreline. A lot of the asbestos debris has left this site through decades of discharges directly into the lake through the "white ditch," and also through unfiltered, microscopic asbestos discharges from polluted lagoons and settling basins within the JM Superfund site in Waukegan, IL. Visible asbestos was moved through spreading the chunks of JM asbestos debris to fill in the lakefront shoreline as beach "nourishment," line the warm water discharge channel at Midwest Generation (formerly Commonwealth Edison), pave miles of roads adjacent to the JM property, and to build berms for the U.S Army and 1959 Pan Am Games' rifle ranges.

Invisible Asbestos Pollution Continues with State Approval

To this day, the same state and federal regulators continue to allow a permitted discharge pipe to spew trillions of unfiltered, microscopic asbestos fibers a day into Lake Michigan, where the currents carry them southward to wash up on public and private beaches at least as far south as Chicago's Oak Street beach. These toxic asbestos fibers are invisible to the naked eye, yet dry on the shoreline, become airborne, and are inhaled by an unsuspecting public. State tests indicated sands on and off the Lake Michigan shoreline from North Point Marina, to Illinois Beach State Park, to Waukegan Harbor Approach Channel, down to Chicago's Oak Street beach contain statistically elevated levels of the most toxic forms of asbestos fibers. Their studies have concluded that these contaminated sands emit airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers at much higher levels than would be expected from typical shoreline locations. Some of the asbestos is tremolite and amosite; rare, but very deadly types of asbestos. Tremolite is already killing innocent citizens exposed to elevated background levels of airborne microscopic asbestos fibers in the Libby, Montana asbestos epidemic.

Feds Find "Uncertainties" with Conclusions of Madigan's Asbestos Report

Asbestos is hazardous when microscopic fibers become airborne and are inhaled by families visiting the Illinois shoreline. Amazingly, the "polluters" at the state and federal level have tried to fraudulently conclude that our beaches are safe in an apparent attempt to cover-up the deadly truth. The USEPA and Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) both had to admit that the state's conclusions contain "uncertainties" that required additional, more credible testing that still has not occurred. The beaches remain open to families, exposing an unsuspecting public to airborne microscopic and chunks of friable asbestos (RACM).

Incredibly, the Illinois Attorney General tried to get the public to believe that the airborne asbestos problem was no longer an issue when their \$200,000+ taxpayer-financed secret study fraudulently claimed no risk from airborne asbestos without taking one air sample! The "polluters" at the state and federal government agencies (co-authors of study) assume a trusting public will listen to the false propaganda strategically promoted by their lawyers and the Attorney General's office. Their goal is to cover-up the fact that state and federal agencies, including the Army Corps, willfully dumped asbestos-contaminated dredgings and that they knowingly facilitated other polluters in the dumping of asbestos contaminants on the Illinois shoreline.

We Can See Chunks; However, What Can't We See is More Dangerous

JM asbestos debris has been discharged and placed in and around our park for many decades. The state says they pick up some of the "chunks" of asbestos debris periodically from the park's shoreline, but they don't pick up asbestos on the rest of the Illinois beaches. Children can't tell an asbestos chunk from a rock and have been seen playing with them. They can't see the invisible fibers when they inhale them. Furthermore, have you ever heard that the State has removed the more dangerous MICROSCOPIC fibers that are present in elevated concentrations in the sand on the Illinois shoreline? The answer is NO. The microscopic asbestos fibers cause disease and should also be removed from public areas. Why are our children allowed to play in sand that contains elevated levels of toxic asbestos fibers? The answer is because the polluters at the state and federal government refuse to accept responsibility for the pollution they have created. They then "rig" studies to try to deceive the public that the beaches are safe in order to cover-up their own apparent scientific fraud and criminal behavior.

400 tons of asbestos were released at Ground Zero when the World Trade Centers collapsed on 9/11 and the EPA said it was safe. Only five years later, many workers and first responders at this site are dead from their exposures; countless others are very ill. How many Illinois citizens will get asbestos diseases or die before state and federal officials will stop the cover-up and look out for the safety of the people they are charged to protect?

State Bungles Debris Clean-up & Ignores Elevated Levels of Asbestos Fibers at Shoreline

If asbestos debris was found on the steps of the state capital, precautionary steps would be taken. Yet, citizens step over chunks of friable asbestos debris (RACM) or potentially inhale invisible, but deadly, fibers each day from as far north as North Point Marina (near the Wisconsin state line), south past Illinois Beach State Park to Waukegan's shoreline beaches and harbor, then southward at least as far as Chicago's Oak Street beach. The chronic appearance of crumbling and weathered asbestos waste is erroneously passed off by the state and federal "polluters" as safe for public exposure.

Contractors hired by the "polluters" quietly walk among the beachgoers while picking up the toxic debris, some of it friable, as people unwittingly sit, walk, and play in asbestos-contaminated sand. This same type of visible asbestos debris in much smaller quantities results in hefty fines and potential jail time for the responsible polluters who do not work for state and federal agencies or their corporate "friends," but are small-time polluters or not "connected" corporations. Why is illegally dumped, friable asbestos debris on public land called "safe" only on state and federal property where government "polluters" have allowed this illegal dumping or have allowed their sister government agencies to dump and violate asbestos regulations? The public should more suspicious of the deceptive explanations government "polluters" offer with their rigged, taxpayer-financed tests that clumsily try to explain away the obvious airborne exposures and potential health hazards. It is time that the public wakes up to the obvious truth that there is a serious, chronic asbestos problem along the Illinois shoreline. It is time for the public to hold the polluters accountable for this pollution.

Unending Presence of Microscopic Asbestos at Beaches Poses Continued Health Risks

Chronic exposure to microscopic asbestos fibers will increase the potential for you and your family to develop asbestosis, lung cancer, or mesothelioma. The longer and higher your exposure, the greater the health risks from microscopic asbestos fibers found on our shores. Recent studies from communities contaminated with tremolite asbestos found that even low level exposures to this virulent fiber cause disease and death. Tremolite fibers are now found at Chicago's Oak Street beach, too. We already know that there are elevated levels of these deadly asbestos fibers in our beach sands. Yet, the state and feds will not properly educate the public that these health risks are present. According to them, asbestos is dangerous everywhere but Illinois Beach State Park and the Illinois shoreline. Does this make sense? Do you believe the state and federal agency polluters when they attempt to explain that chronic

exposure to elevated levels of deadly asbestos fibers is safe for our families to be exposed to during a day at the beach? Do you think any of them take their families to the Illinois shoreline to build sand castles and "bury" themselves, literally and perhaps figuratively?

Manville's Past and Present Asbestos Pollution of Lake Appearing on Shorelines Today

It appears that the state and federal agency polluters have a lot to hide. The JM property has always been a massive source of microscopic asbestos. Manville is now owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire-Hathaway group. For decades, trillions and trillions of deadly asbestos fibers flowed from the JM plant into Lake Michigan. The *Waukegan News Sun* documented environmental concerns of commercial fisherman in the 1920's who complained that the white, asbestos slurry discharged from JM into the lake was so thick, it was clogging the gills of white fish and killing their livelihood. Even after the "white ditch" was covered-up fifty years later in the early 1970's, microscopic asbestos discharges still occurred when the USEPA and state of Illinois allowed unfiltered, asbestos-polluted water to discharge directly into Lake Michigan or leak/overflow into the Park's nature preserve for decades through breaches in inferior berms of the Manville lagoon.

Unfortunately, these discharges still occur. I calculated that in one month in June 2005 alone, over 50 trillion asbestos fibers left the JM Asbestos Superfund site through an NPDES state and federally regulated pipe, polluting the waters, lake-bottom sediments, and adjacent public shorelines, where the lake's currents carry the fibers southward to North Shore and Chicago beaches. A recent State of Illinois report documented elevated levels of tremolite or amphibole asbestos pollution as far south as Chicago's popular Oak Street beach. This same study found "statistically significant" elevations of microscopic asbestos fibers in Park shoreline sand that are released into the Park air each and every day.

How the State and Feds Spread Asbestos to Our Beach

One of the most significant sources of Manville asbestos debris movement occurred when the Army Corps of Engineers dredged the asbestos-polluted Waukegan Harbor approach channel and deposited the regulated asbestos waste on the shoreline south of North Point Marina. This annual practice was further complicated when Midwest Generation (then Commonwealth Edison) dredged the asbestos-polluted lake-bottom sediment near their lake water discharge and intake. Decades of discharges from the adjacent JM site, along with asbestos debris pushed by the warm water currents of the Midwest Generation asbestos-lined channel, apparently pollutes these offshore lake-bottom sediments with visible chunks of friable asbestos and trillions upon trillions of deadly asbestos fibers.

The dredged asbestos-contaminated material was then trucked seven miles to the north and dumped onto the beaches and shoreline of Illinois Beach State Park. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), Midwest Generation (formerly Commonwealth Edison), and the Army Corps dumped this regulated asbestos pollution onto our beaches and shoreline with the blessing of state and federal officials, including the Attorney General's office.

Asbestos Pollution is Spreading - State Wants to Continue to Pollute!

Asbestos debris is now appearing on the Waukegan shorelines, too. The Sanitary District is currently soliciting contractors to pick up asbestos debris along the Waukegan shoreline in 2007. Elevated levels of asbestos fibers were found on Chicago's Oak Street beach in 2005. Now IDNR wants ten year permits to once again spread asbestos pollution by dredging and dumping contaminated dredgings from these same areas starting in 2007. Citizens must rise up and say enough is enough! Let the IDNR know we do not want any more asbestos dumped on our beaches and shoreline! The "free" sand used by the State to replenish our beaches comes with a huge price: major health risks to all who visit our shoreline! The safety of our drinking water isn't guaranteed.

Actions of State Reveal "Cover-up" of Pollution

The visible asbestos pollution caused by state and federal agencies dumping contaminated dredgings was so great on the beaches that the Park was closed in 1997 and 1998 to perform an asbestos clean-up. Unfortunately, the facts I have gathered over the years reveal more of a "cover-up" than a clean-up by state and federal officials. This can be verified by reading the state press releases that mysteriously and fraudulently claim that they cannot find sources for the massive asbestos pollution that continues to this day on the Park's shoreline. If they admitted to the sources, they would have to enforce the violations; since they're involved, how can the regulators enforce violations against themselves? Would the Illinois Attorney General prosecute her own state agency clients or the attorneys in her own office who may be involved? We have evidence that is being investigated on a state and federal level. Illinois citizens probably won't be surprised if another independent probe uncovers state and federal officials protecting their own apparently illegal actions at the expense of the public's health and safety. Unfortunately, the public is not only paying for this cover-up with tax dollars, but also with the health of their families.

The Cover-up by the State and Feds Continues: So Does Our Work

Every single skewed report generated by the state and federal government "polluters" tries to claim that the Park beaches are safe. The agency polluters have actually co-authored most of these reports themselves, while trying to palm them off as "independent." Their reports have been completely demolished by the evidence presented in our critiques. Then, they don't know how to respond. Their so-called science doesn't support the conclusions they draw. The apparent scientific fraud and "rigging" used in a cover-up of asbestos pollution dumped and/or facilitated by state and federal officials appears to be the criminal activity of polluters.

Some may wonder why we continue this fight against powerful entities such as the Army Corps, the Illinois Attorney General, the USEPA, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Centers for Disease Control, and the Illinois Department of Public Health. The answer is simple. We are fighting for a change in the *status quo* of corruption and cover-ups. In Illinois, the polluters pay for the pollution they cause. State and federal agencies and officials have contributed to the contamination of the park and the Illinois shoreline with visible and deadly microscopic asbestos fibers. Millions of unsuspecting visitors to the Illinois shoreline, including park staff, breathe the asbestos-polluted air and carry microscopic asbestos fibers home with them on their clothing and belongings. We believe this is unacceptable and will continue to hold our government officials accountable for their actions.

Illinois Attorney General's Office Should Protect the Public: Not Her Government Agency Client Polluters

The state and federal "polluters," their unscrupulous legal teams, and the Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office have tried to dupe a trusting public in an apparent effort to avoid responsibility for the asbestos pollution they have created on our state's shoreline. Madigan previously issued a press release at an asbestos-contaminated site elsewhere in Illinois stating "there is no safe level of asbestos exposure" when she was indicting asbestos polluters. Yet now, the Attorney General's report falsely states that asbestos is "safe" when even her own "rigged" study shows elevated levels of microscopic asbestos fibers continue to wash up on our beaches every day, then dry, and are released into the air. State and federal agencies attempt to cover-up the pollution to which they have contributed by trying to tell the public it's safe with "rigged" data they deceptively created.

It is time for these state and federal "polluters" to end their sham, stop any new contamination, and pay for their environmental pollution just as other polluters have been made to pay by the hypocrites at the state and federal agencies. They have committed the ultimate violation of public trust, aside from the apparent criminal behavior by allowing families and children to be unwittingly exposed. This jeopardizes their health and is the epitome of moral decrepitude. Let these agencies understand we do not want any more asbestos-contaminated dredgings dumped on our shoreline! We want the asbestos cleaned up from the Illinois shoreline and we want the polluters to be held accountable.

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Protecting the Nation's First Dedicated Nature Preserve



This 'n That You Need to Know!



Support Our Work Days!

Work Days are the second Saturday of each month from 9 AM until noon. Arrangements can be made if you want to work beyond noon or on another day. Meet at the Nature and Interpretive Center at the south end of the park unless otherwise specified. In the event of inclement weather, special projects or training sessions will be held at the Nature Center. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact 312 332-3377.

There are special opportunities such as wetland burns, adopting a section of the park for monitoring, such as local creeks, ravines, birds, park boundaries, bluebirds, butterflies, reed grass, purple loosestrife, and others. There is also training for identification of plants and animals and Dunesland topography.

FRIABLE ASBESTOS AT ILLINOIS BEACH STATE PARK

This photo shows a piece of debris that was on the ground at Camp Logan at the north end of the park. Please note the ragged edges. This is friable asbestos which crumbles to the touch or weathering and can become airborne and inhaled by unwitting passers-by who have access to this unrestricted area. Despite Dunesland's requests to IDNR, IEPA, and the IAG to prohibit the public and properly remove debris, the public has access to this illegal dump area. As families walk through the area kicking leaves, guess what else they're stirring up!



Mark Your Calendar for Dunesland Meetings on February 17, April 19, & June 21, 2007!

Please Pay Your Dues!

Additional Donations Are Always Welcome to Enable Our Work.

We operate on a calendar year, so please plan to pay at the meeting or send in a check if you haven't paid in 2005. 2006 dues were due in January.

Regular, Individual \$25

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Senior over 65 \$20 (on request)

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PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR EMAIL LIST!

Unfortunately, it has become very difficult to send out a newsletter before every meeting due to the massive demands on our time. But if you are on our email list, you will receive email flyers and notification about various issues.

Mailing costs have also become exorbitant, so emailing is a fiscally prudent method for us. It would be very helpful if you would send your email address to us to help cut down costs:

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Please include your name and any additional contact information you wish to share. Your information will not be shared and all emails are sent BCC.

Dunesland Makes News!

Chicago Sun Times

May 19, 2006

February 8, 2005

January 28, 2005

Waukegan News Sun

May 25, 2005 editorial

May 20-21, 2006

May 18, 2006

June 1, 2005

April 15, 2005

Lakeland Media Group

June 2, 2006

May 19, 2006

Conscious Choice

December, 2004

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This family is enjoying their day at Illinois Beach State Park while an offshore dredging operation stirs up the lake's bottom. This sand will become beach "nourishment." Unfortunately, these people are jeopardizing their health through unwitting exposure to the microscopic asbestos in the sand. The dangers are also on Illinois beaches southward to Chicago.

Do you think they would be here if they knew that this sand contains such a deadly mix that could cause them to develop asbestosis or mesothelioma? If this were anywhere else, public access would be prohibited by government officials.

Check out the symptoms and causes of asbestosis at <http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/asbestosis/DS00482>.

Find information on mesothelioma at <http://www.mesotheliomaweb.org/index.htm?>

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Dunesland filed a complaint with the state about these chunks of friable asbestos found on the ground in May, 2006 at the north end of Illinois Beach State Park at Camp Logan. As stated on p.1, more than 1700 pieces of asbestos were removed as a result of our complaint. It is an area where you will find many hikers and bikers. They still have access to this area even though there is more asbestos that hasn't been removed. They just left it there.

Why is it necessary for volunteers to point out these problems to our regulators who are paid to protect the health and safety of the public?



This is a small slice of the Manville open lagoon Superfund site. Note how close it is to the lake. It is next door to the nature preserve at Illinois Beach State Park. The nature preserve is only protected by earthen berms. At times, the contaminated sludge from the Superfund site overflows into the park. Now that Warren Buffett is contributing his fortune to the Gates Foundation to help improve world health, it would be wonderful if his corporation would fix the problems that were created at Manville before his company purchased it.

Illness and death rates from asbestos-related diseases in Lake and Cook counties along Lake Michigan is one of the highest rates in the country. Senators Durbin and Obama should investigate this thoroughly for their constituents before they sign onto any asbestos bill in Washington.

This contamination is affecting the whole Illinois shoreline at least as far south as Chicago's Oak Street Beach. However, knowing how currents move, it appears that shoreline contamination is even more widespread. For further information, go to <http://asbestosbeach.com>.

Jeffery C. Camplin's Powerpoint on this topic is very informative and enlightening. It is very troubling that this travesty has been permitted by our government officials who are hired to protect us.

http://asbestosbeach.com/uploads/Camplin_EIA_Presentation_2006.pdf.

Manville Asbestos Superfund Site Lagoon Leaks into Illinois Beach State Park's State-Dedicated Nature Preserve



In the foreground, you see the swale in the Nature Preserve filled with water connected to the Superfund site's lagoon system industrial canal. Over the years, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has known of the contamination which has flowed from the industrial canal, contaminating the Nature Preserve's Dead River and tributary. The elevation difference between the industrial canal and the Nature Preserve is approximately six inches.

As flooding begins during wet seasons, or if the Johns Manville lagoon system fails, contamination of asbestos fibers and metals flood the Nature Preserve. IEPA tests show these results. USEPA, IEPA, IDNR, the Nature Preserve Commission, and the Illinois Attorney General's office ignore these stats and refuse to do additional testing.

Asbestos fibers subsequently empty into the Dead River and flush into Lake Michigan. They then flow south and wash up on North Shore and Chicago beaches, at least as far south as Chicago's Oak Street beach. Public officials have allowed the Nature Preserve to be a filter for the Johns Manville Superfund site with no fines for the polluter.

Question: Why do the regulatory agencies allow the polluter to continue to pollute?

Answer: Politics and science don't mix.

Take Action to Make Changes!



The most important thing you can do is to contact your local, state, and federal legislators, Mayor Daley, and Governor Blagojevich. The Lake County and Cook County Health Departments also have jurisdiction. Request that they investigate and correct the asbestos problems on the Illinois shoreline. Don't be surprised if they try to deny that there is a problem. Be persistent. If you need additional facts or run into public officials who are in denial, contact us for advice. Remember what happened in the November 7 election. The voters made changes at the ballot box for officials who didn't do their jobs.

Before you contact officials, educate yourself at <http://asbestosbeach.com>. Be sure to look at the Powerpoint and the complaint to U.S. Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald.

- Illinois Government http://www.illinois.gov/government/gov_legislature.cfm
- Cook County Health Department <http://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/>
- Cook County towns and government <http://www.co.cook.il.us>
- Lake County Health Department <http://www.co.lake.il.us/health/>
- Lake County towns <http://www.co.lake.il.us/about/communities/default.asp>
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