



July 2024

President's Message - Rich Fuchs, President

As I'm writing this, we are approaching the halfway point of the summer. It's been great so far; the weather has mostly been cooperative, the beaches are alive with family, friends, and visitors and the Stone Harbor events calendar is in full swing. I hope you had an opportunity to see Santa this past week during his "vacation" in Stone Harbor. Tuesdays at the Tower concerts have been very



entertaining so far this year. The next concert, Tuesday the 30th, is being sponsored by SHPOA. A Jimmy Buffet tribute band called "One Particular Stone Harbor" will provide what I'm sure will be a very entertaining evening (who doesn't enjoy Jimmy Buffet in the summer?) Join us for the evening! Our SHPOA trustees will be there to answer any questions and to sign up new members.

Your trustees met on Saturday, July 13, hosted by our Trustee Chuck DeLone at the Shore Club. It is a beautiful venue and the club were gracious hosts. The agenda started on a somewhat sad note as our Treasurer, Paul Grady, stepped off of the board due to the sale of his Stone Harbor residence. We accepted his resignation with regret as Paul has been a trustee and our treasurer for almost 5 years and was a valuable contributor to our efforts. We will miss his energy and enthusiasm and his efforts on behalf of the membership. We wish the best of luck to Paul and his wife Susie as they embark on the next chapter. You will be missed in the community. The focus of the agenda was the process for gathering new trustee nominations, we have several open trustee roles so if you are interested, please reach out. We also started the process of obtaining nominations for Project of the Year and Citizen of the Year. All of these nominations are open to members, see below in this message for more details. In addition, we were briefed on the planning for our September beach run, which is discussed below, and for our September members meeting. We received positive feedback on the June meeting and will work to make the September meeting as meaningful and interesting as the June meeting was.

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. 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!

Sustainability Committee Update

- Beth Toolen, Trustee and Member, Sustainability Committee



One of our 2023 Projects of the Year was recently completed, and we encourage you to take a walk or bike ride to the southern end of 3rd Avenue so you can check it out! Read the article on page 43 in this summer's [Roasted Beat](#) to learn more about the importance of living shorelines like the one we are fortunate to have from 118th to 122nd Streets. These areas need to be kept free of foot traffic, both from humans and pets, so the natural environment can thrive and continue to provide necessary wildlife habitat and protection from storm surges. Projects of the Year are decided upon every summer, and we appreciate idea suggestions from our members.



Calling all Volunteers! SHPOA Wants YOU as a Trustee!

- Heidi Yacker, Secretary and Chair, Nominating Committee



Do you love Stone Harbor? Want to keep our town thriving?

Do you like to roll up your sleeves and get things done?

Then SHPOA is looking for YOU to join the Board of Trustees, to serve a 3-year term beginning in September.

No expertise is necessary – it's all learn-as-you-go. (Although if you have experience with communications and/or technology, we'd love to hear from you.) A quick glimpse of our committee structure illustrates SHPOA's objectives.



WE WANT YOU

We connect with the Borough on several levels:

- The Borough Engagement Committee establishes relationships with the Mayor, Council, and Borough managers. They provide an analysis of the Borough's budget and develop strategies for other financial and Borough management issues, such as alternative sources of revenue.
- Community Engagement Committee members work with local groups and organizations to develop and coordinate all the outward-facing activities that SHPOA sponsors or participates in, such as the 5k races and Savor September.
- The Sustainability Committee consults with Borough committees and representatives to monitor and improve environmental conditions on our island, including beach nourishment, bay dredging and maintenance, flood management, and water usage. They are also concerned with how the needed improvements will be financed.



We connect with our Members in many ways, too. Communicating with our Members is central to SHPOA's mission. The Communications and Technology Committee produces the Beach Buzz, Beach Blasts, Council meeting summaries, email communications, surveys, and more. They maintain our beach webcams, weather station, and our social media presence. On the technology side, they maintain our financial and membership-related databases.

And of course, a robust membership is the lifeblood of SHPOA, both financially AND from the standpoint of



our ability to influence Borough policies and practices. The Membership Committee develops and implements SHPOA's membership development strategies, programs, and activities promoting both new and renewing memberships.

We know that these days everyone is busy. So why should you commit to becoming a SHPOA Trustee? Because being a Trustee offers you a unique opportunity to be part of a dynamic group of like-minded individuals dedicated to making a tangible impact on Stone Harbor. With SHPOA, you aren't just joining another Board;

you are embarking on a journey to make a difference in the town and the island we all love – all while having fun and establishing friendships to last a lifetime. We think the investment of time is certainly worth it! Volunteer to join us as a Trustee today!



For more information on the role of a Trustee, see <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/officers-trustees/>
Please complete the SHPOA Trustee Information Form which can be downloaded at
<https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/shpoa-seeks-2024-nominations/> and send it to the Nominating
Committee at nominations@stoneharborpoa.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Each year, SHPOA presents a Citizen of the Year Award to a person (or people) who has made significant contributions toward the betterment of our community.

The criteria we use include some of the following:

1. A person of integrity who has contributed, over a period of years, in a positive manner, to the improvement of life in Stone Harbor;
2. A person who has an established record of service to Stone Harbor in various fields;
3. An active member of various organizations who impacts these organizations with positive contributions to help achieve their goals; and/or
4. A person who has at least one project with which he or she is identified.

Do you know of someone who has worked to improve the well-being of Stone Harbor?

If so, send their name and contact information to Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org.

Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum



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



BACK IN TIME - #2: Here is yet another early view of Stone Harbor taken from an airplane in 1920. Again I have included some labels as reference points so as to assist you with actual orientation as the subject here focuses on the northern portion of the town starting with 80th Street and the Avalon border on the right or to the north and extending southward to include 90th Street on the far left of this view.

Specifically, can you locate the Stone Harbor Yacht Club building in the upper left hand corner of this photo? Check out the Railroad Station that is still standing along Pennsylvania Avenue paralleling Second Avenue. The noted Harbor Inn (formerly the Abbotsford Inn) still exists as you can see but its days are certainly numbered. See the 3 basins skirting the Great Channel or the bay: North Basin, South Basin and Snug Harbor?

At this point I would like to draw your attention to one not so conspicuous feature. Along the beach and fronting the ocean, you should be able to recognize the boardwalk running from 83rd Street and progressing southward to 90th Street and a bit further on the lower left of this image. Apparently, when this photo was taken, a major storm had just recently occurred and it caused serious damage to portions of the boardwalk in this particular area. Look closely and you should be able to distinguish several breaks or interruptions where sections of the boardwalk were destroyed and would be in need of replacement.



Here is another aerial shot taken at the same time after the 1920 storm where we can see evidence of additional substantial destruction to sections of the boardwalk from 106th Street northward to at least 92nd Street and even beyond the view in this photo.

Photos such as these and others that have been presented in recent months in the "The SHPOA Beach Buzz" invariably contain some very interesting things and it is often advised to pay attention to the details for better understanding of some of the finer points of Stone Harbor history. That is why those who pursue the study of history often need to assume the role of a "detective" and get out the trusty magnifying glass for closer inspection. Enjoy the journey down memory lane.

The Museum is at 9410 2nd Avenue and can be found online at www.stoneharbormuseum.org. Please be sure to see Harlan's History which can be found at <https://www.stoneharbormuseum.org/harlanshistory/> 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



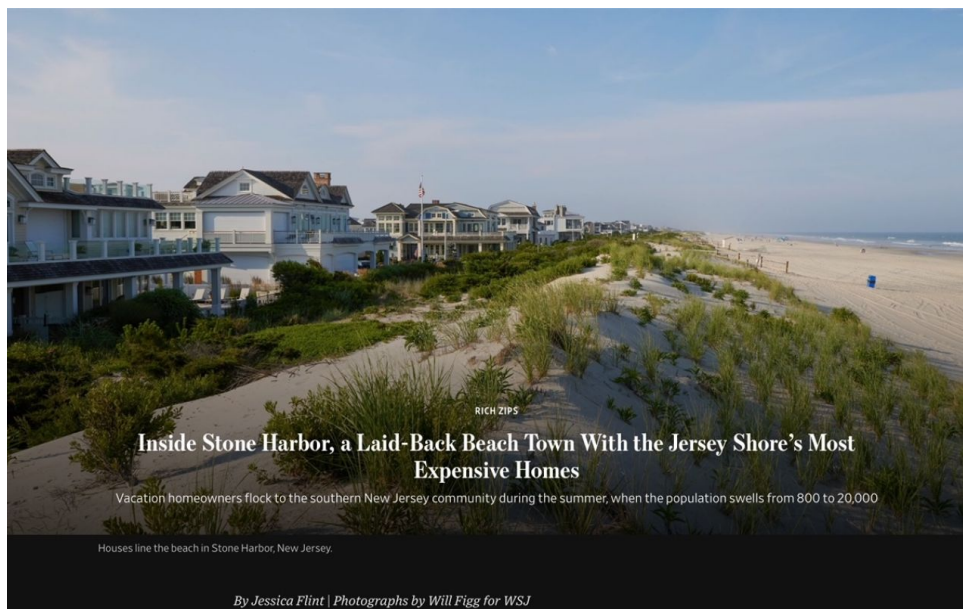
Each month we bring you a recent photo of interest from around Stone Harbor.





Thanks to the Stone Harbor Garden Club for the native plants on the island at 103th-104th and 2nd Ave.

Media Buzz



An article appeared in the Wall Street Journal recently, titled "Inside Stone Harbor, a Laid-Back Beach Town With the Jersey Shore's Most Expensive Homes." For copyright reasons, we are unable to reproduce the article here. The article can be accessed with a subscription to the WSJ by [clicking here](#).

**Stone Harbor Likely
to Push Stormwater
Utility Study to 2025**



By Vince Conti



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STONE HARBOR – The borough's 2024 municipal budget allocated \$375,000 for a feasibility study on establishing a stormwater utility. The Stone Harbor Property Owners Association came out in favor of the study.

An article appeared in the Cape May County Herald titled, "Stone Harbor Likely to Push Stormwater Utility Study to 2025" where SHPOA was also mentioned. For copyright reasons, we are unable to reproduce the article here. The article can be accessed with a subscription to the Cape May County Herald by [clicking here](#).

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.



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. 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.

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!



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.

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