

HTA May 2024 Newsletter

Please take our 5-minute survey (members and non-members) so we can serve you better and continue to grow your Holgate Taxpayers Association. Deadline is Monday, June 3rd at 5pm:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HolgateSurvey>

May Highlights

1. Beach Conditions
2. Spring Membership Meeting
3. LBT Commissioners Meeting
4. Call for New Trustees
5. Wind Farm Update
6. Water Usage Tracking
7. Relevant Township Ordinances Passed on Second Reading
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Updates

1. Beach Conditions

- The Township had several beach entrances open for Memorial Day weekend and continues to push sand for us. Lifeguards expected by mid-June.
- No change in the Army Corps replenishment project. They are expected to start from the north end of LBI and it's not anticipated to interfere with Holgate's summer season.

2. Spring Membership Meeting – June 8, 10am

- We are hoping to have Mayor Mancini in attendance and look forward to his comments and a short Q&A session.
- This meeting will be held at the Marine Field Station on Osborn. Parking is extremely limited. Plan to park 1-2 blocks away or walk/bike to the Station. We are planning to be indoors where there is plenty of seating.
- Non-members can become members at the event or at: <https://bit.ly/HTAMembership2024>

3. **LBT Commissioners Meeting**

- Commissioner Lattanzi shared the following information on Shuttle Buses. Children under 12 years old ride free with an adult; a one-way trip for everyone else is \$5. Buses will run weekends until June 23 on a Friday – Sunday schedule. Beginning June 24 through Labor Day, the schedule will be Monday – Thursday 3 – 10 pm, Friday 3 – 11 pm; Saturday & Sunday 3 pm – 12 am. More information and the link to the shuttle bus tracker can be found at <https://www.lbishuttle.com/>
- The Township has received forty more applications for lifeguards this year vs. last year and implemented a bonus program that offers financial incentives for lifeguards to work in through Labor Day.
- Eight new emergency medical technicians are expected to join the Beach Haven Volunteer First Aid Squad this summer. This results from the LBT and BHFAS joint effort to recruit and manage the training and certification of new volunteers.

4. **Call for New Trustees**

- The next trustee election will take place in late August/early September. Recent trustee additions have made a huge contribution to our efforts to serve Holgate. If you are interested in joining the Board, please respond to this email and Rand will contact you to set a time for further discussion. Nominating petitions will be due in late July.

5. **Wind Farm Update**

- The latest Offshore Wind Round-up (#23) has been posted to the membership section on the HTA website. Please note, we raised questions about the section on “Lighting” which we believe understates the impact of the lighting. We will look to see how this is addressed in the next Round-up.

6. **Water Usage Tracking**

- Track your water usage at longbeachtwpnj.watersmart. You’ll need your water/sewer account number to 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.

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

- **24-10C** Clarifies regulations regarding the maintenance and repair of water mains and related pipes and fixtures on private easements and states conditions that must be met by a developer who wishes to build a major subdivision on a private easement in order for the Township to be responsible for the maintenance of the water main.
- **24-12C** Revises the set-back required for entryway roofs, roof decks, mechanical systems and roof deck structures and establishes regulations regarding bike usage on beaches, (no vehicles, motorcycles and scooters are allowed on the beach at any time); bicycles, including electric and e-bikes, are only allowed between October 1 – May 14.
- *Adopted ordinances in the process of being incorporated in the Township's code can be found here: <https://ecode360.com/laws/LO1479>*

8. **Relevant Ordinances Moved on First Reading**

- **24-13C** On March 4, 2024, Ordinance 24-06C was passed on second reading. That ordinance amended some requirements around applying for a business license. 24-13C proposed ordinance includes minor changes in wording in the original ordinance to refer to other sections in the Township Code clearer.
- *First-reading ordinances are not currently available due to revisions being made to the LBT website.*

9. **Dune Planting**

- Our thanks to the volunteers who came out to plant 5 entrances on May 18, led by Dune Planting gurus Denise Brand and Brian Tierney. A “green” dune is important protection against future storms.
- Oceanfront owners are invited to see what we've done on the Susan Avenue dune as a demonstration of what can be done with native plants.
- Watering volunteers are still needed. Please reply to this email if you can water a few times each week.

10. **Spring Clean-up**

- Hooray for a record turnout of at least 50 people for Clean-up Commander Dan Macone, with at least 50 people spread out over all of Holgate. Plastic, glass, toys, balloons, metal, etc. were all picked up to make Holgate a cleaner and safer place.
- Special thanks to HTA Trustee Yanni Kaloudis and sous chefs Kathy Macone and Denise Brand for making hot breakfast sandwiches and getting our day started on a bacon/egg/pork roll/Taylor Ham high.
- Our appreciation also goes to Alliance for a Living Ocean (ALO) for providing the blue buckets and minimizing our need to use plastic garbage bags.

11. **Save the Dates**

- HTA Spring Membership Meeting, Saturday, June 8, 10:00am; Marine Field Station
- Second Town-wide Yard Sale Saturday, June 29 (\$10 permit required)