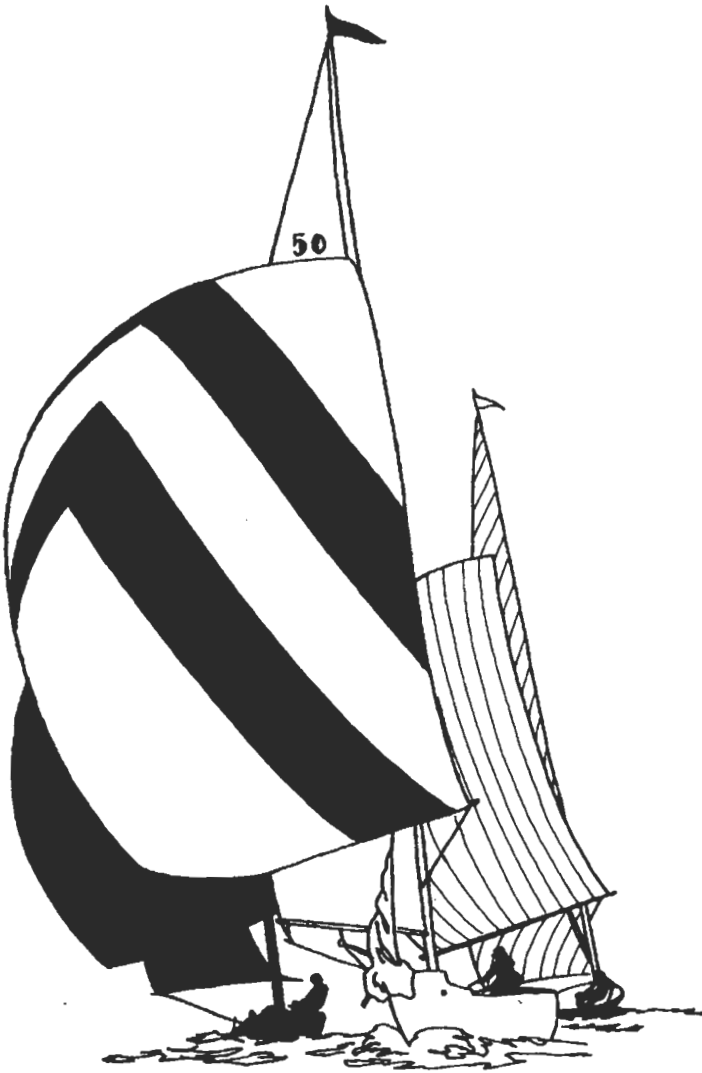


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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



It's been quite busy in the past few weeks as our community finds itself dealing with threats from both within and without. The threat from within is, of course, the ongoing beach strip lawsuit. The threat from without is from the city of Annapolis and their plan for the Hillsmere Multi-Use Center. Both are going to affect each and every resident in our community.

As you know, the three plaintiffs in the beach strip lawsuit have been threatening to sue every property owner in Hillsmere in their quest to seize community property for their own gain. The Court

of Special Appeals ruled that they must sue all of us because we all have an interest in the property and their taking it may diminish the value of our properties while increasing the value of theirs. We had hoped that the plaintiffs would realize that this attack on their neighbors was morally wrong and that it would be better to work with the community to address their concerns. Unfortunately, it appears that greed has taken the upper hand. A few days ago our lawyer received a copy of an amended lawsuit that lists the names and addresses of 1,976 Hillsmere property owners. As of this writing, no one has been served with the lawsuit but we expect it won't be long before we are all defendants. If you feel strongly about this lawsuit, no matter who you think is right, then I urge you to let the plaintiffs know how you feel. The three plaintiffs are:

Gregory & Susan Singleton, 117 East Bay View, (410) 263-6664

Edward & Leah Hertz, 129 East Bay View, (301) 229-0791

Parviz Sahandy, 133 East Bay View, (410) 269-0735

The Hertzes actually live in Glen Echo, MD. Their property on East Bay View is currently for rent. As we have explained before, Hertz and Sahandy have relatively small pieces of community property they are trying to seize. Mr. Singleton is trying to take nearly a fifth of an acre of community property.

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

2006 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

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

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

All General Meetings at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building

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

(President's Comments continued)

Once residents are served, we will immediately setup a community meeting for all Hillsmere lot owners to let everyone know what their options are and how you can respond or opt out of the lawsuit. Our lawyer will be present to answer your questions. The meeting will be announced on the community bulletin board, on our web site, and by email. If you are not on our email list please visit our web site at www.hillsmreshores.net, click on the "Join the HSIA Email List" link. You don't have to be a member of HSIA to be on the list.

The threat from without that I mentioned above is the city of Annapolis's plan to develop the Hillsmere Multi-Use Center. This plan covers the area from Hillsmere Drive to the Mexican Café on both sides of Bay Ridge Road (Forest Drive becomes Bay Ridge Road after Hillsmere Drive). The plan, a copy of which is available on our web site, calls for extensive mixed use development including commercial buildings built right up to the property lines, residential units, new access roads behind the development connecting to Hillsmere Drive, and a reduced speed limit on Bay Ridge Road of 25 mph. Of particular concern to Hillsmere residents is the re-connecting of Old Annapolis Neck Road crossing Hillsmere Drive at the entrance to Quiet Waters Park. This would have grave consequences for traffic in and out of our community. One version of the plan even showed a traffic circle at our entrance. A public meeting was held at Georgetown East Elementary School on May 24th. When I got there they had about 40 chairs set up in the cafeteria, but people just kept coming. By the time the meeting started they had opened the entire gymnasium to hold the approximately 200 people that showed up. About two thirds were from the county with the rest from city neighborhoods. The overwhelming sentiment from the entire crowd was anger that the city would plan such a development with no input from the residents that would be affected and the fact that the plan completely ignores the traffic implications. Many of the people who spoke were Hillsmere residents. Most of the county residents were also upset with the urbanization of the plan area. The result would look a lot like West Street where the new development is taking place near Chinquapin Round Road and at the Taylor Avenue circle. I have had several conversations with Virginia Burke, the city planner in charge of this project. Virginia, at least (I don't know about the people above her) is very interested in how we feel and how we would like to see this development plan proceed. There is a follow-up public meeting on Tuesday, June 13th. By the time you read this it will have already taken place but we will let everyone know about it via our web site, email list, and community bulletin board. I hope we get the same or better turnout at that meeting. This is a very important issue that everyone in Hillsmere and the whole Annapolis Neck should be very interested in.

Speaking of the community bulletin board, you've probably noticed that we recently had a new one installed. Thanks to "Designs & Signs" and owner, Brendon Brandon (a Hillsmere resident) for the good work.

Due to some scheduling conflicts at The Key School, our June and July board meetings and our July and August Piers & Harbors meetings will be moved to another room. Our September general meeting may also be relocated. There will be signs and announcements letting you know where the meetings will be held.

Finally, lets talk about some really good things going on in our community. As you know, Deb and Jim Sagerholm of 329 Edgemere Drive lost everything in a tragic fire on February 13th of this year. Our community rose to the occasion with an outpouring of support and donations to help them get back on their feet. Finally, the old house has been torn down and a new house is being built. Deb and Jim have put together a web site for anyone interested in tracking the progress of their new home. They also invite anyone to stop by and say hello. The web site is <http://home.comcast.net/~jimsag/NewHouse.html>. This whole situation, as tragic as it was, shows how wonderful our community and the people who live here really are. Deb called me to make sure people understand how grateful they are and how much they really don't mind if you'd like to stop by and talk. After all, that's what neighbors are for.

Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

HSIA NEWS

Thanks for joining the HSIA - Many thanks to all the resident that have shown their support by joining the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association. We currently have 559 members. That's almost 50% participation. Don't forget that joining gives you voting rights. If you haven't taken the time to join the Association, it's never too late! Just complete the application on the next page of this issue and mail it with your payment and appropriate documents to the address on the form. You can also download the application from our web site. Remember to photo copy your vehicle and boat trailer registrations. Don't forget to get your boat ramp key! Don't wait until a beautiful weekend and try to purchase the key. **Keys are not available on short notice!** Please allow a few weeks processing time.



A Note of Thanks from the Traffic Chair - Thank you to the many drivers who respect the speed limits and share our streets with the folks out walking and biking in the neighborhood. Despite the occasional driver who speeds, doesn't stop at signs, and won't yield to pedestrians, I am pleased to see that most drivers really are looking out. As school ends and the pool opens, our streets will be full of kids riding bikes and skateboards. Please keep up the good efforts and continue to share the road.
~ Kate Penn, Traffic Committee Chair



Congratulations and Best of Luck to the following Hillsmere Graduates

Sarah Beck graduated from Annapolis Senior High School on June 8. Sarah was the Student Government President during her senior year. She plans to attend Drexel University in the fall. Congratulations, Sarah!

Mary Kate Bukowski, a 2003 graduate of Annapolis High School, graduated from UMBC on May 25 with a major in Psychology and a minor in American Studies. She Graduated with honors and is reporting to the Peace Corps sometime this summer. Congratulations, Mary Kate!

Do you have a graduate you would like to congratulate? To have your graduate's name mentioned, please call the editor at 410-263-4456, mailbox #3, and leave their name, school, date of graduation and degree earned. Or email admin@hillsmershores.net.

Coyote Sited in Hillsmere - Soon after the printing of the *May Sea Breeze*, we received notice of coyote sitings in our neighborhood. The first siting was on Forest Hill Drive, where houses border Quiet Waters Park. When this siting was announced at the May General Meeting, other residents mentioned seeing a coyote on Beach Drive and Boyd Drive. A resident spoke with the Ranger at Quiet Waters Park, who also has reported sitings of a coyote. Coyotes are nocturnal animals who will prey on cats and small dogs. Please keep your small animals in the house between dusk and sunrise.

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Membership Application

Payment of \$10.00 dues allows one voting member per household. Additional voting memberships require payment of an additional \$10.00 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. Attach a photocopy of Driver's License or other documentation to this application. Personal information other than Name and Address may be blacked out.

Household Membership	Additional Membership (add \$10.00)
Name(s): _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____
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Attach additional forms for more memberships

Owner Renter (please check one)

If Renter please provide Owner Name: _____ Owner Phone: _____

Number of Stickers Requested: _____

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Payments:

Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues		\$ 10.00	
Additional Membership		\$ 10.00	
Dingy Rack Storage		\$ 30.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Member)		\$ 40.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Non-Member)		\$ 60.00	
Boat Park Key		\$ 65.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
		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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Did You:

• Attach vehicle registration forms?	• Attach proof of residency (non-owners)?
• Register for the Marina Waiting List?	• Write your phone number on your check?

**To join the HSIA email list visit <http://www.hillsmereshores.net>
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In Memory...

On May 8, 2006, our community lost a long-time and valuable resident.

“Big Will” Gateau moved here from Washington in 1960, when our community was just beginning to grow. His many stories about the oyster shell roads and the very early projects will be sorely missed. His contributions to a developing community through the years are part of what the community has become.

He raised three children – Little Will, David and Jeanne and was a proud grandfather of 24 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. “Little Will” could often be seen cutting grass for the community on his red farmall tractor until he passed away in 2002. David’s sons have also been involved in many community projects. Jeanne helps run her husband’s plumbing business along with raising 14 children.

Will helped with the construction of the large pavilion at the beach and various projects at the boat ramps. His sense of community was certainly passed on to his family, friends and neighbors. Will is survived by his wife, Joan Harrington Gateau, who is known for her sense of family and loving support to anyone in need.

Those of us who were friends and neighbors will surely miss this kind, loving man with a wonderful sense of humor and knowledge. Our condolences go out to his entire family with our sincere thanks for his many contributions to all of us.

~ Sandy & Bill Anderson

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Please join us for the annual July 4th Bicycle Parade. Decorate your bikes, scooters and wagons in red, white and blue and join us for the parade! We will meet at The Key School parking lot on Carroll Drive at 10:00 am and parade to the beach. We will have refreshments at the beach after the parade.

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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.
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.

Please note there is a change in location for the next couple of HSIA meetings. These meetings will take place on the second level of the Multi-Purpose Building at The Key School, above the room where we normally have our general meetings. Signs and notices will be posted. The affected meetings are:

HSIA Board Meeting - June 29

P&H Meeting - July 11

HSIA Board Meeting - July 27

P&H Meeting - August 8

The July 13 General Meeting is not affected and will remain on the 1st floor of the Multi-Purpose Building.

The September 14 General Meeting will be moved to the Science and Library Center, Rooms 101 and 102, where we normally hold our Board Meetings.

Special thanks to The Key School for hosting all of our HSIA meetings. Thank you for working with us and giving us meeting space.

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COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

The results are finally tabulated. We plan to report the raw numbers first and then analysis and action plans over the next year. Due to the length of the survey, we will not report all numbers at once but in segments. As reported previously, we achieved a 62% return overall and a 64% of all lot owners. Comments and written responses will be posted on the Hillsmere Shores website at www.hillsmreshores.net

Question

- #5: Do you use the community beach? **Yes: 75%**
- #6: Are you a member of the Hillsmere swimming pool? **Yes: 25%**
- #7: Do you use the sand spit? **Yes: 55%**
- #8: Are you a member of HSIA? **Yes: 68%**
- #9: Are you a slip holder in Hillsmere Shores? **Yes: 12%**
- #10: Do you use any of the following Piers and Harbors facilities?
- | | |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| Boat Ramps | 240 said yes (~28%) |
| Canoe Racks | 22 said yes |
| Dingy Racks | 22 said yes |
| Boat Park | 44 said yes |
- #11: Are you on the waiting list for any of the following?
- | | |
|------------|--------------------|
| Boat Slip | 80 said yes |
| Canoe Rack | 12 said yes |
| Dingy Rack | 9 said yes |
| Boat Park | 20 said yes |
- #12: Should HSIA take an active role in welcoming new residents to Hillsmere Shores?
Yes: 68% No: 8% No Opinion: 24%
- #13: Does HSIA provide enough opportunities to meet and mix with other members of the Community?
Yes: 49% No: 22% No Opinion: 29%
- #14: HSIA is a community improvement association – not a homeowners’ association. Would you support changing HSIA to a homeowners association?
Yes: 16% No: 63% No Opinion: 21%
- #15: Should HSIA be more active in setting the direction for the Community?
Yes: 31% No: 38% No Opinion: 31%
- #16: Does HSIA offer enough services: **Yes: 64% No: 10% No Opinion: 25%**
- #17: If you answered “No” on the previous question, what other services would you like to see HSIA provide?
 Results will be posted on website and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.
- #18: For each of the following please rate your ability to contact and get feedback from HSIA:
- | | <u>Very Difficult</u> | <u>Difficult</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>Easy</u> | <u>Very Easy</u> | <u>N/A</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|------------|
| Via Telephone: | 3% | 9% | 25% | 23% | 14% | 25% |
| Via Mail: | 1% | 2% | 20% | 21% | 13% | 43% |
| Via Email: | 2% | 3% | 13% | 19% | 16% | 47% |
| Via Web Site Email: | 2% | 3% | 12% | 15% | 15% | 53% |
- #19: Do you find the HSIA web site satisfactory?
Yes: 51% No: 3% No Opinion: 46%

#20: Please list any suggestions or comments about the HSIA web site:

Results will be posted on the web site and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

#21: Do you read *the Sea Breeze*? **Yes: 98% No: 2%**

#22: For each of the following, please indicate your level of agreement:

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
The <i>Sea Breeze</i> contains useful information?	1%	2%	2%	66%	29%
The length of <i>the Sea Breeze</i> is appropriate?	1%	2%	6%	66%	26%
The President's Message provides useful info.?	3%	4%	11%	58%	25%
A summary of each month's Board decisions included?	1%	1%	9%	52%	37%

#23: What changes and/or additional information would you like to see in *the Sea Breeze*?

Results will be posted on the web site and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

#24: For each of the following, please indicate your level of agreement:

	<u>Strongly Disagree</u>	<u>Disagree</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>	<u>Agree</u>	<u>Strongly Agree</u>
The HSIA Board meets the needs of the community?	2%	10%	30%	54%	4%
The HSIA Board is too intrusive?	5%	37%	42%	13%	3%
HSIA is a good caretaker of Community Assets?	2%	9%	28%	54%	6%
The HSIA Board does not have enough enforcement ability to help the community?	5%	23%	43%	23%	5%
The HSIA Board is responsive to ideas from the Community?	2%	8%	45%	41%	4%

#25: How do you rate the overall performance of the HSIA Board?

Very Poor: 2% Poor: 6% Average: 37% Good: 49% Excellent: 6%

#26: Please list any comments about the performance of the HSIA Board:

Results will be posted on the web site and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

#27: Did you know that you can join HSIA at any time throughout the year?

Yes: 82% No: 18%

#28: If you are not a member of HSIA, why not?

No one asked me to join: **43 responses**

I am not interested in joining: **53 responses**

I am a resident and don't feel I should have to pay to join: **34 responses**

Other, please specify: **137 responses** Results will be posted on the web site and will be summarized in the *Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

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Tips to Rid Your Community of Mosquito Breeding Sites

1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
2. Remove old tires or drill drainage holes in tires used for playground equipment.
3. Store plastic wading pools inside or turn them upside down when not in use.
4. Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.
5. Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
6. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange tarp to drain water.
7. Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
8. Replace water in bird baths at least twice a week.
9. Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used.
10. Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
11. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
12. Fix dripping outside water faucets.
13. Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
14. Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.

Contact the Mosquito Control Section of the Maryland Department of Agriculture nearest you for additional assistance and advice.



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August 5th - Linwood Taylor Band (Blues)

August 12th - The Remnants (gospel)

August 19th - Patrick Alban & Noche Latina (Latin)

August 26th - Unity Reggae Band (Reggae)

September Concerts - 5:30-7:30pm

September 9th - The Reapers (50' & 60's Rock)

September 16th - Doug Segree Band (Rock)

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Ring Joust and Country Faire - A number of Hillsmere residents are members of St. Margaret's Church which is sponsoring a Ring Joust and Country Faire on July 8, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. There will be jousting, local crafters, baked goods, children's activities including horseback riding, moon bounce and more. Please join us. There will be fun for all ages! St. Margaret's Church is located at Pleasant Plains and St. Margaret's Roads, 3/4 mile south of Route 50 (Exit 29). Admission is \$5.00/car or \$2.00/walk-in. For more information, please call 410-974-0200.

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Piers & Harbor Meeting	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21 Summer Begins	22	23 Ice Cream Social	24
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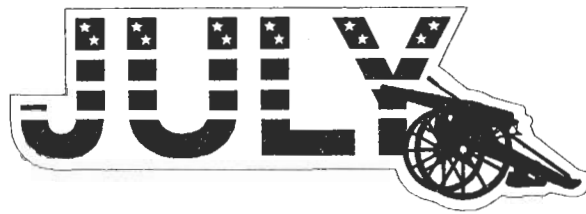
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