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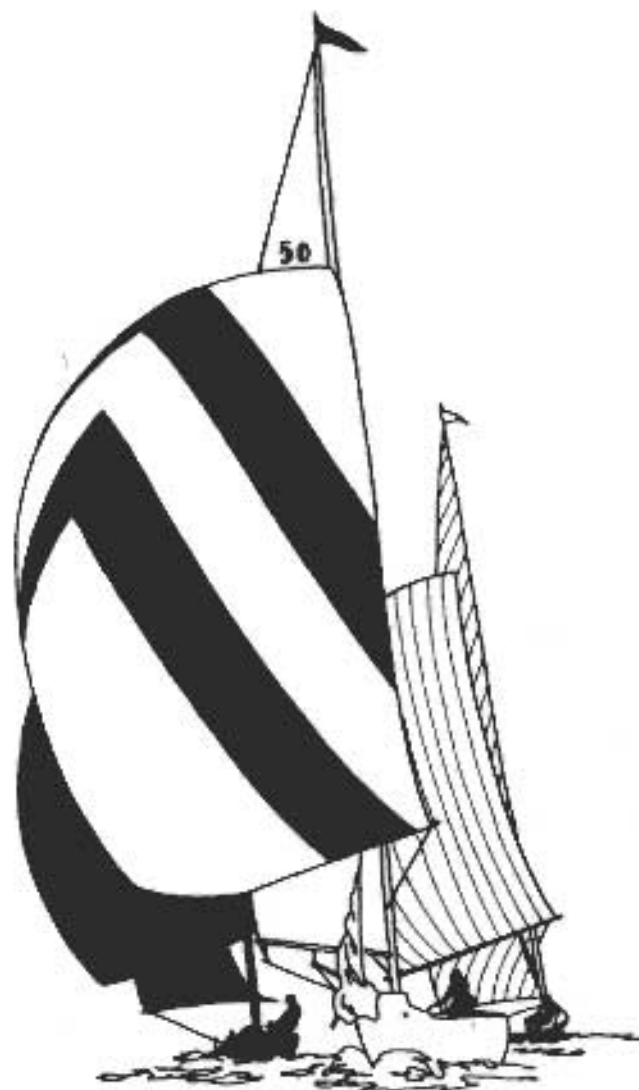
DECEMBER 2007

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Here we are in the holiday season. It's a wonderful time of year, except for our waistlines! Most of the leaves are down and it's time to make sure you have an ice scraper in the car. I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving and has a terrific holiday.

Our November General Meeting had a lot on the agenda. There was a great turnout too. Over 100 people showed up. The election for directors attracted a lot of interest. Two board members decided not to run for re-election and there were three other residents hoping to be elected and two of them were. As it turned out, the vote was very close. All of the incumbents were re-elected. The actual results are listed in this issue of *the Sea Breeze*. The new board members will take office on January 1.

Alan Weiss and Laura Bertran were the two board members who decided to not seek re-election. Alan has acted as the chairperson of the Security Committee for the last two years. He has done a great job of getting us through the transition from our old security company (the one we had so much trouble with) to the current one. Thanks to Alan's hard work, we now have excellent security at a reasonable cost. Alan will continue in the security role for a few months until we find someone to replace him. Laura has been on the board for several years. She worked tirelessly on many board issues, serving for a few years as the



*Season's
Greetings*

Volunteer's Corner

Volunteers Needed ...

- **Hillsmere Historian** - research and write up Hillsmere history
- **Auditor** - audit this year's General Fund and Piers & Harbor Fund

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Hillsmere Garden Club	410-268-0276
Hillsmere Pool Association	410-263-4456
Membership Chairperson	410-268-7308
Swim Team	410-267-9054
Quiet Waters Park	410-222-1777
Recycling Information	410-222-6103

2007 BOARD MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jul 26	Sep 27	Nov 29
Aug 30	Oct 25	Dec 13

2007 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 11	May 10	Sep 13
Mar 8	Jul 12	Nov 8

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

All General Meetings at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building

co-chairperson of Piers & Harbors. She has been a voice of reason and compromise helping the board work through numerous divisive issues. She will be missed by everyone. I want to personally thank both Alan and Laura for their service and dedication to the board and to our community.

The two new board members represent two very important segments of our community. Jennifer Adams is a mother of two young children and a relative newcomer to Hillsmere. She is active in the Hillsmere Moms playgroup. Sue Miller has lived in Hillsmere for over 40 years. She raised her family here and is now retired. She has served the HSIA board many times on various committees and even a term as Treasurer. One of the great things about our community is the great diversity of our residents. I am pleased to have both Jennifer and Sue on the board. They will bring very valuable perspectives to the many issues we will face in the next few years.

Another important issue that was discussed at the general meeting was the planned beach restoration project. The board had hired Flood Brothers to create a design that would protect the beach from erosion, preserve the recreational benefits we all enjoy, and be environmentally sound. The design that he proposed is called a "living shoreline." I am very excited about the plan and what it does for our community. There were a lot of questions and concerns raised at the general meeting. Although the ultimate decision on how to proceed with the beach restoration is the board's responsibility, a vote was taken and the results were 46 to 46, a tie. I feel that many of the concerns expressed were because we had not provided enough information about what a "living shoreline" really means. Kate Penn and the Beach Committee have spent many hours researching all aspects of the plan. She has written a report that is published in this Sea Breeze. There is also an article entitled "What Are 'Living Shorelines?'" I strongly suggest you take the time to read it and to explore the links the article has to more information on the internet. You can also read it on the HSIA web site. One of the results of the large turnout was that several residents who are professionally involved in environmental and shoreline issues came forward with suggestions and some concerns of their own. As a result of the tie vote, the concerns of the membership, and the additional information, Kate asked the board to approve a six-month study period to investigate specific issues that were raised and to get more information on alternative designs. Some parts of the plan that were previously budgeted and not a major concern will be started right away. Please read Kate's report for more specific information. At the general meeting, we discussed the possibility of receiving an \$88,000 grant to help defray a significant portion of our costs for this project. The larger part of that grant request was denied. The primary reason was that our "living shoreline" had a swim area with a sea nettle net and other recreational uses. Other, more strictly environmental, grant requests won out over ours. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Chesapeake Bay Trust are very interested in working with us to find other sources of funding. We will continue to explore all avenues of assistance, however, our beach will remain primarily a recreation and swimming area for our residents. You will hear a lot more about this project in the next six months, so stay tuned!

The other part of the general meeting was the budgets for FY2009 that start on July 1, 2008. The Special Tax budget was unanimously approved by the membership and the board at its November 29 meeting. The details of that budget are published in this issue. They will be presented again at our January 10 General Meeting, as required by the County.

The board also voted to increase the dues for HSIA from \$10 to \$15 per year, effective next year. The community survey overwhelmingly supported an increase in the dues. The dues only support the General Fund budget. The General Fund is the smallest part of our three part budget. One of the benefits that come from the General Fund budget are the entertainment events such as the Community Picnic and the Ice Cream Social. The Hillsmere tee shirts and some committee costs are also supported

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by this budget. As you look at the budgets published in this Sea Breeze, you will notice that the Piers & Harbors budget is \$166,796 for FY2009. All of the costs of the Piers & Harbors budget are paid from slip fees, boat ramp keys, and other Piers & Harbors related activities. If you don't use any of these facilities then you are not paying any of these costs. The Special Tax budget is the part that's funded by everyone and collected through your real estate taxes.

Another action the board took recently was to increase the cost of HSIA building permits in certain circumstances. Anytime you need to get a County building permit, unless it is for an interior alteration, you need to get a permit from HSIA. The HSIA Building Committee only checks to make sure you are not in violation of the covenants. We do not turn down permit requests for any other reason. The cost of a permit is \$5. Instructions for getting an HSIA permit are published in every issue of the Sea Breeze and on our web site. Some residents ignore this requirement. Once we find out that a permit has been issued by the County, we make a visit to the property and try to contact the owner. If we are not successful in making contact or if our requests continue to be ignored, then we will send a certified letter explaining the situation. If HSIA has to send the certified letter, then the cost of the building permit will be \$20 instead of \$5. This change will be effective as of January 1, 2008.

Finally, as we enter the holiday season, we often think about helping those who are less fortunate than us. Usually this means a donation to one of the charities that help those in need. In the next few weeks, we will be organizing a "Good Neighbors" program to help our neighbors in Hillsmere who could use a hand. The program will not focus on money, but on services and other donations. There are many elderly people and others in our community who probably need our help. It could be as simple as helping to change a light bulb or taking out their trash. It may also involve donating items we don't need anymore to those who do, or checking on vulnerable people in the event of a major storm or power failure. Becky Lund, a Hillsmere resident, approached me with this idea. She has volunteered to lead this program. If you would like to help out one or two hours a month or would like to help in other ways, please send an email to GoodNeighbors@hillsmreshores.net. You can also leave a message on our 24 hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. We also want to reach out to the people this program will try to help. If you know of a neighbor who you think might benefit, let us know that too.

Have a great holiday. Enjoy all the food and time with friends and family. Get out and see the holiday decorations and take a moment to appreciate the wonderful community we live in.

Bill Shuman

President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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ELECT **Election Results** - Thank you to all the residents that voted in our last election for HSIA Directors for calendar years 2008-2009. The meeting was well-attended. The results of the election and your new Board of Directors are:

Suzanne Miller, 115 votes
Ray Sullivan, 98 votes
Bill Anderson, 97 votes
Natalie Lobe, 94 votes

Kate Penn, 93 votes
Jennifer Collesano Adams, 88 votes
Christina Friday, 86 votes

Additional votes were:

Christian Elkington, 82 votes
Ted Shepherd, 2 votes
Judy Steinberg, 1 vote

Greg Singleton, 1 vote
Alan Ballman, 1 vote

FY2009 Budget - In accordance with Anne Arundel County law, the proposed budgets for Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association for the next fiscal year must be printed in *the Sea Breeze* prior to adoption and distributed to all property owners using labels provided by the County. These budgets will be presented at the HSIA General Meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 pm at the Key School Multi-Purpose Building. In case of inclement weather, we will present the budget at the board meeting scheduled for January 31, 2008 at the Key School Science & Library Center. Please review the proposed budgets that are presented on pages 6-12 of this issue.

Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation - HSIA and ANPF want to thank all those who have contributed donations. It feels good that our work is having some results and we appreciate your support. Currently, there is a lot of support for preserving the trees on the Masque Farm properties and the area behind the Mexican Cafe and C&C Liquors. Look for more updates next year.

You can still make a donation. Please make checks payable to ANPF and make a Bay Village annotation on the check. Send donation to:

ANPF c/o HSIA
P.O. Box 3485
Annapolis, MD 21403

Building Permits - Anytime you need to get a County building permit, unless it is for interior alterations, you also need to get an HSIA building permit. This policy is posted in every issue of *the Sea Breeze*, on our web site, and on our message board at the head of the community. Some residents choose to ignore this policy. The cost for obtaining an HSIA building permit is \$5. If you are ignoring this policy, we will try to contact you and if no contact is made, we will send you a certified letter explaining our policy. If the certified letter is sent, then the cost of an HSIA Building Permit is \$20 instead of \$5. This policy is effective January 1, 2008.

Mark Your Calendar - Come And Get It Day 2008 is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library from 10 am to 2 pm. Come And Get It Day is a Hillsmere tradition that enables residents to pay dues, pay slip, boat park, and dinghy rack rentals, purchase boat ramp keys and get vehicle stickers. Please make sure to mark your 2008 calendars for this important date!

2009 Budget Information 11/29/2007

	2006 FY Budget 7/05-6/06	2007FY Budget 7/06-6/07	2008FY Budget 7/07-6/08	2009FY Budget 7/08-6/09
General Fund	17,931*	\$19,601*	\$ 20,561*	\$20,750
Piers & Harbors	58,562	58,900	81,688	86,918
Special Tax	182,956	160,343	254,168	231,869
Total Budget Exp:	\$259,449*	\$238,844*	\$337,178*	339,537
Total Revenues:	\$281,449*	258,844*	292,662*	318,786

*Excluding Pool and Rental Escrows

Highlights:

- (1) General Fund Budget: Expenses: 1% increase Dues raised from \$10 to \$15. Rental house income expected to be down - hired property management company.
- (2) P & H Budget: 6% increase - includes \$6,000 for marina security (patrols, cameras, internet) Includes \$12,000 for Beach Drive boat ramp replacement (loan for ~\$84K to be taken out). Slip rental fees to go up 2%, dingy/canoe rack rentals \$35 from \$30, ramp keys stay at \$40, and boat storage goes to \$75 from \$65.
- (3) S Tax Budget: 9% decrease in spending but 2.6% increase (\$4) in Special Tax per lot. Special tax increases to \$160 per lot in Hillsmere Shores from \$156. (2005FY was \$100/lot; 2006FY = \$141/lot, 2007FY = \$123/lot, 2008FY is \$156/lot) 2008FY Special Tax Budget includes \$60,000 to fix the beach bulkhead and \$10,000 for the beach trail plus \$7,000 to improve parking lot. The beach project to replace the bulkhead with a living shoreline will cost roughly \$230,000. The plan is to obtain a \$75,000 grant and to spend \$60,000 plus some of the grant money in 2008FY, 60,000 in 2009FY plus the remainder of the grant money, and then \$35,000 in 2010FY. The plan includes offsetting at least \$13,000 of this in volunteer work. The cost estimate is based on the information collected prior to the November General meeting. The plan is being revisited based on feedback received at that meeting Through the Special tax of 2006FY and 2007FY, we have carried over a surplus of \$73,000: \$52,316 is being applied to the 2008FY and \$20,752 will be applied to 2009FY. Legal fees budget drops from \$30,000 to 10,000.

Funds Status including Surplus/Contingency Funds:

(excluding Pool & Rental property escrows)

<u>Beginning of FY:</u>	2005 FY 6/30/2004	2006 FY 6/30/2005	2007 FY 6/30/2006	2008FY 6/30/2007	2009FY 6/30/2008
General Fund	\$ 36,578*	\$26,044*	\$ 27,661*	\$ 4,318*	25,285*
Piers & Harbors	101,973*	110,321*	141,843*	143,479*	148,637*
Special Tax	9821	11,616	54,707	76,348	20,752
Total Surplus/Conting:	\$148,372*	\$147,981*	\$224,211*	\$224,145*	\$194,674*

(* GF includes \$5600 of next FY's revenue already collected; likewise-\$73,000 for P&H)

Loans Outstanding:

	6/30/2005	6/30/2006	6/30/2007	6/30/2008	6/30/2009
General Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Piers & Harbors	106,073	93,391*	70,601*	122,600*	110,000*
Special Tax	175,609	159,337	140,361	120,000	96,000
Total Loans	\$281,682	\$ 252,728*	\$210,962*	\$242,600*	\$ 206,000

(* Does not include Lucky 26 accounts - HSIA owes \$85,823 as of 12/31/2007) 11/29/2007

Item (Excl Escrows) General Fund Budget	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2005 Actual	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Income:								
Rental Income	\$11,400	\$11,828	\$11,400	\$11,921	\$12,000	\$4,990	\$12,960	\$10,800
Interest	\$100	\$1	\$30	\$8	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$0
Dues	\$6,000	\$7,120	\$6,300	\$6,570	\$6,600	\$6,590	\$6,600	\$9,000
Building Permits	\$200	\$210	\$200	\$245	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
Donations/Misc		806	\$0	\$943	\$800	\$758	\$800	\$750
Pool Lease	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1	\$1
Escrows								
Total Income:	\$17,701	\$19,966	\$17,931	\$19,688	\$19,601	\$12,542	\$20,561	\$20,751
Expenses:								
Administrative	\$3,113	\$4,512	\$3,206	\$4,321	\$3,500	\$4,253	\$4,100	\$4,601
Committee Admin Spending			\$1,270		\$1,270		\$1,300	\$1,000
Insurance	322	375	\$431	\$370	\$400	\$378	\$400	\$400
Rental Property								
Taxes - P. tax+FFB	1670	1984	\$2,300	\$2,483	\$2,483	\$3,080	\$3,400	\$3,700
Waste Water+Culligan	366	377	\$600	\$538	\$729	\$790	\$737	\$800
Grass Cutting	1100	1095	\$1,100	\$1,470	\$1,100	\$910	\$1,300	\$1,150
Maintenance	4242	661	\$2,641	\$1,781	\$3,599	\$2,945	\$3,600	\$3,400
Community Activities	\$3,000	\$2,237	\$3,000	\$2,508	\$3,120	\$1,898	\$3,000	\$3,000
Community Improvements	\$20,550	\$15,600	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Income Taxes	\$3,000	\$3,386	\$3,383	\$2,707	\$3,400	\$0	\$2,724	\$2,500
Hillsmere Outreach								\$200
Beach Legal Fees						\$21,962		
Z&Covenants Leader								
Beautification								
Bounced Checks								
Funds to P&H Account								
Funds to S. Tax Account								
Total Expenses	\$37,363	\$30,227	\$17,931	\$16,176	\$19,601	\$37,394	\$20,561	\$20,751

Item (Excl Escrows)	2005 Budget	2005 Actual	2006 Budget	2006 Actual	2007 Budget	2007 Actual	2008 Budget	2009 Budget
Special Tax Budget								
Income:								
County Tax - Begin Cash	\$124,048	\$123,320	173810	\$173,640	\$153,615	\$154,995	\$194,351	\$202,717
Interest	\$100	\$260	30	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dumpster Reimbursement	\$266	\$228	266	\$347	\$228	\$390	\$300	\$400
Newsletter Ads	\$5,000	\$6,985	6000	\$9,780	\$6,500	\$9,580	\$7,500	\$8,000
Funds from G.Fund Acct								
Funds from P&H Acct			2850					
Total Income:	\$129,414	\$130,813	\$182,966	\$183,767	\$160,343	\$164,965	\$201,852	\$211,117
Carryover Surplus							\$52,316	\$20,752
Expenses:								
County Admin Fee	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Administrative:								
Administrative	\$8,577	\$8,595	\$8,836	\$9,830	\$9,280	\$10,699	\$13,848	\$13,400
Audit	\$4,000	\$3,700	\$4,000	\$3,950	\$4,000	\$4,500	\$4,800	\$3,200
Insurance	\$1,796	\$1,620	\$2,406	\$2,025	\$2,400	\$1,638	\$2,400	\$2,100
Newsletter	\$20,527	\$19,036	\$22,000	\$21,511	\$22,660	\$19,479	\$23,251	\$23,251
Comm. Survey			\$2,000	\$1,801				
FrontFootageB	\$550	\$118	\$130	\$118	\$118	\$118	\$118	\$118
Ground Maintenance:								
Community Property	\$16,765	\$15,416	\$17,725	\$19,535	\$20,725	\$20,489	\$20,900	\$22,750
Dumpster	\$800	\$822	\$860	\$1,028	\$860	\$1,615	\$1,100	\$1,700
Utilities	\$1,000	\$1,056	\$1,160	\$1,056	\$1,300	\$1,384	\$1,600	\$1,700
Security	\$37,000	\$29,401	\$39,000	\$33,907	\$45,000	\$28,154	\$40,000	\$40,000
Loan Repayment	\$30,000	\$29,676	\$30,000	\$29,676	\$30,000	\$29,676	\$30,000	\$30,000
CommRepairs/Improvements	\$21,000	\$3,948	\$45,839	\$12,694	\$20,000	\$19,818	\$84,150	\$81,650
Legal Fees	\$24,000	\$16,641	\$2,000	\$1,068	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Pay Back G.Fund			\$5,000				\$20,000	
Total Expenses	\$168,015	\$132,029	\$182,956	\$140,199	\$160,343	\$141,570	\$254,168	\$231,869
Excluding Proj/Escrows:								
Total Revenue	\$213,486	\$215,442	\$261,449	\$287,158	\$258,844	\$258,773	\$304,101	\$318,786
Total Expense	\$281,756	\$232,812	\$261,449	\$211,780	\$258,844	\$256,589	\$356,417	\$339,538
Cash Flow	(\$ 62,000)	(\$ 17,370)	\$0	\$75,378	\$0	\$2,184	(\$ 52,316)	(\$ 20,752)
Accel debt payoff	\$0	\$0	\$28,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$19,829	\$15,491	\$2,330
Exp. - accel debt payoff	\$0	\$232,812	\$253,449	\$205,780	\$238,844	\$236,760	\$340,926	\$337,208

Item (Excl Escrows) 2005 Budget 2005 Actual 2006 Budget 2006 Actual 2007 Budget 2007 Actual 2008 Budget 2009 Budget

Piers & Harbors Budget

Income:

Slip Rentals	\$52,696	\$52,120	63400	\$68,903	\$65,000	\$67,815	\$66,748	\$71,883
Dinghy Storage	\$1,350	\$1,005	1625	\$1,440	\$1,400	\$1,475	\$1,440	\$2,135
Ramp Keys	\$9,625	\$9,135	11000	\$10,305	\$9,500	\$9,210	\$9,500	\$9,200
Boat Storage	\$2,700	\$2,395	3187	\$3,055	\$3,000	\$2,763	\$3,000	\$3,700
Interest	\$0	\$8	1350	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$1,000	\$0
Funds from S. Tax								
Funds from G.F.								
Total Income	\$66,371	\$64,663	\$80,562	\$83,703	\$78,900	\$81,266	\$81,688	\$86,918

Expenses:

Administrative	\$7,280	\$7,895	\$7,500	\$7,817	\$8,300	\$8,594	\$9,750	\$9,750
Insurance	\$3,593	\$3,237	\$4,546	\$3,262	\$3,500	\$3,277	\$3,500	\$3,500
Port-Pottle								
Utilities	\$6,000	\$3,282	\$6,000	\$3,857	\$5,000	\$4,860	\$5,000	\$5,600
Ground Maintenance	\$12,000	\$10,055	\$8,077	\$7,940	\$8,800	\$11,389	\$9,460	\$10,000
Bulkhead Loan Payment	\$12,325	\$12,324	\$12,325	\$12,324	\$12,325	\$12,324	\$12,325	\$12,324
Boat Ramp Loan Payment								\$12,000
Marina Expansion Proj								
Repairs	\$25,766	\$23,339	\$13,700	\$13,791	\$20,561	\$16,938	\$25,000	\$25,000
Pier Expansion Permits								
Slip Deposit repayment	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$20,000	\$15,000	\$11,000	\$0
Front Footage Benefit	414	414	414	414	\$414	\$414	414	414
Security-Camera, Internet, guard								\$6,000
Contingency Fund			\$11,000		\$0		\$0	\$0
04Lucky26 Fund			\$11,000		\$0		\$0	\$0
Accel. Debt Paydown			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$4,829	\$5,239	\$2,330
Total Expenses	\$76,378	\$70,556	\$80,562	\$55,405	\$78,900	\$77,625	\$81,688	\$86,918

GENERAL FUND
Proposed Budget - FY 2009

REVENUES	
Estimated Surplus	25,285
Rental Income	10,800
Donations/Misc.	750
Dues	9,000
Building Permits	200
Pool Lease	1
Pool Escrow	17,083

TOTAL REVENUES

63,119

EXPENSES

Administrative

Rental Property

Front Foot Benefit

Taxes

Waste Water

Culigan

Insurance

Grass Cutting

Maintenance

Total Rental

Hillsmere Outreach

Community Activities

Surplus

Income Taxes

Pool Escrow

TOTAL EXPENSES

63,119

PIERS & HARBOR
Proposed Budget - FY 2009

REVENUES	
Lucky 26 Fund	10,875
Slip Rentals	71,883
Dinghy Storage	2,135
Ramp Keys	9,200
Boat Storage	3,700
Reserves/Contingency	47,490
O4 Expansion Income	21,513

TOTAL REVENUES

166,796

EXPENSES

Administrative

Front Foot Benefit

Insurance

Ground Maintenance

Utilities

Loan Payment Bulkhead

Loan Payment Boat Ramp

Accelerated Debt Paydown

Repairs

Security Camera Internet

Lucky 26

Contingency Fund

O4 Expansion

TOTAL EXPENSES

166,796

SPECIAL TAX
Proposed Budget - FY 2009

REVENUES	
Available Funds	24,201
County Tax	196,068
County Held Fund	3,200
Dumpster Reim.	400
Newsletter Ads	8,000

TOTAL REVENUES

231,869

EXPENSES

COUNTY ADM FEE

ADMINISTRATIVE

Administrative

Audit

Insurance

Newsletter

FFB

Total Administrative

Ground Maint.

Community Property

Dumpster

Utilities

Total Ground Maint.

Security

Legal Fees

Loan Repayment

Repairs and Imp.

TOTAL EXPENSES

231,869

Requested Tax Rate

Number of Lots

Tax Revenue Amount

159.66

1,228

196,068

GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET - FY 2009

REVENUES		
Estimated Surplus	25,285	
Rental Income	10,800	
Donations/Misc.	750	
Dues	9,000	
Building Permits	200	
Pool Lease	1	
Pool Escrow	17,083	
TOTAL REVENUES	63,119	
EXPENSES		
Administrative		
Administrative Assistant	2,000	
Accounting Services	1,600	
Memberships	70	
Office Expense		
Office Supplies	751	
Telephone	130	
Website	50	931
Committee		
Zoning & Covenants	200	
By Law	200	
Annapolis Neck Federation	100	
Welcome Wagon	200	
Volunteer Coordinator	100	
Other	200	1,000
Total Administrative		5,601
Hillsmere Outreach		200
Rental Property		
Front Foot Benefit	196	
Real Estate Taxes	3,504	
Waste Water	450	
Culligan	350	
Insurance	400	
Grass Cutting	1,150	
Maintenance	3,400	
Total Rental Property		9,450
Community Activities		3,000
Surplus		25,285
Income Taxes		2,500
Pool Escrow		17,083
TOTAL EXPENSES		63,119

PIERS & HARBORS
PROPOSED BUDGET - FY 2009

REVENUES		
Lucky 26 Fund		10,875
Slip Rentals		71,883
Dinghy Storage		2,135
Ramp Keys		9,200
Boat Storage		3,700
Reserves/Contingency		47,490
04 Expansion Income		21,513
TOTAL REVENUES		166,796
EXPENSES		
Administrative		
Administrative Assistant	4,650	
Accounting Service	3,600	
Office Expense		
Office Supplies	1,065	
Telephone	330	
Website	105	1,500
Total Administrative		9,750
Front Foot Benefit		414
Insurance		3,500
Ground Maintenance		
Trash Pickup	1,800	
Grass Cutting	3,100	
Port-A-Pottie	1,000	
Pump-Out Holding Tank	600	
Supplies/Maintenance	1,900	
Keys	1,600	
Total Ground Maintenance		10,000
Utilities		5,600
Security Camera Internet Guard		6,000
Accelerated Debt Paydown		2,330
Loan Payments Bulkhead		12,324
Loan Payments Boat Ramp		12,000
Repairs		25,000
Lucky 26		10,875
Reserves/Contingency		47,490
04 Expansion		21,513
TOTAL EXPENSES		166,796

SPECIAL TAX
Proposed Budget - FY 2009

REVENUES

Available Funds	24,201
County Tax	196,066
County Held Funds	3,200
Dumpster Reimbursement	400
Newsletter Ads	8,000
TOTAL REVENUES	231,869

Requested Tax Rate 159.66
Number of Lots 1,228
Tax Revenue Amount 196,067.60

EXPENSES

County Administrative Fee	2,000
Administrative	
Administrative Assistant	6,500
Accounting Services	3,000
Audit	3,200
Office Expense	1,500
Office Supplies	450
Telephone	120
Website	2,070
Newsletter	2,100
Front Foot Benefit	23,251
Misc. expense	118
Ground Maintenance	1830
Port-A-Pottie	1,000
Beach Water Testing	300
Grass Cutting	9,250
Ground Maintenance Projects	3,000
Miscellaneous Repairs	1,800
Nettie Net Maintenance	5,000
Trash Pickup	1,800
Weed Maintenance	600
Dumpster	1,700
Utilities	1,700
Security	26,150
Legal Fees	40,000
Loan Repayment	10,000
Repairs and Improvements	30,000
Beautification	1,650
Beach Shoreline project	60,000
Beach Sign	5,500
Beach Auto-gate	9,500
Beach Replace Slices	3,000
Misc. small projects	2,000
Total Repairs and Improvements	81,650
TOTAL EXPENSES	231,869

Community Held Funds as of 6/30/07
Less Funds Budget FY 08
Accounts Payable
Add Accounts Receivable
Adjusted Community Held Funds
Add Estimated Funds Available FY 08
See Breeze Income
Dumpster Reimbursement
Available Funds

76,514.00
52,316.00
2,857.00
2,860.00
24,201.00
3,200.00
8,000.00
400.00
35,801.00

BEACH COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE SHORELINE REMEDIATION PLAN

As presented at the July General Meeting, HSIA contracted Flood Brothers to create a design that would preserve the shoreline of the community beach, while enhancing the recreational uses enjoyed by all the residents. The Board directed Flood Brothers to address the following priorities in the design: preserving the swim area, maintaining erosion controls, beach preservation, water clarity, and environmental compatibility.

At the November General Meeting, the design team presented a living shoreline design, and compatible landscape features for the park areas. A lively discussion ensued, and many important concerns and questions were raised. The community vote on the design was 46 in favor and 46 opposed. We have a list of all the questions asked at the General Meeting and are compiling detailed responses. These will be posted on the web site as soon as they are available and published in the next issue of *the Sea Breeze*.

In response to both the concerns over, and the support of the design, the board has agreed to take a six-month study period regarding the living shoreline model. The study will look at the currents and sediment specific to our beach, and, if possible project the impact of the proposed changes. With a project of this long lasting impact on such a valuable community asset, it is our obligation to ensure the proposed improvements are the correct method and design. It is also our duty to address the concerns raised, using data specific to our particular location and design.

In order to keep the Shoreline Remediation Project on schedule, the first phase of the project will move forward, as planned, for this current fiscal year. We currently have, in this year's budget, funds to restore the portion of shoreline on the east end of the beach, or the far left when facing the water. This is the most critical area of deterioration, and must be addressed without further delay. The Beach Committee recommendation is for that section to be rebuilt similar to the current conditions and materials, with some alterations that will improve the effectiveness of that design.

In addition, the Beach Committee will move forward with the other projects budgeted for this year, as reflected in the landscaping plan presented at the November General Meeting. This work includes improving the parking lot, replacing the surrounding pilings and cable with a low, split-rail fence, and installing rain gardens and other storm water management features to reduce flooding in the park area.

The design presented at the General Meeting is included on the next page of this issue along with some basic information about the Living Shoreline model. For additional information and helpful links, please go to the HSIA web site at www.hillsmershores.net.

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What are "Living Shorelines?"

Living shorelines are an increasingly popular approach to erosion control that use strategically placed plants, stone and sand to deflect wave action, conserve soil and simultaneously provide critical shoreline habitat. Living shorelines often stand up to wave energy better than solid bulkheads or revetments, which add to the problem by amplifying waves on neighboring shores. Ironically, these hardened structures often increase the rate of coastal erosion, remove the ability of the shoreline to carry out natural processes, and provide little habitat for estuarine species.

On the other hand, Living Shoreline management techniques can prevent shoreline erosion while maintaining the benefits to wildlife and water quality that a natural shoreline provides. Jeff Opel, District Manager of the Anne Arundel County Soil Conservation District in Maryland, saw dramatic evidence of this during Hurricane Isabel in 2003:

"We flew most of the County shoreline by helicopter shortly before the hurricane hit, and we flew it again about 90 days later. There was really significant damage along walls and bulkheads, and along riprap," Opel said. "But when we looked at where we'd done nonstructural work, and at wetlands along the main front of the Bay, we saw very little damage to the shoreline itself. We were very surprised. It told us we were on to something."

Other benefits from living shorelines include:

- Less bank erosion and property loss, especially during storms
- Lower erosion control construction costs
- Natural and visually pleasing views
- A beach for boat launching, sunbathing and swimming
- Restored marine habitat and spawning area for fish and shellfish
- Improved water quality

Support for Living Shoreline management has grown over the past several years and many environmental agencies and groups now offer both technical and financial support for their construction. There is a wealth of information about Living Shorelines on the Internet. The following links are good places to start:

NOAA's "Living Shorelines Portal": http://habitat.noaa.gov/restorationtechniques/public/shoreline_tab1.cfm has info on implementation techniques, current NOAA shoreline projects, federal and state contacts, and links to other resources and publications.

Maryland Shorelines Online is maintained by Maryland's DNR and the Maryland Coastal Program, and provides FAQs about Living Shorelines and information about available technical and financial assistance for communities and homeowners interested in these restoration techniques. <http://shoreline.dnr.state.md.us/living.asp>

Fact sheet about Living Shorelines produced by the Virginia Dept of the Environment (pdf doc may take a while to load): <http://www.deq.virginia.gov/coastal/documents/lfactsheet.pdf>

An article from *The Bay Journal* (published by the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay and the Chesapeake Bay Trust) on Living Shorelines: <http://www.bayjournal.com/article.cfm?article=2651&print=yes>

This web site provides restoration information and online tours of Living Shorelines implemented at the Patuxent River's Jefferson Patterson Park. ("Tours" may take a while to download.) <http://www.jefpat.org/Living%20shorelines/lsmainpage.htm>

GARDEN CLUB



The Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, December 19 at 12:00 noon for our holiday luncheon. On January 16 we will meet at the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library for a workshop on the art of Oshibana presented by Millie Sample, one of our members. For this workshop, it would be helpful if you would bring some pressed flowers to work with. Our members extend their wishes to the community for a joyous and peace-filled holiday season.

For more information on the Garden Club, please contact Jean Koehler at 410-268-0276.

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HSIA Budget/Bid Process for Calendar Year 2008

Each year a budget is put together for the community and presented to the HSIA members for approval. Part of the process of forming the budget includes soliciting bids for the various projects that need to be completed to keep the community running. If you are interested in bidding on any of the jobs below, please indicate the areas of interest and mail your bid package to HSIA, P. O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403.

All bids must be received by December 31, 2007. No bids will be accepted after December 31. Work is to be performed between January 1 through December 31, 2008. Notification will be made in early January for accepted bids. If you should have questions, please contact the HSIA information line at 410-263-4456, mailbox 1 or email admin@hillsmereshores.net.

Installation/Removal of Sea Nettle Net

Installation, cleaning and removal of the sea nettle net at the swim area of the beach

- Installation: Net is to be attached to the top and bottom of each piling per specifications. Installation will be approximately early to mid-June, per directive of HSIA Beach Committee Chair.
- Cleaning: Net is to be washed at the end of the swim season, approximately mid-to late September, per the directive of HSIA Beach Committee Chair. Net is to be removed and power washed or washed in place to remove growth.
- Storage: Net is to remain attached, gathered, and secured to the top cable of the swim area for the duration of the year.

Weekly Trash Pickup

This is a year round contract for collecting the trash from all of the individual sights in Hillsmere (beach, marina, boat ramps, etc.) and transporting it to the community dumpster. Responsibility also includes keeping the areas in a sanitary manner. This job may require cleanup and pickup twice weekly during the summer months.

Sea Breeze Reproduction

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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. Then 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 410-279-1666.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST & FYI

Noise Problems? Earlier this year, County Executive John Leopold signed an executive order which allows the Anne Arundel County Police Department to enforce the state noise regulations. Examples of common noise complaints include:

- dirt bike noise
- commercial heating, ventilating, air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- nighttime dumpster emptying
- loud music from bands; clubs, taverns, bars, restaurants
- swimming pool pumps
- early morning (prior to 7 am) construction noise
- landscaping and lawn maintenance prior to 7 am
- street and shopping center power sweepers at night
- truck mounted refrigeration units in parking and loading areas
- off road truck noise
- gun clubs; nine counties are subject to the noise regulations / 14 counties are exempt
- commercial and industrial equipment and machinery
- loudspeakers at car dealerships, fast food restaurants, swim clubs
- church bells
- barking dogs at commercial kennels - MDE does not address household pets

If you have a complaint or questions, you can call Anne Arundel County police at 410-222-1961. For more information, go to http://www.mde.state.md.us/Programs/MultimediaPrograms/Noise_Pollution_Control/index.asp or call MDE at 410-537-3906 or 1-800-633-6101, x-3906.

In the Hillsmere Community Survey, residents asked for a column for personal announcements and community events. Because of this request, we created the Items of Interest & FYI page. This page is available for residents' use. Please take advantage of this column and strengthen community ties. Submit teenage events, new neighbors, tips on home care, announcements and formation of affinity groups. Also submit announcements of meetings on broader community issues that impact Hillsmere, e.g. environmental threats, development and other Annapolis Neck issues. Submit information to admin@hillsmershores.net or call 410-263-4456.

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HSIA General Meeting

Thursday, January 10, 2008

7:00 pm

Key School Multi-Purpose Building

HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, January 31, 2008

7:00 pm

Key School Science & Library Center

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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
2	3	4 Hanukkah begins at sundown	5	6	7 Pearl Harbor Day	1 8
9	10	11 Piers & Harbors Meeting	12	13 HSIA Board Meeting	14	15
16	17	18	19 Garden Club	20	21	22 Winter begins
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					



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6	7	8 Piers & Harbors Meeting	9	10 HSIA General Meeting	11	12
13	14	15	16 Garden Club	17	18 Sea Breeze deadline	19
20	21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 HSIA Board Meeting		



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