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Exactly 75 volunteers from [Lessing's Hospitality Group](#) traded in their bus bins and pastry bags for trash pickers and garbage bags Sunday.

And then they headed to Gilgo Beach. The Lessing's staffers joined with [Save the Beaches](#) for a cleanup effort that lasted throughout the morning and into the afternoon.

Save the Beaches is a not-for-profit corporation that coordinates cleanups and beach plantings, among other efforts to protect Long Island's barrier beaches.

The island-based [Lessing's Hospitality Group](#) owns and operates over two dozen restaurants, catering halls and hotels in Suffolk and Nassau alone, from Oyster Bay to Montauk. Within the Greater Babylon coverage area, Lessing's operates [Post Office Café](#) in Babylon Village and the [Blaze Pizza](#) in West Babylon.

"We organized with [Save the Beaches] because they are local – and in our restaurants' backyards," said Jen Cantin, the company's director of marketing. "We love that they care about our beaches and do great things."

"After all, we all live on Long Island for summertime and the beach."

Save the Beaches also recruited Babylon High School honors science students to help.









(L-R) Lessing's Hospitality Group's Michael Lessing (chief operating officer), Ellen Barrett (director of human resources), Jennifer Cantin (director of marketing) Mark Lessing (executive vice president), and Holly Lynch (director of operations, Main Street Restaurants) with all the trash collected Sunday.