The SHPOA
Beach Buzz
Keeping Members Informed About Stone Harbor
April 2023

President's Message

Dear Fellow Members,

As a retired CPA, one of my volunteer activities is working with the SHPOA Tax Committee to prepare the Beach Buzz. Our goal is to provide our members with information that they need to pay for the properties of their income tax returns. As I write this note, we have passed another tax season on April 18th. While I enjoy the work, I always look forward to the end of the tax season so I'm able to focus on the fun stuff that I enjoy doing for the SHPOA during the spring and summer months. I'm looking forward to the warm weather, the sound of the waves crashing onto the beach, catching up with my beach neighbors and summer friends, and most of all, spending time at the beach with my family. I hope that you and your families can do the same. My daily walks on the beach and looking about the ocean the most are a Stone Harbor.

The SHPOA Board of Trustees met on Saturday, April 8th. Much of the discussion focused on the upcoming Borough budget presentation and approval process and the SHPOA Budget process. The Borough budget was released a letter to the Mayor and Council as well as to you, our members, with commentary on the Borough's 2023 budget. The letter and commentary are available on the SHPOA website at https://www.shpoa.com/2023-stone-harbor-municipal-budget-and-2023-proposed-budget. Thanks to the Borough Engagement team, chaired by Cristina Chiles Sieira, as well as the Communication & Technology team, chaired by Liz Tilton and Jim Tilton, for their work on the presentation and commentary. The Borough budget is a complex document and we appreciate have individual members with substantial government and financial experience. Thank you to all that responded with your comments. Your comments are shared in the **Member's Buzz** section of this newsletter. Also, you may contact us for future **SHPOA Media Buzz** updates.

We continued our work on the Projects of the Year, with a new project proposed by our Sustainability Committee. The Board of Trustees approved the installation of a solar panel demonstration project at the Public Works Department at the Borough's request to measure elevation changes in our beaches. This project moves its implementation, we will be seeking volunteers from SHPOA members to assist in data collection and analysis. The Sustainability Committee also presented a Beach Litter Pilot Program and Beaches to avoid modeling efforts to guide the planning for beach management.

Committees reported on the progress for 2023 plans. The Sustainability Committee continues to work with the Borough on issues such as flood mitigation and longer term beach management. The Community Engagement Committee is moving from planning to implementation of SHPOA participation in events in the Borough such as the Fourth of July Parade and Fall Festival. The Beach Patrol, Beach Buggies Committee and the Communication & Technology Committee are launching a SHPOA Beach Captains program to better communicate with our members.

We continue to provide the participation of the members based on feedback you provide to us, so please keep your comments and opinions coming. Comments can be sent to the SHPOA Contact Form at ContactUS@StoneHarborPA.org. We read all emails received and endeavor to respond. In addition, the viewpoints expressed are passed on at Council Liaison, Steve Moore.

We will remain your voice in Stone Harbor!

Jim Tilton

SHPOA Minute Survey - Offshore Wind Power

SHPOA is very interested in your current view on New Jersey off-shore wind power development. Please take a minute to let us know your current opinion. Although the Ocean City, Maryland, Town Council has recently voted to allow the construction of 143 wind turbines, only about 20 miles from the boardwalk in Ocean City, Maryland, the Ocean City Mayor has stated that the Town Council will be reviewing its decision. If you have a strong opinion on this issue, please scan the attached QR code or click on the link below:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7FD8K9D

Climate change, global warming, and sea level rise have been increasingly in the headlines for many years now. Do these of us who live on or island are don't just have a stake in this changes, other than our homes?

The nations of the world have been struggling with what to do even as the changes accelerate. Implementation of technologies to meet our energy needs have been slow, especially those that are CO2 footprint and reliance on fossil fuels is now beginning.

In the US, each state has been directed to develop its own energy strategy, consistent with national policy and local needs and resources. In 2019, New Jersey released its Energy Master plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050 and to generate 100% of the state's electricity from clean energy. New Jersey's goal growth of sustainable electricity generation by relying existing nuclear sources and replacing the burning of natural gas with renewable sources. Solar, offshore wind, and imported onshore wind are the state's current sources of renewable energy. In 2021, New Jersey ranked 19th in the US in electricity trends would be imported (Source: 2019 Energy Master Plan)

Please download and fill out the employment application below and email to BosaccoS@SHNJ.org

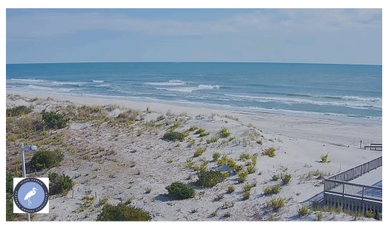
Employment Application

On behalf of the Borough of Stone Harbor ...

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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