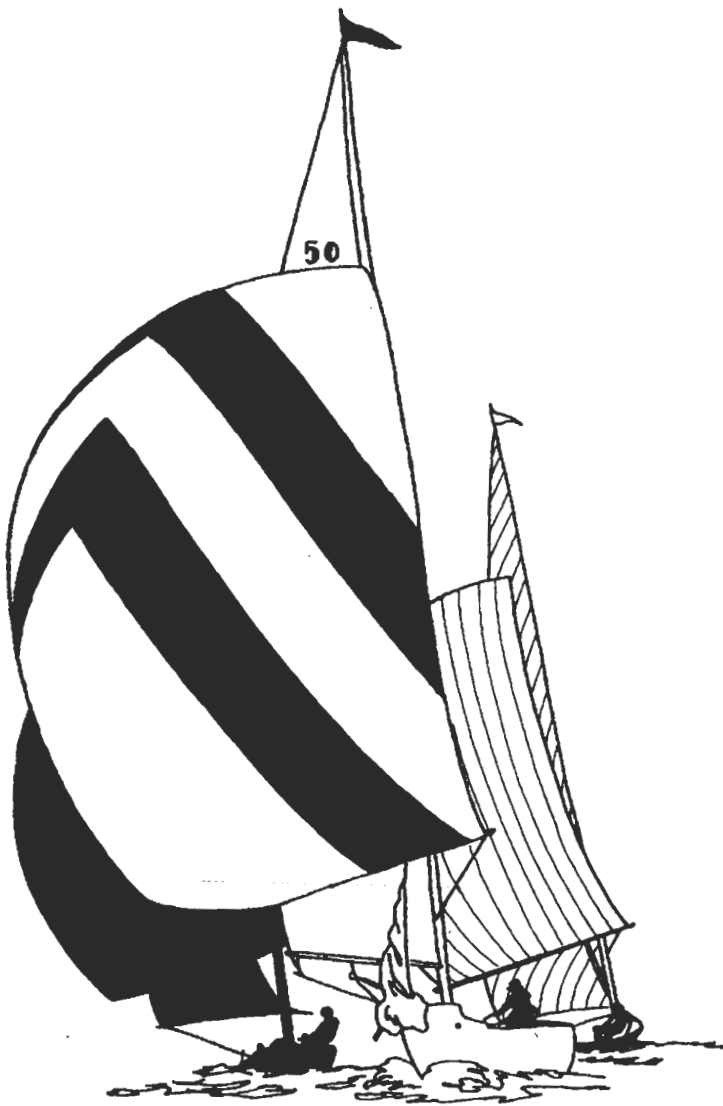


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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



Fall is finally here. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Now the leaves are turning and mornings are getting a bit chilly. The hurricane season is nearly over. These are all part of the natural cycles that we experience every year.

The fall also brings another event.. elections. Every November, in addition to county, state, and federal elections, we have an election in our community. In alternate years we elect board members and officers. This year it's officers. We will elect a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary for two year terms. The current

officers are all running for re-election. The Secretary position is currently unfilled but Molly McDermott has stepped up to run. Molly has been very active in community issues. She recently participated in the "Let's Talk" program where county and city residents had conversations with Annapolis city officials on quality of life issues that affect all of us. Even though there is only one candidate for each office, it is still important that you cast your vote. If you support the candidates on the ballot, then vote for them. You can always write in another name if you'd rather vote for someone else. No matter how you feel, please vote! The ballot is published in this *Sea Breeze* along with instructions for voting. You can mail it in, give it to someone to bring to the election meeting, or (better yet) bring it to the meeting yourself. Remember, if you don't vote in person then you must sign the ballot in order for it to be validated.

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SPECIAL OFFICER ELECTION ISSUE

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2006 BOARD MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 26	May 25	Sep 28
Feb 23	Jun 29	Oct 26
Mar 30	Jul 27	Nov 30
Apr 27	Aug 31	Dec 14

2006 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 12	May 11	Sep 14
Mar 9	Jul 13	Nov 9

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

All General Meetings at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building

Come And Get It Day, Saturday, February 25, 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

(President's Comments continued)

The HSIA election will be held on November 9th at our General Meeting. The meeting will be at the Key School Multi-Purpose Building at 7pm. Besides the election, we have other very important business to discuss. We will be presenting the proposed 2008 FY budget for your feedback. This will be your only chance to have your suggestions and concerns about the Special Tax budget considered. By the time the new budget is formally presented at the January meeting it is too late to make any changes. The new budget includes significant improvements and repairs to the community beach. Please plan on attending the meeting to let the board know how you feel.

The board had considered adding a new playground next to the pool. The cost would have been between \$40,000 to \$55,000. The budget committee decided not to recommend this expenditure at this time because of the high cost of the beach improvements and repairs.

The beach strip lawsuit is progressing. The hearing on all the outstanding motions will be held on Monday, October 30th at 9:00 am at Anne Arundel County Circuit Court on Church Circle in downtown Annapolis. As a defendant you have the right to attend. However, you are not required to be there. We will have the results of the hearing posted on our web site. There have been a series of letters to the editor published in *the Capital* attacking HSIA and me personally. I know of several letters that have been written supporting HSIA. However, only one of them was published. If you support the efforts of the HSIA board to defend your community property, then think about writing a letter to the editor. *The Capital* has presented a very skewed image of how our community feels about this issue.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for their support. Your letters and emails mean a lot to all of the HSIA board members. The best thing you can do now is vote. Believe me, it's worth the effort. See you at the November General Meeting!

Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

TOY DRIVE IN HILLSMERE

The Annapolis Firefighters Union Toy Drive will pick up toys in Hillsmere on Sunday, December 10. Santa will arrive on a fire truck and will stop at the Hillsmere pool parking lot at 6:30 pm and the beach parking lot at 6:45 pm. Please bring the kids and a new wrapped toy that is marked with age & gender. For more information or to set up additional stops, please contact Kurt Beall at 410-507-4797.

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HSIA Election Voting Instructions

Vote By Mail: If you are unable to attend the November 9th HSIA General Meeting, just follow these simple steps in order to vote by mail.

1. Tear the ballot out of *the Sea Breeze* or download a copy from the web site.
2. Fill out the election ballot.
3. You **must** include your name, address, date, and signature in the space provided on the ballot.
4. Mail the signed ballot to HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Be sure to mark "Ballot" on the envelope.
5. Ballots must be received prior to the General Meeting.

Vote In Person: Please note: If you are voting in person, there is no need to provide your name, address, date, and signature on the ballot.

1. Tear the ballot out of *the Sea Breeze*, download a copy from the web site, or pick up a ballot at the meeting.
2. Have your ballot validated upon arrival at the meeting. You do NOT need to mark your selections before the ballot is validated.
3. Please be prepared to show a picture ID.
4. Drop ballots in the ballot box or hold them for collection.

Note: You may have someone else drop off your completed, signed ballot at the General Meeting by following steps 1, 2, and 3 in the **Vote by Mail** section above.

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CANDIDATE BIOS

Bill Shuman- running for re-election to President 399 Harbor Drive

Since becoming President of HSIA three years ago, I have had to deal with many issues that affected our entire community. From Hurricane Isabelle, to protecting community property, we have been repeatedly challenged to stand up and do what's right for Hillsmere Shores. During my time in office we have made great improvements to the beach including the new playground equipment. We have revamped the security patrols to get more coverage and added a security guard at the beach every weekend during the summer, greatly reducing the number of non-residents using our facilities. We have instituted strict financial controls to help control expenses and monitor cash flow. We completed a comprehensive community survey and we are now beginning to formulate an action plan based on your responses. The biggest challenge has been the battle to protect our community property from being taken by a few waterfront residents. I have been personally attacked in letters to *the Capital* and have been threatened by the plaintiff's attorneys, all because I have worked very hard to protect our property and to help our residents understand and deal with being sued by the plaintiffs. It is hard work but the many "thank you's" I have received by phone, email, letter, and in person make it all worth while. There is still a lot to be done including updating the bylaws and covenants, dealing with development and traffic on the Annapolis Neck, and finding ways to help our more vulnerable neighbors (such as our seniors). I will be honored to serve as HSIA President for another two years and hope that we will be able to finally focus on these and other important issues.

Noel J. Gasparin – running for re-election to Vice President. 112 Boyd Drive

Eight years ago my wife Kathleen and I, along with our dog ELVIS, left the DC suburbs to move into our home on Boyd Drive. We've always been attracted to the water and we felt truly fortunate to find a community near the bay that offered so many amenities.

I became involved with the Association in the fall of 2003 at Beautification Chairperson and later took on property management. During this time, I was asked to take a position on the board and later as Vice President – the position that I am currently running for.

I work in Washington, DC at The George Washington University where I have been the landscape and pest control manager for the past 16 years. During this time the grounds department has been recognized for "outstanding landscape management" three times, by the Professional Grounds Management Society: Merit Award – 1995, Grand Award – 1996 and Honor Award – 2000.

As Property Chairperson for HSIA, I have accomplished the re-structuring of mowing contracts and the installation of new windows in the rental property. As Beautification Chairperson, I have developed plans to renovate the entrance sign for the spring of 2007 and organized an Earth Day volunteer day with Key School students, working at the beach, for the last two years.

We have an exceptional community here in Hillsmere and I take every opportunity to tell anyone who will listen how fortunate we are to live here. I look forward to my continued service to you.

Candidate Bios (continued)

Bruce Walker – running for re-election to Treasurer 543 Beach Drive

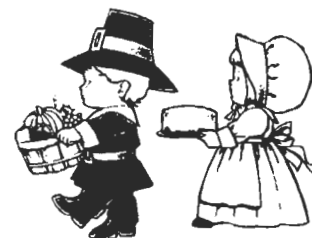
I have served on the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Board for three years: one year as a director and two and a half years as Treasurer. As a Director, I served as Chairman of the Zoning & Covenants Committee launching that Committee by creating a Mission, Vision, Plans, and Operating principles. I also became a member of the Budget Committee and the Bylaws Committee. When the HSIA Treasurer's role became vacant, I was appointed Treasurer and began serving in that role July 1, 2004. In my Budget Committee role, I created a 12 month rolling cash flow projection for HSIA to help the Board understand its cash position as well as its debt status. As Treasurer, I have helped put HSIA on a sound financial footing. Debt is falling and financial reserves are rising. My goal is to keep HSIA on a sound financial basis and to help the Board understand the financial impact of their decisions as they make those decisions. In 2005, I initiated and chaired the Hillsmere Shores Community Survey project. The Community responded with over 100 volunteers to create/conduct the survey and a fantastic 64% return of the 110 question survey. The results will serve as a guiding light for the Board for years to come.

Biography: I grew up in Maryland, as did my wife. I graduated from university with a BS in Chemical Engineering in 1970. We have two sons, both now in their 30's. I worked for The Dow Chemical Company for 31 years in a variety of positions including building and managing six different chemical plants producing a wide variety of products from aspirin to plastics. My last 8 years with Dow were spent putting all of Dow on one global business operating system. My wife is a retired RN and I retired in 2001. We became a lot owner in Hillsmere Shores in 1996 and residents since 2001. We looked all along the coastline of the Chesapeake for where we would like to live and chose Hillsmere Shores because of the location and the people who reside here. We wanted a down-to-earth diverse community where people are friendly and neighborly and that is what we feel Hillsmere Shores is like. I would like to continue to give back to this community by serving again as your Treasurer.

Molly McDermott - running for election to Secretary 104 Maple Drive

I have lived in Hillsmere since 1998. I had been in the Navy and been stationed in Maine and Maryland and after I got off of Active Duty, I decided to stay in Maryland. Since I grew up in Dallas, I was attracted to Hillsmere because of the water and the trees. I had never seen anything like fall and never had the experience of a water-privileged life.

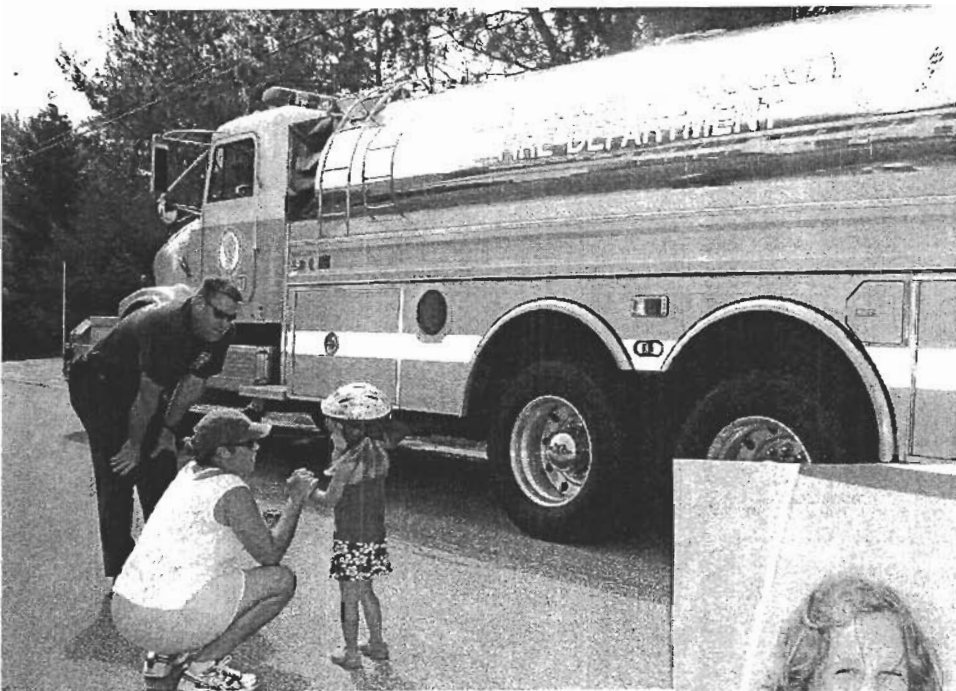
I am no longer in the Navy and after working for a start-up (that is no longer up), being recalled for two inaugurations, and working for a very small consulting company, I became a government employee. Currently, I work at Ft. Meade. I became active in the community because of the annexation and Hillsmere Mixed-use issues. I believe that we should be good stewards of the environment, that growth should encompass all income levels, and that Annapolis and the County need to work together to preserve the cultural and environmental treasure that make up the Annapolis Neck.





RECREATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our next event will be Christmas caroling. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17, at 6:00 pm. This is always a fun event and it is a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Please meet at the beach and we'll warm-up with hot chocolate and cookies after caroling. Please enjoy these pictures from past events.



Stephanie Crouse-Geib/Susan Staples: 410-263-4456

Personal Ads

Full-time Nanny Needed - Work-at-home mom needs mostly full-time nanny/sitter to care for three-year old son at her home in Hillsmere. Has another child on the way in February, so nanny would be required to care for both children at that time. Must be older than 18, have reliable transportation and supply references. Please call 410-263-3647 (day) and 410-263-1527 (evening).

Help Wanted - Supervisor for Key School students in grades 9-12 who wish to study at school, after school hours, 3:30-5:30 pm, Monday - Friday, to expand to 3:30-7:00 pm from November through early March, then returning to 3:30-5:30 pm. Excellent working conditions in quiet library, internet access available, \$10/hour. Please contact Upper School Head Todd Casey at 410-263-9231, ext. 1210 or tcasey@keyschool.org.

BUILDING PERMITS

An HSIA Building Permit is required: Every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is required.

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.
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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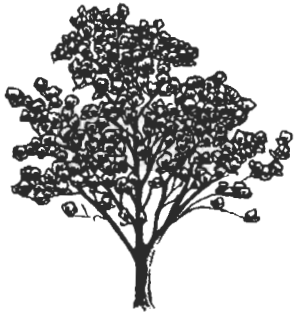


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A bid package will be sent to you. Please complete the package and return it to HSIA. All bids must be received by December 9, 2006. No bids will be accepted after December 9. Work is to be performed between January 1 through December 31, 2007. Notification will be made in early January for accepted bids. If you should have questions, please contact the HSIA information line at 410-263-4456, mailbox 1.

Grass Cutting

- Beach Area _____
- Beach Area grass trimming _____
- Boat park on Beach Drive _____
- Pier area at Beach Drive _____
- Boat ramp on Beach Drive _____
- Boat ramp on Sunset Drive _____
- Grass at Marina/Sandspit _____
- Islands on Hillsmere Drive _____
- Hillsmere Entrance (near bulletin board & along Hillsmere Dr. from Edgemere to Beach Dr.) _____
- Rental property @ 512 Harbor Drive _____

Weekly Trash Pickup

This is a year round contract for collecting the trash from all of the individual sights in Hillsmere (beach, marina, boat ramps, etc.) and transporting it to the community dumpster. Responsibility also includes keeping the areas in a sanitary manner. This job may require cleanup and pickup twice weekly during the summer months.

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Library Happenings - Annapolis Branch

Storytime - Tuesday, November 7 at 10:00 am for two year olds and at 3:30 pm for three to five year olds. **Eastport-Annapolis Neck Story Time** - Wednesdays through December 6 at 10 am.



Babies in Bloom - Thursday, November 9 at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their babies (up to 24 months) for a fun-filled half-hour of stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays, all specifically designed to stimulate early infant development. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Tot's Line after all programs.

Mad about Mummies - Thursday, November 2 at 7 pm. Join us for mummy madness! Learn about the curse of King Tut's tomb, participate in mummy games and help us mummify Sneaks, our library mascot. For ages 7-12.

Welcome Students - Wednesday, November 15 from 5 to 9 pm. How can we help you? Let us count the ways. Com on in and we'll show you the many ways we can help you succeed. Challenge us with your toughest questions. Favors and snacks for all. For ages 5 to 18.

School's Out...the Library Is In - Tuesday, November 7; Monday, November 20 through Saturday, November 25 (except Thanksgiving Day). Games and do-it-yourself crafts available all day. Stories out loud each day at 10 am and 3:30 pm. For ages 5 to 14.

Holiday Events - Holiday Card Fest, Saturday, December 9 from 9 am to 5 pm. We'll provide materials – you bring your creativity and imagination. Make a holiday – or any day – card for someone special. For families.



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Scheduled flu clinics are:

November 9 Annapolis Senior Center, 119 South Villa Ave., Annapolis
9 a.m. to noon , 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

December 11 Health Services Building, 3 Harry S. Truman Parkway, Annapolis
1 p.m. to 4 p.m., 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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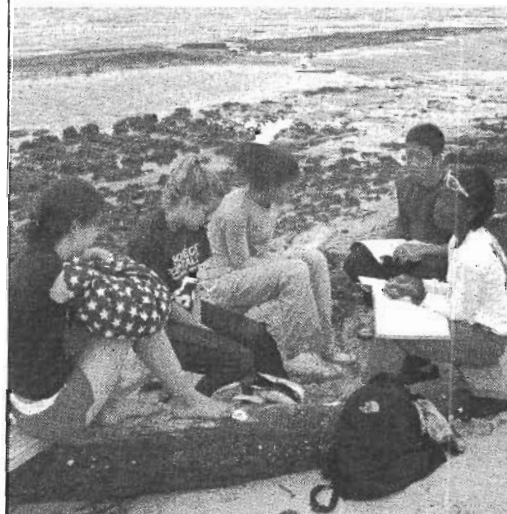
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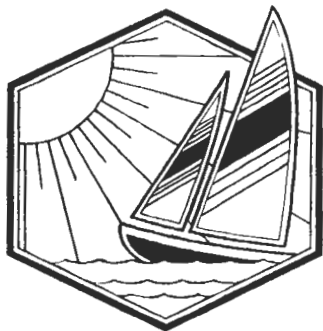
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5	6	7 Election Day	8	9 HSIA General Meeting	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14 Piers & Harbor Meeting	15 Garden Club	16	17	18
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