



SHORELINES

Editor: Mackenzie Sikora

Message from the President

Colin Walsh

2025 Elections

Voting will take place at the annual meeting on Thursday, November 7

Any active member in good standing may nominate himself / herself or any other active member in good standing for any office or directorship.

The nominating committee is also seeking assistant directorships. If you wish to join the board in this capacity, please reach out to any current member of the board of directors.

Full details inside.

Remember to vote!



Well, the summer is officially over, and another Fall season is upon us. I hope you all enjoyed this past summer and got to spend as much time as you could on the beach with family and friends. We had another great HBCA summer, with several events that I hope everyone was able to enjoy. We had a busy season, with many capital projects completed or underway, including the new boat ramp, new basketball hoop, and pavilion upgrades.

Also, and as I am sure everyone is anxiously awaiting, as I am writing this letter, the new toddler playground is en route to the beach and will hopefully be installed by the time you receive this newsletter. Many hours of planning and volunteering go into all of our projects, so thank you to all who were involved. And thank you to the entire membership for their patience and understanding as these projects were underway. They were not all easy lifts but will hopefully improve and serve the beach for many years to come.

Summer Rec was another success with a beach full of campers and counselors every day. Thank you to the Summer Rec team for all their hard work to ensure the neighborhood kids have a great experience every summer. I also want to give a big shout out to the committees and teams of volunteers who ran our other events, particularly Lobsterfest, which is our largest fundraiser of the year. We had great weather and a great turnout this year, which made for a very successful party.

While the summer is over, the fun continues. We kicked off Fall with the annual Family Campout on September 21st, with many families coming down to brave the elements! We have a lineup of events coming up this month, starting with the Family Oktoberfest and Cornhole Tournament on October 5th. As always, please keep a look out for our emails and check out our website at www.hbca.org for updated news and events.

Finally, as my tenure as president of the HBCA Board of Directors winds down at the end of this year, I wanted to take a moment to thank all those who have helped and supported me over the past two years, including all of the board members for their commitment to the beach and all of the neighborhood volunteers who take time out of their busy lives to plan and run our various events throughout the year.

As I have said before, it takes many of us to keep HBCA running smoothly so please never hesitate to reach out to anyone on the board if you want to get involved. Thank you.

Letter from the Editor

Mackenzie Sikora

To the Shorelines readers,

It is my privilege to share with you the Fall 2024 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 2024 Events

Oktoberfest Cornhole Tournament

Saturday, October 5, 12pm to 5pm

Register your team at hbca.org/cornhole no later than 9/30/24

Annual Bonfire

Saturday, October 12, 7:00pm to 11:00pm

Adult Craft Group

Tuesday, October 15, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

5K Run / Walk

Saturday, October 19, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Family Halloween Costume Party

Friday, October 25, 5:00pm to 9:00pm

Enjoy a "spooktacular" party, to include costume & pumpkin carving contests!

Adult Halloween Party

Saturday, October 26, 7:00pm to 11:55pm

\$40 per soul. 100% of proceeds support the playground fund.

Venmo HBCA-Centerport to hold your spot!

Adult Craft Group

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30pm to 8:30pm

General Meeting (& Election Voting!)

Thursday, November 7, 7:30pm

A quarterly open invitation for all HBCA members to attend a monthly Board meeting. Join your neighbors and the Board of Directors to listen in on what's happening and have your voice heard.

HBCA Board of Directors 2025 Nominees

The HBCA Nominating Committee was formed in accordance with the HBCA by-laws and nominates the following members to serve on the 2025 board of directors.

Additional nominations may be submitted in writing as follows: Any active member in good standing may nominate himself / herself or any other active member in good standing for any office or directorship. Nominations must include the written consent of the proposed nominee and must be received at H.B.C.A. P.O. Box 474, Centerport, New York, no later than Friday, October 4, 2024, at which time nominations will be closed.

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Officers

President: Chris Forstbauer
 Vice President: Luella Semmes
 1st Vice President: Emmett McDonough
 Treasurer: Brian Puccinelli
 Financial Secretary: Vincent Ruelle
 Recording Secretary: Alexandra Martinez
 Director at Large: Colin Walsh
 Security: Thomas Weiss
 Buildings & Grounds: John Lopez
 Summer Recreation: Hildi Stanford
 Boating: Rich Wrede
 Water Safety: Thom Hessel
 Assistant Water Safety: Kim Stevenson

District Directors

District #1: Andrew Stevenson
 District #2: Ryan Schlotter
 District #3: Chris Sikora
 District #4: Lindsay Calabrese
 District #5: Rick Puccinelli
 District #6: Chris Lau
 District #7: Bob Caffine
 District #8: Cindy Forstbauer
 District #9: Janet Gritzka
 District #10: Matt Gai
 District #11: Vida Hettenbach

COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

HBCA Craft Group Update

Mary Stokkers



Our craft group has grown to 20+ HBCA members! Here are some highlights of our artwork - and - we would like to emphasize the joy and friendships that have developed over the past four months. Twice a month on the first and third Tuesday of each month, we meet in the casino from 6:30-8:30. As we create we laugh and enjoy each other as we get to better know our neighbors.

In May and June, Peggy Cox and Mary Stokkers demonstrated how to make shell frames, decoupage oyster shells, paint rocks and make jewelry dishes from clam shells.

In July, Barbara Cortes and her granddaughter taught us how to create wire jewelry. We made beautiful earrings and necklaces and "one of a kind" beaded bracelets.

In August, Mary led us through a very fluid and expressive activity where we experimented with pour painting over glass vases and onto canvases, using hair dryers to move the paint into a fluid motion

wherever it wanted to go. These culminated in the most unique paintings and vases to hold flowers. In September, Jess Seilheimer taught us floral design with a focus on "fall jewel toned dahlias." She demonstrated how to create beautiful floral arrangements and centerpieces using chicken wire and a variety of cut flowers.

Donna Bemiss discovered a terrific way for us to give back to our community with artistic collaboration with a local nonprofit, Splashes of Hope.

Splashes of Hope is an organization that operates in Coindre Hall in Huntington. They are dedicated to transforming medical and special service centers into welcoming, cheerful, positive environments, bringing them from clinical to colorful. A small(er) group of HBCA neighbors are donating our time, hearts, energy, creativity and supplies to make original artwork for Splashes of Hope. Our first project is painting colorful floral scenes around a heart-shaped sky on eight ceiling tiles. This first group of inspiring, unique designs is going to a cardiac medical unit and will be hung on the ceiling. There is a unique design for each tile and they are 2 feet x 2 feet squares. The hospitals, veterans homes, social service centers, psychiatric facilities, adoption centers highlight their gratitude by saying "YOU ARE SPLASHTASTIC!"

We are so grateful to participate in this artistic activity and welcome more neighbors to join our collaboration. We actively post our efforts on social media and tag @hbcany. Look for us 🎨😊

Learn more at [SplashesofHope.org](https://www.splashesofhope.org); Instagram @splashesofhope

To inquire or join the HBCA adult craft group, please reach out to Mary Stokkers @631-278-3952.

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Beautification Committee

Loy Norris & Janet Gritzka

We hope you have enjoyed the summer and had a chance to enjoy some of the flowers planted down at the beach!

The Memorial Park on the corner of Taft Crescent and Harrison is a work in progress. Still to come? A new and improved path. We wish to thank Center Island Landscaping Co. for the plants that we were able to plant at the Memorial Park this season.

Don't forget Veterans' Day on November 11th. Perhaps take a walk to the park and be sure to thank a veteran.

We shall be back in the spring and are looking for help, as usual! If you would like to join us, please reach out to either Loy or Janet. Thank you!

HBCA's Wheelchair Lets the Good Times Roll For All

Thom Hessel



Shout out to April Lauda Smith, who donated a sand-ready wheelchair to HBCA! The wheelchair has large inflated wheels, for easy beach rolling. April donated the chair in memory of her mother Suzanne.

The Laudas moved in 1972 to HBCA, to a house on Hoover Place. Suzanne was involved with ladies social activities, and April's dad Peter, with his NYPD detective experience, ran Security. "Their group of friends used to do the original lobster bakes on the beach next to the pavilion before it became the big organized event it is now", April says of her parents. Suzanne and Peter eventually moved to Florida in 1991, and Suzanne returned in 2009 to the beach to live with April.

HBCA thanks the Lauda family for their legacy, and the donated wheelchair!

HBCA HAPPENINGS

Lobsterfest

HBCA's biggest party and fundraiser of the year was a huge success! We could not have asked for better weather, food or memories. This year's theme was Parrot Head: A Tribute to Jimmy Buffet and the decorations did not disappoint.

Shout out to Christine and Alex Borg for planning another fantastic event, along with everyone who contributed. Special thanks to Ani O'Brien for her creative chandelier and Chris and Mackenzie Sikora for building a festive, directional sign to help bring the theme to life. Until next year!



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Family Day

Shout out to Rhett and Lindsey Rockefeller for putting together a great Family Day! Special thanks to Katy Schomburg, Pete Hahn, Chris Forstbauer, Gene Kinney, Bart Moyka, Melissa Johnides, Peter Coyle, John Sullivan, Vinny Cutie, Paddy Melia, Patrick Melia, Kathleen Melia, Lisa Haggerty, Ellen O'Hare, Vita Hettenbach, Loy Noris & Janet Gritzka for helping to make the day a success. Until next year!



HBCA HAPPENINGS

Playground Committee Update

The little playground will be installed in the first week of October, with an official ribbon-cutting ceremony at this year's Oktoberfest! We want to thank the many community members who already donated for this valuable upgrade to our beloved beach. To complete the final phase (the installation of the larger playground) we need all our neighbor's help! No matter how big or small, your contribution helps and is much appreciated. At this time, we would like to thank our top donors who very generously donated for the improvement of our community:

\$1000

Jeffrey and Lindsay Calabrese
 Peter and Terri Laing
 Joshua and Tara May
 Winnie Pecora
 Alex and Christine Borg
 Anonymous

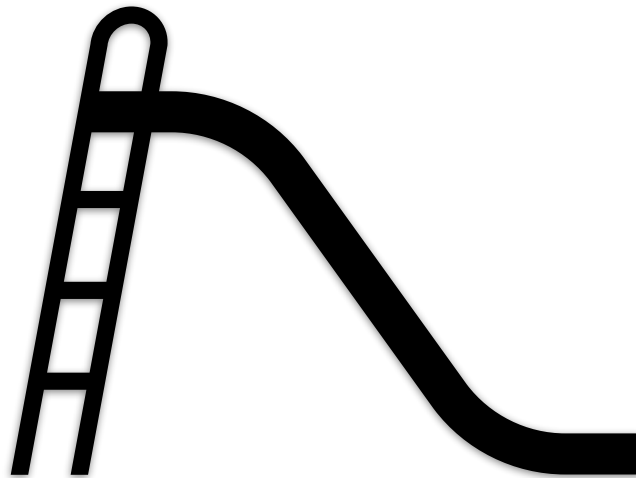
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Mardi and Joanna Gras
 Vincent and Magalie Ruelle

\$250 - \$499

Sal Ammirati
 Christopher Castellano
 Jim and Peggy Cox
 Allison Cox-Level
 Elizabeth Hasher-Cox
 Oliver and Lainey May
 Meredith Perz
 Jimmy and Vivian Phelan
 Brian Puccinelli
 Michael Rosenberg

Our Kids Are Counting On Us!



There are many ways you can contribute. You can come to a fun event, buy HBCA merchandise, or donate via Venmo, on the website at hbca.org/playground or with a check mailed to: PO Box 474, Centerport, NY 11721, or drop off in the mailbox of Vincent Ruelle, 511 Arthur Street.

In the near future, we are looking forward to the cornhole tournament and adult Halloween party. We can't wait for the sale of the adorable crafts, ornaments, and baked goods offered at Oktoberfest, handmade by the HBCA Craft Group and generous neighbors. There are so many fun ways to donate, with many more opportunities to come. Together, we can achieve our goal, and we need your help!

SHORELINES SHOUTOUTS

Interested in renting the HBCA casino?

For information, contact Brian Puccinelli at casino@hbca.org

Available for rental by members only

Note: Your date is not booked until all paperwork is submitted

Before you shop on Amazon, don't forget to always use one of the links on our website at hbca.org/hbca-amazon-store! When you do, every purchase you make will kick back a portion to HBCA for 24 hours!

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Helpers for Hire

Cameron Gai (14)

516-658-3288

Dog walking and checking in on pets

Declan MacDevitt

(22)

631-987-0479

Dog sitting, house sitting, and babysitting

Finn MacDevitt (24)

631-388-1644

Guitar/Singing gigs for parties

Padraig MacDevitt

(17)

631-388-2219

Dog sitting, house sitting & babysitting

Sadie MacDevitt (18)

631-769-7710

Dog sitting and babysitting

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 yrs experience, current 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.