



May 2023

### President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



I am sitting in London as I prepare this note. My family and friends were part of the enthusiastic crowds who, despite the inclement weather, participated in the coronation weekend. It was an amazing spectacle to experience.

Afterwards, as I thought about the celebration, I concluded that, while phenomenal, the British have nothing on Stone Harbor. Our Memorial Day weekend activities will be as entertaining as anything the royals can manage. Please make sure you join in and enjoy all the festivities, starting with the annual Turtle Trot 5K on Sunday morning (click this link to pre-register <https://raceroster.com/events/2023/74760/stone-harbor-turtle-trot-5k>). You can then join our firefighters at 11 am at the fire station to honor the firefighter who served. Next, come cheer at the parade (SHPOA will be there), and then participate in the ceremony honoring our veterans at the Women's Civic Club. In short, spend Memorial Day enjoying all that Stone Harbor has to offer.

The SHPOA Board of Trustees met on Saturday, May 13th. A key topic was planning our June membership meeting, which will occur on Saturday, June 10th at the Harbor Theater (who have again graciously donated their facility for our use). See Jay Blackman's article below for a taste of what we'll be offering. We also initiated the process of identifying and nominating new Trustees for a 3-year term commencing September 2023. We cannot achieve all we desire without the energy, enthusiasm, and time invested by our Trustees, and we're always seeking to grow and enhance our Board. Please see Heidi Yacker's article below for more information.

Committees reported on the progress of their 2023 plans. The Sustainability Committee continues to work with the Borough on issues such as flood mitigation and longer-term beach maintenance. The Community Engagement Committee has finalized SHPOA participation in events in the Borough during the season. We will continue to be very active in the community this year. The Membership and the Communications & Technology Committees have launched a SHPOA Block Captains initiative and will be working to encourage renewals and seek new members. We also had our first-ever zoom meeting for non-members so they could learn about SHPOA and hopefully join us. There is a lot of activity going on as we approach the summer.

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](mailto: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!

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## Membership Meeting

- Jay Blackman, Trustee and Chair, Community Engagement Committee



We are excited to announce that our summer meeting will be hosted at the Stone Harbor Theater! We will have a sustainability overview which will focus on water conservation progress, flood management, beach restoration and maintenance, bay dredging, and results from our offshore wind power survey. We will also be hosting a Q&A with Mayor Davies-Dunhour and Council members Frank Dallahan and Reese Moore. Questions that will be asked are in part submitted by members of SHPOA.

Doors will open at 8am with a light breakfast and coffee being served by Maryanne's. The program will start at 9am. We hope to see you there!

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## SHPOA is Looking for New Trustees!

- Heidi Yacker, Secretary and Chair, Nominating Committee



Now is the time for all good SHPOA members to consider becoming a Trustee! Being a Trustee is a **tremendous opportunity** – working with dedicated people, doing good works for the community, keeping people informed about issues that are important to them, and providing a platform for members to voice their opinions, even when the ballot box is not available to them.

Our committees are as follows:

- **Borough Engagement** - presenting ideas and analysis for effective Borough budgeting and collaborating on projects to benefit the community...
- **Communications and Technology** – creating and sending out the Beach Buzz and Beach Blasts, maintaining our website and social media presence...
- **Community Engagement** – developing projects that benefit the Borough, organizing our bi-annual meetings and SHPOA's participation in community events...
- **Membership** – running our many membership drives and developing creative ideas to attract members...
- **Sustainability** – monitoring issues and participating in efforts relating to the beaches, bay, water usage, and flooding...

SHPOA Membership is growing rapidly! We are looking for a few fresh eyes and unique ideas from property owners with talents in the following:

- Civil/environmental engineering
- Information systems and technology
- Financial analysis (particularly municipal) and accounting
- Local/state/federal government
- Legal analysis
- Communications

If you have experience in any of these areas and can devote about 8-12 hours a month to SHPOA, please consider becoming a SHPOA Trustee.

For more information on the role of a Trustee, see <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/officers-trustees/>

Please complete the SHPOA Trustee Nomination Form which can be downloaded at [StoneHarborPOA.org/nominations](https://StoneHarborPOA.org/nominations) and send it to the Nominating Committee at [nominations@stoneharborpoa.org](mailto:nominations@stoneharborpoa.org) by July 1st.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Borough Engagement Committee Update

- Chris Yates, Trustee and Chair, Borough Engagement Committee



Borough Engagement is SHPOA's newest standing committee. Our mission is to work with the Borough Council and Mayor on municipal government issues such as budget and finance, regulations, ordinances, and anything else that impacts Stone Harbor property owners. We can research issues, understand the impact of municipal decisions on property owners (most of whom who don't live on the island year-round), and propose alternatives or changes that may better serve our property owners. The relationships we have built and continue to build with decision makers will serve our members as we work with the Borough to meet the quality of life issues and looming challenges facing our shore community.

You've seen the recent letter we sent to the Council and mayor with analysis and commentary on the 2023 budget. (If you missed it, see )For our current initiative we are working on identifying alternative revenue sources that could ease the burden on property taxes. There are other projects in line that will be addressed in the coming months. We, along with all of SHPOA, are your advocates on these important issues. Please reach out through the contact box at [contact@stoneharborpoa.org](mailto:contact@stoneharborpoa.org) with any questions, ideas, or observations you would like to offer. Working together, we can make a difference.

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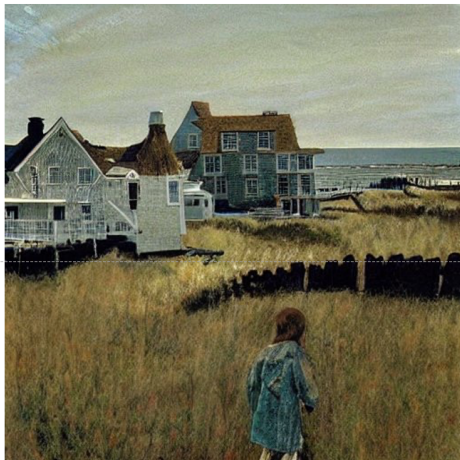
## Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Stone Harbor in Art

- Homi Kapadia, Chief Information Officer and Chair, Communications & Technology Committee



A few month's ago, we shared with you an exploration with ChatGPT, one of the recent Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs now available. This month, we thought we'd explore AI and Art, and asked an App called "AI Diffusion Art" to render paintings of Stone Harbor, NJ as if they were painted by famous artists.

Thought you'd enjoy seeing what it created for the various artists requested!



Andrew Wyeth



Rembrandt





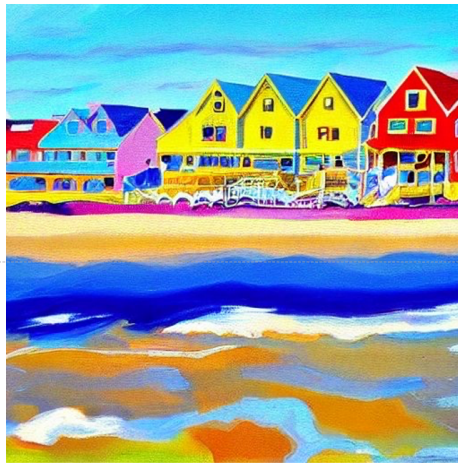
Pablo Picasso



Andy Warhol



Dr Seuss



Peter Max

### Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum



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





*The Stone Harbor beach, looking north and depicting the first bathing establishment which was commonly known as the Parkway Casino. This pavilion was destroyed in the storm of 1914. The structure was a popular gathering place and is featured on several different vintage Stone Harbor post cards dated around 1910.*

The museum is at 9410 2nd Avenue and can be found online at [www.stoneharmuseum.org](http://www.stoneharmuseum.org). Please be sure to see Harlan's History which can be found at <https://www.stoneharmuseum.org/harlans-history/> and also consider donating to the Stone Harbor Museum at <https://stoneharmuseum.org/donations/>.

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## 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.



*Saving one house at a time; this was a good one to bring back to its glory.*

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## Member's Buzz

*In this section you will select some of your comments and messages to share with our readers.*



*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](mailto:BeachBuzz@StoneHarborPOA.org).*



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## 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 site with beach cams and now updated with embedded weather and tide information** can be found 24 x 7 at [StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams](https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/beachcams).



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