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### Ship Bottom News



The work inside the new **Ship Bottom Post Office** is complete! The postmaster is finalizing the transfer details and is hoping to be done by Mid-April. **We will notify you when it is officially open.**



### SBTA recognizes our EMTs

The Ship Bottom Taxpayers Association held a recognition breakfast Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> to thank the EMTs for their service in our community. We all sleep better knowing they're the ones who answer the call when it matters most. They show up in the middle of the night, in terrible weather, and in moments of crisis—bringing skill and compassion when people need it most. Ship Bottom is a safer, stronger community because of them. As Karen Drucker our vice president said, "We see you, we appreciate you, and we are grateful for you. You have an entire town standing behind you." Squad members, several Town Council members, including Mayor Huelsenbeck, and Borough Administrator, Kathleen Flannigan; as well as several SBTA board members were in attendance. We thank the LBI Pancake House for helping us provide a hearty breakfast for these local heroes.

### Bay Beach Toy Box

**Donations are welcome** for the "share a toy" box at the bay beach. Toys can be dropped off once it is installed near Memorial Day weekend.

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The LBI School is almost completely demolished!



### ***Ship Bottom beach 2/21/26***

This picture was taken the day before the last big snowstorm. It was a warm, beautiful day!

Walking on our beautiful beach is the best medicine for our soul. Get out there.

**Spring is around the corner!**

### ***What's Happening in Ship Bottom?***

#### **Newest Ship Bottom Ordinances**

**Ordinance 01-2026** – Proposes a budget increase of 3.5% amounting to \$297,778.31.

**Ordinance 02-2026** – A bond not to exceed \$285,225 is proposed to provide funds to complete roadwork on 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Barnegat Av and Shore Av, which is expected to cost \$600,000. That includes \$314,775 in grant funds that are expected to be received from the New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT).

#### **Ordinance 03 -2026-**

Proposes a bond of \$900,000 for replacement of water and sewer mains at 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Barnegat Av and Shore Av.

**Ordinance 04-2026** – Relates to a rate increase for Water and Sewer bills. Base water rate has increased from \$62.50 to \$92.50 per quarter. The rate per quarter for properties without meters will be:

- Single family residence - \$500
- Multiple units - \$500/unit
- Commercial property - \$475

The final phase of installing water meters at every Ship Bottom location is underway and the borough expects it to be finished within the next few months.

If you receive your water and sewer bill and do not understand it, there is an excellent explanation on the back of the bill.

**Ordinance 2025 – 09C and 10C**– these ordinances related to short term rentals were both introduced in December and after much pushback from our residents were both eliminated. Thank you to our president, **Greg Fath** for his tireless role in communicating with the town council, mayor and YOU in clarifying these issues and letting the borough know how strongly folks felt about them.

After these meetings, the need for subcommittees to represent the taxpayers had been proposed. Since then, 2 SBTA subcommittees have been formed. The Short-Term Rental Subcommittee, led by Karen Drucker, has met with Chief Potter regarding problematic unruly renters in the town. The Finance Subcommittee, led by Greg Fath, has met with Kathleen Flannigan (Borough Administrator) in regard to being proactive with the 2026 budget. We will keep you abreast of our progress with both subcommittees.

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You may also use the following link to view the Borough Codes and to get further details about the ordinances -

<https://ecode360.com/laws/SH4188>

### Town Calendar

#### Sprint for Life

**April 18, 2026** 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Ship Bottom Municipal Ramp

#### Borough Wide Yard Sale

May 23, 2026 - May 25, 2026

#### Sidewalk Sales

May 23, 2026 - May 25, 2026

Town wide sidewalk sale for local businesses!

#### Memorial Day Service

May 25, 2026 1:00 pm - 1:30 pm  
Ship Bottom Municipal Ramp,

#### Sidewalk Sales

June 13, 2026 - June 14, 2026

#### Sidewalk Sales

June 27, 2026 - June 28, 2026



#### Little Libraries in Ship Bottom

Take a book/leave a book (or more)

- 266 W 11<sup>th</sup> St
- End of 13<sup>th</sup> St on E Bay Terrace
- 101 E 19<sup>th</sup> St
- 201 20<sup>th</sup> St (20th and Central Ave)
- 2506 Central Ave (across from public pier)



### Family Chalk Art

Come join us this year, May 2 (rain date 5/3)

10AM-4PM

The event will be held in the cutout between 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sts (in front of the Haymarket)

Fee - \$5 - A box of colorful chalk is provided. More is available on site or you can bring your own to supplement.

This year we will also offer shell painting with the folks from Product with a Purpose.

**Come join the fun and show off your artistic side!**

#### Borough Meetings

Our board members attend these meetings and provide a report to our membership each month.

The **Borough Council** meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM. These meetings are in person only and are not recorded. We continue to monitor these meetings.

The **Land Use Board Meeting** is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM.

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The **LBI School Board** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 PM at LBI Elementary School gymnasium.

*Get to know your community leaders. We encourage you to attend any of these meetings that interest you.*

### Check out Island Times

[file:///C:/Users/admin/Downloads/Island%20Times%20Summer%202024%20\(1\).pdf](file:///C:/Users/admin/Downloads/Island%20Times%20Summer%202024%20(1).pdf)

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<https://www.giglioblind.com/>
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