

Ted Stiles

Co-Chair Environmental Committee • Former HTA President & Vice President • Trustee since 1986

Role on Current Board

Ted is the longest-standing veteran of the Holgate Taxpayers Association, having been a Trustee since 1986. He has served as President, Vice President and is currently co-chair of the Environmental Committee. The results of Ted's work over the years can be seen all around Holgate, including the safety lanes for cyclists and walkers on the Boulevard, the public restrooms at the southend parking lot, the rehabilitation of Bonds Park, and the implementation of the greenhead trap program.

Connection to Holgate

Ted has been coming down to Holgate since 1953, back when he was in his early teens, Eisenhower was President, and the hit song on the car radio was "(How Much Is That) Doggie In the Window?" Through the years, he's enjoyed the clean water, great beaches and quiet solitude that the end of the island offers. The first place in Holgate that Ted and his wife Betty made their own was a rented mobile home in Long Beach Island Trailer Park. But eventually, as their family grew, so did the need for more space, and that led to them becoming homeowners on the island in 1973.

Professional Experience

After graduating with a degree in Industrial Design from Pratt Institute in New York, Ted teamed up with two of his classmates to form the industrial design firm Innoventions, which he led for 30 years. His experience managing a company has proven helpful in his years on the Holgate Taxpayers Association Board, as Ted was instrumental in revitalizing the once-dormant HTA and in engaging with township officials to solve community issues. He has also worked as a Realtor, giving him insights into what homeowners want not just from their houses, but also from their communities.

Personal Profile

Ted grew up in Springfield, NJ. Over the years, he and Betty have lived in Manhattan and various parts of New Jersey, including Basking Ridge, Tewksbury and now Califon. Their home may be 112 miles from Holgate, but the trip has always been worth it for Ted. As he says, "My family has loved Holgate since 1953 – and my children and grandchildren still love it."

Why I Became a Trustee

"I was motivated to become a Trustee back in 1986 because I felt our community needed a voice in Township decisions. I still feel that way today, and I'm proud of the way the HTA has helped Holgate gain more recognition and influence over the years."