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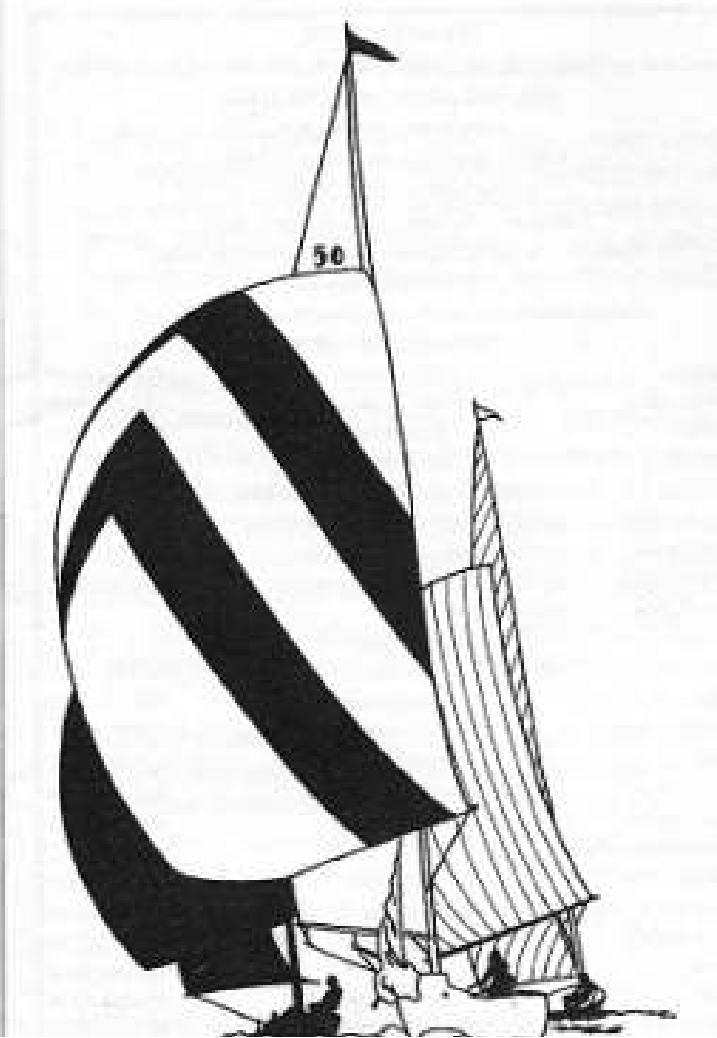
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I hope you are all enjoying the summer weather. The monsoons seemed to have stopped and beautiful hot summer days are here. It's already too hot. What will it be like in August?

Maybe by then we will have been sprayed for mosquitoes. As I write this, we have yet to have a mosquito treatment. It has either been raining or we haven't had enough mosquitoes to justify spraying. This is generally done with a "landing count" test. The driver holds out his arm and counts how many mosquitoes land in a certain amount of time. I don't know where they are doing the landing test but I know a lot of you can't believe that we don't have enough mosquitoes. If you have a location that you feel is particularly bad, then please send me an email at president@hillsmershores.net and let me know. I will try to coordinate with MDA to have them check those areas.

There has been a change in the mosquito spraying exclusion policy. As of June 24th, 28 properties (2.3% of the community) had opted out of the spraying program by filing a request for exemption with MDA (it's around 30 properties now). Based on the maps that were provided to us, those 28 properties caused an additional 522 properties (41.8% of the community) to be excluded from the spraying program because of the 300 foot buffer normally used by the spraying

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Volunteer's Corner **Volunteers Needed ...**

Help make our community stronger. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer and let us know your area of interest. Please call Natalie Lobe at 410-263-1947 or email her at natalielobe@verizon.net

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Jan 8	May 14	Sep 10
Mar 12	Jul 9	Nov 12

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

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(President's Comments continued)

program and the small size of our lots. In other words, a very small number of people were preventing almost half of the community from getting mosquito spraying. In addition, MDA informed me that we were in danger of having the program canceled all together because of the large number of properties that wouldn't be sprayed and the complexity of skipping so many streets. The published MDA mosquito control policy states "A city/town or community association may request the Department to rescind or modify a spray exclusion zone if the local authority believes the exemption unfairly impacts other residents who desire adult mosquito control service". This was discussed in depth at the HSIA board meeting held on Thursday, June 25, 2009. The board approved a motion to request that the 300 foot buffer be eliminated and that the exclusion zone for a property that opts out be limited to the street in front of the opting out property and the street in front of one property to either side. This means that instead of having one opted out property cause about 20 other homes to be excluded, each opt out will only affect about five other homes. This policy was put into place by MDA at our request. I know there are some very strong feelings about the spraying program. However, the emails I received after I notified the community, via our email list, ran more than 10-1 in favor of the boards' action. We had maps of the community and the exclusion areas at the General meeting on July 9th. Most people were very surprised by the large areas excluded with the 300 foot buffer. If you feel strongly against the spraying program then, by all means, opt out. We are trying to make the program more fair to all residents. We are not suggesting or requesting that people not opt out. That is a personal decision that only you can make.

Another issue of great concern to our community is a spate of serious vandalism incidents in Quiet Waters Park. People have been spray painting graffiti on the stage where the summer concerts are held. The stage was repainted just after July 4th and it was defaced with graffiti again the next day. They have also been cutting down trees and making bike ramps. The park and the police are taking this very seriously. The police are fairly certain that the perpetrators are entering from Hillsmere. There is a vacant lot across from 509 Forest Hill Drive that has a path to the park going through it. The fence there has been cut by vandals repeatedly. We have had increased police patrols because of these incidents. If you see anyone entering the park from Forest Hill Drive after dusk, especially kids on bikes, please call 911 immediately. These crimes are an embarrassment to our community and we should do everything we can to help the police arrest the vandals.

We have also sent out a few emails about the bacteria levels at the beach. Our beach is tested by the county but we also take part in a South River Federation program that tests our community beach each week. After the large rain storms in early June, our bacteria counts soared to nearly five times the safe level. The rain washes contaminants, much of which is from dog and goose droppings, into the water. The county doesn't test after rain storms because they know the levels will be high. You can help by making sure you pick up after your dog even if it's far from the water. Also, please don't feed geese or other water fowl at or near the beach. You should avoid going in the water within 48 hours after a major rain storm. Anytime you do go swimming, make sure to shower or bathe as soon as possible after you get home. This is especially important for young children. If your kids have any cuts or open sores they should not go in the bay. The community beach is a great place to enjoy the bay and to go for a swim. Thanks to Kate Penn and the beach committee, the nettle nets are up and working to keep the jellyfish out. So, enjoy the water. Just be aware of the simple precautions you can take to prevent any problems.

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Our Hillsmere Historian, Julie Crudele, is actively gathering information about the history of our community. She is looking for people who have lived here for a long time (or who grew up here) to talk about what it was like over the years. More than facts, she is also interested in preserving memories and stories about life in Hillsmere. If you, or someone you know, would like to share stories with Julie, email her at historian@hillsmershores.net or leave a message on our 24 hour voice mail at 410-263-4456.

Speaking of history, Hillsmere just lost a wonderful person who, not only loved our community, but gave an awful lot back to benefit all of us. Sue Miller passed away on July 9th. Sue was a member of the HSIA board until her illness forced her to resign only a few weeks before her death. Over the years, she had served on the HSIA board and on many committees. She was the HSIA Treasurer for four years. Sue, and her husband George, gave so much to our community in so many ways. I personally remember many wonderful conversations with her at the marina where she and George spent much time on their boat. Sue will be missed by all of us.

Enjoy the summer and be sure to get out and meet your neighbors. Stop by the beach for our monthly happy hours or one of the great summer parties and events that make our community special. I was talking to a resident at the July 10th Happy Hour. She said that when she told a co-worker she had to get home for her community happy hour, the co-worker was amazed. "You have community happy hours?", she said. The resident said, "Yes, at our community beach". "You have a community beach?" the co-worker said in absolute amazement. Don't take it for granted. You live in a wonderful community. Get out and enjoy it!

Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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Hillsmere Shores Community Happy Hours 2009 - We've had lots of fun and socialization at our community beach happy hours. Be sure to attend one this season. The Beach Committee sponsors the happy hours. Mark your calendars for Friday, August 14 from 5 pm to 8 pm, and for two Saturdays in the Fall, September 12 and October 10, from 4 pm to 7 pm. Come join your neighbors and enjoy this beautiful facility! We will supply the hot dogs, hot dog buns, condiments, hot grills, paper plates, napkins, soft drinks and coolers full of ice. You bring a plate of Happy Hour style food to share, some folding lawn chairs and your favorite adult beverage. So put it on your calendar and plan to be there. If you would like to help with or plan future community Happy Hours, please contact Kate Penn or Noel Gasparin.

Fall Yard Sale - The Fall yard sale at the beach is scheduled for Saturday, October 3rd with a rain date of Saturday, October 10th. More info will be in the September *Sea Breeze*.

Resource Guide on Web Site - Looking for a tutor? How about cleaning services, flooring or financial planning? Nuala O'Leary has put together a Hillsmere Resource Guide. The next time you're looking for services, take a peek at the web site and see if one of your neighbors can provide the services you're looking for. You can find the Resource Guide by visiting www.hillsmershores.net.

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From the Beach Committee

~Kate Penn, Beach Chair

Thank you to all the volunteers whose ongoing work keeps the beach looking great. The gate is open and closed every day by volunteers, and many other volunteers take the time to pick up trash and maintain the landscaping every day.

Security and Beach Rules:

Please note that all cars parked at the beach lot should have an HSIA sticker. You can obtain one by contacting the HSIA Administrator, Jean Somers, at 410-263-4456. Our Beach Rules have been updated. Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the beach; this includes the entire park area. Alcohol is allowed by permit only, when reserving the pavilion for special events. To reserve the large pavilion for special events, please contact the HSIA Administrator, Jean Somers, at 410-263-4456; select #2 for reservations.

Maintenance and Improvements:

Grass Roots Landscaping has obtained the required permits for the parking lot improvements, and will begin work in late July. Please bear with us during construction. The asphalt area of the parking lot will remain open for use throughout the duration of the work. We will coordinate with the contractor as best as we can to provide sufficient parking for special events and private functions at the pavilion.

Shoreline Study:

Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA) has collected historical data on the changes to our shoreline as a result of past storm activities. The next step will be to record current activity relative to benchmarks placed on our shoreline and off shore. ESA is interested in any historical information residents have regarding the changes to our shoreline over the years. If you have photos or can describe your observations specific to seasonal or storm activity, please call the HSIA Information number at 410-263-4456, or email us at Beach@Hillsmereshores.net.

Water Quality Results at Hillsmere Shores for Summer 2009:

"Operation Clearwater" monitors water quality by counting enterococci bacteria. These bacteria are associated with fecal waste of warm-blooded animals, birds and mammals, and indicate recent fecal contamination of water. When the number of enterococci exceeds 104/100 ml, there may be other microorganisms in the water that could cause illness, such as gastroenteritis and ear infections. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recommends against swimming in water containing enterococci counts that have an average value exceeding 35/100 ml or a single sample result of more than 104/100.

The counts of bacteria in the water vary greatly depending on rainfall. About one-half inch of rain will cause overland flow into our creeks and rivers, causing bacteria counts to rise sharply and remain high for 24-48 hours. This is especially true in areas where runoff flows down streets directly into creeks and rivers. Storm water runoff from the extreme rains we had in June caused severe spikes in the bacteria levels in the water. The elevated bacteria counts were directly related to storm water washing waste material, primarily from dogs and waterfowl. We can all help keep our waterways cleaner by cleaning up after pets, discouraging geese from collecting on the beach, and reducing the storm water runoff from our homes and yards.

Test Results Recorded to Date by South River Federation: (Results are also available at the South River Federation Website, <http://www.southernriverfederation.net/index.php/river-health/bacteria-data>.)

5/20: 4 cfu/ml	6/10: 480 cfu/ml	7/01: 20 cfu/ml
5/27: 10 cfu/ml	6/17: 56 cfu/ml	7/08: 8 cfu/ml
6/03: 24 cfu/ml	6/24: 8 cfu/ml	

(Beach Committee Report continued)

Test Results Recorded to Date by Anne Arundel County Dept of Health: (Results are also available at <http://aahealth.org/wqleadin.asp#sample>.)

5/14: 14 cfu/ml 6/25: 1 cfu/ml
6/15: 4 cfu/ml 7/8: 10 cfu/ml

Note: The Anne Arundel County Health Department advises that after a rainfall, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from rainwater runoff and increased health risks.

The recent increase of dead fish on the beach is from low levels of oxygen in the South River. Storm water runoff carries nutrients from fertilizers into the water, which causes algae blooms, which deplete the oxygen. The fish get bacterial infections or die from the low dissolved oxygen. NO studies have been done on the relationship between human health and the bacteria in estuaries and coasts. The South River Federation and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation are asking individuals and communities to help force the State of Maryland and EPA to perform studies on human health and the River/Bay systems.

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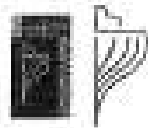
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Join us for this year's combined Community Picnic and Ice Cream Social, Friday August 21st from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. We will have ice cream, hot dogs, side dishes, drinks and more. Lulu the Clown will be back, as well as the Moonbounce. The Picnic in June was postponed due to the enormous amount of rain that had flooded the beach and left the grass and ground in a tender state. We were advised by a NOAA scientist that the moonbounce and kids might damage the grass permanently. Also, the water in the South River was at dangerous bacteria levels. We thought it best to postpone.

Please enjoy these photos from the 4th of July Parade. Thanks for the great turnout!!





GARDEN CLUB

The Hillsmere Garden Club board has been busy planning some interesting and informative programs for the 2009-2010 season to which all are welcome to attend. As always, we will meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library at 12:30 pm for refreshments and social time. A business meeting will follow at 1:00 pm and a program at 1:30 pm.

We will kick-off the season on September 16th by having our members present a flower arrangement which will be an interpretive design of one of five children's books which we have chosen. Please fee free to join us for this fun program.

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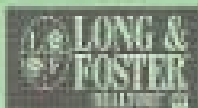


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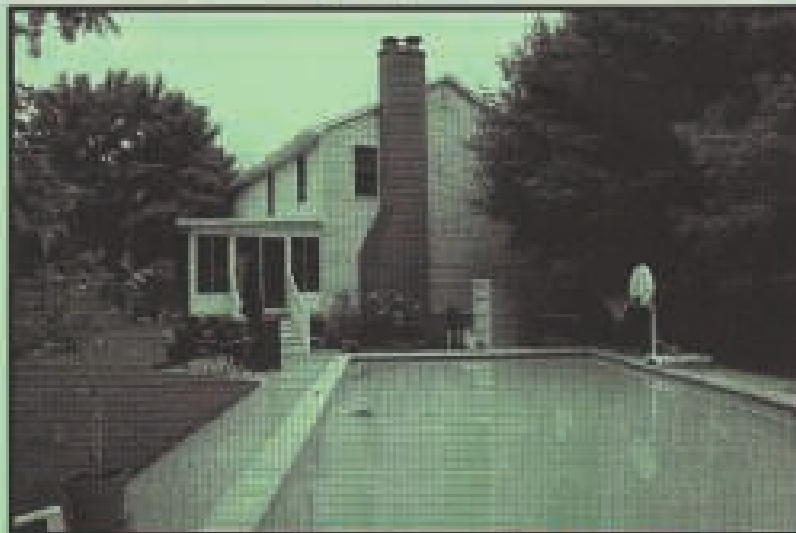


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278 Hillsmere Drive	\$378,500	4	3
510 Hillsmere Drive	\$380,000	5	3
322 Beach Drive	\$380,000	4	3
102 Great Lake Drive	\$389,000	5	3
112 Maple Drive	\$394,900	4	3
418 Duvall Lane	\$419,500	5	3*
615 Tayman Drive	\$449,900	4	3.5
607 Hillsmere Drive	\$479,000	5	2.5
134 Locust Lane	\$497,000	5	5
400 Duvall Lane	\$549,000	4	2.5
545 Beach Drive	\$579,900	3	2*
533 Lee Circle	\$579,900	3	2
507 Hillsmere Drive	\$615,000	5	3.5
110 West Bay View Dr.	\$619,900	4	2.5
105 Bay View Drive	\$1,150,000	3	2
115 Bay View Drive	\$1,390,000	4	3*
622 Beach Drive	\$1,699,324	5	4.5*
630 Riverside Drive	\$3,499,000	4	3.5

* Under contract - list price, not necessarily sales price.

Other properties listed for rent in our community:

Homes:	Price:	BR	BA
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322 Beach Drive	\$1,800	4	3
162 Bay View Drive	\$1,865	4	2
105 Hickory Lane	\$1,900	4	3
100 Oak Drive	\$1,995	5	3
129 Bay View Drive	\$2,200	3	2*
110 West Bay View Dr.	\$2,200	4	2.5
615 Tayman Drive	\$2,400	4	3.5

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~Mark Jones, Chair

2009 Marina Wait List Last Updated —7/15/2009

Following is the marina slip waiting list updated as of July 15, 2009. Please review the list. Everyone **MUST** be a current member of HSIA in order to remain on the list. If you have not paid your 2009 dues, you have been removed from the list. If you have any questions, please call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456 or email admin@hillsmereshores.net.

	Date added To Wait List	First Name	Last Name	Last Renewed HSIA Membership Wait List Req.
1	10/27/2000	Tom	Kicklighter	02/27/09
2	10/01/2002	Ray	Sullivan	02/28/09
3	06/23/2004	Chris	Elkingon	02/28/09
4	08/16/2003	John	Zucchet	03/24/09
5	08/16/2003	Todd	Shields	05/20/08
6	12/15/2003	Rachel	Frentsos	04/22/09
7	02/15/2004	Bernhard	Mueller	02/28/09
8	09/14/2004	Dave	Miller	02/28/09
9	10/09/2004	Tom	Hale	02/27/09
10	10/10/2005	Bruce	Walker	02/28/09
11	020/8/2005	Giovanni	Salvo	03/30/09
12	02/26/2005	Kathy	Boeke	02/28/09
13	03/26/2005	Melissa	Currier	02/28/09
14	03/26/2005	Mary	Gillelan	02/28/09
15	03/26/2005	Tom	Barnhill	02/28/09
16	03/28/2005	Charles	Metzger	02/28/09
17	07/13/2005	Jon & Julie	Crudele	02/28/09
18	09/08/2005	Linda	Bitterfield	03/31/09
19	12/23/2005	Philip	Hewett	02/28/09
20	02/25/2006	John	Barbo	02/28/09
21	02/25/2006	Richard	Brady	05/05/09
22	02/25/2006	Michael	Burke	02/28/09
23	02/25/2006	Kim/Mike	Drucis	02/28/09
24	02/25/2006	Janice	Fisher	04/10/09
25	02/25/2006	Robin/Shah	Majd	02/28/09
26	02/25/2006	Dean/Dawn	Powell	03/19/09
27	02/25/2006	Orlie	Reid	02/28/09
28	02/25/2006	Donna/Mike	Seering	03/30/09
29	02/25/2006	Mark	Shenton	02/28/09
30	02/25/2006	Bill/Julie	Smith	03/30/09
31	02/25/2006	Steven	Vanderbosch	02/28/09

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32	02/25/2006	Robert/Dawn	Vezina	02/28/09
33	02/25/2006	Dave	Klakring	05/05/09
34	04/10/2006	Julie	Devlin	02/27/09
35	05/22/2006	Richard	Cullers	04/28/09
36	05/22/2006	Jennifer	Wallace	03/30/09
37	05/22/2006	David	Brougher	02/28/09
38	06/19/2006	Richard	Wenig	02/28/09
39	07/06/2006	Eva/Fred	Hejazi	04/10/09
40	07/06/2006	Joanne/Ed	Beck	06/08/09
41	07/06/2006	Denis/Barb	Ahr	02/28/09
42	07/25/2006	Daniel	Herlihy	02/28/09
43	07/26/2006	Richard	Bank	02/28/09
44	07/26/2006	Don	Ziolkowski	05/18/09
45	07/26/2006	Bill	Auerswald	02/28/09
46	10/03/2006	Leslie/Arthur	Kudner	02/28/09
47	10/24/2006	Molly	Gamble	04/23/09
48	02/14/2007	Terry	Mullen	02/27/09
49	02/21/2007	Eric	Richardson	02/28/09
50	02/24/2007	John	Cochran	02/28/09
51	02/24/2007	Dawn	Dougan	02/28/09
52	02/24/2007	Charlie	Flanagan	02/28/09
53	02/24/2007	Tom	Grubb	02/28/09
54	02/24/2007	James	Maitland	02/28/09
55	02/24/2007	John	O'Neill	02/28/09
56	02/24/2007	Alfred	Parkinson	02/28/09
57	02/24/2007	Scott	Steele	02/28/09
58	02/24/2007	Matt	Zerphy	04/29/09
59	03/27/2007	Chris	Moore	03/15/09
60	03/30/2007	Mel	Sykes	03/23/09
61	03/30/2007	Diann	Turner	04/29/09
62	04/11/2007	George	Rogala	03/31/09
63	04/24/2007	Eric	Edstrom	02/28/09
64	05/29/2007	Deanna	Daly	04/22/09
65	07/02/2007	Paul	Esbensen	04/28/09
66	07/30/2007	Michael	Kochanski	02/28/09
67	08/03/2007	Jay	Megan	02/27/09
68	09/26/2007	Matthew	Tepelmann	02/28/09
69	10/01/2007	Thomas	Franz	04/10/09
70	02/29/2008	Kevin	Copping	02/27/09
71	03/01/2008	Robert	Beck	02/28/09
72	03/01/2008	Nuala	O'Leary	02/28/09
73	03/01/2008	Sue	Dupont	02/28/09
74	03/01/2008	Gary	Gallant	02/28/09

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75	03/01/2008	Liz	Glass	02/28/09
76	03/01/2008	Frank	Groblewski	02/28/09
77	03/01/2008	Dallas	Jones	02/28/09
78	03/01/2008	Mark	Levett	02/28/09
79	03/01/2008	Bill	Malamphy	02/28/09
80	03/01/2008	James	McInnis	02/28/09
81	03/01/2008	Philip	Meyers	04/13/09
82	03/01/2008	Jennifer	Moore	02/28/09
83	03/01/2008	Jeff	Riedle	02/28/09
84	03/01/2008	Nancy	Roth	02/28/09
85	003/1/2008	Mark	Valentine	02/28/09
86	03/19/2008	Jared	Hughes	02/27/09
87	04/07/2008	Ron	Neumann	04/22/09
88	05/07/2008	Greg	Maggio	03/19/09
89	05/27/2008	Rick	Cherba	02/28/09
90	06/03/2008	Ann	Pailthorp	05/18/09
91	06/05/2008	Jonathan/Mary	Wall/Sherman	05/30/09
92	06/30/2008	Tim	Delaney	05/20/09
93	07/07/2008	Patti	Bannat	02/28/09
94	08/04/2008	Gene	Olmo	06/01/09
95	02/28/2009	Connie	Sparrow	02/28/09
96	02/28/2009	Michael	Clark	02/28/09
97	02/28/2009	Carl	Corse	02/28/09
98	02/28/2009	David	Edinberg	02/28/09
99	02/28/2009	Michael	Esposito	02/28/09
100	02/28/2009	Tom	Friday	02/28/09
101	02/28/2009	Charles	Graves	02/28/09
102	02/28/2009	John	Gudas	02/28/09
103	02/28/2009	Sheila	Hernandez	02/28/09
104	02/28/2009	Marshall	Larner	02/28/09
105	02/28/2009	Robert	Powell	02/28/09
106	02/28/2009	Kimberly	Proctor	02/28/09
107	02/28/2009	Myra	Sekeroglou	02/28/09
108	04/10/2009	Douglas	Jones	02/28/09
109	04/13/2009	Linda	Kennedy	04/13/09
110	04/28/2009	Scott	Wible	02/28/09
111	05/20/2009	Jeremy	Searock	05/20/09
112	05/20/2009	Jeff	Slenker	05/20/09
113	07/03/2009	James	Gomoljak	07/03/09
114	07/03/2009	Kate	Penn	07/03/09
115	07/15/2009	Tom	Mann	04/24/09
116	07/15/2009	Pyllis	Dua	07/15/09

HILLSMERE POOL ASSOCIATION (HPA) NEWS

~Tom Trimmer, Pool Association Vice President

The pool is really hopping this summer. Just a few statistics:

- 339 people attended the Memorial Day Party.
- 114 swimmers are on the Hillsmere Swim Team. (59 are HPA members while 55 are non-members. All, but a few, live in Hillsmere.)
- Over 2000 people used the pool the week of June 14 (This includes the swim team practices and the swim meet.)
- Sunny Saturday and Sunday afternoons, we'll have 60-70 people on the pool premises at the busiest times. On Sunday, June 14 at 3:30 in the afternoon, we had 70 people on the premises.
- We have 225 charter members, 48 general members, and 2 people with individual summer passes.

Topics of interest from the HPA Board meeting on June 17:

- **Coupons for Pool Use:** Coupon books are under review. We were asked by a summer resident about offering coupon books to community members for use of the pool. The Board is discussing the pros and cons of a coupon book. We need to balance any decisions about coupons for pool use against preserving the value of general and charter members.
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- **Swim Lessons:** The Board decided that anyone can offer swim lessons as long as they are members of the pool and the classes are limited to private and semi-private lessons. Anyone offering swim lessons can post their information on the bulletin board. Coordinate with the pool manager concerning times.
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- **Hot Showers:** Please monitor the length of showers your children are taking. Long, hot showers are draining the water heaters tanks and using up solar salt needed for the water softener.

The current lease on the property where the pool is located expires in May 2011. Meetings between the HSIA and HPA committees have not been held since May. Therefore, there has been no progress on securing a new lease. An information letter will be sent to the HPA membership and posted on the HPA internet site.

Watch for more HPA news in the next *Sea Breeze* and please visit HPA on the internet at www.hillsmerepool.org

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STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

~Ray Sullivan, Chair

The Hillsmere Storm Water Committee continues their worthy efforts by identifying areas of flooding concerns and opportunities for improved water quality within our community. Through our monthly “Storm Water Walks” we have reviewed, analyzed, and documented approximately 75% of the community on our way to preparing our Storm Water Management Plan by the end of August of this year. Our goal is to prepare guidance on two significant fronts:

- Practical recommendations for individual Hillsmere residents to improve water quality at their properties and in their everyday use of boating and recreational facilities.
- Concept Plans and priorities for drainage and water quality improvements for use by the current and future Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association members. This guidance would assist in determining how best to spend money allocated for projects, as well as provide a long-range plan for storm water improvement throughout the community.

Through the valuable input of residents of our community, the Storm Water Committee has mobilized to oppose developments that would have had adverse impacts on flooding and water quality, we have assisted individuals with flooding issues on their properties, and we have begun to interface with Key School to identify ways that the community and the School can work together to make Hillsmere a model for other communities in Anne Arundel County.

We always welcome your involvement and input. Please contact us with any questions or concerns you may have regarding flooding, water quality, proposed developments, or any interest in volunteering your efforts.

Rain Garden Project

The Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association, in partnership with the Anne Arundel County Watershed Stewards Academy and the South River Federation is pursuing a rain garden project, a type of bioretention, in the vicinity of Great Lake Drive and Phipps Lane, adjacent to the pool. The primary objectives of the project are to provide water quality treatment of storm water running off residential properties and road surfaces and to retain the storm water on site so that it can infiltrate, rather than make its way into Lake Hillsmere. Any standing water will dissipate in less than 24 hours. The high profile location of the project will also serve an important educational role to convey the value of these types of systems in a residential context.

The Watershed Stewards Academy is an initiative of Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works and Arlington Echo Outdoor Education Center to train community leaders, called "Master Watershed Stewards". Hillsmere residents Jennie Gundersen, Chris Moore and HSIA Board Member Kevin Green attended the 8 session program this past spring. The goal of the Watershed Stewards Academy is to give Master Watershed Stewards the tools to educate, engage and empower citizens, businesses and communities to restore sub watersheds in Anne Arundel County. Restoration efforts will emphasize storm water infiltration to restore watershed function. Projects may range in scale from homeowner properties to community and business properties and may include rain gardens, rain barrels, green roofs, native plantings, bioretention, living shorelines and parking lot retrofits.

The Hillsmere Shores Storm Water Committee has evaluated sites throughout the community where storm water management practices can be implemented to address runoff issues. Several members of the committee are also in the first class to graduate from the Watershed Stewards Academy and selected this site as good fit for their initial

(Storm Water Committee continued)

project. This is anticipated to be the first of many projects that will collectively have a significant impact on the quality of storm water runoff that is generated by the Hillsmere community.

In 2006, the Center for Watershed Protection, in collaboration with the South River Federation, completed the South River Watershed Community Restoration and Action Plan. This document specifically calls out "streetscape bioretention" in the Hillsmere community as a priority restoration project concept. This proposed project is well-aligned with both the County and the Federation's watershed management priorities and represents an important translation of those plans into reality.

The rain garden will be designed to capture, detain, and infiltrate storm water and convert it to groundwater. Working upstream in the watershed, as this project does, will capture the storm water from approximately 4 acres of development to be treated before getting collected into existing storm water pipes. This will help reduce nutrient and sediment loads running into the bay, lower spikes in storm water flow, and help to mitigate downstream flooding problems by metering flow over hours rather than minutes.



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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.

❖ **Anne Arundel County Recycles. More. Often. And You Can Too (What happens to my trash?)** - Curbside collection of recyclables, trash and yard waste is provided by private companies under contract to Anne Arundel County. Once collected, residential trash goes to regulatory compliant landfills that meet stringent requirements designed to protect the environment.

Anne Arundel County is focused on reducing waste and increasing recycling. Recycling is an important component of the County's integrated solid waste management plan because of the long-term environmental and economic benefits it offers. Additionally, it is a more resourceful choice to the dead-end alternative of burying waste. Landfills require large tracts of land and since undeveloped land has become scarce in our County, the Millersville landfill is a highly valuable resource. One way to protect that resource is through recycling. A landfill's life ends once all of the capacity is consumed. A recycling facility is not dependent on land disposal and allows for the reuse and preservation of many natural resources.

The County earns revenue for the recyclables marketed for processing. If the County had to treat the thousands of tons of material recycled as trash, it would cost over a million dollars a year for disposal. Recycling minimizes the reliance on landfills and is vital to sustaining our quality of life for years to come.

Recycling also lowers energy consumption, reduces greenhouse gases and other air and water pollutants and provides jobs in the County and State. Materials collected for recycling are manufactured into many useful products.

As you know, recycling is easy to do when you live in Anne Arundel County. With recent enhancements to the program you can recycle more items than ever before. You can put all your recyclable materials in the same container and there is no limit to the amount of recycling you can put out every week.

You make a choice with every item you throw away — a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go. Please visit the new website at www.RecycleMoreOften.com for tips to boost your recycling and to take the 50/50 Challenge.

❖ **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off** - The next Anne Arundel County household hazardous waste drop-off date is July 25 at the Millersville Landfill, 389 Burns Crossing Road. Drop-off hours are from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This provides opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals. Items accepted include oil-based paints, staining agents, paint solvents, pesticides, household and automotive cleaners, oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products, pool chemicals, gasoline, kerosene and other fuels, nicad (rechargeable) batteries, watch batteries. The following mercury containing items are also accepted: thermometers, thermostats, button batteries, fluorescent light tubes, mercury vapor lamps. Anne Arundel County cannot accept medical waste, compressed gas tanks, ammunition, smoke detectors or fire extinguishers. This service is for Anne Arundel County residents only. Be prepared to provide proof of residency. Any questions can be directed to the Department of Public Works at 410-222-7951 or check the web site at www.aacounty.org/DPW.

HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, July 30, 2009

7:00 pm

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HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, August 27, 2009

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9	10	11 Piers & Harbor Meeting	12	13	14 Beach Social Happy Hour	15
16	17	18	19	20	21 Community Picnic & Ice Cream Social	22
23	24	25	26	27 HSIA Board Meeting	28	29
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