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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer. There have been some absolutely delightful days to enjoy the outdoors, especially from our community beach and marina. We are very lucky to live in a community with such beautiful waterfront facilities.

We are a community of good, decent people. Sometimes we are a little too trusting and forget that everyone doesn't think the way we do. I am sorry to report that someone decided to take advantage of our good nature. In May we started a new contract with B&B Security to provide security patrols. The number of patrol days

increased as the weather got warmer until we had patrols nearly every night. The patrol car had a yellow flashing light and security patrol signs on the side. We started getting a few complaints that no one had seen the patrols. I assumed that it's a big community so that wasn't so unusual. Many of you have met Randy, the security guard at the beach during the day on weekends. Randy works directly for HSIA and does a wonderful job for us. After we had a few acts of vandalism at the marina, we hired Randy to spend a few nights a week there. This was paid out of the marina budget, not Special Tax. I asked Randy if he had seen the security patrol checking the marina. He said he had never seen them. Now we were really concerned.

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NOTICE

On pages 6-9 of this issue of *the Sea Breeze*, you will find a Pleading filed by the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association, Inc. in the law suit. This is your official mailed copy.

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Jan 26	May 25	Sep 28
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Mar 30	Jul 27	Nov 30
Apr 27	Aug 31	Dec 14

2006 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

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

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

All General Meetings at The Key School Multi-Purpose Building

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

(President's Comments continued)

Myself and a few other board members "staked out" the beach and marina for a few nights, but never saw the security patrol. Every night, after the patrol, the security guard leaves a log at a pre-arranged location. The morning after my beach "stakeout" I went to check the log and it wasn't there. At first I thought maybe he hadn't been scheduled to work that night, but the next morning I found two days worth of logs. The logs had a general entry for each hour stating that he had checked the entire neighborhood, including the beach and marina. Apparently, the security guard had figured out that he could just stop by every day or two and leave a log and he didn't have to work. The last day we knew for sure he had worked was June 11. On that date, we received a complaint that the flashing light was disturbing one of our residents near the marina. Alan Weiss, our Security Committee Chairperson, met with B&B and they were as shocked as we were. We informed them that we would not pay any outstanding invoices (we had paid up to July 9) and that we wanted a refund of anything we had paid for services after June 11. They should have exercised better management of their employee and we should have been less trusting. We decided to allow them to continue, based on their cooperation on this matter. They have provided a new person who seems to be a very good fit. His name is Guido. He speaks seven languages, has a lot of security experience, and takes his responsibilities very seriously. His car has an amber light but he does not have it on all the time. There are also security signs on the side of the car. If you get a chance to talk to him be sure to say hello. As President, I take full responsibility for this situation. Fortunately, we did not lose any money but we did lose the security we thought we were receiving. We have learned from our mistakes and will exercise more oversight in the future.

The Beach Strip Lawsuit continues to be a big topic of conversation in our community. Many people have decided to file the documents provided on our web site and support HSIA in our fight to keep the plaintiffs from seizing community property. Unfortunately, some residents, who support the plaintiffs, have attempted to spread a false impression about the nature of this dispute by writing letters to the Capital. Of course, there is nothing wrong with writing a letter to the editor. The problem is that they are saying that this is a personal vendetta by me against the plaintiffs. They called it "one person's misguided agenda". Nothing could be further from the truth. The board unanimously supports HSIA's defense of this lawsuit. The vast majority of the letters, emails, and phone calls that we have received support our efforts. This is clearly a community defending itself from a few people who are trying to take what belongs to all of us. To characterize it as anything else is an insult to everyone who cares about defending our community.

In this issue of *the Sea Breeze* is a motion that our attorney will be filing with the court. Apparently, one of the plaintiffs, Mr. Sahandy at 133 East Bay View, had appealed his tax assessments based on the fact that his was not a waterfront property and that he did not own or claim to own the property between his lot and the water. The Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation has documents going back to 1983. They will not release them without a court order or Mr. Sahandy's permission. His attorney did not respond to our request to give permission so we are asking the court to order them to be released. According to legal decisions cited in the motion, if the documents prove that Mr. Sahandy did appeal his assessment based on the fact that he did not own the land between his lot and the water then that would invalidate his claim of adverse possession.

Another challenge we recently had to face concerned our community message board. After the new sign was put up someone apparently made a complaint. The county issued two violations. The first one said that the new sign required a permit. We did not realize that a permit was required to replace an existing sign. The second violation said that the sign was on the county right-of-way and had to be removed. To resolve the first violation we needed proof that the sign was the same size as the old one. Luckily, Designs & Signs had taken before and after pictures so we were able to deal with that issue. The second one would have been more difficult. The sign has been there for over 20 years. It was moved to its current location when the library was built. In a stroke of pure luck, while searching our records for documents related to the lawsuit, we came

across a letter from the county, written in 1993, stating that it was ok to have the sign on county property. Both violations have been resolved and we get to keep our message board that serves so many people in our community.

This month we begin the budgeting process for the next fiscal year. One of the improvements we are considering is building a second playground on the pool property. Several mothers had complained that the beach is too far to walk and often too windy for small children. The playground would probably be along Harbor Drive between the rental house and the pool entrance. It would be smaller than the beach playground. We will work with the Pool Association in planning the playground. I think this would be a great addition to our community.

Have a great autumn. Get out and enjoy the best weather of the year. This is the time to say "Hi" to your neighbors, go for a bike ride, take a stroll by the beach and marina, and generally enjoy living in this great community.

Bill Shuman
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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HSIA NEWS

Fall Community Work Day at the Beach - Please join us on Saturday, September 16 from 9 am to 1 pm, to help make our beach park more beautiful. Jobs will include gardening and pruning, light carpentry and painting. We will install protection for the beach and walkway from the fall and winter weather. If you have suggestions or questions, please email Kate Penn at katepenn@comcast.net or call 443-482-9870.

Piers & Harbor Picnic - There will be a Piers & Harbor picnic at the sandspit on Saturday, September 23 starting at 4:00 pm.. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. RSVP to Tom Anton at 410-626-0946. Raindate is Saturday, September 30.



Beach Committee Now Forming - Help keep the beach and park in prime shape for all to enjoy. The Beach Committee will plan community work days, inspect and maintain the facilities and provide input on improvements. If you are interested in serving on the Beach Committee, please contact Kate Penn at katepenn@comcast.net or call 410-263-4456.

Please Do NOT Feed the Wild Geese - Please do not feed the wild geese that you see at our community beach. The geese are leaving their droppings on the grass. This is a significant health risk (as well as being very unattractive). Some communities have had their beaches closed by the health authorities when this gets too bad. We are having signs posted to not feed the geese.. If you see anyone feeding the geese, please remind them that it is a dangerous practice that can ruin our community's use of the beach.

DO YOUR DUTY... VOTE! **Political Signs in Hillsmere** - Political signs supporting or opposing candidates for public office or ballot questions may be placed on privately owned lots by the property owner or resident for up to 30 days before or 7 days after a public election. The signs must be no greater than 2 by 3 feet or equivalent area. Political signs may not be placed on HSIA property.

SALE! **Fall Yard Sale** - Start cleaning out those closets and attics! Our fall yard sale is scheduled at the beach for **Saturday, September 30, from 8:00 am to noon**. Participants are responsible for bringing their own table and for set-up and clean-up of their area. **Please take home your leftovers.**

Don't fill the trash cans at the beach with unsold items. Please set your tables on the grassy areas, not on the parking lot. Space is on a first come, first served basis. No reservations are required. The rain date for the yard sale is Saturday, October 7. If you have any questions, please call the HSIA voice mail at 410-263-4456 or email admin@hillsmershores.net.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

D. GREGORY SINGLETON, *et al* :

Plaintiff :

V. : CASE NUMBER: C-2003-91401 QT

HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED, *et al* :

Defendants :

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MOTION FOR COURT ORDER FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

COMES NOW the Defendant, the **HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**, a non-profit corporation of the State of Maryland, by and through its attorneys, **MICHAEL J. RAGLAND, SR.** and the law firm of **BELL AND RAGLAND, P.A.**, and pursuant to Section 14-201(d) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland requests a Court Order addressed to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation and in support thereof says as follows:

1. The Defendant, **HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**, by and through its Counsel, filed a Maryland Freedom of Information Act request upon the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation for all records dealing with the Tax Assessment appeals filed by the Plaintiff, **PARVIZ SAHANDY**, and all other Plaintiffs; and
2. A representative of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation has informed this Defendant's Counsel that it has no records on any Plaintiff other than **PARVIZ SAHANDY**; and
3. Said representative did acknowledge that there is correspondence and pleadings between the Department and the Plaintiff, **PARVIZ SAHANDY**, going back to 1983; but could not release said documents without a consent from said Plaintiff, or a Court Order and that a Subpoena would not be sufficient or honored; and

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4. This Defendant made a request upon the Plaintiff's Counsel for an authorization to release said documents and provided a proposed form; but, the Plaintiff's Counsel has not replied to said request; and
5. In 2003, the Plaintiff's appeal of his tax assessment failed because the issues raised had been taken into consideration in making the initial assessment, The issues raised and considered was that the Plaintiff's property had 00' of waterfront (w/f) and no riparian rights and Plaintiff's lot consisted of just over 16,000 square feet – which could not include the land in dispute in this case; and
6. This Defendant believes and therefore avers that this Plaintiff has consistently and repeatedly appealed his tax assessment on the grounds that he did not own any land between his platted lot and the waterfront. Such a declaration would be a complete and absolute bar to any claim of adverse possession for the land in dispute. See *Hungerford v. Hungerford*, 234 Md. 338, 199 A.2d 209 (1964), *Hanson v. Johnson*, 62 Md. 25 (1884), *Dean v. Brown*, 23 Md. 11 (1865).
7. The documents in the possession of the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation will show that the Plaintiff, **PARVIZ SAHANDY**, has consistently and repeatedly acknowledged that the land in dispute in this case was not owned by him and did in fact belong to this Defendant; and
8. As the documents being sought show the Plaintiff's position as to the size and location of his property, and that it does not go to the water's edge, does not have riparian rights and is no larger than the lot shown on the official recorded Plat of the subdivision, these documents relate to "description of physical characteristics of and improvements to the land" and can be released by the Department of Assessments and Taxation under a Court Order pursuant to Title 14, Section 201 (d) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

WHEREFORE this Defendant prays this Honorable Court:

- A. To issue an Order addressed to the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation requiring the delivery of all documents and correspondence which relates to the size, shape and location of the land belonging to **PARVIZ SAHANDY**, at 133 E. Bay

View Drive, Hillsmere Estates Subdivision, in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 21403, tax account number # 02-412-90006447; and being limited to those documents where the said **PARVIZ SAHANDY** has alleged or the agency has found that his land does not go to the water's edge, lacks riparian rights, is no larger than the platted lot or otherwise declares that the land between his platted lot and the water's edge does not belong to him; and

B. To grant such other and further relief as this Honorable Court may deem just and proper.

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BY: 

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Attorney for Defendant - H.S.I.A.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on or before this ____ day of _____, 2006, I mailed, postage prepaid, a copy of the foregoing Motion for Order for Production of Documents to:

William M. Simmons, Esquire
20 West Street, P.O. Box 2266
Annapolis, Maryland 21404-2266

And

And all other Defendants of record who have not provided me with a signed waiver of service of pleadings.


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD.

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Plaintiff :

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Defendants :

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ORDER

UPON CONSIDERATION of the Motion for Court Order for Production of Documents filed by the Defendant, **HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.**, and Title 14, Section 301 (d) of the Tax-Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland; it is this ____ day of _____, 2006, by the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County, Maryland:

ORDERED that the

Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
301 W Preston Street
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shall produce and deliver to Defendant's Counsel:

Michael J. Ragland, Sr.
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All documents and correspondence which relates to the size, shape and location of the land belonging to **PARVIZ SAHANDY**, at 133 E. Bay View Drive, Hillsmere Estates Subdivision, in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, Maryland 21403, tax account number # 02-412-90006447; and being limited to those documents where the said **PARVIZ SAHANDY** has alleged or the agency has found that his land does not go to the water's edge, or lacks riparian rights, or is not larger than the platted lot or otherwise declares that the land between his platted lot and the water's edge does not belong to said **PARVIZ SAHANDY**.

JUDGE

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CALL FOR CANDIDATES FOR HSIA OFFICES

At the general meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 9, we residents of Hillsmere Shores will elect officers to serve two-year terms on the board of the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association (HSIA). The positions open will be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A CANDIDATE?

1. It will make you stronger. This country operates on the free exchange of ideas, sometimes in vigorous debates. That's fine. (What is not fine is a government that runs smoothly, and quietly—like a dictatorship instead of a democracy.) You will get to test your ideas against those of others. Nobody has all the answers. But in the process of this give-and-take, you'll grow. That's guaranteed.

2. It will make your community stronger. HSIA does not have term limits. If people are doing a good job, HSIA believes they should have the opportunity to keep doing that job. But, HSIA also believes that no matter who you are or what position you occupy, being challenged is good for you—keeps you on your toes. And that helps the community.

3. There's a personal payoff. As you already know, these are not positions that pay money. But they do pay in other ways. You begin to understand how things work. It is quite easy to dismiss or even criticize an operation—until you have to do it. At that point, you will begin to learn that what you thought was the right way to go about it was not the right way at all.

Also, you will come to appreciate the other officers, board members, committee chairs and volunteers. The beach, the sandspit, the bulletin board, the many good things of our community, don't just happen by accident. People are behind that—good, bright, work-with-you types. These are people you like to be around.

HOW YOU BECOME A CANDIDATE:

Send to admin@hillsmershores.net by October 20, 2006:

1. Your name.
2. A statement saying you are a paid HSIA member.
3. The office you seek.
4. Why you think you are qualified to hold that office.
5. What you hope to accomplish in that office.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU BECOME A CANDIDATE:

1. This information, appearing in the November issue of *the Sea Breeze*, will give community residents a chance to get to know you and your plans.
2. You campaign, as much or little as you wish.
3. At the General Meeting of the HSIA membership on November 9, you will have the opportunity to address those residents who have come to vote.

Hillsmere Shores Community Survey Results Report #3

The results are finally tabulated. We plan to report the raw numbers first and then analysis and action plans over the next year. Due to the length of the survey, we will not report all numbers at once but in segments. Questions 5 through 28 were reported in the June *Sea Breeze* and Questions 29 through 58 were reported in the August *Sea Breeze*. As reported previously, we achieved a 62% return overall and a 64% of all lot owners. Comments and written responses will be posted on the Hillsmere Shores website at www.hillsmershores.net

Question

#59: Dumpster Days: We participate in the county community dumpster program. The dumpsters are placed next to the pool property for residents to dispose of bulk trash items. Approximately 15 to 20 dumpsters are filled each year during the two day program. This costs HSIA approximately \$500 per year. Do you support the continuation of this activity?

Yes: 94% (793 responses) No: 2% No Opinion: 4%

#60: Security: How safe do you feel in our community?

Very Unsafe Unsafe Neutral Fairly Safe Very Safe
2% (20) 5% (43) 6% (53) 52%(443) 34%(285)

#61: Currently, we provide security patrols throughout Hillsmere, including the beach and marina. We also have a guard at the beach during the summer. For each of the following areas, please state whether you think the security is adequate:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>No Opinion</u>
Beach	74% (603)	5% (40)	21% (168)
Marina	44%(341)	8% (63)	48% (379)
Sunset Dr. Ramp	37% (289)	5% (39)	58% (449)
Beach Dr. Ramp	38% (294)	4% (33)	58% (452)
Boat Park	34% (265)	3% (22)	63% (493)
Hillsmere streets	65% (529)	14%(115)	20% (164)

#62: Are there any other community areas where you think security needs to be increased or decreased? Please describe: Results will be posted on the website and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

#63: Would you support increasing the Special Tax to cover increased security patrols such as more daytime patrols, having a guard at the beach on weekdays, etc.?

Yes: 27% (222) No: 53% (433) No Opinion: 20% (169)

#64: If you answered "yes" or "no" to the previous question, please list any comments or suggestions you have about this issue: Results will be posted on the website.

#65: Currently approximately 25% of our security patrols are provided by off duty County police officers. The off duty police officers patrol in marked police cars, can make arrests, and write tickets. The private security guards can call the police when they see illegal activity. The private security guards cost approximately \$17 per hour compared to \$31/hr for off duty police. HSIA spends approximately \$37,000 per year on security. Should the ratio of private security to off duty Police hours be:

Increased (more private security -- lower cost): 23% (178 chose this)
Stay the same: 63% (484 chose this)
Decreased (more off duty police – increase Special Tax to cover increased cost): 14% (104 chose this)

#66: Should HSIA help the community to start a neighborhood watch?

Yes: 58% (458) No: 9% (71) No Opinion: 33% (258)

#67: **Community Beach:** Indicate if and how you use the community beach:

Do you use the beach for swimming? Yes: 40% (321) No: 60%(486)

Do you use the playground equipment? Yes: 50% (407) No: 50%(400)

Do you use the beach to picnic or just to sit? Yes: 76%(627) No: 24%(197)

#68: Are the Beach equipment and facilities adequate?

Playground Equipment? Yes: 72%(593) No: 2%(14) No Opinion:26%(216)

Enough picnic tables? Yes: 52%(429) No: 18%(150) No Opinion:30%(245)

Enough grills? Yes: 46%(376) No: 14%(118) No Opinion:40%(326)

#69: The net to keep out jelly fish at the beach costs roughly \$3000 per year. Does it provide enough value to the beach and the Community to justify the expense?

Yes: 54% (447) No: 12% (101) No Opinion: 33% (275)

#70: Currently the beach is closed after sunset. Should residents be permitted to use the beach after sunset?

Yes: 38% (323) No: 45% (375) No Opinion: 17% (141)

#71: If you answered "yes" to the previous question, what time should the beach be closed? Results will be posted on the website and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

Piers & Harbors:

#72: How satisfied are you with the way the HSIA Piers & Harbors Committee operates?

Very Dissatisfied: 2% (15) **Satisfied:** 33% (250)

Dissatisfied: 4% (31) **Very Satisfied:** 6% (46)

No Opinion: 54% (409)

#73: If you are not satisfied with the way the HSIA Piers & Harbors Committee operates, please explain why. Results will be posted on the website and will be summarized in *the Sea Breeze* when we discuss this question.

#74: The budget for Piers & Harbors is approximately \$80,000, which is generated from slip, key, boat park, and dingy rack fees. Is the P&H budget adequately managed?

Yes: 30% (224) No: 4% (34) No Opinion: 66% (499)

#75: Is the marina adequately managed?

Yes: 29% (222) No: 5% (35) No Opinion: 67% (512)

#76: Do you think that the management of the marina should be:

A paid position (supported by slip fees)?: 8% (62)

Run by an independent outside agency (supported by slip fees)?: 3% (25)

Volunteer leaders (as currently run)?: 44% (337)

No Opinion: 44% (334)

#77: Is the distribution of the slips fair?

Yes: 27% (201) No: 5% (40) No Opinion: 68% (516)

#78: Is the lighting at the marina adequate?

Yes: 34% (259) No: 5% (41) No Opinion: 60% (458)

#79: Have you reviewed the marina rules?

Yes: 36% (262) No: 64% (735)

#80: Please list any marina rules you disagree with along with your suggestion for change. Please include the rule number. Results will be posted on the website and in *the Sea Breeze* when this question is discussed.

Current Issues:

#81: Would you favor having (and financing) a community address and phone book?

Yes: 26% (215) No: 59% (488) No Opinion: 16% (129)

#82: Would you support (e.g. volunteer or contribute funds) an HSIA outreach program to help Hillsmere Shores residents in emergencies (i.e. home fire, etc.)?

Yes: 54% (443) No: 23% (191) No Opinion: 23% (193)

#83: How should HSIA proceed with the pool lease when it runs out in 2011?

Renew the lease with the pool association? 46% (373)
HSIA take over the pool operation? 18% (143)
Discontinue the Community swimming pool? 0% (4)
No Opinion: 36% (297)

#84: Do you support the following HSIA statement regarding annexations by the City of Annapolis?

The Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association calls upon Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis officials to halt all annexing by the City of Annapolis along the Forest Drive corridor until the necessary improvement to road infrastructure are made to preserve or improve the quality of life for the current residents that are so adversely affected by the increased traffic.

Yes: 88% (719) No: 6% (51) No Opinion: 5% (43)

#85: HSIA is a member of the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation. HSIA has an active representative that attends ANPF meetings. ANPF fights for responsible development on the peninsula and is opposed to the current City of Annapolis policies on annexations along Forest Drive:

Should HSIA contribute to and support ANPF: Yes: 83% (671) No: 4% (36)

Do you support ANPF? Yes: 74% (581) No: 8% (63)

#86: Should Key School children be allowed, on a limited basis, to use Hillsmere Shores community facilities that are overseen by HSIA (i.e. beach, boat ramps, marina) if the use is educationally oriented and under teacher supervision?

Yes: 71% (589) No: 22% (184) No Opinion: 7% (56)

#87: Are you in favor of allowing the six homes on Hillsmere Court (just inside Hillsmere Shores entrance) to join Hillsmere Shores Subdivision?

Yes: 78% (653) No: 9% (76) No Opinion: 12% (103)

#88: If you answered "yes" to the previous question, should the individual homes be charged a one time fee to pay for the additional value they receive by becoming a member of a water privileged community?

Yes: 53% (375) No: 26% (187) No Opinion: 21% (148)

#89: As electricity becomes deregulated this year in Anne Arundel County, would you be interested in having Hillsmere Shores band together to obtain lower rates than individuals might obtain?

Yes: 80% (649) No: 6% (50) No Opinion: 14% (117)

#90: Do we need more sidewalks in Hillsmere?

Yes: 49% (411) No: 38% (316) No Opinion: 13% (106)

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2. A copy of the construction location on the property when required by the County.
3. Cash or check in the amount of \$5.00 made payable to HSIA.
4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403



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All are welcomed to attend this meeting and give your eyes a treat while viewing the flowers. At this meeting, the overview for the 2006-2007 year will be presented. It promises to be an exciting year! Come join us for it will be a 'FLOWER' thing'.

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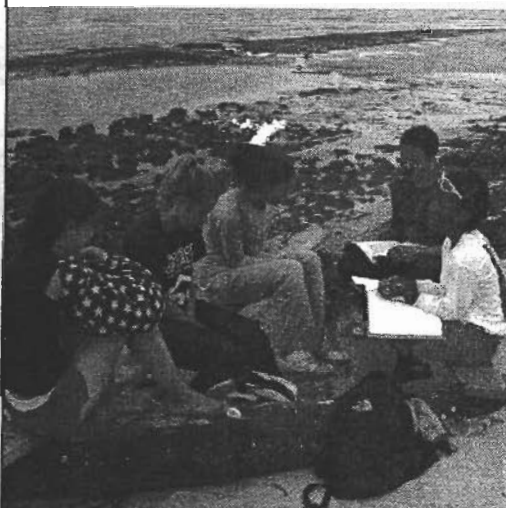


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Party for the Animals in Hillsmere: The Humane Society of the United States invites you to a **Party for the Animals** on Saturday, September 16, at 416 Harbor Drive (corner of Harbor and Gardner Drives in Hillsmere) at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP online at www.partylaunch.com/partyanimals/parties/index.cfm?c=partyforanimals.



Library Happenings - Annapolis Branch

Storytime - Tuesdays through October 31 at 10:00 am for two year olds and at 3:30 pm for three to five year olds.

Babies in Bloom - Thursdays, September 28 and October 12, at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Parents and caregivers are invited to bring their babies (up to 24 months) for a fun-filled half-hour of stories, songs, rhymes and fingerplays, all specifically designed to stimulate early infant development. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **Eastport/Annapolis Neck Babies in Bloom** - Wednesdays thru October 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Tot's Line Fall Workshops - Tuesday, October 10 at 3:00 pm. Several behavior management techniques are presented during this lively discussion. Add to your behavior management tool box with suggested techniques, resources and support.

Teen Events: Get Active @ Your Library – Cool Careers and Hot Jobs - Thursday, October 19, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Explore cool careers and hot jobs with people who actually do them! Enjoy snacks and conversation with the pros: DJ, life coach, pilot, musician, car mechanic and more.

School is Out...The Annapolis Library is In! - Monday, October 2 and Friday, October 20 at 10:00 am and 3:30 pm. Stories out loud anytime, board games and do-it-yourself crafts. For ages 5 to 14.

Town Hall Meetings on Flu: September 16 and 25 - Anne Arundel County Department of Health and County Office of Emergency Management, in partnership with Anne Arundel Medical Center, is sponsoring free meetings to prepare County residents for seasonal and pandemic Flu. Each year in the United States, more than 226,000 people are hospitalized and more than 36,000 people die from influenza-related symptoms. The town hall meetings will provide tips on how County residents can protect themselves and their families from the flu. Differences between pandemic and seasonal flu and the ways that flu can spread will be discussed. Health care and emergency management professionals will answer questions from the audience about flu prevention and preparedness. Attendees will receive hand sanitizers and other materials to help prevent the spread of flu viruses. Refreshments will be provided. The first meeting will be held Saturday, September 16, from 10 am to noon in the Sajak Pavilion Auditorium (Suite 250) of the Anne Arundel Medical Center, 2002 Medical Parkway in Annapolis. Reservations are requested. To make reservations, contact ask AAMC at 443-481-4000. The second meeting will be held on Monday, September 25, from 7 to 9 pm in the Courtney Conference Center of the Tate Center, Baltimore Washington Medical Center, 305 Hospital Drive in Glen Burnie. This free meeting is sponsored by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health and County Office of Emergency Management in partnership with Baltimore Washington Medical Center. Reservations are not necessary for the meeting. For more information, call the Public Relations Department of the Baltimore Washington Medical Center, 410-787-4367. Information is also available by calling the Anne Arundel County Department of Health's Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response, 410-222-4115.

HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 28, 2006

7:00 pm

Key School Science & Library Center

HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 26, 2006

7:00 pm

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Deadline for the October

Sea Breeze is September 30, 2006

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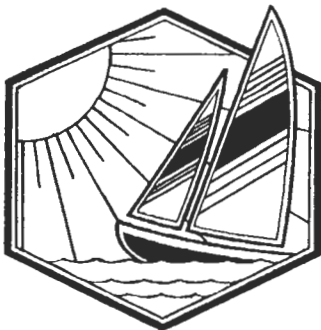
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3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Grand- parents day	11 Patriot Day	12 Piers & Harbor Meeting	13	14 HSIA General Meeting	15	16 Community Work Day at Beach
17	18	19	20 Garden Club	21	22 Rosh Hashanah begins at sundown	23 P&H Picnic Autumn Begins
24 Ramadan begins	25	26	27	28 HSIA Board Meeting	29	30 Yard Sale <i>Sea Breeze</i> deadline P&H Picnic Raindate





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Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Yom Kippur begins at sundown	2	3	4	5	6	7 Yardsale Raindate
8	9 Columbus Day Observed	10 Piers & Harbor Meeting	11	12 Columbus Day Traditional	13	14
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