

HTA April 2022 Newsletter

Note: If you have not signed up to be a member, this is the last full newsletter you will receive. Please be sure to get your dues in ASAP.

Beaches appear to be holding up with consistent Township plowing/grooming and the weather is (finally) starting to improve. Please mark your calendars for our May 7 clean-up – part of an Island-wide effort. This is the Saturday of Mother's Day Weekend, a nice time to give a little back to Mother Earth with all of the mess we've made that accumulates in Holgate over the Winter months.

Also, please note we are postponing our Spring dune planting to the Fall for a variety of reasons, too numerous to go into. Rest assured, we will be back bigger and better in late September/early October.

April Highlights

1. Membership Renewals for 202
2. Spring Clean-up
3. Resilient LBI
4. Spring Membership Meeting
5. Ordinance Passed on Second Reading
6. Ordinances in Process after First Reading
7. Increased Police Enforcement
8. Tennis Court and Pickleball Fees
9. Plastic Bag Ban Takes Effect
10. App for Water Usage
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Updates

1. Membership Renewals

- We are ahead of last year's record pace and looking to break the 500-homeowner threshold this year. As always, thank you for your continued support and generous donations. **Membership Signup**

2. Spring Clean-up

- On Saturday, May 7th from 9-11am, we are participating in an Island-wide clean-up, sponsored by the Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations in partnership with Alliance for a Living Ocean. We would like to have a great volunteer turnout; you can collect a lot of trash in a short time.
- We'll meet at 9am at the Tebco Terrace beach entrance (roughly the halfway point for north/south).
- The HTA will provide water, a snack, safety vests, and some handy pickers for items you don't want to touch. Please bring your own gloves, sunscreen, and a bucket (if possible, to avoid using plastic bags).

3. Resilient LBI

- The following is expected to impact all LBI home and business owners in the future. This group has been working for several years and is nearing completion of its recommendations which are expected to determine how LBI will continue to exist in the decades ahead as the climate changes.

- The Resilient Long Beach Island Project is in its final and critical phase: A community workshop will take place, Tuesday, May 3rd, 5-7:00 pm at the St. Francis Community Center. The public is invited to attend.
- You will hear about Resilience Action Plan scenarios and options that will preserve homes, key pieces of history and culture, protect infrastructure and allow businesses to thrive. Your comments will shape the Action Plan and help determine how LBI will move towards resiliency, protected from flooding caused by sea level rise and precipitation.

4. **Spring Membership Meeting**

- All members are invited and encouraged to attend this annual meeting. We are looking forward to an in-person meeting on Saturday, June 11 at 10am at the new Marine Field Station on Osborn Avenue on the north end of Holgate. For those who would normally walk to the meeting, we are trying to arrange an extra shuttle bus that morning for people on the south end.

5. **Ordinance Passed Into Law on Second Reading**

- An ordinance was passed which would allow open containers of alcoholic beverages at Township-sponsored events.
- An ordinance was passed to allow the Township to charge for OPRA-related requests for police videos since these require an outside service to edit them.

6. **Ordinances Moved on First Reading**

- An ordinance was moved to increase fines for parking violations and illegal fireworks use.

7. **Increased Police Enforcement**

- The Township Police will begin to issue summonses without warning for dogs that are on the beach without leashes, illegal parking, and drivers not allowing safe distance when passing bicyclists per the recently passed NJ law. The HTA has also asked that this enforcement also apply to bicyclists who don't obey the traffic laws and create dangerous situations for everyone on the road.

8. **Tennis Court and Pickleball Fees**

- The Township has reduced the user fee for the residents/taxpayers of Long Beach Township to one-half price (or \$40.00) for a season pass while the non-resident user fee will continue to be \$80.00 for a season pass. Veterans and active duty military personnel will not have to pay a user fee. The Commissioners hopes this will benefit the residents/taxpayers by limiting the use of its Pickleball and Tennis Courts by non-residents.

9. **Plastic Bag Ban Takes Effect**

- As of May 4. Please be ready to bring your own shopping bags as NJ is also not allowing paper bags to be used in grocery stores. Also, remember to tell your tenants if you rent.

10. **App for Water Usage**

- The Township expects to have a free app available sometime in May to allow you to track your water usage in real time.

11. **Other Save the Dates**

- Town-wide Yard Sale: Saturday, May 28 (rain date Sunday, May 29); Township permit required

12. **Helpful Links**

- May 7 Hazardous waste disposal: **Hazardous Waste Registration**
- Ocean County shredding dates: **Shredding Dates**