

HTA November 2021 Newsletter

As we leave Thanksgiving and enter the holiday season, the HTA is very grateful for all of your support in 2021. With a record number of members, we have become even more visible and active within the community and Long Beach Township.

That said, we are in serious need of 3 new trustees who can help us help our community. For those of you who are interested in learning more, please contact me for a short phone or Zoom call to discuss. You do not have to be retired or a full-time resident (most of us aren't) and it is not an overwhelming time commitment required to do a lot of good for Holgate. Plus, you get to pick the causes/projects about which you are most passionate. *Please let me know by responding to this email and I'll contact you to set up a short call.*

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November Highlights

1. 2022 Water/Sewer Rates
2. Bond's Park
3. Bulkhead Ordinance
4. Flooding and Resilient LBI
5. Offshore Wind Development
6. HTA Officer Elections
7. Gator Program
8. Holiday Lights Are Back!

Updates

1. **2022 Water/Sewer Rates**: It is heartening to know the Township responded to the concerns of the LBT taxpayer associations and the community that attended the last Commissioners meeting. The ordinance has been revised and the new rates (subject to formal approval) can be seen here: <https://bit.ly/LBTProposedWaterSewerFees>
2. **Bond's Park**: Based on recent HTA discussions with Town Hall regarding Bond's Park:
 - Despite the efforts of the community, the HTA and the neighboring property owners, the Township asserted its legal right to use an easement to create a

driveway to connect the residential property to Bay Terrace/Joan Road. The work has been completed.

- While a significant amount of mature vegetation was destroyed (the HTA looked at it in advance and determined it could not be transplanted), the HTA will follow up with the Township to see if new vegetation can be planted around the driveway and walkway in the Spring.

3. **New Bulkhead Ordinance**: An ordinance passed in October (see at the bottom of this newsletter) which calls for raising bulkheads due to water coming over the existing bulkheads. LBT continues to add one-way caps to storm drains and pumps but this may not be enough – or happen soon enough - to halt flooding. The ordinance allowed for a phasing in of the new height requirements (LBT noted other towns are mandating 100% compliance within 2 years). But this means there is no deadline for those who are not in construction. If you are concerned or have questions about this ordinance, you may want to join other people from throughout LBT in attending the Commissioners meeting on Monday, December 6 for further discussion:

- This applies just to Long Beach Township but would probably be much more effective as an Island-wide initiative
- If your neighbor rebuilds and installs the higher bulkhead, your property may see a great deal more water.
- Homes sold after Feb 1, 2022 must have a raised bulkhead to get a CO after the sale. An estimate must be part of the deal and 110% of the estimate will have to be posted for 12 months
- This ordinance will apply to new construction, new sale, substantial property improvement (+50%)
- Boat ramps will probably need to be gated but this was unclear as of the last meeting

4. **Flooding and Resilient LBI**: Surf City recently held an informative forum on flooding. Rick Bushnell of ReClam the Bay was the featured speaker. You can view the presentation here: <https://bit.ly/LBIFloodingMtg2021>

5. **Offshore Wind**: Atlantic Shores has received approval to begin construction of a field south of LBI, off Atlantic City. This provides an advance look at how the project east of LBI might proceed. The link below is to the visibility report for the Atlantic City field. It is a large document, more than 300 pages, but

information about the views from Beach Haven and the Forsythe Refuge are particularly interesting. Be sure to read the comments in addition to looking at the pictures (which were not all that helpful on my computer): <https://bit.ly/BOEMACVisibility>

6. **HTA Officer Election:** The Board re-elected Bill Cannon as Treasurer and Yanni Kaloudis as Corresponding Secretary at its November meeting.
 - The trustee terms of the current President, Vice President and Recording Secretary are up in 2022 and the officers will be voted on by the Board following the trustee election in August/September.

7. **Gator Program:** Commissioner Lattanzi reports there will be no change in the gator program for 2022. There had been consideration of implementing a fee but that will not happen next year.

8. **Holiday Business List:** Shop local and attend great winter events in December: <https://bit.ly/LBIHolidayBusinessList>

9. **Support Your Local First Responders:** Holgate's closest first aid and fire responders are based in Beach Haven. Large-scale emergencies often may involve first responders from further north. To preserve and strengthen this important volunteer service, we ask you to consider an end-of-year donation to these vital organizations. And please also consider volunteering some of your time to support them (there are roles for people who do not/cannot be on the front line).
 - <http://www.bhfas.com>
 - <https://beachhavenfire.com>

10. **Holiday Lights Are Back!** Thanks again to Dan Macone for the return of Holgate's Holiday Lights, plus two new additions, to brighten the December holidays. Our appreciation also goes to Long Beach Township for getting them installed in November!

Chapter 64. Building Construction

Article I. Construction and Property Maintenance

§ 64-13. Bulkheads.

A.

Permit required. Before any work of the type described in this section may be begun, a building permit must be applied for and obtained after submission of plans and specifications showing compliance with the provisions hereof, and the work in progress shall be subject to inspection by the Code Enforcement Officer to assure compliance therewith.

B.

Construction specifications. All materials to be used shall be of creosoted materials or equal to twelve-pound empty-cell process, the exceptions being deadmen or back piling which are not exposed to water or air and are buried beneath backfill. All tie-rods, bolts and other hardware shall be hot-dipped galvanized.

(1)

Bayside and lagoon bulkheads. Bayside or lagoon bulkheads shall comply with the following specifications:

(a)

All sheathing shall be corrugated vinyl or equivalent of sufficient width and length to provide the necessary protection to retain the upland area. All new and replacement sheathing shall comply with the minimum bulkhead top elevations as stated in Subsection **B(1)(e)** and **(f)** of this section.

[Amended 12-16-2019 by Ord. No. 19-30C]

(b)

Whalers shall be not less than six by six (6 x 6) inches, of which there shall be two.

(c)

All pilings shall have eight-inch minimum diameter butts and shall penetrate 10 feet below bay bottom and be five feet on center maximum.

(d)

All tie-rods shall not be less than 3/4 inch diameter and 16 feet in length and shall be set through each piling one foot from the top. All anchor pilings shall not be less than 12 feet in length and shall have eight-inch minimum diameter butts.

(e)

The top of any bulkhead located in Zones R-10, R-10E, R-6 and R-75 shall have an elevation of six feet above mean sea level, NAVD 1988.

[Amended 8-2-2013 by Ord. No. 13-28C; 8-8-2014 by Ord. No. 14-25C; 7-11-2016 by Ord. No. 16-32C]

(f)

In all other zones, the top of any bayfront bulkhead and any bulkhead located within 200 feet from the waters of the bay shall have an elevation of seven feet above mean sea

level, NAVD 1988. All other bulkheads located more than 200 feet from the waters of the bay shall have an elevation of six feet above mean sea level, NAVD 1988.

[Added 8-8-2014 by Ord. No. 14-25C; 7-11-2016 by Ord. No. 16-32C]

(2)

Oceanfront bulkheads. Bulkheads constructed for protection against the Atlantic Ocean shall conform to the following minimum specifications:

(a)

All sheathing shall be doubled two-by-eight-inch tongue and groove, 20 feet in length. All joints must be equally staggered so that each joint shall be in the center of the vertical sheathing abutting it. Where single sheathing size three-by-eight-inch tongue and groove is used, all joints must be back-stripped with one-by-six-inch.

(b)

Three four-by-six-inch front whalers running horizontal to sheathing with three whalers, six-by-six, running directly in back of the sheathing and bolted through to the front whalers with three-fourths-inch bolts and wide flange washers on five-foot centers shall be used. There shall be not more than one whaler overlap or splice falling upon each piling. Where lamination is used, two whalers, two-by-six-inch, or two whalers, three-by-six-inch, may be used, and joints must be staggered.

(c)

All piling shall be not less than 25 feet in length with a minimum top butt of twelve-inch diameter at a point two feet from the end. Every piling shall be placed on not more than five-foot centers. All tie-rods shall be not less than one inch in diameter and not less than 16 feet in length and shall be set through each piling five feet from the top. All anchor pilings shall be not less than 14 feet in length with butts of not less than 10 inches in diameter, two feet from the end.

(d)

All bulkheads must be set at an elevation of plus fourteen (+14) feet mean sea level and, unless tied in with bulkheading substantially in accordance with these standards, shall have returns of not less than 50 feet according to these specifications.