

# *the Sea Breeze*

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## PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

I'm writing this as Tropical Storm Hanna passes our community. Fortunately, its impact seems to be even weaker than predicted. So far, we haven't had the heavy rain and wind that we expected. However, this hurricane season is off to a very active start. Everyone needs to be prepared. An excellent source of information is the National Hurricane Center web site. You can find the site at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>. Just click on "Be Prepared" in the menu on the left. An important thing to keep in mind for Hillsmere is water. Since we are on wells, you will not have running water if the power goes out. You should have drinking water on hand plus water that you can use to flush your toilets. Just fill a bathtub with water before a storm, and use a bucket to pour into the toilet bowl to flush. You can also buy jugs of drinking water at the supermarket to keep on hand for such an emergency. The same preparedness would apply for winter storms, especially ice storms that can cause serious power outages. If you know someone in our community who would be at risk in such an emergency (perhaps an elderly or disabled person), please email our Good Neighbor Program at [goodneighbors@hillsmershores.net](mailto:goodneighbors@hillsmershores.net).

I often write about crime since that is an issue of great concern to all of us. On August 12, officers from the Southern District were called to a Baltimore hospital about a robbery that had

### **Volunteer's Corner**

#### **Volunteers Needed ...**

- **Storm Water Drainage** - Committee now forming to address issues of storm water runoff needs volunteers.
- **Hillsmere Historian** - still needed.
- **Community Representative** to act as liaison for Duvall Creek Dredging Project.

Help make our community stronger.  
Please call Natalie Lobe at 410-263-1947  
or email her at [natalielobe@verizon.net](mailto:natalielobe@verizon.net)

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Apr 24	Aug 28	Dec 18

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Jan 10	May 8	Sep 11
Mar 13	Jul 10	Nov 13

All Board Meetings at The Key School Science and Library Center

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occurred on the previous day. The victim claimed that on August 11, at approximately 7:45 pm, he was walking his dog at Quiet Waters Park when several young males came out of the woods and demanded his money. One of them had a gun. He said that they assaulted and robbed him before they fled on foot. Some of you may have heard of this disturbing incident. Fortunately, for our community, the truth of what happened was quite different. On August 27, Southern District Detectives re-interviewed the alleged victim regarding the assault and robbery. It was during this interview that the alleged victim recanted his statement. The incident never occurred at Quiet Waters Park as initially reported. What really happened was that on August 11, at approximately 11:00 pm, he was assaulted and robbed in the area of Newtowne Drive, where he had gone in an attempt to purchase drugs. While we should all be relieved that such an incident didn't happen in Quiet Waters Park, we should still be careful when out and about, especially after dark. In addition, you should always call 911 when you see something suspicious.

In the last issue of *the Sea Breeze*, I talked about the mosquito problem and how we had requested community spraying. As I mentioned, we applied too late and would likely not receive spraying this season. That is how it turned out. We will be sure to apply on time next Spring. If you sent in a request to be excluded from spraying, that should stay on file for next season. We will publish all the information in *the Sea Breeze* again in the Spring.

There was another interesting issue that occurred recently that would have had a significant impact on some of our property owners. County Councilwoman Cathy Vitale introduced a bill to prevent structures from encroaching too close to the B&A Trail. Unfortunately, the bill that was introduced applied to all parks countywide and required a 50 foot setback from the park. Since our covenants require a 30 foot setback from the road, the combination could have made some Hillsmere lots next to Quiet Waters Park unbuildable. I received an email from one resident who was very concerned. He wanted to know why Josh Cohen, our County Councilman, had not notified us about the bill. The reason was that Cathy Vitale had agreed to amend the bill so that it only applied to linear parks, like the B&A Trail. That would have eliminated any impact on our community. The bill was withdrawn before it was considered. I'm sure that Josh will keep us informed if this, or any other bill, comes up that could affect our community.

Speaking of county issues, if you live on the waterfront in Hillsmere, be sure to read the article by Bruce Walker, HSIA Treasurer, in this issue of *the Sea Breeze* about the Duvall Creek Dredging Project. Nearly 1.3 million dollars has been budgeted for this project for the 2010 fiscal year. However, this project only dredges the main channel. Private property owners that want to have their docks connected to the channel must apply in the next few months to be included.

The Hillsmere waterfront is a treasure for all our residents. Our community beach and the sandspit, where the main marina is located, are areas that all residents should be able to enjoy. Recently, a new automatic gate was installed at the sandspit/marina. I was surprised to receive several phone calls and emails from residents who concluded, incorrectly, that it would limit their access to the sandspit. In fact, it will improve access for all residents. The gate automatically opens at 6:30 am every morning and closes at 8:00 pm each evening. The gate will automatically open for a vehicle leaving the sandspit at any time. Slip holders have received a card that will open the gate after hours so they can have access to their boats. Since the sandspit is community property, all residents are welcome there during daylight hours. Before the new gate was installed, non-slip holders had to wait for someone with a key to open the gate and they had the chance of being locked in if they were there after dark. The hours the gate is open will be adjusted during the year as daylight changes. If you find the gate closed during daylight

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hours, please let us know so we can correct the problem. If this gate works as well as expected, we will probably add a similar gate to the beach.

In addition to the gate, a security camera system was also installed at the marina. The cameras, which work at night as well as in the daytime, cover the docks and the sandspit. In the next few months, the views from the cameras will be accessible from the HSIA web site. The new gate and cameras were entirely paid for by the marina budget. No special tax money was used. These are big improvements that will benefit all residents, not just slip holders.

We have a reservation system for residents who wish to use the community beach for parties and other events. We make sure that only one event is scheduled for the same time. The purpose is to make sure other residents can still use the beach, even if a party is going on. We require a \$200 security deposit that is returned in full if there is no damage and if all the trash is removed. Jean Somers, our HSIA administrator, has asked me to remind all residents that you should NOT assume that you have a reservation unless you have received a confirmation email or phone call. The beach is very popular, especially on summer weekends. The reservations are taken as received. We had a situation this summer where two residents left messages requesting the beach on the same day. The second resident went ahead and sent out invitations without waiting for a confirmation. It all ended well — but we needed to have two parties at one time on that day. This kind of situation can be avoided by reserving early and waiting for a confirmation.

Well, school has started and the summer is almost over, but there are still plenty of beautiful days left to get out and enjoy the special place that we live. Walk to the beach, sit at the marina on one of the benches and enjoy the views, or just walk around your block and say "Hi" to your neighbors. Enjoy our wonderful community and the wonderful people who live here.

Bill Shuman  
President, Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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## HSIA NEWS

**Hillsmere Shores Community Happy Hours 2008** —The Beach Committee wants to remind everyone that we will be hosting the final two community Happy Hours of the year on Saturdays in September and October. The dates are Saturday, September 13 and Saturday, October 11 at the beach from 4 pm - 8 pm. So put it on your calendar and finish your chores early and plan to join us! We supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, soda, water and paper supplies. You bring your favorite adult beverage (beer and wine only), a plate of happy hour style food to share and Mother Nature will provide the BEAUTIFUL VIEWS! Hope to see you there!

***SALE!*** **Fall Yard Sale** - Clean out those closets, basements and attics and join us for our Fall yard sale at the beach. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 27 from 8 am to noon, with a raindate of Saturday, October 11. *(Please note this is a change in date -- we previously scheduled the yard sale for Saturday, October 4.)* 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. Many residents "piggy-back" on the community sale and have yard sales at their homes. This draws the crowd away from the beach. Since this is a community event, please take a little extra time and haul 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. So break open those piggy banks and get ready for some great bargains!

**Dumpster Days** - The County has scheduled our community for dumpsters on October 3-4. For more information, please see pages 12 and 13 of this issue.

**Hillsmere Tee Shirts** - There are still some Hillsmere tee shirts for sale. The shirts are forest green with gold lettering. We have adult size small and large and child size medium and large, first come, first served. Please call the voice mail at 410-263-4456 to see if we have your size still available. All shirts are \$10.

**Blood Mobile Drive** - To help ensure an adequate blood supply, Anne Arundel Medical Center has developed a new mobile blood program to allow neighborhoods, companies, churches, schools and organizations in the community to sponsor blood drives. Blood donations obtained from the mobile blood program stay at AAMC and are used solely for the purpose of meeting the community's increasing need for blood. Hillsmere will be sponsoring a blood drive on Saturday, October 18. The AAMC Blood Mobile will be parked at our beach from 10 am to 4 pm for anyone wishing to make a blood donation.

**Want to make a donation to the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation? You can. Please make checks payable to ANPF and send donation to ANPF c/o HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403.**

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## Did you know there is a Hillsmere Playgroup?

We are a group of parents and their infant and preschool children that meet in the community to play and socialize. We are in our 4<sup>th</sup> year with many of our original members now in 1<sup>st</sup> grade or kindergarten. We're adding new families all of the time.

There are two groups. The Friday morning group meets at a host house once a week from 10 am to noon. The afternoon group meets from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Hosting is voluntary and there is a different host each week. It is a time for the adults to have conversations with other parents and the kids get to play with new friends.

Occasionally, we go on field trips. We have gone to the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Edgewater, the Riva Fire Station and strawberry picking. Other events have been arranged such as 2007's summer soccer camp and 2008's summer activities camp.

I'd like to invite any Hillsmere resident with infants to children 5 years old to join us. This fall, we are expanding our afternoon playgroup to twice a month, starting September 12<sup>th</sup>. It will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month. This should be more convenient for kids in morning school programs and for working parents.

For more information, please contact Angie Carroll at [angelicbr@comcast.net](mailto:angelicbr@comcast.net).



**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.

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# Duvall Creek Dredging Project

~ By Bruce Walker

I attended the 8/26/2008 meeting of the Anne Arundel Waterway Restoration Alliance. Presentations were given by Bob Whitcomb (president of AAWRCA), Masoud Ghatineh (Engineer Manager, AA Co Dept. of Public Works DPW), and Keith Tate, president of Bay Land Consultants & Designers, Inc. This is the first meeting I have attended and will try my best to summarize the meeting as a novice to this. **If you use a boat on or live on Duvall Creek or use HSIA marina facilities – this is very important to you.**

Bay Land, under direction of County DPW, is managing 23 projects in the County. A typical dredge permit must include the retrofit projects that include improvement projects (silt/dirt source reduction projects, SAV monitoring, etc.). New requirement by the State Legislature went into effect July 1, 2008 regarding SAV mitigation (SAV is submerged aquatic vegetation). Also new as of July 1 is a County dredging fee (\$750 for a wetlands licensing fee) for anyone wanting a spur off the main channel that is being dredged (more on this later). Bay Land and County are developing a large database on SAV status – the database was begun in 1998. Keith Tate showed an ariel view of the Magothy, including its water shed and all the creeks feeding it – in particular Mill Creek. He presented a graph showing the % coverage of aquatic plants on the water bottoms of the waterways for the period 1998-2006, as well as the species of plant life. As part of all dredging projects, they must identify problems (silt/dirt sources) and solutions that would improve the creeks/waterways that will help aquatic plant life and increase the longevity of the dredging projects. The retrofit projects for the water shed are financed separately by the County. Water and SAV monitoring is a federal requirement for all dredging projects.

The annual County budget for waterway restoration projects is typically between 2 and 4 million dollars. Five County projects are to be permitted in 2008/2009FY (started July 1, 2008). The 5 projects have 69 private spurs. Spurs are financed by the private property owner. A major concern is that dredging projects are funded by boat sales and boat sales have been plummeting lately because of soft economy and the banking credit crisis.

**Waterway Improvement Program Grant Funding Priority Project list FY2010** (begins 7/1/09). These are the **requested** priorities for the coming year.

	<b><u>Requested Funding</u></b>	<b><u>Total Project Cost</u></b>
1. Rochhold Creek Federal Channel	\$1,239,000	\$1,239,000
2. Fort Smallwood Park Boat Ramp	99,000	118,338
3. DMP Site Management	150,000	300,000
4. SAV Monitoring	50,000	100,000
5. Mill Creek Entrance Channel	586,000	586,000
6. Brady Cove	147,000	294,000
7. Old Glory Cove	88,700	177,400
8. <b>Duvall Creek</b>	<b>1,266,500</b>	<b>1,266,500</b>
9. Severn River Headwaters	668,000	668,000
10. Pocahontas Creek Headwaters	N/A	203,585
11. Upper West River	N/A	639,125
12. Saltworks Creek	N/A	547,250
13. Stephens Creek	N/A	269,000
14. Weems Creek	N/A	557,750
15. Church Creek	N/A	486,350

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### ***(Duvall Creek Dredging Project Continued)***

The total costs **do not** include spurs. A spur is a dredged channel off of the main channel that the County is dredging, at the request of a private landowner. Agreements to dredge spurs off of the main channel are made by the private owner with the dredger – **however, all the spurs to be dredged must be included in the main channel dredging project permit.** Typical dredging fees are \$40 to \$80 per cubic yard along with the \$750 wetlands licensing fee. Groups of owners could negotiate with the dredger. The price of the dredging depends on how far the dredge must be taken to the dump site and other dredging site parameters. Typically, channels dredged in rivers/creeks are 50 feet wide and channels for spurs are 20 feet wide.

#### **Timeline for Duvall Creek Dredging Project Q463600**

Project Formulation	07/11/2008 to 12/31/2008
SAV Surveys	05/01/2008 to 09/30/2008
Permit Application	01/01/2009 to 03/31/2009
Permit Acquisition	04/01/2009 to 09/30/2009
Design	12/01/2009 to 05/31/2010
Construction Procurement	06/01/2010 to 10/15/2010
Construction (dredging)	10/15/2010 to 02/15/2011

Jay Phillips of Quay Harbor is the Duvall Creek focal point for Bay Land and DPW. Bob Emmet and Jay Phillips formed DCET (Duvall Creek Environmental Trust) and have been spearheading the Duvall Creek waterway restoration projects for more than 5 years.

If you are interested in having a spur off of the Duvall Creek Channel, **you will need to act this Fall** in making sure that your spur is included in the project formulation. We will need a champion for the overall Hillsmere Community to work with Jay as well as a champion for HSIA to address the needs of our Piers and Harbors facilities. Hopefully, these individuals will be identified soon. They will be your contacts as the list of requested spurs is created. We will get the names of these people posted on the HSIA web site as soon as they are identified. Those wishing to volunteer may call me.

Bruce Walker  
HSIA Treasurer  
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Stephanie Crouse-Geib/Susan Staples: 410-263-4456



## GARDEN CLUB

Our September meeting will be on Wednesday, September 17 at the Eastport/Annapolis Library. We will start at 12:30 pm with a social and refreshment time. Our program will be a presentation of interpretive floral displays by our members. We will meet on Wednesday, October 15, for a trip to the beautiful Helen Avalynn Tawes Garden for a guided tour and lunch.

Anyone interested in either of these events is welcome to join us. Please call Jean Koehler at 410-268-0276 for more information.

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**Please read this information carefully. You may want to hold on to this issue of the Sea Breeze for Dumpster Days instructions. Please note that the dumpsters will be delivered by noon on Friday, October 3.**

Dumpster Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 3 and 4. The dumpsters will be located adjacent to the community pool. **The dumpsters will be delivered by noon on Friday, October 3. Please make sure the dumpsters are in place before hauling any items to the dumpster area. If we have a large amount of rain, dumpsters could be relocated to the beach parking lot.**

Please be courteous and follow all directions to maintain a smooth flow of traffic. We will be using a clockwise traffic pattern, the same as in previous years (please see the map on the next page). To avoid excessive damage to the grounds, **do not enter or exit the dumpster area from Harbor Drive.** If anyone can volunteer to help supervise loading of the dumpsters or the flow of traffic, please call the HSLA information line at 410-263-4456.

Please follow these guidelines:

- ♦ Do not bring children.
- ♦ Watch for, and do not interfere with, County trucks and bulldozers in the area.
- ♦ Do not leave waste materials outside the dumpsters or allow them to protrude above the top of the container.
- ♦ Do not put too much heavy material in one container. Fill the containers completely from the rear to the front.
- ♦ Do not put garbage or similar trash, hazardous materials, tires, liquids, pressurized containers, refrigerators, air conditioners, boats, trailers, logs or tree trunks into the dumpsters. Tie or bundle light material so it won't blow around. Disassemble large items such as swing sets and other similar items. Cut tree trimmings into 3-4 foot lengths.
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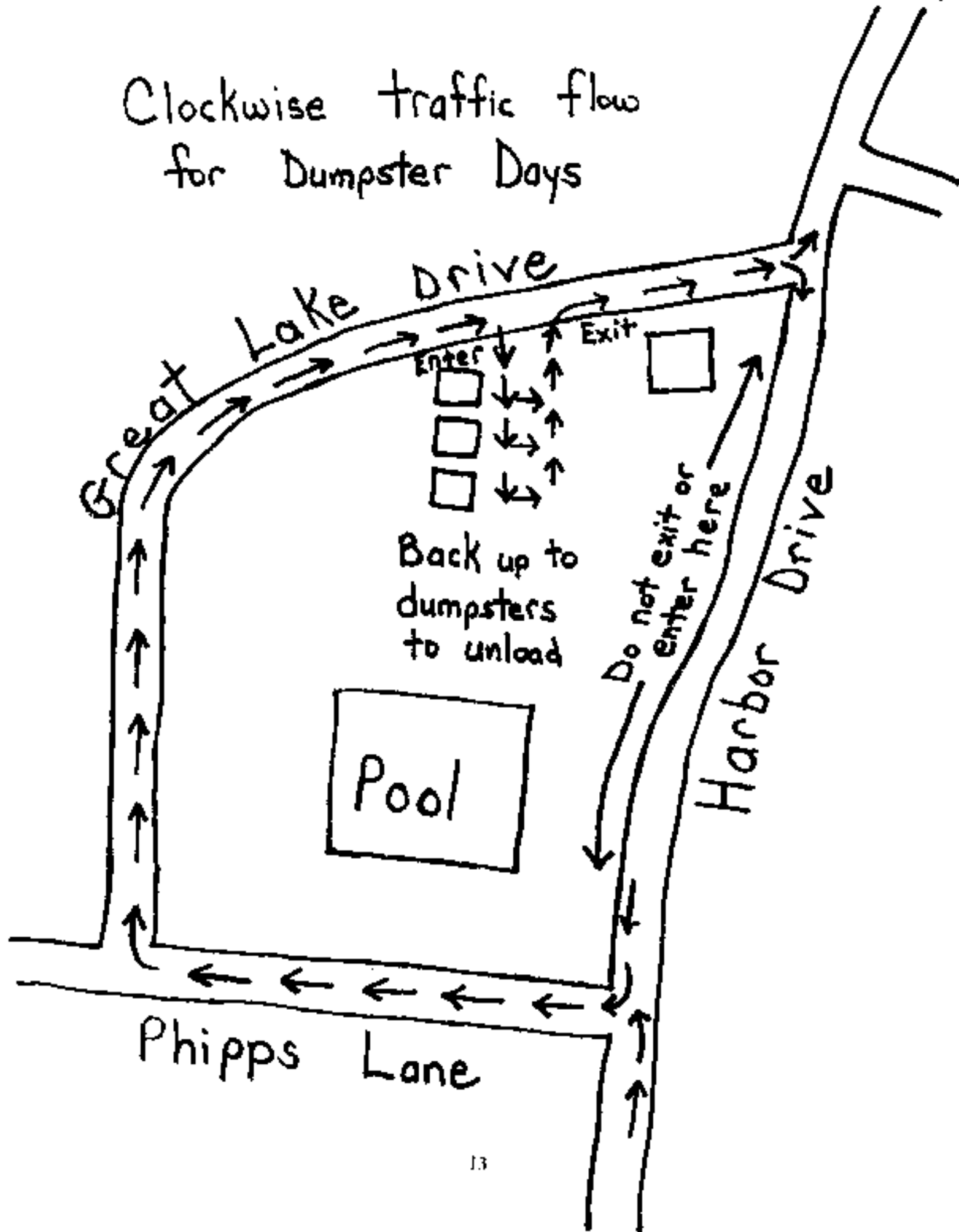
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The Key School  
5K/10K Run & Family Fun Run  
Sunday, October 19, 2008

**RACE REGISTRATION FORM**

Mark your calendars for the annual Key School 5K/10K Run and Family Fun Run! The course begins at The Key School and winds through the scenic residential community of Hillsmere Shores on paved roads.

Both the 5K and 10K will commence at 9:00 am sharp, followed by the Family Fun Run at 9:15 am. Packet pick-up will begin at 8:00 am and close at 8:45 am.

Pre-registration entry fees:

5K or 10K.....\$18.00

Family Fun Run.....\$12.00

**(Pre-registration forms must be postmarked by October 10)**

The race-day fee for the 5K and 10K is \$20.00

For additional race information or to download a race registration form visit [www.keyschool.org](http://www.keyschool.org).

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age on race Day \_\_\_\_\_ M / F

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

5K ☐

10K ☐

Family Fun Run ☐

T-Shirt: Adult: small ☐ medium ☐ large ☐ x-large ☐ Youth: medium ☐ large ☐

*In consideration of the acceptance of this entry to the The Key School Run, I waive all claims for myself, my heirs and assigns against The Key School or sponsors for injury or illness which may result from my participation. I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity and I further state that I am in proper physical condition to compete in this strenuous athletic event.*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent's signature if under 18 years of age)

Checks payable to: **The Key School**, payment must accompany entry form

Mail to: The Key School—Parents' Association, 534 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403

Questions? Contact Liz Glass [Liz1719@comcast.net](mailto:Liz1719@comcast.net) or Christina Friday [lgirlfriday@comcast.net](mailto:lgirlfriday@comcast.net)

## From the Beach Committee

~Kate Penn, Beach Chair

Thank you to all the volunteers who keep the beach and park area clean, pick up trash, maintain the equipment, and open and close the gate every day. The Fall clean-up at the beach is scheduled for October 11 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. It will be followed by the happy hour. Activities will include: Divide and expand rain garden; touch up paint at pavilion; and landscaping/yard work. Come for an hour or stay for the whole afternoon; any time you can contribute to make our beach more attractive is greatly appreciated.

The Beach Committee is exploring several improvements to the parking lot area. The plans (on the next page) were presented at the September General Meeting, and will continue to be discussed as we gather input from the community and obtain pricing from contractors. You can provide feedback at the General Meetings as well as on the forum page of the HSLA web site.

The improvements under consideration are:

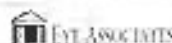
- ◆ Install new pilings with rope instead of cable. The new fence would extend between the parking lot and park area; no fence will be installed on the ends, making the parking lot more accessible for walkers. The openings in the fence that provide access from the parking lot to the park will be widened to better accommodate wheelchairs and strollers. The rope will be doubled along the playgrounds, in response to parents' concern for children's safety.
- ◆ The main entrance to the parking lot will be moved to the west end of the park. This will direct traffic away from the tot lot, increasing safety for our smallest residents. The new entrance location will also help keep parking for events at the large pavilion in that area.
- ◆ The parking lot area will be defined and increased on the west end. The added parking spaces will better accommodate parking for both private and community events. With the new entrance on the west end, drivers will have space to park in an attractively defined area, similar to what is currently on the east end.
- ◆ The committee is exploring using gravel pavers to surface the parking lot. The pavers are open, honeycomb-shaped blocks that are filled with gravel. The pavers are permeable, allowing storm water to filter through the lot surface, thereby reducing runoff into the Bay.
- ◆ The portable toilet will be relocated to one of several locations under consideration. The current location is in the path of the storm water drainage from Hillsmere Drive. It must be relocated to allow improvements to the storm water drainage. Possible locations are highlighted on the drawing.



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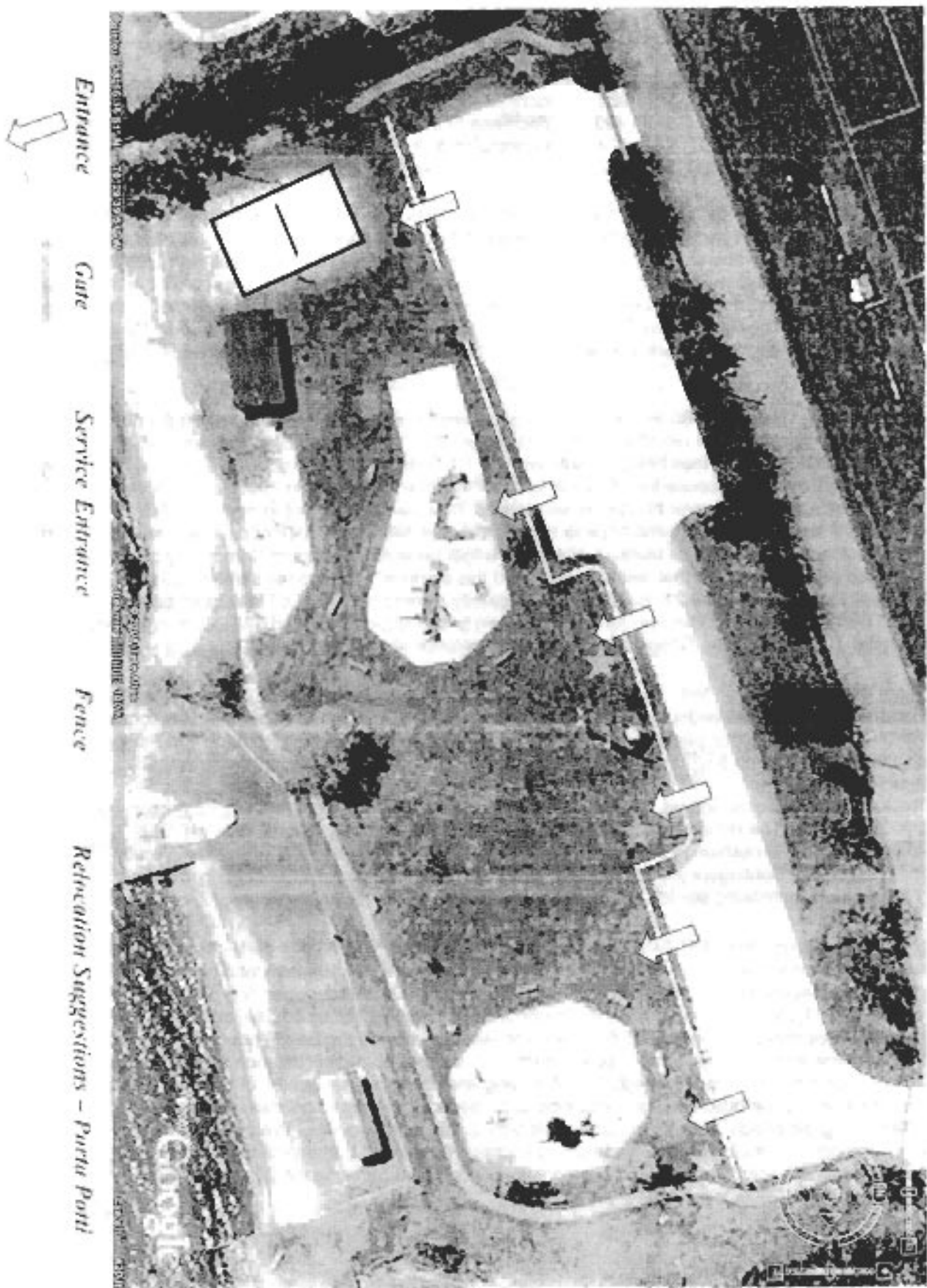
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## Proposed Parking/Fencing





HSIA 2008 Fiscal Year End Highlights: July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008

**Overall:** We ended the year with accounts balances as follows:

General Fund:	\$ 15,981	increase of \$11,604 (plan was increase \$24,490)
Piers & Harbors:	\$ 94,493	decrease of \$48,951 (plan was increase \$ 2,536)
Special Tax Fund:	\$ 84,684	increase of \$ 8,170 (plan was decrease \$52,173)
Total cash balance:	\$195,158	overall a decrease of \$29,177

Overall, we ended the year \$6,857 over the original budgets set. However, the spending includes \$80,856 for the P & H capital projects (total will be on plan at \$115,918). The P&H projects were approved by the membership at the March 13, 2008 general meeting and were not in the original budget. The Board decided not to take out a loan to pay for these projects but to pay for them from existing funds. Excluding the P & H capital projects, we ended the year **\$73,992** better than total budgeted. The Special Tax Fund was \$57,543 better than plan. HSIA 2008FY legal fees (including surveying costs) were \$16,904 bringing the last 4 year total to approximately \$57,000.

**Specifics:**

**General Fund:** Net: \$12,886 worse than budget. Revenue was \$4,932 less than plan due to rental house vacancy for 4 months and the installation of a dishwasher. Expenses were \$8,401 over budget due to legal fees being \$8,886 over the ST budget. We also showed a profit of \$447 on T-shirts/tote bags because the latest bill for the T-shirts is being paid in 2009fy. Rental house maintenance was \$1494 over budget as we cleaned, fully painted, and put in new carpet to prepare for a new renter. We still hope to recover the rent default of 2007FY (net owed roughly \$4000). Community activities were \$1,494 over budget because our annual Community picnic was held early this year so that last summer's and this summer's fell into the same fiscal year (August 11, 2007 and June 21, 2007). The community picnic cost \$1397.67 last summer and \$1,617.85 this summer. The Special Tax Fund paid back the General Fund \$21,962 in legal fees from the 2007fy giving the General Fund a positive balance at year end.

**Piers & Harbors Funds:** Net: \$4,585 better than budget. Revenue was \$1,670 better than plan. Expenses were \$2,916 under budget. We paid down debt \$14,200 in addition to our bank loan payments. This included paying back the final 11 families their \$1000 loan from the 1992 marina expansion project and \$3200 to one Lucky 26 slip holder who withdrew from the marina. We spent \$80,856 toward the \$115,918 P&H capital projects: \$24,757 out of our normal 2008fy Repairs/Improvements budget, \$44,757 from the Contingency Fund, and \$11,342 from escrowed 2009fy monies. The remaining \$35,062 will be covered by the 2009fy budget. We will have roughly \$11,000 in cushion in the Contingency Fund/L26 Fund when all bills are paid. We will then rebuild the Contingency fund back to \$50,000 over the next three years starting in March, 2009 (without increasing our fee structure beyond normal inflation coverage).

**Special Tax Fund:** Net: \$57,543 better than budget. Revenue was \$3,374 better than plan due to increased advertising in the Sea Breeze. Expenditures were \$54,169 less than plan mainly due to under-spending on the Beach projects budget by \$26,656, under-spending of the security budget by \$11,358, under-spending the Ground Maintenance budget by \$6,514, and under-spending Sea Breeze budget by \$5,679. As promised, we slowed the Beach projects to a pace that will allow appropriate studies to be conducted, to allow good communication of proposals, and enough time to get quality feedback. We completed the stone revetment of the East side of the beach where the bulkhead was beginning to collapse. Studies are underway on the wave action along the beach. We again had trouble with our security provider. We are back to full coverage now thanks to Randy Southers and Michael Homewood but are still searching for a more permanent solution. The unspent monies will go toward reducing the 2010FY budget that will begin July 1, 2009.

Bruce Walker  
HSIA Treasurer  
7/18/2008

Item (Excl Escrows)	08FYBudget	2008 Actual	08 How We Did Actual - Budget
<b>General Fund Budget</b>			
<b>Income:</b>			
Rental Income	\$12,960	\$7,792	(\$5,168)
Interest	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dues	\$6,600	\$6,690	\$90
Building Permits	\$200	\$210	\$10
Donations/Misc	\$800	\$936	\$136
Pool Lease	\$1	\$1	\$0
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$20,561</b>	<b>\$15,629</b>	<b>(\$4,932)</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Administrative	\$5,400	\$5,136	(\$264)
Income Taxes	\$2,724	\$0	(\$2,724)
Rental Property			\$0
Taxes	\$3,400	\$3,702	\$302
Water/sewer	\$737	\$738	\$1
Insurance	\$400	\$383	(\$17)
Grass Cutting	\$1,300	\$923	(\$377)
Maintenance	\$3,600	\$4,700	\$1,100
Community Activities	\$3,000	\$4,494	\$1,494
Legal Fees	\$0	\$8,886	\$8,886
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$20,561</b>	<b>\$28,962</b>	<b>\$8,401</b>
			ST pay back 2010fy
T-Shirts/Tote Bags Income	\$0	\$1,490	\$1,490
T-Shirts/ToteBags Expense	\$0	\$1,188	\$1,188
Bench Donations Income	\$0	\$7,166	\$7,166
Bench Donations Spending	\$0	\$7,021	\$7,021
<b>Tshirt/Bench Summary</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$447</b>	<b>\$447</b>

**General Fund Summary** **\$12,886** Worse than plan  
**(Positive number is good for income, bad for expense, and bad for summary number)**

Item (Excl Escrows)	08FYBudget	2008 Actual	How We Did Actual - Budget
<b>Piers &amp; Harbors Budget</b>			
<b>Income:</b>			
Slip Rentals	\$66,748	\$69,163	\$2,415
Dinghy/Canoe Storage	\$1,440	\$1,830	\$390
Ramp Keys	\$9,500	\$9,180	(\$320)
Boat Storage	\$3,000	\$3,185	\$185
Interest	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$81,688</b>	<b>\$83,358</b>	<b>\$1,670</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>			
Administrative	\$9,750	\$9,872	\$122
Insurance	\$3,500	\$3,158	(\$342)
Utilities	\$5,000	\$4,196	(\$804)
Ground Maintenance	\$9,460	\$8,877	(\$583)
Loan Payment	\$12,325	\$12,344	\$19
Repairs/Improvements	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Debt repayment	\$16,239	\$14,200	(\$2,039)
Front Footage Benefit	\$414	\$170	(\$244)

Security	\$0	\$956	\$956
Total Expenses	\$81,688	\$78,773	(\$2,915)

Piers & Harbor Summary (\$4,585) this is better than plan

Piers/B.Ramp from CF	\$0	\$56,099	\$35,068 09 Balance
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Item (Excl Escrows)	08FYBudget	2008 Actual	How We Did Actual - Budget
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Special Tax Budget

Income:

County Tax	\$194,051	\$194,200	\$149
Interest + Miscellaneous	\$0	\$0	\$0
Dumpster Reimbursement	\$300	\$400	\$100
Newsletter Ads	\$7,500	\$10,625	\$3,125
Total Income:	\$201,851	\$205,225	\$3,374

Expenses:

County Admin Fee	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Administrative:			\$0
Administrative	\$10,849	\$11,188	\$339
Audit	\$4,800	\$2,500	(\$2,300)
Insurance	\$2,400	\$2,078	(\$322)
Newsletter	\$23,250	\$17,571	(\$5,679)
FrontFootageB	\$118	\$0	(\$118)
Ground Maintenance:			\$0
Community Property	\$20,900	\$14,386	(\$6,514)
Dumpster	\$1,100	\$1,025	(\$75)
Utilities	\$1,600	\$1,328	(\$272)
Security	\$40,000	\$28,642	(\$11,358)
PaybackGF for 07 legal	\$21,962	\$21,962	\$0
Legal Fees	\$8,038	\$8,038	\$0
Repairs/Improvements	\$84,150	\$56,815	(\$27,335)
Loan Repayment	\$30,000	\$29,465	(\$535)
Total Expenses	\$251,167	\$196,998	(\$54,169)

Special Tax Summary (\$57,543) this is better than plan

Excluding Proj/Escrows:

2008 Total Revenue	\$304,100	\$312,868	\$8,768
2008 Total Expense	\$353,416	\$369,041	\$15,625
2008 Cash Flow	(\$49,316)	(\$56,173)	(\$6,857)
2008 TotExp excl pier projects	\$353,416	\$288,192	(\$65,224)
2008 Cash Flow excl pier proj	(\$49,316)	\$24,676	\$73,992

7/17/2008  
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## ITEMS OF INTEREST & FYI

♦ **Key School 5K/10K Run & Family Fun Run** - Runners of all ages are welcome to lace up their running shoes and participate in the Key School Parents' Association's 5K/10K Run and Family Fun Run on Sunday, October 19. Registration is from 8:00 - 8:45 am on the Key School Campus and the race starts on Hillsmere Drive promptly at 9:00 am. The one-mile Family Fun run will begin at 9:15 am. Runners of all ages and experience levels are welcome. Refreshments will be available for all. Last year's race was a great success and, once again this year, Key School personnel are working directly with local police to minimize inconvenience. The courses for the runs are as follows:

The 5K/10K Run will begin at 9:00 am on Hillsmere Drive in front of Smith House. Runners will proceed toward the beach, taking a left on East Bay View Drive, making a right onto Kuethe Drive and bearing left onto Beach Drive. They will proceed to Spruce Lane, cross Hillsmere Drive to Harbor Drive, follow Harbor Drive to Green Spring Drive, return to Hillsmere Drive, and finish at Smith House.

The Family Fun Run will begin at 9:15 am on Hillsmere Drive in front of Smith House. Runners will proceed to Carroll Drive, making a left onto Tayman Drive, a left onto Mansion Drive, and a left onto the Manse Field. The race will end on the Manse Field in front of Smith House.

For more information or to download a Race Registration Form, visit [www.keyschool.org](http://www.keyschool.org).

♦ **Library Happenings** - Keep up with the latest happenings at the Annapolis and Eastport/Annapolis Neck Libraries. Visit the County Library web site at [www.aacpl.net](http://www.aacpl.net) to see all the latest info on monthly events, book discussions, computer and internet training, events for teens, storytimes, adult programs, seasonal events, and much, much more.

♦ **Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off** - The next Anne Arundel County household hazardous waste drop-off date is October 18 at the Millersville Landfill, 389 Burns Crossing Road. Drop-off hours are from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This provides opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals. Items accepted include oil-based paints, staining agents, paint solvents, pesticides, household and automotive cleaners, oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products, pool chemicals, gasoline, kerosene and other fuels, nicad (rechargeable) batteries, watch batteries. The following mercury containing items are also accepted: thermometers, thermostats, button batteries, fluorescent light tubes, mercury vapor lamps. Anne Arundel County cannot accept medical waste, compressed gas tanks, ammunition, smoke detectors or fire extinguishers. This service is for Anne Arundel County residents only. Be prepared to provide proof of residency. Any questions can be directed to the Department of Public Works at 410-222-7951 or check the web site at [www.aacounty.org/DPW](http://www.aacounty.org/DPW).

♦ **County Executive Leopold Announces New Tool on County Web Site for "Lost Pets"** - County Executive Leopold announced the "Lost Pets" program on the Anne Arundel County web site. Designed to speed up the process of finding pets and reuniting them with their families, county citizens may post descriptions, pictures, and the last location of their pets. Access this feature by visiting the County homepage web site or the Quick Links section of Animal Control's web site.



### HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 25, 2008

7:00 pm

Key School Science & Library Center

### HSIA Board Meeting

Thursday, October 30, 2008

7:00 pm

Key School Science & Library Center

### HSIA General Meeting

Thursday, November 13, 2008

7:00 pm

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Deadline for the October

*Sea Breeze* is September 30, 2008



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7 Grandparent's Day	8	9 Piers & Harbor Meeting	10	11 HSIA General Meeting / Patriot Day	12	13 Beach Social Happy Hour
14	15	16	17 Garden Club	18	19	20
21	22 Autumn Begins	23	24	25 HSIA Board Meeting	26	27 Fall Yard Sale
28	29	30 <i>Sea Breeze</i> deadline / Rosh Hashanah				

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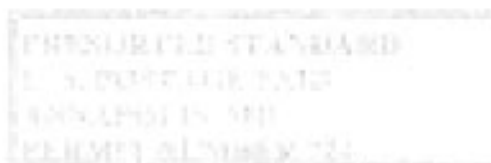
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			1	2	3 Dumpster Days	4 Dumpster Days
5	6	7	8	9 Yom Kippur	10	11 Beach workday / Beach Social Happy Hour/ yard sale raindate
12	13 Columbus Day	14 Piers & Harbor Meeting	15 Garden Club	16	17	18 Blood Mobile at Beach
19 Key School Run	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Halloween Parade	27	28	29	30 HSIA Board Meeting	31 Sea Breeze deadline / Halloween	



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