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# The SHPOA

## Beach Buzz

Keeping Members Informed About Stone Harbor



### June 2026

#### President's Message - Chris Yates, President

Happy Summer!



We had a great and informative spring meeting at the Harbor Square Theater, learning a lot about the new state regulatory regime that controls building and remodeling in shore communities. The complex restrictions and constraints are expanding and are impactful for property owners. The video of the meeting is up [on the website](#). Many thanks to the trustees who pulled the meeting together and to all who attended!



The just-concluded Harbor Hustle was a smashing success and when the final numbers are in we will have exceeded our goals for our support of Shells of Hope. Thank you to all the runners and walkers who participated and to Geoff Woolery and the trustees who made the race happen.

Soon the bike racks and repair stations donated by SHPOA will be installed. Stop by the beach entrances and appreciate the improvements your SHPOA membership makes possible.



#### Join Us for the Reading of the Declaration of Independence

- Tom Hood, Trustee; Member, Community Engagement Committee



SHPOA will be sponsoring a reading of the Declaration of Independence at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 4, at the 101st Street Pavilion. Join us for this patriotic tradition, which has been held at the 101st Street Pavilion for the past 15 years.

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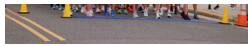
#### Record-Breaking Harbor Hustle Kicks Off Summer 2026 - Heather Stambaugh, Trustee;

Chair, Community Engagement Committee



The 2026 Harbor Hustle is in the books, and what an event it was. Taking place on a beautiful 1st day of summer, this year's event grew to 577 participants, a 20% increase over last year and a 120% increase since its 2023 inception. Once again SHPOA's co-host was Shells of





Hope, a local non-profit supporting pediatric brain cancer research and South Jersey kids battling cancer. While final numbers are still being tallied, the net



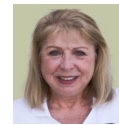
proceeds from this year's event will exceed the previous three years combined. We wish to thank the 50+ local businesses and over 100 individual donors who helped make this year's event something very special. We would also like to thank Stone Harbor Public Works, Police Department, Beach Patrol and Recreation and Tourism department for their continual support and Mayor Carney for kicking off the race. In addition to raising



money for a great cause the Harbor Hustle is a celebration of family, our community and our strong ties with each other, brought together by the shore town we love so much. What a way to kick off the summer of 2026. Best wishes to all for a safe and enjoyable summer at the Seashore at Its Best.



**Good News! Stone Harbor will Receive a 2026 Beach Fill!** - Justine Herzog, Trustee; Member, Sustainability Committee



The contract for beach fill (AKA nourishment) on 7 Mile Island was awarded on June 4th! The work will begin in Avalon in mid-August and in Stone Harbor in mid-October. This ends more than a year of uncertainty after Federal officials suspended all funding in early 2025, just as 7MI was coming due for the scheduled 2026 beach fill! Stone Harbor hosted an excellent presentation on this topic by the NJDEP and Army Corp of Engineers during the June 16th Council Meeting. This presentation can be viewed via the meeting recording or by viewing the PowerPoint presentation on the SH website ([shnj.org](http://shnj.org)). The document, titled "2026 Beach Nourishment Presentation," is about half way down the home page.



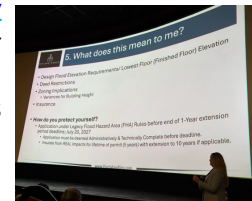
**Record Turnout for our Spring Membership Meeting** - Heather Stambaugh; Trustee; Chair, Community Engagement Committee



On Saturday, June 13, 2026, SHPOA held its Spring Membership Meeting at Harbor Square Theater. We extend our sincere thanks to Harbor Square Theater for providing the venue and to Sam Wierman of IDE Insurance for sponsoring the refreshments. Their support helped make the event a success.

If you were able to join us in Stone Harbor for the meeting, thank you for attending. We always value the opportunity to connect with our members in person and share the work SHPOA is doing on your behalf.

For those who were unable to attend, the meeting was [recorded and indexed by topic and presenter](#) for easy viewing. Presentations included updates from Mayor Tim Carney; SHPOA Trustee Chris Campbell brought in John Halbruner, Faith Midgarden and David Hayes of The Hyland Group to explain the REAL Act and its impact on Stone Harbor property owners; SHPOA Trustee Susan Barrett led a question and answer session with Dan Ginolfi of Warwick Group Consultants, discussing the islands beach preservation.



This year's meeting format was modified in response to feedback received from our 2025 Spring Membership Meeting survey. Whether you attended in person or watched the recording, we encourage you to complete our brief survey and share your thoughts. Your feedback helps us continue to improve future meetings.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KDWCRHZ>

**Could You Be SHPOA's Next Trustee?** - Homi Kapadia, Vice President; Chair, Nominating Committee



**SHPOA  
Needs  
YOU!**

**Do you love Stone Harbor?**

Want to help keep our town  
*The Seashore at its Best?*

Join a team of dedicated neighbors who give their time and ideas to all things Stone Harbor.

**Consider becoming a SHPOA Trustee**

We look forward to hearing from you!  
[StoneHarborPOA.org/nominations](http://StoneHarborPOA.org/nominations)

If you love Stone Harbor, are a property owner, and would like additional information about becoming a Trustee, [click here](#) or on the image to find out more.

**IMPORTANT AND FREE!! Sign up to Support the #YESToBeaches Campaign!!** - Susan

Warner, Trustee; Member, Sustainability Committee



SHPOA urges you to join the American Coastal Coalition (ACC) [#Yestobeaches](#) campaign to generate widespread and sustained Congressional support for beach preservation.



Sign the petition via this link: <https://americancoastalcoalition.org/yestobeaches2026>.

This page also includes a link for the phone numbers of your Congressional representatives as well as a script you can use to call and demand federal funding to protect and preserve our beaches. This campaign is a fairly new approach to getting the needs of coastal communities heard in Washington, D.C. It is vital that we concerned citizens join this campaign by signing up and calling. As always, there is strength in numbers.

**SHPOA Citizen of the Year Award - Nominations are Being Accepted!** - Homi Kapadia, Vice

President; Chair, Nominating Committee



Would you like to nominate someone for SHPOA Citizen of the Year? Here is an opportunity to recognize someone who goes above and beyond for Stone Harbor. To submit your nomination, simply [click here](#) or on the image below to access the form. We look forward to hearing about the people who help make our town so special. Nominations should be in by July 31st.

**SHPOA Citizen of the Year Award Nominations**

The **SHPOA Citizen of the Year** should be a person of integrity, honesty, and fairness, who demonstrates:

**Leadership**

**Community Involvement**

**Having a Positive Impact**

**A Longtime Commitment to Stone Harbor**

Get the SHPOA Citizen of the Year Nominating Form [here](#).



**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 - "THE JUERGENS AND HERBERT BEACH FRONT COTTAGES" - 1908*



This account will present some interesting information along with 3 striking photo images of two impressive and beautiful wooden shingled cottages built next to each other in Stone Harbor in 1908. Both of these grand cottages were built by August Juergens of Philadelphia and they would soon be referred to as the Juergens and Herbert Cottages. Typical of the Victorian style of architecture, or sometimes referred to as the Queen Anne style in America during the early part of the 1900s, these cottages embraced the following characteristics: elaborate ornamentation, asymmetrical designs and complex steep rooflines with turrets, often featuring expansive wraparound porches, decorative trim, and bay windows on the exterior. These two cottages were located at 8806 and 8808 First Avenue and offered great views overlooking the beach. By 1916 these cottages would also have views of the newly dedicated boardwalk that would last until 1944 when the wooden promenade was destroyed by a massive storm.

The first two images that are derived from the Stone Harbor Museum's archives section depict the Juergens cottage sporting two exterior turrets and the Herbert with a single turret. In fact, some people may even remember that the Juergen house saw the addition of a third story and was once called the "Chateau Cornelia" during the 1930s.





The third image placed here has been AI colorized and modified showing the pair of cottages completed and ready for occupancy. In this view we see some necessary things have been provided by the South Jersey Realty Company including cement sidewalks, curbs, sewer and water pipes and streets graded and gravelled.

In 1915 the South Jersey Realty Company advertised the Herbolt Cottage was available for rent at the rate of \$450 for the summer season. There were 8 rooms including 4 bedrooms and a bath. In addition there were as you can see large wrap-around porches surrounding the cottage in the front and both sides and this property offered all modern conveniences.

For the record, it should be noted that by the early 2000s both of the aforementioned cottages were no longer standing and are gone to the ages.

I do hope you enjoy seeing these two splendid cottages with architecturally styled turrets with wraparound windows.

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

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## 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.



*Sand Art*


### Media Buzz


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## Stone Harbor's Revamped Playgrounds Making Debuts

This month the borough is reopening two play areas that benefited from what the borough called "community-driven design."

 **Vince Conti**  
Senior Reporter



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## Contract OK'd for Beach Work in Avalon, Stone Harbor

The Army Corps of Engineers announced a \$15.8 million contract on Friday, one of three large-scale beach projects planned this summer after none took place in the region last year.

Bill Barlow



Dredging barge at work for a hydraulic beach replenishment project. Army Corps of Engineers

A third summertime beach replenishment project is expected this year, with the award of a \$15.8 million contract to add sand to beaches in Avalon and Stone Harbor.

The Philadelphia District of the Army Corps of Engineers announced the contract with Norfolk Dredging Co. on Friday, June 5, with the project to draw sand from Hereford Inlet and Townsend Inlet to pump onto beaches.

"The project is a joint effort between the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the boroughs of Avalon and Stone Harbor," reads a statement from Army Corps spokesman Steve Rochette.

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



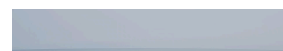
### SHPOA Help Line

SHPOA is pleased to provide our members with a Help Line to identify the best person at the Borough to provide assistance with any 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](mailto:help@StoneHarborPOA.org). We look forward to helping our members wherever possible.



### 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



temperature information can be found at [StoneHarborPOA.org/beachcams](http://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](#)
- [The Reeds at Stone Harbor Webcam](#), courtesy of Fox29

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](mailto:Contact@StoneHarborPOA.org).

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### 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!



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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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