
Newsletter

HOLDEN BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION August 2007

Our Mission: To represent the property owners of Holden Beach as a unified voice regarding issues that affect their common interests and concerns

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2007

Sept 1st – Labor Day Weekend Meeting
Sept 1st – Labor Day BBQ
Oct 26th – Meet The Candidates Night
Oct 27th & 28th – Festival by the Sea
Nov 24th – Thanksgiving Weekend Meeting

All HBPOA meetings start at **10AM** and are now held in the **Holden Beach Chapel Fellowship Hall**, due to construction in the Town Hall meeting room – please join us!

MESSAGE FROM THE HBPOA PRESIDENT

The summer of 2007 is almost over. Summer rentals have been pretty good while sales are still disappointing. Values have held fairly well. Overall the summer has been GREAT.

Thanks to all of you HBPOA members for allowing me to serve as your president these past few years. I will not be serving in 2008 as I feel someone else needs to bring fresh ideas and leadership to the organization. I do hope to be serving as Mayor of Holden Beach after the fall election.

Our membership has been solid but we always need new members. Talk to all your neighbors and friends and encourage them to join.

Don't forget that this is hurricane season. Make your hurricane plans and be ready to use them.

Mark your calendar for the Festival by the Sea, the last weekend in October.

Sincerely,

Alan Holden

HBPOA President



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Dear Holden Beach Property Owners,

Its hard to believe but summer will soon be coming to end already. It has been a very busy summer season. We have had plenty of visitors to our island, and I hope they have enjoyed our Paradise as much as we do!

We are expecting a very busy winter this year. The Jordan Boulevard project is scheduled to start construction in the next few weeks. Final permits should be issued any day. We will start with construction of the pier on the waterway, and then will begin construction of the gazebo/stage. This project will be a real asset to the community when it is completed and will really be beneficial during our festival events and our Concerts on the Coast.

We are also working on our facility projects. First is construction of an off-island emergency operation center/public works building for evacuations and an area for the public works department equipment and records. We are also scheduled to successfully complete the Holden Beach Harbor dredging, and are awaiting permits for the Heritage Harbor dredging project.

With this being storm season, if a major storm event were to occur, please check channel 8 on Time Warner Cable on the island for updates on evacuations and bridge closings. In the event of an evacuation, please check our website at www.hbtownhall.com or sign-up for our mass e-mails during storms on the homepage of our website.

I hope everyone has had a safe and happy summer! And as always, please feel free to call or e-mail me at steve.wheeler@hbtownhall if you have any questions or concerns.

Steve Wheeler
Town of Holden Beach

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NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

Thirty-five people attended our meeting on Memorial Day Weekend.

The financial report of May 23, 2007 showed a balance of \$27,813.93. The membership report showed 973 members with 30 new members in 2007.

President Alan Holden discussed the new wind driven water policy that the NC Insurance Committee is adopting, which requires that for water damage to be covered by insurance there must be evidence of an opening in the exterior of the home (e.g., broken windows or holes for entry). The last days for obtaining 18 months of wind driven water coverage will be July 1st or January 1st depending upon your coverage renewal period.

The Annual Labor Day BBQ will be held on September 1st (the Saturday before Labor Day) at 6:00 PM at the Holden Beach Chapel.

A committee was formed to nominate Directors for 2008-2011. Please contact Sandy Miller, Ray Lehr, Fetzer Mills or Sandy Crosby if you are interested in serving on the HPBOA Board.

Bill Spier noted that the Second Helping food program would start on June 16th and operate thru Labor Day. A motion was made and carried to provide \$195 for additional magnets to be placed in rental houses providing information about the program.

Town Manager Steve Wheeler presented his report. He encouraged everyone to attend the Concerts on the Coast series that will be held under the bridge at the end of Jordan Street from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. The Town is revising the CAMA land use plan, which is a two year process. No zoning changes are being proposed. Maps for the CAMA Land Use Plan were posted on the rear wall. Decals for entry to the island following an evacuation are free until May 31, after which date they are \$10 each. Sewer pump stations are being fenced and odor controls have been placed on every station – but some issues still remain. The Holden Beach Harbor dredging effort has had problems, and Steve will meet with some of the property owners and

CAMA to help find a solution. The CAMA permit was for 40 ft. versus 80 ft. The problem with stormwater runoff is being addressed by installing corrugated pipe drains in certain areas.

Police Chief Wally Layne reported no current crime waves. The 17-year -old suspect in the November thru January wave of break-ins will go to trial in the next month or two. A survey was mailed to property owners asking for suggestions to improve the police department. Chief Layne requested everyone to respond so he can report results at the Labor Day meeting.

Commissioner John Heimlich said that the grant for improvements to the Jordan Blvd project is waiting for a major CAMA permit. The money will build a performance stage, picnic area and playground. The Emergency Management Committee has been made a permanent committee and all policies and procedures have been reviewed. The County's new calling system will be utilized to contact property owners in case of an evacuation. Cell phone numbers can be included in the system.

Commissioner Gary Staley discussed the Town Hall addition and encouraged those present to look at the rendering of the new Town Hall.

Mayor Norman Meares thanked both John Heimlich and Gary Staley for their work on the Emergency Management Committee (EMC).

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

TURTLE UPDATE

The Latest Statistics For 2007		
Current Nest Count	False Crawls	Strandings
17	10	8
Total Known Eggs	Average Eggs Per Nest	
1711	114.1	
Total Baby Turtles		
197		

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IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

Oct. 5th - Absentee voting by mail begins
Oct. 12th - Voter Registration deadline
Oct. 18th - One -Stop Absentee Voting begins--only at the Board of Elections in Bolivia.
Oct. 30th - Last day to request Absentee ballot
Nov. 3rd - One -Stop absentee voting stops at 1PM
Nov. 5th - Last day for absentee ballots to be returned – by 5PM
Nov 6th – Election Day

For additional information, go to:
www.co.brunswick.nc.us and select Board of Elections under the Departments tab.

CANDIDATES

All five Town Commissioner seats and the Mayor position are up for election this fall. Commissioner candidates include incumbents John Heimlich, Sandy Miller, Pat Griffin Sandifer and Gary Staley. Charlie Boyle is the only incumbent commissioner not on the ballot. New candidates for commissioner are Don Glander, John Hancock, Ken Kyser, Ray Lehr, Peggy Schiavone and Sheila Young.

For Mayor, incumbent Norman Meares will be running against Alan Holden.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

HBPOA will be sponsoring another “Meet the Candidates Night” where you will have an opportunity to hear from the candidates for Mayor and Town Commissioner regarding their views on important issues. This is your chance to learn each candidate’s views on many issues. The session will be held on Friday, October 26th at the Holden Beach Chapel Fellowship Hall. We will be compiling a list of questions for the candidates to answer and discuss.

IT’S HURRICANE SEASON (AGAIN)

Hurricane researcher William Gray lowered his 2007 hurricane forecast slightly on August 3rd, calling for 15 named storms, with eight becoming hurricanes and four becoming intense. On May 31, at the outset of hurricane season, Gray had called

for 17 named storms and nine hurricanes, five of them intense.

The new forecast calls for three named storms, two hurricanes and one intense hurricane in August; five named storms, four hurricanes and two intense hurricanes in September; and five named storms, two hurricanes and one intense hurricane in October and November combined. Chances of an intense hurricane hitting the East Coast, including the Florida Peninsula, are 43 percent.

This year’s storm names are: Andrea, Barry, Chantal, Dean, Erin, Felix, Gabrielle, Humberto, Ingrid, Jerry, Karen, Lorenzo, Melissa, Noel, Olga, Pablo, Rebekah, Sebastien, Tanya, Van and Wendy. Dean will be the next storm, since the first three names have already been used.

HOLDEN BEACH BEAUTIFICATION CLUB

The Holden Beach Beautification Club, established in the early 1990’s, is dedicated to the improvement of island aesthetics. For example, the Club coordinates the maintenance of the island gardens.

A highlight of our 2007 projects includes the decoration of Ocean Boulevard’s light poles; Christmas stars will be in place this holiday season, and members are currently investigating the purchase of small flags for the light poles.

Full-time as well as part-time residents of Holden Beach are invited to join the Holden Beach Beautification Club. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May at the Holden Beach Chapel at 9:45 a.m. Meeting activities for this year include cooking and cosmetic demonstrations, a “Screen Gems” tour in Wilmington, several tasting luncheons, a silent auction, a presentation on wild birds and lunch at the Culinary School in Myrtle Beach. Dues are \$10 and go towards the Club projects.

Please join us, meet your neighbors and learn more about our beautiful island. Questions may be directed to the Club President, Ms. Peggy Schiavone (910)864-8655.

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NEW WEATHER PORTAL

Boaters and weather enthusiasts can try out a new experimental website that integrates data on real-time observations, hazards and forecasts along the North and South Carolina Coasts. Online links include current observations, land and sea surface temperatures, National Weather Service five-day forecasts, wind speeds and directions. To access the site, go to: www.weather.gov/carolinacoast.

WATERFRONT ACCESS STUDY

The N.C. Waterfront Access Study Committee submitted its final report on April 13th, determining that the State is experiencing a significant loss in the diversity of waterfront-dependent uses and in public access. Skyrocketing market demand for finite shoreline, accelerating development, and increasing property taxes are among the factors. The committee offers recommendations for retaining and enhancing working waterfronts, enhancing public access to coastal waters, and protection of fishing piers – including potential zoning techniques that can be used by coastal local governments. The complete report is available online at: http://www.ncseagrant.org/files/WASC_FINAL_web.pdf.

LABOR DAY BBQ

HBPOA is continuing its tradition of the Labor Day Weekend BBQ for members and their families. Please make plans to join us on **September 1st at 6:00 PM at the Holden Beach Chapel.**

Bart's BBQ will handle the event again this year. The menu includes eastern style BBQ, slaw, baked beans, bread and iced tea; or a hot dog, baked beans, slaw and rolls plus iced tea. Cost is \$7.50 per person for the barbecue or \$3.00 for hot dogs.

Reservations must be made ahead of time
Checks and reservations must be received by
Monday, August 20th, 2007

Please fill out the reservation form below and mail it with your check - payable to HBPOA, with "BBQ" written on the memo line.

If you have any questions, call Sandy Miller at (910) 842-7691 or e-mail her at Friend@atmc.net

HBPOA Labor Day Barbeque

Detach and return to:

Sandy Miller, HBPOA Executive Secretary –
988 Ocean Blvd West –
Holden Beach, NC 28462.

Beach Address: _____

Home Address: _____

Names of those attending: _____

Number of BBQ dinners @ \$7.50: _____

Number of Hot Dog dinners @ \$3.00 _____