

# *the* **Sea Breeze**

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### **Fair Winds**

To Bill Shuman, thank you for ten years of service to our Community. From your neighbors, we wish you "fair winds and following seas" as you and Donna embark on a dream that many have shared and few have realized.

In reflecting on the accomplishments and controversies of the last ten years in Hillsmere, the accomplishments should not be overshadowed by the controversies.

Bill has brought a level of energy, enthusiasm and accomplishment rarely seen in a volunteer position. His ability to identify and recruit other volunteers who shared that energy has transformed our recreational facilities over the last ten years from adequate to the envy of neighboring communities. As new recreational interests have emerged, our beach, launching ramps and marina became havens for kayakers, windsurfers and rowers. We rebuilt and restored after Hurricane Isabel left what many thought would be indelible marks on our beach and marina. We have dredged our channels and marina and transformed our approach to community security. We have installed rain gardens and become active participants in the Oyster Recovery Partnership and the South River Federation. The list of accomplishments while Bill has served on the HSIA Board of Directors is lengthy.

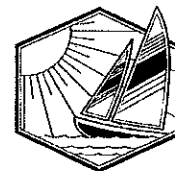
The next time you join us at a "Community Happy Hour" raise a glass, look around and toast how far the Community has come in the last ten years.

~ Christian Elkington



# President's Message

*Christian Elkington, President Pro Tempore*



You may be wondering why I am writing the "President's Comments" this month. In the April issue of the Sea Breeze Bill Shuman announced his intent to resign and pursue the cruising life style. Under the By-Laws the Vice President may assume the duties of the President or appoint, with Board approval, another person to fill the President's unexpired term. T. J. Hurlbert, our Vice President, chose to do the latter and recommend to the Board of Directors that they confirm his selection. This was done at the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board. I will be acting until our elections of HSIA Officers this November when we will select a new President.

In my farewell to Bill and Donna it is apparent that I believe the Community has benefited in many ways from a decade of stability in its leadership. We are now in a period of transition that will inevitably see changes in direction, but not the goal. The goal has always been and will always be a better Hillsmere. The format of my comments this month is one very small example of change. It is a format with which I am comfortable and one that allows you to focus your attention on those items that are of importance to you. Your participation in the transition is welcomed, as are your opinions on the route that we should follow.

## **Can I Be Heard?**

There are certainly many avenues available for you to express your opinion or open a Community dialogue. The little used Community Forum is located on our website. Email addresses for each of our Board Members and Committee Chairs are in *the Sea Breeze* and on our website. We have open Board and General Meetings where your participation is welcome. There is even an independent forum – [bloghillsmere.com](http://bloghillsmere.com) – that has seen little utilization. While these may seem more than adequate, I will be looking for additional ways for you to express your opinion and to participate in decisions. I will be forming an ad hoc committee to evaluate alternatives. Your suggestions are welcome.

## **Beach Renovation**

The Beach Committee has spent several years in evaluating studies and engineering proposals for our Community Beach. We sought to understand tidal action, offshore slope, littoral drift and fetch and how they affect our shoreline - a learning experience for us all. From this the Committee has developed two alternatives for preserving and improving the safety, shoreline protection and recreational value of our beach. The development of these proposals has involved residents with a wide range of interests, opinions and preferences and this diversity of opinion is reflected in the two alternatives that will be proposed to the Community.

That we will be undertaking a renovation of our shoreline should come as a surprise to no one since Kate Penn, Beach Committee Chair, has done a wonderful job in keeping the Community informed of the results of the studies and our progress in developing the alternatives.

Now is the time for the Community to become involved in evaluating the alternatives and selecting how our beach will look and feel for the next 30 years. There is some urgency in reaching a consensus and implementing our choice since the interior bulkheads of both points of land are in need of repair and should they fail we will not be permitted to replace them.

Each of the proposals will be presented for comment at the General Meeting on May 10<sup>th</sup> and at two additional meetings scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>. I urge you to attend, review the alternatives and offer your comments. The presentation is the first step in determining your preference and will culminate in a Community vote later in the summer.

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### **Don't Miss the Party**

You have not missed your opportunity to join the Hillsmere Community Pool for the upcoming season, and participate in the opening day Memorial Day Pool Party.

The pool is self supporting and relies entirely on membership dues for its funding and on volunteers to accomplish the hundreds of man-hours required to keep the pool open and functioning. If you are already a member, think about volunteering and if you are not yet a member think about joining and enjoy one of our most rewarding recreational opportunities. Membership forms are included in this issue of *the Sea Breeze*.

### **Crime**

Although it is never pleasant to discuss, we have had a recent increase in vandalism and criminal activity in the Community. A number of cars have been vandalized and at least two vehicles have been stolen. In a number of these incidents, the police were not notified.

If you notice unusual activity in the neighborhood or witness a crime, please call 911. In every conversation with the Anne Arundel County Police they have encouraged the use of 911 for any suspicious or criminal activity. They prioritize their 911 calls and respond to the emergencies before the more routine requests for assistance. If they are aware of problems in a particular neighborhood, they will make every effort to increase the frequency of their patrols.

### **Hillsmere shores.net**

A resident recently reminded me that many of us are unfamiliar or have forgotten some of the procedures or rules in our Community. Everything from how to schedule a party at the beach to the prohibition of raising farm animals in your yard can be found on our newly revised website thanks to the volunteer efforts of Mike Gray our Webmaster. Visit the site, refresh your memory and even start a new thread on our Community Forum.

### **The Last Word**

Recently we received a note thanking the many volunteers who maintain the area around our pool. You can find that note included in this issue. We are a Community that depends on the efforts of many volunteers to maintain, repair and operate our recreational facilities and it nice to know that their efforts are appreciated.



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## A Special Thank You from the HSIA Administrator

*Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill and Donna Shuman for all their service to our community over the last 10 years. As the HSIA Administrator, Bill has helped me in more ways than I can count. I could always rely on him to support me in whatever task was at hand. He did so many things for our community. I don't think I could begin to name them all.

As President, Bill generously gave of his time. If we had a snowstorm or hurricane, he would be emailing and calling board members and volunteers to aid any residents in need. During one heavy rain, a resident knocked on his door and asked him to come and look at the storm drain overflowing behind his house. He never turned a resident away or was too busy to listen, even if it meant he would get soaking wet.

I would also like to thank Bill's wife, Donna. Behind every good man, there can be an even greater woman. That would be Donna. She never hesitated to pitch in and help. She has helped me at every HSIA General meeting and at every Come And Get It Day for years. She's been my "right hand man" for so long and I will miss her terribly.

Bill and Donna have become my good friends. I wish them safe seas as they venture out to new horizons. Bon voyage!



### PERSONAL ADS

- A group of neighbors have created an informal sailing group based in Hillsmere. Although this is little more than an idea at this point, the group exists to promote sailing and social sailing activities for beginners to old salty dogs. No boat? No problem. Just join our Facebook page and keep up with what's going on. We'll get you out there and even put the tiller in your hand. As interest grows we hope to provide guidance and mentoring for things like sailboat maintenance, seamanship, boat handling, decision making and personal safety. If you have an old Laser/ Sunfish/ etc. you'd like to donate, let us know. Facebook URL:  
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## HSIA Community News:

- **“Thank you” from a Neighbor:** I would like to thank all of the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard to make the neighborhood look beautiful. I wish I could have been there to help, but since I cannot supply the labor part, I want to be sure everyone knows that their efforts are most appreciated. And to Chris Elkington, what a great job getting the trees cut back around the pool area. It is so much easier now to drive down the street. Great job everyone! ~ Janet Kurtz



- **Easter Egg Tree Contest :** Gabrielle Gallant is the winner of Hillsmere’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Tree contest. We had 38 contestants ranging in age from 2 to 12. Gabrielle’s guess of 4,051 eggs was the closest guess to the actual number of eggs on the tree. Gabrielle won a \$25 gift card to Bruster’s Ice Cream. There will be a picture of her in the Capital soon. Congratulations Gabrielle, and thank you to all the children of Hillsmere who enthusiastically sent in their guesses for this year’s contest!

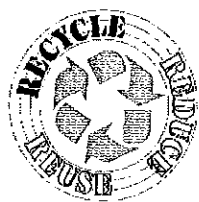
- **Pool Pass Pickup Day** – Please come to the pool on Saturday, May 12, from 9 am to noon, or Saturday, May 19, from 1-4 pm to pick up your pool passes. If you cannot make it either of those days, you can pick up your passes from the lifeguards when the pool opens.



- **Hillsmere Shores Community Happy Hours 2012:** The Beach Committee will be sponsoring community Happy Hours each month throughout the summer – June 8, July 13, and August 10, from 5 – 8 pm at our community beach and park. Come join your neighbors and enjoy this beautiful facility! We will supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, hot grills, paper plates, napkins, soft drinks and coolers full of ice. You bring a plate of Happy Hour style food to share, some lawn chairs, and your favorite adult beverage. So put these dates on your calendar and plan to be there. If you would like to help with or plan future community Happy Hours, please contact Noel Gasparin at [beach@hillsmershores.net](mailto:beach@hillsmershores.net).

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

- **Coming soon: One-A-Week trash collection**



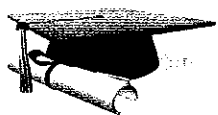
**Beginning June 2012** - trash, recycling, and yard waste collections will occur on your current recycling day only. More and more residents are recycling 50% of everything they throw away and are now successfully using only one of their two weekly trash collection days for their disposal needs. This initiative will enable the County to save on what has now become a wasteful collection cost. The savings will be used to reduce the fee County residents pay for trash and recycling-related services.

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

- ✓ Buy only what you need.
- ✓ Consider donating useable clothing and household items to churches, charitable organizations, an online network, or anyone who could use them.
- ✓ Compost food scraps and yard waste to decrease trash and produce a valuable soil amendment.
- ✓ Take the 50/50 Challenge at home. Strive to fill more recycling containers than trash cans.

- **Calling All Graduates:** Do you have a graduate you would like to recognize in the *Sea Breeze*?

Just email the Editor at [seabreeze@hillsmershores.net](mailto:seabreeze@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!



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- **Hillsmere Mom and Dad's Group:** April was a busy month for the members of the Hillsmere Moms & Dads group! We had two Easter Egg Hunts (one part Happy Hour!), a beach party, and a get together with the Hillsmere Garden club to get the kids to help make May Baskets!

On April 20th, we gathered at the beach to thank Emily Auerswald for all of her efforts leading the HM&D's group for the last 2.5 years! (Thank you, Emily!) Our group grew to be so large, that Emily worked to move all of the users to a web site hosted by Big Tent, which features a discussion forum for general interest, local events, playgroups and activities, and Mom's Night Out activities.

If you live in Hillsmere, and have kids of any age, are a stay at home OR working full-time parent, we invite you to join this fun bunch! For more information, please contact Lori Hogbin:  
[Lorilei5@gmail.com](mailto:Lorilei5@gmail.com)

- **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 and time requested to [admin@hillsmershores.net](mailto: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 by only Hillsmere Shores residents and owners and their guests. Just send in photocopies of your vehicle registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail.



- **Boat Ramp Keys** - Did you get your 2012 boat ramp key yet? No problem. Just tear out the membership form 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 change on April 1, 2012. If you haven't gotten your 2012 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!

## Notice

In May, at the completion of their spring athletic season, Key School will be renovating their athletic field at Hillsmere and West Bay View Drives. The field will be re-graded to minimize storm water runoff and replanted with a variety of grass more suitable to the heavy use of the facility. A similar renovation was done last year on the field adjacent to the Smith House. Although many residents regularly use this field to exercise their pets and for other activities, Key has asked that we not use the field until the turf has reestablished itself.



## Recreation and Entertainment

Mark your calendars for the annual Ice Cream Social, on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the beach. More details will be included in the next issue of *the Sea Breeze*.

Please enjoy these pictures from the East Egg Hunt last month:



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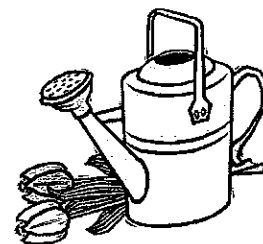
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## Hillsmere Garden Club:




The Garden Club will celebrate their last meeting of the current fiscal year on May 16 with a luncheon at the Hillsmere Beach. New officers will be installed. Paulette Schwallenberg, president; Katie Berry, vice president; Jean Koehler, Secretary; Clare Davison, Corresponding Secretary; Barbara Brady, Treasurer.

Our next scheduled meeting will be held at the Eastport/Annapolis Library on September 19, 2012 at 12:30 PM for snacks with the meeting starting at 1 PM. Membership is open to men and women. Yearly dues are \$15.00.



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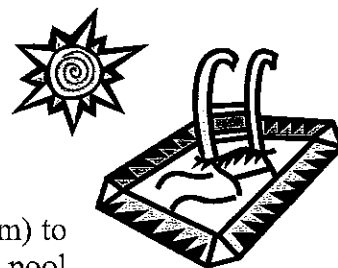
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# Community Pool Report

Mike Drucis and Perry Geib, Co- Chairs



Remember to stop by the Pool on May 12th (9 am to 12 pm) or 19th (1 pm to 4 pm) to pick up your membership cards, passes and coupons. If you haven't been to the pool lately, if at all, please stop by and check it out. The pool will be open to look around, but the swimming season doesn't start until the Memorial Day Weekend!

There are many ways to join the pool, under the new membership structure you can start out with a coupon book, 10 passes for \$100, and if you decide to convert to another type of membership the full amount paid on passes, or other membership types, will be credited toward the new membership level. You can mix and match the membership levels that best meet your personal and financial situation. We also plan on hosting one, possibly more, open house swim days for all Hillsmere residents to come and try the pool for a day and hopefully to become members.

We are looking for volunteers to help out with some spring cleaning at the pool on May 12 and May 19th, there will be some light refreshments as well. The bigger goal is to get more members involved in helping around the pool and to encourage meeting other members, all great folks from Hillsmere.



*Join the Fun: Community Residents enjoy the pool during last summer's Labor Day party and "Big Kahuna" splash contest.*

Since the pool closed last fall there have been a core group of volunteers working to do maintenance and incremental changes to the pool. Most of the thanks should go to Bob Pierno who has been tireless in his efforts and to Jerry Frentsos who worked with Bob to sort out and repair the pool furniture. Helene Raven has been working on many projects, including one to streamline the pool rules and some changes will be implemented at the start of the season while other changes may need to be reviewed and approved by the pool membership. And there other members on the Pool Committee and volunteers, all of whom have been working to continue providing Hillsmere with a great place to relax, socialize with friends and neighbors and to cool off during the hot summer months.

A few of the changes at the pool include:

- An increase in the grass area inside of the fence: the fence was pushed out toward the Phipps Lane parking lot by eight feet. This additional space will provide more room to spread out and possibly hold more tables, if needed.
- The parking lot has been cleaned-up, quite extensively, by pool volunteers, all spearheaded by Christian Elkington and his crew from the Property Maintenance Committee.

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- The entryway to the pool has been modified to allow easier movement in and out of the pavilion area, and new landscaping will be in place by opening day. New umbrellas were purchased so all of the tables should have operable umbrellas on opening day, and hopefully all season long. The flower pots have been changed and plants upgraded to help provide low maintenance, yet decorative greenery.
- When you shower, before and after swimming, you might notice that the hot water is a bit warmer this year; a new hot water heater was installed this past month.
- The old electrical junction boxes around the pool have been covered to help prevent tripping and to provide a cleaner look.
- New security lighting has been installed, and motion detectors now activate the lights inside the pool. If you observe lights on for any length of time, it should be considered potentially suspicious behavior and checked out by the security guard or the police.

There are many other projects that haven't been listed, but suffice it to say that the core volunteers have been putting a lot of energy and passion into the pool, we all want it to be successful and to be a magnet to pull our community together.


There are a few other small projects planned as volunteers, money and time allow. One concern we have heard about is with regard to providing adequate shade in the baby pool area. An approach has been identified; however, we are in a holding pattern on additional projects until we determine our membership level and income for the 2012 season. If membership meets or exceeds last year we will continue to implement small projects during the pool season.

We have received approval from the HSIA Board to spend funds on two safety related repairs around the pool deck -- caulking the broken plastic caps of the concrete expansion joints, and concrete repairs around the pool clean-outs.

The Pool Committee needs volunteers to join the committee or to work on ad-hoc subcommittees, such as to study and make recommendations for the baby pool area, explore new ideas for parties and events, plan fund raising events, explore a masters swimming program, etc. We know many very creative, hard working people are part of our community, and we invite you to join the pool committee to help make the pool even better.

We need to hear from everyone, pool members and non-member community residents, to help guide the Pool Committee and the HSIA Board as we begin to formulate both short and long term plans concerning the Hillsmere Pool. If you want to join the committee, to work on pool activities and/or improvement projects, or to help ensure that all members' needs are considered, please contact us via email, [pool@hillsmreshores.net](mailto:pool@hillsmreshores.net), or by leaving us a voice mail at 410-263-4456.

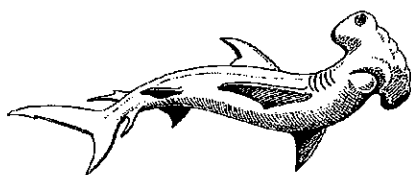
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The Hillsmere Hammerheads practice starts June 4<sup>th</sup>, with evening sessions; morning practice starts June 13. Practice times are:

- **Ages 6 and under:** TBD.
- **Ages 7 to 10 years:** Night Practice from 6/4/12 - 6/12/12 - 7:00 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.  
Morning Practice starting 6/13/12 - 7:00 a.m. to 7:50 a.m.
- **Ages 11 to 18 years:** Night Practice from 6/4/12 - 6/12/12 - 7:50 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Morning Practice starting 6/13/12 - 8:00 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.

There is still time to register for the team! Registration runs March 1 to May 25; late registration (with a fee) is May 26 to June 4. Registration closes on June 4. Go to [www.hillsmerehammerheads.com](http://www.hillsmerehammerheads.com) for pricing, more details, and to register. Swimmers must be able to swim a full length of the pool and be 5 years of age by June 1, 2012.

The Hammerheads are hosting two meets during the regular season, as well as one Championship meet. The home meets are on June 16, July 14, and the Championship meet is July 18 (Wednesday night). The meet schedule is posted on-line and on our Facebook site.

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# Security Report

Matt Franz, Security Chair



The last couple of weeks have been trying for security, off duty police and AACO police. We have had cars stolen, homes broken into, and theft from cars. The majority of these crimes seem to be crimes of convenience, as most incidents involved cars and homes that were left unlocked.

Most crimes in Hillsmere are small, such as trespassing on community property and theft from unlocked cars. But lately we've seen it grow into home invasion and auto theft. Petty thieves start small, but when no one contacts the police, they tend to get bolder. Therefore, this is a strong reminder to report **all crimes!** If we do not care about the little crimes - the big ones are just around the corner.

Below are AACO police and security numbers to report crimes. Please report all criminal activity and suspicious persons to AACO police first and then to the Security Committee. AACO police only has one officer assigned from the Annapolis Mall down to the Bay Ridge peninsula; that's a large area for one officer to cover. The police do not know we have a problem if we do not report it. Please help security and police protect our community by keeping an eye out and reporting activity.

This is also a great time to get your community sticker on your vehicle; to let the security and police know you are a resident and belong in the community.

1. AACO police emergency 911
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3. AACO Police online at <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/Forms.cfm>
4. Email at [security@hillsmere.net](mailto:security@hillsmere.net)
5. 410-263-4456 X6
6. Stop the officer and talk to him about issues

There have been 4 sets of photo cell motion detection lights installed at the pool. The old mercury vapor lights are still there, but not hooked up. The purpose of this was to use the lighting as an alert that activity may be occurring inside the pool area when closed. If at night the pool house lights are on please be aware of what activity may be occurring and notify the appropriate parties.



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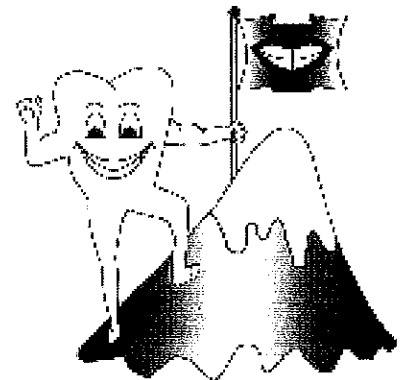
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# Piers & Harbor News

*T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Committee Chair*



## New Dock Ladders

The new dock ladders have arrived and will be used to replace existing unsafe ladders in the marina and as additional ladders at the Sunset and Beach piers.

## Piers and Harbors Email List

Piers and Harbors has an email list of all slip holders, which is used to send out notifications regarding the Marina and to facilitate future Piers and Harbors Meetings. If you did not include an email address on your Slip Renewal Form, your email address has changed, or you simply want to be added to the email list, please send a note to [marinacommunications@hillsmereshores.net](mailto:marinacommunications@hillsmereshores.net) with your email address.

## Grow Oysters Program

Piers and Harbors is again participating in the Grow Oysters Program. You will see oyster cages attached to the piers in the main marina which contain the immature oysters. Please do not disturb the cages. If you notice someone disturbing the cages, please ask them to stop. These oysters will be placed on reefs here in the South River in the early Summer, and will contribute to a cleaner river.

## Swimming at the Marina

Swimming in the marina and around the piers is something that is inherently risky. HSIA has installed signs at the main marina, Beach Drive, and Sunset Drive piers warning of the risks of swimming in an active marina. There are many hazards in the marina such as moving boats, shore power cords, possible stray electrical currents, etc. Please do not swim around the boats or piers.

## Volunteer needed for Communications

The Communications Committee is looking for someone to write Piers and Harbors articles for the Sea Breeze. If you are interested, please send an email to: [marinacommunications@hillsmereshores.net](mailto:marinacommunications@hillsmereshores.net) or leave a message for us at 410-263-4456.

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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.*

## Important dates:

- **“SAVE OPEN SPACE” Open space zoning, County Council:** Monday, May 7, 7p.m.
- **GIANT gas station appeal, Circuit Court:** Monday, May 7, 1:30p.m.
- **SYAN Meeting at Hillsmere Library:** Tuesday, May 29 7PM
- **The Reserve at Quiet Waters Board of Appeals Hearing:** June 5, 2012 Tuesday at 7 p.m. City Hall, 160 Duke of Gloucester Street
- **Building Board of Appeals Hearing on Forest Conservation Act as related to Quiet Waters development and forest destruction:** TBD

## The Reserve at Quiet Waters:

The hearing held on April 18 has been continued. The developers had ten people to present their plan, including 2 traffic experts. It took over 2 hours. At 11PM the hearing was continued to June 5. Besides traffic the other major issue is the Priority Forest area. The Annapolis Environmental Commission is working to enforce the Forest Conservation Act (FCA) in order to preserve the priority forest. The developer is claiming that they need to develop this area. Even with this area preserved, over 100 units could be built. The city department of Neighborhoods and Environmental Programs (DNEP) presented a document that stated that the developers plan met the FCA requirements. We were told that the Board of Appeals could not rule on this.

Appeals have been filed to the Building Board of Appeals contesting DNEP findings. Individuals from Beechwood Hill and Hunt Meadow as well as The Hunt Meadow Homeowners Association have filed appeals. No date has been set for these hearings.

In January the Annapolis Regional Transportation Management Association (ARTMA) issued a statement opposing the project based on traffic concerns. View the traffic study

[http://www.hillsmereshores.net/Committee-Traffic/Quiet\\_Waters\\_Preserve\\_Report\\_\(07-2011\).pdf](http://www.hillsmereshores.net/Committee-Traffic/Quiet_Waters_Preserve_Report_(07-2011).pdf)

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

**Come to the Board of Appeals (BOA) hearing** at City Hall on Tuesday June 5, 7 p.m. 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.

Written testimony should be addressed to: [boards@annapolis.gov](mailto:boards@annapolis.gov)

Chairman, Annapolis Board of Appeals

145 Gorman Street, 3rd Floor

Annapolis, MD 21401

## “KIDS NOT CARS” Save the Annapolis Playground

**Amazingly** the city moves forward on this despite the outcry. Interestingly this situation is similar to the GIANT gas station proposal, as it is totally car oriented and in contradiction to the Comprehensive Plan. For more information and ways to take action, go to: [www.savetheannapolisplayground.org](http://www.savetheannapolisplayground.org).

## GIANT gas station

This has been appealed to the circuit court and will be heard on **Monday, May 7 at 1:30 p.m. at the Circuit Court on Church Circle in Annapolis**. SYAN is urging people to write letters to the editor at [capletts@capitalgazette.com](mailto:capletts@capitalgazette.com). 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.

*(SYAN continued on the bottom of page 16)*

# From The Beach

Kate Penn, Beach Chair



**SHORELINE PRESENTATION at MAY GENERAL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, MAY 12, 7 pm at the Key School**  
**With repeat performance:**  
**SATURDAY, MAY 19, 10 am at the Key School**

The long awaited, much debated concept plans will be introduced at the May General Meeting on Thursday, May 12 at 7 pm. Please come learn all about the options we have put together for the shoreline remediation. We will repeat the presentation again on Saturday, May 19 at 10 a.m. The Beach Committee has worked long and hard to study and design two very good options for our community shoreline. Although no votes will be taken at these meetings, they will provide a good opportunity for residents to learn about the designs, including the costs, and the pros and cons for each.

## **- New Swing Set Project Update:**

We anticipate the new swing set to be installed in June. We will also replace some of the smaller pieces of equipment that are badly worn or broken. If you or someone you know is interested in bidding on the installation project, please contact 410-263-4456 or email [beach@hillsmershores.net](mailto:beach@hillsmershores.net). Stay tuned for more details as the construction date approaches.

## **- Pavilion reservations and Security:**

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. Book now, as spaces fill quickly for this popular venue! But remember that when you make a reservation it is for the use of the pavilion, grills, and volleyball court only; the community always has use of the rest of the park area and the beach.

Please be sure to keep the beach looking its best, and clean up your trash. If a trash can is full, please use the next one or take your trash home, and don't forget to recycle! 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.hillsmershores.net](http://www.hillsmershores.net).



*(SYAN Report, continued from page 15)*

## **Hayes Annexation**

On April 23 at 3:30 AM the city council voted to annex this area. This will not be the end of this issue the Dorsey Heights neighborhood is determined to defend their community and are contemplating further action.

**Contact Mayor Josh Cohen** at **410-263-7997** or [mayor@annapolis.gov](mailto:mayor@annapolis.gov) and let him know how you feel about these issues. Or write the City Council at [boards@annapolis.gov](mailto:boards@annapolis.gov).

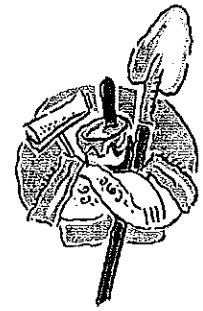
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Ray Sullivan [Rsullivan229@hotmail.com](mailto:Rsullivan229@hotmail.com)

**Editors Note:** My apologies to readers and Ray Sullivan for omitting the SYAN report in last month's issue.



# Property Management Report

*Christian Elkington, Property Management Chair*



The HSIA Board of Directors recently decided to combine the Environmental and Storm Water Committees with Property Management. The change was made at the request of the respective committee chairs and we hope that the change will improve coordination of our activities and provide more flexibility in project funding.

The restructured Committee has been busy in the last few months with projects in the area surrounding the Community Pool, the Beach, and along Hillsmere Drive:

## **Pool Area**

The vegetation surrounding the pool parking lot has been trimmed and where necessary some has been removed for increased visibility and safety.

The Juniper bushes along the pool fence have been removed. They were overgrown with Honeysuckle and severely restricted the air flow within the pool fence. They are being replaced by Echinacea on the upper slope and River Birch on the lower slope. The plantings at the entrance to the pool are being redone to remove overgrown vegetation and to improve the appearance. The Pin Oaks have had their lower limbs trimmed so that their canopies are no longer hanging over the road and the parking lot. This should increase the amount of light and no longer block the breeze. Rotted timbers have been removed from the parking lot and will be replaced with a new fence in the fall. With the assistance of Key School volunteers, the rain garden was cleaned up and a new path through the garden has been created.

## **Median**

The lower limbs of the Eastern Red Cedars have been trimmed to raise the canopy. All of the trees and bushes have been mulched for the first time in many years. The Bradford Pear trees have been shaped to improve both their shape and to insure that they remain healthy.

## **Beach**

As part of Earth Day, Key School students have given the rain gardens their spring cleanup, removed overgrown or unwanted plants, and installed mulch borders.

While some of these projects required professional assistance, many were accomplished by Community and Key School volunteers who deserve our thanks for their time and effort.



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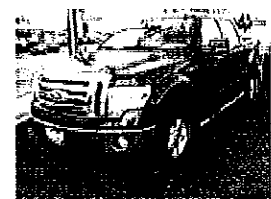
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# School News and Events...



## A MAY FAIR in Hillsmere

Join us for an old timey celebration of spring at Key's May Fair on Saturday, May 5 from 1:00- 4:00 p.m. Pony rides, cake walks, cotton candy, dunk tanks, human sphere races and a pie eating contest! All proceeds will go to the Anne Arundel Medical Center's Breast Cancer Center.

## SUNDAY SUN SALUTATIONS – May 20 at Key School

The Key School Parents' Association invites all Hillsmere residents to celebrate spring, yoga and community! **Sunday, May 20 at 10:00 a.m.** on the **Manse Field** (along Hillsmere Drive).

Join Erica Jensen, a certified yoga instructor who has taught in Annapolis, Baltimore and DC for more than ten years, for an invigorating morning of yoga alfresco. Fee is \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for those under 18. All proceeds benefit the Key School Parents' Association. Each participant is asked to bring a yoga mat/beach towel and water. Yoga mats will be available for purchase (\$10.00).


**Key's Commencement** is June 8, beginning at 3:00 p.m. The School dismisses at 11:30 a.m. on June 8.

## SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS – June 15

Key is offering a professional development institute for area educators on June 15. The institute's focus is on interdisciplinary teaching and progressive educational practice. This year's seminars will highlight interactive classroom tools such as iPads, SMART Boards and Google Docs. For more information, visit [www.keyschool.org/engagingminds](http://www.keyschool.org/engagingminds).

## Library Happenings: Eastport-Annapolis Neck

- **Book Buddies Reading Club:** A special junior book club for Elementary school-age readers with discussions, lots of fun and a snack. Just drop in, newcomers always welcome!  
*Odd and the Frost Giants*, by Neil Gaiman - Tuesday, May 8 at 4:30 pm
- **Circus Circus** - Wednesday, May 9 at 10 am: Bring your imagination to the Pre-K Big Top! For preschoolers



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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	

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:	

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:

✓	Contact name and phone number(s)
	Other procedure (Please specify exactly): <i>Note: In case of serious illness or injury 911 will be called.</i>

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.
Family	\$400		\$425			* To receive discount all fees must be paid in full. **Must be purchased In-person at CAGID (max 20 passes per household)
Adult	\$150		\$160			
Youth	\$ 75		\$ 80			
Caregiver/Nanny	\$ 50		\$ 50			Each Family membership will receive 5 free guest passes and each Adult membership will receive 2 free guest passes.
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<b>Totals</b>					\$	

# 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)
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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.

<b>Household Membership</b> Name(s): _____ Address: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____	<b>Additional Membership</b> (add \$15.00) Name: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____
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Attach additional forms for more memberships

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Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 76.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
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Hillsmere Baseball Cap (one size fits all)		\$ 15.00	
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                   ☐ add me to the dinghy rack waiting list                   ☐ keep me on the dinghy rack waiting list

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

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2. Name of person who will cast the vote.
3. The date of a single meeting for which it is valid.
4. The particular subject or subjects for which it is valid.

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

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2. _____	
3. _____	
at the HSIA General Meeting to be held on _____ and any continuation thereof.	
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Print Name	Address
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Signature	

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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.

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Vice President	T.J. Hurlburt	410-263-4456
Secretary	Mark Jones	410-263-4456
Treasurer	Bruce Walker	410-268-7466

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-2011**

Bill Anderson	410-263-4456	Helene Raven	410-263-4456
Shannon Frece	410-263-4456	Tracy Stanley	443-517-9820
Perry Geib	410-263-4456	Ray Sullivan	410-263-4456

### **CHAIRPERSONS**

Beach	Kate Penn	443-482-9870
Building Permits	Bill Anderson	410-263-4456, x 1
Budget	Bruce Walker	410-268-7466
Entertainment	Stephanie Geib/Susan Staples	410-263-4456, x4
Historian	Julie Crudele	410-263-4456, x 1
Membership	Jean Somers	410-263-4456, x 1
Nominations	Ted Shepherd	410-263-4456, x 1
Piers & Harbors	T.J. Hurlburt	410-263-4456, x 1
Pool	Mike Drucis/Perry Geib	410-263-4456
Property	Christian Elkington	410-280-2610
Security	Matt Franz	410-263-4456, x6
Traffic	Matt Franz	410-263-4456, x 1
Volunteer Coordinator	Tracy Stanley	443-517-9820
Web Master	Michael Gray	410-263-4456, x 1
Welcoming	Vacant	
Zoning & Covenants	Vacant	

Key School Liaison - Irfan Latimer 410-263-4456, x 5

Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation Representative - Ray Sullivan  
Bulk Trash Pick Up 410-222-6104  
Animal Control 410-222-8900

**Beach Picnic Area Reservations 410-263-4456, x2**  
Boat Ramp Keys 410-263-4456  
Boat Slip Assignment/Waiting List 410-263-4456  
County Community Services Specialist 410-222-1242  
Guest Parking Passes 410-263-4456  
Hillsmere Car & Boat Trailer Stickers 410-263-4456  
Hillsmere Garden Club 410-263-1937  
Hillsmere Swim Team 443-336-8432  
Recycling Information 410-222-6103

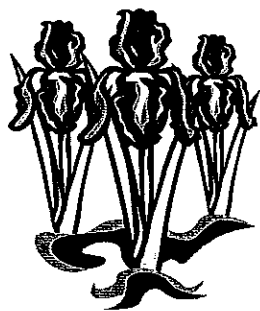
### **2012 BOARD MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.**

Jan 26	Apr 26	Jul 26	Oct 25
Feb 23	May 31	Aug 30	Nov 29
Mar 29	Jun 28	Sep 27	Dec 20

### **2012 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.**

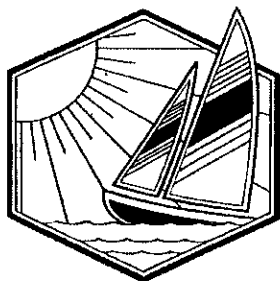
Jan 12	May 10	Sep 13
Mar 8	Jul 12	Nov 8

**All Board Meetings held at The Key School Science and Library Center**  
**All General Meetings held at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building**



# May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 May Day	2	3	4	5 Cinco d Mayo
6	7	8 National Teacher's Day P&H Meeting	9	10 Lag B'Omer General Meeting	11	12 Nurses' Day Pool Passes Distributed
13 Mothers' Day	14	15	16 Garden Club Meeting	17	18	19 Shoreline Presentation Pool Passes
20	21 <i>Sea Breeze</i> <i>deadline</i>	22 National Maritime Day	23	24	25	26
27 Shavou'ot	28 Memorial Day Pool Party	29 SYAN Meeting	30	31 Board Meeting	June 1	June 2



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