

# HTA February-March 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to Spring and the return of flowers, sunny days and (somewhat) warmer weather!

Please add the Save the Date events located at the bottom of this email to your calendar. We've had feedback that you'd like more notice for our events so we are trying to provide as much lead time as possible.

Membership is off to a good start but we'd appreciate if you could be sure to sign up now as this allows us to devote even more time to key activities that benefit Holgate, and you. If you are unsure of your status, reply to this email and we'll let you know. [or click here](#)

## February-March Highlights

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## Updates

### 1. Condolences

We wanted to share the very sad news that Mayor Mancini's daughter-in-law Katy passed away on March 5. She leaves her husband Robert, 5-year-old son Ryan, and 2 stepchildren, Paul and Sydney. Katy had also worked in the Township's tax office.

### 2. Beach Conditions

Beaches look pretty good going into Spring in terms of no additional severe erosion. The Township will still be plowing sand to create the temporary access points for the season. No word yet on replenishment timing and approval of the steel groins for the south end.

### 3. Windmill Status

The JCTA's (Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations of LBI) latest update (#10) of available information is listed on the homepage of the HTA website. The featured topic is about the whales which have been dying and washing up on New Jersey beaches. [Click Here](#)

- The Wind Roundup summaries do not represent any formal position on the part of the JCTA or the HTA but are based on efforts by the JCTA to present as much sourced, and factual data as possible so that people are better educated about the wind projects. The reports are updated throughout the year based on your questions along with new information. It remains up to you to assess the Roundups and to come to an informed conclusion about the planned project.
- The JCTA member survey on the proposed wind farm off LBI was fielded in February and results are expected in April. Thank you for the good response rate from Holgate. This survey is intended to reflect current attitudes and should not be used as a referendum on the proposed wind farm.

### 4. Meet Your Trustees

This short movie clip sums up this section: [Who Are These Guys?](#)

We thought you might like to know a little more about the Trustees so we've added pictures and bios to the website. [Click Here](#) and click on the "Trustees" tab at the top of

the page. Spoiler alert: We're not just "guys" and we'd like to have more women join the Board.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, simply reply to this email and we'll arrange a short call to discuss. We've reached out to several people in the past and hope we haven't missed anyone who would like to learn more. Please inquire.

5. **Relevant Ordinances Passed on Second Reading**

**23-07C** Authorizes the creation of two new jobs within the Township: Carpentry Supervisor and Human Resources Coordinator.

6. **Relevant Ordinance Moved on First Reading**

First-reading ordinances are available on the LBT website by the Friday following each public meeting. Find them in the LBT Public Meeting Info section within the Government tab under Administration at [www.longbeachtownship.com](http://www.longbeachtownship.com)

- **23-09C** Revises the base charge for water for duplexes and triplexes to align with the base water charge paid by owners of single-family homes. The annual base fee for single-family homes remains unchanged at \$600 for water and \$600 for sewer. Duplexes and triplexes would be charged as follows:
  - There would be just one Water charge (\$600 for the year) and sewer would be charged per unit like it has been in the past (\$600 per unit). The combined annual base rate for would be \$1,800 for duplexes and \$2,400 for triplexes.
  - Water and sewer charges for condos would be adjusted according to the size of the unit. Please see the ordinance for more information.
  - This ordinance pertains to base charges. The billing structure for actual water usage (listed below) remains unchanged.
  - The Commissioners stressed that usage will be reviewed each year. Other municipalities report it takes three years of Water usage data before the fee structure stabilizes. We will continue to advocate to have the Water base rate reduced with higher charges for actual usage.
- **23-10C** This ordinance addresses a New Jersey mandate for inspections for lead-based paint in rental dwellings. The requirement for lead-based paint inspections of rental properties only applies to dwellings built before 1978 and rented more than six months per year. It does not apply to dwellings used for short-term rentals. The Township would contract with a third-party company to handle required inspections, which would be paid for by the owner of the rental property.
- **23-12C** This ordinance would codify the midnight to 5 am curfew for young people under 18 years of age currently in place within the Township.

7. **First Responders**

Save the date for the people who save us: Beach Haven's Volunteer Fire Company will hold a craft beer and foodtruck fest on Saturday, April 29 at 1:00-pm in Veterans Memorial Park.

- Please consider supporting our nearest First Responders this year. Donations are useful but volunteers are at critical level.
  - **Beach Haven First Aid**
  - **Beach Haven Fire**

8. **LBIF Science Saturday Virtual Event**

Darlene Cavalier, a Barnegat Light resident and professor at Arizona State University

will give a Zoom talk entitled "Citizen Science, LBI and the LBI Foundation" on Saturday, April 15 at 11am. [Register Here](#)

9. **Save The Dates**

- HTA Dune Planting: Saturday, May 20, 10am – noon
- HTA Spring Clean-up: Saturday, May 27, 9am – noon
- HTA Spring Membership Meeting: Saturday, June 10, 10am – noon
- HTA Fall Clean-up (All Island), Saturday, September 9, 9am – noon
- HTA Fall BBQ and Membership Meeting: Saturday, September 9, 5-7pm

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Water Fees

Tracking Your Usage: You can now track your water usage through WaterSmart but you need to register: [Register here](#)

Your quarterly water bill will include a base water charge plus an additional charge based on the amount of water you use per quarter. The base water charge covers the Township's cost of maintaining water service to your property. The schedule below shows the charges per quarter per unit in a residential property.

Base water charge, plus:

- 0 – 15,000 gallons @ \$1 per 1,000 gallons
- 15,001 – 25,000 gallons @ \$2 per 1,000 gallons
- 25,001 – 50,000 gallons @ \$5 per 1,000 gallons
- 50,001 – 100,000 gallons @ \$10 per 1,000 gallons
- 100,001 – 150,000 gallons @ \$13.50 per 1,000 gallons
- 150,001+ gallons @ \$18 per 1,000 gallons