

The Sea Breeze

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A SWEET END TO SUMMER IN HILLSMERE

The smoky, savory annual pig roast was visited by a special guest - Cumberstone Ice Pops. A tasty way to wrap up summer! Photo credit to L. Hogbin & T. Cinko

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President's Message



~ Mike Penn, HSIA President

Hello Hillsmere,

For the first time I can remember the Hillsmere pig roast happened on its scheduled day; for the past few years the weather has not cooperated, pushing it further back into the fall. Thanks to our executive chefs, Chuck and Noel, as well as our sous chefs, Matt and Dave, and the rest of the crew for another great pig roast. Thanks to little Bo Peep for sacrificing her sheep so we could try something new this year.

Kevin Green, our Environmental chair, has worked with the County to extend the rain garden on the corner of Harbor Drive and Phipps Lane up to the community house on Great Lake Drive. The project, funded by the Anne Arundel County DPW Watershed Protection and Restoration Program (WPRP), not only gifts Hillsmere about \$400,000 in county supplied construction costs, but it will also reduce our storm water fees by up to 50%. This cut in our storm water fees will offset the maintenance costs of the new bioretention landscaping. I am thrilled to say the motion passed unanimously at both the Board level, as well as at the September general meeting. Thank you to Chris Trumbauer and Pat Daly for attending to the general meeting and affirming the County's support for the project.

Read more about the project and view site plans here: http://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/wprp/restoration/WPRP_Projects/hillsmere-bioretention-project



Mark Your Calendars

10/10	Piers & Harbors Meeting @ 7p Budget Committee Meeting @8p
10/19	Meet & Greet Board of Directors Candidates
10/26	HSIA Board Meeting
10/29	Halloween Parade
10/31	Halloween
11/5	Daylight Savings Ends
11/9	HSIA General Meeting & Board of Directors Election

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*L.M. Montgomery,
Anne of Green Gables*



HSIA Community News and Events



~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator

Meet The Candidates Night – Please come join us on Thursday, October 19, 7 pm at Key School Katharine Hall (same location as general meetings), to meet the eleven candidates running for the HSIA Board. We have 11 residents running for HSIA Board positions for 2018-2019. The candidates will be introduced and each one will have a little time to tell everyone about themselves. Bios are included in this issue of *the Sea Breeze*. A ballot will be in the November issue. Please come learn about the residents that are willing to give of their time to make our community the best it can be!



MEET & GREET

Election & General Meeting – Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our November General Meeting on Thursday, November 9. We will be electing seven Board members to serve for 2018-2019. Please see candidate bios in this issue of the *Sea Breeze*.

Halloween Parade – Our annual Halloween Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, at 1 pm. Please meet at The Key School gazebo at the corner of Hillsmere and Carroll Drives. We will parade to the beach and share some refreshments. This is a non-alcoholic event. Thank you for your cooperation!



Dumpster Days - Please read the following information and instructions carefully. You may want to hold on to this issue of *the Sea Breeze* for Dumpster Days instructions.



- Please note that the dumpsters will be delivered by noon on Friday, October 27 and removed by noon on Saturday, October 28.
- Please make sure the dumpsters are in place **BEFORE** hauling any items to the dumpster!

Dumpster Days are scheduled for our community on Friday and Saturday, October 27 and 28. The dumpsters will be located in the field adjacent to the community pool. **The dumpsters will be delivered by noon on Friday, October 27 and removed by noon on Saturday, October 28. PLEASE MAKE SURE THE DUMPSTERS ARE IN PLACE BEFORE HAULING ANY ITEMS TO THE DUMPSTER AREA.** If we have a large amount of rain, dumpsters may be relocated to the beach parking lot.

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

The following items are prohibited:

Garbage or similar trash, hazardous materials, tires, liquids, pressurized containers, refrigerators, air conditioners, boats, trailers, logs or tree trunks.

Please follow these guidelines:

- Do not bring children.
- Watch for, and do not interfere with, County trucks and bulldozers in the area.
- Do not leave waste materials outside the dumpsters or allow them to protrude above the top of the container.
- Do not put too much heavy material in one container. Fill the containers completely from the rear to the front.
- Tie or bundle light material so it won't blow around. Disassemble large items such as swing sets and other similar items. Cut tree trimmings into 3-4 foot lengths.
- Do not put material into the containers after dark.
- Do not block flow of local traffic on Great Lake Drive.



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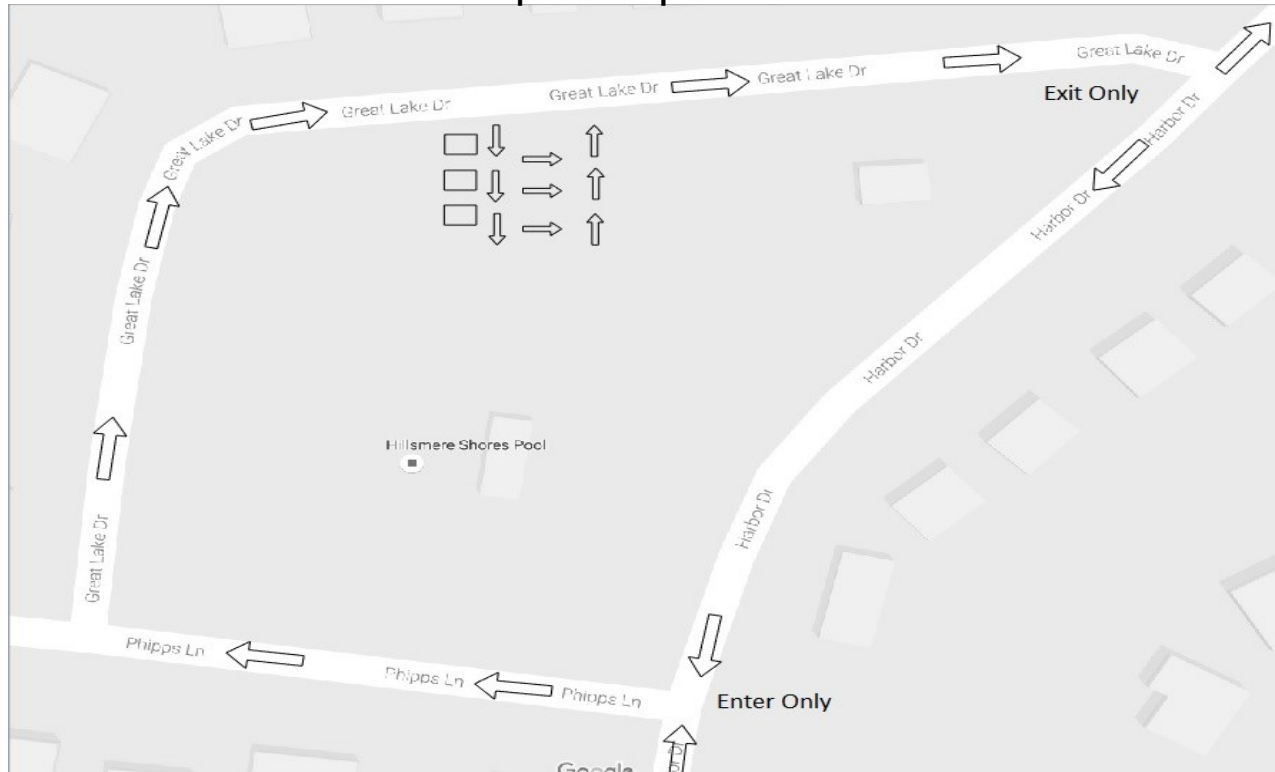
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Motions from the September 2017 HSIA General Membership Meeting:

ENVIRONMENTAL: Steve Vanderbosch moved to ratify the rain garden on Harbor Drive approved by the HSIA Board. John O'Neill seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY CENTER: Theresa Sutherland moved to grant the request to withdraw the tabled motion from the March General meeting. The motion read as follows:

Mike Wurst moved that HSIA shall:

- Refrain from any further funding of the Community Clubhouse project until a thorough survey of the community is completed.
- Conduct a thorough, unbiased, neighborhood-wide survey of best-use of all infrastructure and open space resources owned by the Hillsmere Estate Special Community Benefit District. The survey shall use the 2005 Hillsmere Shores Community Survey as a template, updated with additions for exploration of the community clubhouse topic.
- Convene a survey committee to design and coordinate the execution of the neighborhood-wide survey that targets an 80% response rate. The survey committee shall include representation from all areas of Hillsmere, including the area of proposed community clubhouse, and its membership shall be distinct from the current clubhouse committee membership.

Marc Morlock seconded the motion to withdraw. Vote taken – unanimously approved. Motion withdrawn.

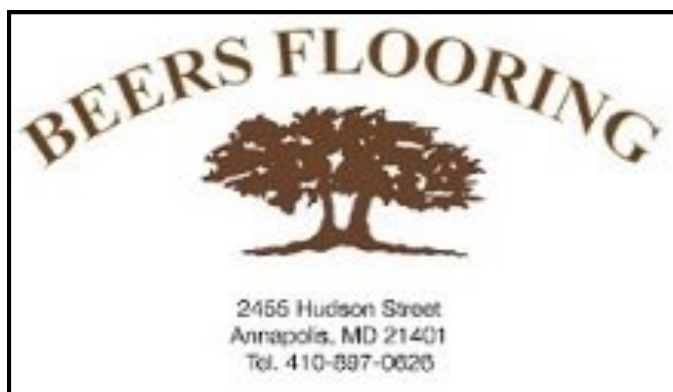
Budget Committee

~ Gene Gross, HSIA Treasurer & Budget Committee Chair



The Budget Committee will meet Tuesday, October 10th at approximately 8:00 pm, immediately following the Piers and Harbors Committee Meeting at the Key School Science & Library Center Room 101/102. We will be reviewing all proposed budgets for the Fiscal year 2018/2019.

We welcome suggestions at any of the upcoming General meetings. If you are unable to attend one of the upcoming General meetings, you may send your suggestions to treasurer@hillsmershores.net, or mail them to HSIA PO Box 3465, Annapolis, MD 21403.



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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.

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

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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, 4th 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.

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

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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.

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 the 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 Coun-

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ty. 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.

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 researching 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.

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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.

Our special tax assessment has doubled in the past 11 years, from \$123.81/lot in fiscal year 2007 to the current rate of \$249/lot, a 101% increase. I don't know about you, but I can assure you my income hasn't doubled in 11 years! I was the County Auditor from 1994 – 2016, and it was my job to monitor the special taxing districts' compliance with the County's laws and regulations. I know exactly what HSIA can and cannot do with our special tax dollars, and I can bring oversight to the Board.

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

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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 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.

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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.

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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 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.

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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. 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.



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Garden Club



~ Leigh Gruber, Garden Club President

The September meeting of the Hillsmere Garden Club featured members' interpretations of autumn via floral arrangements. One arrangement had flowers springing from a bed of acorns, another was apple-centered, complete with a slice of REAL apple pie (the rest doubled as refreshments!). For another member, fall means a burst of pre-holiday creativity; therefore, her arrangement had a few flowers accenting hammers, wrapped stones, and jewelry making tools. A true gardening garden club member wrote a poem to accompany her arrangement after being inspired by the club's "resident expert" Bob Berry to attempt growing her autumn-blooming coneflower from seed.

The club business meeting included descriptions of upcoming programs, as well as signups for the group's numerous holiday activities.

For the October meeting, club members will travel to Virginia to visit Mount Vernon. The next meeting at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library will be a wreath making activity on November 15. Watch for details in the next *Sea Breeze*. All photo credits to L. Gruber.



Above: Little Limelight Hydrangea and Chinese Lanterns signify autumn to 2nd VP Lynne Fowler. Below: Paulette Schwallenberg's arrangement is showcased in a vase awarded to the club by the Friends of Quiet Waters Park in 2012.



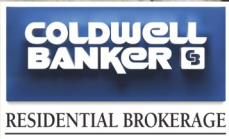
Linda Elkington's poem accompanies her seed-grown, fall-blooming coneflower.



Doris Rati's arrangement is rooted in a bed of acorns.



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Beach Report

~ Marilyn Carpenter, Beach Chair



With the hot weather is behind us, it is time for a stroll on the new beach walkway!

Beach Walkway

The new walkway made of Trex material starts at the bridge at the center of the beach, extends past the large pavilion, and ends near the shower/foot wash area. This smooth surface should make walking, jogging, biking and stroller pushing a much more pleasant experience! Some rain showers have delayed the finished product, but it is near completion. Thank you Dan Hoadley, Hillsmere resident, for overseeing the project, and Irish Green, for your installation.

Large Pavilion Roof

We are working out some details concerning the roof project and reviewing the contract.



At the Pig Roast, people were asked to vote for their favorite color of the new shingle roof on the beach pavilion. A total of 41 votes were cast between the five options and it was close contest between Oxford and Thunderstorm. The winner is – Oxford, possibly because Thunderstorm at the beach is not a good thing. Thank you for all that took time to vote, we value your opinions and input. -Dave Miles

Dying Trees at the Beach

The beach committee is concerned about the health of many trees at the beach. Helene Raven contacted an arborist, who said we have a couple of dead trees, and many trees that needed to be limbed. After careful inspection of the crabapple trees at both entrances, the arborist determined that the trees have a fungus which has taken a toll on them. Hillsmere Board has contracted with Noel Gasparin to be a community project manager. He is going to address the problem with the trees. He has trimmed several trees at the beach, and he has cleared out some dead limbs. This will keep the current trees healthy and able to withstand high winds. Thanks Noel, for tending to our tree problem.

Wheelchair Pad

We will be installing a 4' by 4' wheelchair pad near a bench along the protected swim area of the beach. Dan Hoadley has spearheaded this project. We welcome any



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wheelchair bound residents and friends to come enjoy the view of the water.

Hopefully we will have a pleasant fall so everyone can get a breath of fresh air at the beach!



photo credit to Blanche O'Neil

How things get done in Hillsmere ... cheerful people who are willing to perform the big & little tasks our community requires. Our small pavilion at the beach has a nice, new coat of paint, thanks to John O'Neill & Bill Cone!

Personal Ads

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Piers & Harbors News

~ Steve Vanderbosch, P&H Chair



MORE ON HURRICANES!

Thanks to modern technology and competing 24-hour news organizations, we have all seen vivid images of the destruction wrought by 3 major hurricanes this year: Harvey, Irma, and Maria. Tropical storms and hurricanes threaten the Atlantic Seaboard and the Chesapeake Bay every year, and we can thank our lucky stars that, so far this year, our area has been spared. As has been previously noted, the Hillsmere Shores Marina, with quick access to the South River and the Bay, is not well-protected and is very vulnerable to wind, storm surge and wave action. The slips are generally narrow, and the pilings are not very high. It is not hard to envision the destruction a hurricane could visit upon us.

So it is worth repeating: The time to prepare for storms is long before they arrive. All slip holders should have a Hurricane Plan. If a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning is issued for this area (generally 36 hours in advance), the best thing to do is to remove your boat from the Marina, by having it trailered, hauled, or moved to safer moorings or hurricane holes. If you are going to be away, it is extremely important to have an alternate caretaker for your boat, and to provide their contact information to Piers & Harbors (marina@hillsmershores.org). Please pay serious attention to tropical storm forecasts, be proactive, and be ready to move your boat to safety or doubly secure it. With 124 slips at the marina, things can get very busy when a storm warning has been issued. Power and water will be shut off at the Marina and boat ramps during tropical storms and hurricanes.

Members of the P&H Committee are working on a written Hurricane Plan for the P&H facilities, to address issues such as notifications to slip holders, removal of Marina accessories (dock boxes, Fuel Oil Spill Kits, benches, hoses, flags, pot-a-potty, etc.), securing power and water systems, and assigning responsibilities for action. It is anticipated that starting next season, all slip holders will be required to complete a one-page Hurricane Plan, also under development, for their boats.

SLIP HOLDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND ASSUME FULL AND SOLE RISK OF DAMAGE TO THEIR BOATS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT, THE BOATS AND EQUIPMENT OF OTHERS, AND THE HSIA PIERS AND DOCKS AS A RESULT OF LEAVING THEIR BOATS IN THE MARINA DURING A TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE.

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Marina News

Marina Gate The Marina Gate card reader malfunctioned on or about September 9th, and was temporarily disassembled by a (so far) unknown slip holder, and was subsequently turned off in the open position. By the time of this publication, it is hoped the card reader will have been repaired or replaced and the gate operational again.

Sand Spit Jetty Unfortunately, a person or persons unknown have been removing rocks of various sizes from the jetty at the end of the Sand Spit and throwing them into the water. This is destructive of the jetty: small rocks (chinks) hold medium rocks in place; medium rocks hold larger rocks in place. While throwing jetty rocks into the water may seem like juvenile fun, it easily weakens the jetty structure. If you see someone disassembling the jetty, rock by rock, please tell them to stop!

Budget and Fees for Calendar Year 2018

The P&H Committee has discussed the Budget and slip and other fees for next season, Calendar Year 2018 (Fiscal Year 2019), and has proposed to the HSIA Board that current fees remain unchanged. During the past two years, the commercial debt used to finance the Marina repairs has been reduced to approximately \$100,000, and a reserve of approximately \$120,000 has been built up.

Winter Preparations

While we all hope for continued mild temperatures, cold weather will arrive all too soon, and the Marina will transition to winter operation. This includes: (1) turning off the water and pump out systems at the main Marina as soon as a hard freeze is forecast (hopefully not until mid-November, but maybe as early as Halloween); (2) trying to accommodate slip holders who are leaving their boats in the water with temporary assignment to more protected Winter Slips behind the bulkhead; (3) ensuring boats staying in the water over the winter are properly secured, with extra lines as necessary; and (4) installing ice-eaters throughout the Marina to prevent ice buildup.

Winter Slips

Once again, slip holders are requested to notify the Slips Committee about plans for your boats this fall/winter. This will help us determine ice-eater locations, and make some bulkhead slips available to A and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter. If you will be re-

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moving your boat for the winter, please email the Slips Committee at marinaslips@hillsmereshores.net. Please include your name, slip number, approximate date out and approximate date returning.

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@hillsmereshores.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.

Boat Park

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!

As a temporary measure, 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.

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. As an all-volunteer organization, we welcome your ideas and your participation. Volunteers are

always needed for various sub-committees, such as Operations and Slips. Hope to see you there!



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Local School & Library News

NOTE: Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library will be closed Thursday, October 5 through Friday, October 6 for minor renovations and will reopen Saturday, October 7.

Stomp Rockets & 3D printing 4:30-6:30pm @ EAN Library

Design and launch your own stomp rocket and make a custom 3D-printed cookie cutter. Children first grade and up are welcome! October 17, 4:30-6:30pm. Free.

Don't Miss Key School's 5K/10K & Family Fun Run

Registration is open for the 38th Annual Key School 5K/10K & Family Fun Run, which will be held on **Sunday, October 22**. Flat & fast, the USATF certified 5K and 10K courses are ideal for those running their very first race as well as those looking to achieve a new personal record. Chip timing is available for the 5K and 10K events and runners of all ages and abilities are welcome! More information can be found at www.keyschool.org/5K10K. Please contact the event organizers at 5K10K@keyschool.org with any questions.

Calling all Local Artisans

Local artists and artisans are invited to apply to participate in the 2017 Key School Harvest of the Artist Handmade Artisan's Market taking place on Sunday, November 12. The Market features a wide variety of handmade creations and celebrates our area artists and crafters. **The application deadline for artists new to this juried show is October 6.**

For more information, visit www.keyschool.org/HarvestoftheArtist. Please contact the event organizers at HarvestoftheArtist@keyschool.org with any questions.

A Friendly Reminder to Curb Your Dogs

Key School has experienced an increased issue with dog droppings on the main campus and beach fields, even necessitating a time out during a recent game to clean the field. We are happy for our neighbors to walk their dogs on the property, after school hours, but do ask that you pick up after them. Many thanks for your support!

A poster for Key School Open Houses. The top half features a photograph of a red building with a white archway, with a person walking through it. The text "The Right School is KEY" is overlaid on the photo. The bottom half is a dark blue box with white text listing the open house dates and times for different school levels.

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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 or 410-263-4456, mailbox 1.

Bids are submitted on a one year contract basis with an option to renew for a 2nd 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.

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 four pet waste stations. Time spent is approximately one hour a week.



HSIA GENERAL MEETING PROXIES

In order for a proxy to be used at an HSIA General meeting floor vote, it must have the following information:

1. Name, address, and signature of person giving the proxy.
2. Name of person who will cast the vote.
3. The date of a single meeting for which it is valid.
4. The particular subject or subjects for which it is valid.

Proxies that do not have all of these items will not be accepted. **Proxies must be in writing and delivered to the HSIA Secretary or his or her designate at the General Meeting.** Faxed or scanned copies will be accepted. You may use the following format (it is also available for download on the Hillsmere website [here.](#))

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2. _____
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4. Mail to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

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