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## HIGH BAR HARBOR TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION 2025 FALL NEWSLETTER

Hello Everyone,

It appears summer went by us at blazing speed. Where did August go? I just finally got the decorations off the boat from the July 4th Boat Parade and then the NFL started up the regular season - but August appears to be a mystery. All of this means that it's time for the Fall Newsletter, where we will attempt to recap a few things and talk about some things coming up. Here is what you will find in this edition:

- Recap of the Boat Parade
- Recap of the "End of Season Party"
- Recap of Golf Tournament
- Update on the Pumping Station Project
- Some more information on the "Secret/Not So Secret" Beach
- Triangle Park News
- Some information about Sunset Park
- Some news about dredging
- Membership and Open Positions on the Board of HBHTA
- Some miscellaneous news items

**Boat Parade Recap** - The Annual Fourth of July Boat Parade actually took place on July 4th this year, and it was quite a success. The boat count was around 28, which was an excellent fleet to take part in the event. The theme was "Hollywood On The Harbor" which featured decorations featuring aquatic and boat movie themes. From all reports, both the participants on the water and the viewers on land had a great time.

**"End of Season Party" Recap** - The End of Season Party was held at the Barnegat Light Fire House Banquet Hall this year in the latter part of August. This was the first year that we featured live music and jugglers as entertainment. That's right, I said jugglers. People loved both - it was an entertaining evening.

**Children's Golf Tournament** - This was held on the first Sunday in August at Jen's Links in Barnegat Light. We had a strong field of competing golfers of various ages participating in the tournament. All the participating golfers enjoyed playing the course, but they REALLY enjoyed the ice cream. It seemed to be a case of, "It's not if you win or lose, but how fast you can get to the ice cream when it's over!" There has been



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some discussion about possibly expanding the tournament to include older children and even adults. If you have any thoughts on this, please let me know at [hbhta@highbarharbor.org](mailto:hbhta@highbarharbor.org).

**Update on the Pump House Project** - Yes, it is still happening. The scheduled start date is early October. For those who need an update, the Ocean County Utility Authority and Ocean County have agreed to jointly fund and construct a new system of plantings and fencing to help shield the public's view of the Pump Station. They have completed similar projects to this before, and the submitted drawings represent a tangible improvement over what presently exists. We should see some progress here shortly.

**The Secret/Not-So-Secret Beach** - For those of you not in the know, this is sometimes referred to as the Dike Beach - it's the one you can access from the end of Sunset. There has been considerable concern among our members due to the lack of oversight on the beach. The result has been littering, loose-running dogs, bonfire remains, and other lawless behavior. Quite frankly, finding someone to step in to help police the area has been difficult, but thanks to some HBHTA Board Members, we have started to unravel the mystery and have gotten some support to help monitor the beach. We are pleased to inform you of the progress we have made and will continue to make until the problem is resolved.

**Triangle Park News** - Actually, there has been a lot happening at Triangle Park. First, you will notice that we have two new free library book boxes at the entrance to the park. One is for children's books and the other for adults. Please feel free to add some books to the book boxes if you have extras at home. The older library book box located at Triangle Park has been relocated to Sunset Park to provide a similar service there. We have also arranged with the Sandpaper to have one of their yellow distribution boxes placed next to Triangle Park on the Sunset side.

Your High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association has also set up two storage boxes up at the park - one to house gardening tools and the other for sporting equipment that can be used at the park. We have noticed several people utilizing the equipment and it's good to see that residents enjoy having access to these sporting goods.

Lastly, we continue to seek volunteers to assist with the park's maintenance. We have gotten excellent feedback on the park, but it doesn't just magically have this appearance. It is a LOT of work, and the volunteer crew is not as large as it needs to



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be. Please let me know if you would like to help with the maintenance of the park which includes such things as weeding and watering. If interested, please get in touch with me at [hbhta@highbarharbor.org](mailto:hbhta@highbarharbor.org).

**Some Information About Sunset Park** - For those who have mentioned that the layer of mulch at Sunset Park appears to be getting a little thin, we are fully aware of this issue and have contacted Long Beach Township regarding it. We have been assured that Sunset Park will be mulched in early spring of 2026.

**Dredging** - We had our HBH stick channel dredged in the spring. This is just a reminder that the second round of this dredging process will take place later this fall. The purpose of this second round of dredging is to remove some silt that was left behind after the spring dredging and to clean up some shallow spots as well.

**Membership** - We are wrapping up our 2025 Membership Drive and will begin reviewing 2026 shortly. The High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association values each and every membership that we have while attempting to make High Bar Harbor a great place to live and enjoy. As an organization, we are always seeking new members to join our Board and contribute to the improvement of High Bar Harbor. If you are interested, please let me know through our email at [hbhta@highbarharbor.org](mailto:hbhta@highbarharbor.org). If by some chance, you haven't paid your dues for this year, you can do so via our website at [highbarharbor.org](http://highbarharbor.org).

**Some Other Stuff** - The High Bar Harbor Taxpayers Association is working on creating an informational survey that we will send to our members in the near future. In many cases, people don't relish the idea of another survey, but it will really benefit us as we attempt to make plans for the future. We hope to gather information regarding future events and projects that you feel the HBHTA should be involved in. I'll have more details on this when we send it out.

I want to thank everyone who took part in our summer events this year and to keep watch for some possible new events for next year.

Stay Safe,

Scott Bloor  
HBHTA President