

September Update

Hi everyone! Please note the schedule updates for several events (especially the HazMat drop-off for tomorrow) and please join us by volunteering. We hope to see many of you on Zoom next week and then outside in October as there have been too few opportunities to get together this year. And we have already started planning for a bigger and better 2021.

Rescheduled Fall Membership Meeting: Now officially rescheduled for Saturday, September 26 from 10:00 – 11:00 am via Zoom. A separate email will be sent to the membership with the Zoom invite information but please put this on your calendar.

Forsythe Refuge Clean-up: Officially scheduled for Saturday, October 10, beginning at 8am and running to noon (or as long as you can be there). The HTA will provide beverages and snacks. We are partnering with both the Refuge and the Alliance for a Living Ocean. Please advise if you have a 4-wheel drive truck (not all-wheel drive which is more common in SUVs and sedans) as we can cover more ground with more trucks. More info to come in a separate email.

Dune Planting: Officially scheduled for Saturday, October 17 beginning at 9am. OCEANFRONT OWNERS: We cannot plant your dune entrances unless we can also access your water. Please respond to this email if you can provide water access.

Lifeguards: 8 beaches in Long Beach Township will have lifeguards until the end of September. The only Holgate beach at this time is off Nelson Avenue on the north side. Please be strongly advised not to swim without a lifeguard for your safety.

Gator: The gator is still available daily and will operate until the end of September.

Shuttle Buses: The buses will operate on weekends only through the end of September.

Covid Impact: While the hospital remains in good shape, the economic dislocation of closed and partially re-opened businesses has put many out of work. This has resulted in unprecedented unemployment for the people who provide services to you on LBI and the St. Francis Food Pantry has had to expand their offerings. As a result, the HTA is contributing an incremental \$1,000 on top of the \$500 already donated.

Ocean County Solid Waste Household Hazardous Waste Program: The last HHW event of the year is taking place this Saturday (September 19) in Long Beach Township and is free to ALL residents of Ocean County. With approximately 100 spots available, advanced registration is required. <https://www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/SolidWaste/frmHHWP.aspx> PAINT, BATTERIES, ANTIFREEZE and MOTOR OIL are always accepted at our Recycling Centers, no need to go to an HHW event. Learn more here: <http://www.co.ocean.nj.us/OC/SolidWaste/frmRecycling.aspx>

Chowderfest: Due to Covid concerns, the Chowderfest will be held over an entire month. Please see their website for details: <https://bit.ly/Chowderfest2020>

Kite Festival: Scheduled to take place October 10-11. <http://bit.ly/LBIKiteFest2018>

Tax Revaluation: There is still time to schedule an in-home assessment. This will provide a more accurate assessment and the visit only takes 5 minutes. Call Appraisal Systems at 201-493-8530.

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.

Support Surflight Theater: Donations to keep Surflight operating and recover from summer storms can be made directly to: <https://bit.ly/SurflightLBIDonate>