

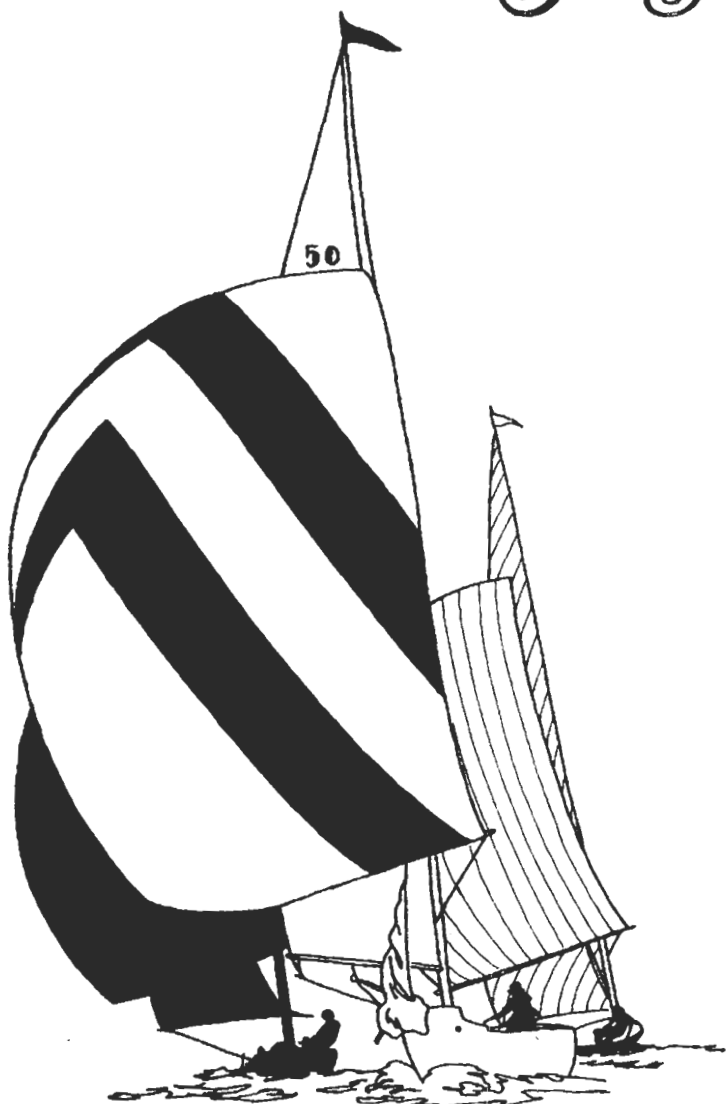
Season's
Greetings

the *Sea Breeze*

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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



I hope everyone had a great fall because winter is coming! Most of the leaves have been raked and holiday decorations are lighting our neighborhood. I hope everyone has a wonderful and, especially, a safe holiday.

The big news is a decision in the Beach Strip lawsuit. On November 30, the judge in our case issued several rulings that are hard to interpret as anything other than a victory for HSIA and our community. The cases of Singleton and Hertz have been dismissed. They have lost. The case for Sahandy is still pending but the Court ordered

documents released to our attorney that concern his attempt to have his taxes reduced by claiming that he did NOT own the property that is in dispute. If the documents prove this to be true then it could result in his case ultimately being dismissed too. The judge also ordered all mortgage holders to be made defendants which will likely cost the plaintiffs (or just Sahandy as he is the only one left) well over \$200,000 to implement with no additional cost to our side. Appeals are still possible although the three cases would likely have to be separated in order to do so. Copies of the judge's orders have been sent to our attorney and should be posted on the court's web site by the time you read this. As soon as they are available we will post them on our web site as well. The court's web site is www.circuitcourt.org/hillsmere.htm. There is an article elsewhere in this *Sea Breeze* that explains the orders in detail.

HSIA does not endorse any political candidates. However, now that the elections are over there is one I would like to thank. Barbara Samorajczyk was our representative on the Anne Arundel County Council for the last eight years. As an Annapolis Neck resident (Annapolis Roads) she intimately understood the issues that concerned all of us such as traffic on Forest Drive and development. Through her Legislative Assistant, Valerie Miller, she was always available to help Hillsmere directly. I contacted her on several occasions to

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Jan 26	May 25	Sep 28
Feb 23	Jun 29	Oct 26
Mar 30	Jul 27	Nov 30
Apr 27	Aug 31	Dec 14

2006 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 12	May 11	Sep 14
Mar 9	Jul 13	Nov 9

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

All General Meetings at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building

Come And Get It Day, Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

(President's Comments continued)

ask for help with county issues. Valerie would come out to our neighborhood and get a first hand understanding of the problem. Barbara would then do what she could to help out. As you probably know, Barbara lost by a narrow vote margin in her bid to be elected to the House of Delegates. That result may be involved in a recount. However it turns out and whatever your party affiliation, Barbara deserves a thanks from our community for her willingness to look out for Hillsmere's interests. Josh Cohen, formerly a member of the Annapolis City Council, was elected to fill Barbara's seat. Josh has contacted me numerous times in the last year to discuss the issues that are most important to our community. I believe that we will have just as good a working relationship with him as we did with Barbara.

As most of you know, our community had a terrible house fire last February. The fire was caused by a dog knocking over a candle. The homeowner escaped with her life but lost everything else including two of her four dogs. We had another house fire this summer also caused by a candle. Luckily, the fire was contained and no one was hurt. Finally, just last month a house on Hillsmere Drive was severely damaged by a fire caused by improperly storing oily rags used to stain a new floor. Since the house was unoccupied at the time no one was hurt. We are now in the holiday season where many candle and Christmas tree fires occur. Starting in this *Sea Breeze* we will publish a fire prevention fact sheet on a different subject each month. This month is on Holiday Fire Prevention. Please take the time to read the one page flyer. It could save your life or the life of your child or other family member. It talks about trees, lights and candles but the most important thing you can do is to have working smoke detectors and to make sure everyone, including young children, knows what to do to get out of the house if a fire occurs.

At the November General Meeting the new budgets for FY 2008 (starting July 1, 2007) were presented to the membership. The HSIA Board approved the budgets with some minor changes. The new budgets are published in this *Sea Breeze*. The Special Tax rate will go up by \$33 to \$156. The biggest expense in the new budget is \$80,500 for improvements and repairs at the community beach. This includes bulkhead repairs, replacing the sidewalk, and parking lot improvements. Providing these facilities for our residents is expensive. Even if you don't use the beach you still benefit. Amenities like our beach, playgrounds, boat ramps, and marina benefit everyone by attracting people to our community and increasing the value of our homes. The January General Meeting will be held on January 11 at 7:00 pm at the Key School. We will present the complete budget and answer any questions you might have.

Thanks to everyone who voted in the HSIA elections last month. We had a good turnout with over 90 votes cast. The three current officers who were running were re-elected. Molly McDermott was elected as Secretary. Normally new officers do not take office until January 1. However, since the position was vacant, she was appointed to fill the rest of the current term and took office on November 30 at the board meeting. The actual election results are published elsewhere in this *Sea Breeze*.

In the January *Sea Breeze*, I will be announcing a list of goals that I would like to see completed in the next two years. One of these will be the development of a long term plan for Hillsmere Shores. This would include plans for community facilities and amenities, proposals for the Pool Association whose lease is up in five years, etc. We will be looking for residents interested in serving on or leading this committee. Please contact me if you are interested in being part of this important project.

Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

BEACH STRIP LAWSUIT DECISION!

On November 30, the judge in our case issued several rulings that are a huge boost, if not a victory for HSIA and our community. The Court has sent copies to our attorney and they should be posted on the HSIA and Court web sites by the time you read this. The bottom line is that the cases of Singleton and Hertz have been dismissed. They have lost. The case for Sahandy is still pending but the Court ordered documents released to our attorney that could result in his case being dismissed too. The judge also ordered changes to the case that will likely cost the plaintiffs (or just Sahandy as he is the only one left) well over \$200,000 to implement (no additional cost to our side). Appeals are still possible although the three cases would likely have to be separated in order to do so. If they go forward with the suit then everyone will receive a certified letter from the plaintiffs containing the judge's Supplemental Order. You should NOT refuse this letter as you will be considered served even if you do. The judge's order also allows any defendant who wishes to do so, to request a copy of the entire case file be sent to him or her at the plaintiff's expense. This file is well over 400 pages in length. If you are inclined to make such a request, please wait until we see if the plaintiffs decide to go forward with the case.

Here is a summary of the decisions:

1. Motion Raising Preliminary Objection - To Dismiss:

We argued that a November 1996 Tax Sale Deed terminated any claims of adverse possession against any community property as of that date and that the twenty year adverse possession period would have to start over. The tax sale we found was coincidentally purchased by one of the plaintiffs, Mr. Sahandy (not for the property on East Bay View Drive). The Court has agreed with our position, in part. The Court has declared that Sahandy as a Plaintiff claiming adverse possession – and as the purchaser at the tax sale can continue his claim of adverse possession. However, the Court has ruled that anyone else with a claim of adverse possession must start their holding period over again and that the 20 years must run from November 1996. Our Motion to dismiss the claims of Singleton and Hertz was granted! As of now, they have lost and are out of the case. Although the other 14 lot owners have not made any claims in this case, they are party defendants and may well be bound by the decision that ALL claims of adverse possession, except for Sahandy's, are barred.

2. Motion Raising Preliminary Objection - To Strike:

We argued that, under Maryland law, the holders of a mortgage or deed of trust on any lot in Hillsmere are also lot owners with a financial interest and therefore must be made defendants as well. We said the rules require this to be done within 30 days. The Court has agreed. The Court has ordered that the Plaintiffs have sixty (60) days to name every lot owner in Hillsmere, including every mortgage holder and the holder of any deed of trust on Hillsmere lots. The cost for the plaintiffs (or just Sahandy, as he is the only one left as of now) to complying with this order is probably well over \$200,000 in title search and service costs alone.

3. Motion to Quash:

We argued that the Rules of Procedure require that each new defendant be given copies of every document in the file (well over 400 pages). The Court agreed, but the rules do not say how those papers are to be served. The Court decided that all of the documents would be posted on the Court's website and the plaintiffs (now Sahandy alone) at the plaintiff's expense must send a paper copy of all the documents to any defendant who calls Mr. Simmons office and asks for it. Otherwise the Motion to Quash was denied.

4. Service of Process:

The Court decided to issue a Supplemental Order. This order is to be served on everyone (all 1,976 original defendants) by Certified Mail. Anyone who refuses to accept this service or does not pickup the certified mail

at the post office will be deemed served by the Court. Many people did not sign for or pickup the certified package sent in July. There will be no benefit to refuse this certified letter as you will be considered served whether you refuse it or not. It cost the plaintiffs nearly \$20,000 to send the package in July. It will cost them (or just Sahandy) at least \$10,000 to send this letter since it is only one page.

5. Production of Documents:

We have information that Sahandy, in an effort to have his taxes reduced, had written to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation and claimed he did not own the land between his lot and the water's edge, the community property that he is claiming by adverse possession. If this is true and the documents prove it then that may invalidate his claim as well. The state refused to give us those documents without a Court order. The Court has agreed and has ordered that our Motion for Production of those documents is granted and that the documents must be turned over to our attorney.

In addition to the above decisions the judge did NOT rule on the four technical issues we raised (such as the county law requiring community property to only be owned by the home owner's association). This means that if this case actually goes to trial we can still raise those issues and perhaps win based on one of them.

All things considered, these ruling are an unqualified success for HSIA and our community. While the battle to protect your community property is not over yet the tide has definitely turned. On behalf of the entire HSIA Board of Directors, I would like to thank everyone for their past and continued support in this struggle.

-Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association






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HSIA NEWS

ELECT **Election Results** - Thank you to everyone that cast a vote during our HSIA Board elections in November. It's great to see so many people taking an interest in our community. The results of the election are as follows:

President:	Bill Shuman – 88 votes Dennis Conti - 2 votes Irving Winters - 1 vote Ted Shepherd - 1 vote	Treasurer:	Bruce Walker - 93 votes Judy Steinberg - 1 vote
Vice President:	Noel Gasparin - 91 votes Irving Winters - 1 vote	Secretary:	Molly McDermott - 90 votes Judy Steinberg - 1 vote

Beautification - Volunteers are needed to help with projects throughout the community. Typical chores include planting at the beach and entrance signs, weeding, light landscape maintenance, planning future projects and clean up projects. Anyone interested in helping should contact Noel Gasparin at beautification@hillsmershores.net or call 410-263-4456. Thank you!

Traffic & Early Morning Runners - We have a lot of early morning runners in Hillsmere. Runners are frequently confronted with oncoming cars going too fast. In the early hours of 5:30 and 6:00 am, many drivers may think the roads are empty. Please be cautious of runners and walkers in our community. Many high schoolers need to be at their bus stop while it's still dark outside. While the wee hours of the morning may make you think our roads are empty – they are not! And runners may want to make sure they're wearing reflective clothing. Please stay alert!

SAVE THE DATE

Come and Get It Day
Saturday, February 24, 2007

Don't miss our annual membership drive at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library. Come see us between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm to renew memberships, get parking stickers, purchase boat ramp keys, pay for dinghy rack and boat park storage, and learn more about HSIA. You can also renew your membership by mail. More information will be in the January/February *Sea Breeze*.

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2008 Budget Information 11/30/2006 – Final

	2005 FY Budget <u>7/04–6/05</u>	2006 FY Budget <u>7/05–6/06</u>	2007FY Budget <u>7/06–6/07</u>	2008FY Budget <u>7/07-6/08</u>
General Fund	\$37,363*	17,931*	\$19,601*	\$ 20,561*
Piers & Harbors	76,377	58,562	58,900	65,449
Special Tax	<u>168,015</u>	<u>182,956</u>	<u>160,343</u>	<u>254,168</u>
Total Budget Exp:	\$281,755*	\$259,449*	\$238,844*	\$337,178*
Total Revenues:	213,486*	281,449*	258,844*	292,662*

*Excluding Pool and Rental Escrows

Special tax increase of ~\$32 per lot in Hillsmere Shores (from \$123 to ~\$158/lot) (2005FY was \$100/lot; 2006FY was \$141/lot, 2007FY is \$123/lot)
 2006FY Special Tax Budget included \$36,000 for revetment of the beach bulkhead & repair the beach asphalt trail. Work was not done; money still in our account.
 2008FY Special Tax Budget includes \$70,000 to fix the beach bulkhead and the beach trail plus \$7,000 to improve parking lot.

Highlights:

- (1) **General Fund Budget:** 5% increase to offset inflation.
- (2) **P & H Budget:** 11% increase - includes \$5,000 increase in repairs budget for Sunset & Beach Drive facilities. Includes \$16,239 for accelerated debt pay-down.
- (3) **S Tax Budget:** 59% increase overall (27% increase in the actual Special Tax)
 - (a) Community Repairs/Improvements budget increased to \$84,150 to cover \$80,500 for Beach projects (bulkhead \$60k, path \$10k, parking lot \$7k)
 - (b) Includes \$30,000 budget for legal costs for 2007 and 2008 fiscal years.

Funds Status including Surplus/Contingency Funds:

(excluding Pool & Rental property escrows and Slip Expansion moneys)

	2005 FY <u>6/30/2004</u>	2006 FY <u>6/30/2005</u>	2007 FY <u>6/30/2006</u>	2008FY <u>6/30/2007</u>	2008FY <u>6/30/2008</u>
General Fund	\$ 36,578*	\$26,044*	\$ 27,661*	\$ 9,225*	29,225*
Piers & Harbors	101,973*	110,321*	141,743**	141,743**	141,743
Special Tax	<u>9821</u>	<u>11,616</u>	<u>54,707</u>	<u>54,707</u>	<u>1,000</u>

Total Surplus/Conting: \$148,372* \$147,981* \$224,111* \$205,675 \$171,968

(* GF includes \$5641 of next FY's revenue already collected; likewise \$72,751 for P&H)

Loans Outstanding:

	<u>6/30/2004</u>	<u>6/30/2005</u>	<u>6/30/2006</u>	<u>6/30/2007</u>	<u>6/30/2008</u>
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Piers & Harbors	124,000	106,073	93,391*	75,000*	55,000*
Special Tax	<u>197,000</u>	<u>175,609</u>	<u>159,337</u>	<u>142,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
Total Loans	\$321,000	\$281,682	\$ 252,728*	\$217,000*	\$175,000*

(* Does not include Lucky 26 accounts = HSIA owes \$111,869 as of 6/30/2006) 11/30/2006

GENERAL FUND
Proposed Budget - FY 2008

REVENUES	
Available Funds	3,756
Rental Income	12,960
Donations/Misc.	800
Dues	6,600
Building Permits	200
Pool Lease	1
Pool Escrow	16,138
Rental Deposit Escrow	2,297
TOTAL REVENUES	42,752

42,752

EXPENSES

Administrative	5,400
Rental Property	
Taxes	3,400
Waste Water	737
Insurance	400
Grass Cutting	1,300
Maintenance	3,600
Total Rental	9,437
Community Activities	3,000
Surplus	3,756
Income Taxes	2,724
Pool Escrow	16,138
Rental Deposit Escrow	2,297
TOTAL EXPENSES	42,752

42,752

PIERS & HARBOR
Proposed Budget - FY 2008

REVENUES	
Available Funds	10,509
Slip Rentals	66,748
Dinghy Storage	1,440
Ramp Keys	9,500
Boat Storage	3,000
Reserves/Contingency	47,490
O4 Expansion Income	21,749
Interest	1,000
TOTAL REVENUES	161,436

161,436

EXPENSES

Administrative	9,750
Front Foot Benefit	414
Insurance	3,500
Ground Maintenance	9,460
Utilities	5,000
Loan Payment	12,325
Accelerated Debt Paydown	10,239
Repairs	25,000
Surplus	10,509
Slip Deposit Repayments	6,000
Contingency Fund	47,490
O4 Expansion	21,749
TOTAL EXPENSES	161,436

161,436

SPECIAL TAX
Proposed Budget - FY 2008

REVENUES	
Available Funds	52,316
County Tax	191,651
County Held Fund	2,400
Dumpster Reim.	300
Newsletter Ads	7,500
TOTAL REVENUES	254,167

254,167

EXPENSES

COUNTY ADM FEE	2,000
ADMINISTRATIVE	
Administrative	13,848
Audit	4,800
Insurance	2,400
Newsletter	23,251
FFB	118
Total Administrative	44,417

44,417

Ground Maint.

Community Property	20,900
Dumpster	1,100
Utilities	1,600
Total Ground Maint.	23,600

23,600

Security	40,000
Legal Fees	30,000
Loan Repayment	30,000
Repairs and Imp.	84,150
TOTAL EXPENSES	254,167

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Requested Tax Rate	156.45
Number of Lots	1225
Tax Revenue Amount	191,651

GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET - FY 2008

REVENUES	
Available Funds	3,756
Rental Income	12,960
Donations/Misc.	800
Dues	6,600
Building Permits	200
Pool Lease	1
Pool Escrow	16,138
Rental Deposit Escrow	2,297
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>42,752</u>

EXPENSES	
Administrative	
Administrative Assistant	1,745
Accounting Services	1,350
Memberships	90
Office Expense	740
Office Supplies	130
Telephone	45
Website	915
Committee	
Zoning & Covenants	400
By Law	400
Annapolis Neck Federation	100
Volunteer Coordinator	100
Other	300
Total Administrative	<u>5,400</u>
Rental Property	
Front Foot Benefit	196
Real Estate Taxes	3,204
Waste Water	412
Culligan	325
Insurance	400
Grass Cutting	1,300
Maintenance	3,600
Total Rental Property	<u>9,437</u>
Community Activities	
Surplus	3,000
Income Taxes	3,756
Pool Escrow	2,724
Rental Deposit Escrow	16,138
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>42,752</u>

PIERS & HARBORS
PROPOSED BUDGET - FY 2008

REVENUES	
Available Funds	10,509
Slip Rentals	66,748
Dinghy Storage	1,440
Ramp Keys	9,500
Boat Storage	3,000
Interest	1,000
Reserves/Contingency	47,490
04 Expansion Income	21,749
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>161,436</u>

EXPENSES	
Administrative	
Administrative Assistant	4,650
Accounting Service	3,600
Office Expense	1,065
Office Supplies	330
Telephone	105
Website	1,500
Total Administrative	<u>9,750</u>
Front Foot Benefit	414
Insurance	3,500
Ground Maintenance	
Trash Pickup	1,800
Grass Cutting	3,000
Port-A-Pottie	900
Pump-Out Holding Tank	500
Supplies/Maintenance	1,760
Keys	1,500
Total Ground Maintenance	<u>9,460</u>
Utilities	5,000
Accelerated Debt Paydown	10,239
Loan Payments	12,325
Repairs	25,000
Surplus	10,509
Slip Deposit Repayment	6,000
Reserves/Contingency	47,490
04 Expansion	21,749
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>161,436</u>

SPECIAL TAX
Proposed Budget - FY 2008

Requested Tax Rate 156.45
Number of Lots 1225
Tax Revenue Amount 191,651.25

REVENUES	
Available Funds	52,316
County Tax	191,651
County Held Funds	2,400
Dumpster Reimbursement	300
Newsletter Ads	7,500
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>254,167</u>

EXPENSES	
County Administrative Fee	2,000
Administrative	
Adminstrive Assistant	6,089
Accounting Services	2,760
Audit	4,800
Office Expense	1,470
Office Supplies	415
Telephone	115
Website	2,000
Insurance	2,400
Newsletter	23,250
Front Foot Benefit	118
Misc. expense	3,000
Ground Maintenance	44,417
Port-A-Pottie	900
Grass Cutting	8,800
Ground Maintenance Projects	3,000
Miscellaneous Repairs	1,800
Nettle Net Raise & Lower	3,000
Nettle Net Power Wash & Dip	1,000
Trash Pickup	1,800
Weed Maintenance	600
Dumpster	1,100
Utilities	1,600
Security	23,600
Legal Fees	40,000
Loan Repayment	30,000
Repairs and Improvements	30,000
Beautification	1,650
Beach replace asphalt & bridge	10,000
Beach replace 3 benches	2,000
Beach new trash receptacles	1,500
Beach bulkhead	60,000
Beach Maintenance parking area	7,000
Beach Misc. small projects	2,000
Total Repairs and Improvements	84,150
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>254,167</u>

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Piers & Harbors Budget

Income:								
Slip Rentals	\$52,696	\$49,558	\$52,696	\$52,120	63400	\$68,903	\$65,000	\$66,748
Dinghy Storage	\$1,300	\$1,175	\$1,350	\$1,005	1625	\$1,440	\$1,400	\$1,440
Ramp Keys	\$9,000	\$8,645	\$9,625	\$9,135	11000	\$10,305	\$9,500	\$9,500
Boat Storage	\$2,500	\$2,550	\$2,700	\$2,395	3187	\$3,055	\$3,000	\$3,000
Interest	\$0	\$1,350	\$0	\$8	1350	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Funds from S.Tax		\$40						
Funds from G.F.		\$4,995						
Total Income	\$65,496	\$68,313	\$66,371	\$64,663	\$80,562	\$83,703	\$78,900	\$81,688

Expenses:

Administrative	\$7,200	\$7,128	\$7,280	\$7,895	\$7,500	\$7,817	\$8,300	\$9,750
Insurance	\$2,715	\$3,778	\$3,593	\$3,237	\$4,546	\$3,262	\$3,500	\$3,500
Port-Pottie	\$1,000							
Utilities	\$5,000	\$1,196	\$5,000	\$3,292	\$6,000	\$3,857	\$5,000	\$5,000
Ground Maintenance	\$11,000	\$8,497	\$12,000	\$10,055	\$8,077	\$7,940	\$8,800	\$9,460
Loan Payment	\$15,000	\$12,324	\$12,325	\$12,324	\$12,325	\$12,324	\$12,325	\$12,325
Bulkhead Replacement		\$9,240						
Marina Expansion Proj		\$60						
Repairs	\$3,131	\$29,344	\$25,766	\$23,339	\$13,700	\$13,791	\$20,561	\$25,000
Pier Expansion Permits	\$5,000	\$0						
Slip Deposit repayment	\$10,000	\$4,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$6,000
Front Footage Benefit		\$414	414	414	414	414	\$414	414
Marina Lighting								
Contingency Fund					\$11,000		\$0	\$0
04Lucky26 Fund					\$11,000		\$0	\$0
Accel. Debt Paydown					\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,239
Total Expenses	\$60,046	\$75,981	\$76,378	\$70,556	\$80,562	\$55,405	\$78,900	\$81,688

Item (Excl Escrows) Special Tax Budget	04Budget	2004 Actual	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007Budget	2008 Budget
Income:								
County Tax + Begin Cash	\$94,354	\$93,921	\$124,048	\$123,320	173810	\$173,640	\$153,615	\$194,351
Interest	\$100	\$29	\$100	\$280	30	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dumpster Reimbursement	\$171	\$266	\$266	\$228	266	\$347	\$228	\$300
Newsletter Ads	\$3,500	\$7,170	\$5,000	\$6,985	6000	\$9,780	\$6,500	\$7,500
Funds from G.Fund Acct		\$2,908						
Funds from P&H Acct		(\$40)			2850			
Total Income:	\$98,125	\$104,254	\$129,414	\$130,813	\$182,956	\$183,767	\$160,343	\$201,852
2006 FY Surplus								\$52,316
Expenses:								
County Admin Fee	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Administrative:								
Administrative	\$8,100	\$8,825	\$8,577	\$8,595	\$8,836	\$9,830	\$9,280	\$13,848
Audit	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,000	\$3,700	\$4,000	\$3,950	\$4,000	\$4,800
Insurance	\$1,984	\$1,889	\$1,796	\$1,620	\$2,406	\$2,025	\$2,400	\$2,400
Newsletter	\$20,000	\$22,869	\$20,527	\$19,036	\$22,000	\$21,511	\$22,660	\$23,251
Comm. Survey					\$2,000	\$1,801		
FrontFootageB	\$550	\$118	\$550	\$118	\$130	\$118	\$118	\$118
Ground Maintenance:								
Community Property	\$18,250	\$18,079	\$16,765	\$15,416	\$17,725	\$19,535	\$20,725	\$20,900
Dumpster	\$800	\$836	\$800	\$822	\$860	\$1,028	\$860	\$1,100
Utilities	\$1,000	\$1,056	\$1,000	\$1,056	\$1,160	\$1,056	\$1,300	\$1,600
Security	\$36,000	\$38,225	\$37,000	\$29,401	\$39,000	\$33,907	\$45,000	\$40,000
Loan Repayment	\$30,000	\$29,676	\$30,000	\$29,676	\$30,000	\$29,676	\$30,000	\$30,000
CommRepairs/Improvemts	\$0		\$21,000	\$3,948	\$45,839	\$12,694	\$20,000	\$84,150
Legal Fees	\$0		\$24,000	\$16,641	\$2,000	\$1,068	\$2,000	\$10,000
Pay Back G.Fund					\$5,000			\$20,000
Total Expenses	\$122,184	\$127,073	\$168,015	\$132,029	\$182,956	\$140,199	\$160,343	\$254,168
Excluding Proj/Escrows:								
Total Revenue	\$181,372	\$191,363	\$213,486	\$215,442	\$281,449	\$287,158	\$258,844	\$304,101
Total Expense	\$216,105	\$263,348	\$281,756	\$232,812	\$281,449	\$211,780	\$258,844	\$356,417
Cash Flow	(\$34,733)	(\$71,985)	(\$68,270)	(\$17,370)	\$0	\$75,378	\$0	(\$52,316)
Accel debt paydown					\$28,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$15,491
Exp. - accel.debt paydown					\$253,449	\$205,780	\$238,844	\$340,926

11/30/06

2008FY Budget Setting

11/17/2006:

General Fund 2007FY Detail Notes:

Administrative	
Administrative Assistant 15% of total	\$ 1745
Accounting Services	1350
Administrative Expenses 15% of total	
Memberships	90
Office Supplies	740
Telephone	130
Website	45
Committee Spending	
Z&C400, BL400, ANF\$100, VC\$100 Other\$300	<u>1300</u>
Total Administrative:	\$ 5400

Rental Property	
FFB	\$ 196
Real Estate Tax	3204
Waste Water	412
Culligan	325
Insurance	400
Grass Cutting	1300
Maintenance	<u>3600</u>
Total Rental Property:	\$ 9,437

Piers & Harbor 2007FY Detail Notes:

Administrative	
Administrative Assistant 40% of total	\$ 4650
Accounting Services	3600
Administrative Expenses	
Office Supplies	1065
Telephone	330
Website	<u>105</u>
Total Administrative:	\$ 9750

Insurance **\$ 3500**

FFB (Front Footage Benefit) **\$ 414**

Ground Maintenance	
Trash Pickup	\$ 1800
Grass Cutting	3000
Port-a-Pottie	900
Pump-Out Holding Tank	500
Supplies/Maintenance	1760
Keys	<u>1500</u>
Total Ground Maintenance:	\$ 9460

Repairs & Improvements	
Repairs/Maintenance	<u>25000</u>
Total Repairs & Improvements:	\$25000

Special Tax 2008FY Detail Notes:

County Administrative Fee	\$ 2000
Administrative	
Administrative Assistant	\$ 6089
Accounting Service	2760
Audit	4800
Administrative Expenses 45% of total	
Office Supplies	1470
Telephone	415
Website	<u>115</u>
Total Administrative:	\$17649
Cushion (to keep account from zero balance)	\$ 3000
Maintenance of Community Property	
Port-a-Pottie	\$ 900
Curb Cleaning	0
Grass cutting (Beach, Entrance, Island)	8800
Ground Maintenance Projects	3000
Miscellaneous repairs	1800
Nettle net raise & lower	3000
Power Wash/dip Nettle net	1000
Trash pickup	1800
Weed Maintenance	<u>600</u>
Total:	\$20,900

Repairs and Improvements	
Beautification	\$ 1650
Beach replace asphalt walkway + bridge	10000
Beach Replace 3 benches (incl. remove/install)	2000
Beach – new trash receptacles & recycle cans	1500
Beach bulkhead	60000
Maintenance (+ beach parking area, pilings, cable)	7000
Miscellaneous small projects	<u>2000</u>
Total:	\$84150
Legal: (Incl. Pay back OA 20k spent in 2007FY)	\$30000

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4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403



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Homeless Drive Seeks Volunteers and Donations - Each Christmas Eve for the past 23 years, Giving Back, Inc.'s volunteers have delivered life-saving essentials and food to homeless men, women, and children in Baltimore and Anne Arundel County. Over the past three years, Giving Back has developed a program to provide backpacks, coats and boots to the people directly on the streets. Each backpack will include sweats, thermal underwear, hat, warm gloves, and warm socks. We are looking for individuals to help us fill these backpacks for the 2006 drive. Giving Back will purchase the backpack and provide them to individuals willing to collect the materials to fill and return them. Volunteers are also needed to distribute flyers, make calls, and sort goods at the Farmers' Market on Riva Road on Wednesday, December 20 through Saturday, December 23 from 11 am to 5 pm. Those volunteering during this time will have the opportunity to help with the delivery run, personally distributing goods and food to the homeless on December 24, either during the day or evening shift. Students can earn community service hours. If your time is in short supply, tax-deductible monetary donations can be used to fill backpacks with essentials to be distributed to the homeless. Each backpack costs about \$30 filled. Please make checks payable to Giving Back, Inc., with "Holiday Homeless Drive" in the memo. Mail donations to 626C Admiral Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401. For more information, email homelessdrive@usa.com or visit www.homelessdrive.com or call us at 410-295-0889. Thank you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

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PREVENTING CHRISTMAS TREE FIRES

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

SELECTING A TREE FOR THE HOLIDAY

Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

CARING FOR YOUR TREE

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

DISPOSING OF YOUR TREE

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

HOLIDAY LIGHTS

MAINTAIN YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTS

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

DO NOT OVERLOAD ELECTRICAL OUTLETS

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.

DO NOT LEAVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON UNATTENDED

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

USE ONLY NONFLAMMABLE DECORATIONS

All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.

NEVER PUT WRAPPING PAPER IN A FIREPLACE

It can throw off dangerous sparks and produce a chemical buildup in the home that could cause an explosion.

ARTIFICIAL CHRISTMAS TREES

If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

CANDLE CARE

AVOID USING LIT CANDLES

If you do use them, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

NEVER PUT LIT CANDLES ON A TREE

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame - candles, lighters or matches.

Finally, as in every season, have working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home, test them monthly and keep them clean and equipped with fresh batteries at all times. Know when and how to call for help. And remember to practice your home escape plan.



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On behalf of HSIA, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous and peaceful new year!
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In storms up to 14" of snow, main and collector roads will be completed in 24-36 hours after the end of the storm. Community streets will be made passable* in 2-3 days after the end of the storm.

In storms over 14", main and collector roads will be completed in 24-48 hours after the end of the storm. Community streets will be made passable* in 3-4 days after the end of the storm.

During freezing rain or ice storms, continuous sanding and/or salting of main roads and collector roads will occur until road conditions improve. Where public safety is a concern, sanding and/or salting of community streets will be provided after the storm subsides.

*Passable means that although the road may be snow-packed, at least one travel lane will be accessible with a front-wheel drive car. All-weather tires are a must. If the snowplow driver determines that your street meets the definition of passable, no further service will be provided. Additional plowing would create snow banks at driveway entrances which have previously been opened by residents.

For more information on County snow removal, call the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Highways and Parks, Central District, Crownsville Yard, 410-222-7940. You can also call the Road Operations Storm Center, for storms 4" or more and severe ice storms, at 410-222-4040.



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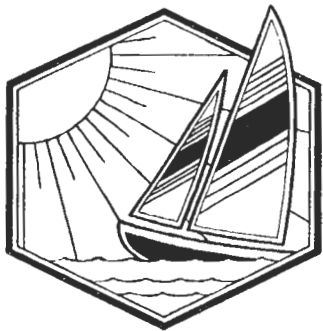
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