

the *Sea Breeze*

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Welcome Spring! Join us for HSIA's Burning of the Socks

Hillsmere has made this Annapolis tradition its own, as community residents gather to welcome spring by burning their socks.

So join your neighbors, and bring your socks!

This is just the first of many great community events this spring. A list of all the scheduled HSIA events is provided in the Entertainment Committee report, on page 6.

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Neighborhood Residents welcomed spring last year by burning socks, and sharing refreshments and good company, while enjoying the brisk spring afternoon at the community marina. Don't miss this year's event, March 16th at the Community Beach.

President's Message

~ *Christian Elkington, President*



Come and Get It

February 23rd, despite the inclement weather, brought hundreds of residents to Come and Get It Day to take advantage of their one stop shopping opportunity. I would like to thank the many volunteers that gave their time to process applications, give advice and yes, collect payments. One of questions that came up from a new resident was “how does Hillsmere work?” A good question, which we really don’t do a good job of answering. Starting with this issue we will attempt to write a series of articles on how we are organized, opportunities to participate and how we spend our money. For many, this will be the boring detail that they never cared about or wanted to know; for others this will be an introduction to a very large organization, entirely run by volunteers.

Organizational Primer – Part I

~ Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association (HSIA)

HSIA was established as a non-stock, not for profit corporation in the mid-1960’s to accept ownership of what is now our beach and marina from Hillsmere Shores, Inc., the original developer of our community.

~ Board of Directors

Comprised of eleven members, each of whom is elected for a two year term, the Board meets monthly. Board Meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend and those in attendance have an opportunity to participate in the discussions. You must first be recognized by the Chair, but your participation and insight are always welcome. Couldn’t attend? The minutes of all Board meetings are available on our website. Want to attend? The dates, time and location of all our meetings can always be found on the next to the last page of *the Sea Breeze*.

In the past, the agenda for Board Meetings was only available to those in attendance. Starting next month we will be emailing a tentative agenda to the Community prior to the meeting. If there are items of interest to you, please attend and participate. I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on March 28th.

~ General Membership Meetings

The General Meetings are held bi-monthly and are open to all residents. Like the Board Meetings the dates, time and location can be found in *the Sea Breeze*. General Meetings are open format, informal, and provide the opportunity to understand the current issues facing the Community and to raise new issues for consideration. Most votes are by voice, unless the vote is close, in which case votes are individually tallied. Voting is permitted by proxy, and a proxy form may be found online at hillsmershores.net, as well as in *the Sea Breeze*.

Plan to attend our next General Meeting on March 14th at Key School and participate in a discussion of issues raised by others, or raise some of your own.

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Our Front Page

The front page this month is devoted to our first Community event of the year – the maritime tradition of burning one’s socks to celebrate the arrival of spring. Even if you have no socks to burn join us on March 16th at the Community Beach. See old friends after the long winter and meet new ones. As with all of our events, everyone from the youngest to the oldest resident is always welcome. Complete information is available on page 7.



Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- March 10th: Daylight Savings Begins—move your clocks forward 1 hour.
- March 12th: Piers and Harbors Meeting, 7 p.m. @ Key School Science Center room 102
- March 16th: Hillsmere’s “Burning of the Socks”, 2-6 p.m. @ the Community Beach
- March 20th: Garden Club Meeting, 1 p.m. @ Historic Londontown Visitors Center
- March 23rd: Hillsmere Elementary 5K & 1 mi. Family fun run/walk
- March 25th: Sea Breeze deadline
- March 28th: HSIA Board Meeting, 7 pm @ Key School Science & Library Center
- March 30th: Community Easter Egg Hunt, 10 a.m. @ the Community Beach



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HSIA Community News and Events

Recreation and Entertainment for 2013: Look in this issue of *the Sea Breeze* for a list of upcoming Events in 2013. Mark your calendars so you don't miss any of these fun-filled events.

"Burning of the Socks": Hillsmere's "Burning of the Socks" at the Hillsmere Beach on Saturday, March 16, from 2 - 6 p.m. Bring a dish to share, your favorite beverage, and socks to burn.

Easter Egg Hunt—The Community Egg Hunt will be at the Hillsmere Beach on Saturday, March 30th at 10 a.m. Bring your baskets!



Spring Yard Sale – Mark your calendars for the spring yard sale at the beach on Saturday, April 27 with a raindate of Saturday, May 11. More information will be in the April issue of *the Sea Breeze*.

Easter Egg Tree Contest – Thanks again to Leslie Donaldson's wonderfully decorated Easter egg tree, we proudly announce the 5th Annual Easter Egg Tree Contest. We're asking children (12 and under) to guess how many eggs are on the tree at 425 Hillsmere Drive. Last year's winner was Gabrielle Gallant. Gabrielle's guess of 4,051 eggs was the closest guess to the actual number of eggs on the tree.



Send your guess by email to EasterEggTree@hillsmershores.net or leave a message at 410-263-4456. Include your name, age, address, and how many eggs you think are on the tree. HSIA will award the winner a \$25 gift card to a local ice cream store. Please give Leslie a couple of weeks to get the tree decorated. The best time to go by and guess would be the week before and the week after Easter. Deadline for entries is Thursday, April 4 Happy guessing!

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 two 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.

2013 Membership and Stickers – Be sure to get 2013 stickers for your vehicles and trailers if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used only by Hillsmere Shores residents, owners and their guests. If you didn't make it to Come And Get It Day, it's not too late to get your stickers. Just send in photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail.

(HSIA Community News and Events, Continued on page 5)

Boat Ramp Keys - Did you get your 2013 boat ramp key yet? Couldn't make it to Come And Get



It Day? No problem. Just tear the membership form out of this issue and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to include copies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. All Piers & Harbors locks will change on April 1, 2013.

If you haven't gotten your 2013 boat ramp key, now is the time. 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!

Upcoming Neighborhood/Benefit Races

Hillsmere Elementary School 5k Run and 1 mile Family Run/walk through the Hillsmere neighborhood on **Saturday, March 23rd**. The race starts at 9 a.m.; registration starts at 8 a.m. More information is on page 16 of *the Sea Breeze*.

The METAVIVOR race will be held in Hillsmere on **Saturday, April 13th**. The race starts at 8 am. The race consists of kayaking, biking, and running. There will be police and race attendants placed throughout our community to help with traffic.



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Entertainment Committee

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at the Community Beach on Saturday, March 30th, starting at 10 a.m. sharp. Children, ages 1 through 12, are welcome to participate. Bring an Easter basket and be ready to hunt!



We need a few extra hands to set-up for this event. Please contact *Nuala O'Leary* at nules99@hotmail.com or 410.404.0568, if you are interested.

Mark your calendars for the following 2013 Recreation and Entertainment events:

- ◆ Ice Cream Social, Saturday, June 22, @ 7 pm
- ◆ Fourth of July Bicycle Parade, Thursday, July 4, @ 10 am
- ◆ Community Picnic, Saturday, August 17, 4-7 pm
- ◆ Halloween Parade, Sunday, October 27 @ 1pm
- ◆ Santa's Run Toy Drive & Christmas Caroling, Sunday, December 8 @ 6:30 pm



*Volunteers needed - If you are interested in being in charge of or being on the Steering Committee, or helping out for one or more of these events, please contact Nuala O'Leary at nules99@hotmail.com or 410.404.0568.

Here are dates for additional community events planned for this year:

Yard Sales: Our Spring Yard Sale at the beach is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, with a rain date of Saturday, May 11. Our Fall Yard Sale is scheduled for September 28, with a rain date of October 5.

Beach Happy Hours: The Beach Committee will be hosting Happy Hours again this year. These family-friendly BYOB events are a great way to mingle with your neighbors during the warm evenings of Summer and Fall.

Friday June 14

Saturday September 14

Friday July 12

Saturday October 12

Friday August 9



Hillsmere Burning of the Socks

- Saturday March 16 - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- at the Community Beach

Please Note the Date and Location changes - It's time to welcome SPRING back to Hillsmere...by Burning Our Socks! Saturday March 16 - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the community beach. Due to construction at the marina we're moving this maritime tradition to our community beach. Bring a dish to share, chairs to sit in, and socks to burn, and let HSIA and Mother Nature do the rest. HSIA will supply the main course, sodas, water and all the set ups and Mother Nature will supply the beautiful scenery and, hopefully, the warm weather.

We've rescheduled Hillsmere's Sock Burning to March 16th because the volunteers who organize this HSIA event also volunteer for other local events taking place on the 23rd. If you can't make the rescheduled Hillsmere event on the 16th, we encourage you to attend one of these unique Annapolis activities on March 23rd. The Annapolis Maritime Museum's 3rd Annual Oyster Roast and Sock Burning Saturday, March 23rd from noon to 4:00 p.m. - <http://www.amaritime.org/oysterroast2013.html>; or the South River Federation's "South River on the Half Shell," live and silent auction at beautiful Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, on Saturday evening, March 23rd from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. - <http://www.southriverfederation.net/index.php/home/featured/351-halfshell>



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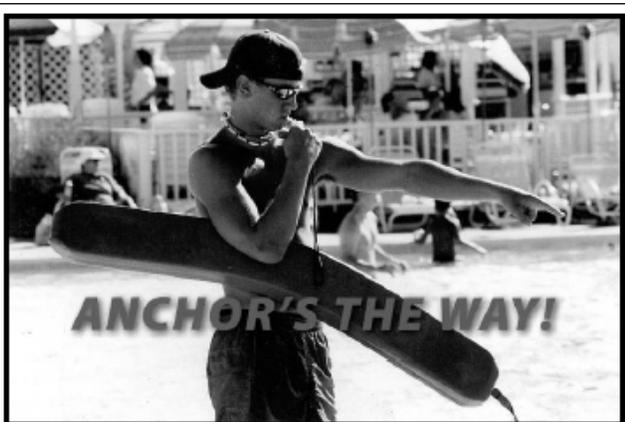
Hillsmere Garden Club

~ Paulette Schwallenberg, President



The Hillsmere Garden Club will meet on March 20, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the Historic Londontown Visitors Center, 839 Londontown Rd. Members and guests will meet with Mr. Nate Powers at the Visitor Center and be taken on a tour of the extensive gardens. We will not be meeting at the Annapolis Neck Library for a business meeting. Please be advised that you should wear good walking shoes or boots, jackets and hats. We will be touring the outside gardens. If it is raining the tour will be canceled. Any questions regarding this outing, please call Ms. Katie Berry at 410-263-1937

The Hillsmere Garden Club will be meeting on April 17, 2013 at 12:30 pm at Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis, MD. at the Visitor Center lunchroom. The club will be having a spring luncheon and installing officers for the upcoming year, 2013-2014. Members and guests are encouraged to attend, the cost of the lunch will be \$9.50 per person, a selection of sandwiches, sides and drink is included. Please call Paulette Schwallenberg at 410-268-5975 with any questions.



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Welcome Committee

~ Kathy McFadden, Welcoming Committee Chair



President Christian Elkington appointed me as Chair of the Welcome Committee at the January Board. This committee has been dormant for two years and I look forward to kick starting it again.

My husband and I moved into Hillsmere 15 years ago. The first night we moved in, the next door neighbors came over and brought us cookies. A couple weeks later, a member of the Welcome Committee brought us a house warming plant. What an introduction into a wonderful community. I hope to continue the tradition of contacting every new neighbor that moves into our community. It is important to make people feel welcomed and a part of the community.

I am looking to build the committee and could use several people that have an hour or so a month to help develop the Committee and deliver "Welcome Bags". Hillsmere has purchased welcome bags for distribution to new neighbors. It would be a great help if any of the realtors in the community can notify me of new people moving into Hillsmere – owners and renters. Our Hillsmere resident and mail carrier, Pricilla, has started notifying me of new residents on her route. However, there are four different mail carriers just in Hillsmere, so we still miss a lot of new resident.

Anyone who knows of new people moving in, please drop me an email with the resident's name and address; that would be a tremendous help. My email address is kjmcfadden@comcast.net. I look forward to hearing from you.



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Piers & Harbor News

~ T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Chair



The dust has not yet settled from Come And Get It Day, but, early estimates suggest a strong turnout, and a healthy portion of the budget is covered by timely slip payments. I'd like to thank all the volunteers on the P&H committees who participated and made this a successful event.

Pier Renovation

The pier renovation began the first week of February and is now in full swing. The entire area of dock to be replaced has been removed; it actually fell apart as they were removing the pilings. Although the severe deterioration underscores the timeliness of the project, it also means the outer docks will not be accessible for a couple weeks. If you need to access your boat on the outer dock, please use the Sunset Drive ramp to launch a small boat. If you need a temporary boat ramp key, please send an email to marina@hillsmereshores.net.

With good weather this project may be complete by the first of April. However, as with most large projects, hope for the best and plan for the worst. This means you should not plan to use your slip before mid-April, if it is located on the outer docks. With the exception of the ~15 slips directly affected by the project, you will be able to place your boat in your slip. However, you will have limited access and no water or electricity until the project has been completed and inspected by the county.

The P&H committees will do our best to get the word out if the schedule changes. Please watch for progress emails and monitor our website for updates throughout this project. Additionally, please communicate with the Slips committee as early as possible for your slip needs.

Recent Rule Changes

Recently, the HSIA Board approved changes to Rule 5.2 as follows.

- ⇒ The 10% flat rate discount is to be set annually, based on input from the budgeting process.
- ⇒ The due date to receive that discount was changed from March 1st to the last Saturday in February, in order to coincide with Come and Get it Day.

These changes will be posted to the website this month. Additionally, the P&H committee is working to provide web access to un-editable versions of all marina documents.

Under-used Slips

Last year we identified 27 slips that did not have a boat in the slip all season. If you are one of these slip holders, please communicate your intentions for next season. Don't forget, there are 100 people on the wait list who would love to use that space.

You may find that donating your boat is a win-win situation for all parties: you get a tax break, we get to provide a slip to someone who will use it, and someone else gets to deal with the logistics of moving/selling an otherwise under-used boat. Here are a few contacts if you are interested:

Boat Angel: <http://www.boatangel.org> 800-227-2643

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Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis <http://www.actiondonation.org> 866-244-8464

Planet Hope <http://planet-hope.org/donate-your-boat> 800-518-2816

Online Boat Donation <http://www.onlineboatdonation.org/donateboat> 888-228-7320

Boat Park and Kayak Rack Rules

HSIA Board approval of the proposed changes to the Boat Park rules was tabled until the February Board meeting. Once they are approved, they will be mailed out to everyone renting space in the Boat Park and Kayak Racks.

With the new Boat Park rules in place we will require all non-boat related trailers and other articles to be removed from the Boat Park. Please do not hesitate to move these items out before we call you. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Additionally, the new Boat Park Rules require that all vessels and trailers in the park display a current registration. At last count, approximately 20 items were not showing proper stickers. Please take the time to place the current year stickers.

Lastly, a rate increase is being evaluated for the Boat Park spaces. Currently, we pay more for maintenance than the Park takes in for fees. I expect the increase to go into effect during this season.

New Committee Volunteers Needed

We are looking for new volunteers to help on the sub-committees. Each committee meets at a time and place that works for those committee members. Many hands make light work, so please consider helping out. The main P&H monthly meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Key School Science Center room 102.



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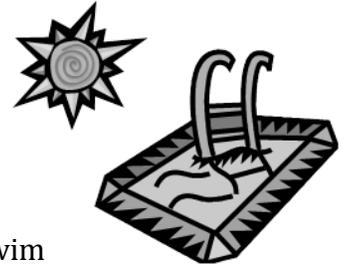


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Hillsmere Community Pool

~ Mike Drucis and Perry Geib, Pool Co-Chairs



We can't believe that it is time to think about the pool and summer swim team! Summer at the Hillsmere pool is always memorable... neighbors spending days on end socializing, while the kids play. We've had comments from so many visitors (even the lifeguards) saying how fun our pool is and what friendly people are there.

Come and Get It Day has come and gone and we had many people sign-up early. We had a great turn-out of new and current residents who wanted to get an early jump on the pool membership. I want to thank all those who signed up early and also the volunteers who helped out with the pool committee table, Shannon Frece and Stacy Cooper.

Even through the winter, our committee has been meeting and planning fun family activities and pool improvements. We have re-signed with Anchor Aquatics for the 2013 season, as they did a great job with the pool last season. Some projects that we are working on to improve the pool are:

- Repainting the exterior of the building.
- Installing new pylon with rope along the exterior of the parking lot.
- Installing an AED - Defibrillator.
- No more vending machines (fewer screaming kids wanting candy bars)

The Hammerheads Swim Team is currently having sign ups on their team website: <http://hillsmerehammerheads.com/> Please log on for details.



~ **Go Hammerheads!**

- Open registration and payment for the 2013 summer season will begin on March 1, 2013 and end on May 15, 2013.
- Beginning on May 16, 2013 and through May 27th, there will be a late registration fee added to the swim team dues.
- Registration will close on May 28, 2013.

Lastly, volunteers for pool activities are always welcome. If you are interested in joining the Pool Committee,, or are able to help with events, upkeep or improvements, please send us an email at pool@hillsmershores.net

Looking forward to a great summer!



Hillsmere Shores Community Pool 2013 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:	<i>Enter if mailing address is not in Hillsmere</i>		
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:

v	Contact name and phone number(s)
	Take individual or child to a hospital.
	Take individual or child to any licensed physician.
	Other procedure (Please specify exactly):

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	Rate	Rate After CAGID	Rate	Total	Make check payable to HSIA. Did you attach the required Request And Release Form? *Limit of 20 Guest Passes at CAGID
Family	\$425	\$450			
Adult	\$160	\$170			
Youth	\$ 80	\$ 85			
Caregiver	\$ 55	\$ 60			
10 Pass Coupon	\$100	\$110			
Guest Pass*	\$ 2*	\$ 4			
Totals				\$	

From the Beach ...

~ Kate Penn, Beach Chair



As spring approaches and you are out enjoying the beach and playground, please be sure to clean up before you leave. 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 contacting 410-263-4456, or go to the community website: www.hillsmereshores.net. 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.

- Shoreline Remediation:

HSIA has hired Near Shore Engineering to complete the permit and construction plans for the renovations to the beach shoreline, in accordance with the Community vote in favor of maintaining the status quo. The applications for MD and Federal permits were submitted on February 1st. We anticipate receiving approvals in mid-May, after which we will submit a permit application to the County. At the same time, we will invite contractors to bid on the work. County permits should be approved by the end of June, putting the start date for the work at the beginning of July.

The scope of work for this project includes repairs and improvements to the concrete seawall, replacing the bulkhead and rip rap at the central point with a stone revetment, replacing the wood bulkheads flanking the swim area with new wood bulkheads, and improvements to the culvert and tidal outfall, on the east side of the sandy beach.

The current entrance to the parking lot will be used by construction crews and vehicles, while the new entrance on the west end will be open for residents. The construction access to the shoreline will be down the center of the park, between the rain garden and the port-a-john enclosure, and running alongside the storm water swale. This means that during the weekdays, while construction is underway, there will be limited access to the tot lot and the small pavilion. The larger playground and swing set, large pavilion, and sandy beach will be open for the duration of the project.

More details about the project will be available as we progress through the permit phase, and updates will be provided in *the Sea Breeze*, at General Meetings, and on the HSIA website. If you have questions, please email beach@hillsmereshores.net.

An advertisement for Jack Martin Insurance. On the left is a black and white photograph of a large, multi-story house with a prominent chimney. Below the photo is the text "THE HOUSE JACK BUILT". To the right of the photo, the text reads: "JACK MARTIN INSURANCE", "ROWE BLVD & MELVIN AVE", "ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401", "(410) 263-8000", and "www.askjack.cc".

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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.

Tree sale update

Congratulations. Since the fall of 2010 we have had five tree sales with orders totaling 256 plants!

Thanks to Phyllis Saroff and Chris Moore in this effort.

We will be having another sale this fall. If you have any particular requests, please send an email to Ray Sullivan at rsullivan229@hotmail.com



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Neighborhood School News



❖ **Hillsmere Elementary School 5K and 1 mile Family Run/Walk** Saturday, March 23. Registration opens at 8:00 am; Race starts at the school at 9:00 am. Running routes through the Hillsmere Shores neighborhood. Non-competitive timing, raffle prizes awarded at end of race. Wear our school spirit wear or school colors (red white & blue). Registration fee: \$5, family maximum of \$20.

❖ **The Key School Book Festival Saturday, April 13 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.** The Festival is free and open to the public. Over 30 nationally renowned authors will be present.

Preview Sale! Friday, April 12 from 3-5 p.m. with exclusively for Hillsmere neighbors and Key families. The sale will take place in the Key School Activity Building.

Meet your favorite authors and enjoy an array of panel discussions including:

- ◆ Afghanistan: Twelve Years and Counting
- ◆ The Tolkien Professor: Why We Need Fantasy
- ◆ The World of Fantasy in Young Adult Novels.

The Annapolis Book Festival also offers many fun family activities including:

- ◆ “Meet Caroline: Tea and Doll Spa”: join American Girl Doll author, Kathleen Ernst, for a special glimpse of Caroline's world. *Registration required at keyschool.org/teaparty.*
- ◆ ComicKey! A family friendly comic adventure.
- ◆ Activities with children’s book authors Artie Bennett (*Poopendous!*), Anne Hambleton (*Raja: Story of a Racehorse*), Kwame Alexander (*Acoustic Rooster and His Barnyard Band*) and David A. Kelly (*The Ballpark Mysteries*).

For more information and an event schedule visit www.keyschool.org/annapolisbookfestival

❖ **College Admission Forum at Key School** - Sunday, April 14, 4 – 6 p.m. Katharine Hall

All 10th and 11th grade students and their parents are invited to attend the 15th Annual College Admission Forum at The Key School. Members of Severn School’s and Key’s college advising departments as well as directors of undergraduate admissions from Columbia University, University of South Carolina and Kenyon College will discuss academic preparation for college, the admission process and scholarships and financial aid. **The event is open to the public and free of charge.**

❖ **Hillsmere Elementary School Backpack Buddies:** Our backpack buddies program provides weekend meals to students who otherwise don’t get enough to eat. We are especially in need of the following items.

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| ~ soup | ~ canned pasta | ~ canned tuna/chicken |
| ~ pudding | ~ macaroni and cheese | ~ milk boxes |
| ~ snack crackers | ~ single serve fruit | ~ cereal |

For more information, please email HESBackpackBuddies@gmail.com or call 410-222-1622.

Local Events...



- ❖ Come out and hear neighborhood band, *Tayman Avenue*, at the Smokehouse on Thursday, March 7th. Featuring Hillsmere residents Josh Dennis on bass and Joseph Flanagan on guitar, *Tayman Avenue* plays a funky mix of original songs and rock classics. Stop in and say hi and make this big neighborhood feel smaller. Funky rock music! Right down the street!. Show your support. Music starts at 9pm.
- ❖ **Environmental Seminar Series at Quiet Waters Park**, in the Blue Heron Room. Refreshments will be provided! All of the seminars are free. Hosted by The Friends of Quiet Waters Park.
 - ~ Wednesday, March 20, 2013, 7pm Climate Change – What does it mean for you? These talks will delve into the impacts of climate change in Maryland and the potential changes to our livelihoods and communities. Further discussion will include steps that state agencies, local governments, and individuals are already taking to reduce and adapt to climate change.
 - ~ Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 7pm Environmental Movie Night Bag It
For more information, please contact deb@friendsofquietwaterspark.org.
- ❖ **Upcoming Events at the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Public Library. Not just books, the Library provides so much to do, right down the street!**
 - ~ AARP helps seniors and low-income residents file Federal and State income tax returns. At the Annapolis Library: Fridays through April 12 from 1 to 3 pm. This drop-in service requires no registration and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. AARP membership is not required.
 - ~ Babies in Bloom Stories & activities for children up to 24 months. Wednesdays at 10 am, March 6 through April 24 .
 - ~ Teen Reading Group: Good books to talk about: *Jump* by Elisa Carbone Thursday, March 7 at 6:30 pm. *Cryer's Cross* by Lisa McMann Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 pm.
 - ~ Make & Take Crafts: Saturdays from 9 am to 3 pm. March 9 and 23; April 6 and 20; May 4 and 18.
 - ~ Ready, Set, Go! Saturday, March 9 at 11 am and Wednesday, May 1 at 2 pm. Start your engines and get ready for model slot car racing at the library with the Crab Alley Speedway.
 - ~ Book Buddies Reading Club: For grades 2-5. *Zeus and the Thunderbolt of Doom* by Holub and Williams; Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 pm. *Animal Disguises* by Belinda Weber or *DK's Animals Alive*; Tuesday, April 9 at 4:30 pm. *Letters to Leo* by Amy Hest; Tuesday, May 14 at 4:30 pm.
 - ~ St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt. Saturday, March 16 from 10 am to 5 pm. Follow clues to find the leprechauns hidden in the library...and a prize at the end!
 - ~ Cinderella Around the World Friday, April 12 at 3 pm. There are over 1000 versions of Cinderella's story—from Korean to African, Chinese, Egyptian, Arabian, Native American and more. Join Cinderella expert Beth Schmelzer to find out why these are different, or the same, as the Cinderella story you know.

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~ National Poem In Your Pocket Day. Thursday, April 18 from 1 to 9 pm. Pick a poem from our display to carry with you all day and share with people you see. Or bring a favorite poem to post in the library.

~ Walk the Plank! Thursday, April 18 at 7 pm. Do you want to be a pirate? Learn about the pirate life, famous male and female pirates, and join Dangerous Dan and Seaspray's pirate crew. Bring a camera!

~ LegoPalooza! Wednesday, March 27 from 2 to 4 pm. Come for brick-snapping fun! Design and build your own creations. Note: Please do not bring your own. And, the bricks stay at the library.

HILLSMERE READERS

This column welcomes local and community-related items of interest. Please submit your information to seabreeze@hillsmershores.net.

The 2013 tax definition of "RICH"

The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (ATRA) and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)

1. \$400,000-\$450,000*
 - a. New tax bracket of 39.6%
 - b. New capital gains and dividend rate of 20%
2. \$250,000-\$300,000*
 - a. Personal exemption phase out (PEP)
 - b. Limitation on itemized deductions (PEASE)
3. \$200,000-\$250,000*
 - a. .9% tax on compensation
 - b. 3.8% tax on net investment income (NII)
4. End of the 2% Social Security tax holiday for everyone

* *married filing separate "tax rich" income levels are lower*



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We have many skilled and talented neighbors right here in Hillsmere. Take a look at the Hillsmere Resource Guide on www.HillsmereShores.Net under RESOURCES.

Support Your Neighbors!

Make Your Home Beautiful: Architects, Carpenters & Construction Workers, Cleaning Services, Flooring Experts, Landscapers, Plumbers, Surveyors, and Window Treatment Specialists.

Sell Your Home and/or Buy A New Home: Estate Sales, Financial Planners, Realtors, Alarm Systems

Make Yourself or a Loved One Look or Feel Beautiful: Beauty Consultants, Dentists, Jewelry Designer, Nutritional Counselor, Massage Therapist, Seamstress

And More: Art Lessons, Boat & Yacht Services, Piano Lessons & Services, Instrument Repair, Legal Services, Notary, Swim Lessons and don't forget about your Pets....there are services for them too!

If you would like to have your company or service displayed in the Hillsmere Resource Guide too, please contact Nuala O'Leary at nules99@hotmail.com and put *Hillsmere Resource Guide* in the Subject Line.

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An HSIA Building Permit is required every time an Anne Arundel Co. 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. 1. A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit.
2. 2. A copy of the construction location on the property when required by the County.
3. 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. 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.

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

2013 Membership Application

Payment of \$16.00 dues allows one voting member per household. Additional voting memberships require payment of an additional \$16.00 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 Name(s): _____ Address: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____ Cell: _____	Additional Membership (add \$16.00) Name: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Attach additional forms for more memberships

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

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 (2013)		\$ 16.00	
Additional Membership		\$ 16.00	
Dinghy Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 40.00	
Boat Ramp Key		\$ 45.00	
Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 90.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
Slip Waiting List Deposit		\$100.00	
		TOTAL	

PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

NOTE: You are no longer required to sign up annually to remain on the waiting lists. You are required to pay the onetime \$100 slip deposit to remain on the list. Please update any changed information.

Boat Information: Sail Power Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Check One: Add me to the slip waiting list (\$100 Deposit) Add me to the boat park waiting list
 Keep me on the slip waiting list (\$100 deposit) Add me to the dinghy rack waiting list

I understand that I must pay a onetime, non-refundable fee of \$100 to remain on or to be added to the slip waiting list.	Signature: _____
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To join the HSIA email list visit www.hillsmereshores.net
 (Questions? Email admin@hillsmereshores.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:

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Olivia,	age 14,	410-626-0094
Jaclyn,	age 15,	410-280-5645
Emily,	age 16,	410-280-3245
Rachel,	age 16,	410-268-4054
Erin,	age 18,	410-980-0911
Megan,	age 17,	410-507-8373
Rosie,	age 18,	443-370-1161
Hannah,	age 18,	410-980-6189

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Rachel,	age 16,	410-268-4054
Megan,	age 17,	410-507-8373

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Megan,	age 17,	410-507-8373
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Elaine,	adult,	443-822-6035
Ruth,	adult,	410-280-8849

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Joseph,	age 20,	443-603-5300
Cam,	age 23,	443-534-1149

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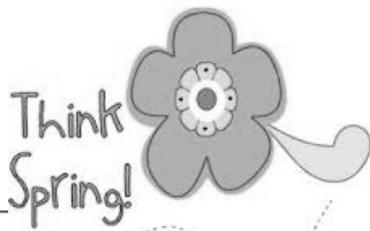
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Jan 31	Apr 25	Jul 25	Oct 24
Feb 28	May 30	Aug 29	Nov 21
Mar 28	Jun 27	Sep 26	Dec 19

2013 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 10	May 9	Sep 12
Mar 14	Jul 11	Nov 14

All Board Meetings held at The Key School Science and Library Center
All General Meetings held at The Key School Katharine Hall



March 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Begin Daylight Savings time	11	12 P&H Meeting	13	14	15	16 Hillsmere's "Burning of the Socks"
17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 1st Day of Spring Garden Club Meeting	21	22	23 Hillsmere Elem. 5k Family Run
24 Palm Sunday	25 Maryland Day <i>Sea Breeze</i> Deadline	26 First Day of Passover	27	28 HSIA Board Meeting	29 Good Friday	30 Community Easter Egg Hunt
31 Easter Sunday	April 1	2 Last Day of Passover	3	4 Deadline for Easter Egg Tree Contest	5	6



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