



Summer Newsletter 2024

The High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association (HBHTA) Board of Trustees continues to work on behalf of our community. Here is a quick summary of the topics in this newsletter:

- Annual Meeting
- Triangle Park Beautification Update
- Dredging Update
- New HBHTA Email Address
- 2024 Membership Dues
- With your dues
- Upcoming Social Events
- Other quick note worthy items
- Who do I call?

Annual Meeting

We had close to 100 people attend our HBHTA Annual Meeting on May 25th. The turnout was terrific and thank you for showing your pride and support of the community by attending. Click here for the minutes. [2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

Triangle Park Beautification

As noted in our Spring Newsletter update about Triangle Park, Long Beach Township is transforming our park. Please refer back to that newsletter here. Highbarharbor.org

Joanne Veech and HBH resident and landscape architect David Rubin met with Commissioner Meehan, the township engineer, Frank Little, and LBT staff on June 17th and were disappointed with their lack of interest and dismissal of previously agreed upon Board of Trustees recommendations and the Township's interest in getting it finished quickly rather than doing it right.

Here's an update so that you know what will transpire in the park based on that meeting with the township:

- The timeline for completion of what the township will do is early July, not April or May as they originally indicated.
- They hydro seeded on June 18th and have posted closed signs until the grass takes hold. We are hoping it's not too late in the season to germinate (grass seed requires cool evening temperatures and regular rainfall or irrigation to germinate).
- We had asked for 8 inches of soil throughout the park and 18 inches in the planting beds around the perimeter of the park and the township did not honor our request. Soil depth

is necessary to create a resilient and drought tolerant environment given the park will not be irrigated. 8-inches of soil for grassy areas will allow for resiliency and a cushioned play area. 18-inches for shrubs and trees allows roots access to enough living systems (soils) to establish and flourish.

- We asked for the beds to be doubled in width throughout the park for both woody and herbaceous plantings, and they indicated they would do that in the Fall, but we are not convinced they will follow through. The township also said they will not be planting shrubs in those beds until the Fall and that we can work together at that time to finalize the planting plan. Originally, the township agreed to a plant palette with our review and approval which they would plant first and then we could augment with our own plants as represented during the taxpayers' association meeting. They are now requesting that we plant first, but resident David Rubin reinforced the need for the township to plant their material first.
- There is a hose bib in the park. The township will water the seeded lawn area the first two weeks via an oscillating sprinkler attached to a hose, and then we'll need to water after that. They will leave the watering equipment at the park. There is a 'drip line' for the trees in the back of the park.
- We asked for another tree or two to be put in the back corner along the tall fence, and they may consider our request, although we are not confident they will honor this request. Our concept drawings, which the township reviewed and approved, showed significantly more trees along the entire length of the opaque fencing.
- They have installed the guts of the water fountain in the back of the park next to the pergola on the right side and will install the fountain when the park is open to the public
- They will install a "Triangle Park" sign at the corner of Sunset and Arnold; attached to the wood fencing. The material of the sign is a plastic composite material, not wood as hoped.
- We asked again for the Bocce Court to be weeded. They indicated in the Fall they will install new surface material to refurbish the pitch.
- We asked about the benches that were supposed to be installed in the pergolas and they responded that they would look into installing them but made no promises. We may have to supply the benches throughout the park.

Overall, the Board of Trustees and David Rubin, the Landscape Architect on this project, are committed to making this park beautiful for all our residents. Please be patient as the government works slowly as we have seen. Any questions contact Commissioner Alex Meehan at 609 361 1000.

Please comply with their request to stay off the grass while it takes root.

Also, our HBH Clam needs to be totally redone. If you or someone you know is interested in painting it we would appreciate hearing from them. We would pay a stipend for their time and materials. Please respond to this email.

Dredging Updates

The three lagoon access points were dredged this winter. Assessment letters were already sent to all those impacted by the township. There will be a formal township hearing on **July 9th at 11 am** for those that want to be heard by the Commissioners. There is a map of the lagoons on our website if anyone is not sure which named lagoons were dredged. Any questions on the dredging project should be sent directly to the Long Beach Township Business Administrator at 609 361 6634.

Separately, there is another dredging initiative that the members of the HBHTA Dredging Committee is attempting to address. Several of our High Bar neighbors with homes along Butler, Antioch, and Auburn that back up to the main channel have experienced severe shoaling/silting around their docks. This is creating:

- Boating safety issues getting in/out of the channel
- Lifestyle issues limiting when people can launch/land boats
- Potential property value impacts as water access continue to decrease

The Dredging Committee is forming a group of concerned neighbors to help find a solution to the problem, which will hopefully entail getting a DEP “blanket” permit allowing all impacted neighbors to dredge around their docks (but not dredge the main channel). If you are experiencing these issues, are just concerned about them, and/or would like to be involved or be kept informed of what is happening about these issues, please contact the HBHTA via email at HBHTA@highbarharbor.org or call/text Joe DeLuca at 484-431-3694. Please talk with other friends and neighbors.

New HBHTA Email Address Our new email address is “HBHTA@highbarbarbor.org”. Please continue to email us with your ideas and willingness to volunteer.

2024 Membership Dues

It's a new membership year for the HBHTA. Over 76% of property owners joined the association in 2023 and we'd like to invite you back. There are several ways to pay your 2024 membership dues:

- o Visit our website Highbarharbor.org and pay via the website.
- o Send a check for \$35 or a donation of your choice to HBHTA, PO Box 581, Barnegat Light, NJ 08006.

With your dues...

The Board appreciates your dues and with your dues we refurbish our Welcome Sign, plant new shrubs and flowers, paint our clam in Triangle Park, pay our insurance, buy flags for our flagpoles, buy food and water for the many events we sponsor over the summer months and more. We work to make this a great community for everyone.

Summer Social Events; Mark your Calendars!

Come join in the fun and meet your neighbors!

- The Fourth of July Boat Parade is back! July 4, 4:45.
- Children's Golf Tournament
 - o August 4, 10:15. Jen's Links Barnegat Light
- End of Summer Social will be August 24, 5 - 8 at the Barnegat Light Firehouse
 - o Appetizers and non alcoholic beverages, BYO.

And a big thanks to our Social Committee for a fun Kick off to Summer Party at Sunset Park! There were over 100 adults and children and the pizza and ice cream truck were a hit! We rely on our Board of Trustees to plan and run all our events with the help of other High Bar residents. We are truly a special community; thanks to all who worked the event and those that came and enjoyed the camaraderie we all shared.

Other quick note worthy items

- At our request, LBT painted lines on Sunset to protect pedestrians and bikers.
- Sunset Park has been restored to its original state after it was used for dredging.

- After complaints about people speeding, the township has increased patrols and placed electronic signs on the major roads. We asked them to put an electronic sign on Sunset.
- We have heard complaints about house lighting; please ensure your lights are not shining into your neighbor's property/home.
- Walk on the left side against traffic and bike on the right side with traffic; please remind your family and visitors. It's a state law and will keep us all safe.
- If you are interested in reading about the latest SaveLBI news click here [SaveLBI Update](#)

Who do I call? - Many of us see things that aren't right or that should be addressed and the HBHTA Board of Trustees wants you to have a list of people / places to call to report what you see. **Please call them; more voices will help us achieve our goals.**

- For placement of existing No Wake buoys and channel markers, call Andrew McTague from Coastal Engineering, Aids & Navigation, at 732-255-0767.
 - The good news is that after efforts to get the stick channel marked earlier in the season, they did!
 - Voice your concerns please. The more people that call, maybe something will be done.
- Want to report a low spot in the stick channel, contact Bill Henderson at the NJDOT Office of Maritime Resources at 609-963-2108.
 - Note that the Stick Channel has some very low areas and needs to be dredged. **Please call to assist in getting that fixed.**
- Want placement of a new No Wake Buoy? Placement must first be approved by the NJ State Marine Police at 609-693-8371.
- Township road repairs call 609-361-6668.
- County road repairs 732-929-2133 or engineering at 732-929-2130.
- Note that our Roadway Committee met with LBT Public Works and Water and Sewer Supervisors and they have addressed a number of HBH safety/repair issues. We thank them for their timely response.

Want to follow your water usage? LBT has a '[Water Smart](#)' program that has information and a notification function that is configurable. You can set a daily use limit and if you exceed that limit you can elect to have notifications sent by email or text.

Stay Informed

Visit our website www.highbarharbor.org to stay informed. If you have any ideas for the HBHTA trustees, please contact us at HBHTA@highbarharbor.org.

As always, it is an honor to serve as President, and I personally want to thank everyone who has contributed to making High Bar Harbor such a wonderful community.

Best regards,

Joanne Veech
President, High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association

Neighbors love neighbors when they...

- *Don't throw anything in our lagoons*
- *Acknowledge the NO WAKE buoys along the main channel entering High Bar*

- *Practice safe boating and Be courteous while boating within our lagoons*
- *Shut off lights that shine into neighbors homes*
- *Cover their garbage cans tightly*
- *Pick up their dog's poop*
- *Keep their dog on a leash*
- *Drive 25 mph*
- *Respect the 10 pm sound curfew*
- *Speak softly outside as sound carries far and wide over water*
- *Watch out for turtles*
- *Wave hello!*