PROPOSED Hillsmere Community Center FAQ

- 1) How much would the proposed Community Center cost?

 Not to exceed \$750,000.00, to be paid for by an increase in special taxes and current HSIA funds.
- 2) What would it cost each Hillsmere resident? It will increase everyone's special taxes by NO more than \$50 each year.
- 3) Has any consideration been given as to how this may impact residents that own 2 lots? The HSIA Board is aware that is a concern and is looking at ways to alleviate this concern.
- 4) How late will the Proposed Community Center be open? HSIA Board will decide, based on feedback from Community Center Committee and Residents on Great Lake and Harbor Drives.
- 5) Will people outside of Hillsmere be allowed to rent it? *No*
- 6) If the Community Center is built, what will it cost annually to run?
 - Based on researching neighboring communities, it may cost approximately \$20K yearly (this includes insurance, maintenance, heat and lighting)
 - Any annual cost may be offset by event rentals and the current expenses that we pay to maintain the White House that is currently on the site
- 7) What might the interior of the proposed Community Center look like? A "Great Room", Administrative office and kitchen, with much of the lower level initially unfinished and open.
- 8) What types of activities might be held at the proposed Community Center? This is something that will ultimately be decided by the residents; suggestions that have already been made include book club meetings, arts and crafts, day care, birthday parties, community holiday celebrations, HSIA Board Meetings, etc.
- 9) What about Parking? Where will it go and how much will there be? County Law requires 1 parking space for every 3 people. Ex: a building accommodating 200 people requires 66 parking spaces. We are working with the engineer to keep as much green space as possible. At this point we think we can accomplish this by having the county take into consideration pool parking and the area that is used for swim meets.
- 10) Were other sites (other than the pool) in the community considered for the proposed Community Center?

Yes. Ex - the Beach Park. In talking with our Engineer and Architect, the beach park site limited us because it is in a flood zone, water hazards and because of these reasons would be cost prohibitive to insure. Also, there is not enough area at the beach to accommodate a building that would fit our needs and provide the necessary parking.

Still have questions? Email us HCCC@hillsmereshores.net

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