



Summer 2021 Issue



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Message From the President

Alex Borg

Summer is upon us! The warm weather and the water call us all down to the beach. I have always felt the start of summer is Memorial Day Weekend. While it rained a fair amount, the HBCA MDW parade was an outstanding success. I feel honored to have marched with our local hero servicemen and firemen to present the American Flag flown at Memorial Park on Harrison Drive. It was such a humbling experience for me and a perfect lesson of gratefulness for my children.

We're excited to have all of our traditional events and some new additions this summer. One of the new additions this summer is our open house barbecue, held on June 26. We invite all new residence of Huntington Beach

Community to join us and meet your neighbors. Not a member? Come on down and see what membership is all about at the open house barbecue.

I know the entire community is super excited for the return of Summer Rec for our kiddos! We only have a few spaces left. If you have not signed up your kids or grandkids for HBCA Rec, we welcome them to join our neighborhood kids to develop those long-lasting relationships.

We're thrilled for the return of Lobsterfest! This year's theme is the Olympics. Dust off your 90's "Dream Team" jersey, grab your track star headband, and party like a gold

medal winner at our biggest party of the year! HBCA's very own Tommy Spero Band will be jamming all night! You can purchase your tickets online at www.hbca.org. Tickets are limited to the first 500, so get them while they're still available. Lobsterfest is a 21+ party and is sure to sell out.

In addition to our traditional events, we will continue with our new events like the drive-in movie night and marshmallow cookout. Keep an eye out for save the dates for all those fun events.

Summer is a great time to get involved in the beach, with so much going on; Lobsterfest, Movie Nights,

Book Club, Beautification, and Summer Rec, there's no shortage for the need of volunteers. We'd love to have you to continue building our Huntington Beach Community. It surely is a labor of love, but extremely fulfilling. Feel free to reach out to me if you'd like to get involved at alex@hbca.org.

The culture of our community keeps our tightknit neighborhood highly coveted. All of the beach activities, events, and programs are what separates HBCA from all of the other neighborhoods around. It's your involvement, membership, and support that keeps Huntington Beach Community as a recognized gem on Long Island.



President Alex Borg with kids, Jackson & Brodie, Memorial Day Parade





LOBSTERFEST 2021

Let the Fun Begin!

**Dress like you're going for the gold
in celebration of this summer's
2021 Olympics**

Saturday, July 17, 6pm

Live Band!

Purchase Now 8 tickets/family

Adults 21+ only

Tickets Available Online Now

<https://www.hbca.org/lobsterfest-tix>



Family Day Returns to HBCA For 2021

We missed everyone last year due to Covid but we will be having Family Day on **Saturday, August 7th starting at 10 am**. All members, children and grand kids are welcome. We will have swimming races, running & sack races, pie eating contest, Island swim, Best Mom race and the egg toss at the end. Also, we will have hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages at 90's prices. Pete Hahn and family will run the races, as usual. Jeff Robinson is in charge of food. Gene Kinney will be the master of the "Master of Ceremonies."

I forgot to mention the famous "Blue Rock Contest" for the young children. Volunteers are always needed to cook at the BBQ, sell tickets, etc.

Please call Jeff at 631-673-0526 if you can help for a few hours.

SWIM RACES

PIE EATING CONTEST

BEST MOM RACE

EGG TOSS

ISLAND SWIM

RUNNING RACES

SACK RACES



INTRODUCING THE 2021 LIFEGUARDS

Grace Moyka Grace is a Harborfields senior who has traveled to Belize, Italy and Greece. She is certified SCUBA trained, dabbles in photography, and has volunteered with the Adaptive Sports Foundation and Ollie's Angels animal rescue.

Faye Junge Faye is a Harborfields junior who runs track, plays soccer, and handles a wicked lacrosse stick. She loves traveling, surfing and boating. Faye is a member of student government and an honor roll student.

Dennis Smith Dennis is a Harborfields senior who spends a great deal of time near or on the water lifeguarding and working as

a dock hand. He runs track, plays soccer and is an award winning hockey player dedicated to the sport.

Hanna Wohleking Hanna, a lifeguard with six years of experience, is a student at Elon University majoring in finance. She is a four year varsity swimming athlete, a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies and a Share-a-Meal Soup Kitchen volunteer.

Emma Green Emma is a Harborfields senior proud to claim Centerport her lifelong home. Emma is about to study biology at Binghamton University.

She volunteers at Huntington Hospital, and has interned at St. Catherine's Medical Center.

Caroline Greco Caroline, who loves sailing, is also a Harborfields senior who is a Huntington Hospital and Habitat for Humanity volunteer. She is a member of the National Art and Italian Honor Societies and has received the PTA Reflections Award.

Magan Markowski Megan, a Harborfields senior, will be attending the University of South Carolina in the fall. She is a member of the National and Spanish Honor Societies, plays field hockey, lacrosse, and runs

track and is an experienced restaurant hostess.

Lucas Lauridia Lucas is a student at Florida Gulf Coast University. He is the coordinator of the Harborfields Alliance for Community Outreach food pantry. A lover of all animals, Lucas has been a veterinary assistant and is now studying to be a certified personal trainer.

James White James is a student at the University of South Carolina studying risk management and insurance. A student of languages, he is proficient in Italian and becoming so in Spanish. James aspires to work in a restaurant, cooking, serving and bartending.

SUMMER REC IS BACK!

REGISTER NOW FOR AUG SESSION

\$229 per week for any week

Must be registered by 7/25 to attend sessions 5-7

ATTENTION CAMPERS

Remember to buy your donation items on the HBCA website. Or you can opt to send a \$50 check payable to HBCA Summer Rec to Hildi at 145 Hoover Place.

Contact hildi.stanford@hbca.org

CAMP WEEKS	
Week 1	7/5
Week 2	7/12
Week 3	7/19
Week 4	7/26
Week 5	8/2
Week 6	8/9
Week 7	8/16

Common Sense Tops Ineffective Bureaucrats

I am so happy to share a huge success for the Centerport Community. The unsightly neon green crosswalk signs on Mill Dam Bridge have been removed and replaced with much more practical and visually appealing solutions.

Thank you to all of the great folks at HBCA for standing with me and being vocal to implement common sense and safety within our community, namely JoAnn McCarrick, Anthony Vernola, and Salvatore Agnello.



I especially want to thank our elected officials, Joan Cergol, Ed Smyth, Mark Cuthbertson, and Kevin Orelli for their responsive support to maintain the beauty and safety of our community.

Alex Borg on Mill Dam Bridge

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Many congratulations to Lucy Manzella who is graduating Kindergarten this June!



Congratulations to Rachel Wieser and all the graduating 2021 Harborfields Seniors!! We are so proud of you!!



Congratulations to this Kindergarten graduate, Valentina Gras!



Proud parents, Alexa & Michael Sakal want to congratulate their daughter, Stella, on her Pre-K graduation! Stella was a student at The Kinder Club Nest. Stella learned many wonderful things in Pre-K and is ready and excited for Kindergarten at Washington Drive!

A Special Congratulations to all of our HBCA Harborfields Graduates:

*Justin Baskin, Katie Davis,
Griffin Degan, Micheal Demetrio,
Kevin Dwyer, Jenna Forestiero,
Katherine Horner, Kyla Iglesias,
Sidney Kadlunn, Allie Kennedy,
Lizzy Kennedy, Ella Lau, Caitlin
MacCaffery, Angeline Miraglia,
Grace Moyka, Nick Troy, Adien
Tucker, Ward Tucker, Rachel
Wieser, Jamie Wrede*

HBCA wishes you the best of luck, the happiest of times, the keenest of knowledge, and the most success in your years to come!



And not a school graduation, but a graduation to the next level in life! Congratulations on your Gatsby-style engagement, Brian Leverton and Alexandra Martinez!

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New Meaning to “All Access” Summer



As early as November 2020, if not earlier, (thank you previous former secretary Janet Gritzka for documenting this in the Minutes during your time), the idea of a handicap parking space was proposed. Born and raised HBCA resident Alexa Sakal brought to the attention of the Board in her District 4 report on November 5, 2020 that there is a need for more handicap accessibility for members down at the beach. According to the Minutes from that meeting, Chris Forstbauer and Jeff Robinson would speak offline about the possibility of a project next year.

Fast forward nearly seven months later to June 7, 2021. Alexa’s vision for a more inclusive HBCA with more accessibility for our neighbors in need is no longer a dream, but a reality. On a random day off at the beach, Alexa witnessed the spot being paved and completed and wanted to thank Jeff Robinson, Chris Forstbauer, Alex Borg, and the entire board for their support of this project.

This project was personal for Alexa and she anticipates many families will benefit greatly from the new and improved handicap parking spots. It was Alexa’s hope that “making the beach more accessible will allow any of our disabled community members, or those community members with family and friends that require accommodations, to feel comfortable and supported at the beach.”

We truly hope this means a more enjoyable beach season for many! Thank you to Alexa for her insight on this clear need at the beach and thank you to those who made this a possibility in less than a year’s time!



Enjoy these photos from Memorial Day Weekend, submitted by President Borg! The weather turned out perfect on Monday, just in time for the annual Centerport Fire Department parade and special tribute in front of Memorial Park.



The decorations looked beautiful this year and the ceremony was much appreciated after missing last year’s amongst the land of lost things!

TEENS FOR HIRE

Meghan Dyer, 15, baby/dog sitting, mother’s helper (631) 223-6368

Emily Happe, 17, baby/pet sitting, vaccinated by camp time (631) 972-7734

Megan Happel, 14 (soon 15), baby/pet sitting, vaccinated by camp time (631) 972-4081

Zach Happel, 22, odd jobs, website design, computer help, small repairs (631) 245-5991

Torin Lau, 11, weeding, yard work, walking small dogs (631) 424-0536

Rebecca Lubnick, 20, available for summer math & reading tutoring, house sitting and babysitting (631) 601-5153

Rachel Wieser, 18, pet/babysitting, walking, camp after-care, daily/weekly, (631) 601-5153

Finn MacDevitt, 21, house/pet sitting (631) 388-1644

Declan MacDevitt, 20, house/pet/babysitting (631) 987-0479

Sadie MacDevitt, 16, baby/pet sitting (631) 388-1063

Padraig MacDevitt, 15, baby/pet sitting (631) 388-2219

Eliza Michalopoulos, 14, baby/pet sitting (516) 318-4226

Julia Somers, 14, babysitting, mother’s helper (631) 425-9821 or (631) 530-6841

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

SUBMISSIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY

The Last Page of Minutes from April 8, 1942

Mr. Tolley reported that a large chicken house was being erected at the entrance to the beach property on the land owned by Mr. Anton Polacek and adjacent to the store and gasoline station owned by him. Mr. Tolley informed the board he understood that the building was being made large enough to house hundreds of chickens and thought the association should take some action about it as it constituted a health hazard and would have a tendency to depreciate the values of properties at the beach. Mr. Braun suggested letter be written to Town Supervisor requesting information as to reason for construction of said building. After a lengthy discussion during which it appeared the association had no legal ground for complaint outside of the health hazard and nuisance angle, action was made by Mr. Hoberg, seconded by Mr. Gough and duly carried that letter of protest be written to the Town Board.

Mr. Hand suggested that letters of thanks be written to Mr. and Mrs. Melville Keating, Mrs. Cleveland G. Poole and Mr. Bob Miller for services rendered during the hurricane in salvaging many canoes and boats. This suggestion was put in the form of a motion by Mr. Braun, duly seconded and carried.

Meeting thereupon adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

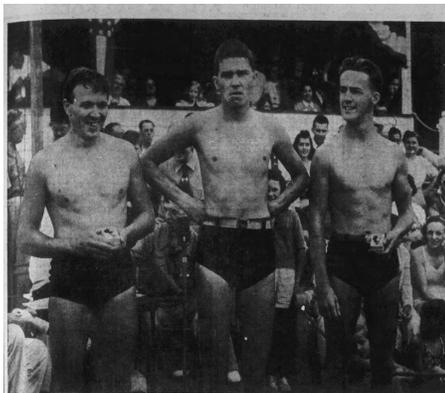
Recording Secretary.

A chicken house... large enough to hold hundreds of chickens???

Looking Ahead to Labor Day, Getting a Glimpse of the Past



SWIM PRIZE WINNERS—Photo above left shows Blanche Pinnell (left), who won first prize in the women's senior island swim event staged by the Huntington Beach Community Association, with Cara Daley, who placed second. Frank



CARNIVAL CHAMPIONS—Photo above left shows the prize winners in the men's island swim, staged by the Huntington Beach Community Association as part of its annual end-of-the-season water carnival: (left to right) Teddy Coler,

HBCA History 1927-1944, Author Unknown

To the best of my knowledge, the first cottages were built in the spring of 1927, all on McKinley Terrace on the Knollwood Beach side of Adams St. Probably the first was built by Gordon MacCreagh, cor. McKinley & Adams. Then came Harry Pearsall, the Jacques, Riddell and Masterson. In June, 1927, Adams St. was being cut through, ruts were two feet deep and tree stumps were all over.

The spring of 1928 saw a lot of building, I think all north of Adams -- south of Adams, Taft Crescent etc. came later in the summer season.

June 1928 a committee was formed to bring the neighbors together, hold a party or celebration of some sort and suggest the formation of an Association. Ten were on the committee, Wm. Riddell, John Mesle, Harry Pearsall (now living in Centerport), Gordon MacCreagh (now living in Florida), Thos. Masterson, all of these living on McKinley Terrace and Melville Keating, (Cleveland & Adams). There must have been three others. (Mr. Masterson died some years back-- the rest are alive). It was decided to hold a fireworks celebration on the Fourth of July, then a community meeting to report on the committee's work, later and at that time to suggest forming an association.

Five teams of two men on each team went around and collected money, fireworks were bought, volunteers came to help, the fireworks were shot off on the sandbar and the celebration was very successful.

A week later, the committee called a mass meeting to report on how the money was spent and to suggest a permanent society. Melville Keating, secretary of the committee made the report and, I think, acted as chairman. A motion was made to form the H.B.C.A. and the abovementioned Keating was elected president. He was reelected several times and held that office 1928-29-30-31.

Harry Pearsall was vice pres., Miss Hannah Jaques (spelling ?) was secy. and Masterson treas. Meetings were held at first on the porch of the real estate office -- a bungalow facing the present casino and beach.

Among the earliest active members were John Mesle, Harry Pearsall, Frank White, George Rhodius, Herman Frercks, Rudolph Polacek and Michael Viafora, & Cornelius Wandmacher.

For police protection we had a volunteer constable, Rudolph Polacek, sworn in by the town but serving without pay.

Michael Viafora was secretary for a good many years.

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George Rhodius served as Law Commissioner almost from the start.

Sunday services were held regularly in the pavillion (later in the firehouse) by the Rev. Mr. Nietsche (better look up spelling of all names) who lived on Arthur St.

John Mesle was first police & fire commissioner-- then Harry Howe of Taft Crescent, Mr. Mesle, who was, and is on the N.Y.C. police force felt that it would be unwise to hold two police jobs, even though one was honorary and resigned after a year.

The nearest fire dept. being at Centerport, a plan was suggested for the assn. to buy a two wheeled cart with a fifty or hundred gallon tank containing fire extinguishing fluid, keep it in a shack at the beach and in case of a fire, the first automobile to reach the shack would hook on the trailer and proceed to the fire. This plan was abandoned when the Centerport dept. offered to cooperate. They bought back a dismantled model T Ford truck, fixed it up with some old equipment together with some new put a fire gong (metal railroad tire with hammer) on Jackson Crescent - it is still there- and the association built the fire house on Grant Street. It was finished Dec. 15, either 1929 or 1930 and the fire truck moved in. After a year or so the firemen got tired of pushing it up hills and the dept. bought a new truck which we still have.

1930-31 a movement was started to incorporate Huntington Beach as a village but the movement lost out and has not been revived.

The presidents have been.
 1928-31 Melville Keating, Harry Pearsall, V.P.
 1932-3 John Comeau, Peter Pinto, V.P.
 34-5 Frank White
 36-7 George Rhodius
 38-9 Walter Braun V.P.s. then became presidents.
 40-41 Frank Carlucci
 42-43 Thos. Hand
 44. A. Michenfelder



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