
The SHPOA

Beach Buzz

Keeping Members Informed About Stone Harbor



September 2025

President's Message - Chris Yates, President

Another great Stone Harbor summer is in the books. I hope it was all you wanted it to be with family and friends. We are always reminded how blessed we are to be able to call Stone Harbor home.



Beach cleanup, our spring meeting, the Stone Harbor Hustle, Tuesday at the Tower, the opening of the native plant garden, Citizen of the Year, our fall meeting, Savor September, and many small endeavors marked the SHPOA season. We work hard to make sure you get value for your membership and offer you ways to enhance your experience here.



We were particularly focused on our two membership meetings and giving you the opportunity to hear directly from municipal and county leaders on issues that are important to Stone Harbor's future — financial, ecological, and quality of life. I hope you joined us in person but if you didn't, or want to review what was said, the recordings of both meetings are up on the website. [Click here](#) to view the fall membership meeting.

We welcome and encourage your feedback on the content of our meetings, the events we sponsor and support, and the issues, questions, and challenges you would like to be part of our work. We take time in the fall to carefully think about SHPOA's mission and the coming year. We engage in extensive planning around that to ensure we maximize the effectiveness of our work. [Let us hear from you!](#)



Finally, and importantly, we are always on the lookout for volunteers to serve as trustees. If you have particular skills, knowledge, interests, or good judgment and would be interested in talking about how you can serve, please [reach out to us](#). If you can't serve as a trustee but have a particular interest in one of the events or projects we sponsor and would like to work on that specifically, we also welcome that.

Have a great fall!

Membership Renewal - Mike Walker, Trustee; Chair, Membership Committee

☀️ **Don't Miss Out!** ☀️

Check the bottom of your SHPOA emails to see when your membership expires. If your renewal date is coming up, now's the perfect time to click the renewal link and stay connected. There's a



lot happening in Stone Harbor, and you'll want to be part of it. Renew today to ensure you continue receiving all our updates and member benefits!

Beach Sweep - Join the Bucket Brigade on Saturday, October 18th!

Join Clean Ocean Action's Beach Sweeps on Saturday, October 18th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Volunteers across more than 80 NJ locations will come together—rain or shine—to help clean and protect our beaches. Bring your own bucket and gloves and be part of the “Bucket Brigade” in celebration of 40 years of ocean protection. Register at CleanOceanAction.org to make a difference!



SHPOA Citizen of the Year - Marilyn Hahle

The Citizen of the Year Award honors an individual who exemplifies integrity, honesty, and fairness, and who demonstrates leadership, community involvement, positive impact, and long-standing dedication.



This year's recipient has devoted more than 52 years of service to Stone Harbor. She has touched the community in countless ways: as a teacher in our schools, as the owner of the children's shop *Rattles to Ribbons*, and as President of the Chamber of Commerce, where she organizes such important community events as Tuesdays at the Tower and Savor September. Through it all, she has worked tirelessly to preserve traditions, foster joyful events, and strengthen community spirit—all with humility and grace.

It was a great honor to recognize **Marilyn Hahle** as the SHPOA 2025 Citizen of the Year.

Around Stone Harbor with SHPOA



Around Stone Harbor with SHPOA is a captivating video series that explores the charm and unique features of Stone Harbor, NJ and the surrounding coastal towns. [Click here](#) or on the image to watch informational videos.

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 writer of our historical piece would like your input: What topics or details would you like included in these articles and photos? To share your suggestions, please [click here](#).



BACK IN TIME - For the record, this photo image is one of the most dramatic and remarkable scenes of Stone Harbor, New Jersey that I have ever come across. It depicts a portion of an action-packed image taken from the front-page of the special July 1914 issue of “THE STONE HARBOR HERALD” newspaper published in Philadelphia.

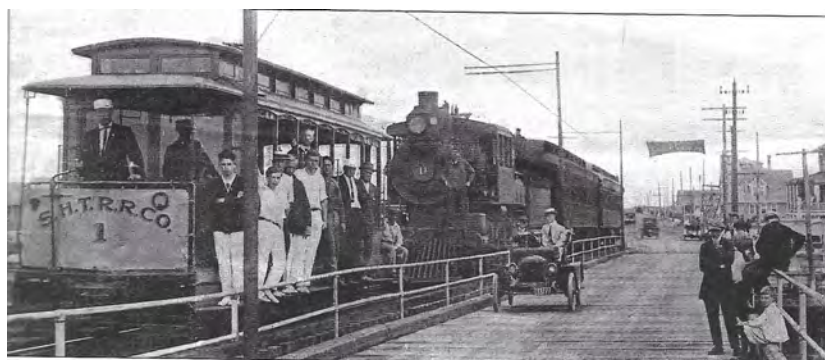




There certainly is a lot of activity presented in this almost breathtaking photo taken right on the bridge entering Stone Harbor at 96th Street in the year 1914. What is so remarkable about this photo is that at the time this photo was taken, Stone Harbor had only been accessible directly from the mainland for 3 years since July of 1911 due to the completion of the new boulevard known as the Ocean Parkway. This scene most assuredly suggests that this new town, just having become incorporated with a mayor-council form of governmental structure, is on its way to becoming a growing and vigorously flourishing South Jersey seashore community.

In the foreground and starting on the left side of this image, we notice the Stone Harbor Terminal Railroad Company's electric trolley that linked Stone Harbor with Cape May Court House. Behind the trolley is a Pennsylvania Railroad steam locomotive coupled to two passenger cars. We also see a vintage automobile with two occupants. In the background and at the intersection of Third Avenue and 96th Street, look closely and you should be able to see the iconic Shelter Haven Hotel recently built in 1912 on the right of the street. And directly behind the electric pole in the lower right corner of this image is the Parkway Pier and Pavilion House constructed by the Risley's and their South Jersey Realty Company.

On the lighter side, one can only think that if this particular photo image actually included or depicted a vintage Wright-flyer aeroplane overhead, we just might be able to title this scene: "Planes, Trains and Automobiles". If you get my drift, I am referring at this point to a certain popular John Candy and Steve Martin comedy movie of 1987 that some of you might recall.



In conclusion and derived from another source, we present a second identical image that shows a bit more of the panoramic scene including the electric trolley in its entirety which was not fully visible in the introductory newspaper image. I do hope you enjoy these photos that embody the growing vibrancy of

"Stone Harbor in the making" during the so-called "Good old days!"

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/harlanshistory/> and also consider donating to the Stone Harbor Museum at <https://stoneharbormuseum.org/donations/>.

Contemporary Stone Harbor

- Scott Jarden, CIO and Chair, Communications & Technology Committee



Each month we bring you a recent photo of interest from around Stone Harbor.



Welcome to the Fall beach scene

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Stone Harbor Gets Update on 96th Street Bridge





File photo

The 96th Street Bridge

By Vince Conti



September 22, 2025

STONE HARBOR – Borough officials recently got an update on the county's schedule for the replacement of the historic 96th Street Bridge, which is the main entrance and exit point to the mainland for the municipality.

Borough Administrator Joseph Clark on Sept. 16 told the Borough Council that projects of this type have significant "regulatory backdrop," as a partial explanation for some of the delays encountered.

Clark said the current plan calls for obtaining the bridge permit by Oct. 1, followed closely by Department of Transportation concurrence by Nov. 1.

An article appeared in the Cape May County Herald titled, "Stone Harbor Gets Update of 96th Street Bridge." For copyright reasons, we are unable to reproduce the article here. The article can be accessed with a subscription to the Cape May County Herald by [clicking here](#).

SHPOA Help Line

As recently announced, SHPOA is pleased to provide our members with a Help Line to identify the best person at the Borough to provide assistance with an issue you might be dealing with. As you know, Borough Administration has overall responsibility for operations with oversight by the Borough Council. If you do need assistance, please reach out to us at Help@StoneHarborPOA.org. We look forward to helping our members wherever possible.

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](https://www.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 with 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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