

Meet your BLTA Board~

Interested in learning more about the leaders of the Barnegat Light Taxpayer's Association? We may be your neighbor! We got involved so we could help inform the membership about specific issues that may affect our taxes, as well as general information helpful in enhancing the quality of life within our beautiful shore community. We care about Barnegat Light as much as you do! Join us at our summer meetings and see how you can be involved as well.

Rich Brodman is currently the President of the BLTA, having been elected to this position by the membership at the September 2022 General Meeting. Along with his duties of president, he continues to be involved with our membership drive, securing speakers for our general meetings, and planning our Wine and Cheese social event. Rich lives on East 10th Street with his wife, Bonnie, and they have been summer residents since 1984; permanent residents since 2015. Rich is a semi-retired physician who continues to do some periodic consulting.

Tony Dandola is completing his second year as a trustee with the BLTA and was elected Vice-president at our September 2022 General Meeting. In 2020, Tony and his wife, Susan, moved from Bernardsville to West 9th Street in Barnegat Light. Tony is an attorney and former U.S. Treasury Department official. Currently, he is active in real estate investing and private mortgage financing.

Bill Chernelich, trustee, and Treasurer for the BLTA, is a retired CPA from West Trenton, NJ. In 2015, after decades of seasonal renting on LBI, he and his wife Jane built a house in Barnegat Light on W 27th St. and enjoy having their big family share the summers with them. Bill became a trustee in 2016 and was re-elected to a fourth two-year term as Treasurer in September 2022 and will begin his 9th year as a trustee in 2024. Bill serves as Treasurer of the Iron Mike Foundation which supports Catholic schools in Trenton and serves on the finance committee of Mount Carmel Guild of Trenton which provides a food pantry and nursing assistance to families in need.

Betsy Aras is serving in her second three-year term as a BLTA Trustee in September. She helps administratively with the social media committee, specifically on the website and communication to the membership. She lives on W. 6th Street with her husband, Ed, who is a volunteer fireman with the BLVFC. Summer residents since 2015, they became full time residents of Barnegat Light in spring 2019, moving down from Little Silver in Monmouth County. Betsy is also President of the BLVFC Auxiliary. When not traveling for adventure or to visit grandchildren, they are enjoying their retirement in Barnegat Light. Betsy is a retired church administrator.

Jack Byrnes was re-elected to his second three-year term as a BLTA Trustee in September 2022. He is a member of the finance committee and is the Secretary of the Board, responsible for recording Board meeting minutes. Jack has lived on 17th Street with his wife, Anne, for the past thirteen years. Jack is a retired investment banker and CEO of a hospital receivables management company.

Wendy Baker is serving her second year as a BLTA trustee. She assists with the Newsletter, volunteers with the Little Free Library Box, and helps with the website and member communication. Wendy is a retired Middle School Principal from Ohio but has summered on LBI her entire life. She and her husband, John bought their home on 19th Street in 1997 and moved here full-time in 2008.

Mary Ann Crutchlow has been a BLTA trustee for many years, organizing the layout, printing, and mailing of the newsletter, as well as overseeing the *Little Free Library Box* located at the Post Office. She spent 20 years in educational technology, working with adults and children. Volunteering in her local library has given her pleasure, as has her volunteer work as a school group guide at the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia. Helping with grandchildren has been a focus year-round for several years. She lives on 20th street with husband, Bill, from May to October, and spends the rest of the year in Penn Valley, PA.

Phil Kahn is completing his sixth year as a BLTA Trustee, and his duties focus on membership. Phil is up for re-election for his final 3-year term as a trustee at the September 2024 General Meeting. He is a lawyer in private practice. Phil and his wife, Diane, live in Barnegat Light year-round on West 25th Street.

Kay McDonnell is serving her second three-year term as a BLTA Trustee. She chairs the Membership Management Solution Committee; she works behind the scenes keeping our website up and running. Kay is a full-time Barnegat Light resident, living on 10th Street; serves as Treasurer for the Barnegat Light Historical Society and is a docent at the Barnegat Light Museum, and an active member of the BLVFC Auxiliary. Kay recently retired having worked as the Associate Dean and Chief Information Officer at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School.

Scott Neff was elected to his first three-year term as BLTA Trustee in September 2022. His duties include working with the Social Media Committee and assisting with meeting/event flyer preparation. An avid beach walker, Scott has been enjoying our beautiful community for over 21 years. A permanent resident since 2021, he resides on East 27th Street with his partner, Steve. Scott is a retired nonprofit executive director.