



Winter 2020 Issue



Shorelines

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Kelvin Semmes, "Hello Fall"



Message From the President

Brian Puccinelli

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year for heaven sakes! As 2020 comes to an end, I think we are all looking forward to a return to normalcy in 2021. I know I certainly am. 2020 was a trying year for all of us but I think we can all be grateful for the wonderful community in which we live. Also having our very own private beach to escape to certainly made things a little easier.

As we all welcome 2021, HBCA begins to serve in 2021 with a few notable exceptions. First, I would like to thank Loy Norris for her many years of service. Loy served in several different roles including our treasurer for many years. We look forward to her contin-

ued service to the community. New to the board this year, Alexandra Martinez will be joining as recording secretary, assuming the role Janet Gritzka held for many years. Janet will be changing hats to district director for District 1. Thank you for your service as recording secretary Janet. It is still magic to me how you capture all those board meeting minutes. Alexandra, for those who may not know, is currently an integral part of the Shorelines publications and we look forward to her service on the board. Finally, Alex Borg will be our next President.

Alex will have a chance to introduce himself in the next edition of Shorelines. In the meantime, we all look forward to his leadership in 2021.

As I shift roles to Director at Large, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Directors and all the members of our community for their tremendous support over the last two years and especially this last year. It has truly been an honor to serve as President of the community in which I grew up and have loved all my life.

Happy Holidays and New Year HBCA!



2021 Board of Directors

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THANK YOU TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

2020 was a year like no other. THANK YOU to the dedication, creativity, and commitment to these volunteers who worked hard to set up unique events throughout these difficult months. They brought the community together even in this time of isolation. Some of the events included the summer outdoor movies, the Halloween pumpkin contest, Smore's Cookout, Outdoor Scary Movie Drive-In, and the Holiday Cocoa Crawl.

Alex Borg	Alexandra Martinez	Brian Puccinelli
Chris Forstbauer	Janette Newell	Hildi Stanford
Matt Gai	John O' Brien	Colin Walsh
		Rich Wrede

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

2020 Comes to a Close

HBCA Safe Halloween Festival

The "New Normal" Created Some Great New Events This Year

We don't need to tell you - we've all been missing a lot of our regular social experiences: big family gatherings, renting out the casino, eating indoors at a restaurant, Family Day! But in these strange new times we are living in, HBCA has managed to create new ways for us to be together but socially distanced! This summer was so retro with the HBCA parking lot turned drive-in movie theatre (a trend that's become increasingly popular across the nation since the pandemic)!

The HBCA Safe Halloween Festival was another new event that has turned into a blessing in disguise. The whole event is really a credit to leader of the Event Committee, Alex Borg. After the success of the summer drive-in movies that he spearheaded, this combination event was developed that included a pumpkin carving contest, a movie, and a campfire!

Huge thanks are due to Janette Newell and Hildi Sanford who ran the pumpkin decorating contest. The pavilion was illuminated by a plethora of jack o' lanterns - all unique and made by kids of the community! There were tons of amazing entries with the most creative of designs - from nautical carvings to masks to Christmas lights used on the pumpkins!

Thank you to the squad that sets up the inflatable big screen TV so the crowd could enjoy the show (which was Ghostbusters)!

The most successful part of the night were the individual family fires that were set up on the sand! A special thanks is due to Christopher Forstbauer who kept everyone lit and warm on that very cold October night. Since we couldn't all crowd together for the big fire like every October, this new family-friendly and socially distanced camp out was awesome for all!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
FROM HBCA!

TEENS FOR HIRE

Matthew and Michael Considine, ages 16 and 15, are available to help with yardwork, pet sitting, snow shoveling, powerwashing, and painting: 631-424-0901

Orla Roberts, age 15.5, is available to babysit, pet sit, and plant sit: 631-923-8189

Rachel Wieser is available to help as a babysitter, dog walker, or with pet care: 631-601-5153

Liam Dyer, age 16, is available to help with yardwork, shoveling snow, and babysitting: 631-223-6368

Meghan Dyer, age 14, is available for babysitting: 631-223-6368

Lilly Fleischer, seventh grade, is available as a mother's helper: 631-303-7797

Jenna Forestiero, age 17, is available for babysitting: 631-423-5615

Annie Forestiero, age 15.5, is available for babysitting: 631-423-5615

Sadie MacDevitt, age 15, available for babysitting and dog sitting: 631-421-4715

Padraig MacDevitt, age 13, available for babysitting and dog sitting: 631-421-4715

Finn MacDevitt, age 20, available from May-August for dog sitting or house sitting: 631-421-4715

Declan MacDevitt, age 19, available from May-August for dog sitting, house sitting, and babysitting: 631-421-4715

Posting from Evelyn Zarnel

My husband and I have been renting the same house in Centerport for almost 7 years. We have a great relationship with our Landlord, unfortunately he plans to sell the house & we want to stay in Centerport, as we love it here. Looking for 2 bedroom house/apt. I can be reached at 631-926-7672 or email at ezsim@icloud.com.

2020 was a true test of how resilient we are as a community. It was disheartening to have abbreviated updates, absent of news from the traditional events like Summer Rec, Family Day, and especially LobsterFest.

As the summer progressed, it became clear that neighbors were finding ways on their own to lift themselves up and encourage others in the community. We reported a long list of food distribution sites, meal deliveries, and social services. Kids used their artistic skills displaying signs during the summer to remind folks to drive safely. Households adorned their homes with inspiring words.

Also with the dedication of the HBCA board and a newly formed Events Committee, led by Alex Borg, they did an exceptional job thinking out of the box organizing fun and safe events for all. It was a pleasure to listen to the exchange of ideas to keep the community going. Some of these events will most likely be carried forward as new additions to the HBCA calendar.

Most of all, it was a very nice respite to enjoy our private beach. Thanks to Jim Cox and his team of lifeguards who tirelessly kept the common areas and beach clean ensuring that families stayed safe.

As unique as 2020 was from previous years, it was a testament to how our community came together during this difficult time.

We wish everyone a Happy and Healthy 2021 and as always, look forward to receiving your submissions and personal stories for the coming year.