



## WINTER NEWSLETTER - 2025

Hello Neighbors –

Summer can't get here fast enough. I hope your "off-season" is going well and that you all enjoyed the holidays. We've had our fair share of snow here in Upstate New York, but then again, that is nothing new.

For those that don't know me, I'm Scott Bloor and I'll be taking over the President's role of the HBHTA from Joanne who has really been able to accomplish a lot during her tenure in this role - we all owe her a debt of gratitude. It's not as though she is disappearing as she wants to keep her hand in two key projects that she started while in office - the buffering of the water treatment plant and the completion of Triangle Park. She will remain on the Board in the role of Past President.

Here are the topics to be discussed in this newsletter;

1. New Membership Year
2. Triangle Park
3. Treatment Plant Buffering
4. Volunteer Opportunities
5. Annual Membership Meeting
6. Odds and Ends

### **NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR**

Welcome to 2025! With the new year comes the annual request for the HBHTA membership dues. Obviously, we need your participation to allow the organization to continue to grow and accomplish things that make High Bar Harbor the special place it is. Best of all, we are able to hold our membership dues at the previous level of \$35.00 which in an inflationary economy, isn't all that common.

You can pay your dues in many ways:

- Click on the link [www.highbarharbor.org](http://www.highbarharbor.org) and pay your dues while you are thinking about it.

- Visit [www.highbarharbor.org](http://www.highbarharbor.org) and pay at your convenience at a date in the future.
- Send a check for \$35.00 or any donation you feel comfortable with to HBHTA, PO Box 581, Barnegat Light, NJ 08006.

Thank you in advance for your support of the organization.

## **TRIANGLE PARK**

We are all looking forward to the spring when we can officially dedicate the newly refurbished Triangle Park. Thanks to some incredible donations, the work of many volunteers, and the persistent nudging of Long Beach Township, the park is on target to open to all in the spring. I won't go into all of the details that took to complete this project as it has been talked about many times before. Suffice to say that all of the work, the discussions and the frustration (at times) has resulted in something that all the residents can be pleased with. It is hopeful that many of you will be able to take part in the dedication of the park this Spring. We will soon be able to offer you the date and time so you can get it into your calendars.

In conjunction with this, we have formed a group known as the "Friends of Triangle Park" who will help to both maintain the park and come up with creative ideas for its usage. It's a totally volunteer group and if it sounds like something you might want to get involved with, please let me know.

## **TREATMENT PLANT BUFFERING**

This project is currently in the initial stages but we are pleased to have started the process with the Ocean County Utility Authority to get the treatment plant somewhat hidden from view in order to improve the esthetics of the facility. They have indicated that they will work with Ocean County to clean up the lot directly adjacent to theirs. The Utility Authority will come up with a few ideas and will work with the High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association to utilize plants, trees, and grasses to help with the visual improvement. More on this will follow later in the spring.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

As all of you know, the HBHTA is an entirely volunteer organization. There are always volunteer opportunities to help us out, but specifically, we are looking at two slots that are presently vacant. The first is to be the JCTA (Joint Council of Taxpayers Association) representative for High Bar Harbor. It's actually a pretty interesting job which meets once a month to discuss common issues among the taxpayers groups on LBI. If you need more information, please just let me know and I can explain it to you. The JCTA meets the first Monday of every month either in person or via Zoom.

Secondly, we are in need of a Vice President. Since I have moved up into a different chair, I need someone to fill my old one. I can tell you from experience that it's not a bad chair to sit in and if you have any desire at all to run this organization, this is a way to do that. Please either drop me an email or give me a call to talk about it. Thanks.

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

It may be a bit early, but the Annual Meeting of the High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association will be coming up later this Spring. We will be providing you with details very shortly as to the time and the place. Last year we had a great turnout and are hoping for more of the same this time around. If there are items or ideas that you would like me to hit upon when I do my "State of the Harbor" address, please let me know. The email address is [hbhta@highbarharbor.org](mailto:hbhta@highbarharbor.org).

## **ODDS AND ENDS**

As this newsletter was being written, a couple of people have let me know that work is presently being done on dredging the stick channel. That's good news. We hope to have more information available for you shortly. When we do, we'll let you know.

It has been a busy couple of years for the HBHTA - you have every right to be pleased about what the organization has been able to accomplish. I can't emphasize enough the time and effort that Joanne Veech has put into this organization since she has been President. I will do my best to continue that progress but I will need your help to do it. Will talk to you soon.

Best,

Scott Bloor