

HTA May 2021 Newsletter

This month's theme: “*Why doesn't somebody do something about ...*”

It's a common question. We all want things to be better and wonder why they are not. But we'd like to propose a more productive one: “*What can I do to help today?*” And with so much going on this year, Holgate needs your help.

Please mark your calendars for three important events for you to come out and support Holgate:

May 22 -- **Spring Dune Planting** (morning). Our most ambitious planting ever. We need oceanfront homes to provide access to water. And we need more people to plant. Please bring your own gloves and shovels. The HTA supplies plants, buckets and soil.

May 29 -- **Spring Clean-up** (morning). So much trash blows every winter. If you walk, bike, run, or just like to be outside, please consider getting your exercise for a couple of hours while picking up Holgate's litter. Please bring gloves and your own sunscreen and bug spray. The HTA will provide bags/buckets and arrange for the pickup of all trash collected. Special prize to the person who finds the most unusual piece of garbage.

June 5 -- **Spring Membership Meeting** (10:00am). Open to all members and those interested in joining. Coffee and light refreshments will be served at Bond's Park next to the tennis court. We are working to have a commissioner attend otherwise we will make a brief presentation and then open the floor for questions (after reading this newsletter, you will probably have a few).

Thank you to everyone who has submitted their membership forms. We are ahead of last year's record pace with big plans for 2021. Membership Form

Link: <http://bit.ly/HTA2021Membership>

1. Beaches: The Township has done a great job making Beach 3 more accessible, trucking in sand and plowing it back up to the dune. We have asked the Commissioners for the same treatment on Beach 4 and are hopeful this can be completed well before the summer season begins. Overall, the Township has spent \$2.9 million on beach restoration this year and is looking for state reimbursement (not guaranteed).
2. Dune Trespassing: We've had a number of reports of people sliding down and walking on the repaired dunes. If you see anyone on the dunes, politely explain why they should not do so. The HTA has formally requested more enforcement from the Township, including the issuance of costly fines. The Township also asked for any identifying photo or video that can be used to enforce the law since the trespassers have often left the area by the time the police arrive.
3. Offshore Wind Farms: In-depth information exists on the HTA website. We urge everyone to become well-informed about this issue and continue to seek clarifications on several aspects of the project. <http://bit.ly/JCTAWindQandA>
4. Coyotes: No report of any continued coyote presence in LBT. Please report any sightings.
5. Fire Inspection: A reminder to schedule your Ocean County Fire Inspection. This has to be done annually if you rent out your home. <http://bit.ly/OceanCountyFireInspection>
6. Compassion Café: Grand opening was May 10th at Barry's Do Me a Flavor in Beach Haven. Hours are Mondays-Thursdays from 7:00am - 11:00am. Staffed by people with intellectual and developmental challenges. <http://bit.ly/CompassionCafeBarrys>
7. Cultural Support: Especially hard hit by Covid, please support the arts on LBI by attending the Lighthouse Film Festival June 3-6 (<https://bit.ly/LBILighthouseFilmFest>) and Surflight Theater (<http://bit.ly/Surflight2021>) this summer.
8. Bond's Park Recreation Area: While still "under construction", the Township has painted much of the equipment. There has also been a request for pickleball courts in this location which the Township is

considering. The HTA will issue a survey to better determine what everyone would like to see for this area.

9. Speed Limits and Traffic Lights: Speed limits have been lowered as of this week while the traffic lights will be activated on May 24.
10. Trustees: After long periods of service, Marianne Hurley and Frank Lowery will not seek re-election after their current terms are completed later this year. Please join the trustees in thanking them both for their years of support for Holgate. We will miss them.

On behalf of the HTA trustees, we are looking forward to seeing everyone in-person this Spring. All of our planned activities are outdoors and distanced, so it will be safe. And we need a lot of volunteers, especially this year.

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