

June 2026 Newsletter

We hope everyone is starting to settle in for a fun and relaxing Summer!

We've asked this before, but please consider becoming an HTA trustee as this is becoming a more critical issue. We have 3 open seats and are hopeful of having at least one candidate in our next election which will be held in late August and early September.

To become a candidate, you must obtain 10 member signatures on a nominating petition and submit the petition by August

1: <https://www.holgatetaxpayers.org/web/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/TrusteeNominationForm.pdf>

Have a great July 4th and please consider joining us on the Board this year!

Your HTA Trustees

June Highlights

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Updates

1. Beach Conditions

- Beaches remain in relatively good condition, except for some beaches on the south end at high tide. However, this does not mean that people should be damaging the dunes there. If you see people sliding on and degrading a dune, please speak to them or report it to a lifeguard. And if people are not polite about it, please call the LBT Police.
- Please contact your DC representatives to ask for their support for replenishment funding: <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/>

2. Lifeguards

- HTA member Mary Humphries reached out regarding the lack of lifeguards in Holgate yesterday compared to other LBT communities. In the past, this has been reported to be because of piping plovers and lifeguard availability but we have reached out to the Township for an explanation. Note: There is better coverage today.
- The current lifeguard coverage is listed here (note: subject to change on daily basis): <https://lbtbp.com/>

3. Spring Clean-up

- As previously communicated via email and FB posts, the Spring Clean-up was canceled due to a bad weather forecast. It has been rescheduled for September 19 in partnership with ALO and the Forsythe Refuge.

4. Dune Planting

- Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Spring planting because plants were not available. Last Winter's extended freezing temperatures and flooding, especially in the southern growing states, severely limited plant supply.
- Our goal is to come back stronger in the Fall and we will communicate a date as soon as we have one.

5. Greenhead Fly Traps

- As you know, the traps could not be located in the marshes according to NJ DEP. We have filed for permits and are hoping to hear back from DEP within the next week. If we can get the permits, our goal is to move at least some traps back into the marshes this Summer.
- Please be on the lookout for a Call for Volunteers if we learn we can move the traps.
- 33 traps built by HTA member Tom Beaty were picked up by Ocean County for deployment on the mainland. We are hopeful that these traps prove extremely effective and are part of a much larger County program in the future.

6. Beach Toy Boxes and Lowe's Promotion

- Thanks to Trustee Jeff Lipman and his group of volunteers, there are toy boxes at each beach entrance this year. If your child needs a toy, they are free to borrow one. If you find toys left on the beach (or hiding in your garage) please add them to the box.
- Trustee Dan Macone spotted a special promotion at Lowe's. If you are a My Lowe's rewards member and are planning to be in the store on July 4 at 10am, you will have the opportunity to pick up a free beach bucket that should also contain some beach toys. These would make a nice addition to our toy boxes. Check your My Lowe's account for local availability. Promotion is limited to the first 150 people.

7. HTA Spring Membership Meeting

- Commissioner Joe Lattanzi and Sustainability Director Angela Andersen spoke to our members on June 6 at the Marine Field Station.
- Commissioner Lattanzi emphasized LBT's low tax rate, efforts to support the volunteer status of our first responders and the continued success of our gator and shuttle programs.

8. JCTA Update

- The Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations has produced updated bicycle safety cards which have been distributed to local bike rental shops. The cards include current information regarding e-bike registration and insurance requirements.

- The Long Beach Island Foundation of the Arts and Sciences made a presentation of the many programs that are offered year round. Please be sure to explore their offerings: <https://lbifoundation.org/>

9. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates

- As bad as the Boulevard was this Spring, LBT was able to get the County to at least temporarily repave most areas and the result is pretty good. However, construction will continue in the Fall. Longer term, there is a possibility of having the County completely repave the Boulevard in 2027.
- The Township's new drone has been tested and is in service. The drone has the ability to drop a life preserver to someone who is in distress in the water.
- In response to homeowner requests, LBT is likely to reduce sewer charges for duplexes to match the charge for a single family home. This change is expected to take place in Q1 2027
- All Township recreation events are posted on the LBT website calendar: https://www.longbeachtownship.com/?post_type=tribe_events

10. Relevant Ordinances Passed on Second Reading

- **26-10C** Revises regulations for demolishing existing structures and building new on undersized, non-conforming lots, revises site plan requirements based on the extent of planned alternations & construction, and defines under what conditions change of use requires new site plan submission and approval. In essence, an existing structure on an undersized, non-conforming lot, can be replaced it as

long as it conforms to existing regulations without the need (and expense) to come before the Land Use Board.

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

11. Relevant Ordinances Moved on First Reading

- None

First-reading ordinances can be viewed at the Clerk's office in LBT Town Hall.

12. Save the Dates

- LBT Town-wide Yard Sale: July 4 (permit required)
- 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*)
- HTA Fall Clean-up: Saturday, September 19, 10am
- HTA Fall Dune Planting: Date TBD

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