



In 1981, Larry Gammons and Carl Jennings purchased the Amity Motel in Douglas.



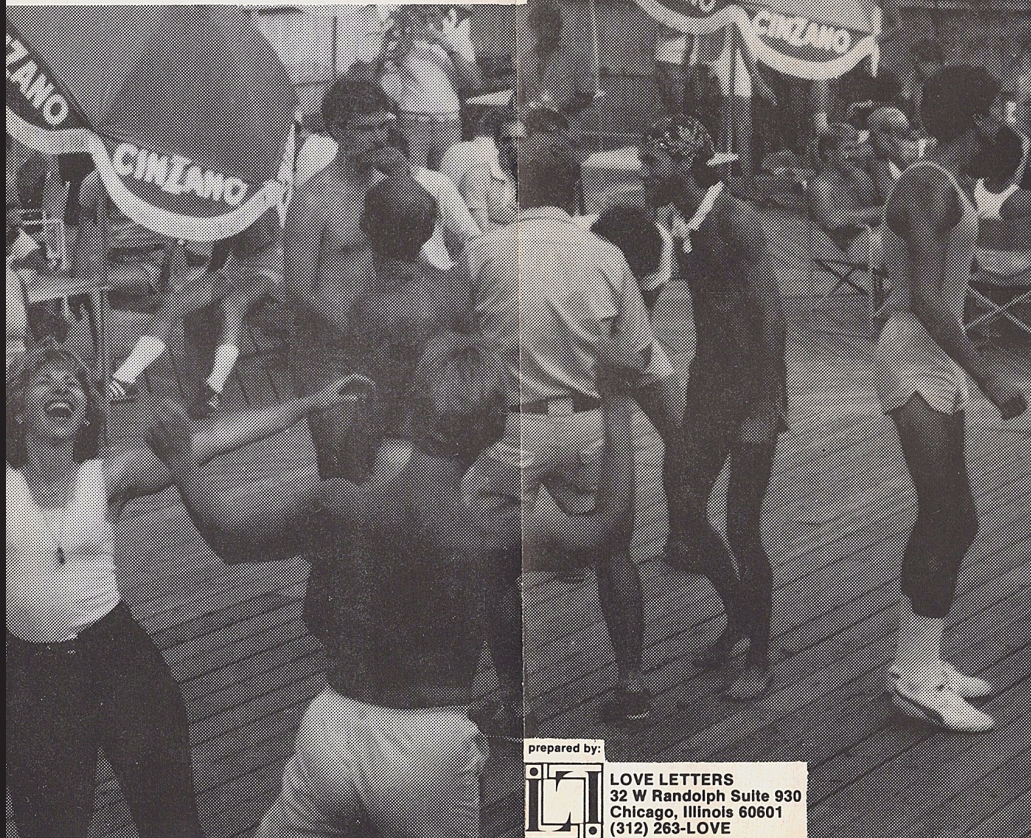
Postcard of the Amity Motel property, prior to purchase.



The Douglas Dunes, January 1982

Douglas Dunes is in full swing year-round. Boat rentals for fishing or a little sight-seeing. Golf at one of the fine courses. Gamble against the machine in the Gameroom. You can ride a bike, ride a horse, take a hay-ride, ride the Dune Schooner. Or tour with the S.S. Keewatin, a retired Great Lakes cruise ship. Winter brings excellent downhill and cross-country skiing.

Douglas Dunes special events keep the action hot with our All White Spring Party, Mad Hatter Party, 1st Anniversary, Volleyball Tournament, Christmas in July, Venetian Week and Mr. Douglas Dunes Contest. If that's not enough, the list goes on.

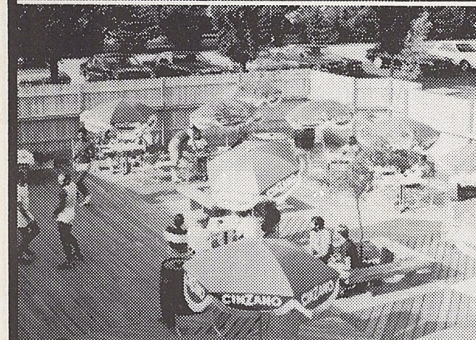
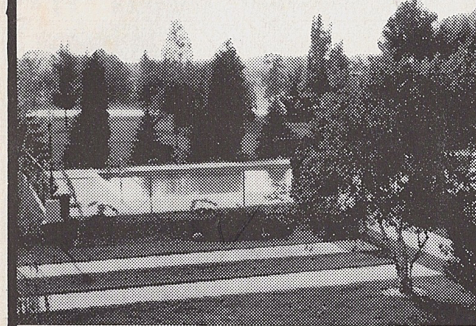


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Douglas Dunes Summer 82



*Minutes From The Lake
In Douglas, Michigan*



Douglas Dunes is a resort complex located on over seven acres in Douglas, Michigan, a resort village across the river from Saugatuck. Douglas Dunes is just a few minutes from the Lake Michigan shore.

For your dining pleasure, welcome to "Sir Douglas," a full service dining room with breakfast and lunch available on the patio deck during season.

We are a 22 room motel. All rooms are available with air conditioning, direct-dial telephone, color cabelvision, and full baths with shower.

Lounge at the large outdoor heated swimming pool. There's poolside sandwich and bar service. Take a hike in the wooded Lake Michigan dunes. (And don't forget the picnic basket!)

1982 Summer Rates
May 28 thru September 7, 1982
(Rates based on two persons)
\$4.00 per day for additional persons

Weekend Package:	Friday, Saturday nights with 6:00 P.M. checkout on Sunday. 2½ days for \$100.00, tax included.
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Holidays:	Friday, Saturday, and Sunday with 6:00 P.M. checkout on Monday. 3½ days for \$140.00, tax included.
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DOUGLAS, MI: "*Douglas Dunes*" 1st Anniversary was a huge success. Here's a look at "*The Dunes*" fine staff. Photo: *Escape Magazine*

Escape magazine feature celebrating the Douglas Dunes' 1st anniversary



DOUGLAS, MI: Mark Gruszka, D.J. at the Dunes. Keeps the place popping! Photo: Escape Magazine.



Outré amusements included volleyball...



dancing...

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and dining at Café Sir Douglas.



Halloween Hippy and Bartender Rick

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Manager Linda Leslie (in front)
with Christmas-in-July elves





Swimsuit contest, circa 1982



Mr. Douglas 1982-1983 contestant



Mr. Midwest winner announced



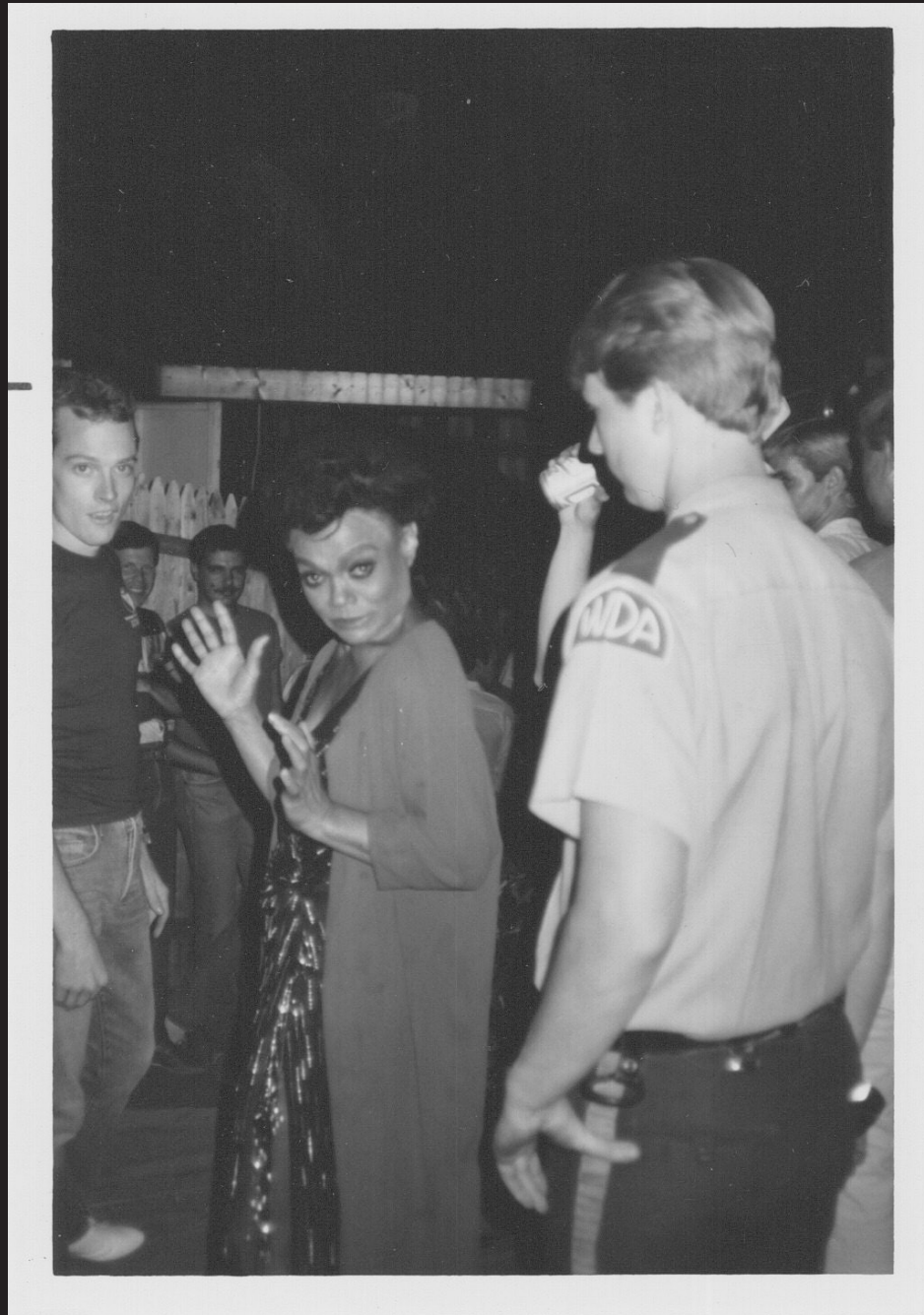




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Eartha Kitt at the Dunes

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Douglas Dunes

Saturday, May 21st.
It's Raining Men
THE WEATHER GIRLS LIVE



**2 Shows
ON THE DECK**

**10pm & Midnight
\$10.00 Cover**

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**DOUGLAS DUNES, BLUE STAR HIGHWAY,
DOUGLAS, MI 49406 (616) 857-1401**
Just Minutes from Beautiful Lake Michigan in Saugatuck/Douglas

INDEPENDENCE PARTIES

Douglas Dunes

The Gay Vacation Center
of the Midwest
Blue Star Highway
P.O. Box 365
Douglas/Saugatuck, MI.
Call (616) 857-1401

STARTS FRI., JUNE 29 thru Sun., July 8th



Special Events: TUESDAY, JULY 3rd VIOLA WILLIS
In person singing her hits: "STORMY WEATHER", "MAYBE THIS TIME",
"THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO REMIND ME" & MORE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH PARTY
Starts With A Tea Dance 5-7 p.m.

*Annual Volley Ball Tournament Sat., June 23rd

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THE COMMERCIAL RECORD/RESORTER, THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 1996



Country at the Dunes

Country singer Jeff Miller will appear Sunday, Aug. 25, on the deck at Douglas Dunes as part of a T-dance. The event begins at 5 p.m. Miller, "The John Deere Diva," has released two tapes entitled "Cowboys Don't Cry" and "Not Really Strait" which combine modern country, gospel and gay themes." (Photo provided)

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AIDS BENEFIT
Saturday, September 28
featuring
PAMALA STANLEY
plus
Raffles
All Evening

Grand Prize – Trip for Two to Acapulco
including round trip air fare and lodging
& thousands of dollars in other prizes.

— During the Day —
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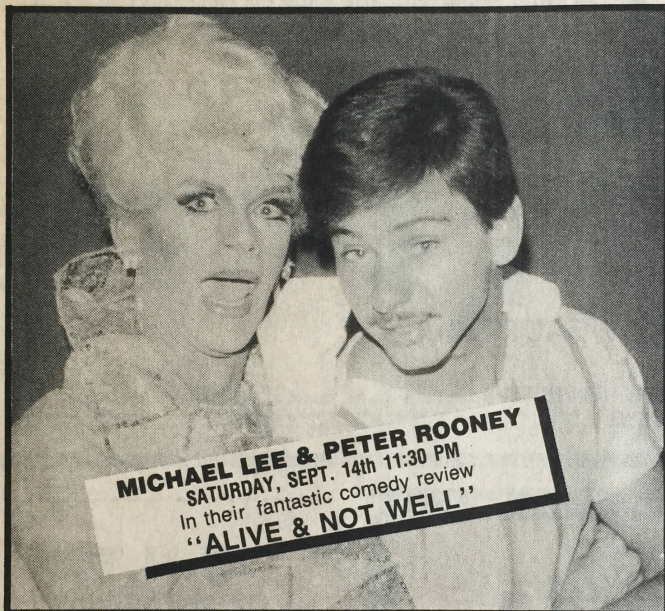
November 5, 1992: House moved from Fremont Street in Douglas to the south end of Dunes property to become staff housing.

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WELCOME NIMBUS-DUNES 5 Sept. 13, 14, & 15th

DOUGLAS DUNES PRESENTS...



MICHAEL LEE & PETER ROONEY
SATURDAY, SEPT. 14th 11:30 PM
In their fantastic comedy review
"ALIVE & NOT WELL"

SATURDAY, SEPT. 21st
GAYM Presents...

THE 3RD ANNUAL GAY GAMES OF WEST MICHIGAN
An Entire Day Of Outdoor Fun & Games

(Noon til Nightfall)

Plus

Bridge Tournament

(Call for Details)

Coming October 3rd, 4th & 5th

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

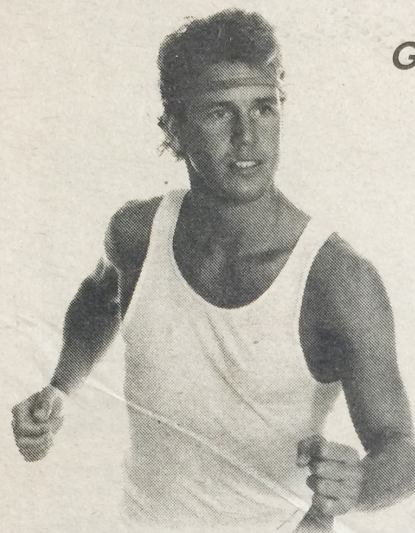
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— LAST CHANCE TO JOIN US —



Gay Chicago Magazine's
Weekend Get-a-way

to

Douglas
Dunes

Douglas, Michigan

April 25 - 26 - 27

2 Nights - 2 Days

• **Transportation**

• **Food**

• **Lodging**

Only

\$109⁹⁹

per person - double occupancy
two double beds - each room

— LIMITED SPACE STILL AVAILABLE —

Check in time Friday, April 25, 5:00-5:30 pm: *Gay Chicago Magazine's* offices, 1527 N. Wells St. \$109⁹⁹ per person, VISA/MasterCard welcome.

Transportation: Food and refreshments served on our deluxe coach.

Accommodations: Deluxe motel rooms with cable TV and 2 double beds.

Package also includes: Breakfast Saturday & Sunday morning, deluxe dinner Saturday evening at **Sir Douglas Restaurant** plus sandwiches Saturday afternoon and a farewell buffet Sunday evening. Arrive back in Chicago approximately 10:30 p.m. Sunday night.

A weekend you'll never forget !

RESERVE SPACE NOW - 1527 North Wells Street - (312) 751-0130

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Commercial Record
August 11, 1988

“The Dunes has taken on an entirely new look after fire destroyed half of the its business last year.”







Pool and deck improved.



Sunday Tea Dances were a last chance to relax and socialize before heading back to work on Monday.





Kissing booth, circa 1984









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Memorial Day Summer!
☺
T-Dances
Sat, Sun, Mon

Mardi Gras In June! (20th)
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Prizes for Best Costume

Gay Pride Weekend
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June 26 - 27

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Magnolia's
Serving Great Food & Spirits

Male Strippers
Every Friday!

June In The Cabaret

5 & 6
Michael James

12 & 13
Tommie & Nannette

19 & 20
Becky Monro

26-27
Cissy Connor

Douglas, MI 49406



The pool





SAY **YES**

**Support the Dressel/Bullard
CIVIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT BILL FOR MICHIGAN**
against discrimination in employment & housing due to sexual preferences

**YES...we want to help make
Michigan a better, safer place for all of us.**

**You can help and enjoy a truly elegant gourmet dinner
with wine and dessert...**

DATE: Thursday, Oct. 13, 1983

TIME: 8 p.m.

PLACE: Sir Douglas, Douglas, Michigan

**CONTRIBUTION: \$50 per plate
or**

Contribute \$100 or more per plate and enjoy a cocktail party with hors d'oeuvres
at 7 p.m. to meet Rep. Dressel, the Ottawa County State Representative
who is introducing this bill.

All food and liquor donated by Douglas Dunes and staff

Make checks payable to M.O.H.R.

All contributions are tax deductible

YES... Please reserve _____ places for this exciting evening. My check is enclosed.

_____ \$50 (or more) contribution **Dinner-Cash Bar**

_____ \$100 (or more) contribution **Cocktail Party and Dinner with Open Bar**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

NO... I cannot attend
but I enclose my contribution

of \$ _____



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Danny Esterline, Greg Tryzbinski
and Mike Jones purchased the
Douglas Dunes in 1999, renaming
it The Dunes Resort



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Dunes Resort publicity photo, 2019

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Drag Queen Bingo in the Dunes Show Bar

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