



# Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to All.

In addition to Spring in the air, there is optimism with it. Our lifestyle limitations from Covid 19 have lessened. Here In Barnegat Light, we have been extremely fortunate during the pandemic. There are very few other places that could have offered such a plethora of outdoor recreational activities in an uncrowded setting.

As president of the BLTA, I am also a member of the Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations (JCTA). This organization includes every taxpayer association on LBI, from Holgate to Barnegat Light. In many ways, we are the envy of all these other towns. Barnegat Light is never besieged with the huge crowds seen in the southern section of the island. We have a beautiful outdoor pavilion with a spacious lawn for outdoor events. Parking at the pavilion is easily available if one chooses not to walk. This is not the case in the other towns. Our volunteer fire company and first aid squad are the finest of any on the island and, in fact, provide coverage to many of the other communities. Our town is invested in the health of our fishing fleet and its niche seaport. It is a source of great pride, as exemplified by our Annual Blessing of the Fleet. We have chosen to forgo at home mail delivery in favor of a post office where people can gather and socialize.

Our residents have been involved with multiple ecological issues including preserving the population of diamondback terrapins, monarch butterflies and osprey. We have two beautiful gardens maintained by the Garden Club of LBI. The 10th Street recreational locations are unmatched anywhere else on the island. No other town has both a dog park and a skateboard park. We have two blocks of bayfront available to leave our kayaks for the entire summer. I could go on and on. This commitment to quality of life and pride in our community has created a sense of camaraderie, an endearing quality in such a small town. We are indeed very fortunate. I wish you all a wonderful season!

Rich Brodman, President of the BLTA

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## Dates for your Calendar

Dates for our *General Membership Meetings*, annual *Wine and Cheese* event, and a *fall beach cleanup* have been confirmed and we wanted to share them with you.

**Wine and Cheese Event** (*The Pavilion*)  
Sunday, May 28th from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**General Membership Meeting** (*The Pavilion*)  
Saturday, June 24th at 9:30 a.m.

**General Membership Meeting** (*The Pavilion*)  
Saturday, July 22nd at 9:30 a.m.

**Beach Clean Up** (*29th Street Walkway and Porch*)  
Saturday, September 9th at 9:00 a.m.

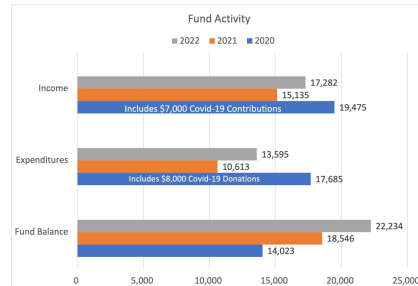
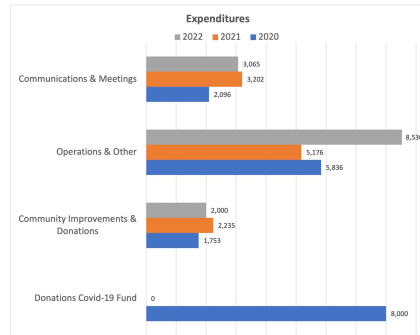
**General Membership Meeting** (*The Pavilion*)  
Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 a.m.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Bill Chrnulich

Your BLTA's Dues and Contributions in 2022 of \$17,282 increased by \$2,146 compared to 2021, principally from increased membership and higher voluntary contributions. Our 2022 expenditures of \$13,595 increased by \$2,982 over 2021. This increase is comprised of \$1,050 for our first Wine & Cheese event since 2019 and \$2,500 to finish installing our new online membership system and website. These increases were offset by a \$1,200 reduction in printing and postage expense. Our income exceeded our expenditures and therefore our Fund Balance at December 31, 2022 increased to \$22,234.



### Your BLTA in 2022-2023

Despite some ongoing limitations and concerns from Covid, the BLTA was able to have a complete year. The following are the activities and projects sponsored by **Your BLTA**.

- We began the season with our annual Wine and Cheese Party at the pavilion on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend just prior to the parade. It was attended by many existing and new members, as well as the mayor and some council members.
- Our three general meetings (June, July, and September) were held at the pavilion. The principal topics included island flooding, fire safety and prevention, and an overview of our first aid squad including its origin and history. We also had a timely review of bike safety rules and the new legislation regarding motor vehicles and cyclists. All our general meetings concluded with topics of interest discussed by Mayor Larson, followed by a Q/A session.
- A donation to the victims of Hurricane Ian in Sanibel Island was made by you (our BLTA members) in the fall of 2022.
- Additional donations by our BLTA members were made to our volunteer fire company and first aid squad.
- The BLTA in conjunction with the Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations (JCTA) sponsored and participated in an island wide beach and town cleanup. Barnegat Light had over 40 participants engendering an article in the Sandpaper (October 2022).
- Members of the BLTA regularly attended the monthly Mayor and Council meeting to keep abreast of important issues.
- This spring we will donate a defibrillator to the town to be kept either at the pavilion or at the pickleball courts.
- Also this spring we are donating a flag disposal box to the borough. See Betsy Aras' article in the newsletter.
- Finally, we provide you with this yearly Newsletter.

**BLTA BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
2022-2023**

Rich Brodman, President  
Tony Dandola, Vice President  
Jack Byrnes, Secretary  
William Chrnulich, Treasurer

**TRUSTEES**

Betsy Aras  
Wendy Baker  
Mary Ann Crutchlow  
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**Board Members**

(To be elected as trustees  
at September BLTA meeting)

Bruce Allen  
Madeline Pantzer

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**CAN YOU HELP?**

Your **BLTA** is ***in need of a new board member with a strong financial/accounting background.*** The current excellent treasurer, Bill Chrnulich, has graciously agreed to stay on for an additional term while we recruit a replacement. Please contact BLTA President, Rich Brodman if you are interested and would like more information.

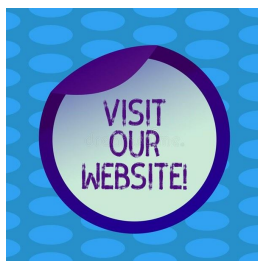
Rich can be reached at [rbrodman@aol.com](mailto:rbrodman@aol.com) or 908-405-6825.

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**Our [BLTA Website](#)**

by Betsy Aras

The Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association has maintained a [website](#) presence for many years now; but with our recent overhaul of the site, we have been able to offer many more options that benefit you such as [renewing and paying your membership dues online](#) and getting access to the latest edition of [Offshore Wind Farm Roundup](#) as it focuses on the recent whale deaths.



Other options include finding the [minutes of a taxpayer general meeting](#) you might have missed, checking the [calendar](#) for local happenings including the summer concert series, [emailing](#) your Board of Trustees with a question or comment – the list goes on.

Your Board of Trustees can now maintain the membership database online, easily send out communication emails to our members and friends, and this year, as we send out the spring [newsletter](#) through email only, we are saving the association the costs of preparation and postage. It is making our volunteer jobs more efficient and the data collection easier.

**But are you using the [website](#)?** Do you have it bookmarked on your phone or laptop or desktop computer? We encourage you to visit our website and see what it has to offer – then you'll know where to look when a question arises. Below is a small listing of the type of information you can find:

- If you are [homeowner](#) and have questions about recycling or want to sign up for Nixle notifications, the answers are at your fingertips.
- Find links to local, regional, state, federal government, or our local schools on the [Barnegat Light Borough Government/Schools](#).
- Make an over and above [donation to your Taxpayers' Association](#).
- See your [associations' accomplishments](#) over the years.
- Read [local newspapers](#) including those accessible through the Ocean County Library system.
- Find the live Osprey Cam that's located in Barnegat Light or check the weather on the [Environment/Weather page](#).

Thank you for being a member of the Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association. We appreciate your support as we continue to work towards the betterment of our beautiful community here on the north end of Long Beach Island!



## AMERICAN FLAG COLLECTION BOX

by Betsy Aras

Just as there is etiquette for displaying Old Glory, there's also etiquette for disposing of American flags in a dignified manner. They should not just be 'thrown away' when they are torn or ripped or frayed. According to the U.S. Flag Code, *"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning"*.

Many state and county government offices and VFW posts have flag disposal boxes available. Once the disposal boxes are full, organizations such as VFWs, American Legions, and the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are authorized to collect the flags and hold flag retirement ceremonies. The U.S. Flag is considered such a sacred symbol that burning it in an undignified manner constitutes desecration. That's why only certain organizations are authorized, and the ceremonies are held in a specific manner.

The **GOOD NEWS** is that your taxpayer association is sponsoring a **permanent flag disposal box to be placed in Barnegat Light**. One of our members, Ed Aras, has been building and painting the box over the winter months. We hope to have it in service by the end of April. There is a collection box sponsored by the Brant Beach Taxpayers' Association located outside the Long Beach Township Municipal Building – but it's an 11.3-mile drive – whoa! We're excited to be able to offer a box at the north end of the island.

The **box will be located in front of the small white building across from the Post Office** on W 10th Street (*next to the cardboard recycling area*). The box is decorated red, white, and blue, like our flag, so it will be noticeable. Thank you in advance to Boy Scout Troop 26 (*out of Waretown*), and Kathleen Ries (*Troop leader*) as they have agreed to be responsible for picking up the flags and destroying them in the correct manner.

Be sure to share this news with your friends and neighbors in Barnegat Light and the surrounding towns. Let's do the right thing when it comes to our country's flag!

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### **Barnegat Light Little Library**

Have you checked out the Little Library box at the entrance to the post office and the larger collection in the meeting room at Borough Hall? Circulation continues to be brisk, with many users visiting regularly. The library is maintained by an active group of volunteers. If you would like to join the committee send an email to:

[barnegatlighttaxpayers@gmail.com](mailto:barnegatlighttaxpayers@gmail.com)

and someone will be in touch.

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## FRESH PRODUCE, ANYONE?

by Wendy Baker

In early July the daily queries begin, "Is this Jersey corn?", "Are the tomatoes local?", "Are the yellow flesh melons in yet?", "Do you have Jersey blueberries?". For 34 years Frank's Market in Viking Village has been the favorite destination for fresh produce. Many of our visitors and locals look forward each summer day to the ritual - grab your basket and walk to Frank's Market.

Barnegat Light has long had markets. In the 1920s there were approximately 100 residents of Barnegat City. Mr. Al Letts' vegetable stand and store took orders, then filled them in Philadelphia and delivered to customers. Mrs. Butterworth's Store on Fourth Street, (now the Inlet Deli), was available for the basics as well as penny candy. Her store also housed the Post Office. In the 1950s White's Market opened on the corner of 16<sup>th</sup> St.

How Barnegat Light is fortunate enough to have Frank's goes back to a few decades later. In 1975 Frank Tomasco, a high school teacher, and his family were spending their summers in Harvey Cedars on Lee Avenue. That was a time when the development on Route 72 in Manahawkin was just beginning. The north end of the island was filled with more marsh, dune and grass than buildings. Clams and crabs were easy to find but fresh produce was scarce. Seeing the need, Frank loaded up his truck every Monday and Thursday with fresh produce from local farms and Philadelphia suppliers. He would drive up and down the streets of Harvey Cedars selling produce from the back of his truck. Frank's truck became so popular he sometimes sold out before he ever left his driveway.

Harvey Cedars was known as a summer art colony in the last century. In the 1980s the Harvey Cedars Seaport, located where Birdy's is today, was a thriving seasonal market of local goods and crafts. Frank retired the truck and became part of the seaport to sell his produce. Then in 1989 Viking Village invited him to open a shop at their location. Frank ran both locations for part of a season and then moved solely to Barnegat Light. With a storefront, Frank's Market soon became the go to place for produce on the north end of LBI. Today the building has very few changes. The wood floors are original, the attic access is still a ladder and the original scale still hangs over the tomatoes.



Frank's daughters, Gina Tomasco and Cheryl Puskas have run the store since his passing in 1996. Always a family business Franks has also provided "first jobs" for dozens of residents. The star remains the fresh produce, but the business has expanded to include gourmet grocery items. Every June in Barnegat Light we look forward to summer and what it brings.... the end of school, renewed friendships after winter, longer days, sun kissed noses, barefeet, outdoor showers,

***and the opening of Frank's!***

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## WHAT'S NEW WITH OLD BARNEY?

by Mary Ann Crutchlow



Barnegat Lighthouse got a make-over both inside and out this past spring through the fall. Renovations included re-grouting and re-mortaring the brick, masonry recoating, interior lantern steel platform repairs, roof repairs and new windows. The paint is expected to last 10-15 years. The lighthouse park remained open during construction.

The project, which cost \$1.3 million, was funded by the state corporate business tax. The Friends of the Barnegat Lighthouse, who were responsible for the relighting of the light in 2009, donated a new beacon and platform fencing.

***“Old Barney” will be open this year as usual from Memorial Day to Labor Day.***

Put a lighthouse climb on your “must do” list for the 2023 season; the 217 steps take you to a magnificent view of the surrounding area. (Not up for the climb? Enjoy the view nonetheless in the **Interpretive Center** next door where four cameras bring live images to ground level.)

There is a **\$3 fee per person** to enter the lighthouse. **Children ages 6 to 11 are \$1 and children ages 5 and under are free and must be accompanied by an adult.**

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## IT'S IN THE MAIL - MEET TOM ALTMAN

by Wendy Baker

March 2022 brought a new postmaster, Tom Altman to Barnegat Light. With Tom came 30 years of postal service and an appreciation for all things that make working on the shore unique. Tom began as a letter carrier in 1993 to help pay for college. His first assignment was in Toms River where he remained till 2003 when he became a Supervisor in Brick. In 2010 he moved to Sea Girt as Postmaster and then to Barnegat in 2012...he was getting closer to his home in Manahawkin!

Tom used to talk with Dorothy Mathis, BL Postmaster, and share supervisor stories. Although close geographically the comparisons of the Barnegat post office with 150 employees and our Barnegat Light post office with 2 were enormous. When Dorothy announced her retirement she encouraged him to apply to “the best post office job in New Jersey”. Barnegat Light is one of a very few in the state that actually makes a profit, a key to keeping our post office open.

And how has the first year gone? Tom is quick to share he feels Barnegat Light is “a friendly place where you get to know everyone”. There is a real “sense of community here”. He enjoys the seasonal changes too. During the summer they deal with 120 – 170 packages per day as opposed to 50 - 70 in the off season. The staff also has more General Delivery in the summer. This mail is addressed to people who do not have a PO Box and arrives c/o General Delivery. It is expected the recipients, usually seasonal owners or renters, will come to the post office and collect their package. They are held for 15 days according to postal regulations but Barnegat Light usually holds on to them for longer. The fun fact about the process in our town is there is a worn box of handwritten contact names and phone numbers that has been in use for years and still provides the way to let summer residents know they have a package.



Tom has advice for anyone looking into a postal career. It is secure and fast-paced but never repetitious. Memory skills, patience, and being a people person are definitely required. Tom certainly has mastered these!

***Welcome, Tom.*** And thanks for greeting us all cheerfully by name!

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## Why the Increase in Whale Deaths Along the Jersey Shoreline?

### It's Hard to Provide a Definitive Answer

by Scott Neff

As of late March, there have been twenty-two whale deaths (mostly humpbacks) along the New Jersey - New York shoreline. Since 2016 when the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through its Office of Fisheries began collecting data on unusual whale deaths, the federal agency has documented a total of 183 humpback whale deaths along the Eastern Seaboard — particularly off the coasts of Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York. Scientists have autopsied about half of these animals and determined that 40% of the whale deaths were attributable to ship strikes or entanglement in ropes or nets. Unfortunately the cause for the remaining deaths was inconclusive due to the whales' advanced decomposition at the time of their discovery.

Some officials and activists say the heightened number of whale mortalities may be linked to the rise in offshore wind farm projects being developed off the New Jersey shoreline and are calling on an immediate moratorium on all wind farm development. There are currently four offshore wind projects in New Jersey, according to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). During a recent conference call with journalists, NOAA Fisheries experts stated “there is no evidence to support speculation that noise resulting from wind development-related site characterization surveys could potentially cause mortalities of whales, and no specific links between recent large whale mortalities and currently on-going [wind farm] surveys.”

Federal officials and local marine scientists think several factors may be contributing to the increase in whale mortalities. As the humpback whale population has rebounded in recent decades due to cleaner waters and the improvement of offshore habitats as well as concerted protection efforts, more whales are swimming into the New Jersey and New York coastal regions in search of an important food source, menhaden — a small fish that lives in these waters. Unfortunately, menhaden are found in the major shipping lanes which brings the whales in direct contact with ship traffic bound for New Jersey and New York's ports.

Climate change and warming ocean temperatures may also play a factor in where whales swim in search of food. Although these factors certainly may be at play for the increase in whale deaths, several other groups including Save Long Beach Island ([www.savelbi.org](http://www.savelbi.org)) worry that the level of noise created by the ocean floor probing is greatly underestimated and extends much further than their models suggest, thus harming these migrating whales. At this time, there is no clear proof that the recent rise in whale deaths are related to wind farm development — stay tuned.

**Did you know:** there are 6 whale species found seasonally off the New Jersey shoreline including Fin Whales, Humpback Whales, Minke Whales, Sperm Whales, Short-finned Pilot Whales and Long-finned Pilot Whales. (**Humpback** shown in photo) And there are nine species of dolphins.



## NEWS FROM OUR BOROUGH

[barnegatlight.org](http://barnegatlight.org)

### KIRK LARSON, Mayor

We are looking forward to another happy and healthy summer for all our homeowners and visitors to Barnegat Light. Be part of our community by joining us at our Mayor and Council Meetings open to the public on the second Wednesday of each month in Borough Hall.. Work session caucus starts at 4:30 p.m; the regular meeting starts at 5:00 p.m. with an "open to the public session."

Barnegat Light is one of the major commercial fishing ports in the northeast United States. Of special concern are the proposed wind farms currently being planned off the coast. They will have a huge negative impact on our prosperous Barnegat Light fishing industry which will negatively affect our local economy and tax base at a financial cost to our taxpayers. In addition pre-construction activity has very damaging effects on marine mammals, local fisheries and marine resources. Migrating bird mortality is still unknown until windmills are built. Please keep yourself educated about this very important topic.

### FRANK MIKULETZKY - Chairman of Public Safety, Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator

Thank you to the dedicated First Aid and Fire Company volunteers who answer our emergency calls throughout the year, day and night.. Consider joining them; volunteers are always needed. ***Be sure your house number is prominently displayed*** so they can quickly find you. Call Borough Hall and add your name to the confidential list for hearing or mobility impaired person for use in emergencies.

***Sign up for NIXLE*** for notification of emergencies, road conditions, etc. Our Municipal Court is being moved from Long Beach Township back to the Barnegat Light old borough hall on 10th Street.

### ED WELLINGTON - Chairman of Public Works

The public works department has the responsibility for maintaining the building and grounds of the borough. To that end, routine activities include daily water supply monitoring and testing, utility mark outs, maintenance to include beach walks and path maintenance, response to emergencies and ongoing facility maintenance..

Some recent activities include new street end trash containers to hold more containers, the refurbishment of the municipal court facility, outside repairs to the museum and renovation of the lifeguard house. Soon, we will start construction of a new building to move the beach badge booth to a more convenient location on 10th street adjacent to the pickleball courts.

### MARY ELLEN FOLEY - Chairman of Water and Sewer

As all property owners should know by now, your next water bill will be based on your metered usage instead of spigots. The water bills will be sent quarterly. Your Borough team has taken great efforts to set water rates that will be close to what your previous bills were. That being said, if there are huge inconsistencies, please rest assured that we will look at the rates at 6 months and a year to see if they need to be adjusted.

Your new rates are designed to support the infrastructure of our water/sewer system. Funds are used to support delivery of water/sewer to your properties, replace aging water mains, maintenance and repair of our 3 wells, the water tower, and the sewer substation. Many of our current water mains are undersized for the scope of the houses that are being built in BL and need to be replaced over time.

Recent equipment purchases have included backup motors and technology to keep our Superintendent and his team aware of any water plant issues in real-time via secured cell phone connection.

**Barnegat Light's water and sewer rates are well below the average in NJ and on LBI...** why? Because BL's Water/Sewer Department is run by Borough employees, not an outside firm, which saves a significant amount of money for the Borough. Almost all underground repairs are now done "in-house" – a substantial cost savings over prior years when we had to hire contractors to do the repairs. Recent events like the water main break on 7th Street were handled by the BL Dept. of Water/Sewer, a major advancement

for the Borough.

**Remember:** If you water your gardens a lot, be prepared to adjust the settings for your watering system. And don't leave leaky toilets – fix them! Also, toilets are not trash cans, use your waste basket or garbage can and save water. Every cotton face cleaner, tissue or cigarette butt you flush away wastes five to seven gallons of water. Medications should not be disposed of in the toilet. Never place items such as wipes in the toilet which clog our borough septic system and require very expensive cleanup.

#### **SAM ALLOWAY** - Chairman of Docks and Harbors

The Barnegat Light **public boat ramp** is located at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Bayview Avenue. Boat and jet ski charges are \$20 day or \$120 for the season. Municipal boat slips located north of the ramp can be rented on an annual basis from April 1 to December 1. All slips have been rented for the 2023 season.

In the summer of 2022, 168 kayaks, 19 Hobie Cats, 6 sailfish and 11 paddle boards lined the bay beach south of the swimming area. **To alleviate the congestion there an ordinance was recently passed stating that non-motorized water craft, including kayaks, must be registered and receive an annual decal annually at Borough Hall.** Proof of ownership and Barnegat Light property tax bill must be shown. The annual registration fee for **residents** is \$10 or \$20 depending whether vessel is 5 feet in width or wider. The fee for **non-residents** is \$100 or \$200 depending on width.

#### **DOTTIE REYNOLDS** - Chairman of Beaches and Parks

A new **Badge Booth** is being built next to the post office. This location is where beach badges, pickleball badges, paw passes, and kayak/non-motorized watercraft decals can be purchased. If the booth is not open, purchases can be made at borough hall, by an application form online on the Borough web page or by credit card on the Viply app.

#### **Let's Go to the Park:**

**Enjoy the Children's Park** on 10<sup>th</sup> Street - lots of colorful equipment to be enjoyed by children of all ages.

**The Basketball half court** next to the pickleball courts is ready for you to play

**The Skateboard Park** is free and open to everyone wearing protective gear.

**Tennis Courts** on 11<sup>th</sup> Street are free for players with a season beach badge, or \$10 an hour without badges. Details on special passes are available at Borough Hall or our website.

**Pickle ball** courts on 10<sup>th</sup> Street adjacent to the basketball court are free for Barnegat Light resident players and \$100 for nonresidents. Residents and nonresidents need to get the pickleball season badge or get a 2023 decal to update your 2022 badge.

Since dogs are not permitted on beaches at any time of day from April 15 through September 30, **The Dog Park** on 10<sup>th</sup> street invites all friendly dogs to enjoy a social hour or two from 8:00 am to dusk. An annual personal entry swipe card "Paw Pass," renewed annually, is necessary to open the gate lock. A dog license or rabies certificate must be shown to receive your swipe card which is free to borough residents, \$30 for non-resident dogs. A one week pass is \$15.

**Head to BayBreeze Park** at 6<sup>th</sup> street and Bayview with its beautiful pavilion offering free morning zumba and yoga classes and Monday night concerts.

#### **Let's Go to the Beach:**

**Guarded ocean beaches and a bay beach will open Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>.** Be sure to purchase your \$35 preseason badge by June 5; starting June 6 season badges are \$45, weekly \$22, Daily \$5, Seniors \$12. Badges can be purchased at the new Badge Booth, off-season at Borough Hall, ordered on the Borough website or purchase your badge with a credit card or Viply.

Barnegat Light has the **widest beaches and best dunes** on LBI. We do not allow unauthorized vehicles on our beaches or private paths to cut through our dunes. We do not rake our beaches because beach raking disrupts the sand so it will blow away or wash away more easily. Raking removes the opportunity to admire and collect shells and sea glass along the shore and removes food needed by the shorebirds. The shells and seaweed catch the blowing sand and build up the beaches, continually disappearing under the new sand. During superstorm Sandy, our community was protected by our natural beaches and dunes and so we did not sustain the damage of other communities

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Hunting, trapping and the discharge of any firearms are prohibited on any beach or resort area within the Borough.

The **beach tram** will be running from 10 am to 5 pm at beach entrances along the foot of the dunes from the 4<sup>th</sup> street to the first guarded beach around 10<sup>th</sup> street. Stops for lunch hour 1:00 to 2:00. Riders over age 11 need a beach badge.

.A **Gator utility vehicle with Medlite** for medical emergencies will replace the beach truck to transport guards and equipment to improve safety and reduce truck traffic and tire ruts in the sand.

**Beach wheels** for those with mobility problems can be reserved by calling borough hall. **Handicapped access ramps** are located at 9th and 29th entrance streets. Additional **mobi-mats** will be installed on the beach entrances this year.

**Barnegat Light Junior Lifeguard in Training (LIT)** Program will be offered again to 10 to 15 year old youths interested in learning water safety skills. The five week program runs June 26 to July 31 from 10:00-12:00. The 10-12 year olds will meet on Tuesday and Thursday and the 13-15 year olds on Wednesday and Friday. All participants will meet on Mondays. The cost of \$100 includes shirt, swim shorts and sweatshirt. Applications are available in Borough Hall, online on the BL webpage LIT site, or on BLBP Facebook.

**The Restoration Area** with a large pond created at the north end by the jetty has made the area more suitable and attractive for piping plover and other beach nesting birds to settle. Barnegat Light is a special place, protecting a federally endangered species.

#### **What else can you do?**

Enjoy the **books** available at the **BLTA Little Library** in front of the post office. A large selection of books is also available to borrow in the Municipal Building Community Room.

Please follow the **recycling** guidelines. NO plastic bags or non-recyclable items or the entire recycling barrel will go in the garbage.

Learn about Barnegat Light's **community cats**: The Borough participates in the successful **world-wide Trap, Neuter, Return program (TNR)**, the most effective and humane way to reduce the stray/feral cat population. No more kittens, fewer cats. Call Dottie at 609-457-7106 for information or volunteer to foster kittens. Southern Ocean County Animal Shelter (609) 978-0127 is located next to the recycling center in Manahawkin.

The popular **LBI shuttle buses** will run again this summer from Barnegat Light to Holgate.

Barnegat Light is **a nice place to work**. Check our website ([barnegatlight.org](http://barnegatlight.org)) or call **Borough Hall (609-494-9196)** for available positions.