



## August 2018 Membership Newsletter

Holgate Taxpayers Association

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*All Members and Neighbors are invited to the*

### **Annual HTA Fall Meeting and Barbeque**

Come meet your Neighbors and Township Officials and have a great time!

Date: Saturday, September 8, 2018

Time: **5:00 PM**

Where: Bonds Park at the old Coast Guard Station (off Janet Road and West Ave)

Rain Date: If it rains, BBQ will be relocated to the Lowry home, 5400 Long Beach Blvd (corner of Washington Ave).  
Check HTA website or Holgate Update for news

Food: HTA provides hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks

Bring: Folding chairs and a covered dish to share

***If you have not remitted your 2018 dues, please take this opportunity to add your name to our 2018 membership list. Thank you for your support.***

### **Election of Officers – President, Second Vice President and Recording Secretary**

The following Trustees are running for office this fall and are unopposed. Upon Membership approval, they assume office with two months at the next scheduled trustee meeting.

- President: Rand Pearsall
  - 2nd Vice President: Dan Macone
  - Recording Secretary: Bob White
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## **2018 Accomplishments**

The following items have been completed this year or are currently in progress:

- Dune Plantings at the Tebco Terrace beach access. To plant additional beach entrances, we need more volunteers to allow their homes to be used as a water source and to care for the plants until they can survive on their own. One thing we have learned is that we need to purchase larger size plants for the dunes to stack the deck in favor of success.
- Setting and baiting more greenhead traps. They were baited three times this year
- Worked with the Township to replace the stone that was used in the Bond's Tennis Court parking lot with a stone with a more appropriate texture and color
- Rehabilitated the "Welcome to Holgate" sign
- Funded the purchase of Holiday Lights to be placed on the telephone poles during the 2018 holiday season (much like the rest of the island)
- Worked with the Township to repair the pavement at the intersections of four side streets and the Boulevard at the north end of Holgate
- Sponsorship of a Giant Clam for the ReClam the Bay organization whose mission is to involve and educate the public about the estuary's water quality and the importance of shellfish. By involving the public in the care, feeding and life cycles of the shellfish, the community will better understand what an integral role shellfish have in their lives.
- Purchased and installed pedestrian signs along the Boulevard indicating the proper direction of travel for bicyclists, walkers and runners
- Continued to improve the communication and good working relationships that we have with the Township. This includes the condition of the beaches, particularly at the south end.

## **Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Board of Commissioners**

Trustee, Marianne Hurley, attended the August 6<sup>th</sup> Commissioners meeting and reported on:

- Groin (Wooden Jetty at Beach 1) - The DEP has approved the temporary repair of the existing wooden jetty (installation of the steel sheathing only) the Township has its share of the cost (25%) budgeted. Final approval relies on the Forsythe Preserve and they have a 30 to 45-day window to decide. When they ask a question, which they have, Business Administrator, Kyle
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Ominski, immediately answers them. However, with every new question, the 30-45 day period re-sets and may present an ongoing delay in the project. Mayor Mancini is in active negotiations with them now, but everything is on hold pending final approval. Construction must be completed by March 15th based on Preserve regulations or the project would move to Fall of 2019.

- Recyclables - A resident questioned LBI recycling policy. There are many things we don't recycle that they do in other states. One key difference is when you place a bottle in the recycling can, you "must remove the cap" or it fouls the process. All bottles must be rinsed before recycling. When in doubt about any item, just throw it out.
- Legal Notices - A resident questioned why LBT places legal notices in the Beach Haven Times which appears to be hard to find and difficult to subscribe to. The Township said - by law - they have to use the Beach Haven Times. Her concern was coming to meetings to hear that an ordinance was voted on for the first or second time, but no definition in the agenda as to what the ordinances were about. She was told that she could come into the office anytime she wanted to read the ordinance. However, she felt that it should be available in other ways to the public without them having to go to the Township offices.

### **Terrapin Project**

An HTA member posted on Facebook: "Need your help. Someone or something is removing the little cages that Chuck & Michele have so painstakingly placed to protect baby Terrapin nests. In some cases, the little wooden stakes that give date and other important info have disappeared. I have 4 nests on my property. One of the cages disappeared between 11:30 last night and 10 AM. There was a big rock on top of this cage, which someone moved to get at the cage ... In some cases, the missing cages disappeared from nests close to trash corrals. It's unlikely the trash/recycling collectors are to blame because they have been careful to leave the nests alone for the past 5 or 6 weeks. This problem has just started. The hatchlings aren't expected to surface until later this month and they'll be vulnerable due to the odor they emit from mucous inside the broken shells. Please keep your eyes open and report any nest disturbance to Michele or Chuck right away." Chuck's phone: 860-712-5585

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