

HTA Fall 2024 Newsletter

Apologies for the late newsletter but it has been a very busy Fall since the September BBQ.

On the plus side, replenishment has begun and the beaches should be in much better shape next Summer. On the down side, our historic drought conditions are stressing our dune plants.

OCEANFRONT OWNERS: The Township insists on removal of all dune walkovers ASAP. Otherwise the wooden walkways may be damaged and the Township also may fine you. Walkovers are to be removed from the dune each year by November 1.

For those who have been able to volunteer this year, we greatly appreciate your continued support! And to everyone in Holgate and LBI, best wishes for a healthy, happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Fall Highlights

1. Beach Conditions
2. HTA Fall BBQ and Membership Meeting
3. Fall Dune Planting
4. Holgate Through the Lens Photo Contest
5. Wind Farm Updates
6. Green Head Fly Traps
7. Relevant Township Ordinances Passed on Second Reading
8. Relevant Township Ordinances Moved on First Reading
9. JCTA Updates
10. Save The Dates

Updates

1. Beach Conditions

- The Army Corps replenishment has begun in Beach Haven and should complete Holgate this winter.
- As previously communicated, dune walkways must be removed everywhere in Holgate. Even where the dunes are in good shape, the Army Corps may still add sand to return the dunes to the originally planned 22' height.

2. HTA Fall BBQ and Membership Meeting

- The weather wasn't perfect but the rental tent, the Sahara Moon band and Yanni's grill mastery brought in a pretty good crowd.

3. Fall Dune Planting

- While we were without our intrepid dune planting captains Denise Brand and Brian Tierney who were on a much-deserved vacation, our volunteers managed to plant at 4 entrances: Holgate, Magnolia, Rosemma and Susan.
- This has been a tough fall for the new plants with the continuing drought. And without coyotes and foxes as natural predators, the exploding rabbit population is eating our plants. We will buy more cages in the Spring to protect the plants going forward.

4. **Holgate Through The Lens Photo Contest**

- In the HTA's inaugural photo context, the Sunrise & Sunset category was won by Jason DiSalvo; Beach & Bay category was won by Dave Verkade; Wetlands & Wildlife category was won by Nick (Tucker) Dottino. Honorable mention went to Travis Benintendo. South End Surf 'N Paddle donated the 3 paddle board excursion prizes. All winners received a mounted art print of their work. Special thanks to trustee Jeff Lipman for initiating this new Holgate activity.

5. **Wind Farm Updates**

- The latest Offshore Wind Round-ups (#27, 28 and 29) have been posted to the membership section on the HTA website.

6. **Green Head Fly Traps**

- Volunteers for the HTA moved 40+ greenhead fly traps out of the marsh area south of McKinley last Saturday. Most traps had been there for many years and some had to be dug out of the sand. Not easy work. In addition, we removed a lot of debris that probably washed up during Sandy. The HTA will replace these traps with all-new traps in the Spring!
 - Special thanks to the volunteers and the homeowners who let us go through their properties to get to the marsh.
- Thank you to all of the homeowners who have agreed to store traps for the winter.

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

- **24-23C:** Allows fines to be charged for more than one false alarm that occurs during a calendar year on the same property and prohibits alarms with external lights and sirens. Properties that routinely experience multiple false alarms divert fire personnel and resources from true emergencies.
- **24-24C:** Existing regulations prohibit the location of pools in the front yard. This proposed ordinance would clarify what constitutes a front yard.
- **24-25C:** Establishes that no future plantings (e.g., trees, shrubs) are allowed in any area 10' from a roadway or in an easement. Existing plants are grandfathered, as long as they are not a public safety hazard.
- **24-26C:** Addresses nuisance noise:
 - Requires that when electric power is not available at a construction site, a temporary electrical service pole must be installed and connected prior to the issuance of a construction permit. This would eliminate having generators continually running at the site. More than two gas-powered generators running at the same time at any construction site will also be prohibited.
 - Establishes criteria a police officer should use to determine if neighborly noise is loud enough to be a violation.
- **24-27C:** Revises the local design flood elevation within specific FEMA-designated zones, but only the zone designation is changed, not the elevation required.
 - The ordinance mentions VE 13. The FEMA website defines Zone VE and V 1-30 as “Coastal areas with a 1% or greater chance of flooding and an additional hazard associated with storm waves. These areas

have a 26% chance of flooding over the life of a 30-year mortgage.”

- The proposed ordinance also updates a reference to another section in the code.
 - 24-28C: Revises the permitted impervious lot coverage from 60% in any yard set-back area to 75% of any yard set-back area adjacent to a paved roadway.
 - Eliminates the size of curb cuts based on lot frontage and permits lots of any size to have one depressed curb cut with a maximum width of 27'. Corner lots may have one depressed curb cut per street with maximum combined width of 30'. The intent is to provide more opportunities for cars to be parked in driveways on private property, not on the street.
- *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**

- 24-29C: Amends the false alarm regulations and penalties by establishing the first offense as a warning. Penalties for subsequent false alarms would commence with the first occurrence after the initial warning.
- *First-reading ordinances are not currently available due to revisions being made to the LBT website.*

9. **JCTA Updates**

- The HTA sits on the Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations of LBI board to share best practices and help coordinate taxpayer association activities on LBI. With president John Fiore retiring, Ron Fiore (Surf City) is the newly elected president and Greg Fath (Ship Bottom) was elected Treasurer.

10. **Save the Dates**

- Commissioners Meetings:
 - Monday, December 2, 4pm
 - Monday, December 16, 4pm

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