

the **Sea Breeze**

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Summer closes with Community Festivities...



Jean and Jim Somers enjoy the Community Picnic

The Community bid summer good-bye with the annual Community Picnic at the beach, and Labor Day party at the pool. See more pictures inside, as well as information about upcoming events.

Thank you to all whose dedicated efforts make Hillsmere Shores a great community.

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President's Message

Christian Elkington, President



P. Bruce Walker Pavilion

Many of you are aware that Bruce Walker, who had been the Association Treasurer for ten years, passed away this July. It is not possible to list all of the contributions that Bruce made to this community during his tenure on the Board. Doubtless, many of our recreational facilities would not exist as they do if it had not been for Bruce's insight, energy and talent.

The Board has voted to name the large pavilion at the Community Beach the P. Bruce Walker Pavilion to honor his many contributions. There will be a dedication ceremony during the Beach Social/Happy Hour on Saturday, October 13, 2012. I encourage all of his many friends to attend and celebrate his many accomplishments and recognize the loss to his family and our community.

Election – Candidates Wanted

This November we will be electing the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. This year for the first time in ten years we do not have an incumbent running for the office of Treasurer. Our accountant, Jim Schwallenberg, maintains the corporate financial records. The Treasurer, while overseeing this activity, is primarily responsible for budget formulation and execution. Budget management experience is more important than accounting knowledge and skills. I would encourage anyone with interest in serving on the Board to consider running for Treasurer or any of the other positions.

Your interest in running for office should be submitted to Ted Sheppard, Chair of the Nominations Committee (Nominations@hillsmereshores.net) no later than September 30, 2012 and should include the position for which you seek election, a brief statement of your qualifications and your objectives for the next two years should you be elected. Candidates' statements will be published in the October Sea Breeze. In the past the candidates' bios were the only exposure they had had to the larger community. Residents had no opportunity to ask questions or solicit the candidates' views on specific issues until the night of the election after most of us had already cast our ballots. This year we will be holding a Meet the Candidates Night on Wednesday, October 17th in conjunction with a Special General Meeting to cast our votes on the Shoreline Renovation alternatives.

Election to the Board requires an investment of your time, but offers the opportunity to create a better Hillsmere.

Marina Security - Resident and Visitor Parking

The marina and sandspit have been plagued this summer with more than the usual summer vandalism, theft, trespassers and just plain ol' inconsiderate behavior. Of particular concern are a number of nonresident vagrants who now spend their days and evenings crabbing, fishing and treating residents and visitors to verbal abuse. Both Blue Guard Security and the Anne Arundel County Police have been of assistance in identifying and removing trespassers from the property.

To improve the security and safety we will be more actively enforcing the parking restrictions at the marina. Anyone parking a vehicle not displaying either a HSIA sticker or a Marina Guest Parking pass will be ticketed by security and asked to leave. The first offense is, in a sense, a "freebie" and the only consequence will be that you are asked to leave. For a second offense security has been instructed to call the AAC Police and have the owner of the illegally parked vehicle cited for trespassing. Guest Parking passes are being issued to all slip holders for use by their guests and HSIA parking stickers are available from the HSIA Administrative Assistant.

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Crabbing at the Crabbers

Crabbing at the marina has been a Hillsmere tradition for generations. Unfortunately this year we have had a significant increase in crabbers leaving bait on the docks, throwing it on residents' boats, illegally using crab pots, and prying up the corners of the copper piling caps to attach their lines. Many of these problems have been attributed to unsupervised minors. We ask that when crabbing you respect the property of others and remove your bait, lines and any other trash when you are done. Your help in correcting these problems will continue to make crabbing at the docks an enjoyable summer tradition rather than an annoyance to slip holders, walkers and others who use the marina.

Marina Now Has 24 Hour Video Surveillance

The Piers and Harbors Committee, with approval of the Board of Directors, has installed surveillance cameras at the community marina. The cameras use both visible light (daylight) and infrared imaging to capture high resolution images of any activity at the marina both day and night. The cost of the installation was entirely paid for from slip holder fees, but will be a benefit to the entire community in resolving some of our recurrent problems at the marina. Next time you visit the marina to walk your pet, watch the sunset or work on your boat remember to smile knowing that you are on "candid camera".

Dumpster Days

Once a year, Anne Arundel County provides unlimited dumpsters, without charge, to the over 300 communities in the county. It is both a welcome and a needed service. In two days of cutting, cleaning and hauling we managed to fill more than 15 dumpsters with the unneeded, unwanted and unknown from our garages, basements and yards.

Volunteers disposed of the last of the storm debris on community property, cut down unsightly vegetation, removed unwanted and unsafe pool furniture and carted loads of just plain trash from the Community Pool and the surrounding area. Volunteer efforts like these save the Community thousands of dollars each year and their efforts deserve our thanks.

Annapolis Hula

If you missed the August Community Social/Happy Hour at the beach, you missed the Annapolis Hula. The dancers absolutely mesmerized the many children who sat cross legged on the sand as the dancers performed a number of traditional and newly created hulas against the backdrop of the sun setting over the South River.

Abrupt Ending to Summer?

The Community Pool is closed; school is back in session, the days are shorter and our vacations are all ended. On the bright side, we still have two Community Happy Hours at the beach to ease our transition into autumn. Watch for the signs on the bulletin boards and join your friends and neighbors in saying goodbye to summer.



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HSIA Community News and Events:

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Hillsmere Shores Fall Community Happy Hours: Summer may be coming to a close, but we can still enjoy the beach and the company of our neighbors at our Fall Happy Hours. Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 8, 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, October 13, 4-7 p.m. Come join your neighbors and enjoy an evening on the Beach! We will supply hot dogs, buns, condiments, hot grills, paper plates, napkins, soft drinks and coolers full of ice. You bring a plate of Happy Hour style food to share, some lawn chairs, and your favorite adult beverage.

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Fall Yard Sale – It’s time for our Fall yard sale at the beach. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, September 29 from 8 am to noon. Raindate is Saturday, October 6. Clean out your closets, basements, and attics, and cash them in. Don’t have anything to sell? Come down and browse through the bargains! Since this is a community event, please take the extra time to bring your items to the beach, rather than setting up in your own yard. There’s plenty of parking, and you’ll get more foot traffic at the community location.

- The Annapolis Run For Shelter** will take place in our community on Sunday, September 30. This is a scenic run along the trails of Quiet Waters Park and a Half Marathon through Hillsmere Shores. The Race starts at 7:30 am and is well-organized, with little disruption to our community. Half Marathon runners will make one clock-wise loop through Hillsmere, and then return to the Park to finish the race. For more information or to participate in the run, visit <http://www.friendslhs.org/>.

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Become a Member of the HSIA Board of Directors: Looking for a way to get involved, to make your community a great place to live? Join the HSIA Board of Directors. Nominations are open now for HSIA Board Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Elections for Officers are in November. For more information, or to submit your name, please email nominations@hillsmereshores.net.

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HSIA BOARD NOMINATIONS

~Ted Shepherd, Nominating Committee Chair



BE ON THE HSIA BOARD...GIVE BACK...GET BACK

If you're reading this, you probably live in Hillsmere. So, you may have an interest in subjects that concern our community, how they become issues, and how citizens like yourself deal with them. A position on the board will provide that privilege. HSIA Board Member is that rare political job with no begging for campaign funds, balanced by no need to trash your opponents.

Everyone on the HSIA Board is a giver: time and energy, lots of both. But board members are takers, too. From their work they get a better understanding of our local issues, covering everything from slides at the playground to dredging at the marina to police reports on safety to picnics for you and your neighbors. Board members also take back new friendships with other board members and the chairpersons who seek to stay on top of topics ranging from beautification to zoning. Finally, Board members receive a honing of skills that include speaking in public, learning how to research and negotiating subjects less simple than they might appear at first glance. In short, should you be elected, you will embark on a diversified course in self empowerment helpful in work and living.

If this prospect tempts you, please consider joining the Board. Positions are now open for Officers: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Just email nominations@hillsmershores.net; please include your name, a statement that you have paid your 2011 dues, and a few words about what you hope to do as a board member and why you're qualified to do it. This information will run along with other candidate biographies in the October issue of *the Sea Breeze*. There will be a Special General Meeting on October 17th for residents to meet the candidates. The General Election will be November 8th. If you've occasionally been tempted to enlarge your life by serving the lives of others, now is your chance!



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Recreation and Entertainment

We had beautiful weather and a great turn-out for the Community Picnic last month. Here are some pictures of the fun:



PERSONAL ADS

Piano Players: Anyone want to discuss creating a weekly or every-other-week piano group? Very informal, no pressure, all levels—mainly for practice motivation. Call Lin @ 410-263-4527.

Hillsmere Writers Group: Have you ever dreamed of writing a novel? A poem? A better love note? Maybe you abandoned your dream because of a reader who seemed a little too eager to criticize your writing? Do you long to write, but just can't find the time?

You are invited to become a founding member of the Hillsmere Writers Group. We will:

- meet as often as we choose
- write quietly in the same room for an hour or so
- write to prompts
- read aloud works in progress
- listen without judgment or criticism
- maintain the confidentiality of the group
- support and encourage each other
- offer accountability, if requested

If you are interested in developing a group of supportive writers from the 'hood, please email Joy at joyphillips58@gmail.com or call: 410-571-3175. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, 7pm, at 108 Sunset Drive. We can decide as a group when, how often and where to meet. Please check with me closer to the 16th, in case we have to change the location. Looking forward to it, Joy

Have you filed to renew your **Homeowners Real Property Tax Credit**? You can find out if you have already filed an application by looking up your property on the Department's Real Property database and looking at the new information on filing status at the bottom of the page. Failure to file by December 31, 2012 will cause you to lose the credit and significantly increase the property tax bill that you will receive in 2013.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT APPLICATION

1. What is this law that requires homeowners to apply for the Homestead Tax Credit?

Legislation enacted by the 2007 session of the General Assembly requires homeowners to submit a one-time application to continue their eligibility for the homestead tax credit. The homestead credit limits the amount of assessment increase on which a homeowner will pay property taxes in that tax year on the owner's principal residence.

2. Why should I submit the homestead application?

Because of assessment increases and because of the low assessment caps adopted by the county governments, most homeowners in the State have been receiving substantial homestead credits each year on their property tax bills. Anne Arundel County has been limiting taxable assessment increases to 2%. Homeowners who fail to submit an application may receive a substantial increase in their property tax bill without the credit.

3. How do I complete the application?

You may file the Homestead Tax Credit Eligibility application three ways:

- Mail the paper application included with your reassessment notice.
- Use the online Homestead Eligibility Application at www.dat.state.md.us.
- Print and mail the application available on the web site.

Each property owner's application form has a unique 8-digit security "Access Number" for submitting the application online. You may contact the Homestead Tax Credit Division at (410) 767-2165 with individual questions.

4. Can the Dept. of Assessments and Taxation insure the confidentiality of my Social Security number?

The Department's website is an "encrypted" protected site that uses the unique 8-digit security "Access Number" and scrambles the individual Social Security numbers. For those homeowners who submit a paper application, there is a series of administrative procedures and protections under federal law that the Department follows in accordance with the strict non-disclosure and safeguard activities required of the agency because of our receipt of federal income tax information.



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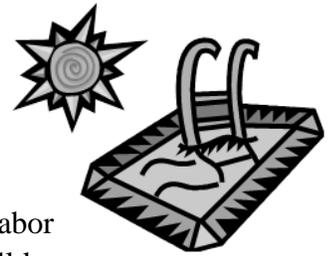
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Community Pool Report

Mike Drucis and Perry Geib, Co- Chairs



By the time this issue of the Sea Breeze arrives in your mailbox, or email inbox, Labor Day will have come and gone, and along with that the 2012 HSIA Pool Season will be officially over. The only thing left will be the year-end clean-up and the beginning of planning for 2013 and beyond.

Looking back at the summer of 2012, we have to declare it to be a very successful season for the HSIA Pool. Over the course of the past several months we saw a rebound in membership and the Pool's income is on target. And more importantly there was a renewed sense of community and a vibrant atmosphere at the pool. Most afternoons and evenings saw a large number of people at the pool enjoying the water and socializing with family, friends and neighbors.

On Sunday nights we saw the start of Adult Swim sessions, which hopefully will continue to grow toward being a Masters Swimmer program. The Hillsmere Hammerhead Swim Team's season went well and the Hammerhead's hosting of the Bronze Meet was very well run and coordinated. Key School's summer camps brought the fun and adventure of swimming to many children.

We are interested in and need membership feedback; please email us any comments, criticism, questions or ideas to pool@hillsmershores.net.

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Lifeguard Appreciation Day at the pool

photo by Lorie Frece

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Looking forward to the 2013 HSIA Pool Season we ask you to join us in helping make the Pool even better and more valuable to every member of the community. We are looking into new ways to make use of the pool, including movie nights, concerts, and more adult-swim time. But we need your help to put these plans in motion, to make the pool run efficiently and to keep it looking great. Specifically we are looking for:

- volunteers for clean-up (date is TBD),
- volunteers for 2013,
- Pool Committee members;
- And, we are still looking for new members, so tell your family, friends and neighbors!

Thank you to the HSIA Board for their continued support, to all of Life Guards who did a great job maintaining the pool and keeping everyone safe, to all of our Pool's Members and Guests for making the pool a great spot to recreate, to the Pool Committee members who have sacrificed their own personal interests to work on the Pool Committee, with a special thanks to Bob Pierno for his work as he wraps up his tenure on the Pool Committee. Also, it would not be fitting if we didn't mention our appreciation for the effort, encouragement and support that our late Treasurer Bruce Walker gave to the pool.

We are all part of the wonderful neighborhood called Hillsmere Shores. We are all unique with diverse interests and we have different values and life experiences. The Pool can only get better if we work together to harness the best of everyone's skills and ideas, continuously striving to make the HSIA Pool better and better. Please join us at the Pool in 2013.

We hope see you all poolside next year!



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Hillsmere Garden Club:

The first meeting of the year for Hillsmere Garden Club will be at the Annapolis Neck Library on September 19 at 12:30 pm. This will be a welcome back for members and a special welcome for new members and any guests. Everyone is asked to bring a bud vase with your favorite flower. Refreshments will be served.



The October 17th meeting will be featuring Mr. Chris Elkington, President of HSIA. He will be speaking on the latest HSIA news regarding the community of Hillsmere Shores. If anyone has questions regarding the club, please call Paulette Schwallenberg at 410-268-5975.



PERSONAL ADS

Young adult looking for a room to rent. Quiet, tidy, non-smoker. Please contact Stephanie at stephem22@gmail.com or 410-271-2209.

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From The Beach

Kate Penn, Beach Chair



There's still plenty of summer weather to enjoy at the beach! With cooler temperatures, the summer worries over bacteria levels and sea nettles will be past. Please remember to keep the beach clean and dispose of your trash when you leave.

- Operation Clean Water results for Summer 2012:

This summer the South River Federation (SRF) provided weekly testing of fecal contamination in the water, which helps us gauge how safe the water is for swimming. If the levels exceed 104cfu/100 ml, the water is unsafe for swimming. This summer the levels remained very low at our beach. Many factors affect these results, including the presence of geese, the frequency of rain, and the quality of our storm water controls.

2012 South River Federation Bacteria Test Results (Enterococci)

Test date	5/23	5/30	6/6	6/13	6/20	6/27	7/4	7/11	7/18	7/25	8/1	8/8	8/15	8/22	8/29
Cfu/100ml	1	14	8	10	1	12	12	8	60	8	10	2	1	12	1

Recommended limit for safe swimming is 104 cfu/100ml

Note: The Anne Arundel County Health Department advises that after a rainfall, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from rainwater runoff and increased health risks.

- Shoreline Remediation:

On October 17th the Board is calling a Special Community Meeting for the community to choose which shoreline design to install at the beach. Much the way we conduct officer elections, the ballot will be included in next month's issue of *the Sea Breeze*. You will have an opportunity to vote before or at the meeting.

Included in this issue is a summary of the project options, recap of the cost estimates, and comments from some of the committee members who worked on the design studies and selection. Please take a few minutes to review the information. The website does not yet have all the information posted, but you can see full-scale drawings posted at the beach, and you may request copies of any documents at beach@hillsmereshores.net or by leaving message on the community voicemail: 410-263-4456.

- New Swing Set and Play Equipment:

I hope you are enjoying the new swing set and equipment in the tot lot. I am disappointed to report that this project continues to be troublesome, and is not yet completed. We had numerous problems with the installation contractor, including violation of our grading permit and erosion control requirements, excessive area of disturbance, damage to property, and incomplete work. The good news is that we have held back enough of the final payment to cover the cost of damage and completing the job. And, the work that has been completed is installed correctly, so you can play on the equipment without worries.

The drain field we had installed last year to mitigate flooding around the large pavilion has been damaged. The original contractor who installed the system will be returning to repair the work this fall. Until that work is complete, you will likely see the return of standing water after a rain storm. Also, some finishes to the swing set remain, including moving the handicapped swing onto the new structure, installing a new climber, and correcting the timber surrounds. That work will also be completed this fall, and should not interfere with the use of the new equipment.



Tree Sale

The Goal

Plant trees in Hillsmere! Planting trees is the easiest way to reduce storm water runoff. Root systems of lawns are shallow, root systems of trees are deep and soak up more water.

Choose Trees Carefully

Find appropriate plants for your yard on the order form. Plant trees at the proper distance from your house. Consider small trees where space is limited. Fill lawns with trees!

Order Information

Send orders to **Tree Sale, 503 Tayman Dr. Annapolis, MD. 21403**
Make checks payable to HSIA.
Orders must be received by **October 20th**. Include name, email and phone number with order. Limited to Hillsmere residents.

*HSIA Storm Water Committee
Questions? 410-268-1691*

Hillsmere Tree and Shrub Order Form

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SPECIES	WILDLIFE VALUE										LOCATION					ORDERING				
	Songbird	Waterfowl	Hummingbird	Butterfly	Beneficial Insect	Small Mammal	Deer Resistant	Under Utility Line	Near Building	Sun	Shade	Dry	Wet	Container Size	Height	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost		
<p>Mature Size: Height/Spread Moisture: (D)ry (M)oist (W)et Light: (F)ull Sun (P)artial Shade (S)hade</p> <p>* Indicates Evergreen Plant descriptions referenced from Wikipedia and MOBOT</p>																				
Canopy Trees																				
American Beech														3 gal.	18"+	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>A shade-tolerant species typically found on moist, well drained slopes and rich bottomlands. The mast (crop of nuts) provides food for numerous species of animals and American Beech trees are used as food plants by the larvae of a large number of butterflies and moths. Foliage turns golden bronze in fall and tends to persist on the tree through winter.</p>																				
Chestnut/Basket Oak														1 gal.	Tube	\$11.00	___	___		
<p>Chestnut oak is typically found in bottomlands, along streams, and in rich, moist forests. It is a relatively fast growing, large tree in the white oak family with a compact, relatively narrow, rounded crown. Chestnut-like foliage turns red/brown in the fall.</p>																				
Bald Cypress														3 gal.	3-4'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>Most Bald Cypress grow on flat ground on alluvial soils, mainly along riparian (riverside) wetlands normally subject to periodic flooding. It tolerates minor salinity, but does not grow in brackish waters. In cultivation it thrives on a range of soils including well-drained sites. It is a popular ornamental tree, grown for its feathery foliage and orange-brown fall color.</p>																				
Small to Medium Trees																				
River Birch														3 gal.	2-4'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>Often with multiple trunks, the distinctive bark is variable, usually gray to pinkish-brown and scaly, exfoliating in curly papery sheets, making it a favored ornamental tree for landscape use. While its native habitat is wet ground, it will grow on higher land. Yellowish fall color.</p>																				
Eastern Redbud														3 gal.	2-3'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>A popular landscape ornamental tree with clusters of magenta flowers appearing on bare stems in early spring. Eastern redbud is a frequent native understory tree in mixed forests, hedgerows and roadsides. Heart shaped leaves turn bright yellow in autumn.</p>																				
Flowering Dogwood <i>NEW!</i>														3 gal.	2-3'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>Flowering dogwood is a small deciduous tree growing to 35' high, often wider than it is tall when mature. In the wild they can typically be found at the forest edge. Small flowers surrounded by four conspicuous, large white bracts typically bloom in April to early May. Clusters of small drupes ripen in late summer and the early fall to a bright red. They are an important food source for dozens of species of birds.</p>																				
American Holly*														3 gal.	3-4'	\$24.00	___	___		
<p>A slow growing ornamental plant, it will grow in both dry and swampy soil. The species typically grows as an understory tree in forests. Songbirds including thrushes, mockingbirds, catbirds, bluebirds and thrashers frequently feed on the red berries. The tree also forms a thick canopy which offers protection for birds from predators and storms.</p>																				
Sweetbay Magnolia														3 gal.	2.5'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>An attractive multi-stemmed tree often used in horticultural applications to give structure to landscape designs. It is known for its large, white, vanilla scented flowers, for its clean, attractive foliage, and for its fast growth.</p>																				
Medium Shrubs																				
Summersweet														3 gal.	24-36"	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>Typically used as a shrub for natural gardens, or placed alongside a stream or pond in order to delay erosion. It grows in wet forests, pine flatwoods, wetlands, bogs and can be seen alongside woodland streams. The flowers are white or very pale pink with a sweet fragrance from July until September. Foliage turns yellow-golden during the autumn.</p>																				
Silky Dogwood <i>NEW!</i>														3 gal.	2-3'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>A multi-stemmed shrub/small tree with an open-rounded form. Yellow-white flowers in flat-topped clusters bloom in late spring that give way to attractive whitish-blue drupes that ripen in late summer (Birds are attracted to the fruit). Good shrub for moist to wet areas of the landscape in woodlands, naturalized areas, along streams/ponds or for erosion control. When left alone, this shrub may spread to form thickets.</p>																				
Inkberry*														3 gal.	18-30"	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>A slow-growing, upright-rounded evergreen shrub easily grown in average, medium to wet soils in full sun to part shade. Prefers rich, consistently moist, acidic soils in full sun. Good shade tolerance. Needs minimal pruning unless used as a hedge. Also effective naturalized in moist woodland gardens or in moist locations near streams or ponds.</p>																				
Winterberry														5 gal.	3'+	\$21.00	___	___		
<p>A deciduous holly is prized for the midwinter splash of bright red color from densely packed berries, which are highly visible on bare stems. Although wet acidic soils are optimal, the winterberry will grow well in the average garden. At least one male plant must be planted in proximity to one or more females for them to bear fruit. The berries are an important food resource for numerous species of birds. One male plant will be included with order.</p>																				
Southern Bayberry*														3 gal.	18-24"	\$15.00	___	___		
<p>A small tree or large shrub and is adaptable to many habitats. It grows naturally in wetlands, near flowing bodies of water, sand dunes, fields, hillsides, pine barrens, and in both needleleaf and mixed-broadleaf forests. The fruit is a source of food for a lot of bird species. In winter, the seeds are important foods for the Carolina Wren and species of Tree Sparrow.</p>																				
Small Shrubs																				
Virginia Sweetspire														3 gal.	3-4'	\$16.00	___	___		
<p>Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Adaptable to shade. Prefers moist, humusy soils, but tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. Versatile shrub for sunny or shady areas of the shrub border or woodland garden. Leaves turn an attractive red in autumn.</p>																				

Plants indicated as Deer Resistant are less likely to be damaged by deer browsing. Deer will eat anything if they are hungry enough.

SHORELINE RENOVATION

OCTOBER 17th - SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR COMMUNITY VOTE

The HSIA Board of Directors has called a special General Meeting on October 17th for the Community to vote on which design will be used to renovate the beach shoreline. Members of the Community will have an opportunity to ask questions during the meeting. Ballots will be published in the October issue of *the Sea Breeze*, and may be submitted prior to the meeting date.

Volunteers have committed a lot of time to learn about shoreline and erosion issues, and to discuss the designs. In this issue, several committee members are providing their personal views on the designs and reasons for their preferences. A summary of the designs and the feasibility study/cost projections is also provided below.

SUMMARY OF NEAR SHORE ENGINEERING DESIGN and FEASIBILITY STUDY

The two design plans offered to the community provide different methods to meet the basic design criteria set by the HSIA Board of Directors when the study was first launched. They protect the shoreline from erosion, while enhancing recreational uses.

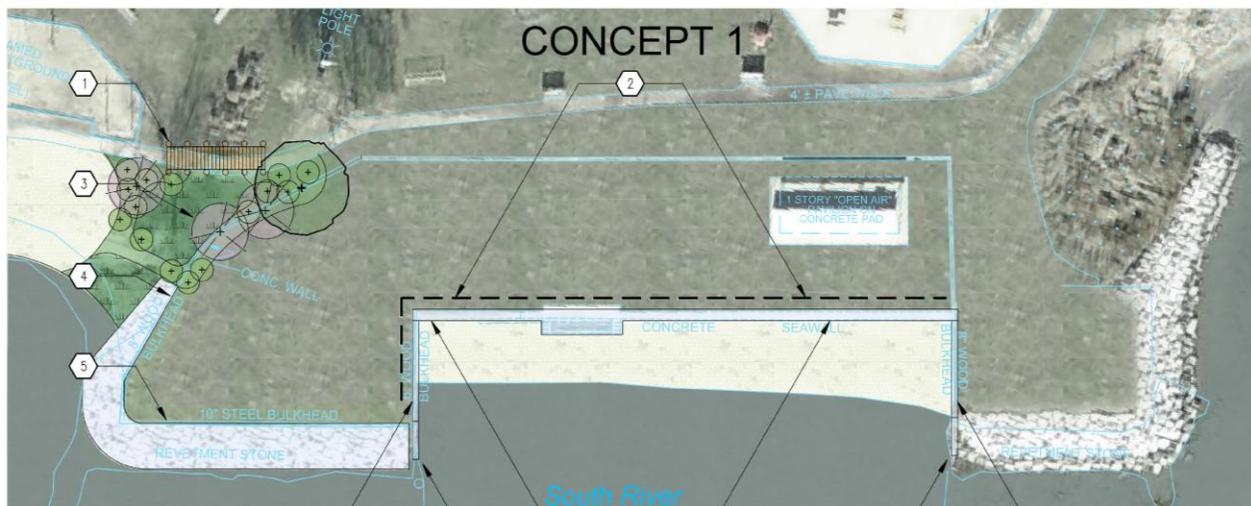
Both plans will include improvements to the central area that handles storm water runoff:

- Remove the existing pedestrian path culverts and replace with a timber pedestrian bridge to allow for unrestricted runoff flowing through the central portion of the property;
- Grade and replant the area where the central swale outlets to the South River.

Concept #1 – Repair and Replace

This Beach Improvement Strategy would repair and replace elements of the shoreline with similar materials and in similar locations, maintaining the shape and character of the property. Features include:

- Replace weathered timber bulkheads;
- Improve drainage behind and through the existing concrete seawall;
- Aesthetic restoration of the existing seawall through facial redressing;
- Remove the existing Central Point steel/aluminum bulkhead;
- Improve the Central Point revetment including larger stone placed with appropriate slope and top width, and removal of existing concrete rubble and debris;

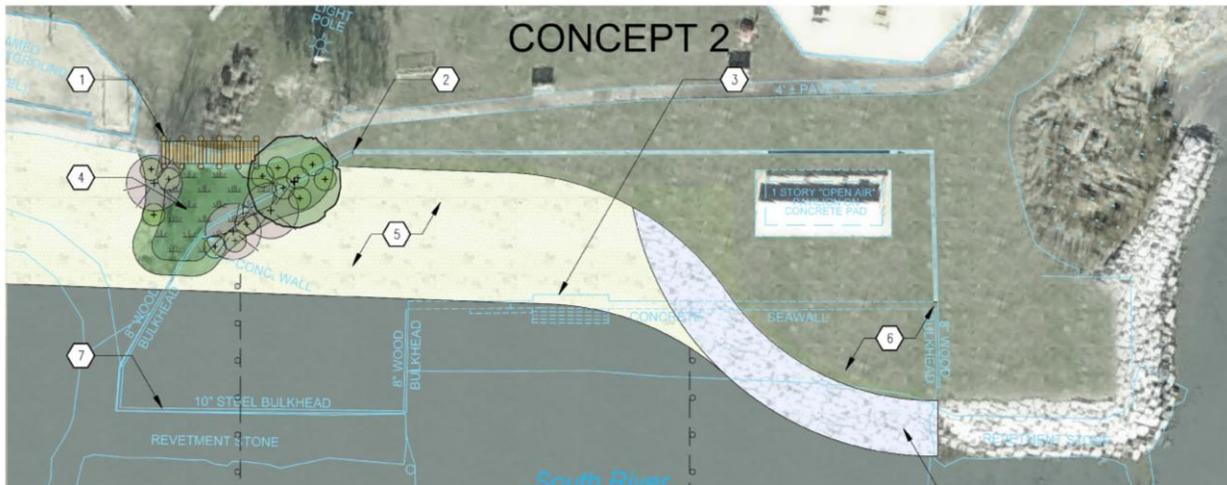


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Concept #2 – Natural Beach Creation and Aesthetic Restoration

This Beach Improvement Strategy would change the shape and the character of the Community Beach to provide more natural sand shoreline, and reduce the hard structural elements. Features include:

- Remove the Central Point and associated revetment and steel/aluminum bulkhead;
- Remove the existing concrete seawall;
- Expand the east point and extend the stone revetment to protect the existing small pavilion;
- Create a natural sand shoreline in the areas of the central point and the remaining section of the seawall to mimic the sand shoreline along the western portion of the beach;
- Relocate swim area piles to new beach area.



CONSTRUCTION COST BUDGETS

A summary of the approximate design, permitting, and construction cost of each plan:

Item No.	Description	Subtotal	Total
Concept #1 – Repair and Replace			
NS	Engineering and Permitting	\$9,000.00	
1.00	Mobilization	\$6,500.00	
2.00	Erosion and Sediment Control	\$4,180.00	
3.00	Removal and Disposal	\$25,325.00	
4.00	Installation	\$100,650.00	
5.00	Planting / Stabilization	\$6,265.00	
			\$151,920.00
	*Cost without cosmetic repairs to seawall (\$30k allowance):		*\$121,920.00
Item No.	Description	Subtotal	Total
Concept #2 – Creation and Restoration			
NS	Engineering and Permitting	\$28,000.00	
1.00	Mobilization	\$6,500.00	
2.00	Erosion and Sediment Control	\$4,180.00	
3.00	Removal and Disposal	\$55,575.00	
4.00	Installation	\$91,450.00	
5.00	Planting / Stabilization	\$6,140.00	
			\$191,845.00

Committee Member Comments/Pros & Cons

The members of the working group that prepared the two designs for the community have a wide range of opinions on those options. The following comments are written by individuals who have served on the Shoreline Renovation Committee. All members were invited to include personal views on the designs. The project design engineer, Carl Corse, of Near Shore Engineering, reviewed these comments and provided clarifications to the facts cited. His responses are printed at the end of this section.

- By Phil Jones : PROs & CONs for the CURRENT beach configuration (CONCEPT #1)

Background: When the Beach “Living Shoreline” concept was turned down, the Beach Committee returned to the planning stage and promised to provide the Hillsmere Community with the Pros & Cons and the Cost for each new Concept presented. This is the Pros & Cons and Cost for fixing what needs to be fixed while maintaining the current beach configuration.

Facts: As we consider which beach concept we will support, we need to consider the following facts:

- HSIA’s paid beach engineers stated that the beach is not “experiencing even minor beach or shoreline erosion problems”
- Anne Arundel County states that “Once an in-place [beach protection] system is removed it can **NEVER** be replaced’.
- The current beach configuration has been in-place for 50 plus years
- The current beach system replenishes the existing beach sand
- The current beach seawall is twice as thick as it appears, having been doubled to a width to 4 feet wide years ago
- The beach is currently divided with ½ protected with stone revetments and a seawall and the other ½ unprotected beach

Pros for Keeping the Current Configuration:

1. Maintains the traditional beach appearance, use of the shoreline and view of the South River and Bay
2. Maintains 2 distinct protected viewing points and the Central Viewing Point swing set and “boat”
3. Is environmentally sound, does not remove the large trees and bushes at the waters’ edge
4. Does not become an “attractive nuisance” or a climbing safety hazard to small children by adding large stones in the swim area nor does it create a “home” for small animals and snakes.
5. Maintains the current large flat grassy area for sunbathing and sitting near the waters’ edge
6. Maintains the current **proven** protection for the small pavilion
7. Maintains the level of water quality by not reshaping the beach and creating an unknown change to beach water flow
8. Repairs those areas necessary
9. Allows you to sit on the seawall to watch and supervise your children as they play in the swim area
10. Does not require a change in the swim area Sea Nettle Net
11. Provides Hillsmere with a known outcome – nothing changes – **NO RISK** based on over 50 years of experience as opposed to the large number of unknowns and variables associated with making changes to the beach configuration
12. Is the **lower cost** of the two concepts under discussion

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13. Avoids the current problems Hillsmere is experiencing with the west beach (e.g. sand covering the walkway and moving towards the large pavilion).

Cons: (As provided by the 12 members of the Beach Committee)

1. Bulkheads are not environmentally or ecologically good options. (beach bulkhead is to be 58 feet long; 500 feet of similar bulkhead was recently installed at the marina with another 140 feet planned)
2. Less sandy area for recreational use (do we need more sandy area?)
3. Visually breaks up the shoreline into smaller parcels (Concept #2 does the same thing)

Cost: The numbers presented below are only **planning numbers** but are the best numbers currently available:

- Concept #1 **\$112,000** (\$142,000 if option to include Seawall Dressing and Facial Improvements is added)
- Concept #2 **\$200,000** (includes Project Management)

Summary: With the implementation of Concept #1, Hillsmere will avoid spending an extra \$58,000 to \$88,000 of Special Tax money to implement an unproven and very risky shoreline concept, to fix a problem that Hillsmere's own engineers (ESA) states does not exist. Additionally, Hillsmere will not have to face the possibility of correcting a failed Concept #2 approach without the ability to return to the current proven shoreline configuration. Finally, there are **no guarantees** that Concept #2 will work, just look at the West beach problems to see the possible future East beach problems under Concept #2; we **know** that the current configuration works, based on 50+ years of experience.

IF IT AIN'T BROKE, DON'T FIX IT or DO NO HARM

~FACT-CHECKING AND CORRECTIONS TO EDITORIAL STATEMENTS

By Carl R. Corse, P.E., Engineer for the Beach Concept Studies.

Corrections with regard to statements written above by Mr. Phil Jones:

- **Bullet Item #4:** The current beach system has very little hand in the replenishment of sand at the Community Beach. Sand is replenished because of the beach's location on the South River and orientation with sand transport within the River. Studies have shown that the beach will have its sand replenished in either Concept #1 or Concept #2.
- **Bullet Item #6:** The natural slope and layout of the sandy beach on the western side acts to "protect" upland areas by dissipating wave energy with wave run-up. It is more appropriate to say that ½ of the beach has no man-made or structural protection.
- **Pros Item #3:** Both Concept Plans propose improvements to tidal grasses, or "brushes" as Mr. Jones calls them, along the water's edge, as the central wooded and grassed area between the current natural beach and the Central Point is proposed to remain in both cases.
- **Pros Item #4:** "homes" for small animals and snakes exist wherever revetment stone lies at the edge of the water. Both Concepts, as well as the existing condition, include areas where this can take place.
- **Cons #1:** Bulkheads along recreational beaches cannot reasonably be compared to bulkheads installed at marinas. Bulkheads at marinas are employed to settle wave energy to protect boat berths. Natural sand beach protection could not be employed to protect boat berths given the layout of the Hillsmere marina.

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- By Jeri Singleton:

Hillsmere Beach is one of the most beautiful in the world!! It is Historical to our community.

Concept #1. Saves our Beach as we see it today.

Concept #2. Costs could run way over estimate especially for the unknown.No guarantees.

John Stuntz, a resident for over forty years, told me it was HSIA that put in the cement sea wall because the beach was being washed away and he stated that the land extended beyond the sea nettle nets many years ago. The wall provides excellent views and seating and protection from the water sprays on high bacterial days. Why remove it, for what?

I asked the engineer Carl if he could guarantee that Concept #2 would keep the beach as is, save both pavilions and NOT take out any of the HOUSES! HE stated that he could not give any guarantee. I asked him that if the beach washes away the road did the country put in writing they would replace it when he went for the permits? He stated they did NOT. He also confirmed that shorelines as Concept #2, have failed in situations as ours where there is strong open water.

Concept #1 will preserve our beach! It is working. We have had and enjoyed our wonderful beautiful BEACH for all these years! LET'S SAVE THE BEACH NOW!

~FACT-CHECKING AND CORRECTIONS TO EDITORIAL STATEMENTS

By Carl R. Corse, P.E., Engineer for the Beach Concept Studies.

Corrections with regard to statements written above by Ms. Jeri Singleton:

- "He also confirmed that shorelines as Concept #2, have failed in situations as ours where there is strong open water." There was no such confirmation.

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- By Mark Carroll :

Two options were presented to the community for how to deal with the failing bulkheads at the beach. Option #1 is to repair and replace existing structures with similar elements. This option would retain the current look and feel of the beach and associated maintenance issues. Option #2 is a larger change and would result in removing the central viewing point, converting that area to more sandy beach like it is in front of the big pavilion. According to the science this is a perfectly viable plan. The west beach is unprotected in front of the big pavilion and has been there longer than the structural features of the central viewing point and the sea wall. During that time this area has not suffered extensive and permanent erosion. Individual storm events have occurred that caused temporary erosion, but natural currents replenish the beach. We have every reason to believe that this would continue to occur if there were more sandy beach. Regardless of the configuration there will always be a need for cleanup after a major storm event or a hurricane. Below are some pros and cons for Option #2:

Pros:

1. More sandy beach for people to use.
2. Visual obstructions between pavilions and water are minimized through the removal of the sea wall in the current swimming area.
3. More natural shoreline providing habitat for animals such as horseshoe crabs, turtles and more.

Cons

1. Once the sea wall is removed it is unlikely that permits would be provided to replace it.
2. Slightly more expensive in upfront costs
 - a. Both options have unknown back end maintenance costs.
3. It is a big change.

The point of this exercise was to provide the community with options for fixing the shoreline problems at the beach. Something must be done because the bulkheads are failing. All community members must decide for themselves what they want for the beach for now and into the future. The beach is a major community asset and should be maintained and protected to preserve this unique feature of life in Hillsmere. Both plans have positives and negatives and all have associated risks. As a beach committee member I am not advocating one option or another. The time has come for the community to choose.

~FACT-CHECKING AND CORRECTIONS TO EDITORIAL STATEMENTS

By Carl R. Corse, P.E., Engineer for the Beach Concept Studies.

Corrections with regard to statements written above by Mr. Mark Carroll:

- "The west beach is unprotected in front of the big pavilion..." It is more appropriate to say that there is no man-made or structural protection installed along the natural sand beach on the west side. Protection due to natural conditions occurs as legitimately as man-made protection.



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Piers and Harbor News

T.J. Hurlburt, P&H Chair

Renovations Planned

The Piers and Harbors committee has been working to establish a contractor to replace the damaged pier at the main dock. This is a large undertaking that will involve removal of the ~135 foot existing dock from the seawall out to approximately slip 51a, and all associated electrical and plumbing infrastructure. We expect this project to begin in November. However, the total cost of the project will require a change to the P&H budget for FY 2013. This change requires board and general membership approval. In order to stay on schedule we need the funding to be approved at the August Board Meeting and the September General Meeting. If you are interested in the details, please attend one of these meetings.



During the 2-3 month renovation the outer slips will not be accessible by land and all power/water service for the entire dock will be secured. The Slips committee will be orchestrating boat movements in October to find slips for those who will remain at the dock over the winter. Please starting thinking about your plans now and communicate them to the Slips committee: whether you intend to stay in the water, if you want access to your boat or not, if you will be hauling out and when. I'd like to have all slip movements completed by mid-October at the latest.

Security Cameras

You have probably noticed 3 new security cameras installed at the main dock. These hi-def, day-night/IR cameras were installed in July and are now fully operational and recording 24 hrs per day. They are the first installation for improvements in the dock security system. A number people have asked about having access to these camera views via the web. Currently, that is not possible. However, even if it were possible, it is highly unlikely we will make the contents of these cameras available to the public.

Guest Parking Passes

We have issued over 150 guest parking passes to slip holders. These are intended to be used for slip holders' guests who are not in the general Hillsmere Shores community. HSIA has been enforcing sticker-required parking at the beach with great success and is starting the same enforcement at the main dock. The intent is to eliminate non-resident traffic at the dock, with the exception of slip holder guests. There were 3 come-and-get-it days for handing out parking passes in late August. If you missed it, there will be another one in September. Also, you can come to the P&H meetings to receive them. Each slip holder may have up to 5 passes. The passes are displayed on the rear view mirror or on the dashboard.

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Slip Waiting List

Please visit our website at www.hillsmereshores.net to see updated Piers & Harbor waitlists. If you have not paid your 2012 dues, you have been taken off the list. You can visit the website to see waitlists for slips, slip movements, boat park, and dinghy rack. Please call the voice mail at 410-263-4456 or email admin@hillsmereshores.net if you have any questions.

Under-usage of Slips

We have identified 27 slips that appear to be under used; meaning that there has not been a boat in the slip all season. There are also a number of boats that appear to be severely neglected. This is unfortunate in the extreme. If you are one of these slip holders or boat owners, please communicate your intentions for the remainder of the season. Don't forget, there are 100 people on the wait list who would love to "use" that space.

New Committee Volunteers Needed

The Piers and Harbors Committee is happy to say thank-you to the new volunteers who joined our ranks at the last P&H meeting. However, we are still looking for new volunteers to help on the following sub-committees. Each committee meets at a time that works for those committee members. Many hands make light work, so please consider helping out.

Steering: Looking for 1 person to join. This sub-committee is focused on policy issues that affect everyone who uses our facilities. Currently they are reviewing and recommending updates for the Boat Park Rules and the Canoe and Kayak Rack Rules. There is also an electrical usage policy to consider.

If you are interested please send an email to: marinasteering@hillsmereshores.net

Construction: Looking for 1 person to join. This sub-committee is currently focused on our pier replacement project. There is no construction experience required - just a "can-do" attitude and willingness to get involved and be part of a project that will have a long lasting impact on our community. If you are interested please send an email to: marinaconstruction@hillsmereshores.net

Operations: Looking for 1 person to join. This sub-committee is dedicated to the day-to-day maintenance of our docks and spaces (not including the ramps and boat park). They are nearly complete with replacing the dock boxes and marina signage. New projects will include a security camera project (contracted out), assembling a complete list of slip dimensions, and other immediately gratifying small projects. If you are interested please send an email to: marinaoperations@hillsmereshores.net



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Save Your Annapolis Neck

Ray Sullivan, ANPF Representative

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Reserve at Quiet Waters

The Board of Appeals met on August 22, at which the developers summarized their case. The Board of Appeals will meet next in September to deliberate on this issue. This project proposes 150+ units next to Quiet Waters Park. At the hearings testimony was presented by the Annapolis Environmental Commission, the Anne Arundel Sierra Club, Save Your Annapolis Neck, former State Senator Gerald Winegrad, the Anne Arundel Bird Club, Annapolis Regional Transportation Management and many individuals. The issues include traffic, egress, adequate play areas, wildlife habitat, impact on schools and forest conservation. However the Board of Appeals does not deal with the Forest Conservation Act. As a result, a group of Annapolis residents from Beechwood Hill and Hunt Meadows and the Hunt Meadows Homeowners Association have filed an appeal with the city's Building Board of Appeals. This hearing has not yet been scheduled.

The Board of Appeals will meet next in September to deliberate on this issue. They have the authority to send the project back to the planning commission for further review. This would keep the process within the city government and avoid court action.

Crystal Spring Farm

This plan involves 500+ units and a large shopping area with a grocery store. There will be 200,000 square feet of commercial space and 1200 parking spaces. This will be three times the size of the adjacent Safeway complex. Will this result in more empty storefronts? Again the problems are traffic, egress, impact on schools, wildlife habitat and forest conservation. The current plan requires the clearing of 60 acres of forest and places buildings in wetland areas. If the Forest Conservation Act is enforced this forest could be saved. The current property holders own adjacent cleared land that could be used instead, which would allow the project to proceed and save this forest. When the developers submit an application, public hearings will be scheduled.

GIANT Gas Station

Annapolis residents from Fairwinds and Mariner's Point had appealed the decision of the city to allow a special exception for the building of a gas station in the Bay Ridge GIANT parking lot. The Circuit Court has remanded their decision back to the Board of Appeals, which will reconsider this in October. The city will have to do a proper traffic study and also show how this gas station fits into the Comprehensive Plan. This plan has the goal of making the city a pedestrian, transit and bicycle friendly city. Another gas station does not help this goal. Redeveloping this area with a multi-use building or a restaurant would be good alternatives to a gas station. What do you think would be good to build here?

Contact Mayor Josh Cohen at 410-263-7997 or mayor@annapolis.gov and let him know how you feel about these issues. Or write the City Council at boards@annapolis.gov. Contact SYAN at saveyourannapolisneck@gmail.com.

Make a contribution to the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation Legal Fund.

Hopefully, further legal action can be avoided. And some legal work is being donated, but money will be needed if any of these decisions need to be appealed.

Contributions can be sent to:

**ANPF Legal Fund
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Security Report

Matt Franz, Security Chair



Hillsmere has had a few homes broken into since the last Sea Breeze, so please continue to lock your doors, turn on lights, and keep an eye out for your neighbor. Call the police and then contact security with any issues. Please contact police if you see anything out of place. Police will dispatch the call and place it in the nature of its priority – therefore, calls requiring immediate attention from police (accidents, etc.) will fall ahead of you.

I would like to thank the residents that have received their community stickers. The sticker allows the police and security guard to decipher residents versus non-residents. The guard will stop vehicles without a sticker on community property. If all residents properly display stickers on their vehicles, the guard could focus on other issues, instead of spending his time monitoring vehicles belonging to residents.

Now that school back in session please be mindful of the speed limit. Stop for all school buses with flashing lights – not only is it the law, but it's for our kid's safety. Blueguard will return patrolling the school bus stops and school areas of the neighborhood.

Please contact/report all crimes to the AACO police by using the following below. Car thefts, home breaks ins, suspicious person, ETC are all important so that we get more police coverage.

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

Also please keep the Hillsmere security informed of all activity by using the following below.

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Local School News ...



~School is now in session. Please drive carefully, and watch for children who are walking to school or at the bus stops.

Hillsmere Elementary School continues Backpack Buddies program – Donations needed

Every Monday morning, hungry children get off the buses at Hillsmere Elementary school eager for the first real meal they've had all weekend. Despite ranking as one of the wealthiest counties in the state, Anne Arundel has its share of poverty, and many of those impoverished children live near you. At Hillsmere Elementary, over 140 students qualify for free or reduced price school meals. Monday through Friday they get breakfast and lunch in the cafeteria, but over the weekends they sometimes don't get enough to eat.

Parents and staff at Hillsmere launched a Backpack Buddies program last February and it was very successful thanks to a tremendous outpouring of support from the community. We are continuing and expanding the program this year; hoping to help as many children as possible. Your continued support is essential in keeping the program running and very much appreciated by many.

Each week, volunteers will fill backpacks with food items based on a set menu. On Friday participating students will take home a food backpack and return it empty to the school office Monday to be readied for the next week.

This program is funded completely through donations. If you would like to help, checks should be made out to "Hillsmere Elementary School" with the notation "backpack buddies." All money collected will go toward the purchase of food.

Food donations are also appreciated. Items must be easy to prepare, so the child can feed him/herself. Needed menu items are:

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|----------------------------------|--|
| Instant oatmeal packages | Individual packages of cheese or peanut butter cracker |
| Breakfast bars | Easy Mac and Cheese (individual services) |
| Small cans of pasta | Sleeves of crackers (saltines, Ritz or Graham) |
| Cans/packages of tuna or chicken | Individual packages of fruit, gelatin, applesauce or pudding |
| Juice | Boxes Microwavable soups Individual bowls or boxes of cereal |

Food donations can be dropped off at Hillsmere Elementary School (3052 Arundel on the Bay Rd., Annapolis). If you have questions, email HESBackpackBuddies@gmail.com or leave a message for the Backpack Buddies volunteers at the school (410.222.1622) and someone will get back with you as soon as possible.

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Key School 5K/10K Run & Family Fun Run ~ Sunday, October 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Last year's race was a great success and, once again this year, Key School personnel are working directly with local police to minimize inconvenience.

The courses for the runs are as follows:

The USATF certified 5K/10K Run will begin at 9:00 a.m. 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 to Green Spring Drive, return to Hillsmere Drive, and finish at Smith House.

The Family Fun Run will begin at 9:15 a.m. 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 register for the race, visit www.keyschool.org. Questions or comments? Please feel free to contact Irfan Latimer, Hillsmere/Key School liaison, at 410-263-9231, ext 1227.



Upcoming Dates to Remember:	
September 8:	Beach Happy Hour
September 11:	Piers & Harbor mtg
September 13:	HSIA General Meeting
September 18:	Garden Club Meeting
September 27:	HSIA Board Meeting
September 29:	Community Yard Sale
October 9:	Piers & Harbor Mtg
October 17:	Garden Club Meeting
October 17:	Special Meeting: Meet the Board Candidates & Shoreline Design Vote

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Local Events ...



Eastport-Annapolis Neck Public Library:

- Storytime: for children 2-5 years. Wednesdays, September 5 - October 10 at 10 am.
- Book Buddies: For grades two through five. *The Strange Case of Origami Yoda* by Tom Angleberger: Tuesday, September 11 at 4:30 pm. *The 100-Year-Old Secret* by Tracy Barrett: Thursday, October 11 at 4:30 pm.
- Blood Drive - Saturday, September 22 from 10 am to 3 pm. Walk in or call 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment.
- Official MONOPOLY® Game Tournament Saturday, October 6 at 10 am For ages 12 to 18
- Admission is free, but participants must register at the Library's Information Desk by 10 am on game day in order to play. Maximum of 36 players. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.
- Legopalooza! Wednesday, October 10, 2 to 4 pm. Come for brick-snapping fun! Design and build your own fantastic creations. Bring your imagination, we supply the Legos. Please note: the bricks stay at the library.
- Babies in Bloom: Stories and music for babies up to 2 years. Wednesdays, October 17 – November 14 at 10 am.

Run for Shelter: The Friends of the Light House Shelter will host the 2nd Annual Annapolis Run for Shelter, Half Marathon and the 5th Annual Jogging Joe Shafran Memorial 5K Fun Run at Quiet Waters Park on Sunday, September 30th, 2012.

The run will be along the scenic trails of Quiet Waters Park and the neighborhood of Hillsmere Shores. All proceeds will benefit the Light House Shelter in Annapolis.

REGISTER TODAY! For more information, please contact Jill McCabe, Event Coordinator for Friends of the Light House Shelter at 443-569-4209 or events@AnnapolisLightHouse.org.

The Annapolis Maritime Museum 8th annual Boatyard Beach Bash: Saturday, September 15. Title sponsor Boatyard Bar and Grill is partnering with the Museum again this year and will bring in Coral Reefer steel guitar great Doyle Grisham, along with the John Frinzi Band from Florida, Jim Morris, John Patti, and James "Sunny Jim" White for an evening full of great music on the shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Come and enjoy drinks -- your first two are included in the ticket price -- and a grilled buffet dinner provided by the Boatyard Bar & Grill. All this under the stars on the Annapolis Maritime Museum's bay-side beach and campus. Tickets are \$60, or \$125 for VIP tickets

22nd Annual Arts and Music Festival at Quiet Waters Park. Saturday and Sunday - October 13 & 14, 2012 - 10am - 5pm Admission: \$6 per car - passes honored.

- Juried art featuring a variety of media and artists;
- Traditional festival fare, as well as a seafood bar, jambalaya, veggie and healthy dishes, wine & beer.
- Demonstrations in wood, ceramics and other art forms -
- Antique appraisals;
- Children's activities by Chesapeake Children's museum and Annapolis Bird Club; face painting;
- Roving musicians and other entertainment
- Exhibitors' raffle

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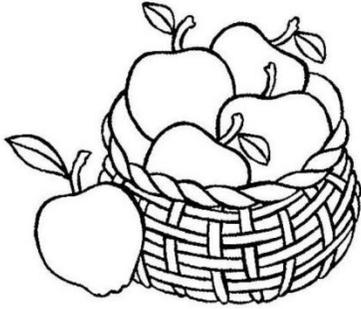
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Mar 8	Jul 12	Nov 8

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September/ October 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Labor Day	4	5 Pool Comm. Mtg	6	7	1 / 8 Happy Hour
9	10	11 Patriot Day P&H Mtg	12	13 General Mtg	14	15
16	17 Rosh Hashanah	18	19 Garden Club Mtg	20	21	22 1 st day of Autumn
23	24	25	26 Yom Kippur	27 HSIA Board Mtg.	28	29 Community Yard Sale
30 Run for Shelter	October 1 Sukkot	2	3	4	5	6



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