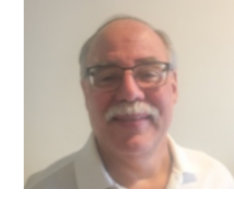




November 2023

President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



Welcome to the festive season! Stone Harbor offers much in the way of holiday cheer, commencing with the Island Holiday Weekend events on November 24th and 25th. Something to interest young and old, climaxing with the Christmas parade on Saturday evening (rumor has it there will be a guest appearance by a fellow in red with a big beard). The link to the details of the events is found on the borough website (<http://stoneharbornj.org/thanksgiving-weekend-events-2023/>). If you are in town, or looking for a reason to visit Stone Harbor, this is as good as any.

Your Board of Trustees met on Saturday, November 11th. The meeting focused on the development of the 2024 budgets, which we develop and approve annually for the next year. We ask each committee to evaluate their activities and use that as a roadmap to develop the related spending. The proposals are brought together by our Treasurer, who first reviews the consolidated budget with the officers, and then the entire board. The officers recommend the budget to the board, who votes to approve. This will occur before we commence the new year on January 1, 2024. We continue to develop the ideas for the Project of the Year and expect to put forth a decision in Q1 2024. We have a couple of very interesting, and we believe valuable proposals, which are currently being evaluated. As always, we will work closely with the Borough on these projects this year.

By now I'm sure most of you have learned of the result of the November council election. Tim Carney was elected to council for his first term, and Councilwoman Robin Casper was reelected to her second term. SHPOA offers congratulations to both candidates and looks forward to collaborating with them upon taking office in January 2024. Councilman Reese Moore was not successful in his write-in campaign. As you are aware, Reese has served as our council liaison for the past 3 years and will continue in the role through the end of the year. We thank him for his support and wish him well. We will work with the Mayor to identify a replacement in the new year, as the trustees have found the role to be of substantial value.

Hopefully you participated in our "Meet the Council Candidates" event. Thank you to many members who submitted questions on a variety of topics. Thank you to our SHPOA Trustees who organized and moderated the event. Thank you to the Council candidates for their participation. And most of all thank you to you, the members, for your participation. In case you missed the event, a recording can be watched by clicking on <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/gallery/shpoa-meet-the-council-candidates-2023-video-access-form/>. Our mission is to help inform our membership on the issues impacting Stone Harbor and we were pleased to be able to produce this event to fulfill that mission.

We continue to provide the perspectives of the members to the Borough, based on feedback you provide to us. 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!

Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum



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



This photo depicts the first Fire House that was built in Stone Harbor in the year 1912 and located on 85th Street near Second Avenue. As more homes were built, there was an increased need for better Fire Protection. It should be noted that initially a volunteer fire company was organized with 20 members and the ground for this firehouse was actually donated by Mrs. Reese Risely. Notice the large iron ring on the right that was struck by a mallet when sounding an alarm. The horse driven pumper in this photo was an example of an early piece of fire fighting equipment that served Stone Harbor.

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/harlans-history/> and also 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.



"Nice to have a big beach all to myself! (104th St.)"

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 site with beach cams and now updated with embedded weather and tide information can be found 24 x 7 at StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams.



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