



October 2022

President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



I'm sitting in Pittsburgh, PA as I write this note. Looking out the window I see leaves of many colors on the trees, to the extent the trees still have leaves on them. While very lovely, it is a clear sign that winter will soon be upon us. I'm already missing the beach, the sun, the waves, the lifeguard whistles and sitting with friends on the beach. In other words, I'm thinking about all the things that make Stone Harbor a special place. With that said, there are still several events planned for the remainder of the year, including the always popular Thanksgiving events. Make sure to take advantage of all that is offered.

The first meeting of the 2022-23 SHPOA Board of Trustees was held on Saturday, October 8th. This was the first meeting which included our new Trustees, and we focused on a discussion of the 2023 SHPOA strategy as well as the development of plans by each committee to implement the strategy. We also held an extensive discussion on the Project of the Year and continue to seek nominations for the project. We invite all members to submit ideas for the 2022 Project, which will be evaluated by the Trustees with the goal of voting for the project or projects by the end of the calendar year.

The Trustees also discussed and voted on membership dues, details of which follow.

Two sources that I use to stay apprised of events in Stone Harbor and Avalon are the Chamber of Commerce monthly newsletter and a weekly newsletter released by Jennifer Gensemer, the Stone Harbor and Avalon weekly update. Both are available via email for ease of access.

We continue to provide the perspectives of the members based on feedback you provide to us, so 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, Reese Moore.

We will remain your voice in Stone Harbor!

SHPOA Membership Fees

- Paul Grady, Treasurer and Chair, Membership Committee



Since its inception, SHPOA has been committed to funding projects to improving the sustainability and quality of life in Stone Harbor and keeping our members informed. We have held our single year rate for five years, and the multi-year rate has not been increased in a decade. To maintain and enhance our efforts, SHPOA is raising its membership rates for the 2023 season.

The additional funds, like all money collected by SHPOA, will be prudently re-invested into the community in the form of improvement and educational projects, and enabling the Association to communicate with members more effectively regarding matters of significant importance. As you can imagine, our community initiatives are not immune to the inflation we all feel. We are also looking to increase our Project of the Year funding to undertake projects of more significance to the Borough, as well as expand our support of organizations and events in the Borough. SHPOA Trustees are volunteers and receive no compensation for their considerable efforts, so all fees collected will benefit our membership and the Stone Harbor community.

SHPOA's representation of our members' interests with the Borough on the issues affecting our community have intensified as these matters have become more critical and urgent. These include tax increases, flooding, beach erosion, bay dredging, as well as the proposed new wind farms off our coastline. Your membership provides you with a front-row seat to our activities and a voice in informing the Borough of your opinions. Enhancements in communication technology will allow us to engage with our members more effectively on these and other issues of importance.

The additional fees will also enable us to continue and expand SHPOA's Projects of the Year investments, which have been a mainstay of our organization for many years and have contributed positively to Stone Harbor in many ways. In recent years, SHPOA installed new beach street numbers for identification while on the beach, totally refurbished the five Stone Harbor entry signs, created a native plant garden by the water tower, installed water level sensors in flood-prone areas, added bike safety signs, installed bicycle racks at the beach-end of selective streets, prepared an indigenous plant brochure, and recently worked with the Borough to launch and financially support the 94th Street beach webcams and weather station. If interested, you can see details of our recent Projects of the Year at <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/project-of-the-year/>.

Effective now, our single year membership rate will be \$45. We will continue to offer multiple-year membership options which offer savings and convenience, and these will be: 2-years at \$80, 3-years at \$120, and 4-years at \$160.

We will be, as we have always been, prudent with expenses, and utilize the funding increase towards expanding our contributions to the Stone Harbor community and our continued representation of your interests.

We appreciate your membership and continued support of SHPOA, and we will update you on our financial position mid-year in 2023.

Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum

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



Riverton postcard. Air view of the Yacht Club from the 1930s. Notice the empty lots on 92nd Street and right in front of the club was one of three concrete houses built in Stone Harbor. This was torn down but two others are still standing.

The museum is at 9410 2nd Avenue, and can be found online at www.stoneharbormuseum.org. Please 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.



Progress on the house pictured in a previous Beach Buzz, creative mix of old and new (105th and 3rd)

Member's Buzz

In this section we will 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.

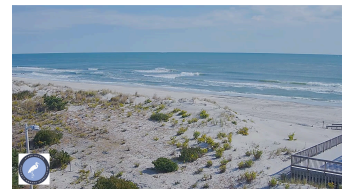


Calendar of Events

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!



SHPOA's beach cams and weather station can be found 24 x 7 at <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/gallery/stone-harbor-beach-cam-and-weather-station/>.



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