

The Sea Breeze



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SOMEONE IN HILLSMERE HAS BEEN A BUSY BEE!

As April comes to a close, social interactions continue to be restricted in an effort to curb the spread of the world-wide pandemic, COVID-19. In the midst of safety and healthcare mandates, tentative grocery runs and managing new school and work routines, many residents have found their spirits buoyed by random acts of kindness...on the half shell. A creative and kind-hearted resident (or two) has been anonymously leaving simple words of encouragement on porches and at mailboxes, reminders to all of us to hold on, and have hope. Photo credits to S. Corse, S. Blugis, M. Glass, J. Rosenberg



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President's Message

~ Michael J. Waters, HSIA President



Welcome to the *May Sea Breeze!*

Coronavirus COVID-19 is still with us and will unfortunately be with us for some time. My first thoughts are about everyone's health and safety. If you or another can benefit from the help of neighbors, please email communityhelp@hillsmereshores.org. Volunteers are actively monitoring emails - looking for opportunities where we might assist one another.

The County has stepped up testing and their website <https://aahealth.org/aaco-doh-covid-19-clinics-in-annapolis/> is your best source for the latest information. If you are symptomatic, a first responder, or health care worker please call the Department of Health for screening, assessment, and test scheduling. Results are available in three days.

No one knows how long social distancing will be required, but it is certain the pool will not open on Memorial Day. The County is rightfully focused on saving lives and the Environmental Health office has no plan to move forward with pool inspections at this time. There are many things that must happen before any pool in the County is opened so we will know the start-date several weeks in advance. As the situation evolves, Danielle Franz and the Pool Committee will keep you updated via the website, email blasts, and of course the *Sea Breeze*. For now, the cover is staying on the pool and membership fees remain untouched in the bank.

An unexpected result of closing schools and businesses has been the influx of people taking advantage of the 359 open acres next to Hillsmere. 70,000 people entered Quiet Waters Park in March! The park and our streets have never been busier.

Superintendent Alison Woodfield is delighted so many people have "discovered" the park, but she needs our help protecting the newly acquired buildings at Loden Pond. As you know, the County recently purchased 19 acres, with six structures, adjacent to Forest Hill Drive. The structures are part of the original farm and have not been updated for public use. This temporarily leaves them susceptible to vandalism.

We are welcomed to use existing entrances into the park, but please stay away from the buildings. Sadly, there has already been some graffiti by Hillsmere teenagers in one of the garages. It is a privilege to have direct pedestrian access to the Park and I am most hopeful our active stewardship of this wonderful property will help maintain this pleasure for years to come.

Increased activity has also resulted in more break-ins of unlocked cars. Please lock your cars. Also, please leash your dog and pick up after your dog. Pet waste is harmful to the Bay and anyone who touches it. I suspect some do not see this waste as harmful, but with so many of us outside, for longer periods of time, it is inevitable there will be contact unless we cooperate.

Steve Vanderbosch and the Piers and Harbor Committee opened the boat ramps and docks early this year. Once the Governor lifts the ban on recreational boating, they ask that we stay mindful of social distancing, particularly when navigating narrow piers.

Tommy Grierson of Price Cutters has started mowing and is helping clear debris at the Marina and Beach that built up during an April storm. It is likely we will seek more help from individual

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HSIA Community News and Events



~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator

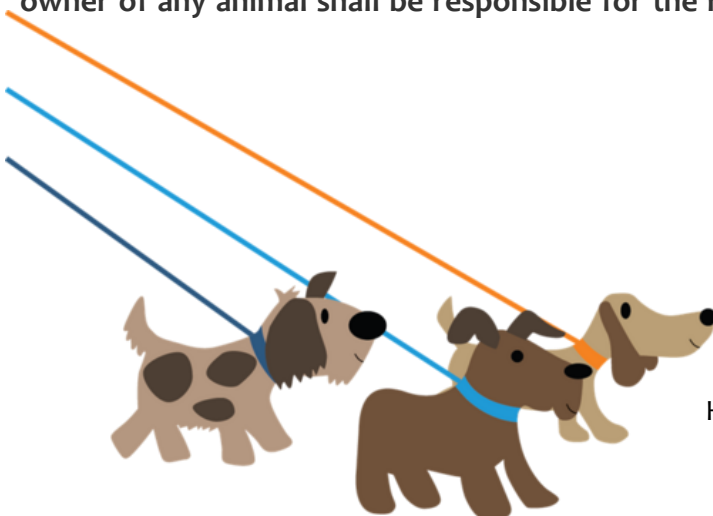
Memorial Day Dedication Cancelled – Due to the Coronavirus and continued social distancing at the time of this mailing, our annual Memorial Day dedication is cancelled this year. Thank you to our Stay Alert Security Guard, Mac, who originated and plans this event annually for our community. We will miss the celebration, but it will return in 2021!

Mosquito Spraying – Hillsmere will once again be participating in the [Maryland Department of Agriculture’s Mosquito Control Program](#). Regular surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes will take place from May 27 to October 6, anytime between 7:00 pm to 2:30 am, Sunday through Thursday nights (a night of the week will be assigned to us). Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Employee determines it necessary. Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 mph, or temperatures above 89 degrees F. Most residents support this program; however, if you prefer to opt-out of spraying at your property, you can elect not to participate. Residents who wish their properties to be excluded from adult mosquito control services must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the community association by submitting a completed exemption form. You will find on pages 6-8 of this issue of *the Sea Breeze*, MDA’s Standard Mosquito Control Operating Procedures, the Objection to Adult Mosquito Control Policy Statement and a Request For Exemption From Adult Mosquito Control Services form. Please note that ULV spray treatment of adult tiger mosquitoes is most effective when conducted in conjunction with community cleanup efforts. The effective way to control mosquitoes is at the community level. We encourage home owners to be proactive in their efforts to control mosquitoes by becoming aware of backyard breeding sites.

Leash Law – County law ([§ 12-4-905. Animals running at large prohibited.](#)) prohibits pets “running at large” and requires that pets be on leashes and under the control of the owner. With more people home and walking their dogs, please remember to have your pet on a leash and under your control at all times.

Pet Waste is THE OWNER’S responsibility – Please remember to be courteous and clean up after your pets. **Anne Arundel County law** ([§ 12-4-909. Removal of animal excreta.](#)) states “The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his or

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Important numbers and emails

AACO Police emergency 911
AACO Police non-emergency 410-222- 8610
Hillsmere Security: security@hillsmreshores.org
HSIA President: president@hillsmreshores.org
Key School liaison: llatimer@keyschool.org
AACO traffic engineer: pwflor11@aacounty.org

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her animal on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other than his own.” Cleaning up after your pets is good for our neighbors and good for the environment. HSIA provides pet waste stations in many areas of our neighborhood. Please take advantage of the pet waste stations and keep our neighborhood free of pet waste. Please don't put any other trash, other than pet waste, in the pet waste stations. Thank you for your cooperation.

2020 Membership and Stickers – Be sure to get 2020 stickers for your vehicles and trailers if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used only by Hillsmere residents, owners and their guests. Please complete the 2020 HSIA Membership form found on our website, and send it with photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. We will send your stickers in the mail. If you also want voting rights in the Association, be sure to include a \$25 dues payment for each individual membership with your Membership form and registrations.

Boat Ramp Keys – Boating season is upon us! If you haven't requested your 2020 boat ramp key yet, please complete the membership form found on our website and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to remember to include photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. Remember that keys are not available on short notice. Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!

Calling all Graduates of Hillsmere – Do you have a graduate you would like to recognize in the *Sea Breeze*? Just email the Editor at seabreeze@hillsmereshores.org or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Give us the name of your graduate, school, and degree earned. We'll proudly announce your graduate in a future edition.

Dumpster Days – Mark your calendar for our annual Dumpster Days scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24. You don't have to wait for Dumpster Days to get rid of some of your items. Did you know that you can put 3 large items at the curb every single trash day? You may also put out unlimited amounts of recycling, and you can schedule Bulk Metal Collections. Please see page 12 for important updates regarding the impact of COVID-19 on DPW. For additional information, please visit the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works website <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management/curbside-collection/>



2020 Beach Reservations – The 2020 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to admin@hillsmereshores.org. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. This allows more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Signed application forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County as least two weeks prior to the event.

CONTINUING for 2020: Individual Membership versus Household Membership

While reviewing our bylaws, the Board of Directors discovered that HSIA bylaws allow only for individual, not household, memberships. For this reason, the 2020 Membership form must be

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completed in the name of one individual, not the name of the household. Additional, individual memberships may be added to the membership form for any person age 18 or over residing at the same address. Dues are \$25 for each individual membership, and each individual member is entitled to one vote on HSIA matters.



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professionals like Tommy, since it is difficult to organize volunteers. Even then, many things are closed and on hold.

The playground remains closed. Beach water remains turned off. Port-a-potties have not been returned. All near term events remain cancelled or postponed. Spring tree planting is on hold. Hillsmere House repairs are on hold.

Kind of a sad list. But I get to end on a positive note. Mike Wurst and Kellyann Pavkov have fully transferred our website and email to our new domain, hillsmereshores.org. Having worked in IT, I appreciate their effort and thank them for streamlining our online systems.

Again, I wish everyone the best. Your HSIA volunteers will keep you updated via email broadcasts and the monthly *Sea Breeze*. Please take this situation seriously and do your part to exercise kindness and respect to minimize the spread of this deadly disease.

Warmest Regards,
Michael J. Waters, HSIA President



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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION

MOSQUITO CONTROL GUIDELINES & OBJECTION TO ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL

Under State law, the Maryland Department of Agriculture may apply insecticides and take other measures to control or eliminate mosquitoes, which can pose a threat to public health and not merely be a public nuisance. In carrying out this important government function, the Department, pursuant to these guidelines, will attempt to accommodate those individuals who find the control of adult mosquitoes by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) application of insecticides objectionable. Please be advised, however, that the Department may change, delete, suspend, or discontinue any part or parts of these guidelines at any time, without prior notice, as conditions dictate.

- 1. An individual may request to have his/her owned or leased real property and a surrounding buffer up to 300 feet on all sides of the property excluded from ground based ULV adult mosquito control.
2. Each individual requesting this exclusion must submit the request in writing to the Maryland Department of Agriculture and provide copies to the appropriate community association or city/town.
3. If the number of individual objectors and the location of excluded properties precludes, as determined by the Department, effective mosquito control adulticide in a community, the service in the community will be suspended, unless the Department determines that mosquito populations pose a threat to public health.
4. A city/town or community association may request the Department to rescind or modify a spray exclusion zone if the local authority believes the exemption unfairly impacts other residents who desire adult mosquito control service.
5. The Department periodically will verify the continued occupancy/ownership by objectors of properties excluded from ULV ground spraying to determine if the objection continues.
6. IN THE EVENT OF CONDITIONS THAT MAY POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PRESENCE OF MOSQUITO BORNE DISEASES, THE SUSPENSION OF MOSQUITO ADULTICIDE SERVICE BY THE DEPARTMENT IN AN AREA DUE TO OBJECTORS WILL BE DISCONTINUED, AND THE FULL RANGE OF MOSQUITO CONTROL PROCEDURES AVAILABLE CAN BE USED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE:

Your request for exemption from adult mosquito control services by the Maryland Department of Agriculture WILL NOT be processed unless ALL of the information requested has been supplied. You have a right to inspect, amend, or correct this information. Under State Government Article, 10-617, Annotated Code of Maryland, this information may be generally available for public inspection. This information is not routinely shared with stated, federal, or local government agencies.

Individuals should direct correspondence regarding this issue to:

Maryland Department of Agriculture
Mosquito Control Section
50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy
Annapolis, MD 21401

REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES

This application must be completed by the individual residing within a community participating in the Mosquito Control Program who wishes to have his/her property excluded from adult mosquito control pesticide applications by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) sprayers. The attached statement entitled "Objection to Adult Mosquito Control" explains the Maryland Department of Agriculture's policy on individual objectors. Please retain it for your files.

Please print or type:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone No. Day: _____

Telephone No. Evening: _____

Email: _____

Name of your Community Association: _____

Name of the Subdivision in which you reside: _____

Signature: _____
(I have read MDA's Adult Mosquito Control Objection Policy)

Your city/town or community association will receive notice of the scheduled night for surveillance and spraying. It is the responsibility of the city/town or community association to notify the residents of the schedule. Spraying will be conducted only if needed and will be done on the same day (as the above mentioned survey) of each week. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions at:

- St. Mary's County: 301-373-4264/65
- Charles County: 1-888-523-0256
- Baltimore & Harford: 1-877-425-6485
- Prince George's: 301-422-5080
- Central and Western Maryland: 301-422-5080
- Anne Arundel: 410-841-5870
- Queen Anne's: 410-758-0920 ext. 4140
- Eastern Shore: 410-543-6626

Application should be sent to:

Program Supervisor
Mosquito Control Section

STANDARD MOSQUITO CONTROL OPERATING PROCEDURES – 2020

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR SPRAYING OF ADULTICIDES (Treatment for adult mosquitoes):

- **Regular Surveillance and Control of Adult Mosquitoes: May 27 – October 6 2020**
Sunday-Thursday (A night of the week will be assigned to your community)
Anytime between 7:00p.m. - 2:30 a.m.
- Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be **done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Employee determines it is necessary.**
 - Spraying **will not be conducted** during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 MPH, or temperatures above 89°F.
 - **Thresholds for Ground Based ULV Treatments:**
 - Landing Counts: 3 mosquitoes in a 2 minute count
 - Light Trap Collections: 12 female mosquitoes in an unbaited light trap
24 female mosquitoes in a baited light trap
 - Conditions that threaten public health, such as mosquito borne disease
- | Adulticide | Formulation and application rate |
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| <u>Permanone 30-30:</u>
Permethrin mixed with Piperonyl Butoxide and Mineral Oil | Liquid
0.0031 lbs/acre (Ultra Low Volume application) |

OPERATING PROCEDURES FOR USE OF LARVICIDES (Treatment for mosquito larvae):

- **County-wide Surveillance and Control of Larval Mosquitoes: April - October**
Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM -4:00 PM
- **LARVICIDES TO BE USED (This list is subject to additions or other revisions):**

Larvicide	Formulations
<u>Bacterial Larvicides:</u>	
VectoBac and Aquabac: <i>Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis</i>	Liquid, Granular
Spheratax: <i>Bacillus sphaericus</i>	Granular
<u>Insect growth regulator:</u>	
Altosid (Methoprene)	Liquid, Briquet, or Pellets

- The **Mosquito Control Program does not spray for Midges** that swarm on homes, boats, trees and shrubs along many Anne Arundel County creeks and rivers. These non-biting insects develop in mud bottoms of slow moving water ways of low dissolved oxygen and will decline in numbers within a few weeks after they first appear.
- **Sarah Zastrow, Entomologist**
mosquito.control@maryland.gov
Phone: (410) 841-5870, Fax: (410) 841-5835
Monday – Friday, 8.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

For more information, insecticide MSDS and labels, please visit our web site at:
http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-Pests/Pages/mc_product_labels_material_safety_data_sheets.aspx

Security Report

~ Claire Corcoran, HSIA Board member and Security Committee Chair



As we continue through these unprecedented times, we all need to work together as a community to remain vigilant and keep watch over one another, in addition to being good stewards of our community assets. To this end, HSIA has increased our security patrol to 7 days a week in order to have a consistent presence. We also ask that residents obtain a current (purple) HSIA sticker for their vehicle(s). Displaying a current decal is an easy way to help our security patrol identify community members and control proper access to the beach, marina and other communal areas. The decal helps ensure our facilities are used only by Hillsmere residents, owners and their guests. The decal is free for residents, we simply ask that you complete a HSIA Membership form (available on the [Hillsmere Shores website](https://www.hillsmershores.org)) and send it, with photo copies of your vehicle and trailer registrations, to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. The form is available on. You may also scan and send the form and vehicle registrations to our HSIA administrator, admin@hillsmershores.org. HSIA will send your stickers in the mail.

Please be advised that there are no gatherings or picnics allowed at the beach until the governor lifts his orders. You may use the beach for exercise, but the playgrounds are off limits to the kids. Also, as always, dogs are not to be walked beyond the beach parking lot. Please stay off the paths, grass and sandy areas.

For emergencies, you may call 911 at any time for immediate AA County police response. For non-emergency issues, the AA County number to call is #410-222-8610. Our regular security guard 'Mac' can be reached at #443-388-7658, generally between the hours of 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. Mac works a staggered schedule, covering 8 hours per shift. Our other guard, covering the 2 additional weekdays, will be on site 6 hours per day until we return to some semblance of normalcy. Security concerns can also be directed to security@hillsmershores.org

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Beach Report

~ Jeri Singleton, HSIA Board Member and Beach Committee Chair



Social distancing, the playground equipment closed, and gatherings limited to no more than 10 people have become the new normal for the Beach because of the CoronaVirus-19. We are following the guidelines issued for Maryland by Governor Hogan: staying home and wearing a mask in public as he has outlined in greater detail. HSIA Security Chairperson Claire Corcoran requested two more Social Distancing signs for the Beach, and Phil Jones built and installed them. Thank you, Phil.

It has become necessary to remind some residents that motorized vehicles, motorbikes, scooters, and 4-wheel, off-road vehicles are not allowed on the beach grass, boardwalk, bridges, or sand areas. These vehicles are to stay in the parking lot. No dogs are allowed on any beach areas. No liquor is allowed on the beach without a County liquor license. The “Carry in Carry out” policy is in place.

The Beach has been cleaned of debris that came ashore in the recent tornado-like super storm of excessive rain, white caps, and high winds.

The bricks under the grills have been replaced.

The County libraries are closed at this time. The Hillsmere Beach Small Lending Library is still open and has books to lend. If you are not familiar with this service, the library is located on the walkway at the middle of the beach and operates on the general principle of borrow a book and contribute a book.

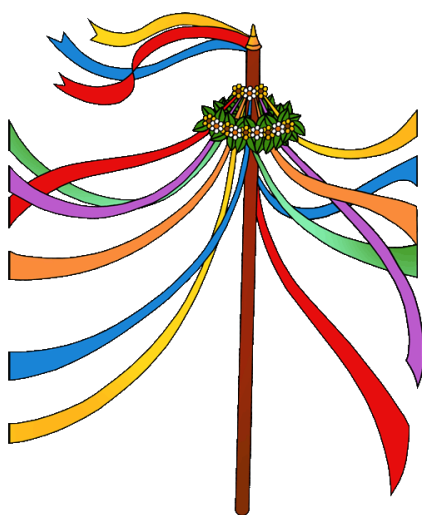
Mac, our Security Guard has had a knee replacement. Welcome back Mac!

A pair of Osprey's now have a nest on the new platform at the beach.

Thank you Hillsmere for staying off the play equipment as we try to keep everyone safe, healthy.



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COVID-19's IMPACT ON ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DPW'S WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:26 PM

It's been a while since our last correspondence of February 18th. We've certainly experienced some changes, choices, and challenges since then, something we're sure you can relate to!

We wanted to take this opportunity to pass on information specific to COVID-19 that might be useful to your community. Please know that even during these unprecedented times, the Bureau of Waste Management Services remains committed to managing the collections, processing, and recycling of solid waste.

COVID-19 UPDATE Operating Status

EFFECTIVE
IMMEDIATELY

Avoid non-essential visits to the County Landfill and Recycling Centers.

- **ONLY ten vehicles** are permitted to enter and use a **Recycling Center** at any one time.
- **ONLY** bring waste that requires immediate disposal.
- **Use curbside collection** for household recyclables, yard waste, and bagged trash; **avoid** putting out old furniture, mattresses, or similar bulk items.
- **Wait** until after State restrictions are lifted to bring us material that can't be collected curbside.

Curbside Collection

All curbside collections (trash, recycling, yard waste) are operating on a normal schedule. However, volumes have increased substantially and crews are spread thin. Your curbside collection may occur later than usual, or in some areas even the following day. Please leave your materials at the curb until the crews are able to complete their routes. A good indication the trucks may be running behind would be that no one else on your street has received collection either. To report a concern to our Customer Service team, you can visit www.aacounty.org and choose Report a Concern or call (410) 222-6100.

You can help by placing out only what needs to be collected - trash (bagged in a container with a tight-fitted lid), recycling (loose in container), and yard waste (in kraft paper yard waste bags or containers marked with X's). We understand this is the perfect time for Spring Cleaning, but if you can hold that material and bulk items until state restrictions are lifted, it would make a world of difference.

For the complete guidelines on curbside collection, visit <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management/curbside-collection/index.html>

County Recycling Centers

To further protect the health and safety of both residents and employees, the County's three Recycling Centers will only permit ten vehicles to enter and use the facilities at a time, allowing everyone to adhere to the CDC's social distancing guidelines.

In line with the state's Stay At Home directive, we kindly request that facility visits be made only if it is essential, such an example would be those residents that do not receive curbside collection or to drop-off items that cannot be stored for an extended period of time. Otherwise, please hold items that cannot be collected curbside until the State of Emergency has been lifted.

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For more information on our County Recycling Centers, including locations and hours of operations, visit <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management/recycling-centers/>.

Suspended Programs (temporary)

- At this time, our Cart Delivery and Repair program has been suspended. If you are in immediate need of a recycling container, you can implement our "Container of Choice" option by using any container of your choosing for recycling! Simply mark the sides with "X"s visible to the crews.
- Our Bulk Metal Collection program has also been halted as we focus attention and staff on more essential programs.
- Our Textiles Recycling Program is on pause as well. Again, we know many folks are taking this time at home to declutter and gather items for donating and recycling, and we appreciate your understanding as this service requires the contractors to come into close contact with material. *We ask that you kindly hold these items at home until we are able to collect this material again.* If you didn't know about this program, there is a flyer attached to this email (see following page)!

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

In accordance with current CDC social distancing guidelines, we have had to cancel the first two HHW events on our 2020 schedule. At this time, the next event will be Saturday, June 6th at the Northern Recycling Center (100 Dover Road, Glen Burnie) from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM, but we recommend checking our website prior to the event in the instance that it is cancelled. Visit <https://www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days> for the HHW schedule, program details, and suggestions for using non-hazardous products for your home.

COVID-19 Waste

Masks, gloves, wipes - we've seen an increase in these materials (and more of the like) in our trash and recycling streams. In order to ensure they end up in the right bin, we've created a "COVID-19 WASTE - Know Before You Throw" graphic (right). Also included is our regular "Know Before You Throw" piece for reference.

We'd like to close on a positive note: April 22nd marked the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day. The Recycling Division has been highlight-





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KNOW before YOU THROW

A recent sort of Anne Arundel County recyclables showed incorrect items in curbside recycling carts and bins. Here's what to keep OUT of your recycling container and what to put IN it:

OUT

- Plastic Bags & Wrap*
- Construction Debris** (wood, ductwork, pipes, gutters)
- Cords, Cables, & Wires
- Mirrors & Window Glass**
- Ceramics & Drinking Glasses
- Appliances/Electronics*
- Pool Items (vacuum, pumps)**
- Motor Oil Containers
- Soiled Paper Products (napkins, tissues, towels, plates)
- Chip Bags & Snack Wrappers
- Carpets & Rugs
- Anything that needs a power source to operate
- Clothing & Textiles*
- Garden or Shop Tools
- Pet Food Bags
- Lattice - All Types**
- Filters - All Types
- Food
- Microwaves**
- Car Parts**
- Hoses & Ropes
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- Tarps - All Types
- Wire Hangers*

* this item can be recycled at our Recycling Centers, check the back of this card for more information, otherwise place item at the curb for trash collection
 ** this item cannot be placed at the curb and must be taken to a Recycling Center for proper disposal

IN

Place all items loosely in your container, do not bag.

PAPER

- boxes (cardboard, cereal, frozen food, shoe, pizza), books, shredded paper (secured in a paper grocery bag), copy paper, junk mail, newspaper & inserts, magazines, envelopes, beverage cartons & boxes, wrapping paper

NO Soiled Paper Products

METAL

- aluminum foil & foil pans, aluminum cans, tin/steel cans, empty aerosol cans

NO Scrap Metal or Large Metal Items*

PLASTIC

- bottles, jars, jugs, tubs, trays, cups, plates, utensils, buckets, storage totes, flower pots (no dirt), furniture, trash cans

NO Plastic Bags, Film, or Wrap*

GLASS

- all bottles & jars (any color)

**NO SORTING.
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ing resources and activities that can be accessed from the comforts of your own home. You can find this material and updates like those we've listed above on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/annearundelrecycling. Join us as we celebrate this special milestone virtually and be a part of the conversation on Facebook.

Thanks again for your help! Be safe, stay well.

Richard Bowen
 Manager, Recycling & Waste Reduction Division, DPW – Waste Management Services



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USABLE CLOTHING

WORN-OUT ITEMS

(torn or stained & unmatched pairs)

Bag the usable items separately from the worn items and place in the appropriately labeled bin. Items must be clean, dry and free of mildew.

Do not place textiles in the yellow curbside containers.



Accepted items include:

- Bedding: comforter, sheets, pillow cases, blankets
- Belts
- Boots
- Bras
- Coats
- Curtains/Draperies
- Dresses
- Flip flops
- Halloween costumes
- Hats
- Jackets
- Jeans
- Jerseys (sports)
- Napkins (cloth)
- Pajamas
- Pants
- Pet beds & clothing
- Purses
- Scarves
- Shirts
- Shoes (single or in pairs)
- Shorts
- Skirts
- Slippers
- Socks (single or in pairs)
- Stuffed animals
- Suits
- Sweaters
- Sweatpants
- Sweatshirts
- Table linens
- Neckties
- Towels
- T-shirts
- Undergarments

Items Not Accepted: Non-Textiles, Wet Textiles, Oil-soaked Textiles, Rugs and Carpeting, Pillows, Mattresses, Furniture

Call the Recycling Division at (410) 222-7951 for more information.

Recycle.
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Pool Committee Report

~ Danielle Franz, Pool Committee Chair



Hello Pool Members,

I'm sure many of you are wondering about COVID-19 restrictions and how it will affect the pool season. Both the Pool Committee, HSIA and Anchor Aquatics are monitoring the situation and making efforts to be ready as soon as possible. However, we still don't know when restrictions will be lifted, so we, like you, are anxiously waiting. As soon as we know more, we will communicate to members. We are processing enrollment forms (keep them coming!) and have emails for members to communicate quickly once there is an update to share. You're welcome to follow us on Facebook, too! If you are interested in joining the Pool Committee, please email us at pool@hillsmereshores.org.

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2020 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form

Household Information

Primary Member Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	

Member Information – Family, Adult, Youth & Caregiver

List all pool members, DOB and the type of membership for each. All children must have a membership regardless of age. Youth memberships (17 years old or under) must be purchased with a parent or guardian purchasing an adult membership.

Family memberships allow up to six (6) family members residing at the same address. One (1) caregiver may be added to the family membership as part of your “family”. Families with over six (6) members (including one (1) caregiver) must pay \$25 fee for each additional member.

Full Name (please print)	DOB (required)	Family	Adult	Youth
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
Additional members subject to \$25 fee per person				
7.				
8.				

Memberships and payment received on or before **Come And Get It Day** will receive (2) seasonal guest cards with Family memberships and (1) seasonal 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.

*Note: Hillsmere and Black Walnut Cove residents/property owners are only permitted as guests on Tuesdays, unless they are attending a prescheduled private party. Abuse of guest policy will result in forfeiture of permanent guest cards.

Membership Type	Postmarked by May 1st	Postmarked after May 1 st	Qty.	Payment Due	Please mail membership forms and checks payable to HSIA: HSIA PO Box 3485 Annapolis MD 21403 ** Hillsmere residents/property owners must join HSIA and pay annual HSIA dues to remain pool members. Dues can be added to pool membership fees and combined on the same check but separate HSIA form is required.
Family	\$500	\$550			
Adult	\$195	\$225			
Youth	\$100	\$125			
Fee pp over 6 members	\$25	\$25			
Guest Pass - single	\$5	\$5			
TOTAL					

Check #:	Amount:	Received By:	Date Received:	HSIA member:	Seasonal Guest card:
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2020 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form (page 2 of 2)

Request and Release: *(This must be signed by all pool members who are 18 years of age or older, and all Caregivers. Attach additional forms, if needed)*

We hereby request permission to enter the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Community Pool Facilities, located at 100 Phipps Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403 (the "HSIA Pool"), during actual pool operating hours, to participate in swimming, sun bathing, swim meet competition and related activities of a community swimming pool, as well as to view and be a spectator at any HSIA Pool events (collectively "Pool Activities") to be held from May 1st to October 1st of the current year.

We are generally familiar with the HSIA Pool and its equipment and are aware of the dangers and risks inherently involved in Pool Activities. We individually assume all risks of injury to our persons, our minor children, and/or property that may be sustained in connection with Pool Activities at the HSIA Pool. We realize that swimming, diving and related Pool Activities are dangerous and unpredictable and we hereby relieve and release all other parties of any duty to care for, protect or look after our safety while at the HSIA Pool.

In consideration of the permission granted to us to enter the HSIA Pool and participate in Pool Activities we do hereby, for ourselves, our minor children, our heirs, administrators and assigns, release and discharge: (1) the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, its directors, officers, and members; (2) any operators or sponsors of the HSIA Pool, pool equipment, or Pool Activities, and their respective officers, employees and agents; and (3) all other participants in Pool Activities, of and from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort, for injuries sustained by our persons, our minor children, and/or property at the HSIA Pool and/or by participation in any Pool Activities, due to any negligence or any other fault.

We certify that our attendance at the HSIA Pool and participation in Pool Activities is voluntary, and that we are not an employee or agent of the owners, operators, or sponsors of the HSIA Pool or any Pool Activities. We realize that Pool Activities are for personal enjoyment, and are not essential to public health or welfare.

We agree to familiarize ourselves, our minor children and our guests with the Pool Rules, Membership and Guest Policies, and Pool Party Rules, and agree to abide by them.

We have read and voluntarily sign this Request and Release on behalf of ourselves and our minor children, if any, any our representatives, heirs and assigns.

Child Attendance Waiver (Optional)

I hereby authorize my children, named below, to use the HSIA Pool without being accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). I certify that: (1) each child named below is between eleven (11) and seventeen (17) years old; and (2) I have reviewed with each child the rules and regulations of the HSIA Pool, including the fact that they must first pass the standard swimming test, obey HSIA Pool rules and follow the instructions of the lifeguards and pool manager. Failure to follow the rules and the instructions of the lifeguards will result in the following disciplinary actions:

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

- i. 1st written offense in discipline log – warning letter to parents
- ii. 2nd written offense in discipline log – removal from pool for the day
- iii. 3rd written offense in discipline log – 1 week suspension, no longer able to use pool without parental supervision
- iv. 4th written offense in discipline log – loss of membership for remainder of summer

Child:	Child:
Child:	Child:

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

Print Full Name

Signature

Date

HSIA Building Permits

~ Dave Miles, HSIA VP & Permit Committee Chair



Are you aware that an HSIA Building Permit is required every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is issued for any work done at your property? The responsibility of obtaining an HSIA Building Permit falls on the owner, not the contractor.

Why does HSIA require and issue building permits? Per [HSIA Covenants & Deed Restrictions](#), HSIA's sideline setbacks (15') are different from the County (7'). We encourage anyone having work done at their property to reach out to the HSIA Building Permit Chair, Dave Miles, before designing your structure or applying to the County. Failure to obtain a HSIA Building Permit prior to the start of construction will result in a stop work order and, at a minimum, an increase in the cost of the permit.

The fee for an HSIA Building Permit is \$25. The fee increases to \$50 if work has already begun and you failed to apply for an HSIA Building Permit. **The following items are required to obtain a HSIA Building Permit:**

1. A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit.*
2. A TO SCALE copy of the site plan.*
3. A copy of the plans and elevations, TO SCALE, of the structure. *
4. Cash or check in the amount of \$25., made payable to HSIA
5. Mail all required items & payment to HSIA, PO BOX 3485, Annapolis MD 21403

**AN EMAILED PDF OF THE COUNTY PERMIT AND THE TO-SCALE SITE and/or STRUCTURE PLAN IS PREFERRED AND MAY EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A HSIA BUILDING PERMIT.*

[HSIA Covenants & Deed Restrictions](#), recorded among the Land Record of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Liber 900, Folio 334, are binding as a matter of law and are for the benefit of all other lot owners in Hillsmere.

[Anne Arundel County Code, 2005, Article 18, Zoning, Title 2, General Provisions, Subtitle 3, Setbacks](#)

For permit approval, please allow 10 working days to receive your permit in order to allow time to make sure all of your documents are legible (do not take photos of documents and email

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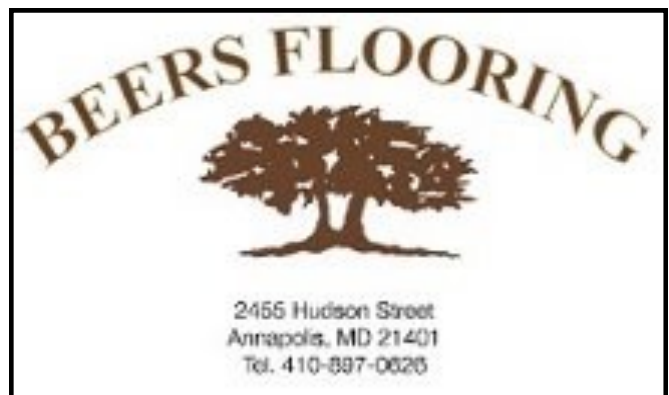
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them), review it, verify your request meets HSIA Covenants and setbacks, and contact you for any questions on the submission. Your permit will also be mailed, via USPS, which takes several days.

If you have any questions on the setbacks, please see paragraph 2 on the previous page, or, feel free to ask before you go to the trouble of getting a County permit and find you cannot get an HSIA permit. When in doubt, or, if you have any questions, please contact Dave Miles, HSIA Building Permit Chairman via email, permits@hillsmereshores.org, or voice mail, 410-263-4456.

At the time of publication, the following [HSIA Building Permits](#) have been approved and issued in 2020:

Property Owner	Property Location	Type of Work	Permit #
Bay Built Homes	280 Cedar Lane	Fence	20001
D. Powell	108 Spruce Lane	Detached Garage	20002
K. Willingham	530 Harbor Drive	Deck	20003
D. Bicer	149 East Bay View Drive	Addition	20004
K. Coombe	126 Pinecrest Drive	Deck	20005
D. Cole	628 Riverside Drive	Fence	20006
J. Gould	137 Lee Drive	Shed	20007

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Piers & Harbors News

~ Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



Pandemic Boating

Hopefully, by the time this *Sea Breeze* is published, Governor Hogan will have eased the ban on recreational boating in Maryland, and we can all start to experience and enjoy boating on the beautiful South River and Chesapeake Bay. However... **PLEASE!** Follow all current guidelines on social distancing, face masks, and limitations on group size. The physical size of the piers makes maintaining a 6' distance practically impossible. So please limit your trips on the piers to necessary ones, use finger piers to allow safe 6' passage, wear masks as appropriate, and be considerate of others. And... **THANK YOU!** For all you have done so far at the Marina, Sand Spit, Boat Ramps and Boat Park to follow the pandemic health and safety guidelines. Keep up the good work and continue to be considerate of others.

Dog Poop Happens! Deal With It!

Hate to lead with this, but...

One of the side effects of the Stay-At-Home order has been an increase in dog-walking throughout Hillsmere and at the Marina Sand Spit. While it appears the vast majority of dog walkers do clean up their dogs' doo-doo, unfortunately, some do not. So...

Please clean up after YOUR dog!

And if you see a pile of pet poop that wasn't cleaned up, *Please* be a good neighbor, do a good

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deed, and clean that up, too! We have provided Pet Waste Stations at the Marina (2), the two Boat Ramps and the Kayak Ramp, and the Boat Park. How easy is that?

Pet waste contains bacteria which pollute Duvall Creek, South River, and Chesapeake Bay when rain carries the bacteria into the water. And this same bacteria can be harmful to people and kids who may inadvertently step on dog poop and track it on their shoes, their bikes and into their cars. It's nasty!



And, of course, removal of pet waste is required by law (§ 12-4-909. Removal of animal excreta. A person shall remove excreta deposited by an animal owned by that person on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other than the owner's. [Anne Arundel County Code, Article 12, Section 40909](#)) and by Marina Regulations (Reg. 8.15).

On a related topic, dogs should always be kept on leashes. County Law and Marina Regulations also prohibit pets “running at large”. This is especially true if we are to maintain social distancing. Please be considerate.



Marina Rule 8.15. *Pets are permitted in the marina areas; however, County law prohibits pets “running at large” and requires that pets be on leashes. While pets may be unleashed when on their owners’ boats, pets should NEVER be unleashed and running at large on the Sand Spit or on the piers. Pet owners who wish to exercise their unleashed pets at the small beach at the end of the Sand Spit do so at their own risk, and must maintain control of their pets. Pet droppings must be picked up and removed by the pet owner or deposited in the pet waste stations.*

Slips

Bill Barker and the Slips Committee have been busy, upgrading slip assignments and offering vacant slips to those on the Waiting List who have expressed interest in obtaining a slip this year. There has been turnover of two lift slips this year, and a somewhat surprisingly high turnover of other slips. At mid-April we have about 12 vacant slips out of our total of 123 slips, including spots at Sunset Boat Ramp Dock, Beach Drive Boat Ramp Dock, and the main Marina, mostly on A Dock. A number of rented slips have remained vacant due to the ban on recreational boating.

Boat Documentation

Every year we require the same documentation from slip holders: a current year Boat Slip Permit; Boat Title (unless already on file); Proof of Insurance (\$100,000 Liability); and current Maryland or USCG registration (unless already on file and not expired). Unfortunately, every

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year about a dozen or so slip holders neglect to submit one or more of the requested documents. If you are one of the Missing-Documents-Dozen, please send in your documentation as soon as possible, by mail, or by email. With the Stay-at-Home Order, most everyone should be able to find the time to do this...

HSIA Boat Decals

Please be sure to affix your 2020 Marina sticker on your boat so it is visible from the bulkhead or piers. Sighting of Marina stickers is the quickest way for Security to confirm that boats are authorized to be in the Marina. Also make sure your current MD Registration decal is affixed to your boat.

Marina Operations:

- **Ice Eaters** - The 24 ice eaters scattered throughout the Marina and Boat Ramps were removed, pressure-washed, wrapped and stowed at the Hillsmere House by Blue Heron Property Services on Friday April 17th. It took the 2-person crew a bit longer than our traditional volunteer party, but it was a job well-done by a locally-based company.
- **Water System and Pump Out** - The water system was turned back on March 24th with no leaks, and the pump-out system was turned on March 27th.
- **Locks and Keys** - Locks to the Boat Ramps and Boat Park were changed on April 1st. The lock on the pump-out and carts remains the same as always. Note: both carts are now locked on one chain/lock. If you need a Boat Ramp key, please contact the HSIA Administrator admin@hillsmershores.org.
- **Port-a-Potty** - The Marina port-a-potty was removed as a health precaution for the corona virus pandemic. County guidelines called for closing of public restrooms. It is unknown if or when it will return.
- **Storm Damage** - Strong weather fronts brought high winds and over-flooding to the Marina on April 13th. One finger pier dock board washed away (replaced on 4/14), and debris littered the docks and Sand Spit. Tommy Grierson of Price Cutters responded promptly and the debris was soon cleaned up.

P&H Meetings

There will be no P&H Meetings until further notice. Please direct questions/issues/concerns to marina@hillsmershores.org.

Garden Club



~ Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

Mother Nature's beautiful flowers and delicate pastels are certainly not in quarantine. The arrival of spring is bursting out and touching all of us, if we are in a position to look. Many, many of us and our neighbors are working outside on our gardens and possibly meeting some of our neighbors at the same time. Check out the Library Garden which we continue to maintain.

Our club has been working virtually to keep members informed and stay in touch, whether it is via a Zoom call, or our new FaceBook group.

Three new officers were elected via an email vote. When they are installed they will join three continuing members of the board (marked with *). The election has been postponed until later in the season.

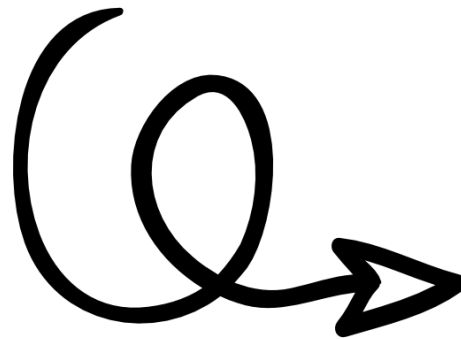
President	Jean Strucko*
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Those with an interest in gardening related subjects are invited to the club, which meets September through May, on the third Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. For those wishing to join (Hillsmere residency is not required), annual dues for September through May are \$20. To receive the monthly Buzz newsletter, send an email to the administrative assistant (asg.bulk@comcast.net).



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Traffic	Matt Franz	410-263-4456
Web Master	Kelly Ann Pavkov	410-263-4456
Welcoming	Kathy McFadden	410-330-8432
Zoning & Covenants	Claire Corcoran	410-263-4456
Key School Liaison	Irfan Latimer	443-321-7811
ANPF Representative	Ray Sullivan	410-263-4456

COMMUNITY FACILITIES and LOCAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Beach Picnic Area Reservations	410-263-4456
Boat Ramp Keys & Boat Slip Assignments	410-263-4456
Guest Parking Passes	410-263-4456
Hillsmere Car & Boat Trailer Stickers	410-263-4456
Hillsmere Garden Club	410-268-7175
Hillsmere Swim Team	443-336-8432
County Community Services Specialist	410-222-1242
Animal Control	410-222-8900
Recycling Information & Bulk Trash Pick Up	410-222-6100

2020 BOARD MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

Jan 30	April 30	July 30	Oct 29
Feb 27*	May 28	Aug 27	Nov 19
Mar 26	June 25	Sep 24	Dec 17

2020 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.

January 9	May 14	September 10
March 12	July 9	November 12

All Board & General meetings are held in the Barn Commons @ Key School, unless otherwise noted. *Science & Library Center @ Key School, room 102

MAY 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30/31



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