
Newsletter

HOLDEN BEACH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

August 2011

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 2011

Sep. 3 HBPOA Labor Day Weekend Meeting

Oct. 29 [NC Festival by the Sea](#)

Nov. 5 [Shipwreck Triathlon](#)

Nov. 8 Municipal Election Day

Nov 26 HBPOA Thanksgiving Meeting

HBPOA meetings start at 10 AM and are held in the Assembly Room of Holden Beach Town Hall. Please join us

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Another wonderful summer at Holden Beach is ending. Lots of contented visitors with happy memories are looking forward to returning to the beach next year. This summer has been HOT and the ocean has been a refreshing respite for many. Some of the most beautiful sand castles and sculptures adorned our beach this year and colorful umbrellas are back. The town has done an excellent job promoting and educating the public on the new "No personal items left on the beach" ordinance. Last year a walk on the beach at daybreak found hundreds of cabanas, chairs, and other person items left overnight. Now this year we find only a lovely and welcoming beach for everyone to enjoy.

We had a nice turnout at our HBPOA Memorial Weekend meeting, and now are looking forward to seeing you at our next HBPOA Membership meeting at 10 am on Saturday, September 3, 2011 at HB Town Hall.

Some important items to share:



- Election Time: All of the Commissioners and Mayor are running unopposed this year. The HBPOA still believes it is important to the property owners/voters to understand the candidates' positions and views on important items that may affect the town. This year in lieu of having a public event, we have asked the candidates to participate by providing written answers to a set of written questions in advance of the election. The answers will be posted on the HBPOA website and may be provided to the local newspapers. If you would like to contribute questions, please send them to H.B.Candidates@gmail.com.
- You all should have received your new tax assessments.
- Holden Beach Commissioners approved spending up to \$20,000 for a "par course", a series of fitness stations, to be built between Greensboro and Scotch Bonnet streets.
- Storm season is upon us, so please make sure you have your hurricane evacuation plans in place.
- Terminal Groin legislation, SB110, has become law. There will only be 4 Terminal Groins permitted in NC.
- HBPOA Directors Ed Brannock and Ron Skubic are leaving the Board. Ed is leaving due to some medical issues. He has been a staunch leader for beach renourishment. Ron is leaving due to increasing business responsibilities. Ron has been our key liaison to the town. We wish them the best and will miss their contributions. Candidates for election to fill the open positions on the board will be presented at the September 3 meeting.

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We invite you to join us for the Labor Day Weekend HBPOA Membership meeting on Saturday, September 3, 2011, at 10:00-11:30 AM at Holden Beach Town Hall.

Best regards,



John Lytvinenko
President, HBPOA

SUMMER'S END

We are almost at the end of a very warm, dry, active summer here at Holden Beach.

The crowds seem to be about normal or maybe a little bigger than last year. The occupancy tax reports will tell the story when we have the final numbers in a few weeks.



No major events have taken place here this summer. All seems to be well. No drownings, water-spouts or really bad happenings took place. The one big concern, of course, is hurricane season. We have about seven more weeks to worry.

Meanwhile, all homeowners should review their insurance policies, record with pictures and other means the inventory of the home, and make sure you have a plan. The plan should include the before, during and after activities. Preparation, survival, and recovery should be well thought out and realistic.

Environmental issues are always a concern. Mosquitos, deer, cats, birds and all of the other beach critters live here too! Holden Beach has and will always have changing issues concerning these and others. The dry summer has helped with the mosquito control. The Town is addressing all of the existing concerns currently and will be giving more information on these matters in the near future. Meanwhile, please keep yards and vegetated areas as orderly as possible.

The fishing reports have been mixed this summer. Presently the Spanish Mackerel are reported to be plentiful. Flounder and Pompano are seemingly good catches too.

Our beach strand has continued to change. Being a certified engineered beach, we keep a close eye on the elevations and widths. Overall the engineering reports are favorable. The ocean front plantings, fencing and fertilizing programs are paying great dividends.

The summer concerts under the bridge on Sunday nights have been more popular than ever. The crowds seem to be larger for the beach music bands. The Town added a new dance floor in front of the stage (not using property tax money).

Construction has been better than last year. Sales are still soft but have improved. Short sales and foreclosures still play a large role in the total sales.

The free wireless internet around the Town Hall has been well received. Property owners and visitors have benefited.

This fall is election time. All members of the existing board are running again. No one else filed to run.

The overall condition of the Town is good. The funds and physical condition of the Town's assets are fine.

Alan

Alan Holden
Mayor, Town of Holden Beach

LABOR DAY 2011 UPDATE

Just a brief note to touch on a few happenings at the beach this summer. First, I'd like to formally welcome the newest addition to the Holden Beach Town staff "family". Our staff accountant, Chiemi Glazener and her husband have been blessed with the birth of their first child – Kai Charles – earlier this month.



Other than Chiemi going into labor in the office a couple of weeks ago, I'd have to sum up the summer so far as safe and relatively uneventful. In other words –great. The weather has been dry, almost every day was sunny and hot. Keep your fingers crossed though – we're not through with hurricane season. We haven't had any erosive weather to speak of – and the strand has recovered nicely from the "Alabama tornados" earlier this spring. In fact;

our annual beach strand survey shows that the strand has accreted in excess of a quarter of a million cubic yards over the last three years and our dunes are broader and higher. These two realities have served to provide increased storm protection and in fact have resulted in the decreasing of erosion rates (good) that the Coastal Resources Commission uses to determine how far new construction must be set back from the shoreline.

The new ordinance prohibiting unattended personal property on the beach at night (aka the "cabana rule") appears to be having the desired effect of getting stuff off the beach at night. We've received plenty of feedback; especially early on in the season, but it appears to be diminishing in intensity as the staff has fine tuned its notification efforts and enforcement techniques.

Rentals appear to be up; at least for the first two months of the fiscal year.

Our recreation master plan is well on its way with the survey phase (which collected almost six hundred surveys) finished in mid July as planned with data analysis ongoing currently. A draft report is expected in October at which time we'll have a better idea of what the community desires in terms of recreation services.

In the meantime, town staff has been working with the Holden Beach Beautification Club to scope and execute a number of projects/aesthetic improvements around the island. Be on the lookout come spring for the Beautification Club's Garden Tour!! Here's hoping for a stormless fall. Remember to keep your evacuation plan ready.

Thank You,

David W. Hewett
Town Manager

PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATE

The summer is winding down but Amanda Rose, Parks and Recreation Coordinator, is still busy judging sand sculptures and helping visitors make tie dye t-shirts. Every Thursday this summer there was a sand sculpture contest on the beach at Jordon Blvd. and prizes were donated by area merchants. The first tie t-shirt event was well attended with about 50 people creating their original wearable works of art.



For Holden Beach Residents the Town Hall Assembly room will host Bridge on Fridays from 10am to 4pm. For those who enjoy Canasta, stay tuned as that is in the works.

A little less than 600 surveys were completed and returned to Town Hall. The consultant firm will be tabulating those results and a rough draft for a five year plan will be ready in October.

Holden Beach's first Triathlon is scheduled for November 5, 2011. This race includes a 1000 meter ocean swim, 30K bike ride and 8K run all on Holden Beach. The route has been determined. For more information log on to setupevents.com. or contact Amanda Rose at 842-6488.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Because the candidates for Town Commission and Mayor are all of the incumbents and there are no registered challengers, the HBPOA will not hold its biennial Meet the Candidates debate this year. But this still is an election year and we believe it is still very important for voters to understand the views of those seeking to make policy for the town.



Please help us get answers to the questions that interest you. Send your questions to H.B.Candidates@gmail.com. We don't guarantee that we'll ask the questions exactly as you would but we'll do our best to be sure that each candidate ad-

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dresses all the questions that are of interest to our members.

Please help us help you be an informed voter.

Mark Fleischhauer
Bill Gettys
Linda Lytvinenko

Meet the Candidates Committee

PLEASE RECYCLE...

... but not like this. Take your paper, glass and metal recyclables to the Town of Holden Beach recycling center under the water tower across from Town Hall. To learn more about recycling at Holden Beach, click [here](#).



MINUTES OF THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MAY 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by President John Lytvinenko.

Program:

David Hewett, Town Manager:

1. Beach Management Plan has been impacted by planting on the strand
2. The 50 year project with the Core of Engineers is on the "far horizon"
3. The "least cost" approach to dredging is to dump sand on the east end; no federal dollars are available, but a new hopper dredge (designed for NC inlets) has been purchased to replace the side launch dredge; cost sharing is possible
4. The Turkey Trap site contains 400,000 yards of sand, to be held for emergencies
5. The preliminary results from the annual strand survey (which placed stakes on the beach) show the beach is stable, and has accreted 60,000 yards (compared to previous 200,000 yard erosion rate); sand is moving East, which is different than anticipated
6. The 300 block was hit hardest by the storms last month

7. Four million yards of sand are available offshore – to be divided into two 700,000 yard projects; the first between November 2012 and April 2013; the second two years later; the project would be 50 ft. wide and run from the 300 block to the 700 block.
8. BPART fund contains a balance of \$4.4 million
9. Terminal groin legislation has moved to committee
10. Parks and Rec department has been formed and is conducting a survey until mid-July; approximately 500 surveys have been received
11. Decals are available for free until Tuesday, May 31st, after which they will be \$10 each.
12. Draft erosion rates have decreased due to renourishment projects, which will impact CAMA setbacks

Bill Spier, Second Helping

1. Second Helping will start on June 18th - from 7 AM until noon
2. Five pounds of food can be purchased per dollar contributed
3. Last year they collected 16,228 pounds of food; for a total of over 55,000 pounds since the program started in July 2005

Wally Lane, Police Chief:

1. Beach patrol started yesterday
2. Cabana ordinance in effect – emphasis will be on education versus enforcement

Alan Holden, Mayor:

1. Sand spur spraying is underway
2. The Chapel celebrated its 50th anniversary; 500 people attended
3. The new hospital in Supply is having a grand opening event on July 14th and 16th
4. A bill in the legislature will end the option of annexing the causeway
5. The County tax rate will be about 43 cents; the Town rate will be between 12-13 cents (revenue neutral)
6. New tax values are representative of market values
7. 14-16 houses are under construction; 50 CAMA permits are being processed

Tony Marwitz, Turtle Patrol:

1. Turtle Patrol is 22 years old in 2011.
2. Last year, 29 nests and 3100 turtles. This year, one nest so far.

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Introduction of members – Quorum Check:

There were 32 members present, enough for a quorum.

Approval of Minutes:

1. Motion by Sheila Young to amend minutes to show cost of identification sticker as \$10, delete statement that “all island streets are now at 35 mph, and show Nadia Glander making the motion to not fund a snowflake – approved
2. Minutes approved as amended

Executive Secretary’s Report:

1. Dennis Harrington presented the financial report showing a total balance of \$35,015.72

President’s Report, John Lytvinenko

1. The association has provided input to the Parks and Recreation department
2. A new banner has been purchased
3. A nominations committee has been formed to address Director terms that are expiring

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee, Dennis Harrington:

1. Contribution to Brunswick Family Assistance is \$1,000 - not \$500
2. 604 current member

Liaison Committee, Ron Skubic:

1. Requested report on BPART fund to resolve confusion about the fund

Membership Committee, Betty Curtis:

1. No letters were sent out to new property owners.

Newsletter, Committee, Bill Gettys

1. 530 email newsletters were sent to 458 households
2. 152 printed newsletters were mailed.

New Business:

1. John Lytvinenko reported that a temporary Facebook page had been created. After discussion, a poll of the members showed the majority did not want a Facebook page; no action was taken.
2. John Lytvinenko reported a committee had been formed to make recommendations regarding the Labor Day BBQ. The BBQ would not be held this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Myers

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