

the **Sea Breeze**

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Hillsmere Welcomes Spring!



Photo Credit: Christian Elkington

March 20th brought the Vernal Equinox and the first signs of spring. Hillsmere residents welcomed the change of seasons with the annual “Burning of the Socks”. The Tundra Swans departed from our shores to migrate north to their breeding grounds. Returning to their summer home along the Chesapeake Bay, the Ospreys are preparing nests despite the continuance of winter temperatures.

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President's Message

~ *Christian Elkington, President*



Hillsmere Marina – Carry In, Carry Out

For many years the trash receptacles at the Sandspit have been the recipient of everything from crabbers' left over chicken necks, remnants of summertime crab feasts at the marina, to the inevitable pet waste. As a result, the Sandspit has experienced problems with rodents and other wild animals visiting each evening for a late night snack. At the last meeting of Piers and Harbors, they voted to adopt a policy of Carry In, Carry Out in an attempt to eliminate some of the problems.

We will be installing two sealed pet waste stations. Once installed; the trash receptacles will be removed. Boaters, crabbers, fishermen, dog walkers and those just strolling down on a summer evening to enjoy the sunset will be expected to take their trash and recycling home. Hopefully, this will leave the marina trash and rodent free.

Why was the marina chosen? For two reasons: it is experiencing the aforementioned problems and the 24 hour video surveillance provides a way to monitor our progress.

We urge your cooperation in making this Carry In, Carry Out a success!

Construction Zone – Use Caution

Fall and spring are when many of our minor and major construction or planting and renovation projects take place to get the beach, pool and marina ready for the summer. This was true last fall when the Property Management, Beach, and Piers & Harbors Committees undertook a series of major projects to improve the safety and appearance of our Community facilities.

You may have noticed the new pier decking, the reconstructed jetty and revetment at the marina, or the new rope and piling parking lot fence at the Community Pool. You may have also noticed the new screening fence around our community dumpster or the newly renovated concrete wall at the beach. Continuing through spring several other projects will include the planting of trees, the repair of the shoreline at the beach, the replacement of the damaged fencing at the pool, the grading and gravel replenishment at our parking lots, and the installation of new and expanded rain gardens. For your safety please stay away from the areas that are under renovation. The projects will soon be done so that your summer can concentrate on having fun at our updated, repaired, and improved facilities. While you enjoy the beach, the pool and the marina, remember to thank the volunteers that made it all happen.

Mosquito Control

For the last several years Hillsmere has participated in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's mosquito control program. It is our intent to again participate if the program is offered. The program has three parts:

1. Spraying for the adult mosquito population when the population exceeds acceptable minimums.
2. The application of larvacide to eliminate the mosquito larvae before they can hatch.
3. Removal of potential breeding sites.

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Each is effective, to some degree, in controlling the mosquito population. None will entirely eliminate the problem.

The majority of residents have consistently supported participation in the control program, however; those residents who would prefer not to have spraying conducted near their property can elect not to participate. Spraying will not be conducted within 300 feet of non-participating properties unless spraying is required to protect public health from an outbreak of mosquito borne illnesses.

Information requesting exclusion of your residence from spraying will be published, when available, in the Sea Breeze and distributed in a Community email.

Tiger-Not Tiger Woods, but the Asian Tiger mosquito that has become an increasing problem since its accidental introduction to Maryland in the late 1980's. The Tiger has proven to be resistant to most wide area control including spraying and larvacide. **Elimination of the Tiger's breeding sites is the most effective method for reducing the adult population.** The Tiger larvae are deposited in even the smallest containers of standing water including unprotected rain barrels, bird baths, children's toys left outside, gutters that do not drain completely and even wet clothing and towels left behind at the Community pool. A few minutes each week eliminating the potential breeding sites is time well spent to reduce our mosquito population and reduce or eliminate the need for spraying. Let's clean up the breeding areas and enjoy our summer.

Additional information on mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, insecticides, and ways to reduce mosquito breeding areas can be found at http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/asian_tiger_mosquito_md.aspx.

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

Pool Committee Meeting— April 2 Sea Breeze Submission Deadline— April 20
Piers and Harbor Meeting— April 8 HSIA Board Meeting— April 24



Swans preparing to leave Hillsmere Shores.

Photo Credit: Jeri Singleton

HSIA Community News and Events

~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



Spring Yard Sale – Clean out your basements, closets and attics and bring your treasures to the beach for our Spring yard sale. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, April 26 from 8 am to noon with a rain date of Saturday, May 3. Space is on a first come-first serve basis. No reservations are required. Residents are responsible for cleanup of their area. 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.



Easter Egg Tree Contest – Thanks again to Leslie Donaldson's wonderfully decorated Easter egg tree, we proudly announce the 6th Annual Easter Egg Tree Contest. We're asking children (12 and under) to guess how many eggs are on the tree at 425 Hillsmere Drive. Last year's winner was Sara-Lee Clingenpeel. Sara-Lee's guess of 4,208 eggs was the closest guess to the actual number of eggs on the tree. Send your guess by email to EasterEggTree@hillsmershores.net or leave a message on the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Include your name, age, address, and how many eggs you think are on the tree. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to a local ice cream store from HSIA. Deadline for entries is Friday, April 25.

- **Hillsmere Resource Guide** – Need a plumber? Asking for an artist? Looking for a landscaper? Be sure to check out the newly revised Hillsmere Resource Guide on our website at www.hillsmershores.net. Thanks to Nuala O'Leary, you'll find up-to-date information about services you can receive from your neighbors.
- **2014 Membership and Stickers** – Be sure to get 2014 stickers for your vehicles and trailers if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used only by Hillsmere Shores residents, owners and their guests. If you didn't make it to Come And Get It Day, it's not too late to get your stickers. Just send in photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail.
- **Boat Ramp Keys** - Did you get your 2014 boat ramp key yet? Fill out the membership form in this issue (Page 17) and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to remember to include photo copies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!
- **METAVIVOR Race** – The METAVIVOR race will be held in Hillsmere on Sunday, April 13th, 8 am. The race consists of kayaking, biking, and running and proceeds support stage IV breast cancer research. There will be lots of police and race attendants placed throughout our community to help with traffic.
- **Beach Reservations** – the 2014 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456, ext 2, or send an email with the date and time requested to admin@hillsmershores.net. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Signed application forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County as least two weeks prior to the event.



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Hillsmere Resource Guide



We have many skilled and talented neighbors right here in Hillsmere. Take a look at the Hillsmere Resource Guide on www.HillsmereShores.Net under RESOURCES. Here is just a sampling of the services listed:

Make Your Home Beautiful: Architects, Carpenters & Construction Workers, Cleaning Services, Flooring Experts, Landscapers, Professional Organizers, Plumbers, Surveyors, and Window Treatment Specialists

Sell Your Home and/or Buy A New Home: Estate Sales, Financial Planners, Realtors, Alarm System Specialists

Make Yourself or a Loved One Look or Feel Beautiful: Beauty Consultants, Dentists, Jewelry Designers, Nutritional Counselors, Psychotherapists, Massage Therapists, Seamstress'

Gifts And More: Art Lessons, Boat & Yacht Services, Piano Lessons & Services, Instrument Repair, Legal Services, Notary, Swim Lessons, Video Conversion, and don't forget about your Pets....there are services for them too!

If you would like to have your company or service displayed in the Hillsmere Resource Guide, please contact Nuala O'Leary at nules99@hotmail.com and put *Hillsmere Resource Guide* in the Subject Line.



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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.



Entertainment Committee

It's time for the Annual Hillsmere Easter Egg Hunt. Please join your neighbors and friends Saturday, April 19 for this very popular Spring celebration. The hunt will be organized by age group, so even the littlest ones can join in the fun. Bring a basket to hold your bounty. The whistle blows at 10am at the beach so be sure to be on time!



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Welcome Committee

~ Kathy McFadden, Welcoming Committee Chair



In the New Neighbor Welcome bag we provide an informational sheet for the new neighbor to fill out and share with our community something about themselves. I am pleased to introduce one of our newest households.

Please meet Craig Martin and Jennifer (Oatman) Martin. They like gardening, architecture, animals, running and volleyball. We look forward to seeing all the fruits of their labor in their garden this summer. Hillsmere is a great place to run and play volleyball down at the beach. If they like animals, Hillsmere is the place to be. On any given day you can see people walking their dogs.

Craig is an architect at Spire Architecture located in Annapolis. Jennifer is a psycho therapist and has her own practice also located in Annapolis. You can contact them at their email addresses jloatman@gmail.com and c.martin@spirearch.com.



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Hillsmere Community Pool



~ Justin McCabe and Linda Elkington, Pool Co-Chairs

May 24 is Opening Day at the pool – a welcome start to summer after a very long winter! For anyone new to Hillsmere, our Olympic-style pool with children’s wading pool is located at the corner of Harbor Drive and Phipps Lane. It is a great place to teach your kids to swim, socialize with neighbors, Aqua-jog or swim laps, or just relax in the sun with a good book. Annual pool membership plans are available to all property owners and residents who become members of HSIA. Family, Adult, Youth, Caregiver, and 10-Swim Coupon plans allow you to select the best value for your household. Forms and instructions for joining HSIA and purchasing a pool membership are available on the website at www.hillsmershores.net and can also be found on pages 9-10 and 17 of this issue. Questions about membership plans? Email pool@hillsmershores.net and we will get back to you ASAP.

Don’t Miss Any of the Fun – Join by May 1

Some time is needed to process membership forms and provide you with membership cards, which you need to show at the gate to use the pool. Please don’t wait until the last minute. To guarantee that you have membership cards in hand by Opening Day, take the time to get forms and payment to HSIA no later than May 1.

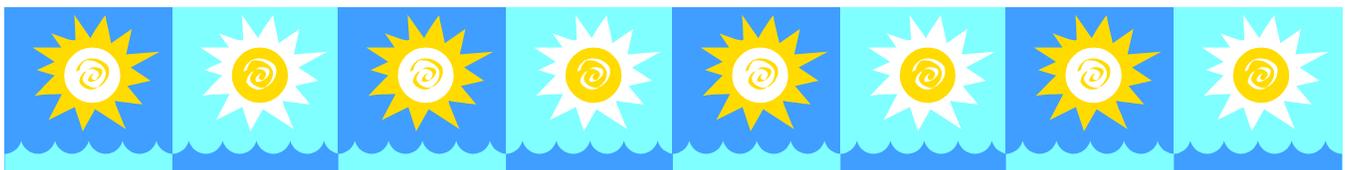
Best Volunteer Opportunities Around

Consider volunteering to help with the pool or be on the Pool Committee. Our spring focus is on getting the facility ready for the summer season. Help with general cleanup, small painting projects, and getting the outdoor furniture ready for use, while getting a head start on your tan. Or volunteer to help with social events. If interested, email pool@hillsmershores.net .

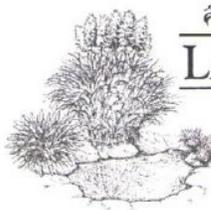
For those of you who have already signed up for volunteer tasks, we look forward to working with you!

Pool Committee Meeting/Open Forum

The next Pool Committee meeting is Wednesday, April 2 at 7 pm at the Key School Science and Library Center, room 103. Along with regular committee business, there will be “Open Forum” time for participant questions, feedback, and suggestions. All members of the community are welcome whether you are current pool members or not.



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Piers & Harbor News

~ Steven Vanderbosh, P&H Chair



Spring Has Arrived!

Spring has officially arrived, and that means the 2014 boating season will be starting up with the removal of shrink wrap, de-winterizing, launching of boats, and boats returning from temporary winter slips. Spring also means more activity at the Marina and boat ramps, so please be careful and respectful of your Marina neighbors. As you start preparing your boats for the season, be sure to affix your 2014 Marina sticker on your boat so it is visible from the bulkhead or piers. Sighting of Marina stickers is the quickest way for Security to confirm that boats are authorized to be in the Marina.

Marina Repairs

The repairs to the fire-suppression standpipe system began on March 11 and progressed well. A big “Thank You!” goes out to several Piers & Harbor Committee members who physically helped the contractor get the project moving, including George Miller, Norm Johansen, and Bill Asbury. By the time you read this we hope all repairs have been completed and slips #61-104 are ready for occupancy. You will notice some new deck boards installed at various spots on the piers. Slip holders assigned to temporary winter slips will be notified as soon as they can return to their assigned slips. We thank everyone for their cooperation as this very important repair work was underway.

New Slip Assignments

As of March 22, there were 10 vacant slips for assignment in the Marina, with possibly one or two more to come. The Slips Committee is busy reassigning boats to vacant slips starting with the Movement/Upgrade List, then moving to the Wait List. If contacted by the Slips Committee, your prompt response will make the process move more quickly and efficiently. Thank you for your cooperation!

Marina Regulation Change

In February, the HSIA Board approved the following revision to Marina Regulation 8.2, as recommended by the Chairperson, P&H Committee:

- 8.2. (a) Liveboards are not permitted.
- (b) Slip holders, guests and transients may stay onboard their boats overnight at their assigned dockage for not more than 7 days per month and not to exceed more than 28 days per year.
- (c) No one may stay onboard their boats overnight for more than 7 consecutive days, except in an emergency situation with prior written permission from Chairperson of the Piers & Harbor Committee and subject to confirmation by the HSIA Board of Directors.

Boat Documentation

Required boat documentation will be reviewed and some slip holders may be contacted for replacement documents. Unfortunately, it appears some documentation was inadvertently returned to slip holders at CAGID rather than retained for HSIA records.

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Guest Passes, Parking, Towing

Mirror-hanging guest parking passes for 2014-15 have been distributed. They have proven so popular that we ran out and additional guest passes have been ordered. If you did not get your guest passes, you will be notified when the new passes are available for pickup. Each slip holder is offered two guest passes, and can obtain more if needed. Be sure your vehicle displays your HSIA vehicle sticker and that your guests display a guest pass in their vehicles. The HSIA Board has authorized towing of vehicles from the Marina parking area if the vehicles do not display an appropriate sticker or guest pass.

Unauthorized vehicles will be towed.

Carry In – Carry Out Trash Policy

As previously reported, the HSIA Board has approved a 2014 pilot program for a “Carry In - Carry Out” Trash Policy and the elimination of trash cans at the Sand Spit and boat ramps. After new Pet Waste Disposal Stations are installed on the Sand Spit, and appropriate signs regarding the “Carry In – Carry Out” Trash Policy are posted, the new policy will be phased in for the 2014 season. Please practice the “Carry In – Carry Out” Trash Policy to keep the Marina facilities clean, safe, and sanitary.

Condition of the Sand Spit

We anticipate the commercial raking and grading of the Sand Spit to bring the gravel back to the surface, as well as adding some additional gravel where necessary. Because gravel dust is very abrasive, we appreciate your efforts to keep gravel dust under control by driving *SLOWLY* on the Sand Spit. The Sand Spit has a posted 5 mph speed limit. Consider it a “No Wake Zone” and drive slowly!

Boat Park

There has been some turnover in the Boat Park, and most of the Boat Park Wait List has been accommodated. Debris from winter storms has also been cleaned up. Boat owners should check on their boats and trailers in the Boat Park frequently and ensure their good condition and maintenance.

Kayak/Canoe Racks

Two Boy Scouts have volunteered to construct additional Kayak/Canoe Racks as part of their Eagle Scout projects. We expect to have up to 27 additional kayak/canoe spaces available later this spring as these projects reach completion, and hope to accommodate many of those now on the Rack Wait List.

New Slip Numbering

One of the first projects the Operations Committee will be undertaking this season is the renumbering of certain slips. Slips #51A to #60 will become #52 to #64; Slips #61 to #86 will become #A1 to #A26; and Slips #87 to #104 will become #C1 to #C18.

P&H Meeting Time and Place

The P&H monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Key School Science & Library Center Room 102. A sign will be posted. All slip holders, ramp key holders, wait listers, kayakers, and boat parkers, etc. are encouraged to attend. As an all-volunteer organization, we welcome your participation and your ideas. Volunteers are always needed for various sub-committees, such as Operations, Steering, Slips and Construction. Hope to see you there!

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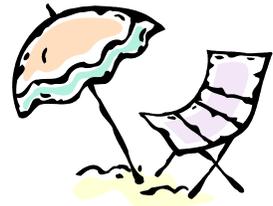
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From the Beach ...

~ Kate Penn, Beach Chair



Help Needed to Keep the Beach Open

We are in need of several regular volunteers to open the beach parking lot gate.

For many years, various volunteers have taken time to open the beach gate every morning, in all sorts of weather. I thank you all for your efforts. This is a task that has been underappreciated until now, when those volunteers' assistance is no longer available and the gate often remains locked.

Do you enjoy a morning walk along the water? Do you bring your kids to play on the playground? Do you live near the park? Please consider spending 5 minutes of your morning to open the gate once a week. You may find it brightens your day a little to see the oyster boats in the early morning, or just soak in the quiet view.

If you are able to help, please contact Kate Penn at beach@hillsmereshores.net or call 410-263-4456.

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❖ **The Annapolis Book Festival at The Key School Saturday, April 5
10:00 - 4:30 p.m.**

The weekend kicks off on Friday, April 4 from 3-5 p.m. with a Preview Sale exclusively for our Hillsmere neighbors and Key families. This is your chance to be the first to browse through hundreds of used and new books and to visit the Scholastic Books area. Used e-readers will also be on sale. Come early to get first pick! The sale will take place in the Key School Activity Building.

The Festival is free and open to the public. More than 30 nationally renowned authors will be present including Evan Thomas (*Ike's Bluff: President Eisenhower's Secret Battle to Save the World*), Alice McDermott (*Someone*), Robert Kolker (*Lost Girls*), and Robert Ehrlich (*America: Hope for Change*).

❖ **Earth Day at Quiet Water Park Saturday, April 19th 10am-4pm**

A Celebration of Environmental Education, Partnerships and Volunteering! Join us on Saturday, April 19, 2014 to celebrate Earth Day at Quiet Waters Park and enjoy a family day of fun outdoors exploring nature.

Interactive activities aimed to teach the community about preserving, protecting and exploring nature will include a bird hike, compost demonstration, native tree planting, ranger naturalist series - vernal pools, weed warrior program, children nature hour, ranger naturalist series - seasonal nature hike, trash bash clean-up, ranger naturalist series - wings on the water and much more.

❖ **26th Anniversary Vocal Competition Saturday, May 3 – Sunday, May 4, 2014**

Semi-Finals Saturday, May 3, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Finals Concert Sunday, May 4, 3:00 p.m.

Free event open to the public, opera lovers can hear all 30 semi-finalists vie for one of 8 Finalist spots. Hear opera stars of the future compete for over \$10,000 in prizes to enable more training and education and vote your choice for the Audience Favorite Award. Further info and tickets are available at <http://annapolisopera.org/>.

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6	7	8 P&H Mtg	9	10	11	12
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