



SHORELINES

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Message from the President

Chris Forstbauer

HBCA Membership

Don't delay; discounted rate ends March 1st

Join or renew now for 2025 access to beach and boating facilities for the whole family!

Annual membership starts at \$310 per family

Membership has its privileges, including access to the new playground, new boat ramp, pavilion, bathrooms, and pier and dock; parking; kayak / dingy rack rentals; lifeguard support; casino rentals; and more!

Visit hbca.org/pay-online for more details.



Dear HBCA Members and Huntington Beach Residents,

It is with great excitement that I write to you as the new president of our Community Association. Our neighborhood is unique, filled with vibrant families, beautiful homes, and a strong sense of togetherness. As we grow, I encourage you to [join the Association](#) and make a difference.

Your membership has helped us accomplish many projects this past year, from blue-stoning the entire parking lot to replacing the small children's playground, bolstering the pavilion's infrastructure, and finishing the boat ramp project. With continued donations we are hoping to complete the rest of the playground this year and make many other improvements. None of this would be possible without your ongoing membership and support.

Your participation through volunteering is also an excellent way to give back to the community. It is an incredible way to meet new people, share your talents, and give back to the place we call home. Whether helping during cleanup day or becoming a member of the board of directors, there are many ways to contribute to what we have here. Together, we can keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to live.

I look forward to working alongside you and continuing to improve our community for everyone. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your district director. We will be happy to help!

Sincerely,
Chris Forstbauer
HBCA President (2025-2026)

Letter from the Editor

Mackenzie Sikora

To the Shorelines readers,

It is my privilege to share with you the Winter 2025 issue. Thank you to all those who reached out to contribute and help shape the pages of this newsletter.

Do you have an interest in writing, design, publishing? A memory to share? An idea? Comment? Email me at shorelines@hbca.org. I'd love to hear from you.

Cheers to the memories to unfold, and the stories to be told!

Upcoming 2025 Events

Pasta Night

Saturday, March 1, 5:00pm to 8:30pm

Enjoy waterfront dining of Italian cuisine with your family and fellow HBCA members! There will be two seatings: 5:30pm for families and 7:00pm for adults only. Free for all members, it's also the last chance to register for annual membership at the discounted rate.

Summer Rec Early Registration Week

Monday, March 24th to Friday, March 28th

Pancake Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

Saturday, April 5, 9:00am to 10:30am

Bring the whole family down for fun and a delicious pancake breakfast alongside the Easter Bunny! We will have a few tables set up for crafts and games for the kids. \$10 per adult / kids eat free!

Spring Egg Hunt

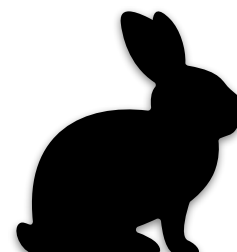
Saturday, April 5, 11:00am to 12:00pm

Hop on down for the annual egg hunt! Don't forget to bring a basket to collect your eggs!

Beach Cleanup Day

Saturday, April 26, 9:00am to 3:00pm

There will be bagels, coffee and OJ for the early risers, and lunch at 12:30pm for all volunteers. Bring your gloves, rakes, hats, sunscreen... and energy! Please consider helping, even if you can't stay for long.



GET INVOLVED!

Want to help keep our beach community safe?



If you are interested in working as a gate security guard at our community beach this summer, please reach out to **Tom Wiese**, Security Director, at 631-974-8151 via text or call.

Interested in volunteering for an upcoming event?



There's always something exciting going on within our HBCA community, and it's all made possible through our incredible volunteers! Every year, we look forward to community staples like Lobsterfest, Family Day, the Family Campout and more.

Would you like to get involved?

Visit our **Events Calendar** on the HBCA website and then email info@hbca.org, citing the name of the event you'd like to volunteer to help bring to life.

Check out the grand opening of the HBCA merch store!



Represent and support your community by visiting the new HBCA merch store at hbca.org/merch. There's plenty of fun options to purchase for the whole family as we get ready for another summer season. \$10-\$15 of each product purchased will go directly to HBCA improvement funds!

REGISTER FOR SUMMER REC!

Want to help keep our beach community safe?

Early registration will take place from Monday, March 24th to Friday, March 28th online. There will be an in-person payment option available on Friday, March 28th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the Casino. This is the **ONLY** time that check or cash payments will be accepted.

Late registration will take place from March 29th to August 11th.

CAMP COSTS THIS YEAR

- ★ \$245 per week - Early Registration
 - ★ \$ 190 for 3rd and 4th Child
 - ★ \$ 265 Late registration.
 - ★ \$215 for 3rd and 4th child
- ★ 3% processing fee on total camp cost
- ★ Full Payment Amount Due at the time of registration
- Multiple family member discount for 3 or more children.
- ★ CIT's - \$55 Per Week

Open to children of HBCA members in good standing. Campers entering pre-K (4 years old by 12/1/25 and potty-trained) to those entering 7th grade. CITs are entering 8th and 9th grade.

Camp held Monday through Friday from 9:15am to 2:15pm for six weeks starting July 7th through the week of August 11th.

Contact **Hildi Stanford** at 516-381-8577 or hildistanford@gmail.com, or **Laura Jean** at 631-903-9452 with any questions. You can also visit the [HBCA website](#) and learn more under the Community Info tab.

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FACES OF HBCA

Chris Forstbauer**President**

Meet the President, Christopher Forstbauer. He lives at 192 McKinley Terrace. His family has been in this neighborhood since 1929. Chris is 37 years old and has pretty much lived here all his life. He started volunteering when he was 15 for Harry Hoppe who was the Director of Buildings and Grounds at that time. Some years following, he became the Director of District 4 and shortly after, he became the Director of Buildings and Grounds. Four years ago, he became the First Vice President, and within the last two years, he served as Vice President. He is now President of the HBCA. When asked what he was looking forward to the most as president, he responded "I'm looking forward to working with many of my friends and neighbors to continue to foster a strong sense of community and common ownership that we have over this very special piece of property." Chris' resume and dedication to the HBCA certainly speaks for itself. We are excited to have him as president!

Luella Semmes**1st Vice President**

Luella Semmes has lived in the HBCA with her family, David, Hartley, and Kelvin, for 18 years. Having grown up in Southern California, Centerport was the perfect gem to raise her family after living/working in Manhattan. Over a span of 10 years, she has taken on various roles and has acted as a coordinator and volunteer for committee events; Summer Rec Co-Director, Shorelines Editor, Ladies Ornament Exchange and Pasta Night to name a few. "I don't mind jumping in to fill a role even if it isn't my forte'. It gives me another avenue to learn something new and be creative. Most importantly, I can collaborate with neighbors. My favorite HBCA event changes as my sons get older. When they were young it was a tie between Family Day and Campout. Now that they're older, it's Lobsterfest."



FACES OF HBCA

Kim Stevenson & Thom Hessel

Directors of Water Safety



Meet the The Directors of Water Safety, Thom Hessel and Kim Stevenson. Hailing from Freeport, Thom Hessel is still breaking in his "south shore feet"! Years ago, he had no idea hanging out on the swim float with his now-wife Tina, that float would wind up his responsibility. Including a Family Day "blue rock" in his marriage proposal, Thom was meant to be "in the beach", and now the Hesses are in the Pierce St. house Tina grew up in, raising beach kids of their own. He's thrilled to be working with the indomitable Kim Stevenson in overseeing water safety for HBCA. Volunteering for the beach is an honor and a pleasure, be sure to say hello and send water safety questions his way! Kim also hails from the south shore, where she grew up in Amityville. She never envisioned herself living on the North Shore, but could not be happier than to have ended up in HBCA. She lives on Grant Street with her husband, Andrew and their two kids, Charlie and Millie.

Tom Wiese

Director of Security

Meet Tom Wiese, Director of Security. Tom lives on Truman place and has also lived on McKinley Terrance. He is a SUNY professor and US Navy submarine veteran with a PhD in Information Science. When asked what does he love most about living in HBCA, he responded, "I love living in HBCA because of the strong sense of connection with the community." Tom and his wife Jessica have three children, Jackson, Olivia, and Lilian, aged 8, 6, and 4 who love spending time at our beach and participating in community events like family day and breakfast with Santa. Fun fact about Tom and Jessica, they were featured in an episode of HGTV House Hunters in 2017, which was partially filmed in HBCA. If you see Tom down at the beach, tell him he's a celebrity because he's been on HGTV!



FACES OF HBCA

Emmett McDonough

2nd Vice President



Meet Second Vice President, Emmett McDonough. Emmett resides at the top of the hill on Adams St. He is a Research & Development Chef for Sodexo working on innovating the way patients dine in NYC's Public Healthcare System. When asked what he loves about living in HBCA, he responded, "Our community thrives on the strength of its families, united in the shared experiences of laughter, celebrations, and the simple joys of life. Here, we have built a sanctuary where bonds are strengthened, memories are crafted, and friendships flourish. We support one another in times of need, celebrate each other's successes, and foster an environment where everyone feels valued and protected". Emmett and his wife Erica have two children, Finnegan (10) & Addington (7). You can always find them at the beach swimming, fishing, paddle-boarding, and sailing.

John Lopez

Director of Buildings and Grounds

Meet the Director of Buildings and Grounds, John Lopez. John is a retired lieutenant in the FDNY. He worked 28 years as firefighter in engine 50 ladder 19 in the South Bronx. John and his fellow firefighters were called upon to help respond and rescue on 9/11. After working the pile one day, he and his fellow comrades wound up being on the cover of Vanity Fair. Nowadays in retirement, he enjoys spending time with his family. John's wife's name is Kathryn and daughters are Natasha and Kayla. His son-in-laws are Sean Donnelly and Grant Stroehlein. John especially enjoys being a grandfather. He has two grandchildren, Evelyn Grace Stroehlein and Clair Catherine Donnelly. John also plays in a Rolling Stones tribute band named Shattered where he plays the bass and sings backup. When asked what his favorite season is at the beach given the ever changing landscape and weather, he responded, "My favorite season at the beach is summer because that's when HBCA families enjoy the sun, the sand and the beautiful harbor the most." John, thank you for serving the great city of New York for all those years and your heroism on one the darkest days in our country. We are proud to have you as a director on the board and a member of HBCA.



SHORELINES SHOUTOUTS



Congratulations to Hartley Semmes on winning the County Championship in the 1600m race! It is the first time since 2018 that Harborfields had a runner win the County Championship in this event. Hartley ran a blazing 4 minutes and 30 seconds, which is incredibly fast, especially on an indoor 200m track!

Helpers for Hire

Cameron Gai (14)
516-658-3288
Babysitting, dog walking, checking in on pets

Declan MacDevitt (23)
631-987-0479
Dog sitting, house sitting, babysitting

Finn MacDevitt (25)
631-388-1644
Guitar/Singing gigs for parties

Padraig MacDevitt* (18)
631-388-2219
Dog sitting, house sitting, babysitting
*available during college breaks and summer

Sadie MacDevitt* (20)
631-388-1063
Lifeguard certified, dog sitting and babysitting *available during college breaks and summer

Eliza Michalopoulos (18)
516-318-4226
Babysitting, pet sitting, house sitting

Maddie Michalopoulos (14)
516-838-0012
Babysitting, pet sitting

Hartley Semmes (16)
631-223-9779
Trumpet lessons (Marching & Jazz Band experience)

Julia Somers (16)
631-425-9821 or 631-530-6841
Babysitting, Mother's Helper, pet sitting

Shannon Walsh (14)
516-510-6926
Babysitting, pet sitting, certified lifeguard for pool parties

Kirsten Zheng (14)
kirstenzheng1@gmail.com
Beginner to intermediate piano lessons (**8 years experience**, student at Manhattan School of Music)

Have something to share? Submit your next big life update with the community by reaching out to shorelines@hbca.org! We'd love to feature you.