

Art Levy
Trustee since 2022

Role on Current Board

Art heads up the HTA Marketing Committee and has been a volunteer at various HTA events ever since he first found out about the Holgate Taxpayers Association, shortly after Superstorm Sandy.

Connection to Holgate

Art was introduced to Holgate in 1983 by Donna Husted, who two years later would become Donna Husted Levy. Donna had been coming to LBI since her teenage years, and her mother became a 40-year resident here, living year-round in a raised bungalow the family had built in 1974. For several decades, Art mainly knew the people on his mother-in-law's street, but when Hurricane Sandy hit in 2012, he started a Facebook group so homeowners in Holgate could see and share pictures of how their homes made it through the storm. Although he is no longer the active moderator he had been for several years, Art credits Holgate Update – which now has more than 5,000 members – as the reason he has come to know so many great people on the island.

Professional Experience

Art began his writing career while still in college, turning out summaries of marketing research reports for Booz Allen Hamilton. He then switched to the creative side of the business, working as a copywriter for an agency that advertised brands as ALPO Dog Food, Tastykake and Wendy's. In 1990, six months after their first child was born, Art informed Donna he was going to go freelance. His company, Words & Ideas, has been serving the consumer, healthcare, financial, and educational markets ever since. In recent years, he has been an adjunct professor at Drexel University, teaching future filmmakers the art and craft of screenwriting.

Personal Profile

Art is a lifelong Philadelphian, having lived in or just outside of the city since back before any of their sports teams were any good. He and Donna raised two kids in the Wynnewood area, and frequently make the two-and-a-half hour trip down to Holgate, usually stopping at a Wawa along the way.

Why I Became a Trustee

“This is a question I often ask myself. Actually, I learned through Holgate Update that I really feel like a part of the Holgate community, and the many friends I've made down here mean a great deal to me. I hope that as a Trustee I can help those who come here feel as engaged and welcomed in this beautiful place as I do.”