



SHORELINES

Editor: Mackenzie Sikora

Message from the President

Chris Forstbauer

SAVE THE DATE

LOBSTERFEST

Saturday, July 25, 6-11pm

Join us for our biggest party and fundraiser of the year!

Adults only. Enjoy live entertainment, great food, raffles & a few new big surprises.

See inside to purchase tickets, or visit hbca.org/lobsterfest.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

With summer here, I want to send my warmest wishes to everyone in our community. This season is a special time when neighbors catch up, families come together, and our community is full of activity, friendship, and shared traditions.

We hope the weather stays nice so we can all enjoy the beach, outdoor activities, and the events planned for this season. Summer brings people together, and we look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new ones at our community gatherings.

Our events succeed because of your support and participation. Whether you attend, volunteer, help plan, or just stop by to say hello, you help build our community spirit. I encourage everyone to join in when you can and enjoy everything summer has to offer.

To keep up with upcoming events, announcements, and community updates, visit our website and sign up for our mailing list at www.hbca.org/mailling-list. This is the best way to stay in the loop and not miss any news or chances to join in.

On behalf of the Community Association, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy, and fun summer. I hope the next few weeks bring great weather, good company, and lots of memorable moments together.

Sincerely,
Christopher Forstbauer
President, Huntington Beach Community Association

Letter from the Editor

Mackenzie Sikora

To the Shorelines readers,

It is my privilege to share with you the Summer 2026 issue. Thank you to all those who contributed. 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 Events

****Full details of all upcoming events, & any associated fees, are on the [HBCA website](https://hbca.org).****

Lobsterfest

Saturday, July 25, 6:00pm to 11:30pm

Invite your friends and family and come down to the beach, set up a canopy tent with a table and chairs, maybe some tiki torches, and enjoy the live music and friendly neighborhood vibes. Tickets on sale at hbca.org/lobsterfest

Family Day

Saturday, August 1, 10:00am to 2:00pm

Swimming, running and sack races for all ages, pie eating contest, egg toss, blue rock hunt for the young kids and the "famous" Island Swim. Competitions start promptly at 10:00 a.m. BBQ lunch starts around 12:30. Bring cash.

General Meeting

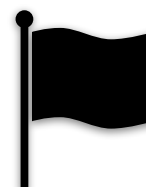
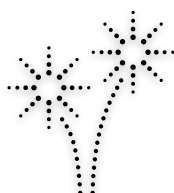
Thursday, August 6, 7:30pm to 9:00pm

This is a quarterly open invitation for all HBCA members to attend one of our monthly Board meetings. Please come down and join your neighbors and the Board of Directors to listen in on what's happening with our association! There will also be plenty of opportunity to express any concerns or requests you have.

Annual Family Campout

Saturday, September 26 to Sunday, September 27, 4:00pm to 8:00am

\$20 per family. No drop-offs; strictly enforced. See you at the beach!



THE NEW & IMPROVED CASINO IS NOW OPEN!



After months of unanticipated delays and paperwork, construction to renovate the Casino began on April 22, one day after HBCA received its building permit, and was completed on July 1, with the final inspection completed on July 3. Given the significantly expanded scope of the work discovered once the demolition began, and the unforeseen issues faced by the contractors and committee, this was an monumental accomplishment.

We thank our expeditor, Christina Fry, for her guidance throughout the project, and DYNOFILIP Construction for working tirelessly, including every weekend, to help us open the building before the start of the season. Their company and crew were exceptional. We also thank Calabrese Construction for the excellent work on the kitchen. Special thanks go to Past President and Committee Co-Chair John O'Brien for serving as our owner's representative throughout the project, offering his expertise throughout every phase of construction. Additionally, a special thank you to Mr. O'Brien, along with Past President and current board Treasurer Brian Puccinelli, who

graciously donated their time to paint the building's interior and complete many other tasks.

From project planning through final design details, the Capital Improvement Committee remained committed and focused, working together to get the job done and create a meeting space our members can be proud of for years to come.

Capital Improvement Committee

Dan Martin, Past President and Co-Chair
John O'Brien, Past President and Co-Chair
Brian Puccinelli, Past President and Treasurer
Chris Forstbauer, President
Lindsey Calabrese, First Vice President
Susan Broshek, District Director



Before Renovation



After Renovation



HBCA  **LOBSTERFEST!**

JULY 25
★ 6PM - 11PM ★

OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!

Jeff's Gourmet RAW BAR!
CLAMS & OYSTERS!

GREAT FOOD!

RAFFLES!

LARGE STAGE
★ for the Band! ★

DANCE FLOOR
on the Beach!

LIVE MUSIC BY
VINYL REVIVAL



TICKETS

★ THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS! ★

 Douglas Elliman SALVATORE AMMIRATI	 MAGNIF A TENT
 Jeff's Gourmet Market	 LONG ISLAND LWS WASTE SERVICE
 Coca-Cola ORIGINAL TASTE	 GO PALM TREES LET THE TREES SET YOU FREE!
 RENEWAL by ANDERSEN FULL-SERVICE WINDOW & DOOR REPLACEMENT	 QUALITY CESSPOOL
 LeafFilter	 APPLIANCE WORLD
 Mercedes-Benz of Huntington	 BORG INSURANCE AGENCY & ASSOCIATES

PURCHASE TICKETS @ HBCA.ORG

SAVING THE HBCA SHORELINE

Beach Renourishment Update



Background

Your Capital Improvement Committee is continuing its work to efficiently lead the charge to maintain and, where needed, restore the Association's physical assets. Our next project is a very important one: Beach Renourishment. At high tide, the water comes within about two feet of the Pavilion, making it unsafe for anyone to walk between the Pavilion and the shoreline. HBCA received a Beach Renourishment Permit on October 13, 2021, and it expires this October 13.

This creates a true sense of urgency to complete this project, as applying for a new permit could easily take more than one year.

Recommended Work

The committee consulted a marine-permit expeditor and a marine engineer, both of whom recommended adding 30 additional boulders, each weighing approximately two to three tons, at a 60-degree angle above the existing ones. Due to continued erosion, the current boulders will also need to be re-bedded. About 60 tons of gabion stone, roughly the size of footballs, will then be placed between the boulders. HBCA already has enough sand from a prior dredge at the south end of the beach to cover the boulders and create the required slope. Once the stones are covered with sand, clumps of American Seagrass will be planted in rows one foot apart. Once the seagrass has taken root, the permit can be closed out.

Schedule and Estimated Cost

The project is expected to take three to four days, and all or part of the beach will be closed during that time. The estimated total cost is approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000. Due to the unforeseen cost overages renovating the Casino, previous capital projects, lower summer rec enrollment and reduced membership revenue, HBCA does not currently have the funds available to complete the renourishment project before the summer season begins. The work is now planned for late August, after the Summer Recreation program ends. While this is a tight timeline, it's imperative that HBCA complete the beach renourishment before the permit expires.

Your Action is Needed!

If you have not yet paid your membership dues, please do so. Also please consider a contribution to the Capital Improvement Fund, all of which goes directly to these projects so vital to maintaining the beach our families love and enjoy. Our efforts today positively impact the beach and Pavilion for all HBCA families.

HBCA HAPPENINGS

4th of July Festivities



Despite the heat wave, the HBCA celebrated the 4th of July with a SPLASH, as children of all ages celebrated in style with a festive bike parade, followed by fun on a jumbo water slide! It was a great day for residents to enjoy the beach and all our community has to offer.



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We mourn the recent losses of longtime HBCA members Gerard Iversen and Louise Climo.

Gerard "Jerry" B. Iversen passed on June 10, at age 83. Beloved husband of Barbara Rawdin; devoted father of Brett & Brian; cherished grandfather of Natalie & Avigil; and dear brother of Roger Iversen & Jill Murray, his sister and fellow HBCA resident. In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed boating with Barbara as members of Wyncote Yacht Club. When he wasn't on the water, he could often be found happily tinkering in his yard. He was a dedicated volunteer whose generosity, kindness, and willingness to lend a hand enriched the HBCA community.

Louise Frances Climo, of Centerport, passed on May 23, at age 82. Beloved wife of Richard. Loving mother of Louise (Karl), Mary & Emily. Cherished grandmother of Justin & Julia. Dear sister of the late Richard Litzel.

Jerry and Louise will be greatly missed by the HBCA community.

HBCA HAPPENINGS

HBCA Open House: A Celebration of Community

Susan Broshek

Families from every corner of the neighborhood enjoyed an afternoon of glowing sunshine, sizzlin' burgers & hot dogs, and lots of fun with friends during the HBCA Open House and BBQ, held Saturday, June 6th.

This year's event included so much more than great food. Our Artisans group hosted "Beachside Bargains", a yard sale that offered browsers treasures of all kinds. All profits were donated to the Capital Improvement fund, specifically to add some finishing touches to our newly renovated Casino. "Kids for the Casino", a lemonade stand, was organized by the ever-entrepreneurial and community-minded Calabrese and Schlotter children.

A photo display gave everyone in attendance a glimpse at progress on the Casino renovation, along with a better understanding of the extent of the work required. Jennie Logan-Paulich, our financial secretary, accepted 2026 dues from guests throughout the day. To add to the festivities, HBCA raffled off one free annual membership. Our lucky winner was Katie Schomburg!

A special shout out and thank you to Jeff's Seafood, for their kind and gracious donation of wraps, salad and shrimp that allowed us to offer vegetarian options for guests, and to Beach Plum Jam, for donating their time and providing music throughout the afternoon. The event was the perfect summer kick-off and a testament to the strong sense of friendship that exists throughout Huntington Beach!



COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

Our Night Sky

Claudia Steinhaus

Leaving the beach at dusk can feel like we have reached the end of a long, fabulous summer day; that is until we delight in the lightening bugs and the magic of a darkening sky. A neighbor shared that a previous owner of my home would sit at the end of the driveway with his telescope so that the neighborhood children could view the stars.

Our community enjoys the good fortune of proximity to the harbor and LI Sound, open water offers the best opportunity to see all that is right above our homes. HBCA has a long tradition of minimizing light in order to enhance enjoyment of the night sky. Certainly, outdoor lighting is important to find one's way home and for community safety; there is no suggestion to avoid purposeful lighting.

If interested, Design Lights of Massachusetts (designlights.org) provides a few recommendations for outdoor lighting to "create a safe, attractive landscape while minimizing light pollution, conserving energy, and protecting nocturnal wildlife"

For an online annotated view of tonight's sky, take a look at Huntington, NY at <https://www.skymaponline.net>, (free and in real-time).

The US National Park Service describes how light affects our view at <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nightskies/lightpollution.htm>

Have you purchased your HBCA summer merch?



HBCA car magnets are here!

Represent the beach community you love everywhere you go.

- ✓ Weather-resistant
- ✓ Easy to apply & remove
- ✓ Great for cars, golf carts & more

Grab yours while supplies last. Explore more fun merchandise for purchase, and represent and support your community this summer by visiting the HBCA merch store at hbcas.org/merch.

SHORELINES SHOUTOUTS

Welcome the Rath family to the HBCA!



Hello! My name is Kate, and my family and I recently moved to the HBCA from Northern California. We're excited to be part of this beautiful neighborhood and community.

I'm here with my husband, Martin, and our two kids, Mattias (4th grade) and Maxi (2nd grade). I work in leadership development, and Martin works in the design + build field, which is what brought us to Long Island.

Although we're new to the area, we previously lived in Brooklyn for more than a decade, so it's nice to be back on the East Coast. We love meeting new neighbors, so

please say hello if you see us out and about. We're looking forward to getting to know everyone and enjoying our first summer here!

Check out some recent projects completed by the HBCA Artisans group!



This year's craft group is expanding! Join fellow HBCA members once per week to share fun ideas and create beautiful art and crafts (no artistic ability needed). Crafts vary and depend on the group's interests. This is for HBCA members only. Text Mary Stokkers at 631-278-3952 if interested to join the growing group of more than 20 members!

Have something to share? Submit your next big life update with the community by reaching out to shorelines@hbc.org! We'd love to feature you.

HELPERS FOR HIRE

Alexander Ebe (14)

516-699-7375
929-394-2459
Spanish / English
bilingual babysitter

Cameron Gai (16)

516-658-3288
Babysitting, dog
walking, checking in
on pets, private
lifeguarding

Parker Gai (13)

516-658-3288
Odd jobs, dog
walking, snow
shoveling

Cathy Johnides

631-664-0342
Teacher with 18
years of experience
available to tutor
Kindergarten, 1st or
2nd graders in
reading or math

Maureen Keenan

516-578-8044
Private flute &
piano lessons from
a college music
professor &
professional
musician with 25+
years of experience

Declan MacDevitt

(23)
631-987-0479
Dog sitting, house
sitting, babysitting

Finn MacDevitt

(25)
631-388-1644
Guitar/Singing gigs
for parties

**Padraig
MacDevitt* (18)**
631-388-2219
Dog sitting, house
sitting, babysitting

Sadie MacDevitt* (20)

631-388-1063
Lifeguard certified,
dog sitting and
babysitting

**Eliza
Michalopoulos (19)**

516-318-4226
Babysitting, pet
sitting, house
sitting

**Maddie
Michalopoulos (15)**
516-838-0012
Babysitting, pet
sitting

Eloise Moran (16)

516-865-5701
Certified lifeguard,
babysitting, pet
sitting

Olivia O'Malley (15)

516-477-4804
Babysitting, pet
sitting, help after
Summer Rec

Mattias Rath (10)

347-512-3797
Pet sitting (within
walking distance of
Taft Crescent)

Callie Schomburg (16)

631-626-7231
Babysitting, pet
sitting, dog walker,
lifeguard for hire
(private pool
parties)

Leyton Schomburg (15)

631-466-5767
Dog walking, pet
sitting

Julia Somers (16)

631-425-9821 or
631-530-6841
Babysitting,
Mother's Helper,
pet sitting

Shannon Walsh (16)

516-510-6926
Babysitting, pet
sitting, certified
lifeguard for pool
parties

Rachel Wieser (23)

631-901-4709
Babysitting, pet
care, home sitting

Kirsten Zheng (14)

kirstenzheng1@gmail.com
Beg. to
intermediate piano
lessons ([8 years experience](#), student
at Manhattan
School of Music)