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Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association August 2020 Newsletter

Midsummer Greetings!

Everyone knows that summer ends in October on LBI, so we hope you're enjoying the season and staying safe. Because of the Covid-19 virus, we continue to exercise caution and therefore have decided to communicate with our membership virtually.

The JCTA Covid-19 fundraiser has raised over \$14,000 on the Island. We're thrilled to report that \$7,000 of that was raised in Barnegat Light. The good news is that as of early August, the number of virus patients in all Hackensack Meridian hospitals In NJ is under 100 cases. The bad news is the number of families facing food insecurity, who need assistance from the St. Francis Food Pantry, continues to grow each week. The JCTA (Joint Council of Taxpayers Associations on Long Beach Island) board voted unanimously to take the last of the funds and donate them to the Food Pantry. They also voted to extend the request for donations to September 30th, with any additional funding earmarked for the Food Pantry, now open two days a week. You can donate to this 'JCTA Fund' (makes checks payable to 'BLTA', memo: JCTA Fund) and use the address below; or use the membership form on our website. Be sure to make a notation on your website donation directing the money to the St. Francis Food Pantry.

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In other business, the BLTA board voted to donate \$500.00 to the Garden Club of LBI. They use their resources to help beautify Barnegat Light both at the new Pavilion Butterfly Garden, and at the **Barnegat Light Museum** and Gardens located at the corner of 5th Street and Central Ave.

While these are truly unprecedented times, the BLTA continues to maintain fiscal responsibility and build our membership. Please visit our **website** to see the minutes from the Trustee meetings held this year. The Treasury Report dated June 30, 2020 is posted as well.

The Board of Trustees decided, in accordance with the by-laws, that we would maintain our officers for another two years:

President: Barbara Truncellito

Vice-President: Rich Brodman Secretary: Tom Zesk Treasurer: William Chrnelich

We are posting this now as the vote has historically been held in September, again in accordance with the by-laws. This year there will be a virtual vote at the September 13th virtual Trustee meeting (more information on this meeting to follow). You are free to **email us** with any comments.

Finally, we have a special treat. One of our scheduled speakers, Sean MacCotter, agreed to make a recording of his planned presentation. Sean is the Construction Official, CRS Coordinator, and Flood Plain Administrator in Barnegat Light. **Access the presentation here** - sit back and enjoy!

Sean is also willing to entertain queries – please ask your questions through the **BLTA Website**.

Barbara Truncellito, President



Remember to visit the <u>BLTA Website</u> weekly to read all the latest news and be informed of upcoming events in and around Barnegat Light. If you're not a member of the BLTA, we hope you will join us. Share this link with another Barnegat Light resident and encourage them to <u>become a member</u> of the BLTA! They can join by accessing our website!

If you are a Facebook user (and a paid member of the BLTA) we encourage you to join our <u>Facebook group</u>!

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