

HTA September 2025 Newsletter

Welcome to Fall 2025 and it looks like we finally have some much-needed rain in the forecast.

Two upcoming HTA-related events, for which we are in need of volunteers:

- Fri., Sept 26, 12:30pm: Refuge Clean-up
 - Register: <https://bit.ly/RefugeCleanup2025>
- Sat., Oct. 4, 10:00am: HTA Fall Dune Planting

Please be sure to sign up for the October 4th dune planting. We will be putting in at least 25 plants on the actual dune at Susan Avenue. Sign up here: <https://evite.me/HZjeAmyKch>

Your HTA Trustees

September Highlights

1. Beach Conditions
2. Fall BBQ and New Membership Record!
3. Trustee Election Results
4. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates
5. Green Head Fly Traps
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Updates

1. Beach Conditions

- Beaches are peaceful and serene again after a busy summer but please be incredibly aware of rip tides if you do decide to go in the water as there are no lifeguards on duty.

2. Fall BBQ and Membership Record!

- Great turnout for the Fall BBQ with well over 100 attendees. Special thanks to RixPlitt for our live music, the Pallotta family for access to electricity, Lorry's Island End for the extra tables and coolers, sous chef Brian Tierney, Barb Cahn for her chocolate crack, all HTA trustees who pitched in, and of course Chef Yanni for slaving over a hot griddle to deliver incredible food.
- We announced a new record of 546 members at the BBQ – thank you for your support!

3. Trustee Election Results

- Results of the trustee election were announced at the BBQ with all 7 incumbents (Denise Brand, Barb Cahn, Bill Cannon, Bill Hutson, Yanni Kaloudis, Ted Stiles, Bob White) and first-time candidate (Gary Katz) being elected for 2-year terms. The Board will officially welcome Gary at the next trustees meeting.
- Several people expressed interest in becoming a candidate for trustee in next year's election. Rand will contact everyone to provide more information (and encouragement).

- Officer elections by Board vote for Vice President and Treasurer will take place in October/November.

4. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates

- Commissioner Meehan announced that dogs (leashed) can return to the beach on October 1. Also, trash and recycling are now following the winter schedule (1x/week).
- Commissioner Lattanzi reported there were 19,000 gator riders and 17,000 shuttle riders this year.

5. Green Head Fly Traps

- We still need more volunteer homes to provide storage space under home decks on the south end, particularly on McKinley. This allows the traps to be stored close to where they are located during the summer season. Please reply to this email if you live on the south end near a marsh, street end or beach access and are willing to take a few traps.
- We have been posting pictures on Facebook that show how many flies were trapped this year. The marsh traps were quite full. When you consider that these traps were almost completely under water from a big storm, and that a lot of the flies caught earlier in the summer may have disintegrated, this might be a fraction of what the traps actually caught.

6. JCTA Updates

- Ocean County was successful in getting a provision into the proposed NJ budget for a greenhead traps program. We are investigating if this

made it into the final budget signed by the Governor. If not, we will still advocate for a pilot program to be funded by Ocean County and are happy to advise them about what works well in Holgate.

7. Relevant Ordinances Passed on Second Reading

- **25-13C.** Establishes the Township curfew as 10:00 pm on the streets and 9:00 pm on the beaches for individuals who are 17 years old or younger. Also, setting up unattended beach equipment (e.g., beach chairs, umbrellas, etc. with no one sitting in or under them) before 9:00 am is prohibited.
- *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

- Mayor Mancini explained that several proposed ordinances are part of an effort to encourage businesses to remain on the island. Allowing hotels/motels to offer amenities that visitors are looking for such as a pool and easy parking offers business owners an incentive to build/rebuild here because their businesses will be more attractive to tourists and thus potentially more financially successful.
- **25-14C.** Creates a new chapter in the Township Code so state-mandated regulations regarding the removal and replacement of trees by property owners have a place to be recorded.
- **25-15C.** Creates a new chapter in the Township Code so state-mandated regulations regarding storm water quality have a place to be recorded.

- **25-16C.** Amends regulations covering hotels/motels by expanding the area allowed for impervious ground cover and required setbacks.
- **25-17C.** Clarifies that pools are allowed on the roofs of commercial properties, specifically hotels & motels. Rooftop pools on residential properties remain prohibited.
- **25-18C.** Expands the length of time permits may be applied for and obtained after a construction project's final approval from six months to two years, bringing that timing in line with state regulations
- *First-reading ordinances can be viewed at the Clerk's office in LBT Town Hall.*

9. **Save the Dates**

- **Fall Refuge Clean-up: Friday, September 26, 12:30pm (Holgate south parking lot)**
- **HTA Fall Dune Planting: Saturday, October 4, 10am (Susan Ave beach entrance)**
- Beach Haven Chowder Cook-off: Saturday/Sunday, October 4/5 (Bay Village green)
- Commissioners Meeting: Monday, October 6, 4pm (Town Hall Courtroom)
- Kite Festival (daytime): Friday/Saturday, October 10-11 (Ship Bottom)
- Shellabration: Saturday, October 11, 11am (Municipal Parking Lot)
- Kite Festival (Night Fly): Saturday, October 11, 6:30pm (68th Street)
- Harvest Hay Ride: Saturday, October 25, Noon (Bayview Park)

