

June 2023 Newsletter

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Updates

1. **Beach Conditions**

- The Township has been working hard to create accesses for the beaches that have been hard hit by storms, while also clearing excess sand from the walkways. Please call Public Works if there is an issue with your access.
- Still awaiting updates on replenishment timing and approval of the steel groins for the south end.
- The HTA is in the process of installing new “Keep off the Dunes” signs; the dunes are the last line of protection against major storms and some people still need to learn how damaging it is to trespass on the dunes.

2. **Trustee Elections**

- 6 current trustees are up for reelection this Fall plus there is one open seat on the Board. If interested in standing for election as a trustee, you will need to fill out a nominating petition with signatures from ten members (includes you). Please consider joining us in the good work we do for Holgate.
- Deadline for nominating petitions is on or around August 1 with the election to be held beginning in the first week of September. If interested please reply to this email to set up a phone discussion with Rand Pearsall.

3. **Spring Membership Meeting**

- Our Spring Membership meeting at the Marine Field Station was a big success as we kept having to put out more chairs and the room was full. HTA initiatives for 2023 were shared and the membership approved our operating budget. Special thanks to LBT Sustainability Coordinator Angela Andersen for being our guest speaker and detailing what is being done to restore the bay and protect our coastlines.

4. **Dune Planting**

- On May 20, Denise Brand and Brian Tierney led 10 volunteers in planting the Susan, Magnolia, Tebco and Holgate entrances and new Commissioner Allie Meehan stopped by to see the progress we are making. If your location is not on our list, it is because we are limited by the number of volunteers we have to plant and, more importantly, to water. If you would like to captain an entrance this Fall, please respond to this email and we will reach out to you.
- Oceanfront owners. Please consider checking out the Susan Avenue dunes besides the walkway. We are demonstrating what can be successfully done with native plants on sand dunes. Once the plants are established (6-8 weeks of watering after going in the ground), they will start to spread with little or no work on your part. This is the ultimate protection for the dune

that protects your home and it won't obstruct your view. The HTA is happy to advise you on how best to go about this.

5. **Spring Cleanup**

- Dan Macone led a group of 24 volunteers on May 27 that picked up trash along the entirety of Holgate. Far fewer plastic bags than in the past which is likely due to the plastic bag ban at stores. We also picked up what we could in Clam Cove, along with taking pictures of larger items (AC compressor, piping, asphalt, etc.) and shared this information with Public Works for future disposal.

6. **Wind Farm**

- The JCTA's (Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations of LBI) latest updates (#12 and #13) of available information will be listed on the homepage of the HTA. These recent reports seek to answer the requests for more information we received from the wind survey and also provide information about the project's Environmental Impact Study.
- The Wind Roundup summaries do not represent any formal position on the part of the JCTA or the HTA but result from 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.

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

- **23-17C.** Corrects an omission in Ordinance 23-16C. Duplexes that are being converted into single family homes need to have 3 parking spaces, a detail that was inadvertently left out of the original ordinance.
- Adopted ordinances in the process of being incorporated in the Township's code can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/laws/LO1479>

8. **Relevant Ordinance Moved on First Reading (None in this meeting)**

- 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

9. **Community Events**

- Community Events chair Jeff Lipman has been working closely with the Township to bring outdoor live music back to Holgate. More info to come on this.

10. **Traffic Cautions: Please be aware of the following**

- Yesterday, a young girl on a bicycle was hit by an SUV in Beach Haven. The bicycle was crushed and she was taken to the hospital. Let's all try to slow down even more and be very aware of bicyclists and pedestrians.
- There seems to be an increased amount of people running red lights. Please take extra care at intersections, in addition to watching for kids on bikes who do unexpected things.
- The Township is going to be more aggressive in ticketing slower drivers in the left lane. Please stay to the right unless you are passing or flooding forces you to the left lane.
- **Sandpaper article about Rt. 72 construction**

11. **Save The Dates**

- HTA Fall Clean-up (All Island), Saturday, September 9, 10am - noon
- HTA Fall BBQ and Membership Meeting: Saturday, September 9, 5-7pm
- Fall Dune Planting (September/October)

