

the Sea Breeze

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May Baskets

With the Hillsmere Playgroup and the Garden Club

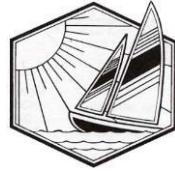


At the end of April, members of the Hillsmere Moms and Dads and Hillsmere Garden Clubs met for the second annual May basket party! With more than twenty people in attendance (both grownup and small!), we enjoyed some beautiful weather and camaraderie with our neighbors. The end result: a bevy of beautiful baskets!

For more information about the Moms and Dads group, please contact Lori Hogbin: lorilei5@gmail.com
For more information about the Garden Club, please contact : Paulette Schwallenberg 410-263-1937.

President's Message

Christian Elkington, President



Beach Renovation

At the May General Meeting the Beach Committee presented two very different options for the renovation of our beach. The first retains the appearance and recreational opportunities of our current beach. The second offers a reduced environmental impact of manmade barriers and a more open view of the South River. Both plans retain all of the recreational features not directly on the shoreline that we currently enjoy – the pathways, pavilions, and play areas. Each alternative has its proponents and detractors. We are making every effort to insure that while the final selection will not please every resident, there is a Community consensus that the plan selected is right for our Community. The crumbling bulkheads on both of our current points must be repaired or removed. If they are not, then weather and waves and not the Community will determine the appearance of our beach.

Engineering evaluations, projected costs and diagrams or renderings of each proposal are contained in this issue of the Sea Breeze and additional information is on our website at www.hillsmereshores.net. I encourage you to review the material, raise questions, offer your informed opinion and participate in the decision that will define our beach for the next 30 years.

Few residents attended the May General Meeting and even fewer attended a second presentation of the renovation alternatives on May 19. It would be unfortunate if the final decision was based on the opinions of the few and not an informed consensus of the Community.

Board Appointment

Pending Board approval, I have asked Noel Gasparin to rejoin the Board to fill the vacancy created by Bill Shuman's resignation. Noel is a former Vice President of HSIA and has worked, both on and off the Board, to create a true community spirit in Hillsmere. Creator of the Community Happy Hours, he will be a welcome addition.

Board Meeting

We unfortunately did not have a quorum at the meeting on May 31st and there are a number of important issues that will not wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting on June 28th. I will be calling for a Special Board Meeting to address these issues. The most important issue is approval of expenditures for new play equipment at the beach.

The Beach Committee has been working over the past two years to improve the facilities with better drainage to reduce standing water, the installation of electricity and water at the large pavilion and to improve the appearance and safety of our play areas. We are now entering the final stages of all of these Community approved projects and if we don't commit to funding the remaining projects before the end of the fiscal year June 30th the projects will be delayed at least another year. Many of these projects have already been delayed too long by permitting problems, safety considerations and the project from purgatory – electricity at the large pavilion - by ever changing requirements to meet the new State and County rules implemented after Hurricane Isabel.

Proposals and Initiatives

I have proposed that the Board revise some of our Community rules to eliminate inconsistencies and to clarify the Community's current policies. Example, for over 30 years we have permitted "amplified" music and public address systems to be used at the Community Pool, but have prohibited them at the Community Beach. I am proposing that we have the same policy for **HSIA sponsored activities** at both facilities.

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Increasingly we have become a “cashless” economy where the majority of purchases are done with a credit or debit card. The technology of credit and debit card processing has changed dramatically over the last few years and can now be accomplished through a wireless connection from a cellular telephone or laptop computer. I have proposed that we examine the feasibility and cost of allowing payments for pool membership, slips and other HSIA activities to be paid by credit or debit card rather than by check or cash.

If you have an opinion on either of these issues email me at president@hillsmer shores.net. While I may not respond to each email, they will be shared with the Board and enlighten any decision that we make.

Community Pool

The pool is now open, the water is comfortably warm and the facilities are much improved thanks to the hard work of both the Pool Committee and the Property Management Committee. Why is the Property Management Committee involved? Last year, all of the property in and around the pool was managed by the Pool Committee. We have now moved responsibility for all maintenance and improvements outside the fenced area to Property Management to allow the Pool Committee to focus their efforts on improving the actual pool facilities inside the fenced area. Cooperation between the two Committees has been excellent and the changes seems to have worked based on the comments that both Committees are receiving. Come join us this summer at the pool and see the changes first hand.

Are You a Lap Swimmer?

The pool now has a dedicated lap lane from 11am to 6pm and two dedicated lap lanes from 6pm to closing daily.

Community Happy Hours

By the time you read this, the first of our Community Happy Hours will already have taken place and will continue, once a month, through October. The socials are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, enjoy the beach and share some good food and conversation. Everyone is always welcome from the youngest to the oldest of our residents and the event is creating a great sense of community among those who attend. If you have not participated, mark your calendar, bring a dish to share and join us on July 13th.

Enjoy your summer.



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HSIA Community News:

- **Hillsmere Shores Community Happy Hours 2012:** The Beach Committee will be sponsoring community Happy Hours each month throughout the summer – June 8, July 13, and August 10, from 5 – 8 pm at our community beach and park. Come join your neighbors and enjoy this beautiful facility! We will supply hot dogs, 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 lawn chairs, and your favorite adult beverage. So put these dates on your calendar and plan to be there. If you would like to help with or plan future community Happy Hours, please contact Noel Gasparin at beach@hillsmereshores.net.
- **Dumpster Days** -Dumpster Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 24th & 25th. More information will be in the July/August issue of the *Sea Breeze*.
- **Once-A-Week trash collection begins June 2012:** Trash, recycling, and yard waste collections will occur on your current recycling day only. This initiative will enable the County to save on what has now become a wasteful collection cost. The savings will be used to reduce the fee County residents pay for trash and recycling-related services.



Here's some tips to minimize your trash during the week:

- ✓ Buy only what you need.
- ✓ Consider donating useable clothing and household items.
- ✓ Compost food scraps and yard waste to decrease trash and produce a valuable soil amendment.
- ✓ Take the 50/50 Challenge at home. Strive to fill more recycling containers than trash cans.



- **Calling All Graduates:** Do you have a graduate you would like to recognize in *the Sea Breeze*? Just email the Editor at seabreeze@hillsmereshores.net or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Give us the name of the graduate, school, degree earned, and date of graduation. We'll be sure to proudly announce your graduate!

- **2012 Beach Reservations:** The 2012 Beach calendar is open for reservations, and filling up fast! To reserve the large beach pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456, ext. 2, or send an email with the date, time, and duration of your event to admin@hillsmereshores.net. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You may reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as 2 hours. This will allow more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator; many dates are already taken, so it may help to have an alternate date when you call.

If you are serving alcohol at your party you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Signed forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

- **2012 Membership and Stickers:** Be sure to get 2012 HSIA stickers for your vehicles if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used by only Hillsmere Shores residents and owners and their guests. Just send in photocopies of your vehicle registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail.

Editor's Note: The Sea Breeze is completed after the HSIA Board Meeting, so that any actions the Board has taken at the meeting can be included in that month's issue. The Board meets on the last Thursday of each month. This month the meeting was on the last day of May, causing the Sea Breeze to be distributed after the beginning of June. Because the next issue is a combined July/August issue, you can expect to receive that issue mid-month as well.



Recreation and Entertainment

It's time for the Ice Cream Social! Join us Saturday, June 16th at 7 p.m. at the Beach. Brusters will be back with 5 delicious flavors this year. The social will run until the Ice Cream is gone. Please bring a topping to share. Hope to see you there.

Also, the next issue of the Sea Breeze will not be out before the 4th of July - so don't forget our annual Bike Parade is on the 4th. The parade starts at 10 a.m. at the Key School parking lot on the corner of Hillsmere and Carroll Drives. Refreshments will be served at the beach! Let's see some red, white and blue bikes, scooters, and boards!





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The logo for Annapolis Painting Services. It features a dark gray silhouette of a house's gabled roof. Superimposed on the roof is the company name "ANNAPOULIS PAINTING SERVICES". The word "ANNAPOULIS" is in large, bold, serif capital letters, with a horizontal line running across the top of the letters. Below it, "PAINTING" is in a slightly smaller, bold, sans-serif font, and "SERVICES" is in a smaller, regular, sans-serif font. The entire logo is set against a white background.

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CONGRATULATIONS to our HILLSMERE GRADUATES!



- ❖ Anina Joy Mayhew graduated from Annapolis Senior High School on June 7, 2012.
 - ❖ Dafna Beverly Babchuk, graduated on May 22, 2012 with degrees in Fashion Merchandising Management and Bachelor of Science, from Fashion Institute of Technology, FIT, in New York City.

Do you have a graduation, milestone anniversary, or other accomplishment you would like to announce? Send your information to seabreeze@hillsmereshores.net, or leave a message on the HSIA voice mail, 410-263-4456.

The logo for La Rosa Construction Co. features a detailed black and white illustration of a rose on the left. To the right of the rose, the word "La Rosa" is written in a large, flowing, cursive script font. Below "La Rosa", the words "CONSTRUCTION CO." are printed in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font.

Community Pool Report

Mike Drucis and Perry Geib, Co-Chairs



Join the Fun!

You can still join the Pool. The HSIA website has all of the information and forms you need to get your membership now! Go to: hillsmereshores.net/Pool/pool.html.

Pool Opening and Our First Party

On May the 26th, after a whirlwind of activity, the pool opened with a large and appreciative crowd. The opening was closely followed by the traditional **Memorial Day Party**. Opening and closing with a tribute to our nations veterans, the Memorial Day Party was a “big splash”, with a festive

community atmosphere, games, dances, and a diving competition that created its own “big splash” as the cannonball and belly flop were among the contestants favorite dives.

4th of July Party

Our next party, open only to members, will be on the 4th of July and promises to be bigger and better than those that have gone before. Break out your flag, fife and drum and join the fun!

Renovations, Improvements and More to Come

- Expanded seating area
- New umbrellas and refurbished tables, chairs and lounges
- Tiki umbrellas provide a fresh look, reminiscent of a Caribbean beach
- New plantings and removal of some of the old plants and overgrowth
- More shade for the baby pool
- A resurfaced parking lot
- Repairs, painting and replacement of time-worn signs and bulletin boards
- And a Whole Lot More to Come later on this Summer and Fall

Thank You Volunteers

The successful opening would not have been possible had it not been for the great volunteers who joined the Co-Chairs to help clean, paint, and repair the pool, furniture, the pool building and landscaping. A special thanks to Bob Pierno, Helene Raven, and especially Jean Somers, who contributed hundreds of hours to getting the pool ready for summer. While their efforts are deeply appreciated, we cannot depend on their volunteer effort alone. Remember, the pool is self-supporting and must meet all of its expenses with the income from membership fees. Our goal is to keep the cost our membership as low as possible. To do that we need volunteers to accomplish the many tasks required to maintain and run the pool. The alternative is that we have these tasks performed by contractors.

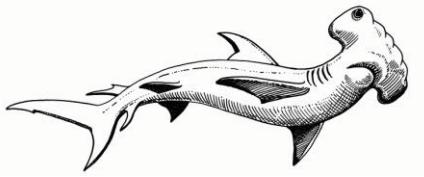
More Volunteers Needed

We are looking for members to step forward and join the Pool Committee to help out with entertainment, maintenance, landscaping and gardening, membership recruitment/liaison, rules, communications, long term planning and other issues as they arise. If you care about the future of the pool and have a few hours to meet our volunteer needs please join us.

(Pool Committee report continued on the bottom of page 8)

Hillsmere Hammerheads

Team Meeting June 10th: There will be a Parent and Team Meeting at 6 pm at the pool. **Please** make sure at least one parent for each family is represented at this meeting.



Practice Schedule Change: There will be NO evening practice this year due to the coaches' schedule. June 11th: morning practice begins for everyone, including 6 and unders.

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Life Guards

We encourage you to get to know the lifeguards. They are there to serve you and to keep you and your family safe. We will be posting pictures and the names of all our lifeguards at the pool.

Comments, Ideas and Yes, even Complaints

If you have ideas, comments, compliments, questions or concerns, please email us or call the HSIA answering machine and leave a message. If you see something that needs attention, please say something and if possible we will get it fixed, improved, or change things to better meet our members' needs.

We look forward to meeting you at the pool, as together we build a strong and vibrant pool community!

Not sure if you want to join the pool? Try it out!
Buy a book of ten coupons for \$100. If you like the pool, trade the coupons in and have the \$100 credited toward a membership.
Email pool@hillsmereshores.net with questions.

From The Beach

Kate Penn, Beach Chair



As the summer gets underway, the beach will have many more visitors. Security is checking to ensure the beach is used by residents, property owners, and their guests only. To avoid problems, please get a Hillsmere sticker for your car by contacting 410-263-4456, or go to the community website: www.hillsmereshores.net.

If you like the way the beach looks, remember that many volunteer hours go into keeping it looking nice, and we always need more help. If you want to pitch in, please contact beach@hillsmereshores.net. There is always something to be done, be it a one-time job or an ongoing maintenance task.

- Shoreline Remediation:

The bulkheads and concrete sea wall are severely deteriorated and it is time for the community to make a decision on how to proceed. The Beach Committee has spent countless hours working with consultants, gathering information, and speaking with residents in order to provide the most suitable designs for our beach.

Two very different concept plans were presented at the May General Meeting and again on May 19th. The drawings and a summary of the presentation are included in this Sea Breeze, along with a selection of the Questions & Answers raised during the presentations. The complete Q&A is on the website.

- New Swing Set and Play Equipment:

We now have a building permit to replace the large swing set and adjacent climber with similar structures. In early June the board will select a contractor to complete the work. The equipment will take approximately 4 weeks for delivery, and the installation will begin in mid- to late July. In addition to replacing the swing set and climber, we plan to replace the broken play equipment in the tot play area, including the alligator, rocking horse, teeter-totter, and excavator. Some items may be different from what is there now, as we select toys that will hold up to the long-term wear and tear of use and weather.

- New Well Water and Electricity:

The status of electricity and the new well water at the large pavilion is still pending, but close to completion. The work is just waiting on BG&E to complete their portion of the connection so we can be operational. Please continue to be patient, and these much awaited utilities will soon be available.

- Operation Clean Water returns for Summer 2012:

The South River Federation (SRF) provides weekly testing of the microbial water quality for communities on the South River. The water sampling counts the levels of fecal contamination in the water, and helps us gauge how safe the water is for swimming. Every week we receive a report from SRF on the level of enterococci bacteria in the water at the beach. If the levels exceed 104cfu/100 ml, the water is unsafe for swimming. Weekly water quality reports will be posted on the HSIA Website: www.hillsmereshores.net, and are also on the SRF website, at <http://www.southriverfederation.net>.

2012 South River Federation Bacteria Test Results (Enterococci)

Hillsmere Shores			Recommended limit for safe swimming is 104 cfu/100ml
Sample date	5/23/12	5/30/12	
cfu/100ml	1 cfu	14 cfu	

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.

SHORELINE REMEDIATION

STUDY RESULTS AND DESIGN OPTIONS

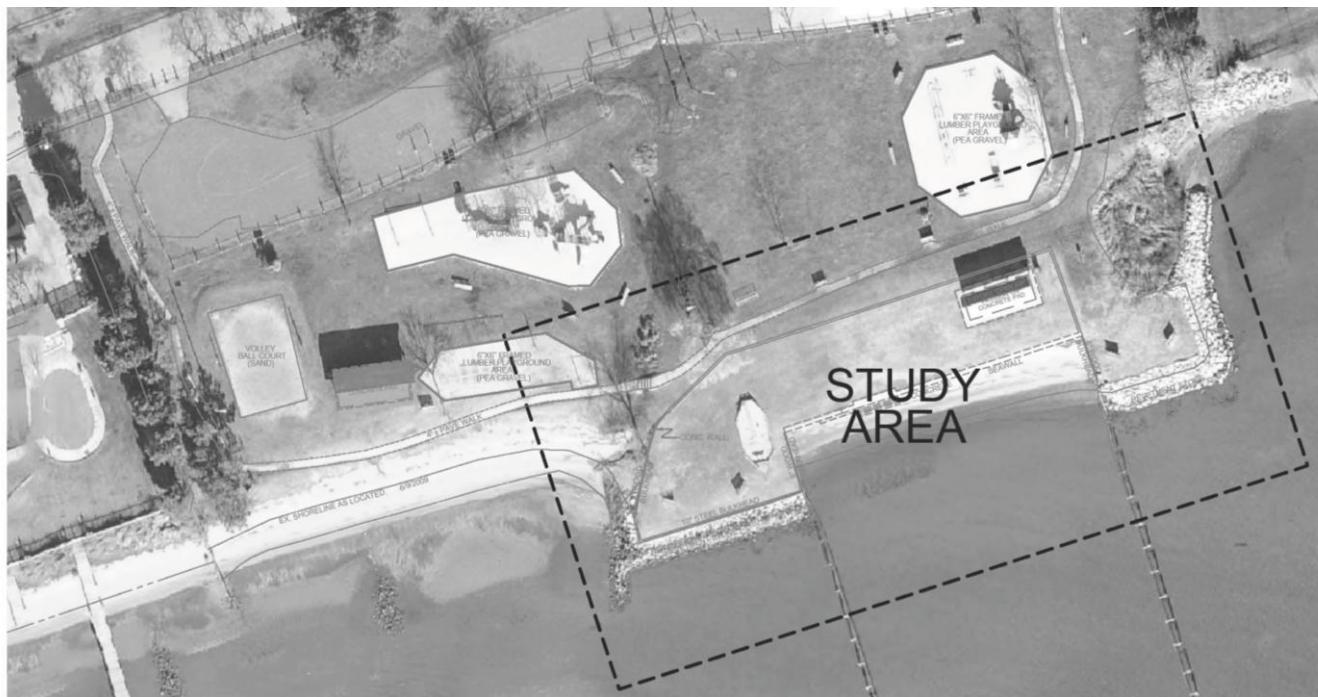
Kate Penn, Beach Committee Chair

Approximately 5 years ago, we started to discuss how to restore the bulkheads and seawalls, which showed signs of deterioration. It was soon clear that members of the community were divided over two different preferences: structural versus non-structural shoreline. The Beach Committee, a group of 12 volunteers with a wide range of views and opinions, took up the task of researching design options suitable for the particular conditions of our beach.

The first step in this process was to collect data that would help us evaluate the best systems for protecting our shoreline for the next 30-50 years. HSIA hired Environmental Systems Analysis (ESA) to study the factors for erosion (loss of sand) and accretion (build-up of sand), including littoral drift, fetch, bathymetry, shoaling and storm activities. The conclusion ESA made from their study is that our shoreline is accreting sand, and no particular action is necessary. Any changes we make to our shoreline would be for aesthetic and recreational purposes. The ESA study was presented at a General Meeting last year, and is posted on the community website.

The second step in this process was to evaluate the feasibility of our design options to help the community make a choice. We hired Near Shore Engineering (NSE) to develop and evaluate different plans, including the cost and permitting concerns. One option was to be similar to the existing structural systems, while the other would provide less structure and more sandy beach. In both cases the East grassy point was to be kept to provide a sitting area for enjoying the view. The results of that study and the two Concept Plans were presented to the community at the May General Meeting and at a second meeting on May 19th. Some of the Questions and Answers raised during those presentations are included at the end of the NSE report.

- These plans are conceptual only. They do not provide specific details, and the final engineered plan may vary slightly from what you see here.
- These plans address only the shoreline, and not upland features; the park itself will not be changed by either design.



COMMUNITY BEACH IMPROVEMENT CONCEPTS EVALUATION SUMMARY

By: Carl R. Corse, P.E., Near Shore Engineering LLC

On March 5, 2012, Near Shore Engineering completed an evaluation report of two (2) Beach Improvement Concepts that were previously detailed in drawings prepared by Near Shore dated September 27, 2011. A summary of these concepts are included in the following:

Concept #1 – Repair and Replace

This Beach Improvement Strategy would aim to repair and replace elements of the existing beach with similar materials and in similar locations, maintaining the shape and character of the existing property. The elements would include:

- Replacement of weathered timber bulkheads;
- Improving drainage behind and through the existing seawall;
- Aesthetic restoration of the existing seawall through facial redressing;
- Removal or reduction of the existing Central Point steel/aluminum bulkhead;
- Improvement of the Central Point revetment including larger stone placed with appropriate slope and top width, and removal of existing concrete rubble and debris;
- Removal of the existing pedestrian path culverts and replacement with a timber pedestrian bridge to allow for unrestricted runoff flowing through the central portion of the property;
- Grading and re-vegetation of the riparian buffer at the outfall of the central runoff swale system.

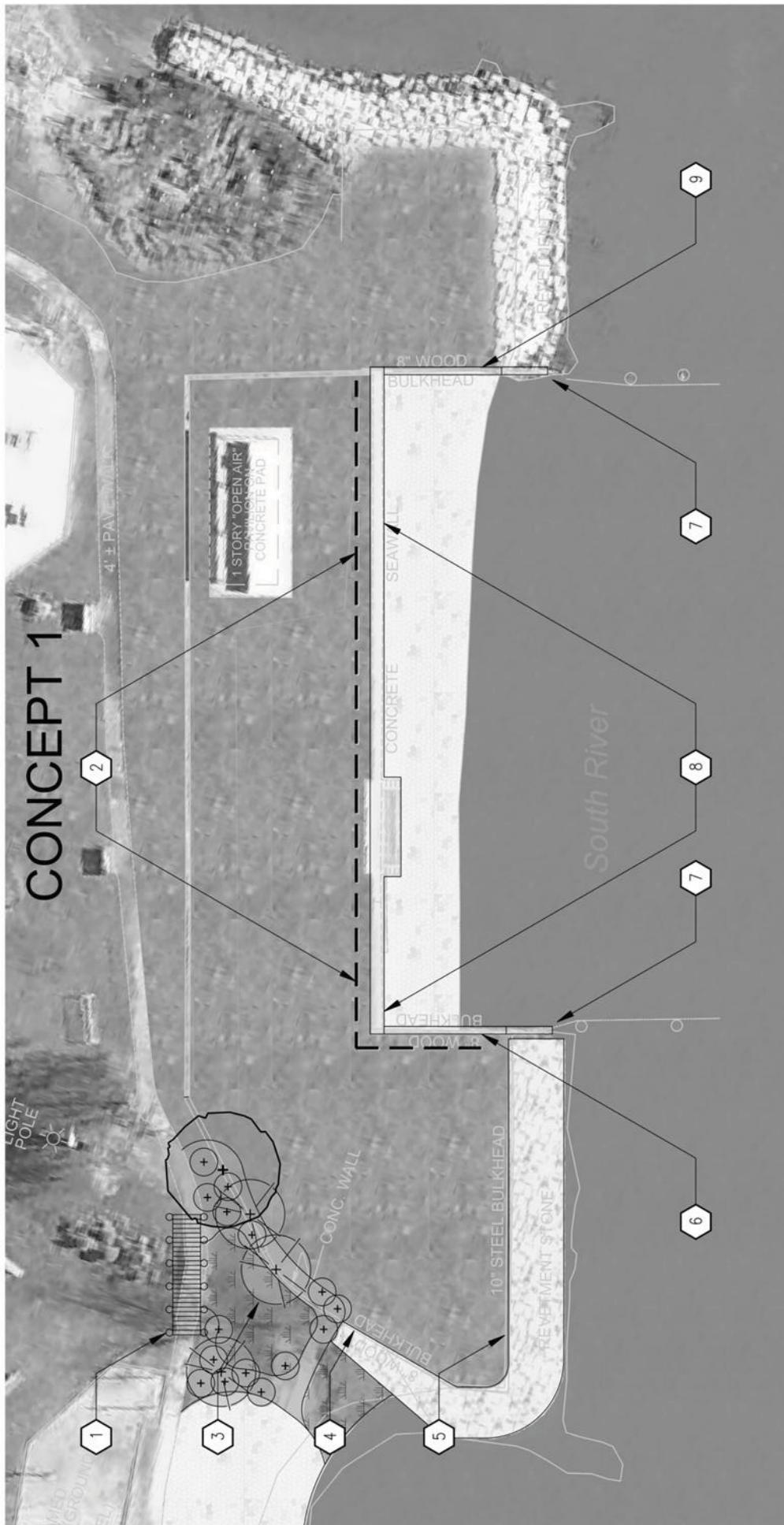
Concept #2 – Natural Beach Creation and Aesthetic Restoration

This Beach Improvement Strategy would aim to change the shape and the character of the Community Beach to create a more natural sand shoreline, reducing the number of hard structural elements. This strategy would include:

- Removal of the Central Point and associated revetment and steel/aluminum bulkhead;
- Removal of the existing concrete seawall;
- Creation of a natural sand shoreline in the areas of the central point and eastern seawall that mimics the sand shoreline along the western portion of the beach;
- Extension and creation of a revetment at the east end of the proposed beach to protect the existing small pavilion;
- Relocation of swim area piles;
- Removal of the existing pedestrian path culverts and replacement with a timber pedestrian bridge to allow for unrestricted runoff flowing through the central portion of the property;
- Grading and re-vegetation of the riparian buffer at the outfall of the central runoff swale system.

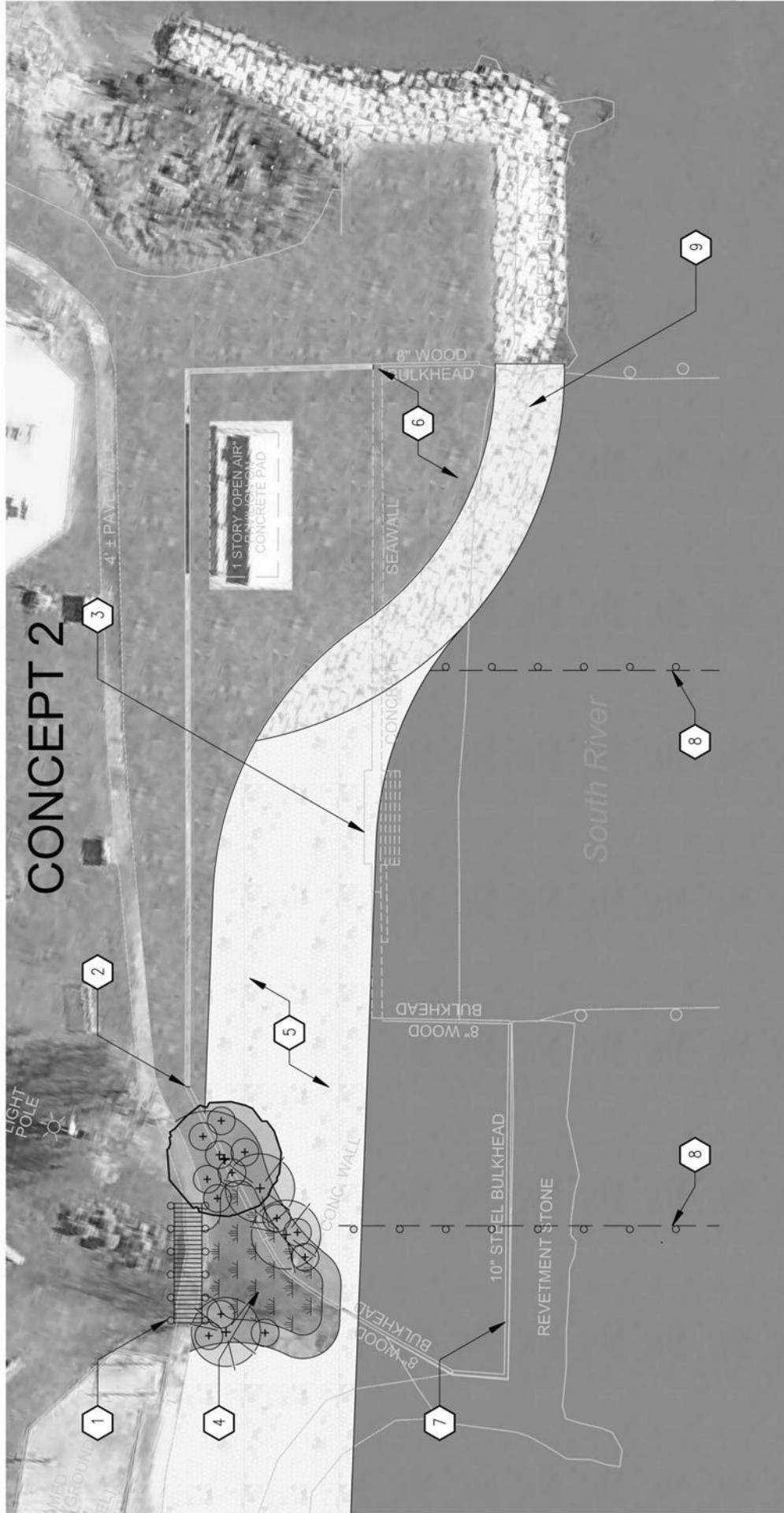
The scope of the evaluation report included (1) obtaining budget values for the construction of each concept alternative, and (2) the presentation of the two concepts before the Joint Evaluation monthly meeting that included members of nearly all of the environmental and regulatory agencies that would be involved in a project of this kind.

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- 1 REMOVE EXISTING CULVERT PIPES AND ASPHALT WALKWAY AND REPLACE WITH 6 FOOT WIDE TIMBER BOARDWALK
- 2 EXCAVATE BEHIND WALL IN SELECT AREAS FOR GRAVEL BACKFILL TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE
- 3 EXCAVATE AREA DOWNSTREAM OF PROP TIMBER BOARDWALK TO CREATE A RAINGARDEN AREA AND STABLE INTERFACE FOR RUNOFF ENTERING TIDAL WATERS. PLANT ADDITIONAL TREES AND SHRUBS TO CREATE A DENSE BUFFER ZONE
- 4 REMOVE EXISTING CONCRETE RUBBLE AND EXISTING TIMBER BULKHEAD (2 FT) AND REPLACE WITH STONE REVETMENT AND SEAWARD GRASSES.
- 5 REMOVE CAP OF EXISTING STEEL BULKHEAD AND IMPROVE EXISTING STONE REVETMENT TO MATCH EAST STONE REVETMENT
- 6 REPLACE EXISTING TIMBER BULKHEAD IN-KIND (27 FEET) OR WITH 10 INCH STEEL BULKHEAD, EXTEND EXISTING STONE REVETMENT TO WRAP AROUND END OF BULKHEAD
- 7 IMPROVE INTERFACE BETWEEN STONE REVETMENTS AND SWIM BULKHEADS EITHER BY WRAPPING STONE INWARD OR EXTENDING BULKHEADS TO REVETMENT
- 8 REFORM CONCRETE FOOTING AND ADD DRAIN PIPES, REFACE EXISTING CONCRETE WALL AND PROVIDE DRAINAGE ALONG CRACKED AREAS
- 9 REPLACE EXISTING TIMBER BULKHEAD IN-KIND (26 FEET) OR WITH 10 INCH STEEL BULKHEAD, EXTEND EXISTING STONE REVETMENT TO WRAP AROUND END OF BULKHEAD

Concept 1: Plan	
Project Owner	HSIA Community Beach Shoreline Improvements
Hillsmere Shores Community Association	
Bay View Drive	
Tax Map 56 Grid 24 Parcel 241 Anne Arundel County, MD	
Description	
Concept Plans Alternates	05.10.12
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SCOPE TASK 1 – CONSTRUCTION COST BUDGETS

A summary of the design, permitting, and construction cost of each alternative is listed below. Detailed spreadsheets of each material and task item are available upon request:

Item No.	Description	Subtotal	Total
Concept #1 – Repair and Replace			
NS	Engineering and Permitting	\$9,000.00	
1.00	Mobilization	\$6,500.00	
2.00	Erosion and Sediment Control	\$4,180.00	
3.00	Removal and Disposal	\$25,325.00	
4.00	Installation	\$100,650.00	
5.00	Planting / Stabilization	\$6,265.00	
			\$151,920.00
Item No.	Description	Subtotal	Total
Concept #2 – Creation and Restoration			
NS	Engineering and Permitting	\$28,000.00	
1.00	Mobilization	\$6,500.00	
2.00	Erosion and Sediment Control	\$4,180.00	
3.00	Removal and Disposal	\$55,575.00	
4.00	Installation	\$91,450.00	
5.00	Planting / Stabilization	\$6,140.00	
			\$191,845.00

SCOPE TASK 2 – PRESENTATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCIES

Near Shore coordinated the inclusion of the Hillsmere Concepts on to the agenda of the February JE Meeting. On February 29, 2012, Near Shore presented the two concepts to the JE participants and noted their comments. Detailed Minutes are available upon request.

Key Participants:

Robert (Bob) Tabisz (MDE)	Doldon Moore (Board of Public Works)
Judy Broersma (MDE)	William Seiger (MDE)
Dixie Henry (MD Historic Trust)	Rich Kibby (Army Corps of Engineers)
Roland Limpert (Dept. Natural Resources)	Kate Charbonneau (Critical Areas Commission)
Bob Zupp (US Fish & Wildlife Service)	Amanda Sigillito (MDE)

JE Meeting Conclusions

In Near Shore's opinion, the general tenor and attitudes of the Joint Evaluation participants suggested that the agencies considered Concept #1 to be a standard process that presented no concerns from a permitting perspective. Also in Near Shore's opinion, the general tenor and attitudes of the Joint Evaluation participants suggested that the agencies considered Concept #2 to also not present any particular concerns from a permitting perspective.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

On May 10, 2012 and May 19, 2012, Near Shore presented the findings of the Evaluation Report in a public forum and answered questions from Community Participants on the merits of each Beach Improvement Concept. A summary of those questions and responses is available upon request.

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Select Q&A from the Shoreline Presentations:

(A full list of Q&A is available on the website, www.hillsmereshores.net, or by request)

Q: Where will HSIA get the funds to complete the project?

A: Funds for the maintenance of the beach and other community land is raised through the Special Tax. Hillsmere Shores is a Special Tax District, which means that Anne Arundel County collects an additional fee with each lot's property tax within our community. This amount changes each year, based on a community-approved annual budget that is presented at the November General Meeting and published in the *Sea Breeze*. We have already designated \$60,000 for the shoreline remediation. Those funds were collected in this year's property tax, and are to be spent during the fiscal year 2013, which starts July 1, 2012. The balance would be collected in next year's tax.

Q: How long would each design take to complete and would the beach be closed during that time?

A: The design and permitting process takes approximately one year. Once permits are issued by state, feds and county we could start work. With either design, the use of beach area would be lost for approximately 2 months; the preferred time of construction is in the winter months. Concept 1 could be completed section by section, with each individual area closed during construction, while Concept 2 would encompass a larger area at one time. The Western part of the beach (in front of the large pavilion) would remain open during the whole process. Because we are working in the critical area, construction must minimize disturbance.

Q: Does either plan affect the walkway along the west beach.

A: Neither plan directly affects the walkway. However we are planning to restore the walkway where it was damaged to provide a continuous path along the water.

Q: If the seawall is removed will we be able to replace it?

A: No. If we remove either the sea wall or the central point we would not be able to put it back. Current building regulations restrict new bulkheads and sea walls in most situations.

Q: Is storm water runoff being considered?

A: The swale that currently runs through center of the park has been vegetated to improve water quality as storm water runs into the tidal area. Both plans create a vegetated, more retentive area at the outfall to improve non-tidal water quality. This area is currently planted with grasses, but the plans improve its effectiveness and appearance.

PERSONAL ADS

Recently retired and moved to Hillsmere Shores. Looking for a boating, fishing/crabbing partner. I will buy a boat by end June and will have a slip at the marina. I am a beginner at boating and could use a partner who has experience with boats.

Please call Royce at 410-268-0795

Hillsmere Garden Club:



The Hillsmere Garden Club had its final meeting for the year at the Hillsmere Beach, with a luncheon and installation of new officers. The new officers for 2012-2013 are: Paulette Schwallenberg- President, Katie Berry- Vice President, Jean Koehler-Recording Sec., Claire Davison-Corresponding Sec., Barbara Brady-Treasurer and Sam Hewett- Refreshment Coordinator. After the installation of officers the club was entertained by a professional Hula Dance Group.

The Garden Club will resume their scheduled meetings at the Library on September 19, 2012 at 12:30 pm. Men and women are welcome to join the Garden Club. Dues are \$15.00 per year. For questions, call: Paulette Schwallenberg 410-263-1937.

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Security Report

Matt Franz, Security Chair



Now that summer is in full swing, we have Blueguard doing a foot patrol at the beach on weekends for our safety and to maintain that residents and guests are the only people using the facility. **Please make sure to get your Hillsmere community sticker ASAP.**

The number of thefts has seemed to slow down, but it is still very important that we all do our part. Lock - Lock - Lock all cars, homes, sheds, garages and whatever else is valuable. We now seem to have a large number of door to door sales people in the neighborhood. We had a group towards the end of May that was very pushy. Blueguard and the police were called and it resulted in a couple of arrests. Call **911** if any door to door salespeople seem aggressive or too inquisitive. Also call police on all suspicious persons and all incidents - no matter the size.

We've received numerous complaints from residents regarding the use of unlicensed motor transportation (scooters, four wheelers, golf carts, etc.) on county roads. For further information about approved vehicles on MD roads, see the MVA website.

Important contacts to have:

1. AACO police emergency **911**
2. AACO police non emergency **410-222-8610**
3. AACO Police online at <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/Forms.cfm>
4. Email Hillsmere Security at security@hillsmere.net
5. Call and leave Hillsmere Security a message at **410-263-4456 X6**
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Property Management Report

Christian Elkington, Property Management Chair



Flowers on the Median

The Property Management and Beautification Committees are considering the installation of flower gardens in the median on Hillsmere Drive. This will create a burst of color in the spring and all summer long as you enter our Community. If you would like to help with this project please email property@hillsmereshores.net or call 410 263-4456 and leave a voicemail message.

Spring Tree Sale

We have had another successful sale of native trees this spring. We had 12 residents order a total of 52 trees. Special thanks go to Chris Moore for providing the list and Phyllis Saroff for taking the orders. We plan to do it again this fall.

Planting trees is of the best things we can do for our environment. They provide long term benefits in absorbing rain water, providing shade and cleaning the air. A small step each of us can take to help with stormwater runoff, climate change and air pollution.



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Save Your Annapolis Neck

Ray Sullivan, ANPF Representative

Save Your Annapolis Neck is a joint committee of the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation (ANPF) and the South River Federation.

May was a busy month.

May 1: The Anne Arundel County Board of Education voted unanimously against having the County School property on Compromise Street from being used for a parking garage. The effect of this decision was to put an end to this proposal. Congratulations to the parents and children who stood up to **save the playground**. They have shown that you can fight city hall and win.

May 7: **GIANT gas station court case** was heard by Judge Silkworth. Fairwinds represented by Attorney Thomas Deming vs. Stop & Shop (GIANT) and the City of Annapolis Board of Appeals represented by Alan Hyatt and city Attorney Gary M. Elson. The case was whether the city followed the Comprehensive Plan and did a proper traffic study. The judge took it under advisement and a decision is expected soon.

May 7: **SAVE OPEN SPACE:** Unfortunately the County Council voted to approve this bill with our Councilman Chris Trumbauer and Dick Grasso dissenting. This vote was done against the wishes of the vast majority of the citizens and communities. However this bill does not go into effect until September 1. By that time another bill will be submitted that will correct the shortcomings of the current bill and protect open space.

Hayes Annexation: The City of Annapolis voted in April to annex this 7 1/2 acre parcel in Parole and is proposing a 135 unit development. The adjacent community of **Dorsey Heights** with the help of SYAN will be monitoring development to assure that the city follows all laws, codes, traffic studies and the Comprehensive Plan when and if this property is developed. This historic black community is determined to defend their neighborhood. They will need support from the other communities on the Annapolis Neck.

Reserve at Quiet Waters

The Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for June 5. This project proposes 150+ units next to Quiet Waters Park. The issues include traffic, egress, adequate play areas, forest conservation and wildlife habitat. However the board of Appeals does not deal with the Forest Conservation Act. As a result the a group of residents from Beechwood Hill and Hunt Meadows and the Hunt Meadows Homeowners Association have filed an appeal with the city's Building Board of Appeals. This hearing is waiting to be scheduled.

Written testimony should be addressed to: boards@annapolis.gov

Contact Mayor Josh Cohen at 410-263-7997 or mayor@annapolis.gov and let him know how you feel about these issues.

Or write the City Council at boards@annapolis.gov

Contact SYAN at saveyourannapolisneck@gmail.com

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**Save Your Annapolis Neck
Defending Our Communities Together**



Hillsmere's Helping Hands

Tracy Stanley, Volunteer Coordinator

***Concerned citizens
helping out their friends and neighbors in need.***

Your contribution can be as big or as small as you have the time and resources for. You can contribute anything from snow shoveling, dog walking, shopping, home repairs, mail collection etc. Please call 410-263-4456 and leave a message for Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Stanley if you would like to volunteer or if you or someone you know is in need of a "Helping Hand".

Are you injured, pregnant or is your back not quite what it used to be? Our first official *Helping Hand* neighbor Anthony Lopes wondered what folks who can't lift those 40lb bags of salt are doing to keep their water softeners filled properly and wants to volunteer to lift and empty those bags for you. He is willing to be contacted directly to schedule a one-time service until your cast comes off or perhaps you are someone who needs more regular assistance. Please call Anthony at 443-995-6943 if you need help unloading your salt.



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1. Name, address, and signature of person giving the proxy.
2. Name of person who will cast the vote.
3. The date of a single meeting for which it is valid.
4. The particular subject or subjects for which it is valid.

Proxies that do not have all of these items will not be accepted. **Proxies must be in writing and delivered to the HSIA Secretary or his or her designate at the General Meeting.** Faxed or scanned copies will be accepted. You may use the following format (it is also available for download on the HSIA web site):

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Jan 12	May 10	Sep 13
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July 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Independence Day Bicycle Parade	5	6	7
8	9	10 P&H Meeting	11	12 General Meeting	13 Happy Hour	14 Hammerheads home meet
15	16	17	18 Hammerheads home meet	19	20 Ramadan	21
22	23	24	25	26 Board Meeting	27	28
29 Tisha B'av	30	31				

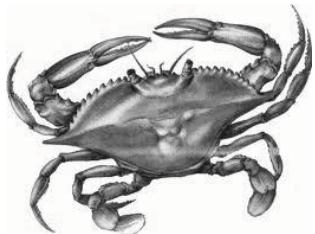
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The following items are needed to obtain an HSIA Building Permit:

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. If a Certified Letter is required, 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 410-263-4456.



June 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8 Beach Happy Hour	9
10	11	12 P&H meeting	13	14 Flag Day	15	16 Hammerheads home meet
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