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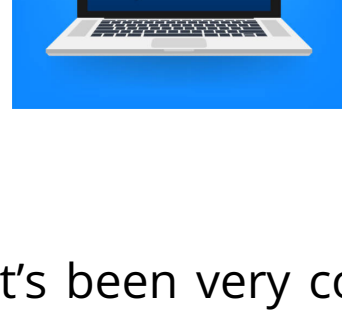
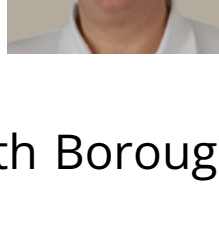
Keeping Members Informed About Stone Harbor



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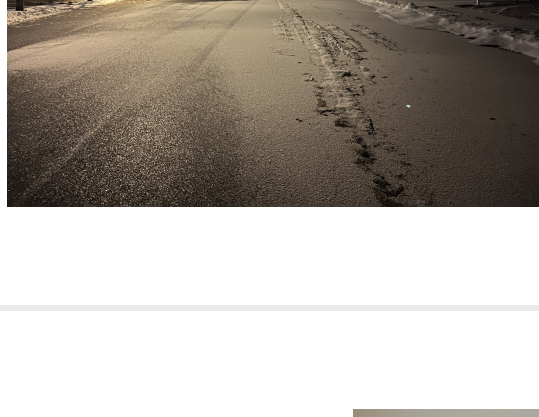
President's Message - Chris Yates, President

I'm just back from a quick trip to Stone Harbor for a meeting with the Borough Council Administration and Finance Committee, the CFO, the HR director, and the municipal attorney, organized and led by our able Borough Engagement Committee chair, Chris Campbell. The meeting was very productive. Chris is doing a terrific job of strengthening our relationships with Borough officials and effectively communicating our concerns and views.



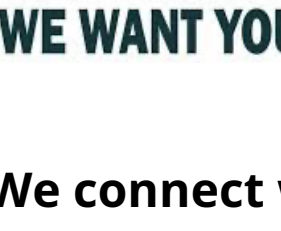
We are beginning to put together the agenda for our June membership meeting and you will be receiving a brief survey to help us identify what you'd like to hear and what you expect from the meeting. Please take five minutes and let us know. Our Community Engagement Committee spends a lot of time pulling this meeting together and we want it to be the best it can be.

It's been very cold but spring is only a month away! We look forward to seeing you out and about!



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 beginning now! No expertise is necessary – it's all learn-as-you-go. 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 and weatherstation, and our social media presence. On the technology side, they create and/or 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 take on the commitment to become 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 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-2025-nominations/> and send it to the Nominating Committee at nominations@stoneharborpoa.org

We look forward to hearing from you!

Stone Harbor Flood Mitigation Update - Justine Herzog, Trustee; Member, Sustainability Committee



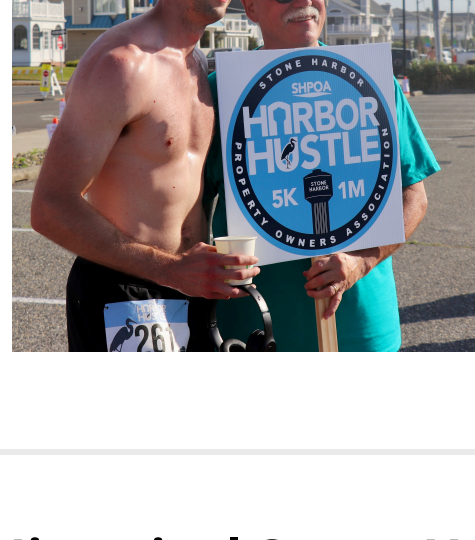
The Flood Mitigation Committee was reauthorized for the year 2025 by the Stone Harbor Council. The committee membership has been expanded to include a greater number of members, including from the Stone Harbor Planning and Zoning Board. Presently, the biggest effort is completion of 2 major capital project proposals. One consists of improvements to mitigate the 80 to 89th Street flooding. The other involves mitigation of the 90th to 99th Street flooding. These plans are going to be presented to the Stone Harbor Council and the public for review, comment, and eventual approval. Initial presentation to the council and public is scheduled for the upcoming Council meeting of March 4th. If the plans are approved, the Borough of Stone Harbor expects to submit them for State of NJ approval and subsequent application to FEMA for funding the construction costs. **We highly encourage SHPOA members to participate in the upcoming meeting.** The Zoom link for the meeting is available on the www.SHNJ.org homepage.

It is acknowledged that the availability of FEMA funding is uncertain due to recent changes at the Federal level. Most of the effort and corresponding cost to create these plans was expended prior to the new administration. Regardless of funding availability, it is in Stone Harbor's best interests to have a solid plan. This effort dovetails with the Storm Water Feasibility Study, which will be re-bid with these plans to provide more clarity to the contractor who does the study. Maintenance expense needs for flood mitigation are also being considered by the Public Works Committee, which is getting input from the Flood Committee.

Harbor Hustle - Geoff Woolery, Trustee; Member, Sustainability Committee



Mark Your Calendars!



The 3rd annual Harbor Hustle Charity 5K Run / 1M walk will be Sunday, June 22nd, beginning at 7:30 am.

The summer starts here.

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 - Portrayed here is a spectacular aerial view taken of Stone Harbor sometime around 1925. This image resides in the Stone Harbor Museum archives and is a very important item that can help us better understand more about the early development of Stone Harbor.

We can readily see the 1.5 mile long boardwalk built in 1916 that lined the beachfront from 83rd Street and extending southward to 106th Street. The 500 ft. long private fishing pier jutting out into the ocean located at 86th Street is a prominent feature attached to the wooden promenade. This view also confirms the area that was considered the point of origin or the very beginning of "New Stone Harbor" in the early 1900s where the earliest structures are shown here situated on the right side of this photo at the northern end of town. Now as we look down First Avenue there are still very few houses that have been built. But notably what we can see are an early bathing pavilion with cupola right on the beach, the Oakes Cottage nearby, Reese Risley's magnificent summer home "Hydrangea", the Juergen's and Herbert Cottages, and even the "Pebbles" are in evidence if you look carefully from right to left. The ever popular Bird Sanctuary is evident as we turn our gaze to the far left of this photo.

Also extending down the length of Stone Harbor is the broad Second Avenue depicting the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, the 1909 pump house and 100 foot high water standpipe adjacent to the town fire station and the growing business district along 96th Street.

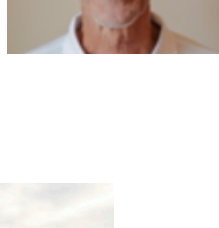
Next, we see Third Avenue paralleling First and Second Avenues southward and extending to the end of the island. The Shelter Haven basin and the hotel by the same name built in 1912 are also evident at 96th Street and Third Avenue. You should be able to see the drawbridge and a portion of the causeway connecting Stone Harbor with Cape May Courthouse and the mainland. At the far southern end of town between Second and Third Avenues it is possible to locate the quaint and most charming Bungalow Colony associated with Bower, Weber, and Stone Courts. If you look closely the Snug Harbor basin is visible as is the Stone Harbor Yacht Club itself and the Great Channel intercostal waterway separating Seven Mile Island from the mainland.

In closing, one final observation needs to be made at this time. We can see that in the year 1925 there were still many lots or parcels of land in Stone Harbor that remained undeveloped and that is especially the case if you focus on the area at the southern end of town from 96th Street to 111th Street.

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, CIO and Chair, Communications & Technology Committee



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



104th Street Beach is ready; spring is March 20th.

SHPOA Help Line

As recently announced, SHPOA is pleased to provide our members with a Help Line to identify the best person at the Borough to provide assistance with an issue you might be dealing with. As you know, Borough Administration has overall responsibility for operations with oversight by the Borough Council. If you do need assistance, please reach out to us at Help@StoneHarborPOA.org. We look forward to helping our members wherever possible.



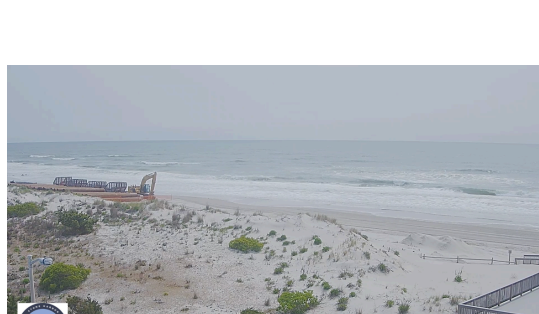
Member's Buzz

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](#)

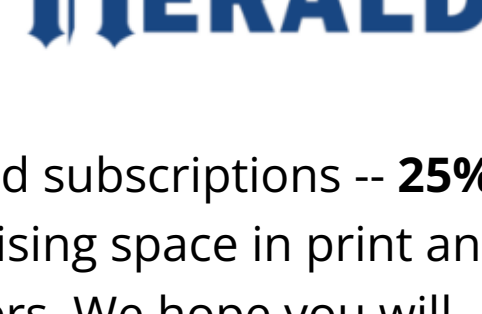
If there are other local webcams that you are aware of and recommend for inclusion on this list, please contact us at Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org.

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](https://capemaycountyherald.com/subscribe/). 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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