

the **Sea Breeze**

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Thank you, Volunteers for a Great Job on the Happy Hour and Pig Roast



Photo by Noel Gasparin

At least 200 Hillsmere residents braved the wind and rain to enjoy the fellowship of neighbors and the delicious-ness of the day, at the Annual Community Happy Hour and Pig Roast last month. A lot of hard work and long hours go into this event, so be sure to thank the volunteers who made it possible. Turn to page 12 to read what it takes to host a roast.

And, don't miss the last Happy Hour of the year, at the Marina on Saturday, October 12.

7:00 am Saturday morning. Residents Chuck Graves, front, and Matt Robbins, in back, take a well-deserved nap after a night of cooking.

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President's Message

~ *Christian Elkington, President*



Threatening Skies and Great Food

Despite the threat of rain, several hundred residents showed up for the Annual Pig Roast at our community beach. Even when the rains finally came during the last hour, the party hardly slowed. Thanks to the volunteers that did everything from the purchase of the food to pulling the pork, to cooking and cleaning. A special thanks to Marc Morlock, who erected additional shelter from the rain: a white tent emblazoned with "Penn State Nittany Lions". Those of us who took shelter underneath became immediate fans of the blue and white.

We have one more event this year, a Community Social on Saturday, October 12th, 4pm – 7pm at the community marina (Sandspit). Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Everyone, whether boater or landlubber, is welcome.

Greatly Appreciated

Two of our major committee chairs are stepping down - Mike Drucis, Chair of the Community Pool Committee for the last two years, and T. J Hurlburt, Chair of Piers and Harbors. Both Mike and T. J. have transformed their respective committees during a very difficult period for each committee: Piers and Harbors with two major projects in as many years; and the Community Pool during the transition from an independent organization to a part of HSIA, a transition that has been both organizationally and financially challenging. Thanks to both for the hours of effort to keep Hillsmere moving forward.

September General Meeting

The September General Meeting was suspended due to the lack of a quorum, and will be reconvened on Wednesday, October 23rd at 7pm, in conjunction with the Meet the Candidates Night. Plan to meet the candidates for the Board of Directors and to address any community business that remains unfinished from September.

Explaining Hillsmere

Some months ago, I promised a series of articles about Hillsmere: how we are organized, how we pay our bills, and the limits on what we can do as a community organization. The second of these, on how we fund community improvements, initiatives, and entertainment, is on pages 9-11 of this issue. Please read and understand that there are limitations on how we can fund those things, like the beach, pool and marina, that make us "Hillsmere".

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**Regular Meeting of the HSIA Board of Directors,
August 29, 2013
Meeting Summary**

(Please go to www.hillsmereshores.net to read complete meeting minutes)

Board Members/Officers in attendance: Christian Elkington, Suzanne Martin, Bill Anderson, Shannon Frece, Ray Sullivan, TJ Hurlburt, Helene Raven (Absent: Kathy McFadden, Noel Gasparin, Tracy Stanley, Perry Geib)

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

Community Administration, Presented by Christian Elkington, HSIA President

Motion 1: Christian Elkington motioned the Board approve termination of the current [Property Management] contract, [and] we no longer use the community property at 119 Great Lake Drive as a rental unit. 2nd by Shannon Frece; Vote: unanimously approved.

Motion 2: Christian Elkington motioned the Board approve the reimbursement for off-duty Anne Arundel County Police officers used for community security be increased \$3.00 per hour, retroactive to July 1, 2013. 2nd by Ray Sullivan; Vote: unanimously approved.

Special Tax -- Christian Elkington asked the Board to consider revising the purpose for Special Tax, with the addition of: Construction, maintenance, and operation of community recreational facilities including, but not limited to, a community pool, community marina, boat launching and storage facilities, and recreational and meeting facilities.

Piers & Harbors, Presented by T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Chair

Motion 1: TJ Hurlburt motioned the Board adopt the slip pricing structure for next year based on the eight groups identified in the rate table. 2nd by Ray Sullivan; Vote: unanimously approved.

Motion 2: TJ Hurlburt motioned the Board approve changing Marina Rule 8.2 to eliminate “approval from HSIA Board of Directors” and add “with approval of Piers & Harbor Chairperson and President of HSIA”. 2nd by Bill Anderson; Vote: unanimously approved.

Property Management, Presented by Christian Elkington, Property Management Chair

Motion 1: Christian Elkington motioned the Board award the contract for bulkhead repair on the South River side of the marina to Lerian Bradbury as low bidder. Suzanne Martin seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Christian Elkington motioned the Board approve funding for the bulkhead repair project not to exceed \$43,000 that includes permitting costs. Funding is from Special Tax Repairs and Improvements. 2nd by Ray Sullivan; Vote: unanimously approved.

Motion 2: Christian Elkington motioned the Board approve funding, not to exceed \$11,000, for the installation of a piling and rope fence at the community pool parking lot. Funding is from Special Tax Repairs and Improvements. 2nd by Suzanne Martin; Vote: unanimously approved.

General Meeting of the HSIA Membership

September 12, 2013

Meeting Summary

No official business could be conducted at the September General Meeting as we did not have a quorum. **This meeting will be continued on Wednesday, October 23, at 7 pm.**

Also at that meeting you will have an opportunity to meet the candidates for Membership in the HSIA Board of Directors.

The General Meeting and Meet the Candidates will take place at the Key School, in Katharine Hall, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 23.

HSIA GENERAL MEETING PROXIES

In order for a proxy to be used at an HSIA General meeting floor vote, it must have the following information:

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):

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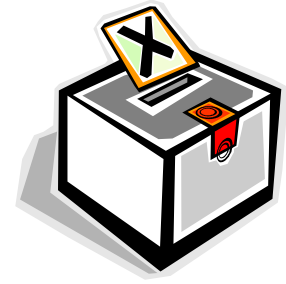
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at the HSIA General Meeting to be held on _____ and any continuation thereof.

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CANDIDATES for Membership to the HSIA Board of Directors 2013 Election



Nominations for Members of the HSIA Board of Directors will be accepted until nominations are closed on election night, November 14th.

This includes write-in candidates. The deadline to have your candidate's name included on the ballot is October 20. To nominate yourself or another candidate, or for more information, please email nominations@hillsmereshores.net.

Ballots for election of Members of the HSIA Board of Directors will be in the November edition of *the Sea Breeze*. Meet the candidates at a special General Meeting on **Wednesday, October 23 at 7 p.m.** at the Key School.

All Candidates are residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community and are confirmed to be in good standing and current in their HSIA Membership.

Bill Anderson - I have been a resident of Hillsmere since September 1969 along with my wife Sandy. We have two children and four grandchildren. I've provided 43 years of service to the Hillsmere community. Since 1970, I have served as President of HSIA for one term and have been a board member for approximately 30 years. I chaired the committee that constructed the boat ramps and the new pavilion. My family and I have assisted, or single-handedly performed the maintenance throughout the community since 1975. I've participated in cleanup efforts of the beach, marina and boat ramps after numerous hurricanes and storms. Since 1998, I have been Chairman of the HSIA Building Permit Committee. I've participated in the budget planning process for our community for the last 18 years and I've also served as the Beach Chairman for five years. I constructed, and regulated assignments, for spaces on the dinghy/canoe/kayak racks and I managed spaces assigned in Hillsmere's Boat Park on Beach Drive. I organize our community Dumpster Days and am the liaison with the County for this clean-up effort. I've also attended and participated in several County hearings of concern to Hillsmere community projects.

(Candidate Statements, continued on page 7)

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Noel Gasparin - My wife Kathleen and I have lived in Hillsmere since 1998. In the past 10 years I've served as an HSIA board member, Vice President, and Chairperson for Beautification and Property Management; but I'm probably best known as one of the founders of the community happy hours. I can frequently be seen walking our two hound dogs, Jade and Lily, around the neighborhood.

I actively volunteer for the South River Federation and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation doing oyster restoration work for both organizations. I have worked at the George Washington University for over 20 years as the grounds, landscape, and pest control manager in Washington, DC.

I hope to be able to continue to work for community improvements that are thoughtful and considerate for everyone in Hillsmere, as well as the environment.

Helene Raven - As a long-time resident of Hillsmere Shores I have an historical perspective of our neighborhood and would like to have an active role in the future of our community. I've served three years on the Board and have been an active member of the Welcoming, Property, and Pool Committees. I am heading up a subcommittee on pool rules, with the goal of having these in place before the next season.

I take my role as a board member seriously and have rarely missed a board, general, or committee meeting.

Over the next two years, my goals are to put pool rules and operating procedures put into place to clarify pool operations and to work on the Property Committee to enhance the islands and area by the pool.

(Candidate Statements, continued on page 8)



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Ray Sullivan - We have lived in Hillsmere on Meade Drive for twelve years. My service in Hillsmere as a volunteer has revolved mainly around stormwater and environmental issues. I wish continue to working on these issues as a board member.

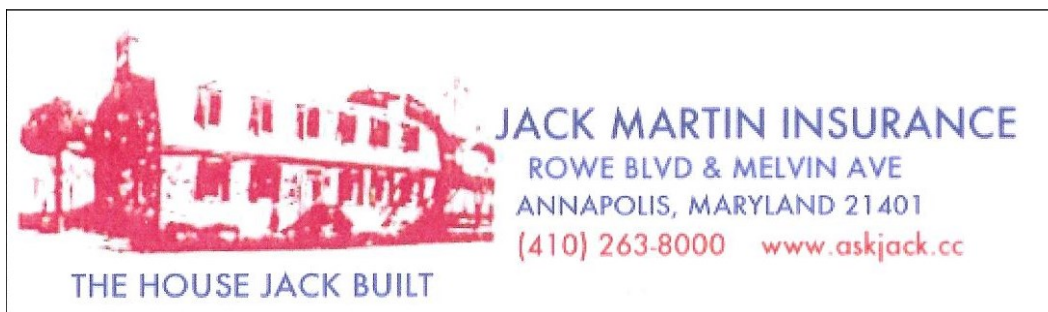
Of prime importance are the issues that face us due to bad proposed development on the Forest Drive corridor. I will be focusing more on the issues of traffic, destruction of the forest and other quality of life concerns that affect our environment. Connecting with other neighborhoods through The Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation and Save Your Annapolis Neck we will be able to protect our quality of life. I would appreciate your support in reelection to another term.

Steven Vanderbosch - (a) If elected as an HSIA Board Member, I hope to continue the progress the HSIA community has seen over the past two years, including improvements at the Beach, the Marina, and the Pool, property management, security and social activities. I look forward to working cooperatively with the Officers, Directors and Members of HSIA to define community goals and objectives, communicate with the community, implement plans to achieve both short term and long term improvements, and ensure HSIA remains fiscally responsible.

(b) As an HSIA resident/property owner for 14 years, I have been aware of the many issues facing the community over the years. I have been actively involved with the Piers & Harbors Committee over the past several years, and have served on the Slips Committee as we have strived to achieve fuller utilization of HSIA Marina assets. I have also been a member of the Pool. I understand that service on the HSIA Board takes a commitment of time and effort to do the job well, and I find I am now in a position to make such a commitment.

I have recently retired from a 32-year public service career as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General, working for the past 13 years as Counsel to the State Treasurer here in Annapolis. My experience as a public sector attorney included providing legal advice and opinions on a variety of subjects, with an emphasis on finance, banking, investments and procurement. My responsibilities included negotiation and preparation of contracts, drafting, editing and reviewing legislation, rules, regulations and policies, and interacting with federal, State and local government agencies as well as with contractors and the public. I believe my experience as an attorney for the State may be useful on the HSIA Board.

I am also a retired Navy Captain, having served 10 years on active duty, including a 4-year tour at the U.S. Naval Academy, and 20 years in the Naval Reserve.



How Do We Fund Community Projects?

~ Organizational Primer, Part II by Christian Elkington, HSIA President

Hillsmere as a community has four ways to fund projects, from major renovation to simple repairs to community social events to keeping the grass mown. Those four funding sources are: Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association (HSIA) dues, user fees, revenue from the rental house, and Special Tax.

HSIA Dues

When you become a member of HSIA, your dues are used to fund a variety of activities. Without your dues we would have no Welcoming Committee, no Halloween Parades, no Ice Cream Socials, no Pig Roast, and no annual tree sale.

User Fees

User fees provide the revenue needed to operate, maintain, and improve our marina, launching ramps, other boating facilities, and our community pool. These amenities are entirely paid for by the residents that rent a slip, join the pool, or purchase a ramp key each year. Broad community support and participation in these activities is essential for meeting our funding needs, keeping these amenities open and in good repair, and insuring that they continue to meet and improve the recreational opportunities available to all of our residents.

Rental House

Yes, we own a rental house on Great Lake Drive. Originally it was sold to the community at below market value to be a community center and HSIA office. If you want to know the long answer of how and why it became a rental unit come to a beach social and talk with one of our long term residents. The short answer is that the rental income was needed to help pay the mortgage.

In recent years, as a rental unit, it has barely provided enough revenue to cover expenses and in many years expenses have actually exceeded revenue. Built in 1964, it is in need of substantial renovation and current revenues are insufficient to meet renovation costs. The Board is looking at alternatives for renovating the property and returning it to its original intended use. As a first step, the Board approved removing the property from the rental market at the expiration of the current lease agreement.

Special Tax

This is the single major and, in some ways, the least flexible source of funding for our community. Special Tax has funded all of the improvements to our beach, the majority of our maintenance of community property, and everything from trash collection and recycling to the installation and maintenance of a variety of storm water projects to protect the South River and to help keep our beach a safe place to swim. When you see Blue Guard patrolling our community or keeping non-residents off our beach, this is being paid for through Special Tax.

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("Special Tax", Continued from page 9)

- **Can we use Special Tax for any purpose?**

No, each community that has formed a Special Community Benefit District (SCBD) through Anne Arundel County is limited to expending funds on the purposes they defined when creating their SCBD. For what we have currently defined see the extract from County Code at the end of this article.

- **Can the SCBD purposes be modified?**

Yes, by a vote of the property owners. This has been done once by Hillsmere, when we added security to our SCBD purposes.

- **Are there limits to what a community can define as its uses for Special Tax?**

No, many communities fund their marina, pool, community center, and community entertainment entirely from Special Tax because it is a defined purpose of their SCBD.

- **Like many other communities can we construct a community center using Special Tax?**

Not at present, because new construction is not included in our defined purposes.

- **Other than what we define as the purposes of our SCBD, are there any other limitations for using SCBD funds?**

Yes, the funds must be expended to the benefit of the entire community.

- **How is Special Tax Assessed and Collected?**

Each lot in Hillsmere is assessed an equal share of the Special Tax budget and this amount is added to each lot owner's annual real property tax bill.

It has been proposed that we evaluate our SCBD and the purposes for which we currently can expend funds, with the goal of providing greater flexibility in meeting community needs and removing the purposes that are no longer needed. The Board of Directors has assigned this task to the Budget Committee for review and recommendations on what changes, if any, would benefit the community. We need and want your suggestions!

- **If we need or want to change the SCBD purposes how difficult will it be?**

Difficult - change requires a majority vote of all property owners, which is not an inconsiderable task in a community of 1250 lots.

("Special Tax", Continued on page 11)

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- **If we change the SCBD purposes must we expend funds on the new activities?**

No, what we spend is controlled by our annual Special Tax budget which is presented to the community each November for comment and revision. What any recommended change to the SCBD should do is provide the community flexibility in meeting its future obligations, recovering from unanticipated events like storms and address funding long term improvements to our community.

Are There Any Other Funding Alternatives?

There are actually two other alternatives - grants and the sale of community property. We have used both in the past. Grants funded the rain gardens on Phipps Lane and at our beach. Grants allow us to accomplish projects while saving money and we will continue to use them when available.

The sale of community property is far more controversial and is generally not to our advantage. A combination of the loss of recreational value and the significant tax liability, in most instances, make the sale of property the least desirable funding source, but one that is available in the absence of an alternative.

Extracted from Anne Arundel County Code:

Hillsmere Estates Special Community Benefit District.

(1) The limits of the Hillsmere Estates Special Community Benefit District are the subdivision known as Hillsmere Estates as shown on the plats of Hillsmere Estates recorded among the plat records of the County as "Section 1" in Plat Book No. 23, Folio No. 14; "Plat 1, Section 2" in Plat Book No. 23, Folio No. 26; "Plat 2, Section 2" in Plat Book No. 23, Folio No. 47; "Plat 1, Section 3" in Plat Book No. 25, Folio No. 7; "Plat 2, Section 3" in Plat Book No. 25, Folio No. 8; and "Plat 1, Section 4" in Plat Book No. 31, Folio No. 23.

(2) The district is established for the purpose of construction, maintenance, and repair of, and snow removal from, non-County-owned roads, streets, alleys, sidewalks, curbs, street or road signs, street or road lights, bulkheads, drainage ditches, and culverts; maintenance of community areas; acquisition, development, improvement, and maintenance of community real and personal property; establishment and operation of a community security program; and covering the administrative expenses incidental to carrying out these purposes, including postage and mailing, auditing, insurance, and legal costs.



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Hillsmere's Annual Community Happy Hour/Pig Roast

~ Still a Hit, despite foul weather

Thank you to all the volunteers who made it happen!

If you were one of the over 200 Hillsmere residents to enjoy the feast at our last Happy Hour, we hope you enjoyed it. If you were not, you missed what has become one of our many popular community events. But most of all, be sure to thank our dedicated volunteers who make this, and all these events, come together for our enjoyment.

Here's a behind-the-scenes look at what happens before you arrive:

Around 1 pm on Friday, the day before the event, volunteers Matt Robbins and Noel Gasparin drive to Sudlersville, MD, on the Eastern Shore, to pick up the freshly slaughtered pig (90 lbs) and briskets (65 lbs). It's a 100 miles round trip. On the same day, volunteers Chris and Linda Elkington pick up the pork shoulders and chickens from Sams Club.

At approximately 7 pm, just before sunset, the smoker, tables, chairs and supplies are placed down at the beach pavilion. Mark Jones, Chuck Graves, Matt Robbins, Noel Gasparin, Kevin Green and Chris Elkington make sure everything is in place and ready.

(Pig Roast, continued on page 13)



Noel Gasparin monitors the smoker; Matt Robbins watches from the background

photo by Lorie Frece



Entertainment Committee

It's time for the Hillsmere Halloween Parade! Sunday, October 27th, at 1 p.m.

Come out to watch the Parade, or join in, as our big and little goblins parade from the Key School parking lot to the Beach showing of their fun, pretty, spooky, scary costumes to the delight of all. At the beach several awards will be given out, and the kids can enjoy cupcakes and playtime with friends.

If you want to help with this fun and exciting event, which is relatively easy to plan, please contact Nuala O'Leary at entertainment @hillsmershores.net.



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(Pig Roast, continued from page 12)

Just after midnight Saturday morning, Chuck Graves, Matt Robbins and Noel Gasparin start the fire in the smoker and begin to prepare the pig and briskets. Once the temperature on the smoker reaches 200-225 degrees the briskets are put on, and then the pig and pork shoulders are added around 2:30 am. From that point on they're checking the smoker every 20 to 30 minutes, to make sure that it stays at the desired temperature of 225 degrees. Around 9 am they put the chickens on the smoker.

Chuck, Matt and Noel continue to monitor the smoker until everything is fully and deliciously cooked. Approximately 2 to 3 hours before the start of the picnic, all the meat is pulled or sliced and allowed to rest before serving.

This year we had great help from Mark Carroll, Lori Hogbin, and new residents Wes Patrick and Belinda Hall, along with experienced volunteers Tom and Paulette Schwallenberg. Throughout the event the space was kept clean by the same volunteers: Chuck, Matt, Noel, Kevin, Chris, Linda, Mark Carroll, Mark Jones, Tom, Paulette, and Daryl. Final clean up was taken care of by Noel, Matt, Mark Moreland, Mark Carroll, and Kevin.

Hillsmere Garden Club

~ Paulette Schwallenberg, President



The Hillsmere Garden Club will be meeting on October 16, 2013 at 12:30 pm at the Annapolis Neck Library. The guest speaker will be Ms. Sue King, speaking on Clean Water Community Projects. All are welcome for this meeting at no charge. We will have refreshments and a short formal meeting before the speaker.

On November 20 the club will be meeting at the home of Connie Vickery at 531 Lee Circle Dr. Hillsmere Shores, there will be a Christmas Decorations workshop, at 12:30 pm. (Please call for information on this meeting)

The club meets on the third Wednesday of the month, unless we have special workshops or planned field trips. If you have any questions regarding the club, please call, Paulette Schwallenberg at 410-268-5975.



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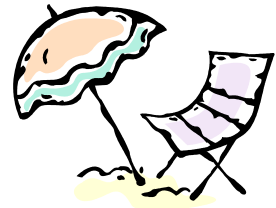
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From the Beach ...

~ Kate Penn, Beach Chair



Permits are Approved for the Shoreline Remediation Project:

We Have Permits! I am happy to announce that the permits for the shoreline restoration project have been approved. A pre-construction meeting will be held with the Project Engineer, Near Shore Engineering, and the Contractor, Shoreline Design, the first week of October. We will then start the work – you'll know when it starts, but we'll post signs with the expected start dates.

Please note that East end of the park will be closed to all recreational activities during construction. The east end of the parking lot (the paved section), the tot lot, both the east and central/west points, and the swim area at the concrete seawall will be closed during construction. This is for your safety, and we ask parents to help reinforce this rule with their children. Also, because of the repairs to the bulkhead we will need to dismantle the old boat and double swing at the central/west point.

Budget and Project Planning for FY2015: It's time for HSLA to submit the Special Tax budget, which includes maintenance of and improvements to the Community Beach and park area. At this point we are focused on completing the shoreline remediation. The proposed budget will include basic and on-going maintenance of the park equipment, and repairs and maintenance of the nettle net. It will not include any major repairs heading into FY2015.



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~ T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Chair



Current Events

As usual, Mother Nature reserves the best weather for the fall. If you haven't taken advantage of dinner at sunset either at the dock or at a nearby anchorage, you have missed out on some of the most enjoyable evenings of the year.

As we close out the boating season, the P&H committee, along with the HSIA Board, enters the budgeting process for next year. For several months I have been advertising a planned rate restructuring for all slips. I am pleased to announce that, after an exhaustive effort, the restructuring is complete and has been approved by the Board. The result is our best attempt at leveling the rates for similar slips across the marina, which has been out of balance for some time. The next phase is to reconcile this restructuring with next year's budget. This process will end in November at the latest. At that point, the rates for next year will be established. You will be informed of the new rates well prior to Come And Get It Day, so you have time to research other options, if you desire; however, the new rates will be still much less than at nearby marinas.

Recently, there have been a number of complaints about dogs not being on leashes at the marina and the sand spit. Please be considerate and understand, regardless of how friendly you may think that your dog is, not everyone is a dog lover.

Waitlists

The links on the P&H section of the HSIA website for waitlist have been out of date for some time – so out of date that they are largely meaningless. This is changing. Last month we rolled out a new way to allow the link to show the waitlists in real time. The testing has been successful, and the concept will now be deployed on all wait lists, and the current slip list, rack list, and boat park list. Getting all these lists to report in real time will not happen overnight. We are working on it. Please be patient and check the website regularly for changes.

Boat Park

Currently, we pay more for maintenance than the Park takes in for fees. A rate increase has been proposed for the Boat Park spaces during discussions at the P&H committee level. During the budgeting process for next year a rate increase to \$250/yr will be proposed. You need to know this for planning purposes.

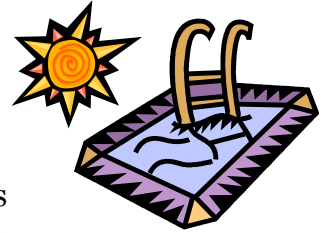
A Time of Transition

At the August P&H meeting I announced my intention to step down as P&H Chair. I feel that now is an appropriate time to begin the process of transitioning to new leadership. The process of a planned turnover will begin no earlier than October 8, 2013 (the October P&H meeting) and I am prepared to stay on as late as January 1, 2014. After all, there are still a few things I want to get done before passing the helm.

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Hillsmere Community Pool

~ Mike Drucis and Shannon Frece, Pool Co-Chairs



As the pool season comes to a close, I am submitting my resignation as Chair of the Pool Committee. I want to thank all of my pool committee members and the other volunteers that helped out with the pool. I could have not worked with a better group of people who were so supportive of the pool. Thanks again for all the hard work you all put in.

FYI- There will be no committee meeting this month and future months on the first Wednesday of each month. When the new Pool Chair is appointed, the monthly meetings will resume on a to-be-determined schedule.




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(P&H Report, continued from page 16)

It is clear that it takes a village to keep the Marina running and I have been fortunate to be surrounded by dedicated volunteers. To use an analogy, the *engine* has been rebuilt, now we need someone to keep it running. The new chair needs to recognize and embrace the hard work and thoughtful input of these dedicated volunteers.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in taking over as P&H chair, please email me (marina@hillsmershores.net) and Christian (president@hillsmershores.net).

New Committee Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help on the sub-committees. Each committee meets at a time and place that works for those members. Many hands make light work, so please help out.

- Rack Committee Chair. This position assigns rack positions for the kayak racks at the ramps. The work required is largely via electronic means including email, and phone calls.
- The Operations committee is looking for 1-2 extra hands – specifically during daytime hours. They can be reached by email at marinaoperations@hillsmershores.net or by emailing the P&H chair at marina@hillsmershores.net.

P&H Meeting Time & Place

The main P&H monthly meeting is held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the Key School Science Center, Room 102. Hope to see you there.

Welcome Committee

~ Kathy McFadden, Welcoming Committee Chair



It appears the trend is that every other month we are delivering at least 20 bags to new residents in Hillsmere. The word is getting out to let the Welcome Committee know who is moving into the neighborhood. It really helps us keep on top of the new neighbors and make sure we contact them in a timely manner. As stated before if you are new to the community and have received the Sea Breeze Newsletter but have not received a Welcome Bag, please contact me and we will make sure you receive a proper welcome from one of our committee members. Email Welcome@hillsmershores.net or call 410-330-8432

Quite Waters, Eastport Library, Annapolis Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce have been generous with their brochures and schedule of activities.

People are excited about moving into our neighborhood and we want to promote that Hillsmere is a wonderful and active community.



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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 410-263-4456.

Security

~ Matt Franz, Security Chair



Fall is in the air, leaves are turning colors, birds are migrating and school is in so please be mindful of the speed limit. Stop for all school buses with flashing lights – not only is it the law, but it's for our kid's safety. Blueguard will return patrolling the school bus stops and school areas of the neighborhood.

Call the police and then contact security with any emergency/police/security issues. Please contact police if you see anything out of place. Police will dispatch the call and place it in the nature of its priority – therefore, calls requiring immediate attention from police (accidents, etc.) will fall ahead of you.

Please contact/report all crimes to the AACO police by using the following contacts. Car thefts, home breaks ins, suspicious person, ETC are all important , and affect how much police coverage we get.

- AACO police emergency 911
- AACO non emergency 410-222-8610
- AACO Police online at <http://www.aacounty.org/Police/Forms.cfm>

Also please keep Hillsmere security informed of all activity using the following:

- Email at security@hillsmereshores.net
- 410-263-4456 X6
- Stop the officer and talk to him about issues

If you have Traffic concerns, please contact the following:

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Local News and Events...



❖ Coming up at the Eastport-Annapolis Library:

- ~ Story Time: for children ages 2-5. Wednesdays, through October, at 10 a.m.
- ~ Babies in Bloom: for children up to 24 mo. Bring your babies for a half-hour of stories, and songs. Saturdays, October 12 & 26, at 10 a.m.
- ~ Crafty Saturday: Saturdays, through November, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. For elementary school students: Make and take a craft in the Children's area.
- ~ Make & Take: Tote Bag: Monday October 7, 4 - 6 p.m. For elementary school students: Create a simple tote with local artist and designer, Patricia White.
- ~ Help with College Applications: Thursday, October 17, from 6 - 8 p.m.: Free consult with college English Professor, Seth Forrest; for High School students.
- ~ Book Buddies Reading Club for Kids: *It Came from Beneath the Bed!* by James Howe.; Tuesday, October 15 at 4:30 p.m. Book Buddies Reading Club for kids is a special book club for elementary school students with discussions, games, crafts and a snack.
- ~ Knitting Night: Tuesday, October 15 & November 12, 6:30 p.m. Learn to knit, or use your experience to knit infant caps for a local hospital. We have the know-how, the pattern and the yarn. Bring your own #10 needles and your community spirit.
- ~ Hunt for the 39 Clues: Friday, October 18, 3:00 p.m. - Celebrate the new 39 Clues series with codes, games, and experiments. For elementary school students.
- ~ Boo! Tuesday, October 29, 7:00 p.m. Dress up in your favorite costume and celebrate with Halloween stories and songs. For Elementary school students.
- ~ Happy Halloween! Wednesday, October 30, 10 a.m. Enjoy delightfully spooky stories, activities and fun! Come in costume and join in the annual parade. Preschoolers, Families
- ~ Catching Fire: Thursday, November 7, 6:30 p.m. It's the 75th Hunger Games. Are you ready? Talk about the book, test yourself in challenges, and best the odds. For 'tweens and teens.
- ~ LegoPalooza! Monday, November 11, 2 - 4 p.m. Challenge your creativity! Please do not bring your own Lego bricks. Legos will be provided and the bricks stay at the library. All ages.

HILLSMERE READERS

This column welcomes local and community-related items of interest.

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OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 10 { 1 -3:30 p.m. }

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Neighborhood School News



❖ **Key School 5K/10K Run & Family Fun Run** **Sunday, October 20, 9 a.m.**

Runners of all ages are welcome to lace up their running shoes and participate in the Key School Parents' Association's 5K/10K and Family Fun Run! Register at active.com or on race day from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. on the Key School Campus. The 5K and 10K, which are certified by USA Track and Field, start on Hillsmere Drive promptly at 9:00 a.m. The one-mile Family Fun Run will begin at 9:15 a.m.

Runners of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Refreshments will be available for all. Prizes and medals will be awarded.

Last year's race was a great success and, once again this year, Key School personnel are working directly with local police to minimize inconvenience. For more information or to register for the race, visit keyschool.org/5K10KRun. Questions or comments? Please contact Irfan Latimer, Hillsmere/Key School liaison, at 410-263-9231, ext 1227.

❖ **Hillsmere Elementary School Fall Fun Fair & Silent Auction** **Saturday, November 2nd, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.**



This annual event is open to the community, and is great fun for all ages. Located at the Hillsmere Elementary School at 3052 Arundel on the Bay Road, Annapolis. The Fair features carnival-style games, face painting, music, and inflatables, as well as a fabulous selection of food from local restaurants and a bake sale table. A silent auction and raffle will feature many premium items and a grand prize.

❖ **Indian Creek School invites you to visit The Creek!**

The Pre-K - 12th grade school will soon host Open House sessions for all age groups:

- Lower and Middle School, grades PK3-8 - Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Upper School, grades 9-12 - Sunday, November 17, 2013, 1 - 3 p.m.

Additionally, parents and caregivers are invited to join us for Discovery Days, a series of enrichment events for children ages 2-5 and their parents. These fun, free events for the community offer parents with young children an opportunity to participate in enrichment activities taught by our innovative early childhood specialists. Each Discovery Day will offer an art and science project, a music jam session, a Spanish lesson, a technological exploration, and of course a delicious snack and plenty of play. Parents or caregivers attend and participate with the children. Pre-registration is required, as space is limited. Please visit www.indiancreekschool.org for more information.

❖ **Key School Fall Open House - Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12**

Interested in exploring educational opportunities for your children? Join us at The Key School on Sunday, November 10th from 1:00 -3:30 p.m.

For more information about admission to Key, please visit www.keyschool.org, call 410-263-9231, ext. 1227 or email [Jessie Dunleavy, jdunleavy@keyschool.org](mailto:jdunleavy@keyschool.org)

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

2013 Membership Application

Payment of \$16.00 dues allows one voting member per household. Additional voting memberships require payment of an additional \$16.00 per person. Members must be 18 years of age or older. **Renters and other persons not on the tax records must provide proof of residency by attaching a photocopy of Driver's License or other documentation to this application.** Personal information other than Name and Address may be blacked out.

Household Membership Name(s): _____ Address: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____ Cell: _____	Additional Membership (add \$16.00) Name: _____ Phone: Day: _____ Eve: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Attach additional forms for more memberships

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

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Boat Park Key (By Assignment Only)		\$ 90.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
Slip Waiting List Deposit		\$100.00	
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☐ Keep me on the slip waiting list (\$100 deposit) ☐ Add me to the dinghy rack waiting list

I understand that I must pay a onetime, non-refundable fee of \$100 to remain on or to be added to the slip waiting list.	Signature: _____
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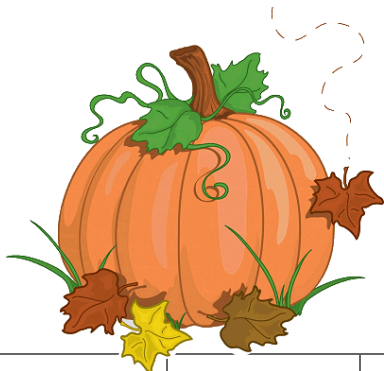
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Feb 28	May 30	Aug 29	Nov 21
Mar 28	Jun 27	Sep 26	Dec 19

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

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



October, 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8 P&H Meeting	9	10	11	12 Community Happy Hour (Marina)
13	14 Columbus Day	15	16 Garden Club Meeting	17	18	19
20 Key School 5K/10K & Fun Run	21	22	23 Meet the Candidates/ Gen. Mtg	24 HSIA Board Meeting	25 Sea Breeze deadline	26
27 Halloween Parade	28	29	30	31 Halloween	Nov. 1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day
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