



November 2024 (with corrected museum photo)

President's Message - Chris Yates, President

As we approach the end of 2024, we are hard at work planning for next year's events and ways to engage the Borough on your behalf. One of the changes we discussed at our recent planning meeting is inviting our members to participate in events that SHPOA sponsors, like the Harbor Hustle and Tuesdays at the Tower, along with some of the work our committees do. As we get into the new year you will hear from us about opportunities for participation and involvement. If any of those appeal to you, please raise your hand when the time comes!

Are you interested in serving as a trustee? Our nominating committee works year round to identify and recruit new trustees. If you are interested in speaking to someone about serving in that role, please click [here](#), and our Nominating Committee Chair, Heidi Yacker will be in touch.

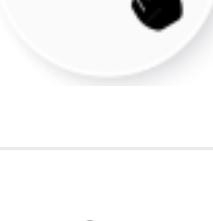
 We hope you and your family have a grand Thanksgiving. Stone Harbor is beautiful at Thanksgiving and Christmas preparations around town will be well underway, so come soon if you can.



SHPOA's Help Line - Homi Kapadia, Vice President

We are very pleased to be introducing a new service to our members in the form of a Help line to assist you to navigate the Borough or provide assistance with an issue that you've been dealing with.

Our goal is to use the collective knowledge of our Trustees to provide guidance and help where possible. Please note that our Trustees are all volunteers with a broad set of experiences, but any assistance provided will be of an advisory nature only, helping guide you to the best person in the Borough who is most likely able to help you. As you know, the Borough Administration has overall responsibility for operations with oversight by the Borough Council.

 If you do need our assistance, please reach out to us at Help@StoneHarborPOA.org. We look forward to helping our members wherever we can.



SHPOA's Project of the Year - Indigenous Plantings

- Beth Toolen, Former Trustee; Former Member, Sustainability Committee

Your trustees have been hard at work over the last few months working with our Public Works Department and Dustin Welch, the Wildlife Gardener, to install a native pollinator garden on the 2nd Avenue island between 109th and 110th Street. Those of us who attended Professor Doug Tallamy's Natural Landscaping presentation in Avalon this fall have learned that turf (or grass, as it's commonly known) is not native to barrier islands and, therefore, does not support the birds and insects that rely on natural growth for survival. Armed with this knowledge, the first thing we did was remove some of the grass that existed on this piece of land. We left one oval section as a border to protect the dirt and mulch from runo during harsh winds and heavy rainfall. Both established plants and young plugs have been installed over the last several weeks including Dense Blazing Star, Purple Coneflower, and Wild Bergamot, to name a few. A Butterfly Bush will be added in the spring.

This new garden will be a perfect demonstration to residents and visitors alike of the right way to plant at the shore. It's important to remember when creating a new landscape area, the first year the plants are 'sleepers,' the second year the plants are 'creepers,' and the third year they are 'leapers.' At first, the growth will be slow, but the eventual results will be tremendous. I'm sure the birds, bees, and other pollinators will thank us!



Help Wanted! - Cynthia Burton, Trustee; Member, Communications & Technology Committee

Do you like to write? SHPOA needs writers to help cover Borough Council meetings. Writers can attend meetings live, watch them live on Zoom, or watch a recording on Youtube.com a few days later. All past Borough Council summaries can be found [here](#). Links for agendas, recordings, meeting dates, etc. are on the borough website stoneharbornj.org. If you're interested, drop me an email at burtoncynthia3323@gmail.com and we'll schedule a call or a meeting so I can tell you how easy and interesting this can be.



Membership Renewal for 2025 - Mike Walker, Trustee; Chair, Membership Committee

For our members whose membership will end on December 31st, you should have received an email that reminded you to renew. You will also see a header at the top of this Beach Blast if your membership is due for renewal on December 31st. By renewing for calendar 2025, you will stay connected to the important issues in Stone Harbor that affect your Stone Harbor property through our eblasts on Council Summaries and monthly newsletters.

We offer several renewal options: our 4 Year renewal option is a great value at \$160. We also offer 3 years for \$120, 2 years for \$80, and an annual renewal for \$45.

 Renewing is easy. [CLICK HERE TO RENEW ONLINE](#), click the RENEW NOW button and log in with your account Username or Primary Email Address and password. Please note your Member #.

If you have any problems or questions, email us at contact@stoneharborpoa.org. We appreciate your support and, as always, welcome your input as to how we can get even better at living up to our motto: "Your Voice in Stone Harbor."



Historical Stone Harbor

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



BACK IN TIME - Records indicate that this aerial photo image was taken on May 13, 1926. This specific view identifies the following: 81st Street and 83rd Street along with Linden Lane and the Railroad/Second Avenue. The Great Channel as well as the both the North and South Basins are clearly evident in the upper portion of this image. This photo basically shows us the area that was the so-called point of origin for Stone Harbor. It is very apparent that much of this part of Stone Harbor was still undeveloped judging from this photo. That, however, was all about to change as time would pass.

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/>.

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum



Contemporary Stone Harbor

- Scott Jarden, CIO and Chair, Communications & Technology Committee

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



Fall Sunset at 114th Street



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 with 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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