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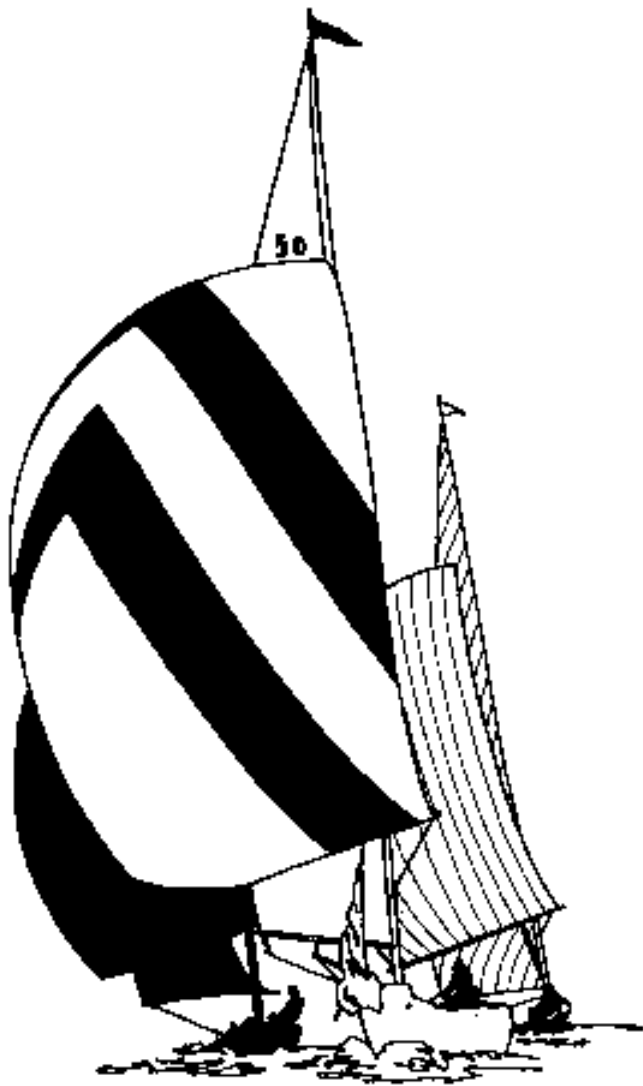
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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

In the last *Sea Breeze* I said "Don't put your shovels away just yet. This may be a very snowy winter". Wow.. could I have been more right? I know most of you are tired of the snow. It may be a big pain, especially if you had to get to work everyday. But you have to admit that it's really beautiful outside. I still like the snow, although after shoveling my driveway at least six times, my back respectfully disagrees!

The double storms that dumped, by my direct measurement, a total of 31 inches of snow, certainly challenged our community. We all had significant hurdles to get over, from shoveling snow to getting to the supermarket. However, despite all the adversity, many of our residents stepped up to help their neighbors. When I sent an email asking for volunteers to assist elderly and handicapped residents, numerous people responded. When I asked for volunteers with 4-wheel drive vehicles to help people get to the store, over twenty people offered to help. This was a wonderful response even though no one ended up asking for help getting to the store. A great example of how wonderful our community is came when we received an email asking for us to help an eighty year old gentleman on Edgemere Drive. He had no power and no heat. He was fine using his fireplace, but couldn't get to the wood in his

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Thank you!

Thank you to all the residents that helped their neighbors during the huge snowstorms. Residents were shoveling and plowing their neighbors and checking on the elderly. Hillsmere is truly a great place to live!

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Apr 29	Aug 26	Dec 16

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Jan 14	May 13	Sep 9
Mar 31	Jul 8	Nov 11

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shed. A friend who lived on the other side of the community and was completely snowed in asked us to help him get to his firewood. As Kate Penn, HSIA board member and chairperson of the Beach Committee, started rounding up volunteers, I drove over to see what we were up against. What I found was that one of his neighbors had already brought him a generator and firewood. I'm sure there were many examples of neighbors helping each other get through these storms. We got one other request for help. A 93 year old woman on Hillsmere Drive was unable to get out of her house. Her son-in-law, who lives in the neighborhood, usually takes care of her snow but he had a tom rotator cuff and couldn't do anything to help. We got a group of four volunteers and shoveled a path wide enough for her walker. I heard many stories of people plowing streets with tractors, trucks with snow plows, and even snow blowers. I saw one resident shoveling her street. This snow fall was extraordinary. I think the county did an excellent job of clearing our streets. After the first storm, I received a few emails about streets that were still impassable. I went out and drove the neighborhood and compiled a list. I understand that a small cul-de-sac might be missed but I couldn't understand why Edgemere Drive was completely un-plowed. It turned out that it was listed in the county database as a dead-end/cul-de-sac street. I believe it was because it changes name, to Poplar Lane, as it curves back to join Locust Lane. I then called the County Executive's office to see what could be done. As it turned out, Mr. Leopold had ordered his staff to prepare a list of streets that were not plowed and send it to the Department of Public Works (DPW). I gave them the list and then sent an email to the community with the list of streets I had submitted. I knew that would get a reaction! I immediately got a bunch of emails about several other streets that needed plowing. I called and added them to the list. About 30 minutes later I received a call from a DPW supervisor who went over the list with me and promised that they would do what they could to get them plowed. Within an hour after I sent the email, there was a large front end loader working on Edgemere Drive. All the streets were cleared that night. I think our community's response to the storms was wonderful. I want to thank everyone who volunteered or just went and helped a neighbor. You are what makes this community so great.

Speaking of volunteers, Tracy Stanley is one of our new HSIA board members. She is very excited about serving our community. For starters she is taking over as our Volunteer Coordinator. In that role she will work to find people willing to help in many different ways. This can range from coming out for a beach workday to serving on a committee. Of course, it will also cover volunteers in times of crisis like we just went through with the snow storms. If you are interested in helping out, even if it's for only a couple of hours, please let her know. You can reach her at volunteer@hillsmershores.net or 443-517-9820.

Tracy is also going to take over as chairperson of the Bylaws Committee. This committee worked very hard a few years ago to update the HSIA Bylaws. The work was 80% done when other issues pushed it to the back burner. We are going to resurrect the committee and try to have a new set of bylaws ready for community approval this summer (I know it doesn't feel like it now, but there will be a summer this year!). A lot of people confuse the bylaws with the covenants. The bylaws determine how HSIA functions. They cover things like budgets, elections, and officers. The covenants cover things like property setbacks and community rules. Changing the covenants is a very big effort since it requires a majority of the property owners to approve any changes. For now, we are just going to get the bylaws updated.

Another committee change is that Kevin Green is taking over as the chairperson of the Environmental Committee. As you probably know, Kevin just left the HSIA board to take a position as a member of the South River Federation Board of Directors. Congratulations Kevin, and thanks for continuing to serve our community.

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Come And Get It Day is Saturday, February 27th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. This is your opportunity to join HSIA, get your stickers, boat ramp keys, etc. Just like last year, it will be held at the Key School. It only costs \$15 per year to join HSIA. Surprisingly, less than half of our residents join. Especially during the storms we just experienced, I received many emails thanking HSIA for the work we do to help the community. I fully understand that many of you don't have the time available to volunteer. However, I urge everyone to show your appreciation for everything we do by joining HSIA. If you can't come to Come And Get It Day then just mail in the application in this Sea Breeze. If you would like to volunteer to help out at Come And Get It Day then contact Jean Somers at admin@hillsmershores.net or leave a message at 410-263-4456 (24 hour voice mail).

Well, this has been an interesting month. It's been a time of adversity and beauty. The outpouring of community spirit has been heartwarming. As a community, we rose to the occasion and met the challenges of the severe storms. We should all be very proud of what we did and how we helped our neighbors. We have proved again what a great community we live in.

Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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HSIA NEWS

Easter Egg Tree Contest - We know it's hard to think about spring and Easter after a blizzard, but we wanted to announce the 2nd annual Easter Egg Tree Contest. Again this year, we are asking children (12 and under) to guess how many eggs there are on the Donaldson's tree at 425 Hillsmere Drive. Last year's winner was Kathryn Hantske. She guessed 1854 eggs. 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. Make sure you keep this issue of *the Sea Breeze* handy because it might be a while before Leslie Donaldson can get to the tree and hang the eggs, with so much snow mounded around the tree! We'll be sure to announce the contest on the message board when we get closer to Easter. Happy guessing!

From the Piers and Harbor Chair - We'd like to invite the community to our third annual "Burning of the Socks" at the Hillsmere marina on Saturday, March 20, from 3 to 7 pm, weather permitting - rain date Sunday, March 21, from 12 to 3 pm. Bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage and socks to burn. Let's get SPRING started and bring on SUMMER! See you there!

Beach Clean Up Scheduled - We are planning to have a beach clean up day on Saturday, March 27 and another one on Saturday, April 24. Please see the Beach Committee report on page 8 of this issue for details and times.

Recreation and Entertainment - Please be sure to mark your calendar with our 2010 Recreation and Entertainment events on your calendar. You can find the dates for these events on page 12 of this issue.

Beach Social Happy Hours - Beach Social Happy Hours are scheduled for the summer and fall, so be sure to mark your calendars with the following dates:

Friday, June 11, 5-8 pm

Saturday, September 11, 4-7 pm

Friday, July 9, 5-8 pm

Saturday, October 9, 4-7 pm

Friday, August 13, 5-8 pm

2010 Beach Reservations - The 2010 beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large beach pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456 or email admin@hillsmershores.net. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to get an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Signed forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA two weeks prior to your party and submitted to the County. New this year — you will be required to specify the time needed for your party. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as 2 hours. This will allow more residents use of the large pavilion for parties. Reservations are not final until you receive a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator.

Spring Yard Sale - Mark your calendars for our Spring yard sale at the beach scheduled for Saturday, May 1 with a raindate of Saturday, May 8. More information will be in the *April Sea Breeze*.

Dumpster Days - We have not received dates from the County for our 2010 Dumpster Days. We will inform you of the dates as soon as we know.

Thank you to our Hillsmere "Snow Heroes"

There were a lot of residents in our community that went "above and beyond" to help their neighbors during the big snow storms. These Hillsmere "snow heroes" should not go unnoticed. If you have a "snow hero" that you would like to recognize, please let us know by sending an email to admin@hillsmershores.net or calling the voice mail at 410-263-4456. Here's a few we already know about...

Bill Shuman and Kate Penn organized groups of volunteers to help the elderly and disabled. It all started when Bill sent an email to the community asking you to let him know if anyone needed help. That started the ball rolling and he and Kate spent time during the snowstorm gathering groups of volunteers to shovel sidewalks and check on the elderly, as well as doing it themselves. Bill also drove around the community to check on the snow plowing of our streets and actively contacted the County to get more streets plowed. Thanks to all the "snow heroes" that helped Bill and Kate and their neighbors.

From Janet Kurtz and the neighbors around Lake Hillsmere and Forest Hill Drive area:

Many, many thanks to Kurt Beall who plowed our streets. We can't tell you adequately how much your most generous help meant. Without you, we would not have been able to get out to make some very needed medical runs. And you would not even take any money for gas--you are our hero!

Thank you SO much to Christine Rojas who trekked out on foot through deep snow to meet someone with a 4-wheel drive vehicle and make an emergency medical run for a neighbor and pick up much needed supplies for others. You are a blessing to so many!

From the residents of Forest Hill, Indian, Fogle and Demyan Drives:

These roads were not plowed for many days. Residents used their snow blowers, plows and front end loaders to extricate their neighbors. Among them was Steve Wilson who helped clear driveways during and immediately after the storm. Thank you Steve and all our neighbors who helped each other!

Congratulations to:

Robert Ferris and Heather Giovingo and her three children, Johnny, Molly and Sophia, all of Huse Drive, for receiving County Executive John R. Leopold's "Snow Angel" citation for going over and above the call of duty to help their neighbors. If you would like to nominate someone for the "Snow Angel" award, call 410-222-1821 or email jleopold@aacounty.org.



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From the King Family (Harbor Drive):

We would like to say that as a new homeowner in the Hillsmere Shores community, we were overwhelmed with acts of kindness from the day that we moved in. Our new neighbors greeted us with smiles, wine, dinner and warm greetings. Months later, the snow came and so did the emails from the association keeping everyone informed, seeking requests from those that may need assistance, offers to make grocery runs, and the list didn't stop. Neighbors looking after neighbors. There were so many different plows and trucks coming through to keep our streets passable and considering the amount of snow we had they did a fantastic job. Our thanks goes to the association for making this the best neighborhood ever and for all the men and women that took care of clearing the snow from the streets.

From Rick Jackson (Locust Lane)

Thank you to Dean Montgomery who used his snow blower to clear the driveways and walkways for all of his neighbors on Locust Lane. Early or late, you could count on Dean to be clearing a path to your door and not accepting any compensation for his work. All told, Dean cleared our drive and the street three separate times during the recent storms.

From JoAnn Martin (Ridge Drive)

Our little street only has ten homes, so we are the last to get plowed. Thank you to Shawn McKeivie and Walter Franz, both of Ridge Drive, who worked tirelessly for days plowing and snow blowing our entire street, driveways, and entrances to our houses. Kudos to both!

From Judy Heath (Hickory Lane)

Thank you to Mr. Thomason of Hickory Lane who loaned out his snow blower so that our sons could make two paths down Hickory Lane for tire tracks. We shoveled the middle of the path down to 6" so that vehicles could make it out. We wouldn't have been able to do that without Mr. Thomason's help. Thank you so much!

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From the Beach Committee

~Kate Penn, Beach Chair

Shoreline Study: Report to be presented at March General Meeting

Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA) has completed the first phase of their contract, recording activity along the shoreline and off shore, as well as collecting historical data, and observations from residents in the community. ESA will present their report at our March General Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 7 pm, at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building. This report will provide information about the current conditions along our shoreline, which will help us select the best system for protecting the beach and park areas.

The next step in the process will be for ESA to provide three possible shoreline designs, including the status quo. The Beach Committee members will work with ESA to present these designs, along with the estimated costs and pros and cons of each, to the community for discussion.

Spring Work Days: Saturday, March 27 and Saturday, April 24

All members of the community, of all ages, are welcome to come out on the Beach Work Days. As I am writing this message we are buried under two feet of snow, so I expect there will be lots of clean up after the thaw - and subsequent flooding. Join us on Saturday, March 27, from 10 am to noon, to spruce up the park for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will clear the path, remove debris and branches, and finish painting the small pavilion (if temperatures permit).

We will have a second work day on Saturday, April 24, from 9 am to 11 am, to plant the rain gardens, prune trees, and clear the drainage trenches.

Coffee, hot cocoa, water, and donuts are provided at all the work days. Please bring work gloves, garden tools (rakes, shovels, spades), if you have them.

Volunteers Needed!

Are you interested in helping keep the beach beautiful? The Beach Committee is comprised of volunteers who work year 'round to keep the beach in shape. We need volunteers both to work on specific projects and to help with emergency clean ups/repairs. If you are interested in either, please email Kate Penn at beach@hillsmereshores.net, or call 443-482-9870.

Some projects we need help with this year include: coordinating repairs/replacement of playground equipment; managing bench sponsorship program; obtaining bids for electricity and water at large pavilion; and many others!

Do you have ideas for how we can make the beach even better? Please let us know.

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Come And Get It Day

Join us at **The Key School Science & Library Center, Rooms 101 & 102**, on Saturday, February 27, for our annual Hillsmere membership day. Stop by between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm to renew memberships, pick up car and trailer stickers, purchase boat ramp keys, pay for slip rentals, pay for dinghy rack rentals and boat park storage, and learn more about the HSIA. Many board members and chairs will be available to answer questions. You can also learn more about other Hillsmere clubs and committees like the Garden Club and the Stormwater Management Committee. **Please note that Come & Get It Day is NOT AT THE LIBRARY as it has been in the past. Please join us at Key School, rooms 101 & 102 of the Science & Library Center off of Carroll Drive. Please also note that our doors will close promptly at 2:00 pm. Anyone arriving after that time will need to mail their membership form to the HSIA post office box. Thank you for your understanding.**

Continuing in 2010:

Photocopy of ALL registrations required: For each membership year, HSIA requires a photocopy of all vehicle and trailer registrations in order to obtain stickers. **We will give you one sticker for each vehicle and trailer registration you provide along with your membership form.** Please attach your photocopy to the membership form on the next page of this issue and bring it with you on Come & Get It Day. Thank you for your patience as we strive to make our community secure.

Slip Renters - You received a membership form with your invoice. Please bring both the invoice and membership form to Come And Get It Day, or return both in the mail. **You MUST submit photocopies of your current Maryland boat registration and boat insurance policy. Boat titles are only needed if we do not have one on file. These documents MUST be submitted along with the slip rent payment. PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.**

Slip Waiting List - You MUST re-register each year to keep your position on the slip waiting list. Please complete the Marina Slip Waiting List section of the membership form and remember to sign the form in the space provided.

Come And Get It Day is a Hillsmere tradition that saves our community association time and money by reducing mailing costs for member solicitation. Please complete the membership form on the next page and bring it with you to the Key School on February 27. You can also download it off our web site at www.hillsmereshores.net.

Can't make it to Come And Get It Day? No problem! Simply tear the membership form out of this issue and mail it along with your payment and photocopied registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Your stickers and keys will be mailed to you. Please allow a few weeks processing time.

Questions? Call the HSIA 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456 or email admin@hillsmereshores.net

See you on February 27!

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 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.

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Payments:

Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2010)		\$ 15.00	
Additional Membership		\$ 15.00	
Dingy Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 35.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Member)		\$ 45.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Non-Member)		\$ 65.00	
Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 75.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
(Marina Sticker # _____)		TOTAL	

MARINA SLIP WAITING LIST:

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 waiting list keep me on the 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:
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From the Stormwater Committee

~Ray Sullivan, Chair

The Stormwater Committee will be presenting an update on several current and proposed projects at the March General Meeting on Thursday, March 11, 7:00 pm at the Key School Multi-Purpose Building. An overview of the County's proposed new stormwater regulations will be presented. What can you do on your own property? We will be presenting some options that you and your neighbors can do to help manage stormwater. For instance:


- ~Make your next landscaping project a rain garden
- ~Always cleanup after your pets
- ~Limit use of fertilizers
- ~Install rain barrels
- ~Plant a tree

We need everyone to be involved. Please come to the meeting. For more information, you can contact Ray at stormwater@hillsmereshores.net.



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Be sure to join us for our first event of the year — the annual Easter Egg Hunt. The Hunt will take place at the community beach on Saturday, April 3 and will start promptly at 10:00 am. Please bring a basket to hold your colorful eggs. Let's hope for some great spring-like weather! Hope to see you there.

Please mark your calendars for the following 2010 Recreation and Entertainment events...

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 3, 10 am

Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 19, 7 pm

Bicycle Parade, Sunday, July 4, 10 am

Community Picnic, Saturday, August 21, 4-7 pm

Halloween Parade, Sunday, October 24, 1 pm

Christmas Caroling & Santa's Run Toy Drive, Sunday, December 12, 6:30 pm





GARDEN CLUB

On March 17th, we will have a very timely presentation on how to successfully prune by Professor Emeritus Dr. Francis Gouin, former head of the Department of Horticulture at University of Maryland. He also writes for the Bay Weekly as "The Bay Gardener". I'm sure his information will be very helpful for the homeowner/gardener. We will have refreshments at 12:30 pm, a business meeting at 1:00 and the program at 1:30. Please feel free to join us at the library if you have an interest in this topic.

In place of a regular meeting in April, our Club members will present a flower show on Saturday, April 17th, at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The theme of the show will be "Story Hour" and there will be several classes in which the ladies can enter their designs. We have some very talented women and we hope you will come to see what they have created and if you agree with the judges' opinions.

Our Club would like to invite the children in our community, ages 5-8 and 9-12 to join us in a May basket contest. We are excited to see their handiwork for which they will receive ribbons. Please call Rose Capuco at 443-482-9241 by April 22nd for information and to register with name, age and address.

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Thursday, February 25, 2010

7:00 pm

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HSIA General Meeting

Thursday, March 11, 2010

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ITEMS OF INTEREST & FYI

HILLSMERE READERS

A reminder that this column welcomes your calls for community-related items of interest for services, affinity groups and appropriate announcements. Please feel free to take advantage of this.

◆ **Longaberger Basket Bingo** - Please join in the fun and attend a Longaberger Basket Bingo to benefit St. Mary's Boy Scout Troop 422 on Sunday, February 21, at the Annapolis Elks Lodge at 2517 Solomons Island Road. The doors open at 12:00 noon and bingo starts at 1:00 pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Admission includes 20 regular games. To purchase tickets contact Christian Chiodo, 613 Beach Drive, 410-267-6957 or email chiodoc@comcast.net

◆ **Yoga for Haiti** - Please join us for a donation based, flow style, heart opening yoga class open to all levels! All donations will go to Haitian relief via the Red Cross. Suzanne Cary, RYT, of Annapolis will teach a moving and inspiring class on Sunday, March 7, 3:30-5 pm at Capital Bikes, 436 Chinquapin Round Road. Please join us to support this worthy cause. If you cannot attend and would like to donate or have any questions, please call Melinda Warner at 443-822-5566. Thank you for your support!

◆ **Help for Haiti** - Collecting all gently used CDs/DVDs/Video games/Blue Ray. These items will then be sold for cash and all monies will go to Haitian relief. f.y.e. (for your entertainment) will pay cash for these items (\$.50 to \$5 per item) and will add 20% to the total collected! All donations will go to Haitian relief via the Red Cross. This is a simple way to make a difference! Please drop off the above items at: 120 Hillsmere Drive. Deadline for drop off is March 1. Thank you for your support.

◆ **South River Federation's "South River on the Half Shell"** - Join the South River Federation for its largest fundraiser at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Phillip Merrill Center, overlooking the Chesapeake Bay, on Saturday, February 27 from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. The event features both a silent and a live auction as well as fabulous food and drink, live entertainment, interesting people and incredible items for bid. Proceeds ensure the Federation's ability to continue its work to restore, protect and preserve South River and its watershed. For admission to the event and more information, visit www.southriverfederation.net or call 410-224-3802. Tickets are \$50 for members, \$70 for non-members, and \$75 at the door. Thank you for your support!

◆ **Peninsula Athletic League (PAL) 2010 Spring Baseball and Softball** - Registration is now open online for PAL baseball and softball for the Spring 2010 season. Visit www.PalAstros.com for more information. PAL youth sports—a proud Annapolis tradition since 1973.

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Envisioning Forest Drive

Art is Community Empowerment

An innovative community planning and design initiative will be offered by the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation to engage citizens through art to plan their collective future around congested Forest Drive, south of Annapolis, Maryland.

The program, *Art is Community Empowerment: Envisioning Forest Drive*, will bring together residents of the communities around Forest Drive on Saturday, February 20, 2010, at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts.

Residents of nearby communities will work under the guidance and support of five artists and the professors and students of the graduate department of Landscape Architecture at Morgan State University. Their goal is the expression in art of the views and hopes of citizens for future changes to Forest Drive. The architectural professionals will translate that into development ideas, principles and guidelines. Two of the artists are Artists-in-Residence at Maryland Hall: Eastporter Rob Levit is a popular singer, songwriter, poet and community leader, and Mary Jo Arthur of Annapolis Roads is a renowned painter.

The collaborative design effort will begin at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, 801 Chase St., Annapolis, MD, at 9:00 AM, Saturday, February 20, 2010, ending at 3:30 PM. Teams of citizens, artists and landscape architects will tour three areas intersecting Forest Drive -- Bay Ridge Ave., Spa Road and Chinquapin Round Road. The teams will return to Maryland Hall to work together to express their vision for the future of their communities through artistic forms of drawing, painting, song and poetry.

On March 4, 2010, at Maryland Hall the citizens' artistic work will be presented to the teams that participate in the design effort. A final exhibit will be presented to the public on April 22, 2010, at Maryland Hall.

This program is underwritten by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the support of Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts. The program has been selected for presentation on March 27, 2010, at Howard University, Washington, DC, at the national meeting of Social/Economic/Environmental Design (SEED), a global network of community-based design professionals.

Individuals and families, young and old, and anyone residing along Forest Drive are encouraged to participate. All are welcome.

For more information, contact:
Kitty VanDeKamp, 410-263-0428, kqvdk1@gmail.com or
A Scott Mobley, 410/266-6351

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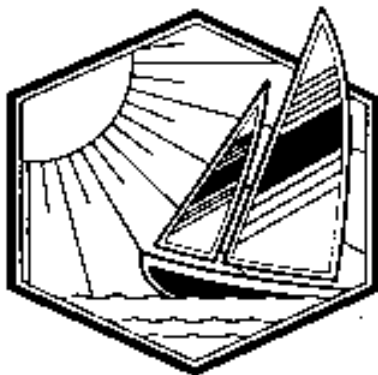
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21 Marina "Burning of the Socks" reunited	22	23	24	25 HSIA Board Meeting	26	27 Beach Cleanup 10 am -noon
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