



# 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!

**We can't wait to celebrate with you!**



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

On behalf of the Association, I would like to welcome everyone to the start of another summer season in our little slice of heaven. This is always a special time of year, when familiar faces return, families gather, and our community once again comes alive with the energy, friendship, and traditions that make this place so meaningful to all of us.

I am also pleased to share that work at the Casino is now officially underway. This project represents an important step forward for our community and reflects the continued commitment to preserving, improving, and strengthening the spaces that serve our members. While projects of this size take time, planning, and patience, we are excited to see visible progress begin and look forward to keeping everyone updated as the work continues.

As with any construction project, there have been temporary inconveniences along the way. We ask for everyone's patience and cooperation as the work progresses. The goal is to complete the improvements thoughtfully and responsibly so the building can better serve our community for years to come.

As we begin the summer, I encourage everyone to enjoy the beach, participate in community activities, support one another, and help maintain the welcoming spirit that defines our Association. Whether you are a longtime member or new to the community, your presence and participation are what make this season so enjoyable. I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and wonderful summer.

Sincerely,  
Christopher Forstbauer  
President, Huntington Beach Community Association

## Letter from the Editor

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To the Shorelines readers,

It is my privilege to share with you the Spring 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](mailto:shorelines@hbca.org). I'd love to hear from you.

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

## Help Us Reach 500 Members!

HBCA Membership Committee

Huntington Beach is home to 816 properties, yet **only about half currently support the community through membership dues**. As the largest privately owned beach on the North Shore, HBCA maintains valuable amenities for everyone to enjoy, including the community building, pavilion, boat ramp, dock, playground, swim float, & children's recreation programs. Keeping these amenities safe, accessible, and well maintained requires ongoing funding.

Unlike a municipality, HBCA cannot tax or assess homeowners. We rely entirely on the support of residents who value this unique community. **Your membership is especially important as we complete the Casino renovation and prepare for upcoming projects, including beach renourishment and repairs to the dock and swim float**. If you have already joined, thank you. If not, please renew or join today by sending in your membership dues. Your support helps preserve Huntington Beach for current residents and future generations.

Visit [hbca.org/pay-online](http://hbca.org/pay-online) for more details.

## Upcoming 2026 Events

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

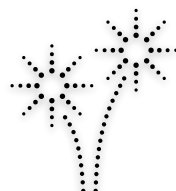
### HBCA Open House BBQ

Saturday, June 6, 12:00pm to 3:00pm

All are invited to the HBCA pavilion for food and fun! Meet new friends and find out what a great community you live in. **Have a chance to win a free membership for a year!** Get involved on a committee or just enjoy the beach.

### 4th of July Kids Parade & Celebration

Saturday, July 4, 12:00pm to 2:00pm



# CASINO RENOVATION UPDATE

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## Phase 1 Complete, Phase 2 Ahead

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After four months of permitting and contractor coordination, the Casino renovation is officially underway – and Phase 1 is now complete. The work is being led by the Capital Improvement Committee, co-chaired by Past Presidents Dan Martin and John O’Brien, with President Chris Forstbauer, Vice President Lindsey Calabrese, Treasurer Brian Puccinelli, and Director Susan Broshek.

Phase 1 focused on removing failing materials and rebuilding the structure beneath the kitchen and utility areas. Crews began by demolishing the old kitchen, closet, and utility room, including removal of the hot water heater. From there, the existing flooring was taken up to expose the joists, main beam, and support columns – revealing multiple layers of flooring that appear to date back to the building’s original 1934 construction.

During demolition, significant deterioration was discovered along the waterside sill, where joists were severely rotted and required immediate shoring. The rusted bases of the existing support columns (lally columns) and the main beam were removed and replaced with new galvanized columns set on reinforced concrete footings. With the structure stabilized, new joists and sub flooring were installed, damaged wall sections were replaced with new sheetrock, and the closet and utility room were rebuilt with three new doors. Phase 1 concluded with installation of new vinyl flooring.

**What’s Next (Phase 2):** Phase 2 will include a new kitchen, interior painting, and shiplap installed around the perimeter to replace the wainscot that was removed during Phase 1.

**How You Can Help:** If you haven’t renewed your HBCA membership this year (or in a while), please consider joining. Donations to the Capital Improvement Fund directly support Phase 2 and future facility improvements. Thank you for helping keep the Casino strong for years to come.

**See photo progress on the next page!**

**JOIN OR RENEW** your HBCA beach membership now for 2026 beach and boating access for the whole family! Your membership is especially important as we complete the Casino renovation and prepare for upcoming projects, including beach renourishment and repairs to the dock and swim float. If you have already joined, thank you. If not, please renew or join today by sending in your membership dues. Your support helps preserve Huntington Beach for current residents and future generations.

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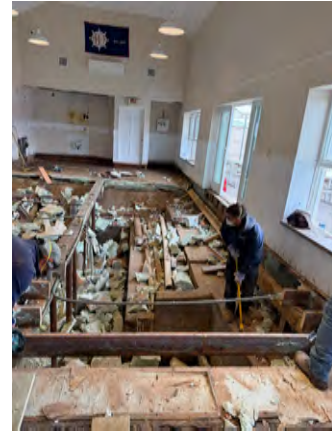
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Ripping up old flooring



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Flooring gone



Sill on waterside collapsing, temporary support to hold it up, all joists rotted



New forms being placed with rebar to support new columns



New subfloor rebuild



New closet rebuild



New galvanized columns



Volunteer crew painting interior

## Guard Shack Updates!

During multiple, snowy Sunday mornings this winter, you may have heard the sound of hammers banging, saws binding and cement mixers churning. You were not imagining.

It was **Rich Wrede, Michael Perz** and **John O'Brien** removing the old floor and door to our trusty guard shack. It was like an archeological dig of the great pharaohs tombs. Although all we found were roots, we did manage to get all back to a fine tile floor and a door that actually swings. Mrs. Weiss painted the interior walls a fine seaside green and Mr. Lopez painted the exterior a nice sand color to blend with our seaside Shangri-La. And speaking of the Guard Shack...

## 2026 Gate Guards Needed!



If you are interested in working as a gate security guard at our community beach this summer, please reach out to **Tom Wiese**, Security Director, at 631-974-8151 via text or call.

## Calling All HBCA Artisans!



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. Last year, for instance, the group made decoupage pumpkins and sea shells, painted wine glasses, created paint pour vases and pictures, and even started quilted Christmas ornaments and watercolor cards.

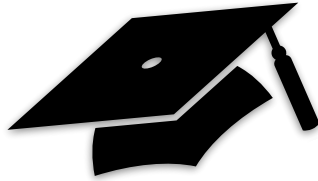
This year, the group is planning to also have a game night; Mahjong, and any other games that members might be interested in suggesting! Depending on the availability of the Casino, we will plan to meet once a week on either Tuesdays or Thursdays. Sessions go from 6pm to 9pm, and the first group lesson of the season will focus on beginner watercolor painting.

This is for HBCA members only. Text Mary Stokkers's at 631-278-3952 if interested to join the growing group of more than 20 members!

**ADVERTISE** in Shorelines, our website, and our email blasts! Packages are available starting at \$250. For more information, send us an email at [shorelines@hbc.org](mailto:shorelines@hbc.org).

# SHORELINES SHOUTOUTS

**Congratulations HBCA Harborfields Graduates, Class of 2026!**



- Aidan Arena
- Charlie Bair
- Isabella Barra
- Maggie Deegan
- Caroline Gilhuley
- Kate Kenrick
- Jack MacInnes
- Jack Mantell
- Morgan O'Brien
- Patrick O'Brien
- Liam Pellicone
- Daniel Perz
- Alessandra Rusconi
- Liam Terry



Your HBCA friends and neighbors wish you all the best in your future endeavors!

**Have you purchased your HBCA summer merch?**



Represent and support your community by visiting the HBCA merch store at [hbc.org/merch](https://hbc.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@hbc.org](mailto: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)**

631-339-2498  
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

**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**

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Babysitting, pet  
care, home sitting

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