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PLEASE NOTE THAT YOUR Stone Harbor Property Owners Association (SHPOA) MEMBERSHIP WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2025.

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President's Message - Chris Yates, President

As the summer season winds down and we welcome fall, the Trustees and the committees are working on plans for the coming year. We spent several hours at our recent meeting identifying where we should be focused, what projects we will undertake, and how we can best serve all of you and your interests. There are many important challenges and issues for our town and they affect all of us as property owners. We will be discussing these plans in future Beach Buzzes. Please reach out to us with any thoughts, concerns, or questions you may have. Your feedback and input are very important to us.



As you make your holiday plans, think about coming to Stone Harbor. The weather is good, many shops and restaurants are open, and the vibe is wholly different than the summer. It is a great time to be in Stone Harbor.

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!

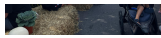


Savor September Street Festival - Mike Walker, Trustee; Chair, Membership Committee



Stone Harbor's annual Savor September Street Festival on September 20 was a lively celebration of food, wine, beer, and community spirit. SHPOA hosted a table where trustees met and engaged with festival participants, sharing information about our organization and the many ways SHPOA supports local property owners. Visitors also enjoyed picking up a variety of giveaway items.





For the first time ever, a plane towing a SHPOA banner flew over the festival—and again over the beach the following day—adding a fun new highlight to the weekend. We even held a photo contest for the best selfies featuring the banner in the sky.



Congratulations to our contest winners listed below, and a big thank-you to everyone who stopped by our table and joined in the fun! To view the winning photos, [click here](#).

- 1st place - Scott Nestle
- 2nd place - Cathy Hammer
- 3rd place - Ken Johnson
- 4th place - Michelle Barbacan
- 5th place - Susan and Scott Winkles

FALL 2025 Banner Plane Selfie Contest Winners



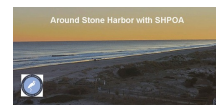
Around Stone Harbor with SHPOA - Susan Barrett, Trustee; Chair, Sustainability Committee with Dr. Lenore Tedesco, Executive Director at the Wetlands Institute

Saving our Salt Marsh

Have you ever driven in on Stone Harbor Boulevard and wondered about those pools of water you're seeing mixed in with the marshes? After you watch this [informative video](#), you'll know that that's not necessarily a good thing. This is not a unique problem in our area, but we are fortunate to have the world-renowned Wetlands Institute right over the bridge. In this interview, Susan Barrett, SHPOA Sustainability Committee Chair and Dr. Lenore Tedesco, Executive Director at the Wetlands Institute, go into detail about the test area we have seen in the marshes that shows promise for an alternative process that helps with the use of potential dredge material, but also helps bring the marshes back from destruction.



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 either image to watch other informational videos.



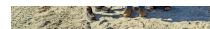
Fall Beach Sweep - Geoff Woolery, Former Trustee

This year's [fall Beach Sweep](#) was another great success. Nothing provides a better turnout than picture perfect fall weather and over 30 volunteers who worked the entire length of our beaches and dunes. As in the past, most of the debris collected was in the dunes, particularly near beach block residential construction. Plastic and construction debris continue to be the primary materials collected. Small plastic from many origins was noted all along the high tide water's edge, and unfortunately, this situation was prevalent throughout the summer and notably worse than in previous years. Several items too large to be removed by our volunteers were reported to DPW.





A special thanks to Public Works for providing equipment for registration and clean up and Clean Ocean Action for organizing this state-wide, semi-annual event. SHPOA would also like to thank all of our volunteers, including those from the Stone Harbor police department, Stockton University, Science Rocks 4H, the American Legion, the Wetlands Institute, and Middle Township High School. (photos courtesy of Craig Miller)



Beach Status Post October Storm

A preliminary assessment of the Stone Harbor beaches and dunes was conducted on October 17th, following our recent nor'easter and reported to the Borough. The assessment indicates there was minimal damage to the dunes, and the beach access road at the Point appears to be undamaged. More detailed assessments will be conducted as the winter season progresses.



Replacing Plants After Hurricane Erin? Choose Salt-Resistant Native Species - Susan Barrett, Trustee; Chair, Sustainability Committee

Did you lose precious plantings during Hurricane Erin this fall? Many of us did, largely because of the salty flood waters that rose and lingered in the streets during the storm. If this happened to you, please consider using salt-resistant natives when re-planting. You can access a SHPOA salt tolerant planting brochure by [clicking here](#). For a brochure of trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers that are salt-tolerant and do well on the East Coast, [click here](#). Ask your landscaper to plant for the future!



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 - From the very beginning of the Stone Harbor community, fire was a widespread fear. The wooden homes and strong winds of the island proved a dangerous combination; one spark is all that would have been needed to set an entire block ablaze, and with the frequency of marsh and brush fires, one spark wasn't hard to come by. In fact, it was common practice for families to keep a bucket of water on hand and, for the very careful, a bucket or two of beach sand." The aforementioned introductory statement is a quote that served as a lead-in to the chapter on the "Fire Department" contained in the 2014 edition of the book titled "STONE HARBOR: ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF THE SEASHORE AT ITS BEST".

Given the increasing number of homes and businesses being built in Stone Harbor from 1912 onward, there was a strong need for fire protection. In December 1912, the Stone Harbor Volunteer Fire Company Number 1 was created and organized, consisting of 20 men. These volunteers were hardy men who were local and were directly tied to the many early ongoing construction projects taking place at Stone Harbor. The men represented some of the various building trades and thereby were readily available to serve.

Land for the first fire station was donated by well-known Mrs. Reese Risley. In May of 1913, the official dedication occurred at the new fire station located at 85th Street and Second Avenue. This special occasion was much heralded and there were parades and much cause for celebration. The main speaker at this noteworthy dedicatory event was none other than Howard Risley, then president of the South Jersey Realty Company. R.C. Hill became the first fire chief and Harry Simpson was the first president of the Stone Harbor Fire Company.

Shown here stands a two-story wooden fire station with an upper deck or porch designed for observation and look-out and there was ample room to house a horse-drawn water pumper (then "state of the art" fire equipment) as shown above in front of the double-hung large wooden doors. In this classic photo image we can observe 7 men posed and standing proudly and holding various important pieces of fire equipment including a lantern, axe, fire extinguisher and even a nozzle attachment for a fire hose. It should be noted that in front of the fire station was a large circular piece of iron which when hit with a mallet served as a means of sounding the alarm for an emergency in the community. Research tells us that as of 1965 this very original building, while long since replaced by a more up-to-date and larger fire station at Second Avenue and 96th Street built in 1924, was still standing and had for a while been converted to a residential cottage.

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/>.

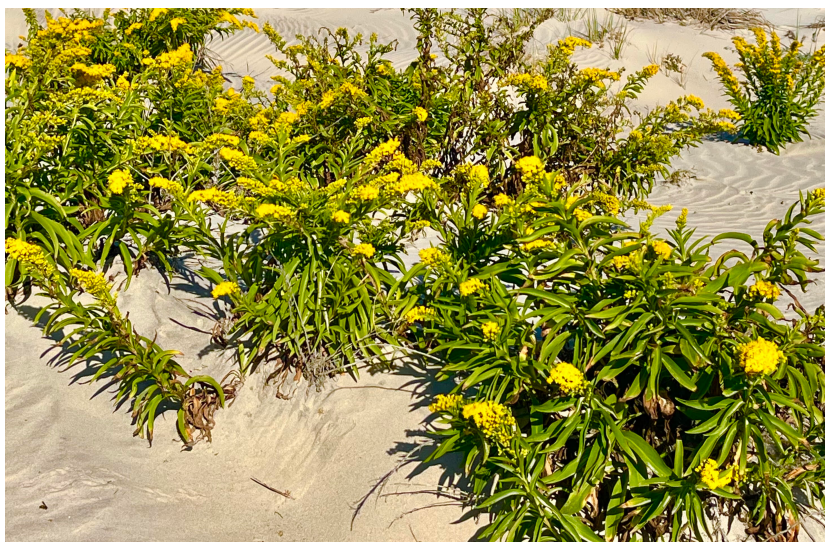
Contemporary Stone Harbor

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



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





Butterfly Feeding Spot

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.



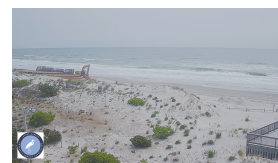
Member's Buzz

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. 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



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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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