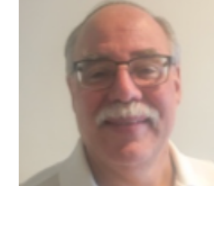




January 2023

President's Message

- Rich Fuchs, President



Welcome to 2023, the Year of the Rabbit in the Chinese Lunar calendar. Those born in the years 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999 or 2011 were born under the sign of the Rabbit. As the legend goes, the Jade Emperor challenged all the animals in the Kingdom to a "Great Race." Whoever arrived at his Palace first would win his favor. Known for his speed, the Rabbit was sure that he would win the race and was particularly positive that he would beat the Ox, his slowpoke neighbor. On the day of the race, the Rabbit got a head start at dawn. He was in the lead but exhausted. Thinking that he had the race in the bag, he decided to take a nap. When he woke up, three other animals had already crossed the finish line, including the Ox. It was because of the nap the Rabbit took in the legend, Rabbits are known for being quiet, dreamy, and imaginative. But don't underestimate them because though they seem timid, they're quick-witted, strategic, and ambitious. So, to all of you Rabbits, all the best to you in your year. However, don't take anything for granted. Stay engaged and on top of everything going on in Stone Harbor in 2023.

The SHPOA Board of Trustees met for the first time in 2023 on Saturday, January 14th. Our treasurer, Paul Grady, provided a report on the 2022 SHPOA financial results. The association generated a small surplus of \$52 in 2022, which is in line with expectations. We exceeded our membership goal in 2022 because of the hard work of every Trustee, especially our membership committee chaired by Kerry Wendel. Expenditures were in line with budget and in addition we were able to invest in a substantial upgrade to our technology which will facilitate more targeted communication to members. In all, a very satisfactory 2022. We continued our discussion on the Project of the Year; we have received a few good ideas but continue to seek nominations for the project. We invite all members to submit ideas for the 2022 Project, which will be evaluated by the Trustees with the goal of selecting the project or projects at our February meeting and implement them in the first half of 2023. The committees reported on their plans for 2023. The Sustainability committee continues to work with the Borough on issues such as flood management and the upcoming beach renourishment. The Membership committee is preparing to kick-off the 2023 membership renewal campaign. Members can assist in this effort by helping to identify neighbors and friends who are not members and either encouraging them to join or pass their contact information to our contact email and we will reach out to them to encourage them to join.

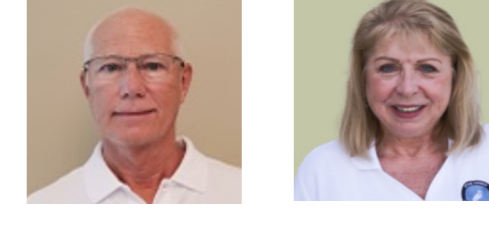
Members, we have been receiving a number of questions in response to our Borough Council Summaries which we have recently distributed to all members regarding the new requirements for trash collection. In addition, a number of questions have come regarding the change in the ordinance regarding watering in the area between the sidewalk and the curb. Information, including links to the ordinances, can be found on the Stone Harbor borough website for those of you who still are unclear as to the requirements or have questions.

We continue to provide the perspectives of the members based on feedback you provide to us, so 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, Reese Moore.

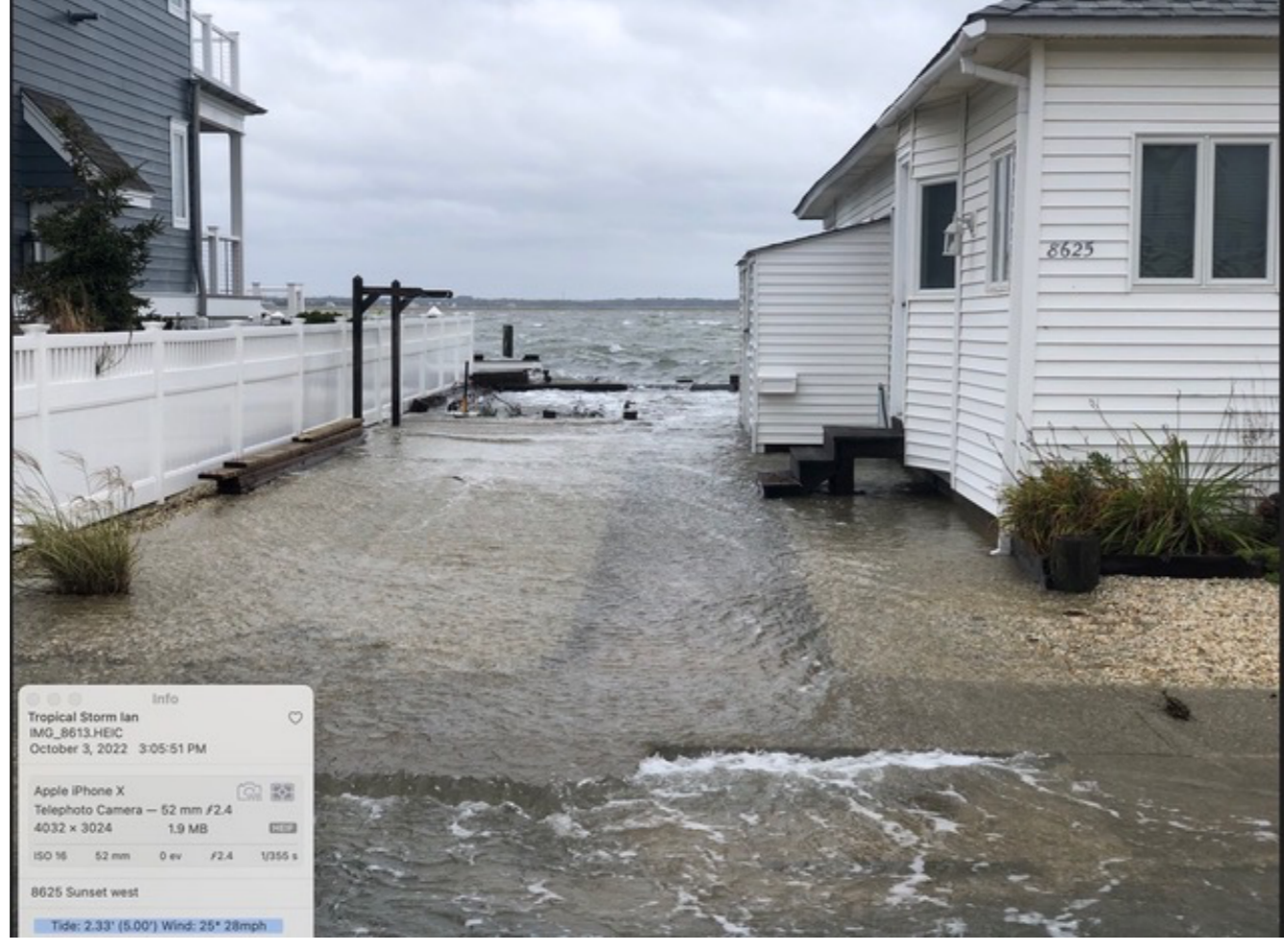
We will remain your voice in Stone Harbor!

Flood Mitigation Update

- Geoff Woolery, Trustee and Chair, Sustainability Committee
Justine Herzog, Trustee and Member, Sustainability Committee



SHPOA Trustees are participating in a newly formed Flood Mitigation committee established after the plans for the 93rd St. pump station were cancelled last fall. The committee, led by Public Works Director Manny Parada, is initially focused on mitigating tidal flooding in the 91st - 95th street and Sunset/3rd Ave flood district. Designs are being



finalized for 3 outfall pipe shutoff valves. These will mitigate bay water in those areas from flowing backward into the streets during high tides through the storm water discharge piping. Installation is targeted for late 1Q'23.

Additionally, working with Borough Engineer Marc DeBlasio, a process is being developed to quantitatively assess flooding events and the predicted impact from storm mitigation protocols. The initial focus is on tidal flooding using recent flood data to calibrate the model. This includes developing a database to document flooding with detailed pictures

taken during flood events. The pictorial documentation (see adjacent photo) will also include location, tide height, wind direction / speed, and rainfall levels. SHPOA will continue to request assistance from our membership in flood damage documentation.

Historical Stone Harbor

- Courtesy of Stone Harbor Museum



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



96th Street Bridge on Feb 5, 1956

February 5, 1956. We haven't had many winters this cold in the last 40 years!

The museum is at 9410 2nd Avenue and can be found online at www.stoneharbormuseum.org. Please 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.



"Spring is X number of days away" January 16, 2023

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.



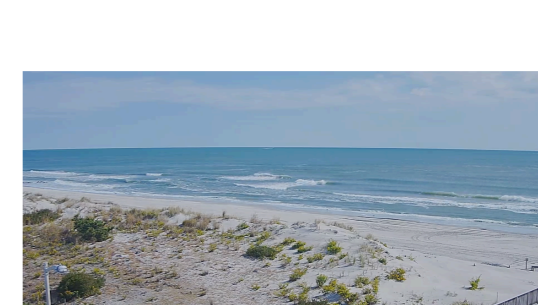
Calendar of Events

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 <https://www.stoneharborpoa.org/gallery/stone-harbor-beach-cam-weather-station-tide-chart/>.



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