

HTA Candidate Information Profile for 2019 Election - *Yanni Kaloudis*

Background Information

Hometown (where you grew up):	Wayne, NJ
Currently Reside (address where you vote):	Westwood, NJ
Holgate Address (if different from above):	5 Joan Road
How long you have been coming to/living in Holgate:	My entire life
Why you chose to live in Holgate:	Parents bought house in '74 I would never leave
Dates serving as HTA trustee (example, "2016-present"):	
Holgate volunteer activities in last year (list all that apply):	Membership drive and membership committee
Letter writing campaign for groin project	Dune grass planting (fall 2018)
Previous Holgate volunteer activities (list all that apply):	Dune grass plantings
Greenhead trap placement	Beach cleanups
Dune vegetation plantings	Membership committee
Dune vegetation committee	

Three Personal Statements

Why I want to be an HTA trustee:

I love Holgate and I love the people here, and want the best for all of us. I feel with more members we have a better voice to get things done that are important to us and that help our community thrive. The HTA provides a vital link in communicating the wants and needs of our membership to our local and state officials. Many of us don't have the ability to vote as this isn't our primary residence so an organization like the HTA is vital in helping our community. As a Trustee I feel it is my responsibility to all the members that they have their concerns heard and voiced to the right people. In my younger days I thought the HTA was just a bunch of folks who got together for a picnic at the end of summer; after joining, and then becoming a Trustee I realized how important this organization is to its members and want to bring as much value to our members as possible.

How I feel the HTA has performed on behalf of Holgate in the last year and what the HTA could do better:

The HTA has done a commendable job in advocating for the members with the township as well as beautification projects. We have grown membership and improved communication to the members. We have taken a stand against development that doesn't conform to the township's master plan as well as advocated for preservation. As an organization I think we can grow the membership even larger. I also think we can do a better job in using our funds earmarked for dune plantings to work on more beach entrance projects.

What should be the HTA's top 3 priorities in the next year:

Advocating for beach repair and stabilization. Growing the membership even larger. Continuing the beach entrance plantings and beautification.