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Huntington Beach Community Association



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Message From the President

With Memorial Day weekend behind us, I'm excited to say summer has officially kicked off! During MDW, the beach was bustling with sunbathers and swimmers, kids on the playground, families and friends BBQing; it was a scene many would long to be a part of, and lucky for us, it is a scene from our very own backyard. As the largest private beach on the North Shore of Long Island, our 11 acres of sandy beach and waterline are a true treasure we should all be proud of.

That pride was certainly reflected in the hard work of all the volunteer board members who helped us get ready for everyone's favorite season. A few notable mentions I'd like to call-out include:

- A very productive beach cleanup day, led by our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Jeff Robinson. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who were able to come out that day to lend a hand.
- Shoring up our Lifeguard and Security crews, led by Jim Cox, Director of Water Safety and Evan Gates, Director of Security.
- Continual beautification of our beach property, includ-

ing the memorial on Taft Crescent by our beautification committee of Janet Gritzka, Janette Newell, and Loy Norris.

The very important work of our finance and communications team, and our fine team of district directors.

All of their great work enables the many events that make this neighborhood a true community. And what better way to celebrate community than with a Member Appreciation Barbecue. Join us on June 18th for complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers. All members are welcome to enjoy the beach and food while introducing yourself to new neighbors. I've met



quite a few already this year and am looking forward to seeing more on June 18th.

Speaking of barbecues, we recently installed a brand new grill at the south end of the beach, close to the fire pit. I encourage all our community members to utilize these great features on a first come first serve basis.

July 4th is right around the corner. We welcome everyone down to the beach for the kid's bicycle parade, followed by our flag raising ceremony, singing of our national anthem, and refreshments.

Summer Rec will begin on July 6th this year. My boys cannot wait, and as a tired parent, I too cannot wait! Our amazing 7-week Summer Rec program, open to member's children and grandchildren, is made possible by the tireless work of Hildi Stanford and her team of volunteers.

And finally, our two classics; Lobsterfest and Family Day. Mark your calendar on July 23rd for Lobsterfest and July 30th for Family Day.

refer to www.HBCA.org and please reach out to any of the dedicated board members for

ways you can volunteer. Help is always needed and always

Alex Borg

Finally, a few housekeeping items to help us all enjoy the most the beach has to offer:

very much appreciated.

Beach membership stickers will be available for pick up at the guard shack. The guard shack will be attended by our beach security on the weekends until school is out, then seven davs a week until Labor Day weekend.

A reminder that we must leave our four-legged friends at home. We know everyone loves their dogs to join them at the beach but there's nothing worse than getting a bare foot stuck in a pile of poo.

Use of the pavilion is on a first come, first serve basis. However please keep in mind it cannot be monopolized by any single party and must be shared with all the members. You're encouraged to book a casino rental for your party to maximize the space for your guests and the privacy you'd like.

With all that said, summer of For our full calendar of events 2022 is officially here and I look forward to seeing you at our beautiful beach!

THE BEACH IS OPEN!

Guard shack open Memorial Day Weekend 8:30am – 6:30pm and weekends until school ends. Car/Kayak/Boat stickers can be picked up at the Guard Shack. The car sticker is your Beach Permit. Present your vehicle registration.

GUEST POLICY

Members must accompany guests to obtain a beach pass or notify the gate staff to register guest.

Guard Shack phone number: 631-427-4222

Guests must pick up a beach pass at the Guard Shack and will be requested to show proof of address and sign the guest list. The pass must be displayed on the dashboard and returned to the gate guard when leaving.

ADDITIONAL BEACH INFO



From Memorial Day until end of June: Part-time beach staff weekends ONLY

Full-time staff during summer hours 7 days a week

Standard Guest Policy is now in effect

Bathroom facilities will be open

Playground, basketball, and volleyball courts are now open

Water Safety Director

Jim Cox

Did you know that there is a lifeguard shortage on Long Island? Not here at the HBCA. Seven of our best lifeguards are returning to our beach while two have graduated from college and are off to start their careers in Finance and Science. Additional younger lifeguards have been interviewed and are held in reserve to fill in for guards who leave early for school in August.

The swim line buoys have been cleaned and restrung when necessary. The swim float has been spruced up with a cleaning, sanding and repainting.

In accordance with our rules and regulations, no flotation devices of any kind, other than individually worn life vests, will be permitted in the swim area. Safety is our concern, and flotation devices interfere with our lifeguards ability to monitor the waters.

Summer Rec Director Hildi Stanford

SUMMER REC IS BACK! Register Online Now

\$229 per week for any week Must be registered by 6/24 to attend sessions 1-4 Must be registered by 7/25 to attend sessions 5-7

LATE REGISTRATION will close on 6/24. ALL LATE PAYMENTS AND DONATIONS DUE BY 6/24

Log onto HBCA.org for additional details of camp rules, hours, donations, and due dates. You can also reach out to Hildi for any questions hildi.stanford@hbca.org

CAMP WEEKS	DATE
Week 1	7/5
Week 2	7/11
Week 3	7/18
Week 4	7/25
Week 5	8/1
Week 6	8/8
Week 7	8/15

Thanks to everyone who participated in Cleanup Day at the beach this Spring. We had over 60 volunteers that showed up for the day. Some of the projects that we completed were:

- Annual raking of the tide line & around the boat dock gangway
- Complete cleanout of the garage
- Painted part of the garage
- Weeded around the fence area
- Painting of the Pavilion steel supports & railing
- All windows cleaned inside & out in the Casino
- 11 yards of bluestone added to the parking lot
- 8 yards of crushed concrete to fill holes in the south part of the lot
- Reset planter box and removed the tree root that was growing
- Replaced mahogany tops on 3 benches at the playground
- Removed section of slide at the playground for repairs

Since Cleanup Day the "Beautification Committee" has planted flowers in the various pots at the Pavilion & Casino.

9. Patrick O'Brien 10. Liam Pelliconi 11. Paul Haeglund 12. Bob Caffine 13. Tom Hessel 13. Rick Puccinelli 14. Liam Terry 15. Sean Considine 16. Ed Considine 17. Jackson Morris 18. Edie Tuzel 19. Jolene Tuzel 19. Jolene Tuzel 20. Lisa Poalillo 21. Brian Poalillo 22. Viola Le Favi 23. Ann Sell 23. Jeremy Blat 24. Ann Sell 25. Jeremy Blat 26. Sreyson Blat 26. Schlotter 27. Julia Hessel 28. Ryan Schlotter 29. Dylan Lakhar 29. John Mathematics 29. Jackson Martines 29. Jackson Morris 20. John Mathematics 20. Charotte Morris 20. Rebeca D'Orrightalian McClements 20. Rebeca D'Orrightalian McClements 20. Rebeca D'Orrightalian McClements 21. Jeremy Blat 25. Jeremy Blat 26. Sreyson Blat 27. Julia Hessel 28. Dylan Lakhar 29. John Mathematics 29. Jeremy Blat 29. Schlotter 29. Dylan Lakhar 29. John Mathematics 29. John Mathematics 29. Charotte Morrightalian 20. Charotte Morrightalian 20. Rebeca D'Orrightalian 20. Reb	tt ter ani tin gan nte nson ongillo
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THANK YOU to Jimmy's Pizza for generously donating food and supporting our annual Pasta Night! The event was, as always, a huge success!

Mark your calendars for the next Membership Appreciation event. Saturday, June 18 from noon-3pm. Bring your appetite for some BBQ and enjoy beach fun!

Upcoming 2022 Calendar of Events

General Meetings

Thursdays, 7:30-9pm Aug 4| Nov 3

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 let your voice be heard!

HBCA Membership Appreciation BBQ

Saturday, June 18, 12-3pm

Members and Non-Members in the neighborhood are invited for this open house BBQ. Food and soda provided.

4th of July Kids Parade & Celebration

Monday, July 4, noon-2pm

Kids and families, meet in the circle in front of the casino at 11:45 a.m. Parade starts promptly at 12pm and goes from the casino circle, down the access road along the parking lot and back.

Lobsterfest

Saturday, July 23, 6-11:30pm



HBCA's Biggest Party and Fundraiser of the Year!

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.

Family Day

Sat, July 30, 10am

Swimming, running and sack races, pie eating contest, egg toss, and more for ALL ages!



Set up your tent and enjoy overnight festivities including a bonfire. Breakfast is also served!

These Hills are a Beach 5k Run/Walk Sat, October 1, 9am



Upcoming 2022 Calendar of Events cont.

Octoberfest

Saturday, October 1, 12-4pm

Join your neighbors, bring friends and family for German food, beer and games at the beach!

HBCA Craft Fair

Saturday, October 15

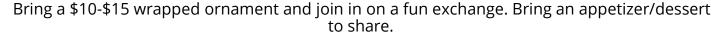
Craft fair with multiple vendors, food, music, and beverages.

Bonfire

Saturday, October 15, 7-11pm

Ladies Ornament Exchange

Fri, Dec 2, 7:30pm



Pancakes with Santa

Saturday, Dec 3, two seatings: 9am & 11am



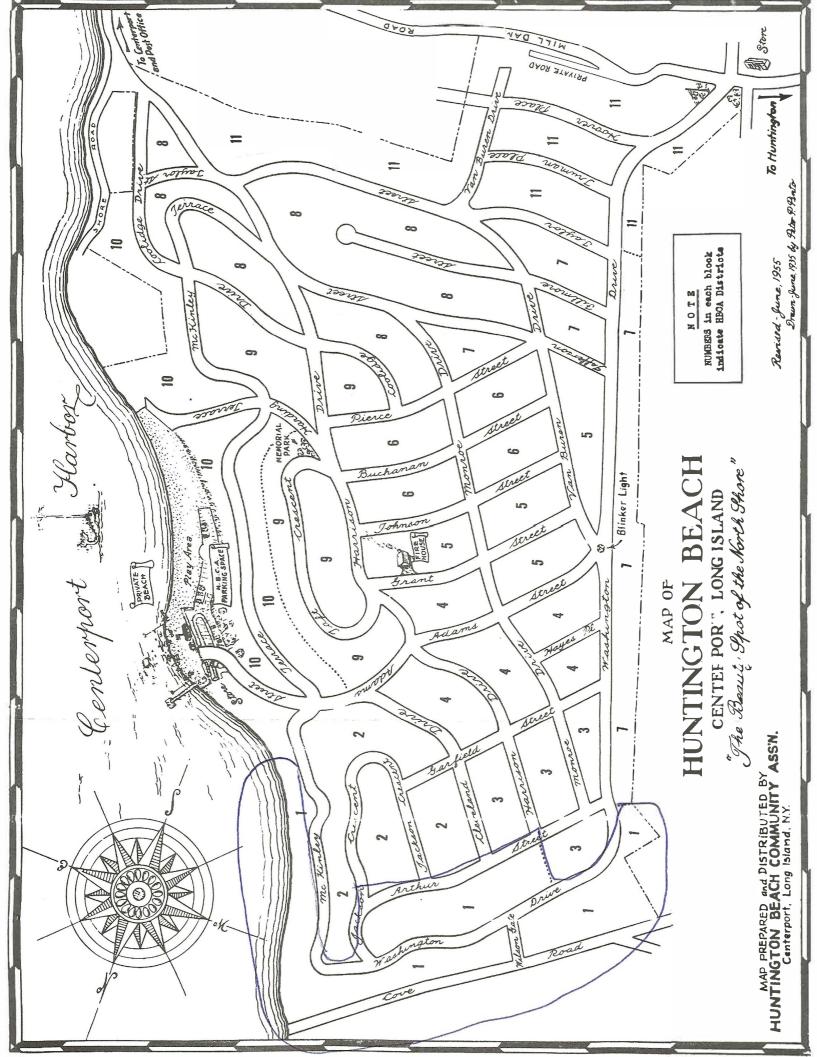
HBCA Cocoa Crawl

Friday, Dec 16-18

Purchase your tumbler, cocoa packet included, and vote for your favorite holiday decorated house! Map of participating houses included.

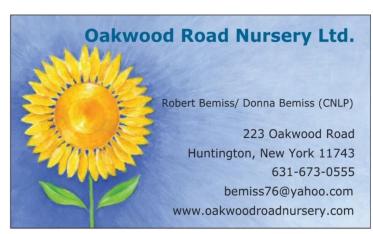












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Coins for Ukraine

HBCA friends and neighbors, together, we have collected \$1840.30 to help the refugees of Ukraine just by gathering the coins we've all got laying around our house, in junk drawers, jars, or our car cup-holders, to name just a few places. Our donations, totaling \$1840 thus far, have gone to The International Rescue Committee, World Central Kitchens, Project Hope, and Doctors Without Borders. THANK YOU to everyone who has donated so far! The people of Ukraine still suffer, and we can keep our efforts going.

Here's how to help:

Collect the loose change in your house.
 Ask your friends and neighbors to do the same.



- If you use social media, spread the word and coordinate a pick-up of coins from those in your circle.
- Contact me to arrange a drop-off or pick-up of your donation.

Any questions? Contact Bobbie Robinson at <u>ukraine@hbca.org</u>, or 631-664-7372. Thank you for helping!



Happy Memorial Day!

from these fun friends at Memorial Park!

Thank you Melissa Manzione for submitting this cute picture of post-parade life.

Thank you to all who have served our country!

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Emily Happel (18): Fully vaccinated, available for babysitting and pet sitting.

HBCA camp counselor available for after camp care. Drives and has lots of experience with children and pets. (631)972-7734

Megan Happel (15): Fully vaccinated, available for babysitting and pet sitting.
HBCA Camp counselor available for after camp care.
Lots of experience with children and pets. (631)972-4081

Finn MacDevitt (23): available for Guitar/Singing gigs for parties. (631)388-1644

Declan MacDevitt (21): available for dog sitting, house sitting, and babysitting (631)987-0479

Sadie MacDevitt (17): available for dog sitting and babysitting. (631)769-7710

Padraig MacDevitt (16): available for dog sitting and babysitting. (631)388-2219

Julia Somers (15): available for babysitting and as a Mother's Helper. I am also Red Cross Lifeguard and CPR certified if you are looking for a lifeguard for your pool party. (631)425-9821 or (631)530-6841

Lucy Zethner (17): I am a babysitter/pet sitter. (631)925-8368

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Breakfast with the Bunny









On Saturday, April 9, 2022, the annual Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny was held in the casino. It's always amazing to see what a handful of volunteers can do with their time and energy to make children smile. After breakfast, the Easter Bunnu headed to the beach with the children to kick off the Spring Egg Hunt. Who found the Golden Egg? Thank you to all involved in the planning of the event to make it successful for the kids, and a special thanks is owed to Silvia Blatt, Emmett, Chris P. Brian Puccinelli, and Chris Forstbauer.







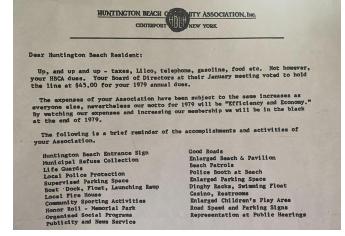




Huge shout out to Melissa Manzione who not only organized the Egg Hunt for the kids, but captured all of these wonderful pictures of the days' activities during the Easter Brunch. Thank you so much, Melissa!

Blast from the Past - Submitted by Jim Cox





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~ ANN'UNCEMENTS.

Mackenzie & Chris



We're extremely excited to share with the community that we recently got engaged! We met five years ago at the Oyster Bay Brewing Company, and never turned back. We're so happy and thankful to be beginning to build our life together in such a warm and welcoming neighborhood. We look forward to seeing you all down at the shore this summer!

Rebekah

Congratulations to Rebekah Lubnick on her recent graduation from Boston University with a degree in Media Science. Rebekah is the daughter of Lee Danuff & Bob Wieser. Wishing you much success in your future, Rebekah!



Congratulations

to all of the HBCA graduating seniors in Harborfields Class of 2022! Best of luck in your future endeavors! We are so proud of you!

Jacqueline & Tom



We are Tom and Jacqueline Varacchi. We just moved to 230 Johnson Street with our 7 month old son, Graham, and pomsky puppy, Harlow. We are all so excited to be a part of this adorable community and look forward to raising our family here!

Enjoy these additional pictures from the HBCA Brunch with the Easter Bunny featuring cuties Lucy (7) & Sophia (4), daughters of Linda Manzella!





