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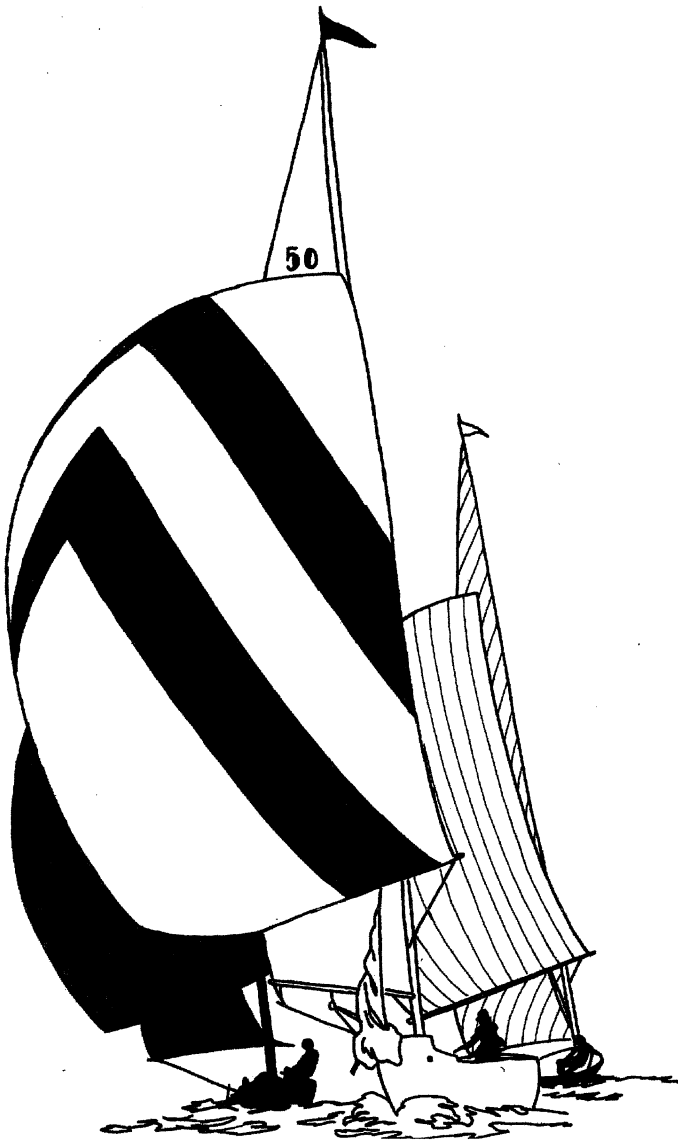
As I write this, April is finally here and the weather is really beautiful and warm most days. The ospreys are back and I even heard that there is an otter living by the beach. As this point I usually say something about my boat and all the projects I have been working on. This month will be no exception, but it will be different. There may even be a surprise ending... read on!

Everything is running smoothly as we get ready for the summer. There was a big community work day this weekend and volunteers spent hours cleaning up the sandspit, beach, and pool areas. The beach strip property sale is completed, projects are underway at the marina, and the pool is getting ready to open.

The sale of the remaining properties along the beach strip was completed and HSIA received about \$240,000 for the land and, more importantly, the riparian rights. That money is in the General Fund and is currently being used as a cash flow buffer for the pool and Special Tax budgets and to finance the dredging at the marina. About half the money was loaned to the Piers & Harbors budget to help pay for dredging the slips and ramp areas. That money will be paid back to the General Fund over five years with no interest. For years the Special Tax budget has borrowed from the Piers & Harbors contingency fund to be able to pay bills while waiting to receive the first check from the county in November. Now we will be able to use the General Fund for the same purpose instead of using P&H money. The money we received from the sale belongs to the whole community and will only be spent on projects that benefit everyone.

There are a lot of people working hard to get the pool ready for this season. As you know, I was leading the Pool Committee last year. It was a lot of work but I think we got everything done in that difficult first year

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Mar 8	Jul 12	Nov 8

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of operation under HSIA. We now have new leadership. Perry Geib and Mike Drucis will be taking over as co-chairs of that committee. Both Perry and Mike have a long history of being involved with the pool and the Hillsmere Hammerheads Swim Team. I am excited to have both of them lead the group of volunteers that do such a great job at the pool. They need more help so if you are interested please email them at pool@hillsmershores.net or leave a message on the 24 hour voice mail at 410-263-4456.

Piers & Harbors is a great example of how a committee of volunteers can make such a difference. Kate Penn set the bar with the Beach Committee and TJ Hurlburt, HSIA Vice President, has done the same with P&H. There are sub-committees for slips, operations, construction, rules, and communications. All are actively involved in marina related projects. One project that I talked about last month is the project to replace the old part of the marina pier nearest the sandspit. All the permits have been approved and we are now having a bid package prepared. The pier replacement will take place next fall. In the meantime, we have several damaged or missing pilings and four new slips to construct. We just signed a contract with a marine construction company and all the pilings and new slips will be completed by April 15th.

I mentioned Kate Penn and the Beach Committee. They are hard at work on the next phase of the beach shoreline renovation project. There will be a presentation and discussion on the project at the May 10th General Meeting. Two options that the Beach Committee has proposed will be described in detail. This will be a good time to come and understand the project and have any of your questions answered.

Speaking of new things to come, now it is time for the surprise ending. This will be my last time writing the President's Comments. I am resigning as HSIA President effective May 1st. I have been leaving little hints since last summer with all the boat projects I described. I retired on March 9th and have been working 80+ hours a week on the boat. In mid to late May my wife, Donna, will also retire and we are going to sail into the sunset. We will rent our house and move onto the boat. Our plans for this year are to sail north in May through New England and Nova Scotia. We will return to this area in October for a few weeks (can't miss the Annapolis Sailboat Show!) and then head down the ICW (Intracoastal Waterway) to Florida. We will spend the winter in the Bahamas and perhaps get as far as the BVI. In the spring we will return to Baltimore and spend a couple of months doing a renovation project on our daughter's house in Catonsville (it was the only way she would give us permission to sail away). Then, in the summer of 2013, we will take off again. Eventually we'd like to do the rest of the Caribbean and maybe even the South Pacific. If everything goes well then we may go all the way around the world. We are very excited about the wonderful experiences we will most certainly have and a bit scared about the difficult times that are also part of this kind of great adventure. If you'd like to follow us, we will have a blog at <http://www.svmoonraker.com>. Eventually we hope to return to Hillsmere but it could be as much as five to ten years before we come back. Of course, that all counts on things like good health and being able to stand spending 24 hours a day, seven days a week living together in a space a little bigger than our breakfast room!

I have been on the HSIA board or HSIA President for over 10 years. It's time to move on and let someone else have all the fun. I have actually enjoyed serving the community for all this time. Despite some of the angry residents I have occasionally had to deal with, most of the people I talked to have been very supportive and positive. People really appreciate what the HSIA board and all the community volunteers do for Hillsmere. Together, they make this community the very special place that it is.

So what happens now? TJ Hurlburt, the HSIA Vice President, has decided that he can't do both Piers & Harbors and take over as President. I agree. That would be too much work for anyone. The plan is that

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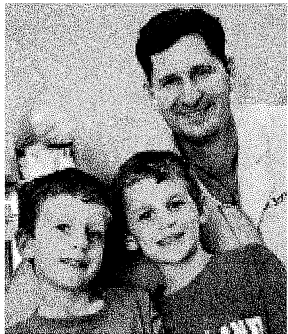
TJ will remain as VP and will appoint Christian Elkington as President for the remainder of my term, which goes until the end of this year. Of course, the HSIA board has to approve this but that is expected to happen at the April board meeting. Christian has been on the HSIA board for several years and has been very active in the community prior to that as well. I am thrilled to be leaving HSIA in such capable hands.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make all the things we accomplished in the last ten years possible. It has been a wonderful experience and is a memory I will always treasure. Some of the people I worked with, many on a daily basis, have become best friends. Even though I won't be there, I hope everyone enjoys all the things our community has to offer this summer. I'll miss the pool, the beach happy hours, and the community picnic. But most of all I'll miss spending time with all my friends and neighbors. Thanks for everything!

-Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

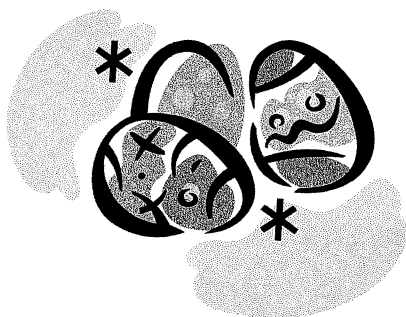
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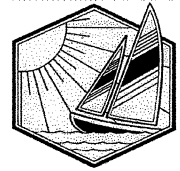
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Send your guess by email to EasterEggTree@hillsmershores.net or leave a message on the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Include your name, age, address, and how many eggs you think are on the tree. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to a local ice cream store from HSIA. Deadline for entries is Monday, April 16. Happy guessing!

METAVIVOR Race – The METAVIVOR race will be held in Hillsmere on Saturday, April 14th. The race starts at 8 am. The race consists of kayaking, biking, and running. There will be lots of police and race attendants placed throughout our community to help with traffic.

Spring Yard Sale: Clean out your basements, closets and attics and bring your treasures to the beach for our Spring yard sale. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 28 from 8 am to noon, with a rain date of Saturday, May 5. Space is on a first come-first served basis. No reservations required. Residents are responsible for cleanup of their area. Please take home your leftovers. Don't fill the trash cans at the beach with unsold items. Please set your tables on the grassy areas, not on the parking lot. Many residents "piggy-back" on the community sale and have yard sales at their homes. Please take a little extra time and bring your items to the beach. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and it helps contain the crowd in one area, which also helps with the sale of everyone's treasures. Thanks in advance!



2012 Beach Reservations: The 2012 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large beach pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456, ext. 2, or send an email with the date and time requested to admin@hillsmershores.net. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You may reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as 2 hours. This will allow more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator.

If you are serving alcohol at your party you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Signed forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

2012 Membership and Stickers: Be sure to get 2012 HSIA stickers for your vehicles if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used by only Hillsmere Shores residents and owners and their guests. Just send in photocopies of your vehicle registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail.

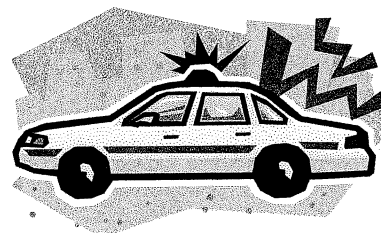
Boat Ramp Keys - Did you get your 2012 boat ramp key yet? No problem. Just tear out the membership form in this issue and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to include photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. All Piers & Harbors locks change on April 1, 2012. If you haven't gotten your 2012 boat ramp key, now is the time. Don't wait until a beautiful, sunny day to get your key. **KEYS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE!!** Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!



Dumpster Days -Dumpster Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 24th & 25th. More information will be in the June *Sea Breeze*.

Security Report

Matt Franz, Security Chair



Spring has arrived and it's the time for many of us to return to our community amenities, so please get your 2012 Hillsmere sticker ASAP.

We have received a few complaints about residents bringing dogs to the beach. Dogs are not permitted at the beach at any time. Please show respect to your neighbors and keep dogs off the beach property, as no one wants to walk or play in dog waste. Instead, the marina is a great place to walk your dogs and allow them to swim. Another repeated complaint from residents is speeding. Remember to be cognizant of your speed and slow down now that there are more adults and children on the roads.

Remember – the security committee offers special patrols while you're on vacation, and monitors problem areas, school bus stops and community property. Contact security at security@hillsmershores.net with any special needs.



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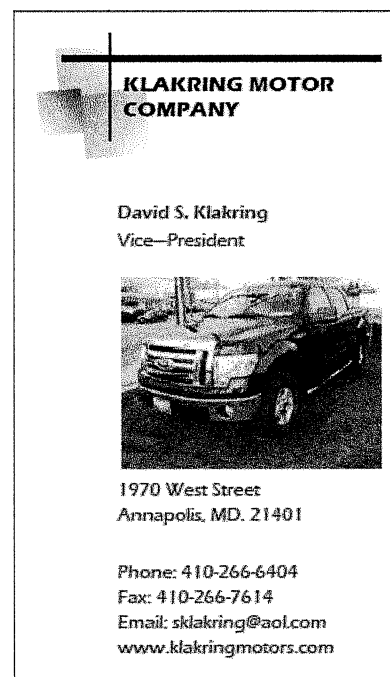
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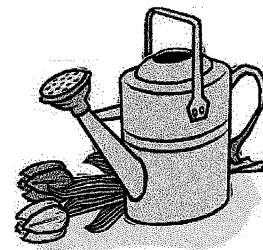
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Hillsmere Garden Club:



Our April 18 meeting is a tour of the Willow Oak Flower and Herb Farm in Severn, MD; Rain or Shine. Members and their guests are invited to attend. We will start our walking tour at the Farm at 1PM. We will have Herbal tea and cookies following the Farm tour. The cost per person is \$8.00. Reservations must be secured by April 16 with Barbara Brady, Treasurer. PO Box 3346, Annapolis, MD 21403, or call 410-268-1464.

This will be the second year that we have met with the Hillsmere Playgroup to help the children make May Baskets. A few of the Garden Club members will meet with the children and their Moms to help with the construction of May Baskets on April 27. The children provide their own baskets and flowers. The Garden Club members provide a little direction for placing flowers into the baskets. If you would like to participate, please contact Lori Hogbin at lorilei5@gmail.com.

May Day Baskets will be made on April 30 at 1:30. If it rains we will make baskets at the Library. If there is sunshine, we will make baskets at Jean Koehler's home on 613 Hillsmere Drive. We will hang the baskets at the Library and the entrance to Hillsmere Shores.

The May 16 meeting will be a casual luncheon. New officers will be installed. If it is sunny, we will meet at the Hillsmere Beach. If it is rainy, another destination will be selected. Reservations are required. The newly elected officers will assume their duties following the May luncheon.

The Garden Club will resume their scheduled meetings at the Library on September 19, 2012. Men and Women are welcome to join the Garden Club. Dues are \$15.00 per year. For questions, call: Katie Berry 410-263-1937.

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Community Pool Report

Mike Drucis and Perry Geib, Co- Chairs



Mark your calendars: May 12th and May 19th are scheduled for pickup of Membership Cards and Coupon Books at the Pool (times will be announced in the May Sea Breeze). Memberships and Coupon Books are still available for purchase; please remember that starting this year an HSIA Membership is required for Pool Membership.

Hello to everyone from Mike Drucis and Perry Geib, the two new co-Chairs of the HSIA Pool Committee. We anticipate that all of the existing Pool Committee members (Bill Malamphy, Bob Pierno, Helene Raven, Jerry Frentsos, Tracy Stanley, Mark Jones, Bruce Walker) will be continuing in their current roles. Interested Pool members are encouraged to get in touch with Mike or Perry to discuss joining the committee. We will coordinate the activities of the Pool Committee, solicit new ideas and feedback from all members, and continue to encourage all members to volunteer to help with activities, parties and maintenance/clean-up. We have a lot to learn and not much time to learn it, so please be patient with us as we progress through this season.

Bios:

Mike and Kim Drucis has been Hillsmere residents for 10 years; they have three young, very active sons who are members of the Hillsmere Hammerheads Swim Team, as well as being involved in many other activities. Mike has a professional background that gives him insight into the maintenance, management, and planning of large scale facilities, including swimming pools.

Perry and Stephanie Geib have resided in Hillsmere for 11 years. For the past ten years, Stephanie, along with Susan Staples, has been the co-Chair of the HSIA Recreation and Entertainment Committee. Perry and Stephanie have four children; the oldest three are on the Swim Team. Perry's professional experience includes communicating with stakeholders, seeking to identify common, realistic and achievable tactical and strategic goals.

Pool Committee Focus:

The charter of the HSIA Pool Committee states: "Manages the Hillsmere Community Pool. Responsibilities include working with the pool management company, suggesting changes to the pool rules and policies, preparing pool membership cards & passes, organizing volunteers for pool maintenance & work days, planning pool holiday parties, and working with the Hillsmere Hammerheads Swim Team."

The main focus of the new co-Chairs is to continue the Pool's traditions, interact with members and manage the maintenance of the Pool. We plan to document the current processes for future reference and consider implementing incremental improvements. We want to continue along the path set by our predecessors, to provide Hillsmere Shores with a relaxing pool environment where members can cool off from the summer heat, swim, meet family, friends and neighbors and above all to have fun! We look forward to working with the Pool Committee, creating subcommittees as needed to address current and future pool needs, including day-to-day operations, yearly facility maintenance and to solicit membership feedback.

The Hillsmere Hammerheads Swim Team, which many children find synonymous with the Hillsmere Pool, will be continuing the longstanding symbiotic relationship with the Pool. Everyone should try to attend one swim meet to see the dedication and hard work of the swimmers, coaches and parents who

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make the Swim Team a great ambassador for Hillsmere to the Greater Annapolis Swim League. Likewise, Swim Team parents and swimmers should try and get to know other non-Hammerhead members. The more we communicate the more we find common ground and build a stronger community.

The Pool Season starts the weekend of Memorial Day and will run through the Labor Day weekend. The Pool Committee will meet the first Wednesday of each month, April through November (the exception being June, when the first and last Wednesday are scheduled, no meeting July 4th). We seek input from all Members and want to schedule one or more Membership meetings to provide a forum for open discussions regarding the Pool.

Members helping out at the Pool Work Days lower some maintenance expenses and, more importantly, volunteering helps build camaraderie and friendships. During the recent HSIA Community Work Day, on March 31st, eight people, including three children, showed up at the Pool to clean up leaves, trash and debris. An amazing amount of clean-up was accomplished over the course of the day; we encourage all Pool Members to participate in future Work/Clean-up Days!

Watch for notices of an upcoming Pool Clean-up Day; please attend for a half hour or longer, whatever your schedule permits.

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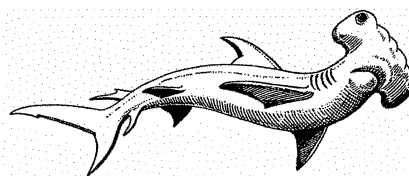
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The Hillsmere Hammerheads are gearing up for the 2012 Season. Returning and new swimmers alike are welcome to join now! You can register on our new website: www.hillsmerehammerheads.com,

as well as get information about practice and meet schedules, volunteer information, and other team news.



Registration dates are firm this year, due to new procedures. Registration runs March 1 to May 25; late registration, with a fee is May 26 to June 4. Registration closes on June 4. The first week of practice starts on June 4th; morning practice starts June 13th. Check out the website for new evening practice times and sessions. There is a new fee structure for registration for 2012; fees are explained on the website, www.hillsmerehammerheads.com. Swimmers must be able to swim a full length of the pool and be 5 years of age by June 1, 2012.

The Hammerheads are hosting two meets during the regular season, as well as one Championship meet. Please note our upcoming race schedule:

- 6/16 Indian Landing at Hillsmere,
- 6/23 at Ulmsted,
- 6/30 at Davidsonville,
- 7/7 at Bay Ridge,
- 7/14 Bay Hills at Hillsmere.
- Hillsmere will host the Bronze meet on 7/18 - Wednesday night.




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Piers & Harbor News

T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Committee Chair



We had another great turnout at the March P&H meeting. We discussed a number of on-going and maintenance projects. These meetings are the epicenter of the volunteer efforts that keep our facilities operating smoothly and safely for all of our enjoyment. If you have not had the opportunity to come to a meeting, I encourage you to join us at 7-9 pm on the second Tuesday of the month at the Key School Science Center, Room 101. The next meeting is on April 10. There are lots of opportunities to get involved, but, if that isn't your thing, we'd still like to hear your thoughts on ways to improve the waterfront.

Here is a summary of the last meeting:

1. The 5 new slips and all the pilings should be repaired by mid-April. We have Board approval to move forward on getting these done.
2. We are going to be installing a number of channel markers to keep the area near the main pier clear of moorings and anchored boats. These markers will be maintained by HSIA P&H and be officially recognized by the state. Look for more on these as it develops.
3. We discussed Wave Attenuators as part of the Pier Replacement project. For now this idea is tabled until we can get more information about how well they work and their longevity. If you have information or experience with Wave Attenuators on a pier, we'd value your insight.
4. We are looking at making some repairs to the gravel driveway and parking area. This is a temporary repair until after the Pier Replacement project is complete. Then we will look at a more long term fix.
5. We are having several signs made and some existing signs repaired/maintained. Look for these in the next few months. These will include: a new sign warning of the dangers of swimming near the pier; and signage pertaining to the removal of abandoned and severely neglected boats. You'll recall that section 7 of the new Marina Rules speaks to these issues. The signs are the first step in ensuring that these Rules are legally enforceable.
6. A number of grounds-keeping chores at the Ramps will begin in the coming months.
7. The security camera replacement project continues being developed and studied to figure out what we want/need and cost.

Clean-up of the Boat Park

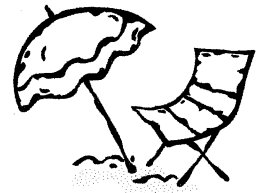
The Boat Park on Beach Drive is intended to be used as a recreational area to supplement the Ramp across the street. It is not a long term storage area. In the coming months we will be reviewing the usage of each space in the Park and applying the same rules established at the marina for neglected and abandoned boats & trailers. Additionally, the Grandfathering that has allowed a number of spaces to be used for storage of something other than boats & boat trailers will be terminated at the end of this season. Please look for more on this in the coming months.

Electrical Usage

In the coming months the steering committee will be evaluating the electrical usage policy for the main pier. The electric bill is shared equally across all slips; however, each type of boat has different electrical needs. We do not have the ability or the desire to monitor the usage at each slip, but, I believe we should consider the un-even consumption and how to fairly share the cost of this service. I'm sure this will be a spirited discussion and I look forward to hearing your thoughts on at future P&H meetings. Just to set expectations, I don't expect to resolve this in one or two meetings. This will take some time to carefully think through.

From The Beach

Kate Penn, Beach Chair



We had a terrific turnout for the beach cleanup, and accomplished some heavy jobs. About a dozen adults and six children pitched in to clear debris from the beach, weed the rain gardens and tidal marsh, and plant flowers at the community sign. It was great to see many new volunteers, as well as many of the faithful regulars. Best of all, it was great to see everyone pitch in to help keep our beach and park looking its best. If you want to help out, but can't make the work days, please contact beach@hillsmereshores.net. There is always something to be done, be it an ongoing maintenance task or one-time job, which we need volunteers to take on.

Please be sure to keep the beach looking its best, and clean up your trash. If a trash can is full, please use the next one or take your trash home, and don't forget to recycle! The Security Guard is checking to ensure the beach is used by residents, property owners, and their guests only. To avoid problems, please get a Hillsmere sticker for your car by contacting 410-263-4456, or go to the community website: www.hillsmereshores.net. Also, if you wish to reserve the large pavilion for a party, please call 410-263-4456, x2. A temporary liquor permit is required for any event serving alcohol.

- Memorial Benches:

Many of the plaques on the new benches have been vandalized or removed. The benches were generously donated by community residents, and I apologize for the time it has taken to replace the plaques. The board has approved the purchase and installation of new plaques, which we hope will be more difficult to damage or remove.

- New Swing Set Project Update:

We anticipate the new swing set to be installed in June. We will also replace some of the smaller pieces of equipment that are badly worn or broken. If you or someone you know is interested in bidding on the installation project, please contact 410-263-4456 or email beach@hillsmereshores.net. Stay tuned for more details as the construction date approaches.

- Shoreline Remediation:

Near Shore Engineering has completed the feasibility study of the two design options for the restoration of our shoreline along the beach. We are having perspective drawings created and the Beach Committee members are compiling pros and cons of the two plans. We will present all this information at the May General Meeting, as well as at a second, Special Meeting. We will then publish the information in the Sea Breeze, post the plans at the beach, and follow up with several Q&A sessions at various times of the week. We want to provide plenty of time for residents to observe, discuss, and consider how we will restore the shoreline.

PERSONAL ADS

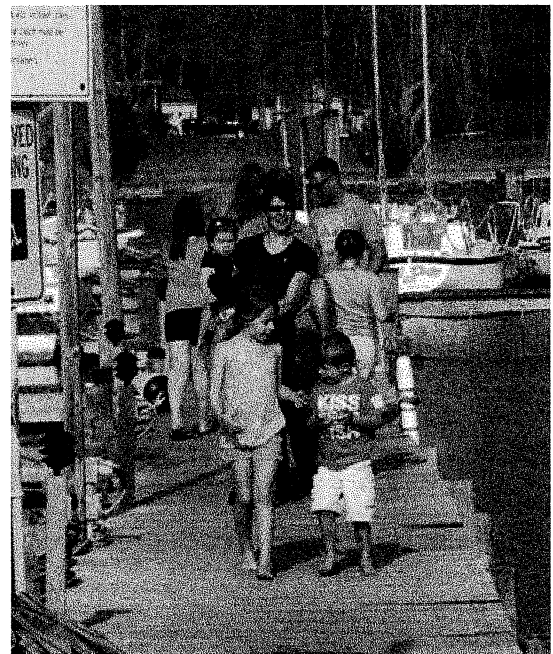
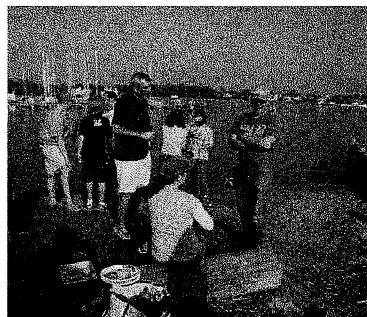
- **For Sale:** Power boat – 24 ft. Walk-a-Round, 250 HP motor I.O. and trailer, \$6000 or best offer, 410-267-8664
- **Wanted:** Residential dock space to rent for 22' powerboat. Retired Hillsmere couple, quiet, respectful. Please call 410-263-4527.




Recreation and Entertainment

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Community Beach on Saturday, April 7th, starting at 10 a.m. sharp. Children ages 1 through 12 are welcome to participate. Bring an Easter basket and be ready to hunt!

Enjoy these pictures from the Burning of the Socks last month!





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School News and Events...



Help Hungry Children in your Community

~ Hillsmere Elementary School starts Backpack Buddies program

Every Monday morning, hungry children get off the buses at Hillsmere Elementary school eager for the first real meal they've had all weekend. Despite ranking as one of the wealthiest counties in the state, Anne Arundel has its share of poverty, and many of those impoverished children live near you. At Hillsmere Elementary, over 140 students qualify for free or reduced price school meals. Monday through Friday they get breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria, but over the weekends they sometimes don't get enough to eat.

Parents and staff at Hillsmere launched a Backpack Buddies program in February. Modeled after similar programs at other area schools, this will provide easy-to-prepare weekend meals for needy students. Each week, volunteers will fill backpacks with food items based on a set menu. On Friday participating students will take home a food backpack and return it empty to the school office Monday to be readied for the next week.

This program is funded completely through donations. If you would like to help, checks should be made out to "Hillsmere Elementary School" with the notation "backpack buddies." All money collected will go toward the purchase of food.

Food donations are also appreciated. Items must be easy to prepare, so the child can feed him/herself. Needed menu items are:

- Individual bowls or boxes of cereal
- Instant oatmeal packages
- Breakfast bars
- Small cans of pasta
- Packages/cans of tuna or chicken
- Easy Mac and Cheese (individual servings)
- Juice Boxes
- Sleeves of crackers (saltines, Ritz or Graham)
- Individual packages of fruit, gelatin, applesauce or pudding
- Microwavable soups
- Individual packages of cheese or peanut butter crackers

Food donations can be dropped off at Hillsmere Elementary School (3052 Arundel on the Bay Rd., Annapolis) or left with program volunteer, Laura DiBerardinis (303 Cedar Lane-in Hillsmere). If you have questions, email HESBackpackBuddies@gmail.com or leave a message for the Backpack Buddies volunteers at the school (410.222.1622) and someone will get back with you as soon as possible.

Summer at KEY 2012

June 18 - August 10

Visit www.keyschool.org to view the diverse offerings available this summer for children aged 3 1/2 - 18. There are more than 100 camps and courses to choose from - right here in your neighborhood! There is something for everyone - cooking, sports, arts, Rock 'n Roll, theater, dance, Nerf madness, canoeing, digital photography and much, much more. We also are offering a drivers' education class and a Counselor-In-Training class. To request a brochure, contact camp director Jane Flanagan at jflanagan@keyschool.org or call 410-263-9231.

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Celebrate the 10th Anniversary Annapolis Book Festival on April 20!

Our Hillsmere neighbors are invited to join members of the Key School community for the opening ceremonies of the 10th Anniversary Annapolis Book Festival on **Friday, April 20** from **2:30-5:00 p.m.** Feel free to drop by for any portion of the afternoon.

2:30 p.m. Preview Sale – Activity Building

This is your chance to get first pick of the hundreds of used books, new books by our visiting authors, and children's books in the Scholastic Books area. Festival merchandise and Storybook Furniture and Book Basket raffle tickets also will be on sale in the Activity Building.

3:00 p.m. Rapunzel on the Pre-School Playground

Pre-School-aged students will enjoy a very special reading by parent Dawn Madak of *Falling for Rapunzel* by Leah Wilcox.

3:45 p.m. Ribbon Cutting and Cake - Amphitheater Gazebo

Join Head of School Marcella Yedid as we officially recognize 10 years of the Annapolis Book Festival!

4:00 p.m. Cake Walk – By the Manse Field

4:15 p.m. Music in the Amphitheater

The Tayman Avenue Band will perform in the Seneca D. Eldredge Memorial Amphitheater.

Don't Miss the Annapolis Book Festival at Key School

Saturday April 21

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.


Bring your family and friends to this free community event! A Festival Schedule is available on Key's website. If you don't feel like packing a picnic, food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

Notable authors scheduled include **Daniel H. Pink** (*Drive: The Surprising Truth About What Motivates Us*), Key parent and best-selling author **Iris Krasnow** (*The Secret Lives of Wives: Women Share What It Really Takes to Stay Married*), and *Atlantic Monthly* correspondent **James Fallows** (*China Airborne: Aviation and the Future of China*).

A wonderful array of **Family Activities** will bring literature to life for young and old alike!

Additionally, **Book Baskets** and unique, handmade pieces of artwork and **Storybook Furniture** will be raffled again this year, and used books and **Scholastic book sales** will take place in the Activity Building.

For detailed information about the authors, family activities and more, visit www.keyschool.org/annapolisbookfestival or like the Annapolis Book Festival page on Facebook www.facebook.com/annapolisbookfestival.



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Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 2012 Membership Application

Payment of \$15.00 dues allows one voting member per household. Additional voting memberships require payment of an additional \$15.00 per person. Members must be 18 years of age or older. **Renters and other persons not on the tax records must provide proof of residency by attaching a photocopy of Driver's License or other documentation to this application.** Personal information other than Name and Address may be blacked out.

Household Membership Name(s): _____ Address: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____	Additional Membership (add \$15.00) Name: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____
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Attach additional forms for more memberships

☐ Owner ☐ Renter If renting please enter Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTICE: A photocopy of EACH vehicle or trailer registration is required to obtain stickers. You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, and Address. YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE STICKERS IF REGISTRATIONS ARE PROVIDED TO HSIA.	# Stickers
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Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2012)		\$ 15.00	
Additional Membership		\$ 15.00	
Dingy Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 36.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Member)		\$ 45.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Non-Member)		\$ 65.00	
Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 76.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
Hillsmere Tee Shirt (enter sizes below)		\$ 10.00	
Hillsmere Baseball Cap (one size fits all)		\$ 15.00	
		TOTAL	

Hillsmere Tee Shirt Sizes (indicate number of each size ordered and enter total above)

Adult: 3XL (), 2XL (), XL (), L (), M (), S () Child: L (), M (), S (), XS ()

Sea Breeze: ☐ I would like to receive my Sea Breeze via email instead of a printed copy.

PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

NOTE: If you are already on the waiting list **you must fill out the following to maintain your current position.**

Check One: ☐ add me to the slip waiting list ☐ keep me on the slip waiting list
 ☐ add me to the boat park waiting list ☐ keep me on the boat park waiting list
 ☐ add me to the dinghy rack waiting list ☐ keep me on the dinghy rack waiting list

Boat Information: ☐ Sail ☐ Power Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

I understand that I must register for the waiting list each year to maintain my position.

Please sign your name here to register:

To join the HSIA email list visit www.hillsmereshores.net
 (Questions? Email admin@hillsmereshores.net or call 410-263-4456 – 24 hr voice mail)

Mail to: HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

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Sticker #:	Marina Sticker #:	Check #:
	Boat Ramp Key #:	Date Received:
	Boat Park Key #:	Received By:

Hillsmere Shores Community Pool

2012 Membership Form

Step 1: List all pool members who live at your address. Indicate the type of membership for each.

If you choose Family then do not choose Adult or Youth for anyone. Attach additional forms, if needed.

Full Name	Membership Type* (check one for each line)			Age & DOB (if under 18)		Special Medical Information (allergies, diabetes, etc.)
	Family	Adult	Youth	Age	DOB	

* Youth Memberships (16 years old or under) may not be purchased without a parent or guardian purchasing an Adult membership.

All children must have a membership regardless of age.

If you are only purchasing 10 Pass Coupon Books then do not check any membership type.

Step 2: Enter your contact information.

Mailing Address:		
Hillsmere Property Address:	<i>Enter if mailing address is not in Hillsmere</i>	
Phone Number:	Primary:	Alternate:
Email Address:		

Step 3: Enter emergency contact information. (Check all that apply and enter contact information or instructions)

In case of emergency, illness, or accident to any of the above listed adults or children, the pool operator, assistant operator, or lifeguard is authorized to proceed as indicated below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contact name and phone number(s)
	Other procedure (Please specify exactly): <i>Note: In case of serious illness or injury 911 will be called.</i>

If any of the members listed on this form are minors then sign below to authorize emergency contacts and instructions:

Parent or Guardian:	Date:
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Step 4: Sign and attach a Release Form (required) and a Child Attendance Waiver (if applicable).

Step 5: Write check for payment and mail to: HSIA Pool, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

Type of Membership	Cost* Paid by 2/25	#	Cost Paid after 2/25	#	Total Cost	Make check payable to HSIA. * To receive discount all fees must be paid in full. ** Must be purchased in-person at CAGID (max 20 passes per household) Each Family membership will receive 5 free guest passes and each Adult membership will receive 2 free guest passes.
Family	\$400		\$425			
Adult	\$150		\$160			
Youth	\$ 75		\$ 80			
Caregiver/Nanny	\$ 50		\$ 50			
10 Pass Coupon Books	\$ 85		\$100			
Member Guest Passes	\$ 2**		\$ 4			
Totals					\$	

Hillsmere Shores Community Pool

REQUEST AND RELEASE FORM

This must be signed by each pool member or guest 18 years of age or older.

We, the Undersigned, hereby request permission to enter upon the premises located at 100 Phipps Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403, and the adjacent grounds, and participating in swimming, sun bathing, swim meet competition and related activities of a community swimming pool, viewing and being a spectator of any of said activities and events to be held from May 1st to October 1st of the current year, at such times as the premises are opened and we are permitted to enter under the terms of this Request and Release. We have inspected the premises and know the risks and dangers involved in said activities. Before re-entering the premises from time to time, we shall first make such inspections and determine all possible risks. We severally assume all risks of injury to our person or property that may be sustained in connection with the stated or associated activities, in and about the premises. We realize that swimming, diving and related activities are dangerous and unpredictable and hereby relieve all other parties of any duty of care for, protect or look after our safety while any of us remain on the above described premises.

In consideration of the permission granted to us to enter the premises and participate in the stated activities we do hereby, for ourselves, our minor children, our heirs, administrators and assigns, release, remise and discharge the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, its members, operators, and sponsors of the said premises, of the activities and equipment therein, and their respective servants, agents, officers and officials, and all other participants in slated activities of and from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort, for injuries sustained by our persons, our minor children, and/or property during our presence on said premises and participation in any of the stated activities due to any negligence or any other fault.

We certify that our attendance and participation on the stated activities is voluntary, and that we are not, in any way, the employee, servant, or agent of the owners, operators or sponsors of the premises or the activities thereon. We realize that these activities are not essential to public health or welfare.

WE HAVE EACH READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING REQUEST AND RELEASE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ Print Full Name	_____ Signature (Seal)
_____ Print Full Name	_____ Signature (Seal)

CHILD ATTENDANCE WAIVER

I hereby authorize my children, hereinafter named, to use the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION community pool facilities without being accompanied by an adult. I certify that I have reviewed with each child the rules and regulations of the pool facility, including the fact that they must first pass the standard swimming test, obey said pool rules and follow the instructions of the lifeguards and pool manager. I hereby certify to the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, that each child hereafter named is ten (10) to seventeen (17) years of age.

Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:
Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this ____ day of _____, 20____

_____ Print Full Name	_____ Signature (Seal)
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HSIA GENERAL MEETING PROXIES

In order for a proxy to be used at an HSIA General meeting floor vote, it must have the following information:

1. Name, address, and signature of person giving the proxy.
2. Name of person who will cast the vote.
3. The date of a single meeting for which it is valid.
4. The particular subject or subjects for which it is valid.

Proxies that do not have all of these items will not be accepted. **Proxies must be in writing and delivered to the HSIA Secretary or his or her designate at the General Meeting.** Faxed or scanned copies will be accepted. You may use the following format (it is also available for download on the HSIA web site):

I hereby give my proxy to _____ and authorize him or her to vote on my behalf on the following subjects:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

at the HSIA General Meeting to be held on _____ and any continuation thereof.

Print Name

Address

Signature

BUILDING PERMITS

An HSIA Building Permit is required: Every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is required. The responsibility of obtaining an HSIA Building Permit does not fall on your builder, it falls on you.

The following items are needed to obtain an HSIA Building Permit:

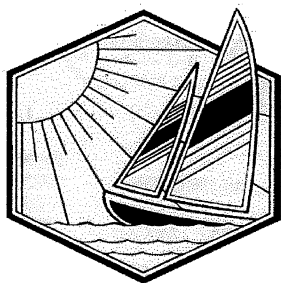
1. A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit.
2. A copy of the construction location on the property when required by the County.
3. Cash or check in the amount of \$5.00 made payable to HSIA, unless we sent you a certified letter. If a Certified Letter is required, the cost is \$20 for the permit.
4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

Permits are required for construction of new houses, new sheds, additions to houses or sheds, retaining walls, piers and bulkheads. When in doubt, or if you have any questions, please call the HSIA Building Permit Chairperson, Bill Anderson, at 410-263-4456.

April 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Fools Day	2	3	4	5	6	7 Passover Easter Egg Hunt
8 Easter	9	10 P&H Meeting	11	12	13	14 Metavivor Race
15	16	17	18 Garden Club Meeting	19	20	21 Key School Book Festival
22 Earth Day Key School Book Festival	23	24 First Day of Spring	25	26 HSIA Board Meeting	27 <i>Sea Breeze</i> deadline	28 Community Yard Sale
29	30					



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