



August 2024

President's Message - Rich Fuchs, President



Well, it's here again. It comes every year, but it doesn't mean I have to like it. What I'm referring to is Labor Day weekend, while a time to celebrate those who worked to make America great (which is the part I like), it also signals the end of the summer season (which is the part I don't like). I hope your summer was as enjoyable as mine, Stone Harbor put on another great show in 2024 (the loss of 4th July fireworks notwithstanding). As you return to your offseason homes, be safe, be healthy and we look forward to seeing you in 2025.

Your trustees met on Saturday, August 10, again hosted by our Trustee Chuck DeLone at the Shore Club. The focus of the agenda was the selection of new trustees based on the nominations received. We are pleased to inform you that Heather Stambaugh was nominated to join the board of trustees and will be recommended by the trustees to the membership for ratification at the September membership meeting. Heather is an outstanding candidate, a longtime resident of Stone Harbor, and received unanimous support from the trustees. In addition, the trustees approved the slate of officers for the 2024-25 year and will recommend them to the membership for ratification at the September membership meeting. The officer nominations are:

- Chris Yates, President (current Vice President)
- Homi Kapadia, Vice President (current CIO, will fill Chris's unexpired term)
- Chuck DeLone, Treasurer

All candidates were unanimously recommended by the board of trustees.

In addition, we finalized the agenda for the September membership meeting, as discussed later in this Buzz. We've worked to develop a relevant and interesting agenda, focused on an aspect of Sustainability facing the Borough. Please join us for the meeting on Saturday, September 14, at the Harbor Square Theater. I assure you it will be a worthwhile use of your time.

You may have noticed that my name was not included among the nominations. Effective with the September membership meeting I will have completed two 2-year terms as President of SHPOA. In accordance with our bylaws, I cannot run for another term so I will be stepping aside. I have been blessed to have worked with an outstanding group of officers and trustees over the many years I have been a part of the board and wish to thank each and every one of them for their time, talent, energy, and most of all their friendship. The organization is in great shape and I am confident that Chris, the new officers, and the 24-25 board of trustees, will take the organization even further. Thank you to all of my fellow officers and trustees for a wonderful experience. And thank you to all of the members of SHPOA. It has been my pleasure to engage with many of you and communicate with you each month. I truly appreciated your questions and your feedback and I hope we have been able to make a difference in the town that we all

questions and your feedback and I hope we have been able to make a difference in the town that we all love, Stone Harbor. You'll still see me on the beach, in my tie-died shirts (some things never change). Thank you to all of you for your support and God Bless you all.

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, Tim Carney.

We will remain your voice in Stone Harbor!

SHPOA Fall Membership Meeting, September 14, 9am Harbor Square Theater

- Geoff Woolery, Trustee and Member, Community Engagement Committee



Please join us at our upcoming membership meeting, we have a great agenda and an open Q&A. The doors open at 8 am with coffee and pastries from Maryanne's Pastry Shop courtesy, of Ide Insurance Agency. We will also be streaming video highlights of our great town on the big screen from 8-9 am, including the top 12 submissions to our picture contest. Free street parking is available until 11:30 am. The formal meeting will begin at 9 am.



This fall's meeting features two timely presentations. The first is on upcoming fall activities in the Scott Bonnet wetlands to help prevent further sea level rise damage, courtesy of the US Army Corp of Engineers, NJ DEP, Fish and Wildlife, and our very own Wetlands Institute. The second, also related to climate change, is on proposed state legislation which, if adopted, could impact barrier island development and redevelopment for decades to come.

Agenda:

Welcome / Opening Remarks

Trustee / Officer Ratifications

Presentations:

Harbor Hustle Proceeds

Photo Contest Winners

Featured Talks:

Upcoming Bay Dredging and Beneficial Use*

REAL** Overview: Proposal, Impact, Timeline

Open Q&A

Door prizes throughout (gift cards to local businesses)

Adjourn

* *Special guest speaker Dr. Lenore Tedesco, Executive Director, The Wetlands Institute*

** *Resilient Environment And Landscape (REAL)*

Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum

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





BACK IN TIME - #3:

Here is an aerial view in color taken most likely around the latter 1950s as Second Avenue has not yet even cut through and extended southward. The Stone Harbor Bird Sanctuary is the predominantly green area in the center of this image. The clue to dating this particular photo hinges on the lower portion of this photo where we can see the recent man-made lagoon on what became known as Sanctuary Bay. Please also note that Paradise Bay to the south has not yet been dredged, formed and developed. Brand new houses are just beginning to undergo construction in this area at this particular point in time. It is my understanding that Dick Clark of American Bandstand fame actually owned one of these new houses yet to be built on this lagoon overlooking the Great Channel during the early 1960s.

Some of the obvious features depicted in this photo are as follows: the Villa Maria by-the-Sea convent at 111th Street including the Nun's beach; the Bungalow Colony of small cottages (see Bower, Weber and Stone Courts) clustered around the area between 108th and 111th Streets and Second and Third Avenues; and the somewhat isolated (but not for much longer) Life Saving Station at what would become Second Avenue and 117th Street.

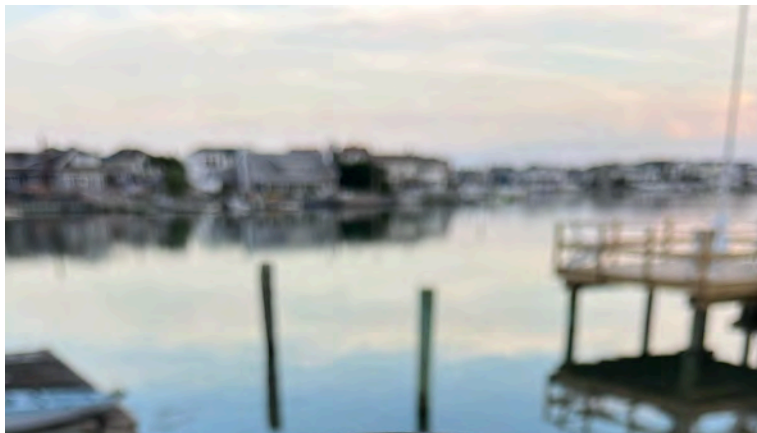
The Museum is located at 9410 2nd Avenue and can be found online at www.stoneharbormuseum.org. Please be sure to see Harlan's History which can be found at <https://www.stoneharbormuseum.org/harlanshistory/> and also consider donating to the Stone Harbor Museum at <https://stoneharbormuseum.org/donations/>.

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.





Here's to another great summer from Pleasure Bay.

Member's Buzz

In this section we will periodically 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's Beach Cams and other local webcams

SHPOA's site with two beach cams and embedded weather, tide, and water temperature information can be found 24 x 7 at StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams. There is a simple form that needs to be filled out once, after which you can bookmark the site and access the beach cams whenever you'd like.



Other local webcams of interest not being run by SHPOA include:

- [Stone Harbor Yacht Club Baycam](#)
- [Stone Harbor Fire Department's 96th Street Webcam](#)
- [Wetlands Institute Osprey Cam looking North](#)

If there are other local webcams that you are aware of and recommend for inclusion on this list, please contact us at Contact@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!



A SHPOA Membership Benefit



We are thrilled to announce a 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. We 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.

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