

## July/August 2020 HTA Monthly Newsletter

So far, so good this summer. Rentals have been strong and home values are reported to be up. Covid cases on the Island remain low. But the weather has hurt already suffering local businesses and your support is still needed.

HTA membership is at 390 (thank you!) but below last year's 404 historic peak. To become a member, sign up here or encourage your Holgate friends and neighbors to join (\$25/year):

<https://bit.ly/HolgateTAMembership2020>

### **HTA "Save-The-Dates"**

- Trustee Election: Saturday, September 12. As announced in the Spring Membership Meeting on June 6, three officer/trustee positions are up for election for two-year terms -- President (Rand Pearsall), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Dan Macone) and Recording Secretary (Bob White). Deadline for petitions to nominate alternate candidates is August 13.
- Fall Member Meeting and BBQ: Saturday, September 12, 5pm. We expect to hold a safe, short and informative outdoor meeting near the bayside tennis court off Janet Road, followed by our annual BBQ. Unlike past years, the HTA will supply all food and drink so please just bring a chair. We will send formal RSVP invites in advance of the event to help us plan.
- Forsythe Refuge Cleanup: Saturday, October 10, morning – time TBD. The HTA is joining with the Alliance for a Living Ocean to help clean the Refuge. This is a great chance to see the south or west ends of the Refuge and help clean the accumulated debris. 4WD pickup trucks are needed.
- Dune Planting: Saturday, October 17, morning – time TBD. We are sourcing plants now and will be in touch with a separate email as we get closer to the date. As always, our ability to plant is dependent on the generosity of oceanfront owners who can supply access to water.

## Important Township Updates

- Restaurants: Open for takeout and outdoor dining service but have been hit hard in last storm. Please continue to patronize our local businesses as much as possible.
- Town Hall: Entry by appointment only
- Water Meters: Deadline for installation is October 1. Don't wait for the last minute only to discover your plumber may not be available: <https://bit.ly/LBTWaterMeterExtension>
- Water Meter Activation: Must be **separately** activated by the homeowner with the Township. Call the Water/Sewer Department to schedule. First bills under the new metering system are expected in January 2022.
- Lifeguards: While there was a lot of publicity about 35 lifeguards testing positive in July, Commissioner Lattanzi reported no lifeguards became ill or required hospitalization.
- No Wake Ordinance: During storms and flooding, the Township will aggressively enforce lower speed limits to protect businesses and homes from flooding. Please slow down and be more considerate of the wake your vehicle creates if you have to drive.
- Traffic Safety: Please reinforce to family members and/or tenants to obey all traffic rules, particularly bike with traffic and walk/run against traffic. And remember that bicycles do not have the right of way at crosswalks unless you dismount and walk the bike across the street otherwise cars do not have to stop for you.
- Covid Safety: Please properly wear masks around others when you cannot guarantee being 6-8 feet away.
- Chowderfest: Due to Covid concerns, the Chowderfest will be held over an entirely month. Please see their website for details: <https://bit.ly/Chowderfest2020>
- Kite Festival: Awaiting news about whether the October 10-11 event can go on as scheduled due to restrictions on public gatherings. <http://bit.ly/LBIKiteFest2018>

## Support Surflight Theater

Already weakened by Covid, the Surflight's outdoor theater tent, stage, lighting and sound system were hit hard by the last storm. While Surflight was able to get the

stage back in operation (“the show must go on”) there is a fundraiser underway to offset their expenses.

<https://bit.ly/SurflightFundraiser>

Or you can also donate directly to the Surflight: <https://bit.ly/SurflightLBIDonate>

### **Supporting Essential Workers and the Less Fortunate**

The Joint Council of Taxpayer Associations on LBI (HTA is a member) has raised and distributed more than \$14,000 to both the hospital and Food Pantry. Current economic distress means more funds are being shifted to the Food Pantry. Please see the St. Francis Food Pantry web page for more information, particularly regarding food donations. Or simply send a check payable to “Harvey Cedars Taxpayers Association” at the address below and specify it is for “Holgate food pantry donation”.

<https://bit.ly/StFrancisFoodPantry>

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