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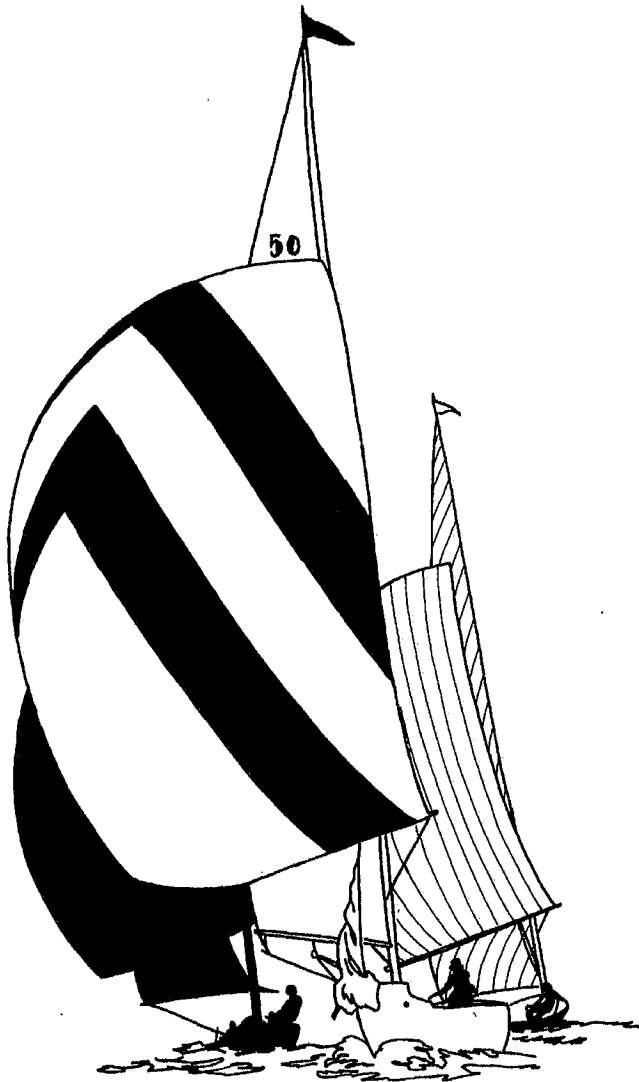
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## **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

It's been a wonderful Spring so far, for ducks and people like my neighbor, who love to cut their grass. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the sun will be out again and the monsoons will have stopped. Still, it's Spring and it's one of the best times of the year. There are a lot of good things happening in and around Hillsmere too.

Most of you already know this, but we had a contest to see who could guess the number of eggs on the Easter Egg Tree that Leslie Donaldson decorates at 425 Hillsmere Drive. The idea came from our administrator, Jean Somers. We decided that the contest would be open to children, 12 and under. The person who guessed the closest to the actual number was to receive a \$25 gift certificate to a local ice cream store. We had 27 people send in their guess. The winner was Kathryn Hantske, age 11, of Magnolia Lane. She guessed 1854 eggs. She received a \$25 gift certificate to Brusters Ice Cream. We also had two honorary winners. Maya Glass, age 3, of Kuethe Lane, guessed 10 eggs. When her father took her to see the tree she originally guessed that there were two eggs. He told her there were more than two. She then guessed 10 eggs. Bob Berry, age 78, of West Bay View Drive, guessed 885 eggs. He is an honorary winner for being so young at heart. The honorary winners received a \$6 gift certificate to Brusters Ice Cream. There was a picture in the Sunday Capital on May 3rd. It's also on our web site. I know a lot of you would



### **Volunteer's Corner**

#### **Volunteers Needed ...**

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Mar 26	Jul 30	Nov 19
Apr 30	Aug 27	Dec 17

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

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### **(President's Comments continued)**

like to know how many eggs there really were. We are not announcing the actual number because we will repeat the contest next year. Thanks to everyone who participated in the contest and thanks to Leslie Donaldson for being so supportive of our community.

Another really good thing that is happening concerns the new Annapolis Neck Fire Station on Bay Ridge Road two doors down from the Mexican Café. The station is now operational. There is a new engine ready to respond to fires and emergencies on the entire neck. It's not just a normal fire engine. It's a pumper/tanker. A normal engine has a relatively small amount of water on board and counts on fire hydrants or tanker trucks to give it the water it needs to fight a fire. The new engine carries 2,500 gallons of water. That's enough to fight a fire with two active 1-3/4 inch hoses for 15 to 20 minutes. This is very important for our community since we don't have any fire hydrants. That amount of time will allow a moderate fire to be brought under control or, more importantly, enable the firefighters to rescue anyone trapped in a burning house. The best thing is that this equipment is only a few minutes away from our community. On May 15th, there will be a full medical EMT unit also stationed at the new fire house. The fire station is manned by five firefighters 24 hours a day. The Anne Arundel County Dive Rescue Unit will also be permanently stationed at this location. The official ribbon-cutting will be on June 4th. On Saturday, June 6th, there will be an open house where everyone is welcome to come and visit the new station. There will be tours and the chance to look at all the equipment. You can even take pictures of your kids sitting on the fire truck! If you can't make it, feel free to stop by anytime and say hello.

We have also been making progress on the future of the Hillsmere Pool. As I mentioned last month, there have been a lot of rumors flying around. The HSIA board has been working on reaching a consensus on what we would like to see happen with the pool. I can't report on the details since it is still a work in progress. However, there are a few things that I believe we all agree on. First, the pool should continue to exist because it is a great asset to the entire community, increasing real estate value and bringing people together. Second, the pool should be available to more Hillsmere residents. Third, the financial viability of the pool should be maintained. The goal would be to keep the pool totally self-supporting. Finally, the consensus on the board is that, if at all possible, HPA (Hillsmere Pool Association) should continue to operate the pool under a new lease. There are a lot of details to work out. We are doing a lot of brain-storming and many really good ideas have been discussed. I can promise you that we will make sure everyone in the community is kept informed as this process continues. So, if you hear that we are planning to fill in the pool and build a motorcycle race track or that the pool will be turned into a fish farm, please don't believe it. Talk to me or any other board member first, before you call all your neighbors. The Hillsmere Pool has been one of the jewels of our community for nearly 30 years. The pool will stay and be better than ever. The entire HSIA board is dedicated to that outcome.

You may have noticed something new in the community. As I announced in the March Sea Breeze, starting May 1st we now have our security patrols provided by Blueguard Security. It's a family owned business that seems to be very interested in providing excellent customer service. There will be several security officers who will be patrolling for a minimum of 30 hours per week, all year round. You have probably seen the marked patrol car with roof mounted amber lights. Previously all our patrols have been in the evening and nighttime hours. This year, some of the patrols will be during the daytime as well. We will still have our off-duty Anne Arundel County police officers patrolling as before. Right now we have two officers working part time. Randy will not be back this summer as our beach and marina security guard. He has other work that prevents him working for us on weekends. We are looking for

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someone to replace him. We will have a security guard at the beach and marina on weekends and holidays for the entire summer.

That's it for this month. Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the beach clean-up days, Easter egg hunt, and other community events. Be sure to come out to the socials and Beach Happy Hours this summer. I'll see you there.

Bill Shuman  
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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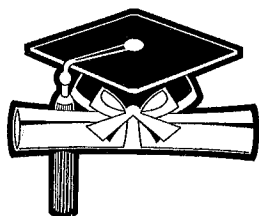
**Special Tax Rate Reduced 25% (~From Bruce Walker, Treasurer)** - In case you missed it, HSIA recommended to Anne Arundel County that your Special Tax assessment for the 2010 fiscal year be reduced by 25%. Anne Arundel County approved the reduction. The Hillsmere Shores Benefit District assessment is being reduced from \$160/lot to \$120/lot for the upcoming year. Times are tough and we want to do what we can to help.

**Hillsmere Shores Community Happy Hours 2009** - Be sure to join us at the beach for our summer community Happy Hours. Look for more information under the Beach Committee Report on page 7.



**Boat Ramp Keys** - Don't forget to get your 2009 boat ramp key!! All Piers & Harbors locks were changed on April 1, 2009. If you haven't gotten your 2009 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 use the membership form on page 6 of this issue to send in your dues and boat ramp key payment. Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!

**Membership Growing** -We currently have 478 members that have joined the HSIA for our 2009 membership year. Membership gives you the right to vote at our general meetings and allows your voice to be heard. Payment of \$15.00 dues allows one family member in the household to vote. Additional dues payments make it possible for more than one family member to vote. Members must be 18 years of age or older. Please take some time to support your homeowner's association. The membership form can be found on page 6 of this issue or on our web site at [www.hillsmershores.net](http://www.hillsmershores.net). Thanks for your support!



**Calling all Graduates** - Do you have a graduate you would like to recognize in *the Sea Breeze*? Just email the Editor at [admin@hillsmershores.net](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.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!

## Piers & Harbor News



**ATTENTION:** All 2009 slip payments, dinghy rack payments and boat park payments are due by May 15 or you will lose your spot. In addition, all residents on the slip waiting list must pay their 2009 dues by June 1 or you will be removed from the wait list. If you have any questions, please contact [admin@hillsmershores.net](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.net) or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456.

# Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

## 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 (please check one)

If Renter please provide Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Stickers Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**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.**

Payments:

Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2009)		\$ 15.00	
Additional Membership		\$ 15.00	
Dingy Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 35.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Member)		\$ 45.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Non-Member)		\$ 60.00	
Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 75.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
(Marina Sticker # _____)		<b>TOTAL</b>	

### MARINA SLIP WAITING LIST:

NOTE: If you are already on the waiting list you must fill out the following to maintain your current position.

**Check One:** ☐ add me to the waiting list ☐ keep me on the waiting list

Boat Information: ☐ Sail ☐ Power Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I must register for the waiting list each year to maintain my position.	Please sign your name here to register:
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### Did You:

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

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

## From the Beach Committee

~Kate Penn, Beach Chair

### ***Earth Day Work Project:***

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped clean up the Community Beach during our Earth Day work event. About a 15 people helped to rake and clear the restored marsh area, prime and paint the pavilions, and weed and mulch the rain gardens. If you have suggestions for projects, please contact Kate Penn at [beach@hillsmershores.net](mailto:beach@hillsmershores.net) or call the HSIA voice mail at 410-263-4456.

### ***Maintenance and Improvements:***

The HSIA Board has approved a \$49,004 contract with Grass Roots Landscaping to refurbish the parking lot and replace the piling fence. The parking area will be regraded and defined with perimeter timbers, and will be topped with new gravel. The new parking lot will feature two systems to collect and filter storm water from the drainage trench at Hillsmere Drive, under the parking lot, to the swale in the lawn. The piling fence around the parking lot will be replaced after completion of the parking lot construction, and will have thick, marine rope, rather than cables. Work will begin after permits are obtained by the contractor.

**Hillsmere Shores Community Happy Hours 2009** - The Beach Committee will be sponsoring community Happy Hours each month throughout the summer on Fridays — June 12, July 10, and August 14 from 5 pm to 8 pm at our community beach and park. Come join your neighbors and enjoy this beautiful facility! We will supply the hot dogs, hot dog buns, condiments, hot grills, paper plates, napkins, soft drinks and coolers full of ice. You bring a plate of Happy Hour style food to share, some folding lawn chairs and your favorite adult beverage. So put it on your calendar and plan to be there. If you would like to help with or plan future community Happy Hours, please contact Kate Penn or Noel Gasparin.



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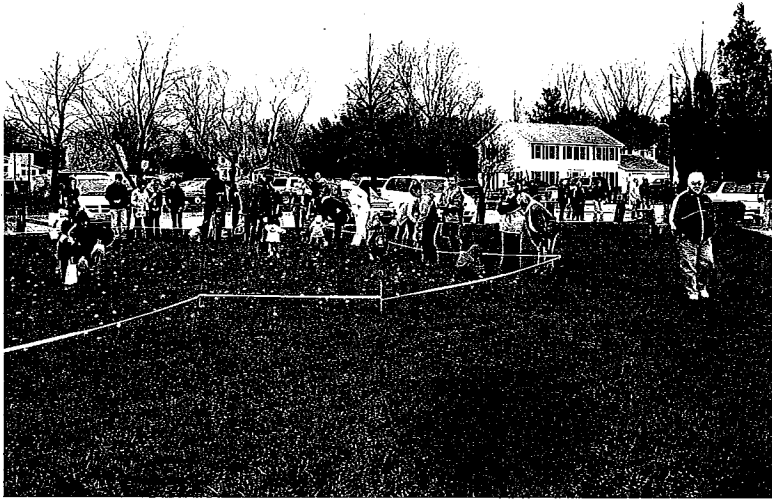
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## RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our first event of the year, the annual Easter Egg Hunt, was another success. We needed to delay the start of the hunt because of the weather and we would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility. We still had a huge turnout despite the weather — all 1800 eggs were found! Thanks to our hidiers — Susan, Jean and Erin. Thanks to Bill Shuman for getting signs up that announced our time change. Please mark your calendars for our next event, our annual Community Picnic, Saturday, June 20, 4-7 pm.

Enjoy these pictures from the Easter Egg Hunt!





# Duvall Creek Dredging Project Update

~ By Bruce Walker

As announced in the March issue of *the Sea Breeze*, the Duvall Creek Restoration Project will go through permitting this year as planned. Water Improvement Funds for this fiscal year have been frozen except for one federal project that will proceed. Duvall Creek dredging was scheduled for November, 2011 and, **at least for now, the County is keeping it on that schedule.** The Spur workshops are tentatively planned for late May. Waterfront residents should be receiving a letter from Bay Land Consultants to invite them to the Spur Workshops and explain what residents should bring to the session.

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## From the Stormwater Committee

*~Ray Sullivan, Chair*

The Stormwater Committee has been looking for ways to reduce the problems created by stormwater runoff in Hillsmere that include the flooding of backyards and streets and erosion and increased pollution of the Chesapeake Bay. One of the most important and effective methods for reducing this flooding while improving the health of the Chesapeake Bay is to reduce the amount of stormwater that runs off unchecked from our own properties. Anne Arundel County now has a program to help reduce stormwater runoff and improve the health of our streams, rivers and the Chesapeake Bay. Property owners who install rain gardens, rain barrels, block paver driveways instead of asphalt or concrete or a variety of other measures to reduce stormwater runoff can now receive up to a \$10,000 reduction in their property taxes while contributing to a dryer, greener Hillsmere.

The program allows property owners to deduct 50% of the cost of installing stormwater management measures, not required by law, up to a maximum of \$10,000. Deductions are prorated over 5 years and require that you apply to the County within 45 days of the completion of the project. Application forms and additional information about eligible projects will be posted to our web site at [www.hillsmershores.net](http://www.hillsmershores.net) or you can call the County at 410-222-1739.

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124 Spruce Lane	\$259,900	4	2
409 Edgemere Drive	\$284,900	4	2
264 Hillsmere Drive	\$299,000	2	2
301 Beach Drive	\$325,000	2	1
101 Meade Drive	\$332,500	4	3*
310 Cedar Lane	\$349,900	3	2
315 Cedar Lane	\$354,900	4	3
401 Edgemere Drive	\$371,000	4	2
121 Maple Drive	\$379,900	6	3
280 Hillsmere Drive	\$384,900	4	2.5
112 Maple Drive	\$399,000	4	3*
545 Beach Drive	\$599,900	3	2
533 Lee Circle	\$599,900	3	2
507 Hillsmere Drive	\$619,900	5	3.5
625 Harbor Drive	\$795,000	3	2
123 Green Spring Drive	\$848,863	5	4.5
105 Bay View Drive	\$1,150,000	3	2
115 Bay View Drive	\$1,390,000	4	3
131 Bay View Drive	\$1,595,000	5	3
622 Beach Drive	\$1,699,324	5	4.5

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

Other properties listed for rent in our community;

<b>Homes:</b>	<b>Price:</b>	<b>BR</b>	<b>BA</b>
301 Beach Drive	\$1,300	2	1
402 Holly Drive	\$1,495	3	1.5
102 Boyd Drive	\$1,800	3	2
310 Cedar Lane	\$1,900	3	2

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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. Then 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 410-279-1666.

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## 2009 Hillsmere Hammerheads

# Swim Team

### Registration

Complete and mail the application form on the next page. The swim team is open to all residents of Hillsmere, not just Pool Association members. We will accept swimmers that live outside of the community if room is available. Children must be able to swim one length of the pool from the beginning.

### Fees

#### Team Fee

The team fee is \$75 per swimmer, with a maximum team fee of \$175 per family living in the same house.

#### Insurance Fee

Each swimmer must also pay a \$30.00 USA Swimming insurance fee, unless they swim all year and have already paid insurance for the year 2009.

### Practice Schedule

Morning practice times after school closes:

Girls, all age groups 7:15 to 8:10 AM

Boys, all age groups 8:15 to 9:10 AM

Six and under, girls and boys 8:30 to 9:00 AM

### Tentative Meet Schedule

Regular Season Meets: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Championships: Bronze - July 22<sup>nd</sup> (@Bay Ridge), Silver - July 25<sup>th</sup> (tbd) and Gold - July 26<sup>th</sup> (@ Hillsmere)

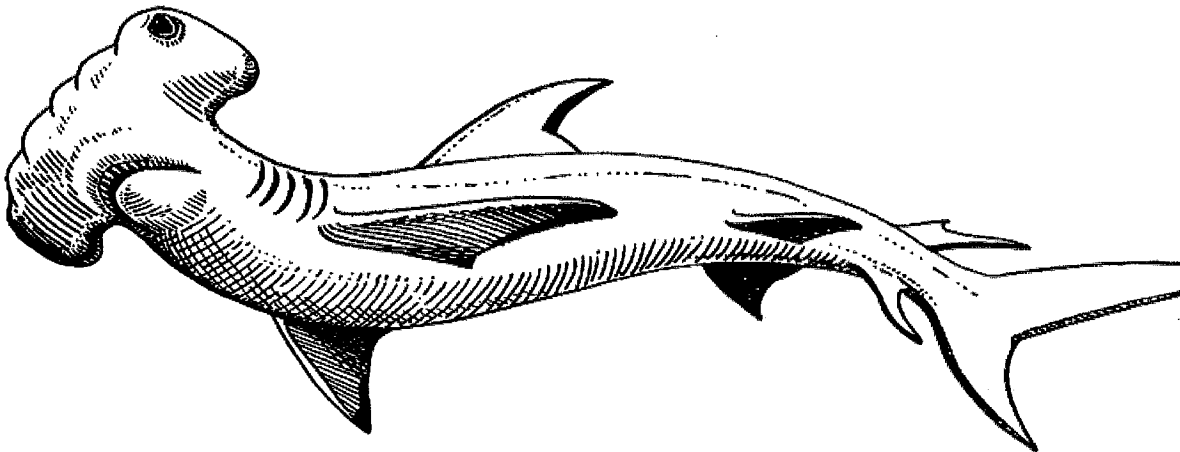
### Swim Suits

The team suit is a royal blue racing suit.

### Parent Meeting

Your opportunity to register and meet the coaches on **Wednesday May 13th, 6:30 PM** at the pool.

**Questions** – Call Robin Colley (410) 267 – 9054 or e-mail: [rlaird@hotmail.com](mailto:rlaird@hotmail.com)





# 2009 Hillsmere Hammerheads - Registration

Parents' names \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name First, Last, Middle Initial	Sex	Birthday	Age as of 6/1/09	Team Fee \$75.00 *	USA Insurance \$30.00 or winter team	TOTAL
* Maximum "Team Fee" \$175.00 per family. All swimmers must pay the \$30.00 USA Swimming Insurance fee unless they swim with a winter swim team such as ASC or NAAC or RAC. List your team affiliation in the insurance block if claiming this option.				TOTAL		

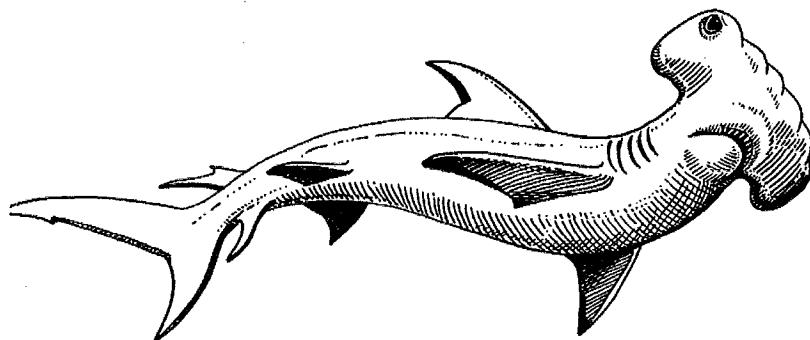
**Make checks payable to: Hillsmere Swim Team.**

**Mail application and payment to: Hillsmere Swim Team, c/o Robin Laird Colley, 109 Magnolia Lane, Annapolis MD 21403**

Volunteers are needed at all the swim meets. There will be a volunteer work assignment sheet at the parents meeting on 13 May. Please select the meet and jobs you will be working when you sign your child/children up. If each family works three sessions we should be able to cover all the positions.

I hereby give permission for the above listed swimmer(s) to swim with the Hillsmere Swim Team at whatever pools are used for scheduled practices or team competition. I will permit my child (children) to travel as necessary for team meets. I agree to hold harmless the Hillsmere Swim Team, Greater Annapolis Swim League and the management of any pools which may be used for practice or swim meets, against suits, actions and claims including those arising from personal injuries which may result from this participation.

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# HILLSMERE POOL ASSOCIATION (HPA) NEWS

~Tom Trimmer, Pool Association Vice President

Preparations for the 2009 season are in full swing. Gary Branham, Chairman of the Building and Improvement Committee, and a number of volunteers have completed installation of ceilings in the bathrooms. This should allow for better lighting and ventilation. A special thanks goes out to Tom Ruegg, Doug Colley, Tom Friday, Gregory & Dennis of Tom Friday's crew and John Johnson who volunteered and provided time, materials and expertise in completing this project. As weather permits, we will be concentrating on the grounds and returning the potted plants and planting flowers. Saturday, May 16th has been set aside for pool cleanup. If you have the time stop by give us a hand.

There are memberships still available. If you would like to purchase a charter or general membership, or require additional information, please visit [www.hillsmerepool.org](http://www.hillsmerepool.org) to contact the Membership Committee chairperson. In addition to the general and charter memberships, we will be offering an individual summer pass for \$250.00. The individual pass is exactly what the name implies, it is for an individual and allows for the use of the pool and all its' amenities and of course all pool and guest rules apply.

As I mentioned in the April *Sea Breeze*, the current lease on the property where the pool is located expires in May 2011. The work on a new lease by the two small committees from HSIA and HPA has been suspended until the HSIA discovery committee reports on the results of their findings. The HSIA committee is to report their findings at the May 28th HSIA Board meeting. However, I encourage anyone who is interested in the future of HPA and the pool; please attend the HSIA General meeting at 7pm, May 14th in the Key School Multi-Purpose Building.

Our first event of the season will be the Memorial Day festivities on May 25th. There will be music, games and lots of fun to be had. Gourmet hotdogs and hamburgers will be provided. We ask that if you are attending, please bring a dish to share (salad, side, dessert or chips & dip). Further details and volunteer sign-up sheets will be posted at the pool.

Watch for more HPA news in the next *Sea Breeze* and please visit HPA on the internet at [www.hillsmerepool.org](http://www.hillsmerepool.org). Remember, as of May 1, 2009, there are only 22 days left until the opening of the pool for the 2009 season.



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# ITEMS OF INTEREST & FYI

## HILLSMERE READERS

A reminder that this column welcomes your calls for specific community-related items of interest, for affinity groups or similar needs. Please feel free to take advantage of this.

♦ **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shred\*A\*Rama** - The Anne Arundel County Police Community Relations Council announces its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shred\*A\*Rama to be held May 16 at South River High School from 9 am to 1 pm. Any resident of Anne Arundel County may bring up to four hand-held file boxes of personal documents and watch them be shredded. Ideal for disposal of old tax and medical records, financial documents and anything else you consider personal and private. You must take documents out of binders and remove any metal clips. This service is free but donations will be accepted and greatly appreciated.

♦ **10 Steps to a Bay-Friendly Lawn** - To help protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation offers "Ten Steps to a Bay-Friendly Lawn". Please visit their web site at [http://www.cbf.org/site/DocServer/10\\_steps\\_lawn.pdf?docID=1103](http://www.cbf.org/site/DocServer/10_steps_lawn.pdf?docID=1103) and learn about the simple steps you can take to have a Bay-Friendly lawn.

♦ **Maryland Hall's Summer Classes** - Maryland Hall's summer catalog of classes is now online. Classes for adults and summer camps for children are filling quickly. Go to the web site below to browse through the summer art classes for adults. Several one day or one week workshops are available, making summer the best time to try your hand at an art class.

[http://www.marylandhall.org/classes/class\\_index.asp?classsetgyName=30&classtypeID=3&catalog=2&type=3&year=2009&session=Summer](http://www.marylandhall.org/classes/class_index.asp?classsetgyName=30&classtypeID=3&catalog=2&type=3&year=2009&session=Summer)

♦ **Anne Arundel County Recycles. More. Often. And You Can Too** - Have you visited a park in Anne Arundel County lately? Notice anything different? To help you recycle while you're out and about, we've placed recycling containers in select Anne Arundel County parks and athletic fields. Now, you can recycle at the park the same things you can recycle at home! We encourage all of our residents to take advantage of recycling opportunities WHEREVER you go. If you are at a park that doesn't yet recycle, please take your materials home and recycle them there.

You make a choice with every item you throw away, a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go. Please visit our website at [www.RecycleMoreOften.com](http://www.RecycleMoreOften.com) for a list of parks currently recycling and to take the 50/50 Challenge.

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May 17 - Chessie Jr's J/105's (Keelboat)

May 31 - Chessie Jr's J/105's (Keelboat)

June 7 - Annapolis Sailing School's Rainbows (Keelboat)

June 14 - Brendan Corp. Barnett's (Dinghy)

♦**Get Fresh...Buy Local** - Spring has sprung and farmers' markets are opening across the county. Now it's easier than ever to support our local farms and buy fresh local produce. At an Anne Arundel County Farmers' Markets, our farmers only sell what they grow and harvest. Specialty vendors produce the products they sell. Purchased items are not resold at the market. While each market may vary, you can expect to find seasonal produce and specialty items. Below is a list of markets that are open and some of the products available now.

~ Westfield Annapolis Farmers' Market located at Annapolis Mall's Sears Automotive parking lot, Sundays through October 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 am - 3 pm. Seasonal Produce, Beef, Pork, Chicken, Bison, Eggs, Baked Goods, Herbs and Herbal Products, Organic Sprouts, Jams, Honey, Coffee, Tea, Sheep (wool) Products, Pottery, Ice Cream, Potted Plants, Perennials. We now have face painting and snow cones each week at the market.

~ Anne Arundel County Farmers' Market located at the corner of Riva Road and Harry Truman Parkway, daily through December 20<sup>th</sup>, 7 am to 12 noon. Seasonal Produce, Organic Produce, Bedding Plants, Perennials, Potted Herb Gardens, Ornamental Grasses, Garden Stones, Eggs, Baked Goods, Herbs and Herbal Products, Organic Sprouts, Jewelry, Pottery, Folk Art, Honey, Glassware. Bring your plant and garden questions to AA. County's master gardeners who are on-site each week.



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### HSIA Board Meeting

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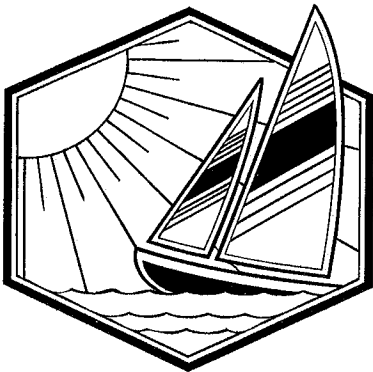
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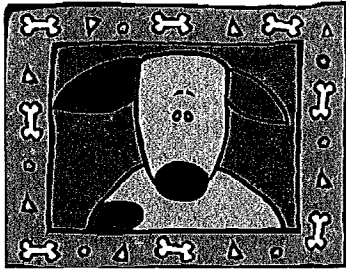


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