

the *Sea Breeze*

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Key Students celebrate Earth Day throughout Hillsmere



Photo Credit: Key School

Students pick up litter as part of Earth Day activities.

Twenty groups of Key School students in grades 4 -10 walked through Hillsmere to pick up litter on Earth Day. Faculty-led groups started at designated Hillsmere Shores locations including the marina, pool, Bay View boat ramp, and Eastport Library. Upon return to school, all groups separated their collections into piles according to materials, analyzed the data, and continued a discussion about the impact of plastics and micro-plastics on marine life in the Bay and Ocean ecosystems. All of the collected materials were properly recycled. Additionally, Key’s senior class helped clean the Marina oyster cages. Below is the student recorded data for the April 22 Earth Day litter collection in Hillsmere:

Total pieces of plastic – 1, 799

Total pieces of mixed materials- 896

Total pieces of paper - 565

Total pieces of metal - 316

Total pieces of glass- 134

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President's Message

~ Mike Penn, President



Spring has finally arrived along with beautiful weather, flowers, and our annual spring crime spree. Each spring, after a long hibernation, our local criminals and thieves awake hungry for your personal property. Please don't encourage them; keep all cars, garages, sheds and anything you cherish under lock and key. Unfortunately, this is a serious problem that is not going away. The only way to discourage crime is not to invite it. Open garages and sheds, unlocked cars and homes make an easy target and let local criminals know Hillsmere is an easy score. Suspicious behavior needs to be reported to the police. The more often they are called into the neighborhood, the less chance thieves will stick around. Don't be afraid to call 911 if you see something suspect. After you call the police, let Blueguard Security (Mac) know as well.

On a much more fun note, Maple Drive will host the August 7th Happy Hour. The streets on the West side of Hillsmere don't seem to be as organized as the East side; so, if anyone on the West side wants to team up with Harbor Drive to host the June 12th opener, just let me know. We still need a host for the July 4th Happy Hour. The pig roast, in September, will be handled by the Boyd Drive crew.

Thank you to all the volunteers that make this a great place to live,

Mike Penn

UPCOMING CHANGES TO THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE *SEA BREEZE*

Beginning with the July 2015 issue, the *Sea Breeze* will be distributed electronically. You will still be able to receive a hard copy, but you must opt-in to continue receiving it in your mail box. We will continue to post the *Sea Breeze* of the HISA website, where it can be read at any time. Join the *Sea Breeze* [distribution email](#) list and receive a direct link to the web version when it is published. If you wish to continue to receive a copy in the mail, please notify the HISA Administrator at 410-263-4456 (24-hours) or email your request to admin@hillsmereshores.net and include your name and address. If you've already notified us, we've got your request.

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Piers & Harbor Meeting — May 12th Sea Breeze Submission Deadline — May 20th
General Meeting — May 14th Board Meeting — May 28th

HSIA Community News and Events

~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



Memorial Day Festivities at the Beach – Please join us at the community beach on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, for a special Memorial Day recognition for veterans of all branches of the military. The ceremony will start at 10:00 am. Coffee and donuts will be available for all. Everyone is invited and we hope that you will invite your veteran members of your family. Please ask them to bring any service related photos or medals. If they can still wear their uniform, that would be great! If anyone in Hillsmere can play a trumpet, please contact Mac, our Blueguard Security Officer at 443-388-7658. Please join us for this special celebration to honor and thank our veterans for their dedication to us and to our country!

METAvivor Race – The METAvivor race will be held in Hillsmere on Saturday, May 16, 8 am. The race consists of kayaking, biking, and running and proceeds support stage IV breast cancer research. There will be lots of police and race attendants placed throughout our community to help with traffic. Please allow a little extra time for traveling through our community that morning.

Beach Social Happy Hour – Mark your calendars for the first Happy Hour of the season, Friday, June 12, 5-8 pm. Our volunteers that started our Beach Social Happy Hours are growing weary. Please contact us if you are willing to help!

Ice Cream Social – Mark your calendars for the ice cream social scheduled for Saturday, June 20, at the beach at 7:00 pm. More information will be in the June *Sea Breeze*.

2015 Membership and Stickers – Be sure to get 2015 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 residents, owners and their guests. Simply tear the membership form out of this issue and mail it with photo copies of your vehicle and trailer registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail. If you also want voting rights in the Association, please include a \$20 dues payment.

Boat Ramp Keys – Did you get your 2015 boat ramp key and stickers yet? If not, just tear the membership form out of this issue and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to remember to include photo copies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. Remember to get your key now! Keys are not available on short notice. Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!

Mosquito Control – Hillsmere will once again be participating in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program. Regular surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes will take place from June 1 to September 30 anytime between 7:00 pm to 2:30 am, Sunday through Thursday nights (a night of the week will be assigned to us). Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Employee determines it necessary. Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 mph, or temperatures above 89 degrees F. Most residents support this program; however, if you prefer to opt-out of spraying at your property, you can elect not to participate. You can find, in this issue of the *Sea Breeze*, MDA's Objection to Adult Mosquito Control Policy Statement and a Request For Exemption From Adult Mosquito Control Services form.

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Dumpster Days – Dumpster Days are scheduled for our community on Friday and Saturday, July 17 and 18. More information will be in future issues of the *Sea Breeze*.

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

2015 Beach Reservations – the 2015 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large 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. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. This allows 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 application forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County as least two weeks prior to the event.



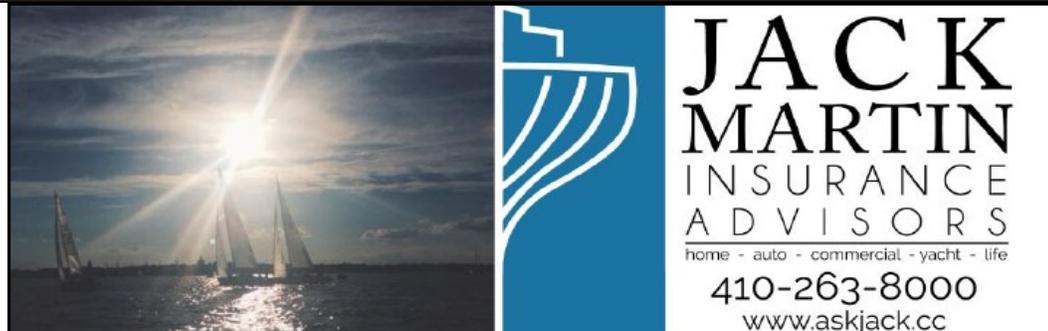
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Regular Meeting of the HSIA Board of Directors, Meeting Summary

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The following motions were approved by a majority of the Directors present:

BUDGET:

Helene Raven motioned the Board approve the General Fund budget as amended. Mark Carroll seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Suzanne Martin motioned the Board approve the Run For Shelter for Sunday, September 27. Helene Raven seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

POOL COMMITTEE:

Brooke George motioned the Board approve NTE \$2000 for Mid-Atlantic Water Services to update the water conditioner at the pool. Mark Carroll seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

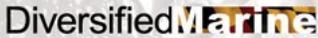
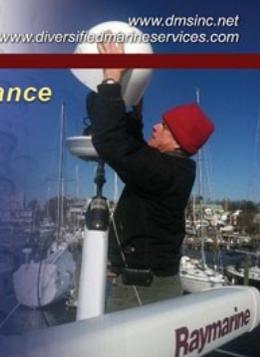
Mark Carroll motioned the Board approve the Hillsmere Elementary 5th Grade graduation party at the Hillsmere pool for June 18th. Brooke George seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

PIERS & HARBOR:

Steve Vanderbosch motioned the Board accept the proposal of The Landscape Design Center, Edgewater, MD for landscaping at the Marina, and approve a contract with The Landscape Design Center in an amount NTE \$3000 in Special Tax Funds. Suzanne Martin seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

LAWN MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS:

Bill Anderson motioned the Board approve Price Cutters for the 2015 Lawn Maintenance contract. Suzanne Martin seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

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

1. A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit.
2. A copy of the construction location on the property when required by the County.
3. Cash or check in the amount of \$5.00 made payable to HSIA, unless we sent you a certified letter. If a Certified Letter is required, the cost is \$20 for the permit.
4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

Permits are required for construction of new houses, new sheds, additions to houses or sheds, retaining walls, piers and bulkheads. When in doubt, or if you have any questions, please call the HSIA Building Permit Chairperson, Bill Anderson, at 410-279-1666.



Entertainment Committee

The annual Hillsmere Easter Egg Hunt took place on Saturday, April 4th, and what a great turn out! The Easter Bunny dashed by early that morning with 1,800 eggs for the kids of the community. They found plenty of candy and trinkets. Thank you to the volunteers that helped out: Nuala O'Leary, Jen Holt, Alice Middleton, Duffy Perkins, Natalie Vowell, Stephanie Westby, Matthew LaPointe, Joe Hogbin and Lori Hogbin. The eggs go fast! If we have the same amount of volunteers or so next year, the Easter Bunny can put even more out! If you are interested in getting involved with Entertainment/ Recreation Planning Committee, please email Nuala - nules99@hotmail.com.

Easter Egg Tree Contest – “And the winner is....” Congratulations to Izzy Macauley, age 3. Izzy is the winner of our 7th Annual Easter Egg Tree contest! Izzy’s guess of 3,321 eggs was the closest guess to the actual number of eggs on the tree at Leslie Donaldson’s house, 425 Hillsmere Drive. We had 17 contestants participate this year ranging in age from 3 to 12 years old. Izzy won a \$25 gift card to Rita’s Italian Ice. Thank you to everyone that participated in this very fun contest!



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Hillsmere Community Pool

~ Brooke George and Kate Brew, Pool Co-Chairs



Spring is finally here and with the warm weather opening day for the pool is closing in. If you have not yet signed up for the 2015 season please get your registration and payment mailed in. If you have been by the pool these last few weeks you probably noticed the construction going on in the pool bathhouse. The pool committee is happy to announce the pool house will be completely renovated come opening day! This will include new bathrooms and paint. Along with the renovations the pool management company has uncovered the pool and is in the process of cleaning and preparing for Memorial weekend. This Memorial weekend in lieu of an afternoon party we will be hosting a family movie night at the pool beginning at 6pm Sunday May 24th. We will be showing a family friendly movie in the field adjacent to the pool. Bring dinner, your family and some chairs. We are always looking for volunteers to help please reach out to the pool committee if you would like to get involved with the pool this season.



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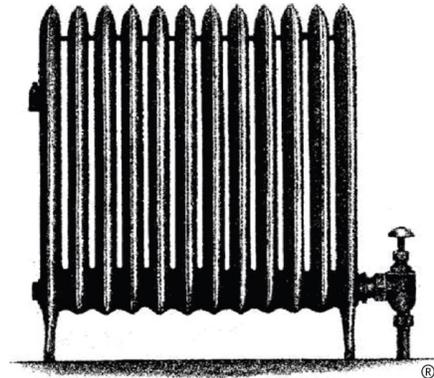
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Piers & Harbor News

~ Steve Vanderbosch, P&H Chair



Boating Season!

It is great to see the Marina and boat ramps filling up with boats again as the warmer weather slowly comes in, fishing and crabbing seasons open, and our thoughts turn to sailing, boating and fishing on the Bay. This means a lot more activity at the Marina and boat ramps, so please be careful and respectful of your Marina neighbors. As you prepare your boats for the season, be sure to affix your 2015 Marina sticker on your boat so it is visible from the bulkhead or piers. Sighting of Marina stickers is the quickest way for Security to confirm that boats are authorized to be in the Marina. Also make sure your current MD Registration decal is affixed to your boat.

New Slip Holders!

We are pleased to welcome 12 new Slip Holders to the Hillsmere Marina! The P&H Slips Committee, under the direction of Bill Barker, has done a great job in moving/upgrading current slip holders to new slips, and has worked all the way through the Slips Waiting List, with 2 or 3 slips yet to be filled. The new Slip Holders are:

B1	Stephanie Westby	A23	Tony Bonacci	C3	Sara Wittig
B5	James Iverson	C4	Pam Middleton	C12	Rosemary Zuknick
A15	Jeff Stevenson	C5	Richard Kuhlman	C14	Tom Gowen
A19	Christian Elkington, Jr.	C7	Cory Peterson	C18	Tom Eicher

Please welcome our new slip neighbors and offer them assistance in getting settled into their new slips and getting acquainted with Marina operations.

Marina Operations

While there was no immediately apparent winter damage at the marina and boat ramps, if you see any damage, deficiencies, or inoperable equipment as you return to your slips or launch your boats, *PLEASE LET US KNOW!* Contact:

Steve Vanderbosch at marina@hillsmershores.net or 410-267-6978, or

Norm Johansen at normjohansen@gmail.com or 443-822-8945

Several electrical boxes along the bulkhead were damaged/broken by cars and trucks inadvertently hitting or backing into them. Please exercise caution when parking along the bulkhead! Electrical repairs are expensive. To address this problem and enhance safety, we plan, with HSIA Board approval, to buy and install curb stops along the bulkhead parking area.

Please check your lines frequently to see how well your boat is riding in your slip. Some Slip Holders use just 4 light mooring lines. The better practice is to use heavy mooring lines, and also to rig one or two spring lines to control fore and aft movement. Every year we wind up calling a few Slip Holders after a storm to advise of broken or parted lines, or boats banging up against pilings. An ounce of prevention is worth hundreds of dollars in cure. You may also want to put fenders out where your boat is likely to come in contact with the pier or pilings. Where your mooring lines cross

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over finger piers, please use a chafing guard to prevent the lines from fraying and the pier from being damaged

Gate Key Cards

Gate key cards are required to operate the marina gate after dark. As reported previously, we have to add new cards to the system so some existing and new slip holders can get key cards. Unfortunately, the programming of the new cards was delayed, but the new cards will be programmed and made available to those needing them as soon as possible. In the future we will be keeping track of key cards. Meanwhile, we will be calling some slip holders to confirm (1) if you have a card; and (2) the card number (the first 5-digit number on the back of the card). Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sand Spit Condition

Hopefully, by the time you read this (and with HSIA Board approval), major portions of the Sand Spit will have a new layer of gravel. *PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY! The Sand Spit speed limit is 5 MPH.* Speed bumps have been acquired and will be installed after the gravel resurfacing is done. New Marina signs are in place, and some modest landscaping improvements at the Sand Spit will be completed. And, look for two metal picnic tables at the Marina!

Guest Passes, Parking, Towing

Guest parking passes issued last year for 2014-15 are still valid. If you did not get Guest Passes or need additional ones, contact the HSIA Administrator. Each new slip holder is offered two Guest Passes, and can have more if needed. Be sure your vehicle displays your HSIA vehicle sticker, and that your guests display a Guest Pass in their vehicles. The HSIA Board has authorized towing of vehicles from the Marina parking area if the vehicles do not display an appropriate sticker or Guest Pass. The HSIA Security Guard will be manning the entrance to the Marina on a periodic basis this year. *Unauthorized vehicles will be towed!*

Pets on the Sand Spit and Piers

Reminder: Marina Rule 8.15-

8.15. Pets are permitted in the marina areas; however, County law prohibits pets “running at large” and requires that pets be on leashes. While pets may be unleashed when on their owners’ boats, pets should NEVER be unleashed and running at large on the Sand Spit or on the piers. Pet owners who wish to exercise their unleashed pets at the small beach at the end of the Sand Spit do so at their own risk, and must maintain control of their pets. Pet droppings must be picked up and removed by the pet owner or deposited in the pet waste stations.

Boat Park

There has been some turnover in the Boat Park, and those on the Boat Park Wait List have been accommodated. Boat owners should check on their boats and trailers in the Boat Park frequently and ensure their good condition and maintenance.

P&H Meeting Time and Place

The P&H monthly meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Key School Science & Library Center (the building closest to Carroll Drive), Room 102. All Slip Holders, Ramp Key Holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are encouraged to attend.

VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED AND WELCOMED!

From the Beach ...

~ Kate Penn, Beach Chair

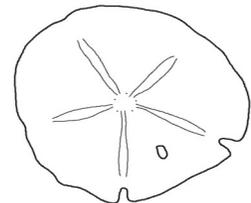
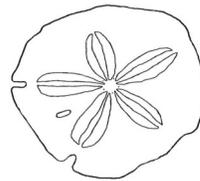
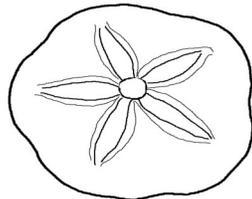
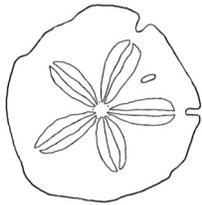


Beach Committee Volunteers needed!

We need your help to keep the beach looking terrific: Join the Beach Committee! Committee members are needed to help plan & work on a variety of maintenance and improvement projects, such as landscaping, play equipment, bench replacement, and the nettle net. Our next meeting is May 2, at 10 am at the beach. For more information, email beach@hillsmereshores.net.

Planning a party at the beach? Be sure to reserve the large pavilion

Hillsmere Residents and Owners are always welcome to bring their guests to enjoy the beach and park. If you are hosting a large number of guests you will need to make a reservation for your event. Please note that a reservation gives you exclusive use of the pavilion only – other residents are welcome to use the beach and play equipment at all times. And remember, the County requires a liquor license if you are serving your guests any alcoholic beverages. You can get all the required paperwork when you make your reservation. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the HSIA Administrator at 410-263-4456; be sure to leave a message with details about the date and time of your event as well as an alternative date, in case your first choice is already booked.



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Congratulations Graduates



- ❖ Congratulations to Jason Somers on his graduation from Archbishop Spalding High School on May 21. Jason is a member of the National Honor Society and the Tri-M Music Honor Society. Jason will be attending college in the Fall to major in Business.
- ❖ Congratulations to Dr. Katelyn Somers on her graduation from the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine. Katelyn will be graduating on May 15. She will be employed with Airpark Animal Hospital in Westminster, MD.
- ❖ Michael Miles: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science with minors in biology and chemistry from Duquesne University, December, 2015. Michael will receive his Masters in Environmental Science in August.
- ❖ Philip Miles: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UMBC, May, 2015.
- ❖ Patrick Miles: Associate of Arts degree from Anne Arundel Community College, May, 2015. He plans to transfer to a four year college to continue his studies in environmental science.

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

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

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

1. _____
2. _____
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Hillsmere BigTent Group

Our community BigTent group has been online for almost two years. Sign up today and stay up to date on community and local happenings, participate in groups/committees and even sell or give items away. We have the following groups already set up: Hillsmere General, Hillsmere Moms & Dads, Hillsmere Pool, Hillsmere Running, and Hillsmere Recreation & Planning. We are exploring the possibility of adding other subgroups and are open to ideas. Please email Lori Hogbin to be sent the invite to join the group:

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Feb 26	May 28	Aug 27	Nov 19
Mar 26	Jun 25	Sep 24	Dec 17

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

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May, 2015

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3	4	5 Cinco De Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12 P&H Mtg	13	14 General Mtg	15	16
17	18	19	20 SB Deadline	21	22	23
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