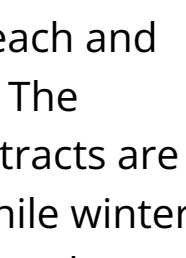


## President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



It's beginning to look a lot like.....the summer season!

The days are lengthening and the weather has started to cooperate, allowing for walks on the beach and biking through town. The sunbirds are starting to return to town. Tax season is over (thankfully). The landscape professionals are actively preparing gardens for the summer. The power washing contracts are going out and we should soon see homes being prepared for the summer every day. In short, while winter is officially behind us, the season of joy that is summer in Stone Harbor is almost here. Look forward to seeing you on the beach soon!

Your Trustees met on Saturday, April 6th, a week earlier than usual to allow for participation in the beach sweep on April 13th. Hopefully some of you were able to participate in this event, which is another sign that the season is almost upon us. More on the event described below, but on behalf of the membership I'd like to thank our Trustee, Justine Herzog, for her leadership of this event. The amount of trash removed from the dunes is incredible and reflects the pride which participants demonstrate in our beaches and dunes. The meeting focused on the progress towards our SHPOA 5K race on June 23rd, in particular the opportunity for individuals and families to sponsor a KM marker sign on the racecourse. It's easy to do and will add to the donation we will provide to the American Legion Post 331 and the Helen L Diller Vacation home for the Blind, the beneficiaries of the race. Councilman Carney, our liaison, provided an update of events in the Borough.

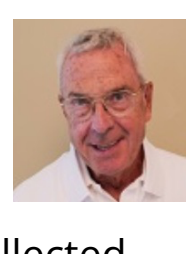
A point of discussion was the need to add Trustees to our board. Several Trustees have resigned this year as their personal or professional commitments did not allow them to dedicate the time they would have liked to their SHPOA obligations. While we were disappointed to lose each of them, as they were valuable contributors, we understand and accepted their resignations with regret. We are seeking members who would be interested in joining our Board, either now or in the regular Trustee process in August. We are seeking members with Information Systems and Technology skills. Even if not your forte, if you share our passion for our town and have the energy to match, you are welcome to nominate yourself to the board. If interested, please respond to the [Nominations@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:Nominations@StoneHarborPOA.org) email noted below and we will quickly be in touch.

We continue to provide the perspectives of the members to the Borough, based on feedback you provide to us. Please keep your views and opinions coming. Comments can be sent to us via the SHPOA contact mailbox at [Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org). We read all emails received and endeavor to respond. In addition, the viewpoints expressed are passed to our Council Liaison, Tim Carney.

We will remain your voice in Stone Harbor!

## Membership Committee Update

- Chuck DeLone, Chair, Membership Committee



Membership in your Association continues to be strong, but there is always room for more. We are, as you know, "your voice in Stone Harbor" and your voice gets more and more persuasive as membership grows. Do all of us a favor and ask your friends and neighbors if they are members. If not, encourage them to join. At \$45 for a year or even \$120 for three it is the best deal in town! And we are so sure they will value their membership that if they find within 90 days that they don't, all they have to do is tell us why and we will refund their dues.

Be sure to tell them to join by clicking on [StoneHarborPOA.org/join](https://StoneHarborPOA.org/join).

## What is SHPOA doing for me?

- Ted Kestner, Trustee, and Member, Community Engagement Committee



On a very chilly and blustery Saturday in mid-April three of our Trustees coordinated the efforts of thirty-six volunteers to clean up our beaches and dunes. The effort was led by beach captain Justine Herzog who was assisted by Susan Barrett and Ted Kestner. These intrepid volunteers collected more than thirty bags of debris for disposal. One volunteer encountered a large, coiled snake which she did not consider debris and slowly backed away after getting a picture. Our beaches and dunes will be in better shape for all of us to enjoy this summer thanks to these volunteers and our three Trustees.

## 96th Street Bridge Project Update

- Tim Carney, Council Member, Borough of Stone Harbor and Council Liaison to SHPOA



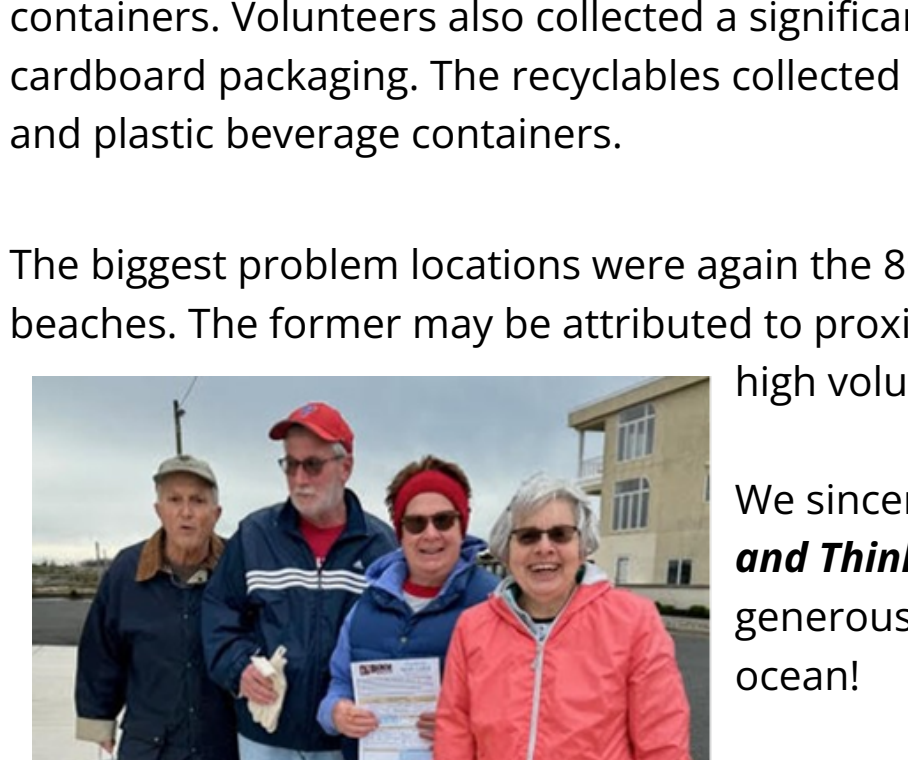
At a recent Borough Council meeting, residents asked us to share details on the proposed 96th St. Bridge project. Here are the tentative dates. All are subject to change.

- September 2025: Start of Construction (Starts with foundations and bumpers – no impact on road traffic)
- First Closure: 2/20/2026 to 4/5/2026 – Install temporary fixed span – Traffic detoured, including emergency vehicles
- Second Closure: 9/14/2026 to 11/4/2026 (May vary for Savor September) – Abutment work
- Third Closure: 10/14/2027 to 2/22/2028 – New Bascule Bridge installation
- Completion: 5/17/2028.

## Beach Spring Clean-up

- Justine Herzog, Trustee and Member, Sustainability Committee

- Some photos by Paul Grady, Treasurer



The 2024 Spring Beach Clean Up took place on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12:30. The Beach Sweep is organized statewide by Clean Ocean Action. SHPOA facilitates the event on our Stone Harbor beaches. The weather was what not we hoped, as it was quite windy and cold. Despite the blustery weather, **36 enthusiastic volunteers** dedicated their morning to beach cleanup! We had volunteers from age 8 to nearly 80 years old!

As in past events, the vast majority of the trash and recyclables were in the dunes (which we are allowed to access for the purposes of these Beach Sweep Days). In all, our volunteers collected about 75 cubic feet of trash and 80 gallons of recycling.

The biggest trash offenders were food/packaging wrappers and takeout containers. Volunteers also collected a significant amount of Styrofoam and cardboard packaging. The recyclables collected were mostly aluminum, glass, and plastic beverage containers.

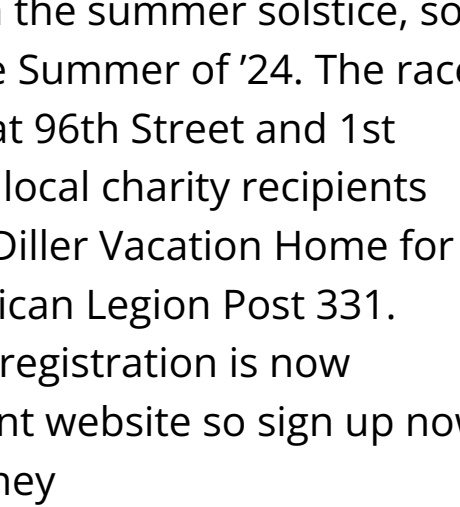
The biggest problem locations were again the 80<sup>th</sup> to 82<sup>nd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> Street beaches. The former may be attributed to proximity to the hotels/bars while the latter may be due to the high volume of visitors near the municipal parking lots.



We sincerely appreciate our sponsors: **ShopRite, Bank of America, and Think Green.** Please patronize these companies who so generously support this worthwhile effort to defend our beaches and ocean!

In addition to **SHPOA**, we appreciate the participation of **The Wetlands Institute** and **The Borough of Stone Harbor**. A special thanks to **Jenny Olsen, Stone Harbor's Director of Tourism & Public Information**, as well as the **Stone Harbor Public Works Department** who supplied tables, chairs, and trash pickers.

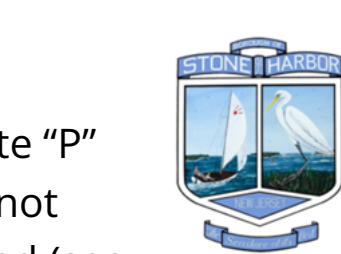
Most of all, we thank our **dedicated volunteers** who gave up Saturday morning to improve our beach environment and protect the ocean and wildlife. To everyone else, we appreciate your efforts at keeping trash and recyclables in the bins where they belong instead of littering our lovely beaches!



## SHPOA Second Annual Harbor Hustle 5K / 1M run/walk

- Geoff Woolery, Trustee and Member, Community Engagement Committee

- Jay Blackman, Trustee and Chair, Community Engagement Committee



SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2024 7:30AM

96<sup>th</sup> St / 1<sup>st</sup> Ave Stone Harbor 5K Run 1M Run 1M Walk

Premier Sponsor

Seashore ACE

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THE SUMMER STARTS NOW!

Net proceeds benefit American Legion Post 331 and Helen L Diller Vacation Home for the Blind

The event date has been moved to align with the summer solstice, so help us usher in the Summer of '24. The race will begin and end at 96th Street and 1st Avenue. This year's local charity recipients will be the Helen L Diller Vacation Home for the Blind and American Legion Post 331. Discounted on-line registration is now available at the event website so sign up now and save some money at <https://runscore.runsignup.com/Race/NJ/StoneHarbor/SHPOAHarborHustle>.

We want to give special thanks this year's Premium Sponsor, Seashore ACE and Gold Sponsors Quahog's Restaurant and Bar and TS Air Sciences.

This year's event is also offering "Mile Marker" sponsorships available to individuals, families, organizations, and businesses at \$100 each. Each "Mile Marker" sponsor will be recognized by a "lawn sign" along the Second Avenue medians on the route between 110th and 122nd streets.

Please send a message to [GWoolery@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:GWoolery@StoneHarborPOA.org) if you are interested in sponsoring a "Mile Marker". Your tax deductible donation may be made through the same website as above. Runners, walkers, and cheerleaders mark your calendars. We hope to see you all on June 23.

## Stone Harbor Parking Update

- Manny Parada, Borough Administrator, Borough of Stone Harbor

Public Works recently went out and painted a white "P" within a circle (similar to the ParkMobile logo but not exactly) on all street parking spots that are metered (see attached photo). The Lots did not get painted and remain with signs only. We thought this might help some of the confusion that was generated last summer by some visitors who were unsure whether they were in a paid parking spot or not.

Hopefully this helps. We are pushing this out in a social media campaign as well.

Paid parking starts on May 1 as usual.

## PAID PARKING ZONES IN STONE HARBOR

Hours for paid parking in the business district are from 10:00 am - 9:00 pm and 10:00 am - 5:00 pm in the beach parking lots.

## Four Payment Options are available:

- Download the ParkMobile® app from <http://parkmobile.io>
- Scan the QR code on the parking zone sign
- Text "Park" to 77223
- Call the toll-free ParkMobile® Service Line at 877-727-5304

**All on-street paid parking spaces are marked with the ParkMobile® logo.** If you still need assistance, you can also contact the Stone Harbor Police Department at 609-368-2111. **Park smart and enjoy the season!**

[Click here for more details on Stone Harbor Parking.](#)

## We Need You

- Homi Kapadia, Chief Information Officer and Chair, Communications and Technology Committee

If you have experience in Information Systems and Technology, we would love to have you join as a SHPOA Trustee to assist our Communications & Technology Committee. If you have any questions about the role, please contact our Chief Information Officer at [CIO@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:CIO@StoneHarborPOA.org).

If you are interested in serving as a Trustee please send an email to [Nominations@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:Nominations@StoneHarborPOA.org) describing your background.

## Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum

Each month we bring you a memory from the past, courtesy of the Stone Harbor Museum.

Looking south of 104th Street Bridge and shown in the upper portion of this image are two large basins: Carnival Bay to the left and Pleasure Bay to the right. The 104th Street Bridge also divides the waters of the Carnival Bay from the Stone Harbor Basin shown here in the lower left foreground. This circa 1950 photo reveals a very large white house on the circle at the end of Golden Gate Road. Look carefully and you will see that distinctive home which was owned by the Clark Family for many years.

In addition and further south, we see in the distant background the Ocean Drive Coastal Highway Bridge over Herford Inlet and linking Stone Harbor and The Wildwoods. The southern most point of Seven Mile Island is visible as are the famous Bird Sanctuary and the tidal islands that have been the home to a large variety of migrating birds to this area. It is interesting to note that the bay side of Stone Harbor did not develop as fast as the areas along the beach front. Furthermore, we also know that the southern portion of the bay was developed later than the area North of 96th Street.

Eventually in the latter 1960s the Sanctuary Bay and Paradise Bay areas which were adjacent to the Bird Sanctuary became the last areas to be developed with houses that were built in the vicinity of 111th Street to 117th Street. It was widely known that at that time the famous television celebrity Dick Clark of American Bandstand fame built a home on one of those lagoons.

Upon viewing the homes in the lower portion of this photo, you may very well recognize the following streets: 104th Street and the 104th Street Bridge; Sunrise Drive; Corinthian Drive; Berkeley Road; Sunset Drive; and 99th Street. While 98th Street is just out of view in this image, it nevertheless is also a small part of this rather unique neighborhood. All in all, this very area was back then and still remains today a charming place and comprises some lovely real estate properties.

The Museum is at 9410 2nd Avenue and can be found online at [www.stoneharbormuseum.org](http://www.stoneharbormuseum.org). Please be sure to see Harlan's History which can be found at <https://www.stoneharbormuseum.org/harlan-history/> and also consider donating to the Stone Harbor Museum at <https://stoneharbormuseum.org/donations/>.

## Contemporary Stone Harbor

- Scott Jarden, Trustee; Member, Communications & Technology Committee; Lead, Social Media

Each month we bring you a recent photo of interest from around Stone Harbor.

Sunset at 104th Street Bridge

## A SHPOA Membership Benefit

We are thrilled to announce a SHPOA member benefit that supports our mission of informing you of what's happening in and around town. Our friends at the Cape May County Herald are offering SHPOA members only an exclusive discount for Herald subscriptions -- **25% OFF with code "SHPOA"** -- and they are also providing your association advertising space in print and online for us to promote the association and the initiatives important to our members. We hope you will consider supporting the Herald and the local journalism which got its start right here on Seven Mile Island. Click here to see recent [coverage of Stone Harbor](#). To subscribe and use the discount, please click on <https://capemaycountyherald.com/subscribe/> and use promo code "SHPOA" at checkout to claim your 25% discount. Only valid for new subscribers.

## Member's Buzz

In this section we will periodically select some of your comments and perspectives to share with our broader membership. Please feel free to send them for consideration in future issues of The SHPOA Beach Buzz by writing to [BeachBuzz@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:BeachBuzz@StoneHarborPOA.org).

## SHPOA's Beach Cams and other local webcams

SHPOA's site with two beach cams and embedded weather, tide, and water temperature information can be found 24 x 7 at [StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams](https://StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams). There is a simple form that needs to be filled out once, after which you can bookmark the site and access the beach cams whenever you'd like.

Other local webcams of interest not being run by SHPOA include:

- [Stone Harbor Yacht Club Baycam](#)
- [Stone Harbor Fire Department's 96th Street Webcam](#)
- [Wetlands Institute Osprey Cam looking North](#)

If there are other local webcams that you are aware of and recommend for inclusion on this list, please contact us at [Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org](mailto:Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org).

## Calendar of Events

Please go to our website to view our Events Calendar at <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/#calendar>, which we will continue to update. If you know of an event that is not listed there, please let us know!

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