

## HTA March 2024 Newsletter

Spring is finally here as we count the days to enjoying warmer weather on the Holgate beaches.

### *Special announcements:*

- *Long Beach Township's Municipal Building will be closed on March 29 for Good Friday.*
- *The Beach Badge Shack opens Friday March 29 from 9am – 3pm. Easter weekend hours continue with Saturday 9 am – pm and Sunday 9am – 12 noon. Beginning April 1, the Shack will be open daily from 9am – 3pm.*

### **March Highlights**

1. Beach Conditions
2. Your 2024 HTA Membership
3. Dune Planting
4. New Food Pantry Program
5. Water Usage Tracking
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### **Updates**

#### 1. **Beach Conditions**

- The Township continues to bulldoze sand back up to the dunes during blow-out tides. However, we should not expect normal beach access at many entrances until much later in the Spring as future storms would undo much of the Township's work.
- LBI continues to be first on the Army Corps list for replenishment projects. They are expected to start from the north end of LBI and is not anticipated to interfere with the summer season in Holgate.
- There is no news regarding potential State and Federal approvals of the planned groins to better retain our sand.

## 2. **Your 2024 HTA Membership**

- Thank you for the members who have already joined in 2024. For everyone else, *please sign up now*. Your prompt action will ensure your continued receipt of our newsletters and other breaking news communications, and you will save our Board members a tremendous amount of time that can be put to adding new programs/benefits for you. Please sign up at: <https://bit.ly/HTAMembership2024>

## 3. **Dune Planting**

- Our planting date is set for the morning of Saturday, May 18 but we are awaiting confirmation that plants can be obtained by then. Please save the date and we will update you in April with more specific information.
- Important: We can only plant where we have water sources. If you are an oceanfront owner who lives next to a beach entrance, please respond to this email to volunteer access to your water so we can water for 4-6 weeks and get the roots established before summer. We will reimburse you for the cost of the water.

## 4. **New Food Pantry Program**

- The JCTA is initiating a program to support the St. Francis Community Food Pantry by asking you and/or your renters to consider donating non-perishable food when leaving the Island. Food can be dropped at the many LBI realtor offices that are supporting the program or directly at St. Francis. More info to come.

## 5. **Water Usage Tracking**

- Track your water usage by going to the [longbeachtwpnj.watersmart](http://longbeachtwpnj.watersmart) to get started. You'll need your water/sewer account number to complete the sign-up and you can also find that on the LBT website. Click [HERE](#) to access water/sewer account information and then search your name.

## 6. **Japanese Black Pines**

- Due to a disease which is starting to kill the non-native black pines on LBI, LBT will begin to remove all black pines along beach accesses and in areas where LBT maintains an easement. The pines will be replaced with native plants (e.g. bayberries). This program is expected to start on the north end of the Township and then move south.

## 7. **LBT Anniversary**

- 2024 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Long Beach Township. LBT is considering special activities in celebration and will also be redesigning the current Township logo.

## 8. **Relevant Ordinance Passed on Second Reading**

- 24-04. Clarifies parking space requirements for new construction. Essentially, each required space must have adequate ingress and egress to the street.
- 24-05. Establishes landscaping fees, requires construction permits for any plantings over 12 inches in height and increases the distance plantings must be from public roadways. *This only applies to the area LBT's existing easement on your property.*
- 24-06. Requires businesses to have insurance certifications and "Mercantile" licenses for commercial establishments with outdoor seating.
- *Adopted ordinances in the process of being incorporated in the Township's code can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/laws/LO1479>*

## 9. **Relevant Ordinance Moved on First Reading**

- 24-09C This ordinance will require oceanfront homeowners to roll up and safely store their beach access walkways by November 2. Rollover beach access walkways are only permitted April 1 – November 1. The Township will more aggressively enforce this in 2024.
- *First-reading ordinances are not currently available due to revisions being made to the LBT website.*

## 10. **Save the Dates**

- Next Commissioners Meeting is Monday, April 1 at 4pm in the LBT Courtroom
- First Town-wide Yard Sale, Saturday, May 25 (permit required)
- HTA Spring Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 8, 10:00am
- Second Town-wide Yard Sale Saturday, June 29 (permit required)