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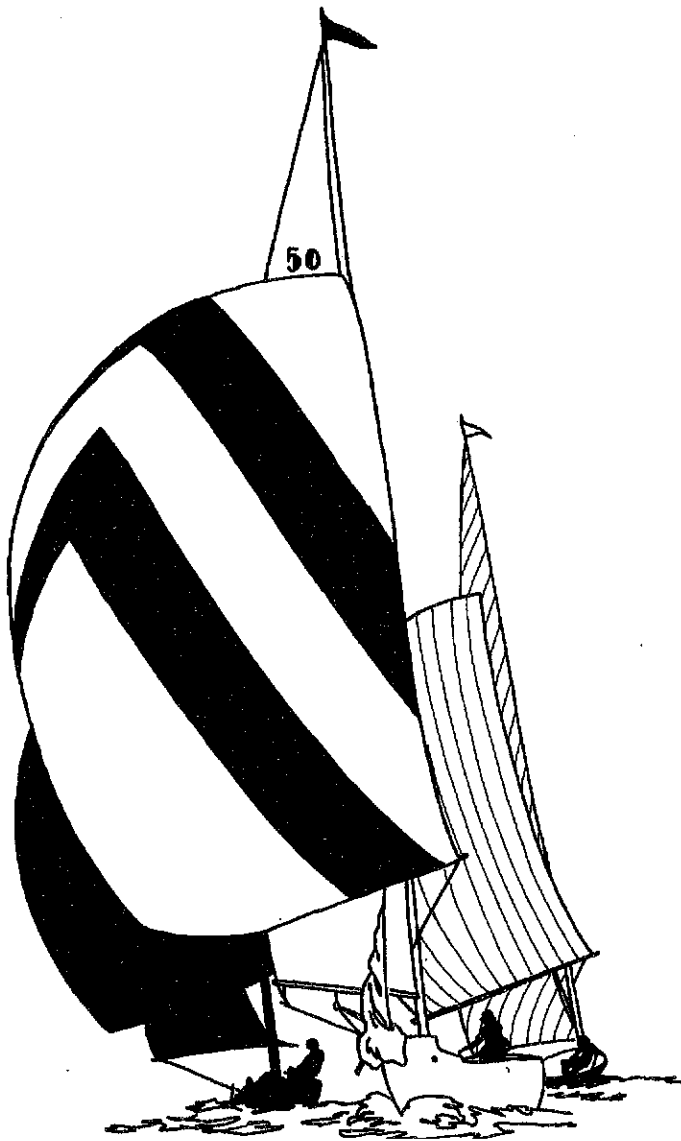
PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Spring is in the air! I'm writing this the day before Come And Get It Day. Yesterday it was 70 degrees and beautiful outside. I must admit, I was hoping for one good snow storm this winter. It looks like I will probably be disappointed. On beautiful days like yesterday I look at my boat torn apart for major projects and wonder if I'll ever get it ready for the sailing season. I'm confident it will be ready. I'm motivated by all the wonderful places I hope to sail to this year.

Since we are talking about boats, I'll start with an update on marina related projects. First, the dredging is completed. The project was done very professionally. There were very few complaints related to the trucks and they were addressed immediately. I am not aware of any damages to our roads. There was significant damage to our boat ramps. This was mostly expected and will be repaired as soon as the weather gets warm enough for paving. I say "mostly" because we thought that the trucks would only use the Sunset Drive ramp. The trucks severely damaged the asphalt there. Just take a look and you'll see how torn up it is. As it turned out, the dredging company decided to pull one of their pieces of equipment out using the Beach Drive ramp. The truck apparently had some problems and the asphalt was damaged there as well. They have agreed to repave both ramps. There is still some equipment to remove and some clean-up and repairs to do. We are withholding about \$38,000 of the payment for the marina dredging until the repairs and repaving are completed.

The project to replace the old section of pier and part of the bulkhead at the end of the sand spit is also progressing. We solicited bids from engineering companies to do the design and prepare bid specifications

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(President's Comments, continued)

for sending to marine construction companies, manage the bidding process, and manage the actual construction. We awarded the contract to Bayland. They had already done the permitting and their bid on the above work was, by far, the lowest cost. The county permit should be in hand by the time you read this. We intend to do some finger pier and piling work right away but the major pier replacement won't be done until next fall. Of course, all of these costs are paid by marina funds; no Special Tax money is used.

During the dredging we allowed people to move their boats wherever they could find a spot to clear the slips that were being dredged. We also allowed people who didn't normally have a slip, but needed to move their boats because of the dredging, to use our marina. Now we have a big mess with many boats in the wrong slip. It will take a little effort but we should have it all cleared up in the next month. If your boat is in a slip that you weren't assigned, please move it back to your normal slip as soon as you can. Once the weather gets a little warmer we will start contacting people to facilitate the unscrambling of the marina.

If you are a slip holder, please make sure you pay your slip fees, or make other arrangement with Piers & Harbors, no later than April 1st. If you miss that date then you will most likely lose your slip. We are being very strict about slip fees being paid on time this year. We would hate to see someone lose their slip but it's not fair to the many people on the waiting list.

Let's talk about the pool. We have signed a new contract with Anchor Aquatics to manage the pool again this year. They do a very good job for us as they have been doing for quite a few years. We were a bit surprised when, after the season was done, several people had complaints about the lifeguards. Anchor Aquatics works hard to provide a great experience for the pool members. If you have any concerns or are ever treated in a way you are unhappy about, please let us know right away. The problem will be addressed and everyone will have a better summer at the pool. You can email pool@hillsmereshores.net or just give us a call.

At its February meeting, the HSIA Board of Directors voted to require anyone joining the pool to have at least one member of the household be a member of HSIA. This won't affect most pool members because they already join HSIA to support their community and get stickers for their cars. We were planning on implementing this change for the 2013 season but decided to move it up because of some changes in the law. The ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) has been changed to apply to swimming pools starting this year. Hillsmere is not required to comply because we are designated as a private swim club. The costs to comply can be very significant. Since HSIA owns the pool and to remove any doubt that we are a private swim club, we decided to require the HSIA membership this year. Even though we are not required to comply, we may voluntarily make some improvements to give handicapped residents better access to the pool. We would like feedback from any residents who would like to see easier access.

Another change we discussed was allowing adult children and grandchildren of residents, who don't live in Hillsmere, to join the pool through the parent's or grandparent's membership. I know of several families where the children have grown up in Hillsmere and now live nearby but can't use the pool unless the parents, who might be getting up in years, are with them. The board is still exploring how we could implement this kind of policy. I think there are a lot of families that would welcome such a change. Please let us know if you would like (or not like) to see this implemented.

The Pool Committee is looking for more volunteers to help get the pool ready for this season. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to support the pool community, please let us know.

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Last month I reported on a proposed agreement with the Hillsmere Hammerheads Swim Team. The agreement has been finalized and the team is all set for this season. There originally was a lot of misunderstanding about what HSIA was proposing. The agreement does not charge the swim team anything to use the pool. It only imposes a fee for swim team members who are not members of the pool and are therefore not supporting the pool through membership fees. In addition, we do not assess a fee for children who have a grandparent who has a Family membership, even though the grandchild might live outside of Hillsmere. Non Hillsmere residents are still welcome to join the team. They just have to contribute their fair share. We modified the original agreement, at the request of the swim team, to reduce the fee assessed when there were more than two children from one family on the team. If you are interested in more information about the team visit our web site or email swimteam@hillsmershores.net.

Security has been doing a great job over the winter. Mac, our Blueguard officer, has been keeping a close eye on our community. One thing that came to light recently was possible drug use at the beach. Mac found some drug paraphernalia at the large pavilion. It was a spoon used for heating drugs and a plastic envelope. If you see any suspicious activity at the beach (or anywhere else), please call 911 and report it. After you call the police, please let us know what you saw by calling the 24 hour voice mail at 410-263-4456 or email security@hillsmershores.net. If you find any suspicious items at the beach please let us know as well. We don't think it's a serious problem but we are keeping a close eye on the beach to make sure.

Well, that's enough for this month. Now that the weather is getting warmer, get out and enjoy our beautiful neighborhood. There will be community events at the beach and marina over the next few months. Stop by and say hello to your friends and neighbors. If you have new neighbors, invite them to come along.

-Bill Shuman

President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association



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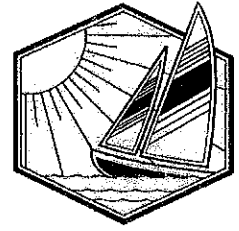


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HSIA Community News:



“Burning of the Socks”: Mother Nature has looked kindly on us this past winter and whilst the snow and cold barely made an appearance, short days and darkness have - but never fear - Burning of the Socks is near! This year our Hillsmere tradition coincides with St. Patrick’s Day! So, put on your green, bring your old socks and let’s meet at the marina on Saturday, March 17, from 2pm to 6pm, to celebrate the start of Spring, sunny days and warmer weather. As usual, we’ll supply the main course, coolers of sodas and water, plates, and utensils. You bring a side dish to share, your favorite beverage, chairs to sit in and a warm sunny attitude! We’ll rely on Mother Nature to supply the good weather. Hope to see you there!

2012 Beach Reservations: The 2012 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large beach pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456, ext. 2, or send an email with the date & time requested to admin@hillsmershores.net. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. 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.

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 only by Hillsmere Shores residents and owners and their guests. If you didn’t make it to Come And Get It Day in February, its not too late to get your stickers. 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.



Boat Ramp Keys - Did you get your 2012 boat ramp key yet? Couldn’t make it to Come And Get It Day? No problem. Just tear the membership form out in this issue and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to include photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. All Piers & Harbors locks will change on April 1, 2012. If you haven’t gotten your 2012 boat ramp key, now is the time to think about it. Don’t wait until a beautiful, sunny day to get your key. **KEYS ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE!!** Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!



Spring Yard Sale - Mark your calendars for our Spring yard sale at the beach, scheduled for Saturday, April 28; the rain date is Saturday, May 5. More information will be in the April *Sea Breeze*.

Dumpster Days -Dumpster Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, August 24th & 25th. More information will be in the June *Sea Breeze*.



Join the Pool! The hot days of Summer will be here before you know it. Be sure you are ready to cool off at the Hillsmere Community Pool. Membership forms are available in this issue and online at <http://www.hillsmershores.net/Pool/pool.html>.

Duvall Creek Dredging and Beach Strip Sale Updates

By Bruce Walker, HSIA Treasurer

Duvall Creek Dredging Project:

Dredging of Duvall Creek and its headwaters has been completed. The last dump truck has gone. Overall, we think Lake Services has done an outstanding job and was very sensitive to our community's concerns. The repairs to our boat ramps are now underway. The asphalt areas of both ramps will have some repaving and, in addition, the Sunset boat ramp will have its ramp finger pier repaired and its grass area redone. The total Duvall Creek project cost was roughly \$2.5M. The HSIA \$200,000 costs are being paid completely out of Piers and Harbors revenues (P&H will borrow about \$100,000 and pay the loan off within 5 years).

HSIA Beach Property Sale to East Bay View Residents

The sale of most of the Beach strip property and the respective riparian rights to 13 residents along East Bay View was completed in early February. The receipts from the sale (\$260k minus roughly \$18k in costs) have been placed in the General Fund. Of course income taxes will have to be paid on almost the entire sale, but net, the General Fund will have grown by around \$200k. The sale has left HSIA with the riparian rights for 4 of the 17 properties between the community beach and the marina, as well as a thin sliver of land on one of the 4 properties. We are still hopeful of selling the HSIA ownership in those 4 properties to the adjacent owners.



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Security Report

Matt Franz, Security Chair



Last month our total number of security complaints was lower than the last few thanks to AACO police, off-duty police and Blueguard. I cannot forget to thank our residents who inform the police and security of suspicious activity. Unfortunately we had a large profile incident: the security car was lit on fire and is under investigation.


Reminder: Vehicles left unattended without Hillsmere stickers on community property are subject to being towed and non-residents are subject to trespassing. Remember to get your current stickers ASAP.

The following are ways to help keep Hillsmere a safe community; report all crimes.

1. For an emergency, call 911; **everything is important for our safety!**
2. Non-emergency, call 410-222-8610, if it does not require 911.
3. Report all crimes, no matter how small. Call 911, 410-222-8610, or report online at <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/crimeReport.cfm>.
4. Look out for your fellow residents/neighbors.
5. Let AACO police and Hillsmere security know about all problems/incidents.


Contact Hillsmere security at 410-263-4456 or security@hillsmreshores.net and remember to get your Hillsmere shores sticker.

Security and off duty police offer extra patrols while you are on vacation, school bus stop patrols, problem area patrols, and community property patrols.



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Ray Sullivan, ANPF Representative

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The Reserve at Quiet Waters - Board of Appeals Hearing

RESCHEDULED AGAIN

April 3, 2012 Tuesday at 7PM

City Hall, 160 Duke of Gloucester Street

When the Planning Commission approved this project they put over 40 conditions on the project, which means that the plans had to be modified to meet these conditions. As a result the developers have postponed the hearing by four months. As of this writing the new plans have not been released. The original plan showed 150+ units. The traffic study gave the option for an entrance on either Hillsmere Drive or Forest Drive. The Forest Drive access is being favored and would probably require a light. This project would require the clearing of forest and disruption of sensitive areas. The Annapolis Environmental Commission is working to minimize the environmental impact by trying to preserve most of the forest. In January the Annapolis Regional Transportation Management Association (ARTMA) issued a statement opposing the project based on traffic concerns.

One alternative proposed is to greatly reduce the number of units. This would help mitigate both the environmental and traffic issues.

1. **Come to the Board of Appeals (BOA) hearing** at City Hall on Tuesday April 3, 7pm and testify. The city's planning commission has approved the 150+ homes adjacent to Quiet Waters. The BOA will be making the final decision. The next option will be to take legal action.
2. **Written testimony should be addressed to:**
Chairman, Annapolis Board of Appeals
145 Gorman Street, 3rd Floor
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If you wish to send this electronically, email it to saveyourannapolisneck@gmail.com and we will present it at the hearing.

SPREAD THE WORD: Let your neighbors and your friends in the city know what is going on and encourage them to get involved.

The Annapolis Roads Golf Course: The County Planning & Zoning has ruled that the open space zoning does not allow athletic fields or facility buildings. More can be found at **Preserve Annapolis Roads:** <http://preservear.org/>

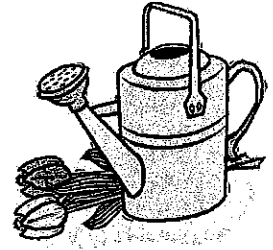
Open Space Zoning Bill Hearing : Bill No. 15-12 Introduced by Mr. Benoit to the County Council, February 6, 2012. This change to the open space zoning would allow ball fields and the accompanying facility buildings including concession stands to be used on property zoned as open space. Currently 14% of the county involving tens of thousands of acres is open space. Mr. Benoit claims that he is introducing this legislation to correct a mistake in zoning of 7 acres in Waugh Chapel that was meant to be ball fields but was zoned as open space. The correct way to deal with this is through administrative rezoning, not by passing a bill that would affect the whole county. **The hearing is set for March 5, Monday, 7 pm at 44 Calvert Street.**

SYAN opposes this bill and strongly urges everyone to contact the County Council. Send an email to the administrative officer, Beth Jones, at ccjone22@aaacounty.org for distribution to all the council members.


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Hillsmere Garden Club:

The Hillsmere Garden Club will meet Wednesday on the 21st of March at 12:30 at the Library on Hillsmere Drive for a social time preceding the meeting, which starts at 1 p.m. Men and women are invited to attend the meeting. Mrs. Millie Sample, expert flower designer, will demonstrate flower arranging with Oriental designs. Elections for new officers will be held following the flower demonstrations. Installments will be in May, 2012.



The April, 2012 meeting will be a visit to a Flower and Herb Farm. Details will be available by the March meeting.



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Crystal Spring Farm: This plan involves 500 units and a 200,000 sq. ft. shopping area, including a grocery store. The city is conducting a study in order to assess the effect of the increased traffic. The current plan requires the clearing of acres of forest and places buildings in wetland areas.

The city recently passed a law that speeds up the development process. This new expedited process means that this project will only have a hearing at the Planning Commission and will not have to go before the board of appeals. This piece of legislation was largely written by Hyatt and Co., which is one of the principals as part owner and legal representative involved in the Crystal Spring Farm proposal.

GIANT gas station: This has been appealed to the circuit court and will be heard on **March 26 at 1:30 p.m. at the Circuit Court on Church Circle in Annapolis**. The concerns of the adjacent communities are primarily traffic. Also, of major concern is that the city is ignoring the Comprehensive Plan, which has a goal of making the city a pedestrian and bike friendly city. Other options suggested for this site include a restaurant or a multi-use building.

Hayes Annexation: This 7 acre parcel is located off of Old Solomon Island Road near the intersection of Rte. 2 and Aris T Allen. Half of the land is steep slopes bordering on Church Creek and cannot be developed. The city's annexation plan allows for a maximum of **159 units, up to 55 feet** in height! The adjacent community of Dorsey Heights is objecting to this annexation. The Dorsey Heights community is an Afro-American community of 35 single family homes dating back sixty years. A large dense development next to them would adversely affect the character of their community.

Email Mayor Josh Cohen at mayor@annapolis.gov and let him know how you feel about these issues.

Contact SYAN at saveyourannapolisneck@gmail.com.

Piers & Harbor News

T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Committee Chair

The P&H Committee meetings are the second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.-9 p.m., at the Key School. The meetings are well attended: generally 15-20 people at every meeting so far. Please come and join the discussions - you can have a direct impact on the Marina and waterfront that we all enjoy.



Come & Get It Day was very successful. We have approximately 90% slips paid. This has a direct and positive impact on our budget and planned projects.

The Slips Committee will begin assignments for waitlisters in early March. The first 41 on the waiting list were mailed a "head's up - you might get slip" post card to help planning the new assignments. A number of questions came up during the Upgrade assignments that were difficult to answer because of a lack of documentation. In all cases we gave the benefit of the doubt to the slip holder/wait lister. But, it highlighted a need to be more proactive in documentation - look for more on this in the near future.

The Dredging Project is complete with the exception of the repairs to our property from damage that happened during the project. We know of two piling that need repair near Slip 8. Expect these repairs to be completed in the next two months.



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From The Beach

Kate Penn, Beach Chair



We've had such mild weather that we've been able to enjoy the beach through most of the winter! But as spring approaches many more people will be out enjoying the beach and playground. The Security Guard 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 completing the form enclosed in this issue, by contacting 410-263-4456, or by going to the HSIA community website: www.hillsmresheres.net. Remember to clean up before you leave. If a trash can is full, please use the next one or take your trash home, and don't forget to recycle! Also, if you wish to reserve the large pavilion for a party, please call 410-263-4456, x2. A temporary liquor permit is required for any event serving alcohol.

- Spring Clean-up:

We will have our Spring Clean-up on Saturday afternoon, March 31st, from 1-3 pm. We'll rake fallen branches and clear debris from the beach, clean up around the sign, and inspect playground equipment. We will also weed emerging, non-native plants from the restored marsh and rain gardens. Come help for all or part of the time – even 20 minutes can make a difference. Children are welcome, and refreshments will be served.

- New Swing Set Project Update:

We are submitting permits and preparing bid packages for replacing the large swing set next to the large pavilion. The new structure will be 10 feet tall, with 4 bays, to match the existing structure. The handicapped swing will be installed on the new structure, where the trapeze and rings are currently located. There will also be 2 tot swings and 4 strap swings. The fall zone, which new codes require to be much larger, will be a sand base. This selection for the base will minimize wash out of loose material into the river, while providing a natural, pervious material around the swings. The start of the project is contingent on permits, and updates will be posted in *the Sea Breeze*.

- Shoreline Remediation:

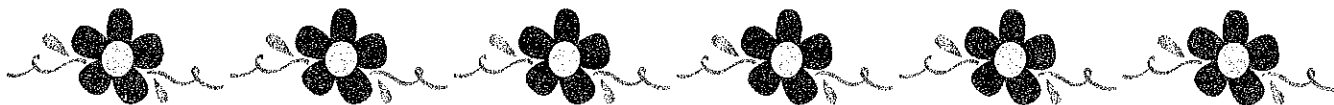
HSIA has hired Near Shore Engineering to explore the feasibility of the two design options for the restoration of our shoreline along the beach. We are working on price estimates for those designs, as well as to get further input from the regulatory agencies that would have to approve permits for the work. This study is nearly complete. Beach Committee members will meet in March to discuss the pros and cons for each design. Once this information is available, we will present the two options to the community at the General Meeting and in the Sea Breeze, and follow up with several Q&A sessions at various days/times of the week. Watch here for more information.






Recreation and Entertainment

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Community Beach on Saturday, April 7th, starting at 10 a.m. sharp. Children ages 1 through 12 are welcome to participate. Bring an Easter basket and be ready to hunt!





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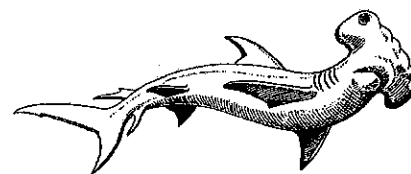

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Hillsmere Hammerheads

The Hillsmere Hammerheads are gearing up for the 2012 Season. There will be a Swim Team Parents' Meeting scheduled in mid-March, at the Key School. Returning Members will receive an email with details, and more information will be provided in the April issue of *the Sea Breeze*.



Registration opens: March 1 to May 25. Late registration, with late fee: May 26 to June 4. Registration closes on June 4. June 4th: first week of practice; look for new times and sessions. June 13th: first day of morning practice, same times as last year. The first meet is Saturday, June 16th. There is a new fee structure for registration for 2012. Swimmers must be able to swim a full length of the pool and be 5 years of age by June 1, 2012.

Be sure to check out our new website, www.hillsmerehammerheads.com, where you can learn more, register for the 2012 season, and stay up to date with team events and news. If you are new to the swim team and have questions, please email Becky Crosby at bcrosby@baywoodsofannapolis.com, or call 443-336-8432

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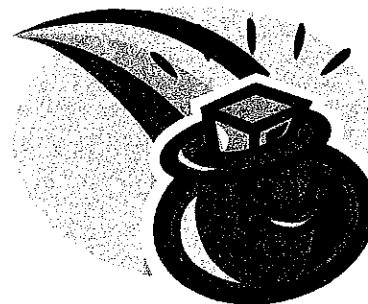


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Tree Sale

The Goal

Plant trees in Hillsmere! Planting trees is the easiest way to reduce storm water runoff. Root systems of lawns are shallow, root systems of trees are deep and soak up more water.

Choose Trees Carefully

Find appropriate plants for your yard on the order form. Plant trees at the proper distance from your house. Consider small trees where space is limited. Fill lawns with trees!

Order Information

Send orders to **Tree Sale, 503 Tayman Dr. Annapolis, MD. 21403**
Make checks payable to HSIA.
Orders must be received by **March 25th** for delivery in April. Include name, email and phone number with order. Limited to Hillsmere residents.

HSIA Storm Water Committee
Questions? 410-268-1691

Hillsmere Tree and Shrub Order Form

2/2012

First Name

Last Name

Address

Email

Phone

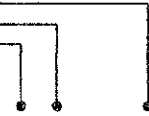
Total Due

SPECIES

Mature Size: Height/Spread
Moisture: (D)ry (M)oist (W)et
Light: (F)ull Sun (P)artial Shade (S)hade

* Indicates Evergreen

Plant descriptions referenced from Wikipedia and MOBOT



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LOCATION

ORDERING

Songbird
Waterfowl
Hummingbird
Butterfly
Beneficial Insect
Small Mammal
Deer Resistant

Under Utility Line
Near Building
Sun
Shade
Dry
Wet

Container Size
Height
Unit Cost
Quantity
Total Cost

Canopy Trees

American Beech *NEW!* F/P M 50-100' x 50-75'
A shade-tolerant species typically found on moist, well drained slopes and rich bottomlands. The mast (crop of nuts) provides food for numerous species of animals and American Beech trees are used as food plants by the larvae of a large number of butterflies and moths. Foliage turns golden bronze in fall and tends to persist on the tree through winter.

Chestnut/Basket Oak *NEW!* F M/W 50-80' x 75-100'
Chestnut oak is typically found in bottomlands, along streams, and in rich, moist forests. It is a relatively fast growing, large tree in the white oak family with a compact, relatively narrow, rounded crown. Chestnut-like foliage turns red/brown in the fall.

Willow Oak F/P M/W 80-100'
A medium-sized tree that can grow moderately fast (up to 2 feet a year) that is distinguished by its willow shaped leaves. It is a popular tree for horticultural planting due to its rapid growth, hardiness and ability to withstand both sun and shade. It is a prolific producer of acorns, an important food tree for squirrels, birds, and other animals in the forest. Fall color is brown.

Bald Cypress F/P W 50-100' x 20-35'
Most Bald Cypress grow on flat ground on alluvial soils, mainly along riparian (riverside) wetlands normally subject to periodic flooding. It tolerates minor salinity, but does not grow in brackish waters. In cultivation it thrives on a range of soils including well-drained sites. It is a popular ornamental tree, grown for its feathery foliage and orange-brown fall color.

Small to Medium Trees

Eastern Redbud *NEW!* P/S D/M 20-35'
A popular landscape ornamental tree with clusters of magenta flowers appearing on bare stems in early spring. Eastern redbud is a frequent native understory tree in mixed forests, hedgerows and roadsides. Heart shaped leaves turn bright yellow in autumn.

River Birch F/P M/W 20-35'
Often with multiple trunks, the distinctive bark is variable, usually gray to pinkish-brown and scaly, exfoliating in curly papery sheets, making it a favored ornamental tree for landscape use. While its native habitat is wet ground, it will grow on higher land. Yellowish fall color.

American Holly* F/S M 15-50' x 18-40'
A slow growing ornamental plant, it will grow in both dry and swampy soil. The species typically grows as an understory tree in forests. Songbirds including thrushes, mockingbirds, catbirds, bluebirds and thrashers frequently feed on the red berries. The tree also forms a thick canopy which offers protection for birds from predators and storms.

Sweetbay Magnolia F/S M/W 20'
An attractive multi-stemmed tree often used in horticultural applications to give structure to landscape designs. It is known for its large, white, vanilla scented flowers, for its clean, attractive foliage, and for its fast growth.

Medium Shrubs

Summersweet F/S M/W 6-8'
Typically used as a shrub for natural gardens, or placed alongside a stream or pond in order to delay erosion. It grows in wet forests, pine flatwoods, wetlands, bogs and can be seen alongside woodland streams. The flowers are white or very pale pink with a sweet fragrance from July until September. Foliage turns yellow-golden during the autumn.

Inkberry* F/S D/M 4-8'
A slow-growing, upright-rounded evergreen shrub easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Prefers rich, consistently moist, acidic soils in full sun. Good shade tolerance. Needs minimal pruning unless used as a hedge. Also effective naturalized in moist woodland gardens or in moist locations near streams or ponds.

Winterberry F/P M 8'
A deciduous holly is prized for the midwinter splash of bright red color from densely packed berries, which are highly visible on bare stems. Although wet acidic soils are optimal, the winterberry will grow well in the average garden. At least one male plant must be planted in proximity to one or more females for them to bear fruit. The berries are an important food resource for numerous species of birds. One male plant will be included with order.

Southern Bayberry* F/P D/W 6-12'
A small tree or large shrub and is adaptable to many habitats. It grows naturally in wetlands, near flowing bodies of water, sand dunes, fields, hillsides, pine barrens, and in both needleleaf and mixed-broadleaf forests. The fruit is a source of food for a lot of bird species. In winter, the seeds are important foods for the Carolina Wren and species of Tree Sparrow.

Southern Arrowwood F/S D/W 10'
Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. White flowers appear in late spring give way to blue-black, berry-like drupes which are quite attractive to birds and wildlife. Variable fall color ranges from yellow to attractive shades of orange and red. Winter hardy, vigorous and reliable. Shrub borders. Tall hedge or screen.

Small Shrubs

Virginia Sweetspire F/S M/W 3-6'
Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Adaptable to shade. Prefers moist, humusy soils, but tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. Versatile shrub for sunny or shady areas of the shrub border or woodland garden. Leaves turn an attractive red in autumn.

Plants indicated as Deer Resistant are less likely to be damaged by deer browsing. Deer will eat anything if they are hungry enough.

School News and Events...

Help Hungry Children in your Community

~ Hillsmere Elementary School starts Backpack Buddies program



Every Monday morning, hungry children get off the buses at Hillsmere Elementary school eager for the first real meal they've had all weekend. Despite ranking as one of the wealthiest counties in the state, Anne Arundel has its share of poverty, and many of those impoverished children live near you. At Hillsmere Elementary, over 140 students qualify for free or reduced price school meals. Monday through Friday they get breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria, but over the weekends they sometimes don't get enough to eat.

Parents and staff at Hillsmere launched a Backpack Buddies program in February. Modeled after similar programs at other area schools, this will provide easy-to-prepare weekend meals for needy students. Each week, volunteers will fill backpacks with food items based on a set menu. On Friday participating students will take home a food backpack and return it empty to the school office Monday to be readied for the next week.

This program is funded completely through donations. If you would like to help, checks should be made out to "Hillsmere Elementary School" with the notation "backpack buddies." All money collected will go toward the purchase of food.

Food donations are also appreciated. Items must be easy to prepare, so the child can feed him/herself. Needed menu items are:

- Individual bowls or boxes of cereal
- Instant oatmeal packages
- Breakfast bars
- Small cans of pasta
- Packages/cans of tuna or chicken
- Easy Mac and Cheese (individual servings)
- Juice Boxes
- Sleeves of crackers (saltines, Ritz or Graham)
- Individual packages of fruit, gelatin, applesauce or pudding
- Microwavable soups
- Individual packages of cheese or peanut butter crackers

Food donations can be dropped off at Hillsmere Elementary School (3052 Arundel on the Bay Rd., Annapolis) or left with program volunteer, Laura DiBerardinis (303 Cedar Lane-in Hillsmere). If you have questions, email HESBackpackBuddies@gmail.com or leave a message for the Backpack Buddies volunteers at the school (410.222.1622) and someone will get back with you as soon as possible.

Red Cross Bloodmobile at Key School

Friday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Key's seniors are sponsoring the annual blood drive to benefit the Anne Arundel Medical Center. Every pint of blood donated saves up to three lives at the hospital.

All donors must be at least sixteen, in good general health, and weigh at least 110 lbs. To schedule an appointment, contact Key faculty member Lee Schreitz '70, at lschreitz@keyschool.org, or by calling 410-263-9231.

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

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(School News, continued)

Key Theater Presents...Zombie Prom

Key's annual musical will be performed Thursday, March 15 - Saturday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Activity Building. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at the door.

Annapolis Book Festival

Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

All Hillsmere residents are invited to the Festival Preview on Friday afternoon, April 20, at 3:30 p.m. Be among the first to attend the Used Book Sale and help us celebrate the 10th anniversary of this free community event!

Great array of speakers, family events, and panels this year, including Daniel Pink (author of Drive). Panels include discussions about Election 2012, 21st Century China, Annapolis' Maritime Culture, Afghanistan, the Politics of Food, and Naval History. Visit www.keyschool.org/annapolisbookfestival for more details and join the Annapolis Book Festival page on Facebook to keep up with the latest Festival developments.

Summer at KEY 2012

June 18 - August 10

Visit www.keyschool.org to view the diverse offerings available this summer for children aged 3 1/2 - 18. There are more than 100 camps and courses to choose from - right here in your neighborhood! To request a brochure, contact camp director Jane Flanagan at jflanagan@keyschool.org or call 410-263-9231.



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Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 2012 Membership Application

Payment of \$15.00 dues allows one voting member per household. Additional voting memberships require payment of an additional \$15.00 per person. Members must be 18 years of age or older. **Renters and other persons not on the tax records must provide proof of residency by attaching a photocopy of Driver's License or other documentation to this application.** Personal information other than Name and Address may be blacked out.

Household Membership	Additional Membership (add \$15.00)
Name(s): _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	
Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____	Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____

Attach additional forms for more memberships

☐ Owner ☐ Renter If renting please enter Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

NOTICE: A photocopy of EACH vehicle or trailer registration is required to obtain stickers. You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, and Address. YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE STICKERS IF REGISTRATIONS ARE PROVIDED TO HSIA.	# Stickers
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Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2012)		\$ 15.00	
Additional Membership		\$ 15.00	
Dingy Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 36.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Member)		\$ 45.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Non-Member)		\$ 65.00	
Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 76.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
Hillsmere Tee Shirt (enter sizes below)		\$ 10.00	
Hillsmere Baseball Cap (one size fits all)		\$ 15.00	
		TOTAL	

Hillsmere Tee Shirt Sizes (indicate number of each size ordered and enter total above)

Adult: 3XL (), 2XL (), XL (), L (), M (), S () Child: L (), M (), S (), XS ()

Sea Breeze: ☐ I would like to receive my Sea Breeze via email instead of a printed copy.

PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

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 slip waiting list ☐ keep me on the slip waiting list
☐ add me to the boat park waiting list ☐ keep me on the boat park waiting list
☐ add me to the dinghy rack waiting list ☐ keep me on the dinghy rack 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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To join the HSIA email list visit www.hillsmershores.net
 (Questions? Email admin@hillsmershores.net or call 410-263-4456 – 24 hr voice mail)

Mail to: HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

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Sticker #:	Marina Sticker #:	Check #:
	Boat Ramp Key #:	Date Received:
	Boat Park Key #:	Received By:

Hillsmere Shores Community Pool

2012 Membership Form

Step 1: List all pool members who live at your address. Indicate the type of membership for each.
If you choose Family then do not choose Adult or Youth for anyone. Attach additional forms, if needed.

Full Name	Membership Type* (check one for each line)			Age & DOB (if under 18)		Special Medical Information (allergies, diabetes, etc.)
	Family	Adult	Youth	Age	DOB	

* Youth Memberships (16 years old or under) may not be purchased without a parent or guardian purchasing an Adult membership.
All children must have a membership regardless of age.
If you are only purchasing 10 Pass Coupon Books then do not check any membership type.

Step 2: Enter your contact information.

Mailing Address:		
Hillsmere Property Address:	Enter if mailing address is not in Hillsmere	
Phone Number:	Primary:	Alternate:
Email Address:		

Step 3: Enter emergency contact information. (Check all that apply and enter contact information or instructions)
In case of emergency, illness, or accident to any of the above listed adults or children, the pool operator, assistant operator, or lifeguard is authorized to proceed as indicated below:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Contact name and phone number(s)
	Other procedure (Please specify exactly): Note: In case of serious illness or injury 911 will be called.

If any of the members listed on this form are minors then sign below to authorize emergency contacts and instructions:

Parent or Guardian:	Date:
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Step 4: Sign and attach a Release Form (required) and a Child Attendance Waiver (if applicable).

Step 5: Write check for payment and mail to: HSIA Pool, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

Type of Membership	Cost* Paid by 2/25	#	Cost Paid after 2/25	#	Total Cost	Make check payable to HSIA. * To receive discount all fees must be paid in full. ** Must be purchased in-person at CAGID (max 20 passes per household) Each Family membership will receive 5 free guest passes and each Adult membership will receive 2 free guest passes.
Family	\$400		\$425			
Adult	\$150		\$160			
Youth	\$ 75		\$ 80			
Caregiver/Nanny	\$ 50		\$ 50			
10 Pass Coupon Books	\$ 85		\$100			
Member Guest Passes	\$ 2**		\$ 4			
Totals					\$	

Hillsmere Shores Community Pool

REQUEST AND RELEASE FORM

This must be signed by each pool member or guest 18 years of age or older.

We, the Undersigned, hereby request permission to enter upon the premises located at 100 Phipps Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403, and the adjacent grounds, and participating in swimming, sun bathing, swim meet competition and related activities of a community swimming pool, viewing and being a spectator of any of said activities and events to be held from May 1st to October 1st of the current year, at such times as the premises are opened and we are permitted to enter under the terms of this Request and Release. We have inspected the premises and know the risks and dangers involved in said activities. Before re-entering the premises from time to time, we shall first make such inspections and determine all possible risks. We severally assume all risks of injury to our person or property that may be sustained in connection with the stated or associated activities, in and about the premises. We realize that swimming, diving and related activities are dangerous and unpredictable and hereby relieve all other parties of any duty of care for, protect or look after our safety while any of us remain on the above described premises.

In consideration of the permission granted to us to enter the premises and participate in the stated activities we do hereby, for ourselves, our minor children, our heirs, administrators and assigns, release, remise and discharge the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, its members, operators, and sponsors of the said premises, of the activities and equipment therein, and their respective servants, agents, officers and officials, and all other participants in slated activities of and from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort, for injuries sustained by our persons, our minor children, and/or property during our presence on said premises and participation in any of the stated activities due to any negligence or any other fault.

We certify that our attendance and participation on the stated activities is voluntary, and that we are not, in any way, the employee, servant, or agent of the owners, operators or sponsors of the premises or the activities thereon. We realize that these activities are not essential to public health or welfare.

WE HAVE EACH READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING REQUEST AND RELEASE.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

Print Full Name

Signature

(Seal)

Print Full Name

Signature

(Seal)

CHILD ATTENDANCE WAIVER

I hereby authorize my children, hereinafter named, to use the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION community pool facilities without being accompanied by an adult. I certify that I have reviewed with each child the rules and regulations of the pool facility, including the fact that they must first pass the standard swimming test, obey said pool rules and follow the instructions of the lifeguards and pool manager. I hereby certify to the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, that each child hereafter named is ten (10) to seventeen (17) years of age.

Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:
Child:	Age:	Child:	Age:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this ____ day of _____, 20____

Print Full Name

Signature

(Seal)

HSIA GENERAL MEETING PROXIES

In order for a proxy to be used at an HSIA General meeting floor vote, it must have the following information:

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):

I hereby give my proxy to _____ and authorize him or her to vote on my behalf on the following subjects:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

at the HSIA General Meeting to be held on _____ and any continuation thereof.

Print Name

Address

Signature

BUILDING PERMITS

An HSIA Building Permit is required: Every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is required. The responsibility of obtaining an HSIA Building Permit does not fall on your builder, it falls on you.

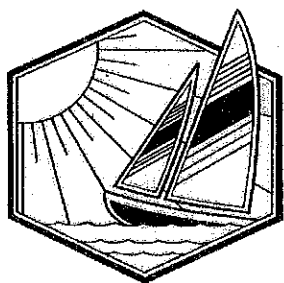
The following items are needed to obtain an HSIA Building Permit:

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.

March 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6 P&H Meeting	7	8 Purim HSIA General Meeting	9	10
11 Daylight Savings time Begins	12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day Burning of the Socks
18	19	20 First Day of Spring	21 Garden Club Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 HSIA Board Meeting	30	31 Beach Clean-up



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