

HTA August 2026 Newsletter

Big things are coming in the next month and we would appreciate your immediate attention to the following:

1. Please vote in the Trustee Election and to approve the HTA 2026 Budget (Aug. 28-Sept. 2)
2. Sign up for Fall BBQ (Sept. 5)
3. Sign up for Fall Clean-up (Sept. 19)

Please see below for more information and the links below.

Your HTA Trustees

August Highlights

1. Beach Conditions (and Lifeguards)
2. Vote in HTA Trustees Election
3. Vote to Approve the HTA 2026 Budget
4. Sign Up for Fall BBQ
5. Sign Up for Fall Clean-up (Refuge)
6. Fall Dune Planting
7. Greenhead Fly Traps
8. Beach Toy Boxes
9. JCTA Update
10. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates
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- 13. Save The Dates

Updates

1. Beach Conditions and Lifeguards

- Beaches remain in relatively good condition although we have had several discussions with the Township about lifeguard coverage. Overall, the Township now has less than 25% of the normal numbers of lifeguards. And when the guards call out sick, it is usually the morning of their duty when it becomes difficult to move guards around the Island. While we understand the situation, we still asked for Holgate to receive the same general coverage as other LBT communities.
- The current lifeguard coverage is listed here (note: subject to change on daily basis): <https://lbtbp.com/>

2. Vote in HTA Trustees Election

- We have 5 incumbents and 3 excellent new candidates for this year's election. Please be sure to vote by using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7YPT5Z8>
- Also note that in addition to voting on trustees, we are asking you to review and approve the 2026 HTA budget.
- Voting is open until September 2; please vote early (but not often).
- Candidate bios are here for your review: <https://www.holgatetaxpayers.org/web/candidates-for-trustee-2026/>

- Only one voter per household, which should come from the designated HTA member in your family. If we receive more than one vote, only the first vote will be counted.

3. Vote to Approve the HTA 2026 Budget

- While the budget was approved in the Spring Membership meeting, upon review we did not have a quorum. Please review the budget here: <https://www.holgatetaxpayers.org/web/2026-hta-budget/>
- You should vote on the budget as part of the Trustee Election vote as noted in #2 above.
- As with the trustee election, only one voter per household, which should come from the designated HTA member in your family.
- Please note, we are significantly underspent so far this year due to the weather-related cancellation of some events but expect to spend closer to budget by year end.

4. Sign Up for Fall Barbecue

- Our popular Fall Member BBQ is scheduled for Saturday, September 5 from 4-6 pm at Bond's park next to the tennis court. Burgers, hot dogs, salads and more will again be served and we will continue to have live music (James Gate) for your enjoyment.
- *We would greatly appreciate if you would sign up by September 1 so we can plan our food order.*
- Sign up link: <https://evite.me/1kRv4CAd9R>

5. Sign Up for Fall Clean-up

- The Fall Clean-up will take place Saturday, September 19 at 10am in partnership with ALO and the Forsythe Refuge. The meeting place is the wooden jetty at the end of the southern-most parking lot.
- Register here: <https://givebutter.com/edwin-b-forsythe-national-wildlife...>
- 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.

6. Fall Dune Planting

- We are scheduled for Saturday, September 26 at 10am. Meeting and planting locations are TBD and will be available early in September when we send out a sign-up sheet for this event.
- 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 development.
- For oceanfront owners: *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/>*

7. 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.

8. Beach Toy Boxes

- If you have accumulated extra toys by the end of the summer please consider donating them to the HTA so we can have a good supply going into the 2027 season.

9. JCTA Update

- A key issue receiving attention is the activation of the BESS lithium battery in the center of Beach Haven. The goal is to store electricity to be tapped for high usage periods. This technology has been used safely in many places in the US.
- However, there is also local concern about the project's safety. Should the batteries catch fire, they are reported to be difficult to be extinguished. You can find more information on the Beach Haven TA website: <https://www.bhtaxpayers.org/battery-information>

10. LBT Commissioners Meeting Updates

- The Township's first-ever PIZZAFEST will be held on Sunday, September 13, from 12-4pm in the Township parking lot in Brant Beach. <https://www.longbeachtownship.com/event/pizza-fest/>
- Municipal Building will be closed on September 7, Labor Day.

- 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

- **26-11C** This ordinance contains 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.

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

- **None**

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

13. Save the Dates

- HTA Tunes By the Dunes: Thursday, August 27, 6:30pm (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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