



## January 2024

### President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



Winter is upon us. For those who were in or near Stone Harbor you had snow, wind, and strong waves. In other words, another Nor'easter. The beaches are being evaluated but at this time it appears the damage was not as severe as others experienced in nearby Wildwood, where they suffered significant erosion again near the lifeguard station on 15th St, and in Avalon where the northern end of the island suffered significant erosion. Mother Nature continues to challenge us to protect our most valuable asset, our beaches. Stone Harbor expects to address the needs of our beaches once the winter storm season has calmed.

With the New Year, the Borough conducted their annual committee organization meeting at the beginning of January. One item in the agenda was the selection of the SHPOA council liaison. For the past 4 years our liaison has been Reese Moore, who as you may be aware, was not re-elected in the November election. Therefore, a new liaison was needed, and we are pleased that Councilman Tim Carney offered to assume that role. We welcome Tim and look forward to working closely with him in the coming year to act as a link between Mayor and Council, the Borough Administration and the members of SHPOA. When you see Tim in town this year, take a moment to thank him for volunteering his time for your benefit.

The Trustees took the month of January off, to keep warm and avoid the bad weather (although I will tell you in Texas it was colder on several days than in Stone Harbor, so perhaps I got that one wrong). We will commence our monthly meetings in February with a focus on our 2024 membership drives, planning for the summer community events (including not one but two 5k races) and progressing our project of the year.

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](mailto:Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org). We read all emails received and endeavor to respond. In addition, the viewpoints expressed are passed to our Council Liaison, Tim Carney.

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.



*Shown here is a dramatic aerial view taken circa 1940 featuring the Great Channel drawbridge and the entryway to Stone Harbor via 96th Street. Looking north this photo encompasses only a portion of the town but enough to readily see that considerable areas or parcels of land have yet to undergo development. Fortunately this aging and somewhat crinkled photograph resides in the Stone Harbor Museum Archives and we are very pleased to make it available at this time some 80+ years later. Upon closer inspection, I am sure that some property owners might be able to recognize some specific buildings and/or features that still exist today.*

The Museum is at 9410 2nd Avenue and can be found online at [www.stoneharbormuseum.org](http://www.stoneharbormuseum.org). Please be sure to see Harlan's History which can be found at <https://www.stoneharbormuseum.org/harlan-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.



SHPOA at 104th Street; beach has been holding up well at this location



### Announcing a New SHPOA Membership Benefit

We are thrilled to announce a new 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 advertising space in print and online for us to promote the association and the initiatives important to our members.

I 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](#).

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.

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



Our SHPOA beach cams continue to be very popular, and unfortunately have been down the past few weeks after a recent storm. We appreciate all the messages we've been receiving from our members sharing how valuable you find our beach cams, especially in the off season.

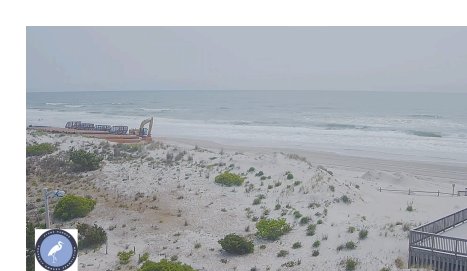
Trustee Scott Jarden, who manages our beach cams, has the following to share: "We have many people who really like the webcams, so we're trying our best to get them hooked back up as soon as possible. Right now, the issue is some equipment on the Borough end. SHPOA sponsored the cameras' purchase and installation and ongoing maintenance, but we rely upon the Borough's online infrastructure. We're being told that it's just a matter of a short period until they have the necessary parts that got damaged during a recent storm. We will let you know as soon as the beach cams are back up and running, which we hope will be very soon."

### 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](http://StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams).



[Note: Please see above in Member's Buzz section about a temporary outage of the beach cams]

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