

HTA July 2026 Newsletter

We write to you this month with deep sadness after the recent passing of longtime trustee, Bob White.

Bob was a great guy. We relied on him tremendously in the HTA. He was always there to make sure we were doing all the things we needed to do - a gentle reminder of a deadline approaching or an issue that we had to more fully consider.

Because his work with the HTA was more behind the scenes compared to the trustees who organize our public events, his contributions may not have been as well known. He was our Recording Secretary for many years and faithfully kept the minutes of our meetings. Bob also chaired the Nominating Committee and we worked closely together on trustee recruitment and elections.

When he first told us about his illness, he offered to resign. I told him he had a seat on the board as long as I was there. And when he finally stepped down, he still wanted to be involved to support the work of the nominating committee. Up until this past week, we continued to benefit from his input on these matters.

On the personal side, Bob was a fantastic husband, father and grandfather. He was also a proud Ohio State grad. Each Fall, we would talk when there was a big game coming up and I would tell him I hoped they would do well. That was of course unless they were playing Michigan State (my wife's alma mater) or Rutgers, even if those games were rarely in doubt. But he definitely had my support vs Michigan.

Bob was a model citizen who made a huge contribution to our community. We will miss him very much both as a friend and as someone who loved Holgate.

Rand on behalf of your HTA Trustees

July Highlights

1. Beach Conditions (and Lifeguards)
2. Planned Municipal Construction
3. Fall Clean-up (Refuge)
4. Fall Dune Planting
5. Greenhead Fly Traps
6. Beach Toy Boxes
7. HTA Fall Barbecue
8. HTA Trustees Election
9. JCTA Update
10. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates
11. Relevant Township Ordinances Passed on Second Reading
12. Relevant Township Ordinances Moved on First Reading
13. Save The Dates

Updates

- 1. Beach Conditions (and Lifeguards)**

- Beaches remain in relatively good condition although there have been some reports of spotty lifeguard coverage. While the lifeguard force is fully staffed there are times when lifeguards call out sick and this might impact an area. From what we can tell, this has affected all LBI communities and seems to resolve in a day or so.
- The current lifeguard coverage is listed here (note: subject to change on daily basis): <https://lbtbp.com/>
- Please continue to contact your DC representatives to ask for their support for replenishment funding: <https://www.commoncause.org/find-your-representative/?>

2. Planned Municipal Construction

- The Township has two significant projects in the planning stages which may commence this Fall.
- The water tower yard contains old buildings which must be rebuilt and raised. In addition, there is ongoing work on the wells to maintain our water quality. According to the Township, while the water quality was constantly tested and remained safe to use, there were times when the coloration of the water was not acceptable. Building plans should be available for review in the Construction office.
- In great need of more storage space (for example, lifeguard chairs were left out all winter), the Township is looking to add a pole barn structure near the sewer pumping station at the end of Janet. We understand this structure would be approximately 24' tall so it will likely be much shorter than a new home would be.

3. Fall Clean-up

- The Fall Clean-up will take place September 19 at 10am in partnership with ALO and the Forsythe Refuge. The meeting place is the wooden jetty at the end of the southernmost parking lot.
- Please bring gloves. The HTA will supply refreshments.
- This is a great family activity and a rare opportunity to walk the Refuge, including over to the bay side for spectacular views.

4. Fall Dune Planting

- We are scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 10am. Meeting and planting locations are TBD.
- While we will order our usual plants from Reynolds, we also have the opportunity to transplant various small pines and bayberries from an empty lot that is up for development.
- *For oceanfront owners, this is an excellent time to plan for planting your dunes in the Fall. Mid-to-late September planting allows for the plants to grow while you still have water running at your home. For a step-by-step guide to greening your dune, see our video at: <https://www.holgatetaxpayers.org/web/dune-vegetation-project/>*

5. Greenhead Fly Traps

- The good news is we were able to obtain DEP permission to return our traps to the marshes. Just in time as these traps have been buzzing.

- The only concern going forward is we cannot bait these traps as this requires a separate permit. We are investigating this for next year but please be assured the traps work very well without bait.
- We are also awaiting Ocean County's report on the location of the 33 mainland traps so we can inspect them. It has already been a bad greenhead season on the mainland so we are hoping to find full traps there.

6. Beach Toy Boxes

- Our beach toy boxes have proven to be quite popular, thanks to the work of trustee Jeff Lipman. Please let us know if the box at your entrance needs toys.
- Also, we all seem to accumulate extra toys by the end of the summer. If so, please consider donating them to the HTA so Jeff can have a good supply going into the 2027 season.

7. HTA Fall Barbecue

- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** Our popular Fall Member BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, September 5 from 5-7pm at Bond's park next to the tennis court. Hot burgers and dogs will again be served and we will continue to have live music for your enjoyment.

8. Trustee Election

- We have three candidates for our three open trustee positions: Nick Dottino, Dave McCarthy and John Prochazka. You will receive an email with a link to an electronic ballot in late August. Please remember there is only one vote per member household.

9. JCTA Update

- A key issue receiving attention is the activation of the BESS lithium battery in the center of Beach Haven. While the goal is to store electricity to be tapped for high usage periods, there is significant concern about the project's safety. Should the batteries catch fire, they are reported to be unable to be extinguished. And while they burn out, there is a concern about toxic gases being created.

10. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates

- Commissioner Joe Lattanzi announced that Ocean County tax rates have been finalized. Our total tax rate – county and LBT, all in – is \$0.997 per \$100 of assessed value and is the lowest in Ocean County and among the lowest in New Jersey. Here are the components, per \$100 of assessed value:

	This Year	Last Year
County tax	\$0.431	\$0.385
County library	\$0.043	\$0.039
Open space	\$0.018	\$0.016

Regional school district \$0.239 \$0.212

(Southern Regional School District)

Local school district \$0.042 \$0.041

(LBI Consolidated School District)

Municipal tax \$0.214 \$0.210

Municipal open space \$0.010 \$0.010

- **LBT Curfew.** Curfew hours have not changed from last year for those younger than 18 years of age unaccompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Mayor Joe Mancini announced that enforcement this year is taking a bit of a different approach: Young people who are violating the curfew rules will be escorted to the police station where they will wait for their parents to come pick them up. A fine most likely will also be involved.

In public places & on streets 10:00 pm – 5:00 am

On any LBT beach 9:00 pm – 5:00 am

- The Township's new drone has proven to be very successful and two additional drones have been purchased to allow greater coverage of LBI.
- Commissioner Lattanzi reported on efforts to support the volunteer status of our first responders and the continued success of our gator and shuttle programs.
- All Township recreation events are posted on the LBT website calendar: https://www.longbeachtownship.com/?post_type=tribe_events

11. 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

12. Relevant Ordinances Moved on First Reading

- **26-11C** This ordinance proposes three specific changes:
 1. Eliminates two sections in an existing regulation pertaining to zoning because of duplication elsewhere in the Township Code;
 2. Creates a No-Knock Registry for which property owners can sign up to confirm that uninvited trespass on their property for the purpose of soliciting is not permitted with permit requirements and penalties for violations; and
 3. Adjusts fees for solicitors' permits, exempts charitable organizations from the fee requirement (but not the permit requirement); establishes a No-Knock registration fee at \$5.

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

13. Save the Dates

- HTA Tunes By the Dunes: Every Thursday evening (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: Saturday, September 26, 10am

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