

# The Sea Breeze

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## Hillsmere's Terrapins Return for a Visit

Sunday, October 15th, Hillsmere's tiny terrapins came to visit home base at Hillsmere's Marina. Jeff Popp, co-founder of the [Terrapin Institute](#), along with resident Lincoln Williams, organized the visit. Diamond the dog, who discovered the nest earlier this year, had a chance to observe the 17 hatchlings that he discovered earlier this year. The Terrapin Institute's Head Start pro-

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# President's Message

~ Mike Penn, HSIA President



Hello Hillsmere,

I attended the Meet the Candidates Night on October 19th and was very pleased with both the number and quality of the candidates. We had a good cross-section of Hillsmere, residents ranging from Grandparents to new parents. I was excited to see the conviction and passion of residents who are willing to put their time and energy to work to make Hillsmere the best neighborhood in Annapolis.

Unfortunately, our neighborhood is losing a volunteer who has been essential to keeping Hillsmere looking like Hillsmere. Carl Corse, our volunteer for Hillsmere building permits, is stepping down to take advantage of a wonderful opportunity. Many of our residents have seen Carl and his Band, *the Corsicans*, perform locally, but you may not know he was last year's winner of the television show *The Voice*. He was coached on the show by the one and only Blake Shelton, who harnessed Carl's already great musical talent and brought it to a new level. Carl and his band are now headed out on tour as the opening act for Phish. Try to catch them locally before they leave, and please be sure to congratulate him if you see him. Thank you Carl, for all your hard work.



This leads to the obvious fact that we now have a vacancy that needs to be filled. If you are interested in taking over as Hillsmere Building Permits Chair, please e-mail me at [President@hillsmershores.net](mailto:President@hillsmershores.net)



## Mark Your Calendars

11/5	Daylight Savings Ends
11/9	HSIA General Meeting & Board of Directors Election
11/11	Veterans Day
11/14	Piers & Harbors Meeting
11/15	Garden Club
11/23	Thanksgiving
11/30	HSIA Board Meeting



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# HSIA Community News and Events

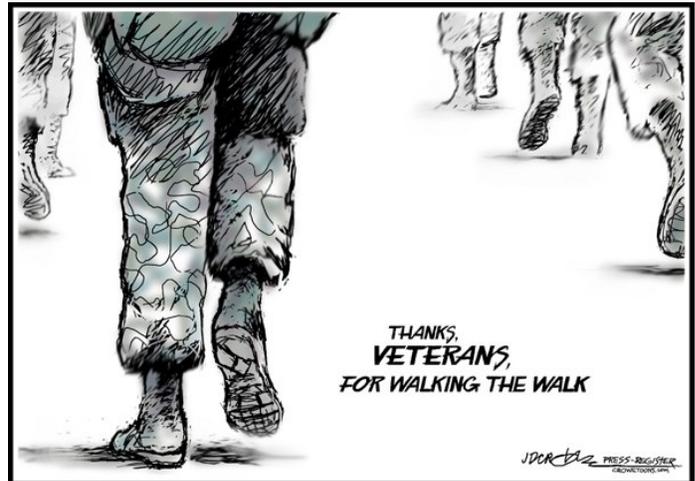


~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



**Election and Budget Meeting** – Please plan to attend our November General Meeting on Thursday, November 9 at 7 pm, at The Key School Katharine Hall. We will have our election of HSIA Board Members for the 2018-19 term, and will be presenting the proposed FY2019 HSIA budget. HSIA 2017 dues payment gives one member of the household the right to vote. Additional voting memberships require additional \$20 dues payment. Members must be 18 years of age or older. If you would like to vote at the November General Meeting and are not a current member of HSIA, please click [here](#) to print the 2017 HSIA Membership form, or visit our website to obtain a form <http://hillsmereshores.org/join-hsia/>. Mail the completed form and payment to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Ballots may also be mailed to the HSIA P.O. Box. Please remember that ballots that are not dropped off in person at the meeting require the signature of the HSIA member. Please see pages 5 - 16 in this issue of the *Sea Breeze* for voting instructions, ballot, and candidate bios.

**Santa's Run** -- Santa's Run, sponsored by the Annapolis Firefighters Union, will pick up presents for needy children at the Hillsmere pool parking lot on Sunday, December 10, at 6:30 pm. Bring the kids to see Santa and please bring a wrapped present for the Toy Drive. Be sure to mark the gift with a tag noting the gender and age of the child the present is for. For more information, please visit the Santa's Run website at [www.annapolissantarun.com](http://www.annapolissantarun.com).



## **BUILDING PERMITS – Who needs one?**

An HSIA Building Permit is required: Every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is required. The responsibility of obtaining an HSIA Building Permit does not fall on your builder, it falls on you.

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2. A copy of the construction location on the property when required by the County.
3. Cash or check in the amount of \$5.00 made payable to HSIA, unless we sent you a certified letter. If a Certified Letter is required, the cost is \$20 for the permit.
4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

Permits are required for construction of new houses, new sheds, additions to houses or sheds, retaining walls, piers and bulkheads. When in doubt, or if you have any questions, please call HSIA at 410-263-4456.



## Regular Meeting of the HSIA Board of Directors

(Please go to [www.hillsmereshores.org](http://www.hillsmereshores.org) for complete meeting minutes)

### Motions from the September 2017 Board of Directors Meeting:

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Brooke George moved the Board approve the variance request for 112 Green Spring Drive. Lindsay Abruzzo seconded the motion. Vote taken – 4 in favor (Amy Donovan, Paul Barnes, Lindsay Abruzzo, Brooke George); 5 apposed (Mike Wurst, Ray Sullivan, Steve Vanderbosch, Dave Miles, Gene Gross); 1 abstained (Jerry Lichtenberg). Motion did not pass.

**POOL:** Brooke George moved the Board approve an additional \$1300 for the Labor Day pool party. Dave Miles seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**BEACH:** Paul Barnes moved the Board approve \$3400 for the roof replacement on the large pavilion. Dave Miles seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Steve Vanderbosch moved HSIA endorse and support South River Federation comments on Anne Arundel County boat ramps. Dave Miles seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



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# HSIA ELECTION VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

**Vote By Mail:** If you are unable to attend the November 9<sup>th</sup> HSIA General Meeting, please complete the following steps to submit your vote by mail:

1. Tear the ballot out of the *Sea Breeze* or download a copy from the Hillsmere website at [www.hillsmershores.org](http://www.hillsmershores.org)
2. Fill out the election ballot (vote for no more than seven candidates).
3. You must include your name, address, date and signature in the space provided on the ballot.
4. Mail the signed ballot to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Be sure to note "Ballot" on the envelope. You may also have someone drop off your completed, signed ballot at the General Meeting.



**Vote in Person:** Please note: If you are voting in person, there is no need to provide your name, address, date and signature on the ballot.

1. Tear the ballot out of the *Sea Breeze*, or download a copy from the Hillsmere website at [www.hillsmershores.org](http://www.hillsmershores.org), or pick up a ballot at the meeting.
2. Have your ballot validated upon arrival at the meeting. You DO NOT need to mark your selections before your ballot is validated. Candidates will be introduced and have a chance to speak.
3. Drop ballots in the ballot box before voting is closed.

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# Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Board Election Ballot

Key School Katharine Hall  
November 9, 2017, 7 pm

Only HSIA members in good standing may vote. One vote per membership.

**Please vote for a maximum of seven of the following:**

Lindsay Abruzzo

Teresa Sutherland

Paul Barnes

Nigel Sutton

Marilyn Carpenter

Steven Vanderbosch

Robin Clark

Michael Waters

Brian Gallagher

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(Write-In or Floor Nomination)

David Miles

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(Write-In or Floor Nomination)

Ray Sullivan

**In order for a ballot to be accepted by mail-in vote, or other than in-person, the following must be completed:**

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Voter's Name (Please print)

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Voter's Address (Please print)

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Voter's Signature

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Date

## Candidates for Membership to the HSIA Board of Directors 2017 Election

Election will be held at the HSIA General Membership meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017. Ballots will be included in the November issue of the Sea Breeze, available on our website and at 11/9 General Meeting.

All candidates are residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community and are confirmed to be in good standing and current in their HSIA membership. In alphabetical order, these are the candidates for HSIA Board of Directors:

**Lindsay Abruzzo** - For the past 2 years, I have been serving the Hillsmere Community as one of its Board Members. I am excited to see what I can do with another 2 years or more, if the community allows me to do so. In the past 2 years, the Board has made some great strides in making this wonderful community even better. I am thankful to have had this privilege to serve as one of the community leaders.

My background includes moving here in 2004 and was a math teacher at Broadneck High School. I am now an Assistant Principal at Severna Park High School. I moved to the Hillsmere community in 2014.

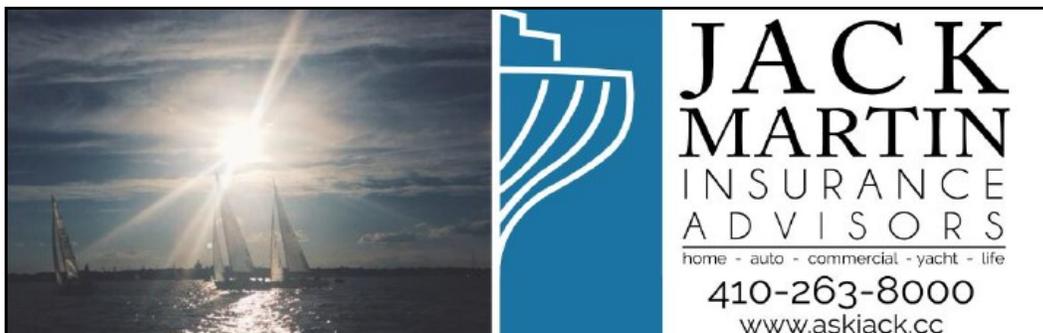
I love Hillsmere and would love to continue being a part of moving it forward and seeing it grow. As an Assistant Principal, I work well with others and know how to get the job done. I have 2 young children, one currently attending Hillsmere Elementary and the other starting in the next year or two.

I am running for re-election to the Board so that I can continue to be a positive and driving force in making our community even better than it is now, and to expand the possibilities for our community. I love all the people I have met so far, and look forward to meeting more and hearing what their vision for our community is.

**Paul Barnes** - I am currently on the HSIA Board and running for re-election. During my time on the Board, I have been a supporter of the Hillsmere Community Center Project and other projects that will better the community.

I have been a Hillsmere resident for 5 years and am very proud of this community and what it is today. I will bring to the HSIA Board an optimistic vision that will help Hillsmere continue to evolve and realize its full potential.

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**Marilyn Carpenter** - My husband, Mike, and I moved into Hillsmere a little over two years ago to be near our daughter, Tracy Patton, and her family. Our daughter recommended Hillsmere because she was impressed with the wonderful amenities - the beach, boat access, and the pool. I was born in Iowa, and lived and worked there for 40 years. Mike & I made Albuquerque, NM our home for 27 years. I have taught Physical Education and Science for 31 years, and have volunteered in my communities. During my tenure of teaching, I was named the coordinator of the top NM Physical Education Program, and I proudly served as president of a Junior Women's Club.

After moving to Hillsmere, we immediately found our neighbors to be friendly and welcoming. Since I enjoyed the beach with my young grandsons, I joined the beach committee and soon became the Beach Chairman. As Chairman for the past year and a half, I have overseen many improvements, repairs, and changes at the beach. I am proud of the improved drainage system, the walkway, the asbestos removal at the small pavilion, and repairs to the playground, shower and beach areas.

As a Board member, I would work for all the residents to continually improve our community. I would continue as Beach Chairman, and look forward to making continual improvements and repairs, as needed. I want to continue the fun community involvement activities, such as Happy Hours, Crab Feasts, 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parades, and Easter Egg Hunts, as well as ensuring your picnics at the beach are pleasurable. I feel I work cooperatively with others, listen to varying points of view, and work energetically to complete a project. I am a current member of HSIA, and I look forward to working with and for you as a Board member.

**Robin Clark** - As a Hillsmere resident, homeowner, mom and attorney, I believe that I can positively contribute to the work of the Hillsmere Board. I am a current member of HSIA. I hope to have your support.

I moved to Hillsmere in 2016 and I seek to serve on the Board of Directors to make sure that new and established residents are represented in decisions of the Board. I may not have owned a home in Hillsmere many years - but as a native Annapolitan and 1997 graduate of the Key School, I have long known of Hillsmere as a great neighborhood with tremendous assets, including a beach on the South River, marinas and a pool, and proximity to Quiet Waters Park, the library, and Hillsmere Elementary. Before moving here, however, I did not realize Hillsmere's best quality - the kind and welcoming folks who call this place home.

I would be proud to contribute to the work of the Board to protect Hillsmere's qualities and character, and to make improvements for you, its residents. In my day-job, I serve as Research Director of the Maryland Association of Counties, a position that gives me the opportunity to hear firsthand of best practices in community development throughout the State. Based on my work, my time in Hillsmere, and input from other residents, I have many ideas for enhancing parks, playgrounds, and open spaces; improving pedestrian and bike pathways; increasing social opportunities among residents; furthering environmental preservation efforts, and ensuring the safety of the neighborhood.

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One reason why I am running for the Board this year is because in its next term, the Hillsmere Board may again consider the need for a Community Center. This topic is one that, based on the results of a recent survey, represents a divide of opinion in the community. As an attorney and advocate, I have experience negotiating contentious and sharply divisive issues, and a record of reaching win-win conclusions. I have observed the Community Center debate over the past year, and I think we need a re-start, and a new approach - one that begins with community opinions and perspectives. I come to this topic with an open mind as, while I support the idea of a community gathering place for neighborhood functions, I am very aware of an increase in special tax dollars, and I am attuned to concerns of those, who like me, live near one of the potential sites for a new Center.

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As a member of the Board of Directors, I would seek to create open, transparent, and inclusive governance for Hillsmere. Open meetings, clear processes, and additional input will strengthen the outcome of any endeavor the Board undertakes, and allow all neighbors to be part of any new development or next steps. More importantly - it will preserve the positive character of this community for many more years to come.

**Brian Gallagher** - My wife and I moved to Hillsmere Shores this past spring. Not long after moving in, we welcomed our first children, identical twin girls. We feel incredibly grateful to raise our children in such a wonderful community. From all the prepared meals dropped off by neighbors after my wife delivered, to everyone's friendliness on our daily walks, we want to give back, and I believe serving on the Board of Directors is an opportunity for me to do so. I recently joined the community association and I would like to be considered for one of the open Board of Director positions.

I currently work as an attorney at the Annapolis law firm of Council Baradel and my practice is dedicated to real estate law. Prior to joining Council Baradel, I served in the US Air Force as a JAG. My duty stations included Florida, Missouri, DC and Iraq.

As a local attorney, many of my clients are homeowners associations in Anne Arundel County. As such, these clients experience many of the same issues and concerns that we have in Hillsmere, such as use of community funds, and marina operations. I believe this experience will allow me to bring a beneficial perspective to the Board of Directors.

Of particular interest to me is the issue of vehicle/pedestrian safety. If appointed to the Board, I will work with the other members, and committee chairs, to ensure that Hillsmere Shores continues to thrive as the safe, vibrant, and efficiently run community. Thank you for your consideration.

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**David Miles** - My wife and I moved to Hillsmere with our four sons, Michael, Peter, Philip and Patrick in 2003. Our sons, who were homeschooled, have been doing yard work, pet sitting, snow shoveling, and assisting neighbors with projects as they grew up in this great community. I have helped, usually grilling, with the Happy Hours, Pig Roasts, and Sock Burnings for many years. I am a current member of HSIA.

I am the owner and president of The Drawing Board, Inc., an architectural firm with projects in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. Our projects are comprised of single-family residential and low-rise commercial, including restaurants, private schools, dentist offices, micro breweries, and tenant fit-outs.

I was asked and agreed to fill in for Noel Gasparin on the Board earlier this year, as he had to step down due to other commitments. I have grown to appreciate the time and effort that other Board members put in towards the betterment of our community, and I would like to offer my services by remaining on the Board. In the period that I have served on the Board, I have assisted in obtaining contractor bids and negotiating for maintenance of the beach pavilions. I believe, as a Board member, I can use my experience in owning an architecture firm to assist our community with development projects, large or small. If the Community Center project moves forward, I would like to open up the design process to the entire community in research-

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ing alternative locations, reducing the complexity and size of the building, and even having a design charrette where everyone is welcome to come and bring their ideas, sketches, and concerns, allowing everyone to be heard, and problems solved. I believe inclusivity should be the goal for moving forward in any decision which affects us all.

**Ray Sullivan** - Since moving to Hillsmere in 2001 my wife and I have grown to love this community. Hillsmere has a rich history, with established families that have lived here for generations and new families moving here because of our wonderful amenities.

Serving on the Board for over ten years, I am currently the longest serving member of the Board. As a Board member, I have fought to have a balanced and inclusive atmosphere within the community, and continue to strive for what's best for Hillsmere. Topics such as the community center, pool, beach, and stormwater need to be discussed in such a way that all sides can participate and be heard, in order to come up with a balanced and economical outcome.

There are other important issues our community faces, due to poorly proposed development on the Forest Drive corridor. I will continue focusing on the issues of traffic, destruction of the forests, school capacity, and other issues that affect our quality of life. By working with other communities and organizations, such as The Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation and the Sierra Club, along with county and city government, we have been effective in limiting the negative impacts of these developments by assuring that the zoning, traffic, and environmental laws are enforced.

I will continue to monitor the developments that will affect us in our community, whether they are outside the community, like Crystal Spring Farm, or closer to home, such as Reserve at Quiet Waters (Parkside Preserve), and the redevelopment of the C&C property (Lidl grocery).

I have a positive vision for the future of our community and I would appreciate your support in reelection to another term.

**Teresa Sutherland** - I am a member of HSIA, I have been a Hillsmere resident for 21 years, and I have been a CPA for 30 years. I want to serve on the Board of Directors to enhance transparency and to ensure our special tax dollars are spent wisely and appropriately.

I believe all Board and committee meetings should be open to HSIA members. The membership has a right to know what the Board is doing and what the views and actions are of those they elected to the Board. I would also work to ensure the meetings are conducted in accordance with HSIA bylaws and Roberts Rules of Order, which are designed to ensure the voices of the members are heard and the meetings are conducted fairly with respect and decorum.

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I believe we need to focus our special tax dollars on maintaining and repairing the assets and infrastructure we already own, such as the storm drains that run perpendicular to our neighborhood roads. (According to the County Department of Public Works, HSIA owns and is responsible for maintaining the storm drains that run perpendicular to our roads, while the County owns and is responsible for maintaining the storm drains that run parallel to our roads.) If we do build or acquire new assets, I believe we should focus on assets that enhance the safety of the community, such as additional streetlights, traffic calming devices, bike paths, and sidewalks.

I see no compelling need for a community center, and I would not vote to spend any more money pursuing one unless there was far more community support than that demonstrated by the recent survey in which the number of lot owners who "generally support" building a community center (297) exceeded the number who do not (288) by only 9 responses. I also would not vote for a community center unless the Board could adequately address traffic, parking, noise, and security concerns of our neighbors. Finally, I can say unequivocally that the Board of Directors cannot ensure our special tax will not increase more than \$50/year for a community center. HSIA would have to borrow money to build it, and they would have to pledge our special tax dollars for repayment. When special tax dollars are pledged to repay a loan, the County Council must assess whatever special tax is necessary to ensure the loan does not go into default.

If actual revenues were less than projected, or actual expenses were more than the projected, our special tax would increase more than \$50 unless HSIA had some other way to make the loan payments. Given that the Board of Directors has no experience building, operating, or managing such a facility, I believe we could find ourselves in the same situation as when HSIA took over the pool and began assessing a special tax to cover pool improvements and maintenance because the Board overestimated revenues and/or underestimated costs.

There are many things to love about living in Hillsmere – the water, the

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beach, the marina, the library, the park. But the best thing about living in Hillsmere is neighbors who look out for each other during snowstorms, tropical storms, derechos, earthquakes (remember that one?), and times of personal need. Hillsmere is our community - let's work together for the benefit of all of our neighbors.

**Nigel Sutton** - I have been living in Hillsmere Shores for about two years and am a current member of HSIA. I am a proud father of two wonderful children - Drew, a senior in high school, and Reagan, a freshman in high school. I was born and raised in Jamaica, WI, and after completing high school, I enlisted in the US military. I am a retired USN officer and served for about 23 years. I currently work for Orbital ATK, and I am their lead for international business.

My vision for Hillsmere Shores is for us to continue to create a safe, clean and beautiful environment and strong community relationships which will foster both goodwill to other communities and ourselves. My goals would include the following: (1) Provide safety for our neighborhoods; (2) Strong community bonds and relationships; (3) Create an environment for families to live healthy and happily; and (4) Provide an atmosphere of open dialogue and discussions. A community based on trust and good relationships will always be a strong and healthy one. Thank you again for your consideration.

**Steven Vanderbosch** - If re-elected as an HSIA Board Member, I hope to build on the progress HSIA has seen over the past several years, including improvements at the Marina, the Beach, and the Pool. I will continue to work cooperatively with the Officers, Directors, and Members of HSIA to define community goals and objectives, communicate more effectively with the community, ensure HSIA remains fiscally responsible, and complies with and complies with all applicable laws and regulations. I have paid my 2017 HSIA dues.

As an HSIA resident/property owner for over 18 years, and a member of the HSIA Board for 4 years, I am aware of the many issues facing the community. I have been Chair of the Piers & Harbors Committee for four years, during which time we have achieved full utilization of slips, reduced the P&H debt by over \$120,000, made numerous improvements at the Marina, including a new flagpole, re-paved driveway, life ring cabinets, landscaping, new bench, and improved Marina maintenance, and a reorganized/revitalized the Boat Park.

As P&H Chair, I understand that service on the HSIA Board takes a commitment of time and effort to do the job well, and I think I have demonstrated over the past four years that I have made such a commitment.

I retired in 2013 from a 32-year public service career as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General, working for the last 13 years as Counsel to the State Treasurer in Annapolis. My experience as a public sector attorney included providing legal advice and opinions on a variety of subjects, with an emphasis on finance, banking, investments and procurement. My responsibilities included negotiation and preparation of contracts, drafting, editing and reviewing legislation, rules, regulations and policies, and interacting with federal, State and local government agencies as well as with contractors and the public. I believe my experience as an attorney for

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the State has proven and will continue to be useful to the HSIA Board. I am also a retired Navy Captain, having served 10 years on active duty, including a 4-year tour at the U.S. Naval Academy, and 20 years in the Naval Reserve.

**Michael J. Waters** - My wife Jane are 21-year residents of Hillsmere. We raised our two children here and have chosen to stay and enjoy Where the South River Meets the Bay. I recently retired from the software industry and wish to redirect my energies to support our neighborhood as a Board member. I am a current member of HSIA.

Thanks to all who have served before. A recent visit to the beach confirmed the tremendous value created by our volunteers. The beach, pool, and marina are three wonderful assets. Maintaining effective stewardship is central to the Board's charter. I am most hopeful my project management and finance experience will contribute to this ongoing goal. I particularly wish to apply my experience to our budget, environment, and recreational resources.

Our Special Tax as increased from \$55.45 FY2002 to \$256 FY2017 per house - 462%. There has been a fifteen year trend that raised taxes, on average, 12% each year. I do not know our finances well enough to comment on these increases, but will make it my job to understand our needs in detail and will work toward building a steady and disciplined budget. The goal is to stabilize tax growth, while properly maintaining our assets.

Along with prudent finances, it is important to manage the environment that surrounds us.

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Every leaf speaks bliss  
to me fluttering from  
the autumn tree.  
~Emily Bronte



Many people walk by my house every day just to enjoy being outside. I share their enjoyment, and fully support projects that improve the natural aesthetics of our common areas and provide recreational opportunities for all ages. I also fully endorse the County's Watershed Protection Program, and the rain gardens that were thoughtfully promoted by the South River Federation and Anne Arundel Master Watershed Steward Program.

I hope to serve you and thank you for your consideration.



Photo credit to Lori Nichols-Hogbin

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gram will allow Hillsmere Elementary and Key School students will foster several of the turtles this winter, observing and caring for them until they are ready to release at Hillsmere's Marina in spring 2018.



### “Honkers”

The Birds of Hillsmere Shores continue to delight us. Many are migratory, including Canadian Geese which truly are "Canada Geese". One family stays with us all year, and their generations live on here. They are certainly fond of our Beach, especially during the winter. Their heads and necks are a beautiful black, with bold grey and brown bodies and white feathers under their tails. They are affectionately known as " HONKERS ".

- J. Singleton



Photo credit to Jeremy Todd



Photo credit to Jeri Singleton

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# Garden Club

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~ Leigh Gruber, Garden Club President



October 18<sup>th</sup> was a glorious, early fall day, perfect for our day trip to George Washington's home, Mt. Vernon. The ladies of the Hillsmere Garden Club were accompanied by 8 members of the Heritage Harbor Garden Club, and two gentlemen. The grounds were lovely and expansive in contrast to the confined feeling in the house, which seemed small due to the large numbers of visitors. It was interesting to learn that the original home was comprised of just 4 rooms; Washington added one and one half stories and 18 additional rooms before its completion shortly before he died of [quinsy](#) at age 68.



Small groups started their tours in the gardens and marveled at the period crops, rows of horse radish, "unusual" melons, and artichokes. During our explorations, we learned that George Washington desired the grounds contain natural "fences" of trees, shrubs and berms, but abandoned the idea when he realized the animals always found a way in. On the wharf, we learned that the Potomac River once shimmered with acres of fish, and saw a pair of oxen led by a couple in period costumes. We saw buckets of linseed oil stored in a basement and learned that the paints were shipped from Europe as a powder and were then mixed on site. It was a unique, wonderful way to spend a day and make new friends.



Top: First stop on the tour, the vegetable garden. Left: The view of the Potomac River from Mt. Vernon has not changed much in centuries, due to careful planning and conservation efforts. Photo credit to Al Gruber. Middle: Paulette Schwallenberg and Leigh Dempsey overlooking the wharf. Right: Paula Crippen and Patsy Mattingly ponder life with carriages. Remaining photo credits to Leigh Gruber.

The next meeting at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library will be a wreath making activity on November 15. The meeting starts with a social gathering at 12:30. Members and guests will be joined by cutely outfitted bears, a project for the Salvation Army. A business meeting, pizza lunch, and activity will start at 1:00. Members and guests will work on holiday wreaths for the community and decorate small wreaths for residents of Sarah's House.

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# Beach Report

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~ Marilyn Carpenter, Beach Chair



Have you had a stroll on the new walkway? Enjoy a crisp fall day at the beach and check out the completed Trex walkway by the large pavilion. Beach projects are slowing down this time of year.

## Walkway

The new walkway extends from the shower area to the bridge at the center of the beach. The trex material was chosen because it is maintenance free. This composite wood has a wood grain finish that is fade, stain, and scratch resistant. The sod on each side of the walkway however needed some watering. Thanks to some community helpers like Dan Hoadley, Mike Carpenter, Royce Bradshaw and Helene Raven, the sod was soaked.

## Large pavilion roof

We are still working out some details concerning the roof project. We are still planning a replacement. The Board is currently reviewing the contract.

## Dying trees at the beach

Noel Gasparin has marked the dying trees and they will be removed soon. We are looking into the best options for replacing the diseased crab apple trees that line the road.

## Wheelchair Pad

The 4' by 4' wheelchair pad has been built near a bench along the protected swim area of the beach. Dan Hoadley chose this area because it provided a flat ground surface. Red Maple Construction cleared the area and built the platform. Thank you, Dan, for overseeing this project.

## Minor repairs and maintenance

Phil Jones has helped with some needed repairs. Phil used epoxy filler to seal some cracks on the playground structure platforms, in the hope of extending the life of walking surface. Unfortunately, graffiti was carved into one of the benches. Phil was able to find a replacement slat and will repair it when it is delivered. Thanks, Phil, for your careful eye.

Jeri Singleton is changing the summer flowers near the entrance sign to a fall arrangement. We like to keep our beach looking inviting. Thanks, Jeri.

Andrew McPartlund from Irish Greens gave the shower area a fresh coat of paint. Thank you.

Thanks to Tom Schwallenburg, for repairing the slats on the port-o-potty. They suffered more

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vandalism, but the structure looks nice now.

Annapolis Diving Co. has removed the nettle netting and the fasteners. We decided the netting has too many holes to use again next year. We will order new netting before spring, and Annapolis Diving Co. will install it next year. Next summer we'll have a safer swim area!

Enjoy the views, enjoy the beach. There might be time for one more sand castle to be constructed before the snow falls!



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## Personal Ads

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### Wanted: Ridesharing (earn gas money!!!)

Holly Drive, Hillsmere to Willow St (just off of West Street) at Rt 2/Solomon's Island Rd near Anne Arundel Medical Center. Monday to Friday for workplace commute. Flexible Hours. [410-280-2000](tel:410-280-2000). Leave message.

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# Pool Committee

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~ Brooke George & Kate Brew, Co-Chairs

Happy Fall Y'all! The beautiful fall weather is finally upon us and we hope everyone is enjoying the change of season. The pool may be buttoned up for the winter but it's never too early to start thinking about next pool season.

## 2018 Rates and Incentives

All membership rates will remain unchanged for summer 2018 and we are excited to offer the same early sign up incentives as 2017. Membership forms and payment received on or before **Come And Get It Day** will receive (2) permanent guest cards with Family memberships and (1) permanent guest card with Adult memberships. Each guest card is good for the complimentary admittance of one (1) guest per day. Additional day guest passes may also be purchased at the gate for \$5 per additional guest. As always, guests must be accompanied by pool members at all times and will not be admitted without the presence of a current member. 2018 membership forms will be available after the first of the year.

## Calling all Party Animals!

Do you love a good pool party? Do you have great ideas for pool parties and events? We need your help! We are looking for a few folks to form the "Pool Events" Sub Committee to handle the planning and execution of pool events for 2018. Events can include holiday parties/cookouts, movie nights, Food Truck Fridays, etc....anything your Committee's heart desires! Our current party planners are and ready to pass the torch to the next generation. Please reach out if you are interested [hillsmerepool@gmail.com](mailto:hillsmerepool@gmail.com)

## Thank You!

Thank you to our fabulous pool committee for helping make the 2017 season a huge success! Thank you to our pool members for your continued support and positive feedback, and to the HSIA Board for your guidance and support. See you next year!



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For A Dock and C Dock slip holders who plan on remaining in the Marina for the winter, you may request a bulkhead Winter Slip by emailing the Slips Committee at [marinaslips@hillsmershores.net](mailto:marinaslips@hillsmershores.net). If you are a current bulkhead slip holder and will remain in the Marina, you need not do anything. You will keep your slip as assigned.

Winter Slip assignments are temporary, and *Winter Slips must be vacated by March 15, 2018*, or sooner if requested by the permanent slip holder. Failure to remove your boat from a temporary Winter Slip assignment may result in transient charges of \$1/foot/day beginning April 1, 2018.

### **Beach Drive Kayak Ramp and Pier**

A 14' Carolina Perception yellow kayak was placed at the Beach Drive Kayak ramp without authorization. It has been removed. If the owner wishes to claim it, please contact [marinaracks@hillsmershores.net](mailto:marinaracks@hillsmershores.net), or [marina@hillsmershores.net](mailto:marina@hillsmershores.net). It is marked with a 2010 Eastport Yacht Club sticker.

Loose boards were re-nailed at the Beach Drive Kayak Ramp pier. Plans are in the works to power wash the pier. We are also looking into the possibility of acquiring a kayak launching dock for this location for next season.

### **Beach Drive Boat Ramp**

Thanks to the South River Federation, the south side embankment at the Beach Drive Boat Ramp has been sprayed with herbicide and covered with wood chips in an attempt to curb or

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**Thank You, Hillsmere, for your great generosity for our Hurricane Harvey Relief Effort! Our truck runneth over -- Many, Many Thanks!**



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eliminate invasive English Ivy and poison ivy. Native plants will be planted in the embankment in the Spring.

The upper end of the Ramp will be available for a limited number of trailers/boats for temporary winter storage, at a rate of \$20/month. Those on the Boat Park Wait List will be given priority. Contact [marina@hillsmereshores.net](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.net).

### **Sunset Drive Boat Ramp**

The need to replace the Sunset Drive boat launching ramp was recognized in the Spring of 2016. Unfortunately, little has yet been done to accomplish this. A new subcommittee of P&H has been formed to get this project started and to move it along to completion. Additional help is always welcome, especially with experience in such projects.

An Eagle Scout project has been authorized to replace the Sunset Drive kayak racks, and re-orient them from being parallel to the water, to perpendicular to the water on the left side of the property as you face the water. It is anticipated that a few more racks can be created, and that kayak access, the water view, and trailer maneuvering room can be improved.

### **Boat Park**

Once again, about 44 spaces have been assigned in the Boat Park. There may be room for more assignments depending on how efficiently trailers are parked as the boating season comes to an end. The general scheme is larger boats (2-axle trailers) on the left side and back, and smaller boats (1-axle trailers) on the right. It is essential that trailers be parked as close as possible, and parked at an angle toward the entrance of the Boat Park to allow more maneuvering room. "Assignments" of spaces are no longer valid. Take the next available slot, and park close to your neighbor. In the future we may delineate vacant slots with posts or stakes. With everyone's patience and cooperation, we hope to maximize the use of space in the Boat Park, and make access a little easier for all. If you have any questions, problems or issues in parking your trailer, please do not hesitate to call Steve Vanderbosch at 410-267-6978. *A Boat Park working party may be needed to adjust the parking of trailers to make more efficient use of space. Volunteer drivers will be needed!*

A limited number of boats and trailers will be allowed to park at the upper portion of the Beach Drive Boat Ramp for the winter, generally December through March, at the rate of \$20/month. Space will be assigned first to those on the Boat Park Wait List. If interested in this option, please contact [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org).

### **Marina News**

*Marina Gate.* The Marina Gate card reader, which malfunctioned in early September, has been repaired and is now operational. A power surge (due to lightning?) burned out the card reader power supply.

*Gravel.* The 3 loads of gravel placed on the Sand Spit in the Spring have pretty well worn in, and dust is kicking up more. Please observe the posted 5 mph speed limit to keep dust levels down. We will try to hold off placing more gravel until Spring 2018.

*New Slip Holders.* Welcome to new slip holders Kenn Riccini assigned to Slip #A25, and Brian Gal-

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lagher assigned to Slip #C10.

**Boat Lift Survey.** The P&H Committee has been working on a survey to gauge interest in installing and financing 8 boat lifts at Slips #C1 to #C8 at the Marina. The survey has been completed and has been distributed to Slip Holders and Boat Ramp Key purchasers only. If sufficient interest exists, future steps would include: (1) discussing the proposal with the HSIA Board of Directors; (2) advising the entire Hillsmere Community of any definite proposal; and (3) evaluating input and opinions from all interested parties. *No decisions have been made; no money has been spent.*

### **P&H Meeting Time and Place**

The P&H monthly meetings are normally held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Key School Science & Library Center (the building closest to Carroll Drive), Room 102. All slip holders, ramp key holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are encouraged to attend.

**UPCOMING TOPICS INCLUDE:** Discussion of any proposed changes to Marina Rules and Regulations; repairs to the Sunset Boat Ramp; and upgrading the security camera system. As an all-volunteer organization, we welcome your participation and your ideas. Volunteers are always needed for various sub-committees, such as Operations, Slips and Construction. Hope to see you there!

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## **Local School News**

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### **November 4, 11am - 3pm: Hillsmere Elementary School Hosts Annual Family Fun Fair & Silent Auction, 3052 Arundel on the Bay Road**

Open to the public, the annual Family Fun Fair & Silent Auction is a favorite annual event featuring food, games, health & wellness demonstrations, DJ, photo booth, balloon creations, and a silent auction/raffle. Parents and children will have the opportunity to try their luck at the cake-walk, carnival games, and a premium grand prize raffle. A silent auction featuring hundreds of desirable items will be open to bidding throughout the day. The event also is an opportunity to meet Hillsmere's new Principal Kimberly Terry!

The Family Fun Fair & Silent Auction is Hillsmere Elementary's largest annual fundraiser, raising funds critical to maintain cultural art programs, family nights, technology, field trips, classroom support, extracurricular activities, and more. In addition to parental support, business leaders and other local residents are instrumental in making the event a success.

### **November 21, 11am - 4pm: Handmade Artisans Market at Key School, Katharine Hall**

More than 30 local artisans will have works on display at this year's Harvest of the Artist. You do not want to miss this juried show that offers something for everyone: one-of-a-kind jewelry, unique furnishings, handmade pottery, folk art pieces, and more. Admission is free.

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# BID SOLICITATION FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018

HSIA is accepting bids for the following jobs. Please complete the form below and **return it by December 1, 2017 to: HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403, Attn: Budget**

All submissions will receive a confirmation that the bid has been received for consideration. Notification will be made in early January for accepted bids. If you have any questions, please contact the HSIA Administrator at [admin@hillsmereshores.net](mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.net) or 410-263-4456, mailbox 1.

Bids are submitted on a one year contract basis with an option to renew for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Vendors will be requested to provide the HSIA Board of Directors with references to ensure they are capable of completing these jobs.

## **Grass Cutting**

Note: All bids must include trimming as necessary.

Beach Area	\$ _____ per cut
Boat Park on Beach Drive	\$ _____ per cut
Pier area at Beach Drive (Kayak Park)	\$ _____ per cut
Boat ramp on Beach Drive	\$ _____ per cut
Boat ramp on Sunset Drive	\$ _____ per cut
Grass at Marina/Sandspit	\$ _____ per cut
Median on Hillsmere Drive	\$ _____ per cut
Edging of Islands	\$ _____ per cut
Hillsmere Entrance (near bulletin board & along Hillsmere Dr from Edgemere to Beach Dr)	\$ _____ per cut
Pool Property inside	\$ _____ per cut
Pool Property outside	\$ _____ per cut
Community Center (119 Great Lake Drive)	\$ _____ per cut

All above property\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per cut

\*This is a bid for completing all of the grass cutting in Hillsmere as shown above. However, in the event it is not cost effective for one vendor and you are interested in bidding on individual jobs, you should also complete the individual items above.

\*Winning bidders will need to provide certificate of insurance, business license, fertilizer and pesticide applicators licenses

## **Odd Jobs** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per hour

Please provide a price for general cleanup such as yard waste removal, tree trimming, weeding, general debris clean up

## **Weekly Trash Pick Up** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

This is a year round contract for collecting the trash from the beach area and transporting it to the community dumpster. Responsibility also includes keeping the beach area in a sanitary manner. This job may require cleanup and pickup twice weekly during the summer months.

## **Pet Waste Station Pick-Up** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

This is a year round contract for collecting and disposing of pet waste from five pet waste stations. Time spent is approximately one hour a week.



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Grace	Age 15	410-353-4983
Kate	Age 17	443-995-7133
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Linda	Adult	443-822-7956

### Pet Sitter/Dog Walker

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Linda	Adult	443-822-7956
Shondra	Adult	240-578-9221

### Yard Work/Odd Jobs

Patrick	Adult	410-263-2058
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Service provider lists updated May 2017.

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Jan 26	April 27	July 27	Oct 26
Feb 23	May 25	Aug 31	Nov 30
Mar 30	June 29	Sep 28	Dec 21

### 2017 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

January 12	May 11	September 14
March 9	July 13	November 9

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12 Key School Harvest of the Artist (see pg 24)	13	14 P&H Meeting @ 7p	15 Garden Club	16	17	18
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