

# THE SEA BREEZE

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Coming Soon: HSIA Board of Directors Election! Call for candidates on page 2.

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# President's Message

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~ Mike Penn, President



Hello Hillsmere,

It's that time of year again, when parents celebrate and children quake: school is back in session. Please, please, please drive slowly and watch out for the kids. I know we all get in a hurry sometimes but, according to my math, driving 40 mph on Hillsmere Drive instead of 30 mph will get you from one end to the other about 10 seconds faster. On the side streets the math is the same.

I have spoken to the Key School recently about traffic, and they have agreed to help enforce traffic laws by policing their parents more stringently. If there is a particular vehicle that you see in violation please e-mail the make, model, and tag number to me at [president@hillsmereshores.net](mailto:president@hillsmereshores.net). The Key school has agreed to confront offending parents. If you can get a picture, that of course, is worth a thousand words. Remember, speed is very hard to judge, so unless a vehicle is going Ludicrous Speed, "going too fast" is a hard judgment to make.

As for the Hillsmere natives, please set an example with your driving. As much as it pains me to say it, we have some residents who are guilty of driving recklessly as well.



## ELECTION SEASON

INTERESTED IN RUNNING?

**Call For Candidates** – At the November General meeting (11/10/16), we will be electing HSIA Officers to serve a two year term for 2017 & 2018. We are looking for candidates to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These leadership positions are critical in moving our community forward. Anyone with interest in

serving should run for an Officer of the HSIA Board. Please submit your intent to run for office, your statement of qualifications (bio), and your goals for the next two years if elected. Please email this information **no later than September 11** so that it can be included in the October *Sea Breeze*, along with an election ballot. Statements of intent to run and bio's will be accepted up to the close of nominations on November 10, but only those submitted prior to 9/11/16 will appear in *the Sea Breeze*. Your intent to run and bio should be emailed to Kate Brew, Nomination Committee Chair ([nominations@hillsmereshores.net](mailto:nominations@hillsmereshores.net)) before 9/11/16, and should include a statement verifying that you are a current member of HSIA.



### Mark Your Calendars:

9/6	Piers & Harbors Meeting	9/11	2nd Annual Crab Feast	9/21	Garden Club
9/8	General Meeting	9/15	Beach Committee Meeting	9/29	Board Meeting
9/10	Community Happy Hour	9/17	Community Yard Sale	10/8	Annual Pig Roast

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# HSIA Community News and Events

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~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hillsmere Shores Crab Feast** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Hillsmere Shores Crab Feast will take place on Sunday, September 11, from 1-5 pm at the pool property. Provided with the cost of your ticket will be steamed crabs, hot dogs, hamburgers, baked beans, cole slaw, pasta salad, beer, soft drinks, and dessert. Live music will be provided by Randy Pittman and the Pitts! Tickets prices are adult - \$45 in advance or \$50 at the gate, youth (13-18) - \$20, adult (no crabs) - \$20, child (12 & under) – free. Please see page 12 of this issue for a flyer that includes a tear off application. Payment can be mailed to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403 or can be paid in person at the pool on Sunday, August 28 or Sunday, September 4, from 2-5 pm.

**September Happy Hour & October Pig Roast** – Our Summer Happy Hours have been successful and fun! Now it's time to start to enjoy some cooler weather and celebrate Fall by attending the September Happy Hour and October Pig Roast. The September Happy Hour will be at the beach on Saturday, September 10, from 4-7 pm. The October Pig Roast will be at the beach on Saturday, October 8, from 4-7 pm. Please bring a chair, a dish to share, and your favorite adult beverage. Please, no bottles, cans only. Make sure to mark your calendars and celebrate Fall with our last Happy Hours of the season!

**Fall Yard Sale** – It's time to start cleaning out basements and closets and bringing your items to the beach for our Fall yard sale! This is perfect timing because our Dumpster Days is right around the corner, October 21 and 22. The Fall yard sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 17, from 8 am to noon with a raindate of Saturday, September 24. Space is on a first come-first served basis. No reservations are required. Residents are responsible for cleanup of their area. Please take home your leftovers. Don't fill the trash cans at the beach with unsold items. Set up of your tables should be on the grassy areas, not on the parking lot. Many residents "piggy-back" on the community sale and have yard sales at their homes. Please take a little extra time and bring your items to the beach. It's a great way to meet your neighbors and it helps contain the crowd in one area, which also helps with the sale of everyone's items. Thanks in advance!

**Run for Shelter** – The Annapolis Run For Shelter will take place on Sunday, September 25. This scenic run through the trails of Quiet Waters Park, and half marathon through Hillsmere Shores, supports the local Lighthouse Shelter. The half marathon starts at 8:00 am, with the first runner entering Hillsmere around 8:45 am. Half marathon runners will make a loop through our community and reenter the Park. Allow a little extra time driving in and around our community that morning.

**Political Signs** – As we move closer to the general election, please remember that political signs may only be placed on privately owned lots by property owners or residents up to 30 days before or 7 days after the election. The signs must be no great than 2 by 3 feet or equivalent area. Political signs may not be placed on HSIA property.

**Dumpster Days** – Dumpster Days are scheduled for our community on Friday and Saturday, October 21 and 22. More information will be in the October issue of *the Sea Breeze*.

**Back to School** – Our children are heading back to school. This means more children are walking our streets, lining up for school buses, and riding their bicycles to and from school. As the school year

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gets underway, please watch for our children and travel slowly through the neighborhood. Please obey speed limits, stop signs, and stop for school buses when their lights are flashing!

**Thank You to Our Volunteers and to Mac, Our Blueguard Security Officer** – As summer is coming to an end, HSIA would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers that helped make this a summer to remember! From our Happy Hours, to our Ice Cream Social, July 4<sup>th</sup> bicycle parade and community picnic, to swim team and pool events, volunteers worked behind the scenes to bring our community some fun-filled, great memories. And it’s not over yet!

**THANKS  
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AWESOME**

HSIA would also like to thank Mac, our Blueguard Security Officer, for all the things he does for Hillsmere, above and beyond his job duties. Mac can be found emptying trash cans at the beach every Saturday and Sunday morning before weekend parties, ensuring that party-goers start their event with empty cans. Mac contacts the Beach Chair and Administrator regarding issues at the beach and other areas, and offers help and assistance to fix/repair issues throughout the community. He performs minor repairs when he sees a safety issue. Recently, Mac jumped in his truck and helped obtain a generator for the moon bounce at the community picnic when the electricity at the beach wouldn’t work. If a resident calls because they found a needle in their yard, Mac gets a baggie, collects the needle, and turns it over to the AA County police department. Mac even makes sure there’s enough toilet paper in the port-a-potties! As we move into the Fall, Mac will be following the school buses to make sure drivers are obeying school bus traffic laws. You can often find Mac stopping to speak to residents and giving their dog a treat. Mac, Hillsmere thanks you for all you do for us!

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### Motions from the July Board of Directors Meeting:

#### QUICKBOOKS PURCHASE:

Gene Gross moved the Board approve a \$950 annual fee for the purchase of QuickBooks Premier Hosted online, Cloud-Based version, to upgrade our current 2013 QuickBooks desktop software paid from the Special Tax Account. Brooke George seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

#### POOL:

- Brooke George moved the Board approve NTE \$3,000 to pay for a catered Labor Day party for pool members, paid from the pool operating budget (parties). Lindsay Abruzzo seconded the motion. Vote taken – 7 in favor; 1 opposed (Ray Sullivan).
- Brooke George moved the Board approve \$1,787 to keep the pool open additional days after Labor Day, funds to come out of the pool operating budget (Pool Management). The pool will be open Friday, September 9, 4-8 pm, Saturday and Sunday, September 10 & 11, 11 am – 7 pm. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Brooke George moved the Board approve NTE 8,500 from the Special Tax account to replace the pool cover; Custom Meyco Safety cover to be purchased by Anchor Aquatics; cost is all inclusive for cover, hardware, shipping, and installation. Lindsay Abruzzo seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



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#### BEACH:

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# Hillsmere Garden Club

~ Leigh Gruber, President



The next general membership meeting of the Hillsmere Garden Club is Wednesday, September 21, at 12:30 p.m., in the meeting room of the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library. The program starts at 1:00 p.m., and will have a "getting to know you" atmosphere. Members and Guests (you do not need to be a Hillsmere resident) are invited to bring an "arrangement" composed of treasures from their own kitchen and garden. The theme is kitchen gadgets, herbs, cook books, and of course, flowers are always enjoyed, and abundant, this time of year. The only limitation will be our own imagination. However, should you not be so inclined, or, not have the time to 'create' at the last moment, please do not hesitate to attend anyway, enjoy the company, and meet your neighbors. The meeting will also include a "slide show" presentation of some of our past activities.

The new Hillsmere Garden Club officers have been working hard to prepare for the 2016-2017 year. Leading the executive board is Leigh Gruber, president; long-time club member Nan Lodor is vice-president, in charge of programs; Linda Elkington continues in her role as treasurer, and recording and corresponding secretaries are Jean Strucko, and Kathy Dinin, respectively. Vijay Sullivan is the administrative assistant, and Katie Berry acts as advisor to the relatively new board.

The new board has many new ideas we are excited to share. One small idea is a request that those who are able to, bring their own "mug" to and from the meeting for their coffee or other beverage!

Members and interested potential members should submit their 2016-2017 dues (\$15) to the treasurer before the meeting to avoid a possible dues increase. Make checks out to "Hillsmere Garden Club", and include your name, address, phone and email address. The treasurer's contact information is

Linda Elkington  
603 Forest Hill Dr.  
Annapolis, MD 21403

## Brown + Green = Clean!

When choosing a bag for your yard waste think brown, not black. If you collect your grass clippings or other yard waste for recycling at the curb, use a brown paper lawn bag designed for that purpose, instead of plastic bags. *Yard waste placed out for collection in plastic bags will no longer be accepted beginning January 2017.* A major reason for this revision to the program is that composting with plastics can be expensive, time consuming and not environmentally friendly. The ground plastics have to be separated from the yard waste during the composting process. Paper bags will compost right along with the leaves and grass clippings, creating a cleaner more valuable product. Paper lawn bags can be found in most grocery stores, hardware stores and online. Regular paper grocery or shopping bags are not durable enough for yard waste collection.



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# Beach Report

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~ Marilyn Carpenter, Interim Beach Chair

Have you been to a Happy Hour or Party at the beach this year? If so, you probably noticed lots of little improvements that have made our beach one of the best beaches to enjoy in Annapolis! A big thank you goes out to numerous individuals who have helped with these projects.

Thanks to Gene Gross, who oversaw the massive job of ridding the small pavilion of lead paint. The pavilion now has a fresh coat of paint and looks terrific!

Thanks to Steve Wagner, for installing new rope fencing along the parking area.

Thanks to Tom Schwallenberg, for filling the erosion near the water with pea gravel & small stones. We hope this is a good solution to our ongoing problem.

Thanks to Tommy Grierson, for assembling the new picnic tables for the small pavilion. He will bring them to the beach when the heat lets up some.

Thanks to Mac, for noticing some of the repairs that need to be done. His watchful eye makes our beach safer and nicer!

Other improvements:

- Heidler plumbing replaced a broken shower handle.
- Signs and Designs printed and posted new signs at the entrances to the beach.
- The playground equipment has a new chain ladder and a new stairway. Broken pieces in the play area have been replaced, and graffiti has been removed from the slide.
- There is a new broom, dust pan, hose hanger & rake to assist you when you need to do some clean up.

Be on the lookout for new tables and a new grill at the small pavilion!

We are researching solutions to the drainage issue in front of the large pavilion, and hope to have something to report soon.

The next Beach Committee meeting will take place Thursday, September 15 at 5 p.m. We will meet at the beach, in the large pavilion. Come enjoy a tall glass of tea, or coffee if it's cold. We will talk about concerns and/or projects that you want to happen at the beach. If you are unable to attend and have a concern or a suggestion, email me at [beach@hillsmereshores](mailto:beach@hillsmereshores), or call the HSIA number, 410-263-4456. I look forward to hearing from you.

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# Welcoming Committee



~ Kathy McFadden, Welcoming Committee Chair

It has been a busy summer for the Welcoming Committee. Over 20 bags have been distributed in the last couple of months, depleting our supply. We currently have five new neighbors that are on the wait list for a bag. If you have not received your bag, stay tuned, it's on its way. The committee will gather in the next couple of weeks to assemble another 25 bags for the upcoming quarter.

If you have a new neighbor on your street and would like to deliver a welcome bag to them, just email me and I will be glad to drop one off at your house. It is a great ice breaker in meeting your neighbor. For those new residents who have received bags, if there is any additional information that we can add to the bags that would be helpful, please let us know.

It was a pleasant surprise to see so many new neighbors at the recent community picnic! What a great way to meet so many of your neighbors in one fell swoop. Hillsmere is a very unique place to live. Not too many communities have so many fun activities for their residents, and the volunteers to make them happen. We are fortunate to enjoy happy hours on a beach, parades, community picnics, pig roasts, ice cream socials, swimming parties, boating events, and much more. New residents are astounded at the number of activities we provide and in such a beautiful environment.

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# Hillsmere Community Pool

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~ Brooke George & Kate Brew, Pool Co-Chairs



It's hard to believe the summer is coming to an end. Thank you to all of our members for another successful year! We hope everyone enjoyed the pool season as much as we did!

## Extended Hours

We are happy to announce that the pool will remain open one additional weekend in September on the following days:

Friday, 9/9: 4pm – 8pm  
Saturday, 9/10 & Sunday, 9/11: 11am – 7pm

## Join the Pool Committee!

The pool committee is run 100% by volunteers and we need more help! We've heard some great ideas from members about improvements, fun events, and changes they would like to see at the pool but we need help executing them. Please come to the pool committee meeting to help us bring your ideas to fruition. We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month, location TBD. Please email [hillsmerepool@gmail.com](mailto:hillsmerepool@gmail.com) for more information. Some of the projects we are working on in the off-season include shade options for baby pool and grilling area, review of membership options, online registration and payment, early sign up incentives, parties and events for 2017.

Keep your eye out for 2017 membership information coming out this fall/winter.



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# Entertainment

~ Nuala O'Leary, Entertainment Chair

The Annual Hillsmere Community Picnic was a Rodeo theme this year. The kids, young and old, loved petting the farm animals. We crowned a King and Queen of the Rodeo - JJ and Grace.

Many thanks to those who helped make the event a huge success.

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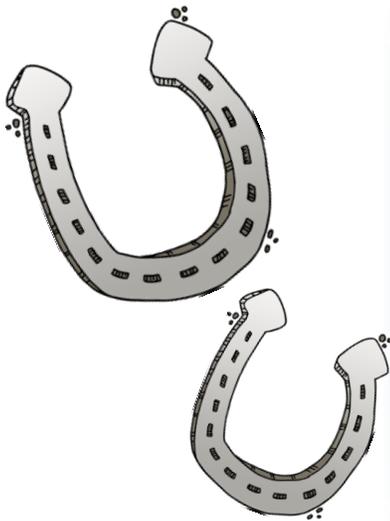
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Pool will be open (regular rules apply) with life guards.

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# Piers & Harbor News

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~ Steve Vanderbosch, P&H Chair



## Emergency Preparedness - Tropical Storms and Hurricanes

*Time to repeat the annual warning:* It's that time of year again when tropical storms and hurricanes may threaten the Atlantic Seaboard and the Chesapeake Bay. It has been reported that 2016 Atlantic water temperatures are the highest they have ever been. While another storm-free season would be great, the time to prepare for storms is long before they arrive. Do you have a *Hurricane Plan*?

The Hillsmere Shores Marina is not well-protected and is very vulnerable to wind, storm surge and wave action. The slips are generally narrow, and the pilings are not very high. If a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning is issued for this area (generally 36 hours in advance), the best situation is to have ALL boats removed from the Marina, and trailered, hauled, or moved to safer moorings or hurricane holes.

If you are going to be away, it is very important to have an alternate caretaker for your boat, *and to provide their contact information to the Chair of Piers & Harbors!*. Please pay serious attention to tropical storm forecasts, be proactive, and be ready to move your boat to safety. With 124 slips at the marina, things can get very busy if and when a storm is on the way.

Kayaks, paddleboards and canoes should be tied down and secured, or removed to a safer, more protected location, like your yard or garage.

If you plan on having your boat ride out a storm at the Marina, please take appropriate actions to secure your boat and protect the Marina by rigging extra or doubling up mooring lines and placing protective fenders. Boat owners are entirely responsible for securing their boats if left in the Marina during a tropical storm or hurricane. Be advised: all power and water will be shut off at the Marina and boat ramps during tropical storms and hurricanes.

*Slip holders are responsible for and assume full and sole risk of damage to their boats and their equipment, the boats and equipment of others, and the HSIA piers and docks as a result of leaving their boats in the marina during a tropical storm or hurricane.*

## Marina Improvements

Some progress has been made on planned Marina improvements. The big, yellow Life Ring Cabinets were delivered in July and, thanks to Norm Johansen, five were installed at the Marina and one each at the Boat Ramp docks. Repairs were made to the pier lighting fixtures, and some hose hangers are being installed on pilings. The County, which has agreed to repave the first 80 feet of the Marina

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driveway to the first speed bump, has delayed the work due to higher than expected bids; they are re-bidding the work. Notice will be sent to alert everyone when the paving work is scheduled, because the driveway will have to be closed while work is in progress. Additional electrical repairs have been delayed until there are more favorable tide conditions to allow work under the pier. Upcoming projects include power washing the piers at the Boat ramps, and replacing damaged/missing piling caps at the Marina. A bike rack will be installed soon at the Marina at the end of the Sand Spit.



Norm Johansen did a fine job installing the new Life Rings.  
Photo credit to S. Vanderbosch

### Boat Park

At long last, on the first weekend of August, the boats and trailers in the Boat park were reconfigured, almost all of them moved, and re-parked at angles somewhat closer together. The general scheme is larger boats (2-axle trailers) on the left side and back, and smaller boats (1-axle trailers) on the right. The reconfiguration was accomplished thanks to several hours of hot and sweaty work on Saturday and Sunday by a group of volunteers who deserve lots of "Thanks!": David Brouger, Gerny Chelius, Chuck Metzger, Christian Elkington (Sr. & Jr.), and Craig Rentch.

The Boat Park has been surveyed, and you can notice boundary stakes on both sides. Additional space is now being utilized on the right (North) side, toward the rear. A tree service company has been hired to remove several feet of bamboo and undergrowth on the left (South) side.

With the reconfiguration, prior "assignments" of spaces are no longer valid. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, especially to those who had placed parking blocks to keep their wheels from sinking into the ground. For those whose boats and trailers are not currently in the Boat Park, upon your return, please take the next available slot, and park close to your neighbor. We may delineate vacant slots with bamboo stakes. With everyone's patience and cooperation, we hope to maximize the use of space in the Boat Park, and make access a little easier for all.

The Boat Park rules require that every trailer and boat in the Boat Park display current Maryland registrations. While most space holders already comply with this rule, some who have parked their boats and trailers long-term do not. This rule will be enforced going forward in 2017. Please ensure your trailer and boat registrations are up-to-date, and a copy of your current registrations should be

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on file with the HSIA Administrator. Please send yours in if you have not already done so.

### 2017 Boating Season

The 2016 boating season is not yet over, but we are looking ahead to the 2017 season and will be reviewing and making recommendations on 2017 slip fees, the 2017 P&H budget, marina operations, changes to various rules and regulations, and needed improvements. Your input and suggestions are welcome and invited!

### Financial Snapshot

For the first time since the dredging and pier reconstruction several years ago, P&H ended Fiscal Year 2016 in the black, with a cash balance of \$57,630. The commercial loan for the pier reconstruction was reduced by another \$20,000 advance principal payment in FY 2016, and now stands at approximately \$138,000.

### 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. As an all-volunteer organization, we welcome your ideas and your participation. Volunteers are always needed for various sub-committees, such as Operations and Slips. Hope to see you there!



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# Local School News...

## Reading Tutors Needed



Start The Adventure In Reading (STAIR) is an after-school tutoring program that helps at-risk second graders in Annapolis City Schools (including Hillsmere). The program is currently looking for tutor volunteers. Contact Linda Barbour, Executive Director of STAIR Annapolis, with interest at [410-279-6480](tel:410-279-6480). [www.stairannapolis.org](http://www.stairannapolis.org).

## Annapolis Cluster Back to School Nights

Hillsmere Elementary Tuesday, September 13, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Annapolis Middle Thursday, September 15, 2016 5:30 p.m.

Bates Middle Thursday, September 15, 2016 6:30 p.m.

Annapolis High School Thursday, September 8, 2016 6 p.m.

*(Special schools, CAT centers, and charter schools are listed with the cluster in which they are located; Please contact your child's school if you require additional information)*



## Calling Local Artisans

The Key School will host the second annual Harvest of the Artist handmade artisan's market on Sunday, November 13, 2016. Last year's inaugural show was a huge success with nearly forty local artists and hundreds of attendees purchasing gifts for the holiday season while enjoying the festive atmosphere. Artists wishing to participate are welcome to submit an application to this juried show by October 7, 2016.

Visit [www.keyschool.org/harvestoftheartist](http://www.keyschool.org/harvestoftheartist) or email [HarvestoftheArtist@keyschool.org](mailto:HarvestoftheArtist@keyschool.org)

## Key School 5K/10K & Family Fun Run

The Annual Key School 5K/10K & Family Fun Run will be held on Sunday, October 23, 2016, with races beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the School's campus. Runners of all ages and experience levels are welcome with chip timing and scoring available for the 5K and 10K races. Online registration will be open through Friday, October 21. For more information and to register, please visit [www.keyschool.org/5K10K](http://www.keyschool.org/5K10K) or email [5K10K@keyschool.org](mailto:5K10K@keyschool.org)

## ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES AT KEY

Key School will be offering several evening courses for adults this coming year. For details visit [www.keyschool.org/adulteducation](http://www.keyschool.org/adulteducation)



Key School engages children from 2.5 years of age through grade 12 in a progressive, coeducational, college-preparatory program on its picturesque 15-acre campus located 4 miles from downtown Annapolis.

### WHY KEY?

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RSVP [www.keyschool.org/events](http://www.keyschool.org/events)



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# Security

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~ Matt Franz, Security & Traffic Chair

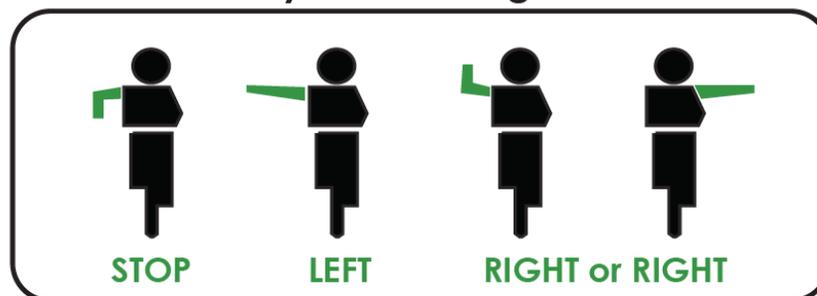


Hard to think but fall is just around the corner, and with that, school is in session, so mind your driving speed. Cooler weather means homes and/or car windows are open, so remember to lock up. You should be locking your cars, homes, sheds, and anything else of value. Remember to call the police FIRST, then security, when reporting suspicious activity. Residents are the first line of defense fighting crime in our neighborhood; you can remain anonymous when calling. A suspicious person can be a sketchy door-to-door salesperson, a person walking down the street looking into yards or cars, or, a car that is driving around looking at homes. Use your intuition, and if something seems out of sorts, call the police to protect our community.

Additionally:

- Dog walkers: the beach is a pet free zone so please follow the rules; this is for the safety of all. The marina is a great place to walk dogs, but remember to be respectful towards others, picking up your dog's waste and obeying the county leash law.
- Be mindful of your driving speed around school bus stops and around the neighborhood in general, as Hillsmere is a child friendly community. Review bicycle safety with any youth biking to/from school. Drivers should also become familiar with the cycling hand signals, to ensure understanding of cyclists you share the road with.

## Bicycle Hand Signals:

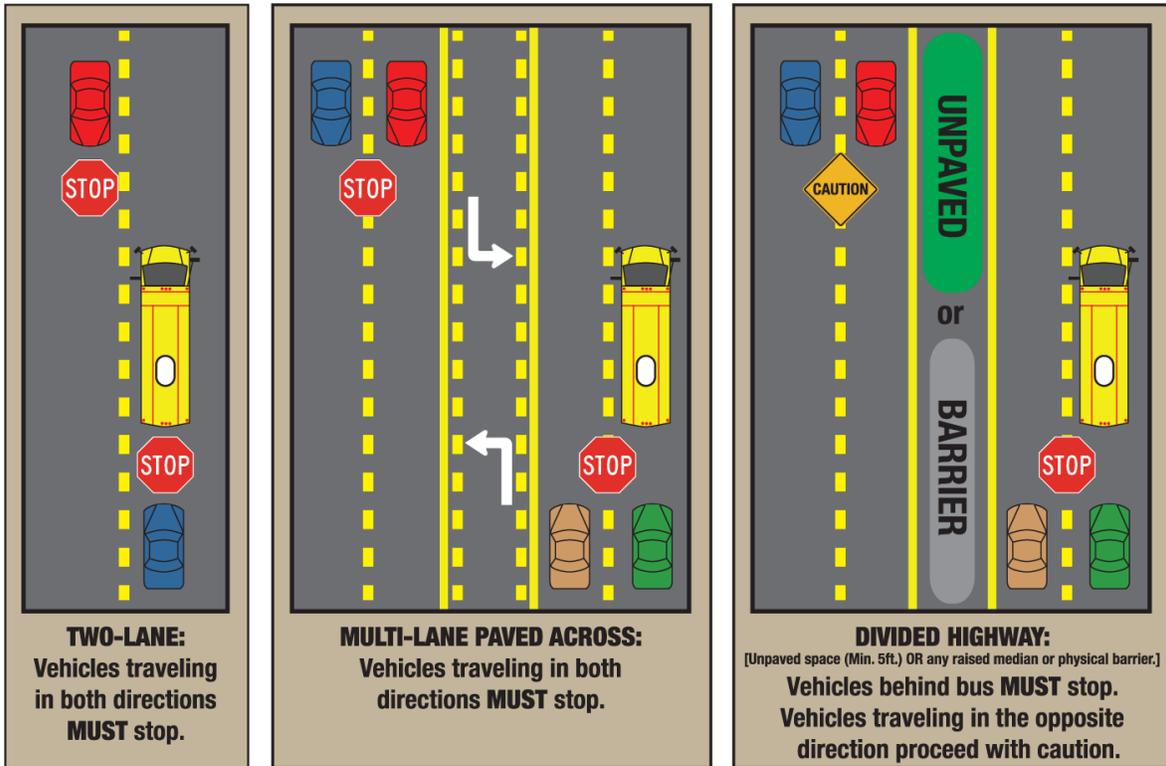


- The security officer patrols the school bus stops, so let your kids know he is there to help (MAC is great with kids). Security also offers vacation patrols, elderly checks and random checks; just stop the officer, or email security with information.
- The security guard has no trespassing/soliciting signs for sale; the uniformed look gives it more credibility against door-to-door sales people.
- Hillsmere has a private, resident only Facebook page – residents are encouraged to join for updates about the neighborhood.
- All vehicles must display Hillsmere stickers while on community property; all others are subject to towing.

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Important numbers and emails:

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# Local News & Events...



## 9/4 - ASO's Annual Pops in the Park @ Quiet Waters Park, 530p

Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, led by Music Director José-Luis Novo, will feature music from famous composers like Copland, Mozart, and Bizet, as well as music from Broadway musicals and the TV show "House of Cards."

Around 3,000 people attend the concert every year, and attendees can bring food, blankets and lawn chairs. Concessions will also be available. Alcohol is prohibited.

This year's concert is sponsored by Coldwell Banker, which is helping the ASO launch its Play It Forward program. The goal of the program is collect instruments that can be given to students at Anne Arundel County Public Schools. Instruments are being collected at the four Coldwell Banker offices in the county, but residents can also donate items at the Pops in the Park concert. The ASO will accept instruments in any condition and repair them for the students.

For more information, go to [annapolissymphony.org](http://annapolissymphony.org) or call the ASO Box Office at 410-263-0907.



## 9/10 - Family Movie Night @ Quiet Waters Park Concert Pavilion, 8p

Join QWP for their first ever Free Family Movie Night to watch Zootopia under the stars! The movie is rated PG and will run for 108 minutes. Guests may bring lawn chairs and towels/blankets to sit on. Food and refreshments will be available to purchase from Caliente Grill & Kona Ice.

Upcoming Holiday Schedule			
Holidays	2016	Landfill & Recycling Centers	Curbside Collection
Labor Day	Sep 5 (Mon)	Closed	Monday collections occur Tuesday Tuesday collections occur Wednesday
Election Day	Nov 8 (Tue)	Closed	No collection changes
Veterans Day	Nov 11 (Fri)	Closed	No collection changes

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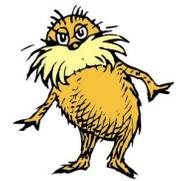
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# Save Your Annapolis Neck

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~ Ray Sullivan, ANPF Representative. *Save Your Annapolis Neck* is a joint committee of the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation (ANPF) and the South River Federation.

## Update on Forest Drive Development

The following is a summary of the status of most development proposals along Forest Drive, totaling 1,205 residential units. The impact on traffic, schools and forests is being discussed at all levels of government.

The City Council is preparing legislation to protect forests during the development process. The Forest Conservation Act, O-22-16, is currently under intense review. It improves prior regulations and does contain many good provisions, but still fails to address some of major problems. For example, it does not halt the clearing of the forest while approvals are being appealed, which makes appealing administrative approvals entirely useless. Another unresolved issue is that the procedure for getting a variance on forest protection requirements fails to give the public any say, unlike the public hearing required for Zoning variances.

City Council is also preparing legislation for adequacy of public facilities for schools, R-36-15. The Capital reported on 7/17/16 that local elementary schools' capacities are: Tyler Heights, 134%, 14 portable classrooms; Georgetown East, 56%; Eastport, 77%. Hillsmere Elementary, 106%, 4 portable classrooms to accommodate overcrowding. Annapolis Senior High's capacity is also over 100%.

Several annexations of property into the City's jurisdiction (see below\*) had signed agreements with the City over ten years ago and have been found to have not fulfilled the obligation to hook up to city water/sewer and perform other actions related to development within ten years. This is effectively a breach of contract. City Council is considering what to do about this unique problem. Meanwhile, the possible renegotiation of the Annexation Agreements has slowed development planning.

## Status on development projects from the western end of Forest Drive and moving eastward:

*Rocky Gorge\** (48 units on 20 acres including 13 acres in Critical Area) Planned Development Application is being reviewed. Includes proposed access onto Aris T. Allen. State Highway Admin has approved, if the developer can submit a plan with an acceleration lane of 1200 feet and that amount of land is nonexistent, i.e., the current proposed egress is too close to Chinguapin Round Rd.

*Crystal Spring's\** (450 retirement units, 130 non-age-restricted TH, and a 144,000 square foot shopping mall on 111 mostly forested acres on Forest Dr. at Spa Rd.) First document of their Forest Conservation Plan, a natural resource inventory called the Forest Stand Delineation, is under review and expected to be approved. Next step is review of the Forest Conservation Plan.

*Woodside Gardens Newtowne 20* (36 units in 2 apartment buildings on 15.46 acres) Forest Stand Delineation is approved but further planning is delayed while new grant funding is being sought.

*Parkside Preserve\**, aka *Reserve at Quiet Waters*, (152 units on 40 acres) Grading permit is currently being reviewed but ANPF and neighbors have requested Circuit Court to review the City's Building Board of Appeals' approval of their Forest Conservation Plan. ANPF's objective is to protect 13 acres of forest adjacent to Quiet Waters Park that is designated by Maryland state standards as "priority

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forest". That particular forest is a buffer for the forested wetlands of the park and headwaters of Har-ness Creek.

*Eastport shopping area* (about 80 apts. on redeveloped site on Bay Ridge Ave. at Madison Ave.) is in early stages of conceptual planning.

*Bay Village Assisted Living* (82 units on 6.3 acres) is approved. Awaiting approval of a variance related to a setback. ANPF worked with the developer to protect the forest in the rear. It will be a two story building with underground parking and a 2.0 acre forest conservation easement. (The constion ease-ment will be held by the City conservation agency and maintained by the property owner.)

*Annapolis Neck LLC*, aka Samaras property (5.28 acres on Bay Ridge Rd. at Georgetown Rd. site of C&C Liquor) is not going to annex and is currently applying to the County for a single, large building planned for a Lidl grocery store. ANPF is concerned about protecting the forest in the rear.

*Enclave at Spa* (36 TH on 3.8 acres on Spa Rd.) is making plans for townhouses but has to remove substantial waste and debris first.

*Central Park*, aka Pastrana property (45 units on 5 acres at 9 Elliot Road , adjacent to Truxton Park and the City Conservation Easement on the Vytar property). The proposal is for a dense community carved out of a forested area with steep slopes in the Critical Area at the headwaters of Spa Creek and adjacent to protected land.

*Chesapeake Grove at Bembe Beach\**, aka Rodgers Property, (45 townhouses on 5 acres on Bembe Beach Rd., within Critical Area) has not yet submitted plans.

**Development may begin once these properties complete their grading permits reviews:**

- Hayes (50 TH on 7.65 acres; Dorsey Lane off Old Solomon Island Road)
- Thomas Woods (10 TH on 1.44 acres; Forest Dr. near Forest Hills Ave.) Seeking variance to re-move trees due to utility requirements.
- Primrose Hill (29 units on 4.35 acres; Milkshake Lane off Hilltop)
- Griscom Sq. (12 units, including 2 renovated homes, on 3.05 acres on Tyler at Bay Ridge Ave)
- Parkside Preserve (152 units; Old Annapolis Neck Rd., between Quiet Waters Park and Forest Drive)



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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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1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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at the HSIA General Meeting to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ and any continuation thereof.

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### BUILDING PERMITS – Who needs one?

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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 Carl Corse, HSIA Building Permit Chairperson, at 410-263-4456.



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Feb 25	May 26	Aug 25	Nov 17
Mar 31	June 30	Sep 29	Dec 15

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January 14	May 12	September 8
March 10	July 14	November 10

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



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4	5 <b>Labor Day</b>  AACPS Closed	6 Piers & Harbors Meeting	7	8 General Meeting  AHS B2S Night	9 Pool Open 4-8p	10 Pool Open 11a-7p  Happy Hour @ Beach
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