



SHORELINES

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Message from the President

Chris Forstbauer

HBCA Membership

Join or renew now for 2026 access to beach and boating facilities for the whole family!

Email questions to Jennie Logan-Paulich at finsec@hbca.org

Membership has its privileges, including access to the new playground, new boat ramp, pavilion, bathrooms, and pier and dock; parking; kayak / dingy rack rentals; lifeguard support; casino rentals; and more!

Visit hbca.org/pay-online for more details.

Please consider purchasing a Premier package, which includes a security contribution, to help keep our beach safe!



Dear HBCA Members and Huntington Beach Residents,

As we enter March and the new year, I want to reflect on our community’s accomplishments and look ahead to upcoming opportunities. Our Community Association begins this season with a strong foundation and clear vision.

Our current priority is the Casino renovation. We are finalizing plans to start construction as soon as possible. This project is a significant investment to improve the quality, safety, and functionality of our facilities by addressing aging infrastructure and modernizing the building. We will provide regular updates on timelines, construction phases, and any temporary impacts on building use.

Alongside the Casino renovation, we are planning improvements to common areas, assessing long-term maintenance priorities, and enhancing community engagement. Our goal is to preserve what makes our neighborhood special while planning responsibly for the future. This work depends on the dedication of our board members, volunteers, and residents. Your membership, feedback, participation, and financial support are vital to shaping our community’s direction. I encourage you to stay informed, attend meetings when possible, and share your ideas as these projects progress.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your ongoing support and commitment. We look forward to working together in the coming months as we start the Casino renovation and continue enhancing the neighborhood we proudly call home.

Warm regards,
Chris Forstbauer
HBCA President

Letter from the Editor

Mackenzie Sikora

To the Shorelines readers,

It is my privilege to share with you the Winter 2026 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 2026 Events

****Full details of all upcoming events, including any associated fees, can be found on the [HBCA website](#).****

Petting Zoo & Spring Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 28, 11:00am to 12:00pm

Bring the whole family down for fun games, prizes and music. Don't forget to bring your basket to collect those eggs!

Beach Cleanup Day

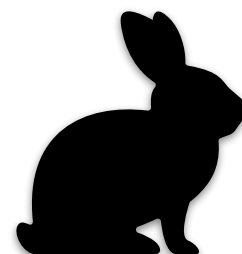
Saturday, April 25, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Please help, even if only for a short window. Bring your rakes, gloves, sunscreen and energy to help make our beach beautiful for the upcoming season! Breakfast for early risers and lunch for all volunteers.

General Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 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 within the association. There will also be plenty of opportunity to express any concerns or requests you may have to help improve the community.



Update to HBCA Board of Directors 2026

Please welcome Lindsay Calabrese to the Board as our newest 1st Vice President. We thank her for her time and dedication to enriching the beach community, and look forward to her continued contributions!

All current HBCA officers can be found and contacted at www.hbca.org/board-members.

Officers

- President: Chris Forstbauer
- 1st Vice President: Lindsay Calabrese
- 2nd Vice President: Luella Semmes
- Treasurer: Brian Puccinelli
- Financial Secretary: Jennie Logan-Paulich
- Recording Secretary: Chris Sikora
- Director at Large: Colin Walsh
- Security: Tom Wiese
- Buildings & Grounds: John Lopez
- Summer Recreation: Hildi Stanford
- Boating: Rich Wrede
- Water Safety: Alec Schwartz

District Directors

- District #1: Andrew Stevenson
- District #2: Ryan Schlotter
- District #3: Susan Broshek
- District #4: Lindsay Calabrese
- District #5: Rick 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

Calling All Volunteers



Every year, we look forward to community staple events like Lobsterfest, Family Day, the Family Campout and more. **Please consider volunteering!**

Visit our [Events Calendar](#) on the HBCA website and then email info@hbca.org, citing the name of the event you'd like to volunteer to help bring to life.

New Year, Another Polar Plunge!

Happy New Year HBCA! 34 'polar bears' and one 'chicken' took the plunge to celebrate. Thanks to the Centerport Fire Department and Huntington Harbor Master for keeping a watchful eye on us. Cheers for a great 2026!

REGISTER FOR SUMMER REC!

Early registration will take place from Monday, March 30th to Friday, April 3rd. All registration will be done online through our new platform, Cheddar Up, which can be accessed via the QR code on this page. ALL early registration must be completed and payment is due ON or BEFORE April 3rd.



In-person registration will take place on April 23rd in the casino. This is the only time cash or paper checks will be accepted. If you choose to pay cash on April 23rd, you **MUST** register online first* and then bring the cash payment to the casino.

*Failure to make the cash payment on 4/23 will result in a deleted registration, and you will need to pay via CC or e-check, both of which are subject to processing fees, and the early bird discount will no longer be honored.

Open to children of HBCA members in good standing. Campers entering pre-K (4 years old by 12/1/25 and potty-trained) to those entering 7th

grade. CITs are entering 8th and 9th grade.

Camp held Monday through Friday from 9:15am to 2:15pm for seven weeks starting June 29th through the week of August 10th.

NEW THIS SUMMER: there will be **extended hours** offered (2:15pm to 3:15pm) from **July 6th** to the final camp week of August 10th. **LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE;** 30 slots per session.

PSA the Casino will be **CLOSED** until further notice due to pending renovations, including kitchen remodeling and replacement of the entire casino floor. For more information, visit hbeca.org/casino or email casino@hbeca.org.

ADVERTISE in Shorelines, our website, and our email blasts! Packages are available starting at \$250. For more information, send us an email at shorelines@hbeca.org.

Did you know? When buying **ANYTHING** on Amazon, using the affiliate HBCA links found on our website will kick back a small percentage to HBCA! So next time you need to buy, visit <https://www.hbeca.org/hbeca-amazon-store> first!

SHORELINES SHOUTOUTS

Congratulations to Joe and Kristen Hartnett, who joined the HBCA community in July 2024 and welcomed their first baby, Hailey Margaret, on October 3, 2025! The Hartnetts are looking forward to spending many summer days at the HBCA beach with new neighbors and friends!



Reminder to check out and support the HBCA merch store!



Represent and support your community by visiting the HBCA merch store at hbca.org/merch.

There's plenty of fun options to purchase for the whole family as we get ready for another summer season.

\$10-\$15 of each product purchased will go directly to HBCA improvement funds!

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

HBCA HAPPENINGS



We are saddened to share that Helen Klerk of Centerport passed away at the age of 93 on November 21, 2025 after a brief illness. Helen was a resident of Huntington Beach in Centerport since childhood, graduating from Huntington High School in 1950. Upon graduation, she began a career at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Throughout her long life, Helen had many close friends and was a beloved member of her neighborhood. She could often be found walking her dog or spending her summers at Crescent or Huntington Beach.

Helpers for Hire

Alexander Ebe (14)

516-699-7375

929-394-2459

Spanish / English
bilingual babysitter

Cameron Gai (15)

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
*available during college
breaks and summer

Sadie MacDevitt* (20)

631-388-1063

Lifeguard certified,
dog sitting and
babysitting *available
during college breaks
and summer

**Eliza Michalopoulos
(19)**

516-318-4226

Babysitting, pet sitting,
house sitting during
holiday breaks, as well
as May to August

**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

Callie Schomburg (16)

631-626-7231

Babysitting

Leyton Schomburg (14)

631-466-5767

Dog walking

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

Kirsten Zheng (14)

kirstenzheng1@gmail.com

Beg. to intermediate
piano lessons (**8 years
experience**, student at
Manhattan School of
Music)