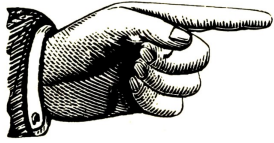


# The Sea Breeze

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DUMPSTER DAYS ARE COMING! DO NOT BRING UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS TO THE DUMPSTERS. IF WE DON'T FOLLOW THE COUNTY GUIDELINES, OUR PROGRAM COULD BE CANCELLED. PLEASE SEE PAGES 4-5 IN THIS ISSUE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Garden Club member Paulette Schwallenberg painted and grew flowers (those featured managed to survive the summer's onslaught of hungry deer) during her summer "staycation". More Garden Club news on page 15.

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# President's Message

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~ Michael J. Waters, HSIA President



Welcome to the October *Sea Breeze*!

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, there will not be an annual meeting this year. Voting for officers and the budget will be conducted by mail. Instead of the normal in-person meeting, the Board is exploring holding a virtual meeting for reports and questions only. Details will be provided in the November *Sea Breeze*. If you are interested in putting forward a motion on the mail-in ballot, please contact me directly at [president@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:president@hillsmereshores.org).

In preparation of our annual vote, please read the enclosed bios of our nominees. Officers and Board Members serve two-year terms. Officers are elected in even years and Members in odd years. A special thank you to our current Officers, all of whom have offered to run again.

I am pleased to announce that Maureen Sherer has been appointed as our new Beach Committee Chairperson and Board Member. Maureen is a Chemistry professor at Anne Arundel Community College and has been keenly involved with the Beach. She was instrumental in getting rid of the resident Canada geese this summer.

The Budget Committee has held two meetings and will hold at least one more before submitting their proposal for the fiscal year that starts July 2021. They are inclined to leave the tax at \$249 per lot.

Though it may not happen in time for the current budget cycle, the Board is considering hiring a firm to do a reserve study of our non-marina assets. (The marina just completed a separate study by Superior Reserve Engineering and Consulting.) A reserve study will calculate life expectations and replacement costs of every part of our infrastructure. It can be a valuable tool in objectively planning for future expenses. Please contact [admin@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org) if you would like a copy of the Superior Reserve report for the marina.

Improving contract management is another area the Board is exploring. Our three large service contracts for the pool, grass, and rain gardens are being put out for bid next month. Part of the dialog focuses on hiring an individual to help solicit bids and manage these contracts over a three-year life cycle.

The pool is closed for the year, but there is a bit of maintenance remaining before it is secured for the Winter. Once the Pool Committee tallies their expenses, they may offer a refund to adjust for the shortened schedule. My personal thanks to Danielle Franz and the entire Committee for their thoughtful and calm management.

Some of you have noticed that the County has started to repair the Quiet Waters Park fence on Forest Hill Drive. This has resulted in closing off an informal access point. In principle, the County supports direct pedestrian access into the park, but the combination of recent storm damage, and finding people living in the large Loden Pond house, has forced them to secure that section until it is safe and ready for the public. It is likely finalizing plans for this newly acquired property, and the associated build out will take a couple of years.

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# HSIA Community News and Events

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~ Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator

**Possible Halloween Event for the Kids** – We’re hoping to hold a Halloween event for the children of Hillsmere. COVID-19 has put a stop to so many recreational events. We would like to host a “trunk or treat” where children can walk up to the rear of a car and choose some treats for their Halloween bags. We feel this could be done easily with social distancing. The date will be Sunday, October 25 with a rain date of Friday, October 30. Please keep an eye out for a community email and message board signage when we get closer to the date. We’ll keep you posted! If you want to volunteer to help, please email [admin@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.org)

**New Beach Chair & Board Member** – Sharon Blugis needed to step down as our new Beach Chair due to work commitments. We have another new Beach Chair, Maureen Sherer. Maureen has also been appointed a Board Member, replacing Jeri Singleton. No sooner had Maureen started as Beach Chair, we experienced a tornado in the area that took down a tree by the small playground and a tree on the west end fence. Maureen jumped into action and has been working for the betterment of our wonderful beach ever since. If you see her at the beach, please welcome her to her new position.

**Beach Reservations** – We are continuing to take reservations for residents’ personal events at our pavilion. However, due to COVID-19, the limit of guests is 30 people. Social distancing rules apply and the use of face masks is required when social distancing guidelines can’t be met. HSIA is not cleaning and sanitizing the tables or playground equipment. 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@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.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. *Alcohol cannot be served at your event because the Anne Arundel County Liquor Board is not issuing one-day liquor licenses.*

**Dumpster Days: Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24** – Dumpster Days are scheduled for our community on Friday and Saturday, October 23 & 24. The dumpsters will be located adjacent to the community pool. The dumpsters will be delivered by noon on Friday, October 23 and removed by noon on Saturday, October 24. **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 could be relocated to the beach parking lot.

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HSIA President: [president@hillsmershores.org](mailto:president@hillsmershores.org)  
Key School liaison: [llatimer@keyschool.org](mailto:llatimer@keyschool.org)  
AACO traffic engineer: [pwflor11@aacounty.org](mailto:pwflor11@aacounty.org)

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Please read all of the following information carefully, as some program information has been updated and/or changed. We recommend holding on to this issue of *the Sea Breeze* for Dumpster Days instructions. Please note, the dumpsters will be delivered by 12:00 noon (possibly earlier) on Friday, October 23 and removed by 12:00 noon on Saturday, October 24.

- **PLEASE NOTE A "METAL ONLY" CONTAINER WILL BE AVAILABLE**
- **PLEASE DO NOT BRING UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS TO THE DUMPSTERS**
- **FAILURE TO ADHERE TO THE COUNTY RULES & GUIDELINES COULD RESULT IN DISCONTINUATION OF THIS SERVICE**


The following items are prohibited: Junk automobiles, trailers, gas & propane tanks, tree trunks/logs, oil drums or tanks, liquids, hazardous waste, boats, tires, batteries, paint, refrigerators/air conditioners/freon items, cardboard, paper, plastic or glass.

WE WILL NOT HAVE A SEPARATE DUMPSTER FOR RECYCLABLES SUCH AS CARDBOARD, PAPER, PLASTIC OR GLASS. PLEASE PUT THESE ITEMS AT YOUR CURB FOR WEEKLY RECYCLE PICK UP.

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 following page). To avoid excessive damage to the grounds, do not enter or exit the dumpster area from Harbor Drive.


Please follow these guidelines:

1. Do not bring children.
2. Watch for, and do not interfere with, County trucks and bulldozers in the area.
3. Do not leave materials outside the dumpsters or allow them to protrude above the top of the container.
4. Do not put too much heavy material in one container. Fill the containers completely from the rear to the front.
5. 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.
6. Do not put material into the containers after dark.
7. Do not block flow of local traffic on Great Lake Drive.



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## CLOCKWISE TRAFFIC FLOW FOR DUMPSTER DAYS

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## Motions from August 2020 Zoom Board meeting:

(complete minutes can be found on the Hillsmere website at [www.hillsmershores.org](http://www.hillsmershores.org))

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve Maureen Sherer as Beach Chair and new Board member to fill the open position. Dave Miles seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

### PIERS & HARBOR:

- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the Marina Security Camera System approach outlined at the meeting, including the expenditure of up to \$5,000 in equipment costs, \$5,000 initial installation costs, and the selection of an internet service provider that provides the best value, subject to review of specifications. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve up to \$5,000 of Special Tax funds to address the gravel work at the marina. Dave Miles seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

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# Security Report

~ Claire Corcoran, HSIA Board member and Security Committee Chair



There has been an increasing number of vehicles that neighbors have reported being broken into on their properties, usually overnight. In the vast majority of these cases, the cars have been left unlocked and there is usually no damage due to entry, just obvious signs that the vehicles have been gone through. Please remember to not leave valuables or visible items that might prompt a thief to attempt entry. In the event there is evidence of a forcible entry and your vehicle is damaged, please notify the police. They keep records and will increase their presence at a certain threshold. Generally speaking, Hillsmere is a safe neighborhood; we have what law enforcement considers to be minor 'nuisance crimes'. Unlocked cars being rifled through fall into that category. That said, we can do our part to reduce these incidents if we simply make the neighborhood a less hospitable environment for unscrupulous individuals to pilfer - always remember to lock up at night!

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*one*  
**LOCK YOUR CAR, TAKE YOUR KEYS, EVERY TIME.**

Develop good habits – consciously make the decision to double check that you have your keys as you walk away from the vehicle. No place is safe from theft, even your own driveway.

**STEP**  
**TWO**  
**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR UNLOCKED, RUNNING AND UNATTENDED.**

Whether you're just running out to grab a cup of coffee or warming the car up before leaving for work, it only takes a thief seconds to steal your car. It's illegal to leave a car running and unattended on a public road.

**STEP**  
**THREE**  
**DON'T LEAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR CAR.** Leaving cell phones, mail, garage door openers, wallets, computers, or other valuables in the car attracts thieves. Leaving mail and sensitive information in your car also leaves you vulnerable to identity theft. Leaving your garage door opener can also invite burglary to your home.

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# 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.*

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**[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 them), review it, verify your request meets HSIA Covenants and setbacks, and contact you for any questions on the submission. Please provide your current mailing address if it is different than the address on the AA County Building Permit. 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@hillsmershores.org](mailto:permits@hillsmershores.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
J. Ludlam	136 Lee Drive	Front Portico	20008
A. Colman	138 Pinecrest Drive	Attached two-story garage	20009
J. DeOliveira	133A Lee Drive	Fence	20010
J. Cochran	108 Carroll Drive	Front Porch	20011
A. Chermak	141 E Bay View Drive	Fence	20012
E. Cook	129 Boyd Drive	Deck and Screened Porch	20013



## Candidates for HSIA Officer Positions 2020 Election

We are holding our election of HSIA Officers this year. We will have ballots in the November issue of the *Sea Breeze* and available on our website. Bios are included in this issue. All candidates are residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community and are confirmed to be in good standing and current in their HSIA membership.

### **Michael Waters – Candidate for President**

My wife Jane and I are long term residents of Hillsmere. We raised our two children here and have chosen to retire in our home and enjoy Where the South River Meets the Bay.

I am the current President and would be delighted serve in that capacity again, while soliciting others to join in the community leadership.

### **David Miles – Candidate for Vice President**

I've lived in Annapolis for over 30 years and been a resident of Hillsmere for 17 of them, and I love the community and the group of wonderful friends and neighbors who live here. I am an architect, have a firm in Annapolis with one of my sons (I have 4), and have had the privilege of designing some of the homes in the neighborhood. My time on the Board began over 4 years ago when I was asked to take a vacant position. Subsequently, I ran for Vice President and have held that position for over 2 years. During that time, the Board has approved many projects to benefit the community and keep our shorelines from washing away.

In the time I have served on the Board, I volunteered to chair the Building Permit Committee. The permit process and granted permits are now listed online. The modest fee helps defray the associated administrative costs. A variance process was set up so that it is more in line with other jurisdictional practices, as it is a legal decision that becomes precedent and affects all Hillsmere.

This year has been challenging, to say the least, and having Zoom meetings is the new normal. I miss being able to sit around the table with other members at Board meetings and talk about the issues of the month. But, we have adapted. I have grown to appreciate the time and effort that other Board members, who have served for years, put in for the betterment of our com-

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munity and I would like to offer my services for another two-year term, serving you as Vice President.

**Mike Wurst – Candidate for Secretary**

Hello Hillsmere Residents! My name is Mike Wurst and I have held the position of HSIA Secretary since June of 2017. My wife and I have lived in Hillsmere since 2007, and we have 4 young children, the oldest two attend Hillsmere Elementary School. We thoroughly enjoy what this community has to offer. I have decided to run for re-election to continue to help the community work together to maintain and improve our neighborhood. I look forward to working with the next Board to continue to make Hillsmere Shores a community we are all proud of. My immediate goal in the next term would be to improve on our community outreach and overall knowledge of HSIA. We have numerous residents that, after many years (thank you!), have decided to pass the baton to some new faces. As a result, we have had some new folks stepping forward (thank you!), but we need to continue to build strong committees, while at the same time, reaching out to new residents. I am always open to suggestions, ideas, and even general comments to improve on things. I thank you for your continued support.

**Gene Gross – Candidate for Treasurer**

I am seeking re-election to serve as Treasurer for the next term. I have been an HSIA member in good standing since moving to Hillsmere in 2001 and have served as Treasurer for the past three years. If re-elected, I will continue to ensure fiscal responsibility and support any initiatives that are supported by the residents of Hillsmere to improve our community from an environmental, safety, civic, and social standpoint.



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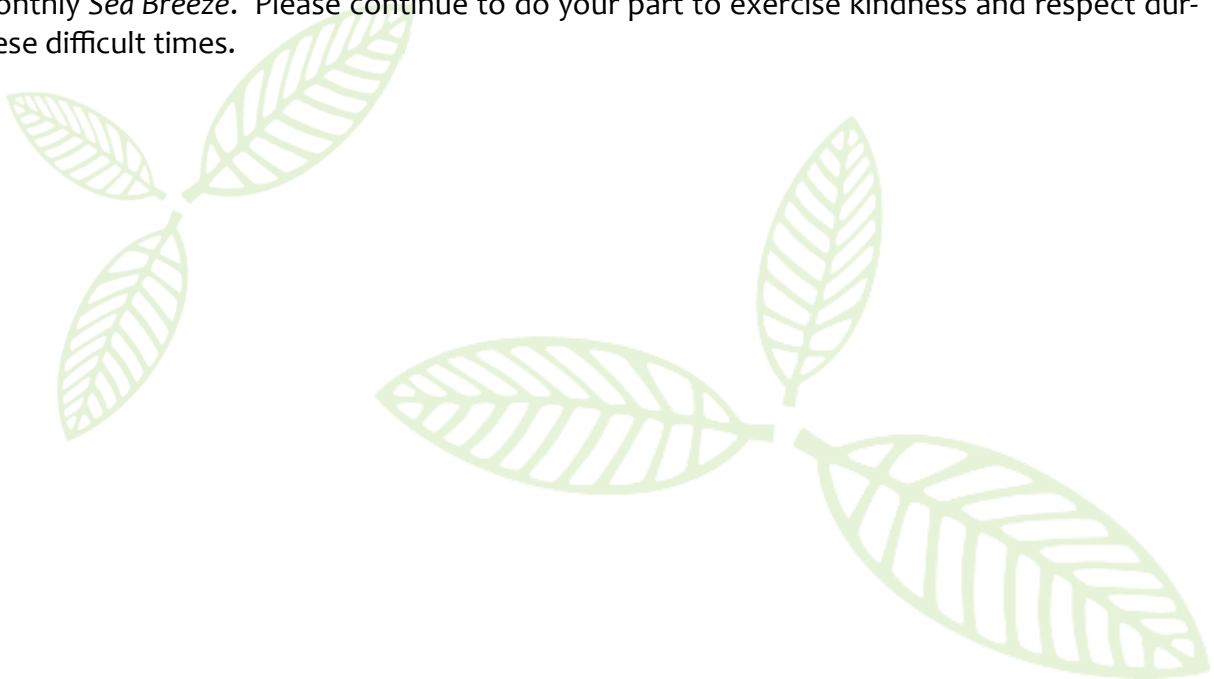
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Tree planting will start in October. The Beach and Shoreline Committees will plant six trees at the beach to replace those lost to sickness and storms. Eventually, we will regain our shade while also helping to reduce runoff before it reaches the Bay. Additional trees will be planted around the Hillsmere house and pool.

Board meetings are being held on zoom the last Thursday of the month. They are open with the link freely available upon request.

I wish everyone the best. Your HSIA volunteers will keep you updated via email broadcasts and the monthly *Sea Breeze*. Please continue to do your part to exercise kindness and respect during these difficult times.



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# Pool Committee Report

~ Danielle Franz, Pool Committee Chair



Thanks to all members for a unique but wonderful summer season at the pool. Thanks for all who helped on our committee, but I especially want to thank the following: Louise Bower, for maintaining the flowers all season, Al Gruber, for working with our swim groups, and Lauren Madaras and Stephanie Shermer for organizing the Food Truck Fridays!

Many have inquired about refunds for the shortened season. I hope to have more information soon on final fees from Anchor Aquatics and will share more details with members in October.



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# Garden Club

~ Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant



Garden club members met at a spacious pavilion in Quiet Waters Park for their September meeting. Club member Jay Resnick and his colleague, Katrina Golladay, both [Watershed Steward Candidates](#), described their project on the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library property and the activities of the Watershed Stewards (read about upcoming WSA program information sessions on page 23). We all live in the Chesapeake Bay watershed and are all responsible for its quality.

Later in the program, a number of members described the arrangements they created illustrating, “What I did on my summer ‘staycation’”. The arrangements ranged from (member created) hypertufa planters, branches with labels showing myriad activities, to one with flowers (gardening), socks (knitting) and books (reading).

The next meeting will be held on October 21 in Quiet Waters Park. After a social hour and business meeting, a short walking tour of the new park property will be led by a Park Ranger.

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 or for more information about joining, send an email to the administrative assistant ([asg.bulk@comcast.net](mailto:asg.bulk@comcast.net)).



Mittens, Flowers, and Books = Knitting, Gardening, and Reading represent “Staycation” activities done by Jean Koehler.



Angie Smail created an arrangement of needle crafts and activity cards!



Above: Linda Elkington read and gardened this summer. Right: Club vice-president Lynne Fowler described creating her hypertufa planter.



# Piers & Harbors News

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

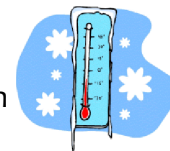


## Winter is Coming! ALREADY?

Anno Domini 2020 has been an interesting year, in many ways, including the weather! We've had our share of searing heat, deluging rains, a nearby hurricane, and even a tornado! Then mid-September brought us an early taste of Fall. Hopefully we can enjoy another month (or more) of good boating weather this season, before Winter sets in.

## Winter Preparations

But, colder weather will be here before you know it, and the Marina will transition to winter operations, including:



- (1) turning off the water and pump out systems at the main Marina as soon as a hard freeze is forecast (maybe as early as Halloween);
- (2) accommodating 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 in early December to prevent ice buildup.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, some of these winter preparations, which have traditionally done by volunteer work parties, may be contracted out to professionals.

## Winter Slips

As usual, slip holders are requested to notify the Slips Committee about plans for your boats this fall/winter. This will help determine ice-eater locations, and which bulkhead slips may be available to A and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter. If you will be hauling your boat for the winter, please email the Slips Committee at [marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org). Please include your name, slip number, approximate date hauling out, and approximate date returning.

For A Dock and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter, you may request a bulkhead Winter Slip by emailing the Slips Committee at [marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org). If

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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, 2021*, 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.

### Reserve Study

We have received the Reserve Study of P&H assets, conducted by Superior Reserve, LLC, in September, 2020. This reserve study is a physical and financial analysis of P&H property that determines what components of the property will eventually require either major repairs or restoration, or complete replacement. Large, one-time contributions (special assessments) for these projects can be eliminated with development of a reserve through relatively smaller annual contributions. The physical analysis determines the existing quantities, conditions, useful lives and costs of the components. The financial analysis determines the existing financial situation and the reserves necessary to offset the future expenses.

The analysis for this reserve study encompasses the next 30 years. The components of the property age each year. This length of an analysis is necessary to analyze the aging of nearly all the major components of the property. The future analysis aids in determining the most accurate current contribution for the aging components. This will assist the Piers & Harbor Committee and HSIA in developing budgets, setting fees, and accumulating necessary reserves for fu-

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ture repair and replacement projects.

We are still reviewing the Reserve Study, and expect to post it on the P&H web page in the near future. The initial review suggests we are on the right track, therefore:

### **Budget and Fees for Calendar Year 2021**

In light of the initial review of the Reserve Study, we have proposed to the HSIA Board that slip and other fees for next season, Calendar Year 2021 (Fiscal Year 2022) remain unchanged.

### **Marina Slips and Occupancy**

The Marina remains essentially full, with an unusually high turnover rate for so late in the season, as residents move or give up their slips and new or current residents seek slip assignments.

### **Major Maintenance and Capital Projects**

- *Security Camera System:* An upgrade to the security camera system is underway. A new Network Video Recorder has been installed, and we anticipate adding 12 new security cameras throughout the Marina. We are also looking into providing internet access for the security camera system.
- *Shore Power Pedestals:* An electrical upgrade to shore power outlets is also underway, with the installation of 32 code-compliant shore power pedestals along the bulkhead and portions of the main pier and A Dock. This involves replacing the old plugs with Eaton Newport Harbor Mate shore power outlet boxes, including 30 amp shore power receptacles, circuit breakers, 20 amp GFI receptacles, and amber lights.

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### Living Shoreline at the Marina

We are continuing to explore the possibility of creating a living shoreline along the Sand Spit at the Marina. This would involve the construction of several segmented, low-level, stone breakwaters about 20-40 feet off the Sand Spit bulkhead/riprap facing the South River. The area between the bulkhead and the breakwaters would be in-filled with sand and planted with native grasses, creating a tidal marsh/habitat area. This has become a popular and effective method of shoreline conservation. This could be the best long term solution for diminishing the wave energy pounding the Sand Spit bulkhead and riprap.

### Sand Spit Gravel

The Marina has seen a marked increase in use this season. High usage, and the heavy equipment used for rip rap replenishment, along with lots of rain, has accelerated the deterioration of the gravel travel lane, which in many areas has become compacted gravel dust, waiting for a southerly breeze to blow it onto bulkhead boats. We are looking into a couple of alternatives, including removing 4-6 inches of existing surface and resurfacing with washed gravel, and installing pervious pavers in select areas. Pervious pavers allow water to pass through them, and while more expensive, are a more environmentally-friendly solution that might be proactively useful as we seek approvals and funding for a living shoreline along the Sand Spit.

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### Boat Park

There has been a temporary stop to adding new tenants to the Boat Park as the shoreline conservation and Vegetation Management Plans are implemented along the shoreline area at the rear of the Boat Park. As that work concludes we anticipate additional spaces will become available. If interested, you may get on the Boat Park Wait List. There will be some relocation of trailers occurring as we try to maintain the scheme of large, two-axle trailers on the left (South) side and rear, single-axle trailers on the right (North) side, angled parking for all, and everyone parked close together.

### P&H Meetings

There will be no in-person P&H Meetings during the pandemic, until further notice. Please direct questions/issues/concerns/comments to [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org).

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# Key School News

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~ Irfan Latimer, Key School Director of Communication

The traditional Key School 5K/10K & Family Fun Run is going virtual this year! Gather your family, friends and dogs to run, walk or ride a course in your own neighborhood. You pick the day, time and course to participate in for this family-friendly community event. Map your own course while supporting Key School.

**First day to participate: Sunday, October 18**

**Last day to participate: Sunday, October 25**

Celebrate your accomplishment by joining us for a **socially-distanced, drive-by finish line celebration on October 25 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Key School**. Finishers will have the opportunity to pick up their runner packet which includes a commemorative t-shirt, medal and more. Participants joining the run from afar will have their packets mailed to them following the close of the race period.



*Masks and social distancing are required at all times on Key School's campus.*

Visit [keyschool.org/5K10K](https://keyschool.org/5K10K) for more information or to register today! Registration fee is \$30.00. Questions? Please email [5K10K@keyschool.org](mailto:5K10K@keyschool.org) or contact Parent Programs and Special Events Director, Trish Gallant at [tgallant@keyschool.org](mailto:tgallant@keyschool.org) or 443.321.7820.

## Virtual Open Houses at Key

Learn more about the Key experience! Register at [keyschool.org/openhouse](https://keyschool.org/openhouse)

**Upper School - Grades 9-12**

Saturday, November 7 - 12:00 p.m.

**Middle School - Grades 5-8**

Saturday, November 7 - 10:00 a.m.

**Lower School - Grades 1-4**

Saturday, November 14 - 11:30 a.m.

**First School - 2.5 yrs. through Kindergarten**

Saturday, November 14 - 10:00 a.m.

## A Message from Key School

As many of our neighbors may be aware, Key School is providing students the opportunity to participate in both on-campus and remote instruction. Students are divided into small pods and we have approximately 50% of our student body on campus each day. Students attend school on a rotating Monday/Wednesday/Friday and Tuesday/Thursday basis, with 2.5 year olds – 6<sup>th</sup> grade coming to school as one group and 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders as another.

Stringent wellness check guidelines from the CDC and Anne Arundel County require all students to undergo a temperature check when they arrive on campus, prior to entering any building, and we maintain social distancing and pod groupings during dismissal. Without question, both arrival and dismissal take more time now than they did before the pandemic.

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As a result, we have adjusted the long-standing arrival and departure protocols to better manage the flow of traffic both in the morning and afternoon. We have a full hour window for morning drop-off between 8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Dismissal begins at 2:45 p.m., however, families begin arriving around 2:35 p.m.; this process is usually complete by 3:00 p.m.

We have staff stationed to guide traffic and help usher neighbors around the lines. If you are a neighbor and need assistance moving past the lines, please call over Key personnel and we will do our best to assist you if it is safe to do so.

We appreciate your understanding as we all maneuver through these challenging times. We weighed many options about traffic flow to and from campus before we re-opened, and have made adjustments as we continue to streamline our processes and mitigate our impact on our neighbors, most notably during the 30-minute dismissal block.

Please contact Hillsmere/Key liaison Irfan Latimer with any questions. 443.321.7811 [ilatimer@keyschool.org](mailto:ilatimer@keyschool.org)



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# Conservation News

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~ Kevin Green, Shoreline Conservation Committee Chair



Hillsmere is looking for volunteers to help plant native trees and shrubs throughout the community. With support from the [Chesapeake Bay Trust](#), Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association, [Arundel Rivers Federation](#), and [Watershed Stewards Academy](#), we have purchased over 200 native trees and shrubs to plant on community property throughout the neighborhood. The goal of this project is to increase tree diversity and canopy coverage in Hillsmere, and provide buffers for the multiple stormwater best management practices that have been installed around the community.

Given these Covid-19 times that we are living in, the safety of all involved is our top priority. Social distancing will be maintained and family units will be grouped together to plant trees and shrubs in designated areas. A contractor will pre-dig the holes for planting, so the work load on individuals will be relatively light. Weather permitting, the plantings will take place on the last two weekends in October. The trees and shrubs will be planted at the community pool area, the community house near the pool, the beach, the kayak dock on Beach Drive, and the community boat park.

If you are interested in helping to beautify our community and planting a few trees, please contact [environment@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:environment@hillsmereshores.org)



**Are you interested in becoming a Master Watershed Steward?** Join us at a virtual information session to learn more about our Watershed Steward Certification Course. A short presentation with information about the

Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy, our programs, and the role of a Watershed Steward will be followed by a Q&A. Stewards may choose to volunteer within a community where they work, live, or worship.

Thursday, October 15th, 12-1 pm  
Tuesday, October 27th, 7-8 pm

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, please contact Noelle Chao ([nchao@aacps.org](mailto:nchao@aacps.org)) to make alternative arrangements.

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Regards,  
Kelly Ann Pavkov  
Editor, *the Sea Breeze*  
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<b>Jan 30</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>July 30</b>	<b>Oct 29</b>
<b>Feb 27*</b>	<b>May 28</b>	<b>Aug 27</b>	<b>Nov 19</b>
<b>Mar 26</b>	<b>June 25</b>	<b>Sep 24</b>	<b>Dec 17</b>

**2020 GENERAL MEETINGS - 7:00 p.m.**

<b>January 9</b>	<b>May 14</b>	<b>September 10</b>
<b>March 12</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>November 12</b>

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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