

The SHPOA

Beach Buzz

Keeping Members Informed About Stone Harbor

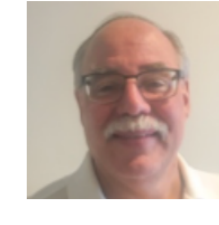


November 2022



President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



For those who are living in the Northeast/northern Midwest part of the country, it's clear that winter has arrived a bit earlier than the calendar would suggest. Watching one of the NFL pregame shows on TV, the announcer said that "the snow in Buffalo was higher than the height of the quarterback for the Buffalo Bills - and he is 6'5" tall!!". Seeing that on the TV makes me think about the summer in Stone Harbor, where we see not snowplows but rather beach scrapers smoothing out our beaches every morning. The forecast for the Thanksgiving weekend doesn't appear too bad, so make sure you get out and participate in the Stone Harbor Thanksgiving festival. The weekend brings many activities and as always should be a great event. Stop by the SHPOA area and participate in our activities. A special shout out to those members and trustees who have volunteered their time to staff the SHPOA booth; very grateful for your support and your time!

The SHPOA Board of Trustees met on Saturday, November 12th. We focused on a discussion of the 2023 SHPOA budget and its linkage to the strategy and plans by each committee discussed in our October meeting. I am very impressed with the focus of every trustee on the stewardship of the resources you as members entrust to us, with the mission of using your membership dues for the benefit of the members as well as the entire Stone Harbor community, whether member, non-member (which we are working to convert to members) or visitors and guests. We continued our discussion on the Project of the Year. We have received a few good ideas but 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 at our December meeting and implemented in the first half of 2023.

One other topic discussed was the issue of beach tags and the purchase by Stone Harbor residents in 2022 of Avalon beach tags for use on Stone Harbor beaches. This follows the report of CFO Jim Craft at a recent Borough Council meeting whereby he reported that over 2,000 beach tags were purchased from Avalon by Stone Harbor residents for use on Stone Harbor beaches, because Avalon beach tags were \$7 cheaper than Stone Harbor beach tags. This resulted in approximately \$60,000 less revenue in Stone Harbor. Those who watched the recent council meeting, or read the Council summary issued by SHPOA, or saw the article in the Cape May County Herald [see the SHPOA Media Buzz section below], will know that I commented during the public comment session on this issue. The reason for the price difference is strategic, Stone Harbor strove (successfully I would add) to set beach tag prices at a level whereby the cost of the beach patrol is covered by the revenue from beach tags whereas Avalon prices their beach tags to cover only a portion of the cost of their beach patrol, with the remaining costs covered by an allocation of property tax revenue. SHPOA is supportive of the Borough's efforts to identify sources of revenue to cover costs and reduce the burden on property taxation and this is one example of that effort. We recommended that the Borough engage Avalon in a review of this situation to ensure fairness to both parties. To those who supported the SHBP through their purchase of Stone Harbor beach tags, thank you for your support. To those who purchased tags in Avalon, I'd ask you to purchase your tags in Stone Harbor for 2023. Avalon has increased their beach tag prices for 2023 such that the difference is only a few dollars, and by purchasing Stone Harbor beach tags not only are you supporting the SHBP but also your fellow homeowners in Stone Harbor.

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!

Ocean Wind Q&A Postponed Again

- Geoff Woolery, Chair, Sustainability Committee



The follow-up Q&A session planned for this fall regarding Orsted's Ocean Wind Projects is postponed until early 2023. After our unsuccessful attempts to bring Orsted to Stone Harbor for a Q&A this past May and September, we received a tentative agreement to conduct a virtual Q&A following our September membership meeting. Although Orsted recently agreed to a date, it didn't give sufficient time to plan the overall meeting logistics necessary to ensure a successful information exchange. We will continue to work with the Borough to make this important event happen.

Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum



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



Beach class 1935

Beach Class 1935. What a great thing to have a beach and a boardwalk in walking distance from the school. Notice the Nautilus at top left. It was destroyed in the storm of 1962.

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.



A nice shot from the summer when things were warmer!

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.

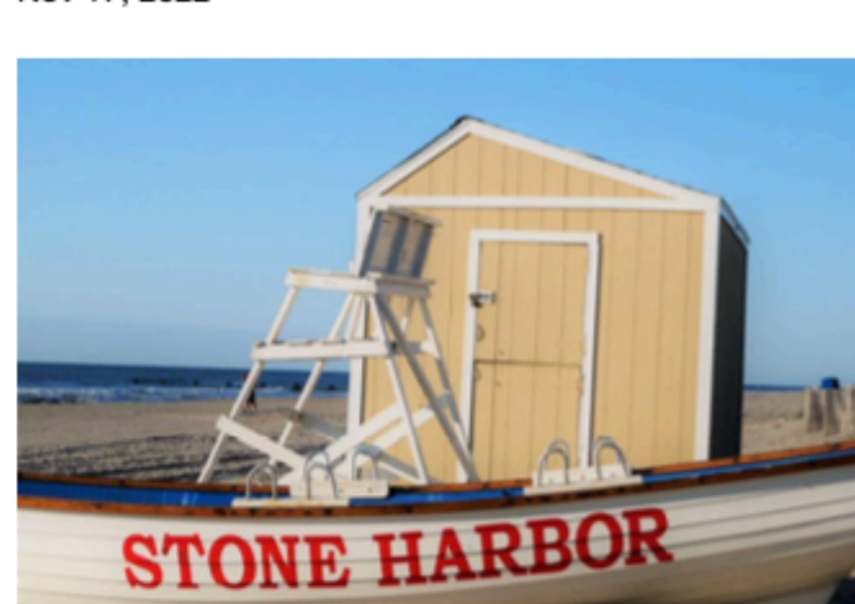


SHPOA Media Buzz

In this section we're sharing recent media articles or broadcasts featuring SHPOA Trustees and activities.

Stone Harbor Property Owners Urge Collaboration with Avalon on Beach Tag Pricing

By Vince Conti
Nov 17, 2022



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STONE HARBOR - Beachgoers on 7 Mile Island enjoy reciprocity in the use of beach tags whether bought in Stone Harbor or Avalon. The same tag is good in both locations. This year, that reciprocity came at a cost, according to Richard Fuchs who is the President of the Stone Harbor Property Owners Association (SHPOA).



Fuchs, speaking for the association, used the public comment period at Stone Harbor Council's Nov. 14 meeting to urge the borough to initiate

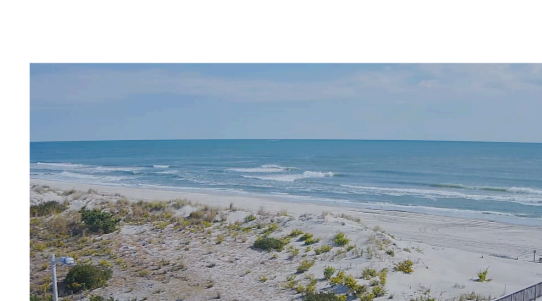
Note that the full article in the Cape May County Herald can be found at https://www.capemaycountyherald.com/news/government/stone-harbor-property-owners-urge-collaboration-with-avalon-on-beach-tag-pricing/article_c75c2d3a-66ba-11ed-8ee0-e7573d83c5ff.html and requires a paid subscription to the Herald.

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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