



SHORELINES

Editor: Mackenzie Sikora

Message from the President

Colin Walsh

2024 Elections

**Submit nominations to
Colin Walsh at
colin.walsh@hbca.org**

Any active member in good standing may nominate himself / herself or any other active member in good standing for any office or directorship.

**Voting will take place at
the annual meeting on
Thursday, November 2**

Interested in nominating yourself or someone in the community?

Full details inside.

Remember to vote!



Happy Fall everyone! As we enter another Fall season, I wanted to reflect on another great summer at HBCA. Membership rose to 460 members, just over last year's total, which is very encouraging for the future of our community.

I hope you all got to enjoy our many activities and events throughout the summer, including Lobsterfest, Family Day and of course Summer Rec for the young ones. While the beach season is over, we have more events for you all to enjoy, such as the Family Campout and Bonfire, 5K Run, and the Family Halloween Party. Obviously, the weather has not totally cooperated with us for the past few weekends, so we appreciate your patience if and when we need to reschedule various events.

As always, I want to thank all our neighborhood volunteers who work so hard to make these events a success. I also want to thank all the volunteers who came down to the beach to help pull the swim float out for the season. This is always a challenging feat to participate in or to just come down to watch. We are always in need of additional volunteers to help our events run smoothly, as well as to ensure they continue for many years to come, so please do not be shy if you are willing and able to join in on our event planning.

A few updates that I want to share for this fall include the ongoing boat ramp repair. I know this has been a lengthy process, but it is starting to move forward and soon enough HBCA will have a new and safe boat ramp. I am also excited to announce that we are in the early stages of a fundraising initiative to raise the necessary funds to replace the beach playground, which, like the boat ramp, is past its prime and in need of replacement. These are both critical infrastructure projects for the beach in order to ensure our facilities remain safe for all to play and enjoy.

In that vein, we will be looking to hold various events over the next year to help raise the necessary funds, so please keep an eye out for these fundraisers and we look forward to the community's support.

Finally, now that we have entered the fourth quarter, we are looking ahead to next year and will soon be voting on the 2024 Board of Directors. The slate of nominations is published within this edition of the Shorelines. The next General Membership Meeting will be held on November 2nd and we encourage members to come down to get involved and make their voices heard.

Until then, I hope you are all enjoying the crisper Fall weather!

Letter from the Editor

Mackenzie Sikora

To the Shorelines readers,

It is my privilege to share with you the Fall 2023 issue. Thank you to all those who reached out to contribute and help shape the pages of this newsletter.

Do you have an interest in writing, design, publishing? A memory to share? An idea? Comment? Email me at shorelines@hbca.org. I'd love to hear from you.

Cheers to the memories to unfold, and the stories to be told!

Upcoming 2023 Events

Annual Family Campout

Saturday, October 14, 4:00pm to Sunday, October 15, 8:00am

Enjoy a fun family campout on the beach! \$20 per family. No glass, please!

Annual Bonfire & S'mores

Saturday, October 14, 7:00pm to 11:00pm

5K Run / Walk

Saturday, October 21, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Invite your friends & family to partake in one of the hilliest 5Ks on the island!

Family Halloween Costume Party

Saturday, October 28, 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Enjoy a "spooktacular" party, to include costume & pumpkin carving contests!

General Meeting (& Election Voting!)

Thursday, November 2, 7:30pm

A quarterly open invitation for all HBCA members to attend a monthly Board meeting. Join your neighbors and the Board of Directors to listen in on what's happening and have your voice heard.

Ladies Ornament Exchange

Friday, December 8, 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Bring an ornament to exchange (\$10 max), an app / dessert to share, and enjoy!

Pancakes with Santa

Saturday, December 9, 9:00am to 11:00am

HBCA Cocoa Crawl

Friday, December 15 to Sunday, December 17 (all weekend)

HBCA Board of Directors 2024 Nominees

The HBCA Nominating Committee was formed in accordance with the HBCA by-laws and nominates the following members to serve on the 2024 board of directors.

Additional nominations may be submitted to President Colin Walsh at colin.walsh@hbca.org.

Voting will take place at the annual meeting on November 2, 2023.

Officers

President: Colin Walsh
 1st Vice President: Chris Forstbauer
 2nd Vice President: Luella Semmes
 Treasurer: Rick Puccinelli
 Financial Secretary: Vincent Ruelle
 Recording Secretary: Alexandra Martinez
 Director at Large: Alex Borg
 Security: Lee Danuff Wieser
 Buildings & Grounds: John Lopez
 Summer Recreation: Hildi Stanford
 Boating: Rich Wrede
 Water Safety: Thom Hessel
 Assistant Water Safety: Kim Stevenson

District Directors

District #1: Andrew Stevenson
 District #2: Ryan Schlotter
 District #3: Chris Sikora
 District #4: Emmett McDonough
 District #5: Brian Puccinelli
 District #6: Chris Lau
 District #7: Bob Caffine
 District #8: Cindy Forstbauer
 District #9: Janet Gritzka
 District #10: Matt Gai
 District #11: Vida Hettenbach

Roles & Responsibilities to Consider

Interested in getting involved, but unsure of where you best fit? Read more details:

President: Ensures that everything runs smoothly and according to the by-laws. Supports the directors to carry out their respective functions. Drives all initiatives, ensures annual events are scheduling & planned, & oversees maintenance, construction, & safety on HBCA grounds and district boundaries. Hosts monthly board meetings & leads discussion on topics.

1st / 2nd Vice President: Supports the President & directors to keep the beach clean, safe & fun! Helps promote fundraising campaigns.

Treasurer: Financial forecasting and budgeting. Works with each executive board member to forecast annual expenses. Provides monthly board meeting reports to highlight year-to-date status of all expenses. Generates payments to vendors or contractors on behalf of the board.

Recording Secretary: Keeper of all documentation, votes, approvals, & actions taken at monthly board meetings. Takes meeting minutes; circulates & requests approvals of prior minutes from the board.

Roles & Responsibilities to Consider... Cont.

Security: Promotes general public safety on HBCA grounds and safeguards all HBCA assets. Knowledgeable about public safety protocols & implements preventative measures to maintain year-round security. Works with key board members during the busy season to secure front gate entry. Most likely first responder to any issues on HBCA grounds; coordinates a plan of action, if not immediately available.

Building & Grounds: Gatekeeper to the beach (literally!). Promotes general improvements & safety of the HBCA beach grounds & casino. Has a keen eye for areas in need of TLC. Skilled in handling repairs, coordinating construction, hiring local contractors & facilitating capital improvement projects with the board. Available to manage the front entry gate at the beginning & close of the day. Coordinates a team to launch & winterize the swim float.

Summer Rec: Plans & organizes all daytime activities for the HBCA summer camp. Hires onsite vendors, CITs, counselors, & adult volunteers to assist with the program. Secures equipment, apparel, & materials necessary to carry out activities. Works with the Treasurer to manage registration, payroll, & budgets.

Water Safety: Leads & promotes water safety & medical preparedness at the beach & during Summer Rec. Coordinates hiring summer lifeguards & ensures proper training in water safety, CPR & medical equipment. Keeps a schedule of daily tasks for the lifeguards, including raking the sea grass & keeping restrooms & common areas tidy.

Boating: Monitors the docs & waterways. The central contact for boating operations, memberships, & commercial boating members. Ensures the dock, pier, boat ramp & dinghies are in tip-top shape, year round. Oversees any needed repairs & improvements.

Financial Secretary: Monitors HBCA memberships & generated annual income. Works with other key board members to ensure that event participants are members in good standing. Reports membership & income at monthly board meetings.

District Director: 1 per each of HBCA's 11 districts. Neighborhood representatives who report on any news & points of interest affecting their districts during monthly board meetings. Can offer assistance & contribute ideas to HBCA events throughout the year. Have voting rights on any subject matters brought to the board's attention. Assistant District Directors can be appointed for additional support, and will attend monthly board meetings when the District Director is unavailable. A great way to get involved, learn about the community, and work with a fun group of talented leaders!

FAMILY DAY 2023

Thank you to Pete Hahn and all who made family day a great success!

SWIMMING RACES

GIRLS 4&5

Sophia Manzella

Olivia Wiese

Arianna Vogt

GIRLS 6&7

Jilian Bemiss

Bridget McGrath

Henly Paige

GIRLS 8&9

Emlyn Paige

Mary McGrath

Julia Hessel

GIRLS 10&11

RUNNING RACES

GIRLS 4&UNDER

Arianna Vogt

Olivia Wiese

Camille Simon

Maya Blatt

GIRLS 12-14

Callie Schomburg

BOYS 4&5

Brodie Borg

Everett George

BOYS 6&7

Greyson Blatt

Taylor Johnides

Jackson Borg

BOYS 8&9

Finn McDonough

Max Pirro

Marco Level



BOYS 10&11

Peter Rossi

Dylan Lakhani

BOYS 12-14

Tyler Blatt

Dallas Calberone

Leyton Schomburg

ISLAND SWIM

GIRLS

Callie Schomburg

Emlyn Paige

Julia Hessel

BOYS

Tyler Blatt

GIRLS 7&8

Lucy Mandella

Bridgette McGrath

Jilian Bemiss



Leyton Schomburg

Dylan Lakhana

ISLAND SWIM - ADULTS

WOMEN

Ani O'Brien

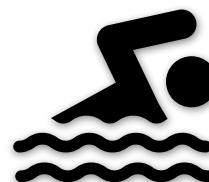
Ashleigh Vogt

MEN

Patrick O'Brien

Todd Irelli

Dan McGrath



GIRLS 9&10

Emlyn Paige

Sadie Orelli

Jade Calderone

GIRLS 11&12

Charlotte Mangillo

Siena Orelli

Special Thanks to Masters of Ceremonies Gene Kinney and his assistant Catherine Horner; Race Starter Katy Hahn Schomburg; Judges Jim Cox, Brian Puccinelli, and P.J. Hahn; Island Swim Boat Lead Bobby Hahn; Jeff Robinson and his pavilion crew; and lifeguards Natalie Greco, Nate Smith, Alexa Green, and Maeve

FAMILY DAY CONT.

RUNNING CONT.

BOYS 4&UNDER

Landon Borg
Everette George
Niko Sakal

BOYS 5&6

Calvin Schlotter
Bodie Borg
Alias Simon

BOYS 7&8

Brodie Schlotter
Marco Level
Max Pirro

BOYS 9&10

Max Hasher
Finn McDonough
Carter Doherty

BOYS 11&12

Leyton Schomburg
Emmet Conroy
Dillon Lakhani

GIRLS 13-16

Callie Schomburg

BOYS 13-16

Patrick O'Brien
Tyler Blatt

GIRLS 17 & OLDER

Cristine Borg
Liz Hasher

Diana Rodriguez

BOYS 17&OLDER

Michael Cattaneo
P.J. Hahn
Addison Paige

3-LEGGED RACE

MOTHER /

DAUGHTER

Katy Hahn
Schomburg & Callie
Schomburg
Thayer & Sadie
Orelli

Becky & Charlotte
Mangillo

FATHER / SON

Matt & Leyton
Schomburg
Travis & Taylor
Johnides
Mark & Declan
Mueller

WHEEL BARROW

RACE

GIRLS

Callie Schomburg &
Sadie Orelli
Maya Blatt & Juliet
Aerne

Harper Aerne &
Arianna Level

BOYS

Dylan Lakhani &
Peter Rossi
Luke Hasher & Tyler
Blatt

Max Hasher &
Marco Level

SACK RACE

GIRLS 5&6

Aurelia Vogt
Arianna Level
Harper Aerne

GIRLS 7&8

Bridgette McGrath
Stella Sakal
Edie Ouzel

GIRLS 9&10

Sadie Orelli
Juliet Aerne
Larkin Conroy

GIRLS 11-14

Callie Schomburg
Charlotte Mangillo
Siena Irelli

BOYS 5&6

Calvin Schlotter
Brodie Borg
Jackson Wiese

BOYS 7&8

Marco Level
Bode Schlotter
Taylor Johnides

BOYS 9&10

Max Hasher
Peter Rossi

BOYS 11-14

Leyton Schomburg
Luke Hasher
Tyler Blatt

BEST BEACH MOM

Elenor Hayes (15.2
seconds)

EGG TOSS

Katy Hahn
Schomburg & Matt
Schomburg

BLUE ROCK HUNT

Mason Johnides &
Landon Borg (52)
Camille Simon (35)
Carter Hahn (34)



HBCA HAPPENINGS

Paint Night



Special thanks to Melissa Johnides for hosting HBCA's second Paint Night! The event was a highly attended, smashing success. Guided by Melissa, residents showed off their talent and creative skills in painting a sunset sky. We look forward to the next event!



Lobsterfest

A summer squall couldn't stop our community from enjoying the biggest beach party of the year! This year's Lobsterfest was a great celebration (and fun homage to Animal House).

Special thanks to Christine Borg, the board, and all HBCA community volunteers who helped bring this year's vision to life.

Cheers to another Lobsterfest in the books!



WE'RE HIRING: HBCA Beach Gate Security for Summer 2024

Currently accepting applications for 16 years of age & up (retirees also welcome!)

Email Lee Danuff Wieser at ldanuff@gmail.com with Q's or to be considered

For consideration, please share Name, Address, Phone, Age, Availability (including when school ends / begins, if applicable). Shifts typically run from 9am to 3pm and 3pm to 9pm.

Must be able to walk to gates, move / replace cones to allow vehicles to enter / leave beach lot, lock boat ramp, monitor guest passes, open and lock bathrooms, and be comfortably assertive to enforce HBCA policies.

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

The Beautification Committee

Janet Gritzka & Loy Norris



Beautification is defined by Webster as "the action or process of improving the appearance of a person or place." The Beautification Committee does a lot of work to enhance and improve the appearance of the casino and the beach. We hope you agree that we have successfully applied this definition to the grounds of HBCA.

Every spring, in early May, we purchase and plant Mandevilla plants in the six pots, flowers in the guard shack flower box, and flowers in the bed in front of the "rock." With the help of the guard staff watering daily, they all survive. We also provide flowers at the Memorial Park on Harrison for the parade on Memorial Day. These all require a little weeding and TLC during the summer.

Other past projects include the Memorial Park, which was enhanced over time with mulch, hostas and a new fence. Last year, all the weeds between the pavilion and parking lot were removed, new dirt installed and hostas and beach grass planted. We also planted hydrangeas in the traffic circle bed and worked with Van Cott Nursery to choose the plants placed in front of the Casino. Years ago, planter boxes were built to serve as a barrier between the beach and parking lot. There were several planting attempts, but nothing survived the harsh conditions. Then the boxes were dug out, new dirt was added, landscape material was placed and 50 junipers that could survive in a salt air environment were planted and mulched. They provide a vibrant green cover to the boxes, and are a real asset to the beach. They do require water during droughts, but very little TLC in between.

The Committee, however, is a very small, aging committee, and there are times, especially in the early Spring, when an extra hand would be appreciated. If you have any interest in lending a hand, please contact:

Janet Gritzka - jamsg1030@gmail.com

Loy Norris - nloy94@yahoo.com



SHORELINES SHOUTOUTS



Congratulations to Cathy and Jimmy Johnides, who welcomed grandchild number 5! Avery Kane Phyto was born on August 20th. He will join his very happy and excited first cousins Taylor and Mason Johnides and Stella and Niko Sakal.

**Did you know
HBCA is on
Instagram?
Follow @hbcanyc
& don't forget to
like and share!**

Helpers for Hire

Cameron Gai (13)

516-658-3288

Dog walking and checking
in on pets

Sadie MacDevitt (18)

631-769-7710

Dog sitting and
babysitting

Declan MacDevitt (22)

631-987-0479

Dog sitting, house sitting,
and babysitting. Available
full time after December
15th.

Hartley Semmes (16)

631-223-9779

Trumpet lessons
(Marching & Jazz Band
experience)

Finn MacDevitt (24)

631-388-1644

Guitar/Singing gigs for
parties

Julia Somers (16)

631-425-9821 or

631-530-6841

Babysitting, Mother's
Helper, pet sitting

Padraig MacDevitt (17)

631-388-2219

Dog sitting, house sitting
&
babysitting

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