
Newsletter

HOLDEN BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION August 2008

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 2008

Aug 30th – Labor Day Meeting and BBQ
Oct 25/26 – Festival by the Sea
Nov 29th – Thanksgiving Weekend Meeting

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

MESSAGE FROM THE HBPOA PRESIDENT

Dear Property Owners,

Our Labor Day meeting is approaching, which also means that summer is winding down and hurricane season is winding up. Please make sure you have a hurricane plan and are prepared to activate it if necessary.

I hope to see you on Saturday, August 30th. This meeting represents our Annual Meeting where we elect new directors and present our budget for the coming year. As always, we will also plan to discuss the latest Town news and events and hear from the Town Manager, Police Chief, and Mayor.

We will also be holding our annual BBQ the same day as our meeting, starting at 5:30 PM. I hope you can all attend. Please RSVP to Sandy Miller no later than Monday, August 25th by sending the form included in this newsletter.

I was fortunate to spend most of this summer at the beach. The weather was great, the crowds were not too large, and everything seems to run smoothly – it just went by too quickly and now I am back in Charlotte preparing for another school year. I look forward to seeing you on Labor Day weekend.

Best regards,

Tom Myers
HBPOA President



MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MANAGER

Like I told my wife shortly after our 6 month anniversary when she brought home our three month old car with a major dent in the fender “Well, it ain’t new anymore, honey”. I can’t fall back on being the new guy in town anymore. I’ve been exposed to a plethora of fast breaking issues requiring rapid acceleration and swift action in order to avoid pitfalls but many of you out there have helped out to facilitate my familiarization and I really appreciate it. Here is a brief update on a couple of things:

1. Emergency Operations Center – Is just about finished with the basic structure. All that really remains is the garage doors which the contractor tells me (and has been telling me for several weeks now) that they will be here tomorrow. There are some follow on cost issues to the tune of approximately \$200,000 for items that were not budgeted for. These items include:
 - a. An upgrade of the wastewater system which was initially permitted as a general office complex operating Monday thru Friday 9-5 and subsequently revised to reflect the realities of the structure’s intended use.
 - b. Site improvements to include paving the parking lot, storm water and landscaping.
 - c. Audiovisual, Communications and Information Technology equipment
 - d. Furnishings to include furniture and kitchen accoutrements

Hopefully, by the time you all get this we’ll be operational to some degree and better prepared for contingencies that may arise.

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2. New Town Hall - According to the Architect and from what's visible, the building is on schedule for a 9 January 09 delivery date.

Tom Myers had passed on several questions to me from the HBPOA when I first got here that I have been working through as time and available space allowed for this newsletter. A couple of those questions were inquiries into how much debt (total and specifically what for) does the town have. I have attempted to explain the town's debt picture in detail with the budget message prepared for the commissioners prior to adoption of the budget. I think it's a pretty explicit portrayal of the town's obligations but it is rather lengthy. If you are interested you can access it on the Town's website beginning 11 August.

Regarding beach renourishment and a sand plan: Right Angle Engineering is working with the Town to see where/when our next small project may take place. It will be several weeks before they provide us with anything definitive. The Shoreline Protection Committee is getting up to speed on the 50 year renourishment project (among other issues) having met several times since forming earlier this summer. In the meantime we'll proceed with developing a more short term/smaller project with our consulting engineers.

Lastly I would like to encourage all of you to sign up for our email newsletter. We have over 2,000 people who have signed up to receive information from Town Hall. This is a vital part of our emergency notification process and works great to get out current events too. Go to www.hbtownhall.com to sign up.

Thanx for a great first six months,

David W. Hewett

NEWS FROM OUR LAST MEETING

President Myers called the Memorial Day membership meeting to order at 10:10 AM. 58 people were present, 52 of them members, thus constituting a quorum.

The wrong minutes for March 22, 2008 were distributed, thus the approval of those minutes were postponed. The financial statement showed a balance of \$28,041.82 in savings and checking. Membership was 849 with 6 new members in 2008.

President Myers asked that anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors contact Sheila Young or Jack Smith. The annual Labor Day BBQ will be on Saturday, August 30 at 5:30 PM.

Committee Reports

The 2009 budget will be presented at the Labor Day meeting. The Liaison committee has met on a regular basis with the Town Manager and staff. They will be sending out reports using the iContact software to those that have e-mail.

The next newsletter will be sent by e-mail to those who request it. Articles for the newsletter should be sent to Tom Myers by August 8.

New Business

There was discussion about malfunctioning street lights on the causeway and on Ocean Boulevard. There was opposition to a bill pending before the General Assembly that would extend the "no wake" zone from the bridge to Lockwood Folly inlet. Mayor Holden promised to contact the sponsors and express the opposition.

Town Manager David Hewett reported the following: 1) beach nourishment was completed on time and the vegetation planted. 2) dredging continues to be a "point of pain." All three canal subdivisions will be meeting on a regular basis. 3) the new town hall should be finished by January 2009. 4) The EMOC is almost finished. 5) the Town is getting organized for the next hurricane season.

Chief Wally Layne said the state of the island is good. He has seven qualified applicants for the vacant police position. The traffic reroute taking place for Memorial Day will be in place for July 4 and Labor Day. He thanked the Turtle Patrol for donating several laptops to the police department.

Bill Spier announced that Second Helping would begin their new season on June 21. He had 9,000 pounds of food donated last year and the goal is 10,000 this year. He asked that the HBPOA donate some money for more of the refrigerator magnets. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Holden asked for volunteers for the Hurricane Emergency program. There will be no commingling of funds in the three canal subdivisions. The goal for the Board of Commissioners is not to raise the

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current tax rate. He provided flood elevation maps for review and thanked the town employees for a great job.

Ed Brannock asked that the Town have the beach nourishment plan on the agenda at the Labor Day meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 AM.

TOWN EMAIL SERVICE

The Town has been operating a service for residents and property owners, entitled "Holden Beach E-News." This service provides fast reliable information to property owners that do not live on the beach. The Town has been using this service to provide updates on projects, events, local information, meetings, and most importantly, information during hurricanes. To sign up for emails, go to: http://www.hbtownhall.com/email_news.htm

TURTLE UPDATE

Latest Updates:

The Latest Statistics For 2008

Current Nest Count	False Crawls	Strandings
35	31	6
Total Known Eggs	Known Average Eggs Per Nest	
3612	113.1	
Total Baby Turtles		
529		

The Turtle Patrol reports the first conjoined twin turtle (Siamese) in NC. There have been other instances of this occurring elsewhere in sea turtles and also freshwater turtles, but we have never heard of this before in North Carolina.

ICW NO-WAKE ZONE

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacted House Bill 2155 on July 15th to create a no-wake zone in the Intracoastal Waterway at Holden Beach. Excerpts of the legislation are as follows, the complete House Bill can be found at: <http://www.ncleg.net/Sessions/2007/Bills/House/HTML/H2155v4.html>

It is now unlawful to operate a vessel at greater than a no-wake speed in the Intracoastal Waterway adjacent to the Town of Holden Beach and the Town of Oak Island within 1,000 feet of the center of the intersection of the inlet at the Lockwood Folly River. No-wake speed is idle speed or a slow speed creating no appreciable wake.

The Town of Holden Beach, Town of Oak Island, Brunswick County, or their designees may place and maintain the markers in accordance with the United States Aids to Navigation System (USATONS) and any supplementary standards for such system adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission.

Markers of the no-wake speed zone shall be buoys, floating signs, or fixed signs, as appropriate, placed in the water and must be sufficient in number and size as to give adequate warning of the no-wake speed zone to the vessels approaching from various directions.

Violation of Section 1 of the act is a Class 3 misdemeanor. The act applies only to the Town of Holden Beach, the Town of Oak Island, and the surrounding area as described in the act. The act is effective when it becomes law and is enforceable after markers are placed in the water.

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 **August 30th at 5:30 PM at the Holden Beach Chapel.**

Wiley Langley 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 \$7.00 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 25th, 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

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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 @ \$7.00: _____

Number of Hot Dog dinners @ \$3.00 _____