

Gary Katz
HTA Trustee since 2025

Role on Current Board

Since his election to the HTA Board in early in 2025, Gary has been an active trustee, helping out in many of the organization's efforts and offering a career's worth of experience in financial matters and problem-solving to a number of different HTA committees.

Connection to Holgate

Gary has been coming to Holgate since he was 9 years old, staying with his family in homes they rented for weeks at a time over the summers. As he says, "Holgate is my favorite place in the world. Always has been since 1971, when I was a kid playing on the beach and riding my bike around the neighborhood." In 2015, Gary made that connection permanent, with the decision to own a home in the place he's always loved.

Professional and Non-Profit Experience

A financial advisor who specializes in wealth transfer and business succession, with a specialty in life insurance, Gary brings a valued sense of financial management that can help support the many local projects that the HTA helps fund. He also has experience in the non-profit sector, serving on the board of Jewish Family Services of Metrowest.

Personal Profile

A lifelong resident of New Jersey, Gary grew up in Livingston, lived in West Orange for nine years, and has been a resident of North Caldwell since 1998. He shares his love of Holgate with his wife, Fran, and their two adult sons who, like their father, grew up enjoying quality time at the beach. In his free time, Gary enjoys playing tennis and pickleball, jogging, and of course, spending time on LBI.

Why I Became a Trustee

"As I tell everyone, Holgate is my favorite place in the world. We always go to Tune by the Dunes when we're down and to the HTA Member Barbecue, and it feels great to help out with cleanups, plantings and moving the fly traps out in the Spring and back to their protected spaces when the season's over. Becoming a Trustee for the HTA gives me the opportunity to give back to my community in all kinds of new and significant ways."