

HTA April 2026 Newsletter

The sun has returned (some days) and warmer weather is upon us. It's time to plan for another great season in Holgate!

As you can read below, there is a lot going on this year. Please be sure to sign up for dune planting and our spring clean-up when we send out our Evites. We can't accomplish all of the goals for our community without your help.

Thanks again for your support and please remember to add all of the Save the Dates to your family calendar.

Your HTA Trustees

April Highlights

1. Beach Conditions
2. Dune Planting
3. Spring Cleanup
4. Fly Traps
5. Regional School Tax Update
6. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates
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Updates

1. Beach Conditions

- The Township's sand bulldozing has continued as the weather improves. We expect beach conditions to be about the same as last year.
- Representative Van Drew continues to seek reinstatement of beach replenishment funds. There is no guarantee this will be funded so please contact your DC representatives to ask for their support: <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/>

2. Dune Planting

- Dune planting is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at 10am. We plan to meet at the Susan Avenue entrance.
- Due to many date conflicts this year, we are planting earlier than normal and this is affecting the availability of plants but we will hopefully be able to plant more than one entrance.
- For those of you who missed the news, our dune planting instructional video has been completed and offers a detailed guide for homeowners to plant their dunes. The video received tremendous coverage in The Sandpaper and is also available on the HTA website:

<https://www.thesandpaper.net/articles/holgate-taxpayers-association-creates-instructional-dune-planting-video/>

<https://www.holgatetaxpayers.org/web/dune-vegetation-project/>

3. Spring Clean-up

- Trustee Dan Macone will once again be captaining our annual HTA Spring Clean-up on Saturday, May 23 (Memorial Day weekend). We will provide a sign-up sheet in advance and please plan to meet that morning at 8am in the Refuge parking lot. Chef Extraordinaire Yanni Kaloudis will again be making breakfast sandwiches fresh on the grill and there will be plenty of coffee.
- Holgate will be divided into 5 sections so we need 5 teams of volunteers to cover the entire community.

4. Fly Traps

- John Prochazka and Joe Chieffo plan to have all HTA traps out by the end of May and will need volunteers to help with placement, particularly on the South end. Please let us know if you can help.
- We are trying to confirm with Ocean County that they have actually ordered traps for placement on the mainland. This is a critical next step in our efforts to control the flies on LBI.

5. Regional School Tax Update

- There remains no consensus among the LBI mayors to fund a feasibility study into options for our regional school system. We greatly appreciate Mayor Mancini's willingness to share the cost of the study if the other mayors will participate. The Joint Council of Taxpayers

Associations continues to work with their respective mayors, commissioners, and councils in an effort to move this forward.

6. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates

- Mother's Day Hot Air Balloon event in Bayview Park planned for weekend of May 9-10.
- A Fire Department Commission has been proposed by Commissioner Lattanzi in an effort to preserve the all-volunteer system the island currently enjoys. Agreement is needed by other municipalities and discussions are ongoing. We would face a significant tax increase if fire/EMT becomes a paid service.
- Lifeguards: 94% of the needed 205 lifeguards have been hired so we are on track for the Summer.
- Beach badges shack is now open every day from 9am - 3pm.
- No changes anticipated for shuttles, gators, LBT concert programs.
- 2 bulldozers are working daily to push sand back onto the dunes and to allow LBT to create accesses; all beaches should be open for Memorial Day.
- Boulevard construction may last into June due to continuing needed infrastructure work.
- LBT's World Cup party watch in Bayview Park set for June 19th USMNT game.
- LBT planning first PizzaFest for Fall. Details to follow.

7. Relevant Ordinances Passed on Second Reading

- **None**
- *Adopted ordinances in the process of being incorporated in the Township's code can be found*

here: <https://ecode360.com/laws/LO1479> and are also attached to the meeting agendas found under the Government section of the LBT website

8. Relevant Ordinances Moved on First Reading

- *Note: Ordinances 04, 05, and 06 relating to affordable housing are required by the State of New Jersey. However it is the Township's opinion that the tracts that are identified as being eligible for affordable housing are too small to attract development interest.*
- **26-03** This 14-page ordinance covers a multitude of topics: block parties (frequency, street closures & application process), film production permits, and rental requirements for use of Township property, the application process and appropriate fees
- **26-04** Fulfills the requirement that a municipal code must state its compliance with the Uniform Housing Affordability Controls, specifically that 20% of the proposed development be set aside for affordable housing
- **26-05** Creates an overlay zoning district in two tracts to accommodate affordable housing within the Township. Within the overlay, multi-family residential use is permitted with a density of no more than 20 dwelling units per acre, and all uses are permitted within the general commercial zone with a mixed-use building on the ground floor with residential units on the upper floors
- **26-06** Establishes affordable housing development fees for residential and non-residential properties and creates an affordable housing trust fund pursuant to state requirements
- **26-07** Responds to the increase in the cost of building a water treatment and well facilities by authorizing the issuance of a second \$3.5mm bond and amending the original ordinance (22-18) to reflect the total

expenditure for this project. Unfortunately, the cost of the project has significantly increased in the intervening 3½ years. This new ordinance would amend the original ordinance to reflect the total cost of \$7mm.

- **26-08** Authorizes issuance of a \$7mm bond to fund water main replacement in North Beach
 - **26-09** Confirms that LBT capital reserve funds were used by LBT to purchase the property at Block 1.86 Lot 4 in Holgate for a public purpose.
- *First-reading ordinances can be viewed at the Clerk's office in LBT Town Hall.*

9. Important Reminders for Homeowners Who Rent

- **LBT Required Registration for Rental Homes:** Annual registration is required for all rental property owners in Long Beach Township. Rental properties must register and pay the \$100 fee within 30 days of starting or renewing your liability insurance policy. <https://www.longbeachtownship.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/2025-Business-and-Rental-application-updated.pdf>
- **Required Fire Marshall Inspection for Rental Homes:** Annual fire inspections are required for all properties rented seasonally. To remain in compliance, please complete the inspection application online at: oceancountyfiremarshal.com. Once the application is submitted, you will receive a confirmation email. After the application is received, the Marshall's office will contact you to schedule the inspection.

10. Save the Dates

- HTA Dune Planting: Saturday, May 2, 10am (Location: Susan Avenue + TBD)
- Beach Haven Fire Department Fundraiser: Saturday, May 2, 1-6pm (Veterans Memorial Park)
- HTA Spring Clean-up: Saturday, May 23, 8am (Refuge Parking Lot)
- HTA Welcome Back Concert: May 23, 4-6pm (Bond's Park by the tennis court)
- LBT Town-wide Yard Sales: May 23 and July 4 (permits required)
- HTA 2nd Annual Mini Golf Tourney: June 6, 9am (Mr. Tees in Beach Haven)
- HTA Spring Membership Meeting: June 6, 1pm (Marine Field Station on Osborn)
- HTA Tunes By the Dunes: Every Thursday evening starting June 25 (Wooden Jetty)
- HTA Fall Member BBQ: Saturday, September 5 (note: *this is Labor Day Saturday*)

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