

# The Sea Breeze

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Sunrise at Hillsmere Beach. Photo credit to Nicholas Minot, 2021

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# Motions from March 2021 Zoom Board meeting:

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

**RECREATION:** Jay Harper moved the Board approve the purchase of four disc golf baskets in the amount of \$650 to be paid out of Special Tax funds. Gene Gross seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the General Rules as presented, to add #2.33, “No trailers allowed at the Beach parking lot”. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**POOL:** Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the annual renewal of the pool entry software in the amount of \$2,000. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**BEACH:** Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the purchase of:

- (1) New, replacement playground slides/slides parts including 360 Spiral Slide, S Tube Slide, and 270 Spiral Slide for \$7,950.17.
  - (2) Removal and disposal of existing parts, and installation of new parts for \$4,805.00.
  - (3) Sales tax for \$477.01.
  - (4) Freight for \$1,067.82.
- Total = \$14,300.00

Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**Note: 2021 Board meetings are scheduled to be held via ZOOM.  
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# HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



**Mosquito Spraying** – Regular surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes will take place in Hillsmere from May 26 to October 5, anytime between 7:00 pm to 2:30 am, Sunday through Thursday nights. **We have not received our spray night of the week as of this publication**, but will notify the community via email once assignment has been made. 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. The Objection to Adult Mosquito Control Policy Statement and a Request For Exemption From Adult Mosquito Control Services form can be found in this issue of the *Sea Breeze*. 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 homeowners to be proactive in their efforts to control mosquitoes by becoming aware of backyard breeding sites.

**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](mailto: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.

**2021 Membership and Stickers** – Be sure to get 2021 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 2021 HSIA Membership form found in this issue, 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** – To request a 2021 boat ramp key, please tear the membership form out of this issue 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!

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## Important numbers and emails

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AACO Police non-emergency 410-222- 8610  
Hillsmere Security: [security@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:security@hillsmereshores.org)  
HSIA President: [president@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:president@hillsmereshores.org)  
Key School liaison: [llatimer@keyschool.org](mailto:llatimer@keyschool.org)  
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Community Cat Program: [jckilborn@yahoo.com](mailto:jckilborn@yahoo.com)



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**Have You Joined the Pool Yet?** Pool forms can be found in this issue of *the Sea Breeze*. If post-marked after May 1<sup>st</sup>, please make sure you send in the “after May 1” membership fee. Please remember that all pool members also need to be members of HSIA, so when you’re completing the pool form, please remember to complete the HSIA Membership form found in this issue. If you’ve already paid 2021 HSIA dues, please include a note that you are a current HSIA member. Both forms can be mailed to the address on the forms, and both fees can be included in one check.

**Dumpster Days** – Our 2021 Dumpster Days are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23. More information will be in the October *Sea Breeze*.

**2021 Beach Reservations** – The 2021 Beach calendar is open for reservations. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, only 30 people are currently allowed at the pavilion. Masks and social distancing are required. 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](mailto: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, provided AA County is issuing licenses during COVID-19. Signed application forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County at least two weeks prior to the event.



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Payment of \$25.00 dues allows one voting member. Additional voting members require payment of an additional \$25.00 per person. Members must be 18 years of age or older. **Renters and other persons not on the tax records must provide proof of residency by attaching a photocopy of Driver's License or other documentation to this application.** Personal information other than Name, Address and DOB may be blacked out.

<b>Individual Membership</b>	<b>Additional Membership</b> (add \$25.00)
Name:	Name:
Address:	
Phone: Home:	Phone: Home:
Cell:	Cell:
Email:	Email:

Attach additional forms for more members

Owner  Renter If renting please enter Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTICE: A photocopy of EACH vehicle or trailer registration is required to obtain stickers. **# Stickers**  
 You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, & Address   
**YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE STICKERS IF REGISTRATIONS ARE PROVIDED TO HSIA.**

Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2021)		\$ 25.00	
Additional Member		\$ 25.00	
Kayak Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Must Pay HSIA dues)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Park Key (Assigned Space # )		\$ 240.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # )			
Slip Wait List Deposit (Must pay HSIA dues)		\$100.00	
Pool Membership (from Pool Form)			
Other			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

### PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

NOTE: You are required to pay a onetime \$100 slip deposit to be placed on the Slip Waiting List and **YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP AND PAY DUES ANNUALLY TO REMAIN ON THE WAITING LISTS.**

Boat Information:  Sail  Power Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Draft \_\_\_\_\_

Check All That Apply:  Add me to the Slip Waiting List (\$100 Deposit)

Add me to the Kayak Rack Waiting List  Add me to the Boat Park Waiting List

**For Slip Holders only: Please issue me \_\_\_\_\_ 2020/2021 marina guest passes (up to 5 guest passes)**  
number

**Sea Breeze Distribution:** Please send via  postal mail or via  emailed link

To join the HSIA community email list visit [www.hillsmershores.org](http://www.hillsmershores.org)

(Questions? Email [admin@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.org) or call 410-263-4456 – 24 hour voice mail

**Mail completed form to: HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403**

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# Beach Report

Maureen Sherer, Beach Committee Chair



There is nothing like springtime to raise our spirits. Neighbors report seeing an osprey bringing sticks to the nesting platform on the power pole near the bio-retention swale, and it seems most of the seven trees we planted in the autumn survived the winter, so far at least. The maple planted near the site of the tree lost in the September tornado looks especially cheerful. On the western side of the little playground, the new sycamore tree also seems to be doing well. Sycamores significantly contribute to improving the hydrology in low lying shoreline areas, and hopefully we can look forward to the shade both these new trees will provide to the little playground in the years to come.

October 2020...



The replacement slide parts have been ordered and will be installed soon. While a new grill was installed at the Walker Pavilion during the winter, the large old grill at that site did not over-winter well. We are currently shopping for its replacement. The volleyball net is set-up, and the outdoor rinse station will be turned on in mid-May.



...April 2021

If you drive to the Beach, please remember to have your 2021 Hillsmere sticker affixed to your vehicle. It is required in order to park at the Beach. Also, whenever possible, “carry-in and carry-out” your trash. It discourages nuisance animals, and helps to prevent trash from blowing into the river.

We hope to resume Beach Committee meetings soon, and always welcome your suggestions. I know we are all looking forward to enjoying sunny days at our Beach.



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# Recreation News

- Dan Wittig & Ed Maurer

“FORE!” First, we want to hear from you! If you have any interest in playing disc golf, please email your contact information (including phone number, email, and your “udisc” user name) to [hillsmerediscgolf@gmail.com](mailto:hillsmerediscgolf@gmail.com). We will collect contact information and let you know what’s going on, including changes to the course layout, news, potential group events (post COVID....), tournaments(!), or anything else. We are also happy to provide some information on how to get started. And with that, read on.....

The pandemic has brought us a newfound appreciation for the wonderful neighborhood that we live in. We have seen families get together for bonfires at the end of their driveways, neighbors going on walks and bike rides, outings in Quiet Waters Park, lots of fishing and crabbing at the marina, kayaking and paddleboarding on Duval Creek, and even some open water swimmers (not us, we’re scared of the snapping turtles)! There’s been another area of Hillsmere put to good use during the pandemic, and that is Hillsmere Field. Two neighbors (Dan Wittig and Ed Maurer), who have a love for sports and competition have taken things to another level, while also adhering to the social distancing restrictions that the pandemic brought us. Feeling a void in their competitive drive and a need to fill it, they realized that frisbee golf might be THE perfect socially distanced sport. You utilize your own equipment, no need to share items or throw something back and forth, you can stay 6 feet apart, it’s outside, it’s IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, etc!

It started off with a friendly game of who can hit which tree with their big frisbee. The competition soon escalated to where Dan & Ed decided to use the field to expand their target options for trees and posts. Dan finally said, “Hey, I’ve got these specialized disc golf discs that I have no idea how to throw, maybe we should look at using these” (spoiler alert, it’s pretty weird and different, but you can really throw them far once you learn how!). A few weeks later they both had Amazon deliveries showing up with multiple discs for them use. As they continued to play, they began to frequently use the same targets and starting areas which raised the question, “Should we create a course that we regularly play?” Both Ed and Dan then started to plot out a course using the Hillsmere field and the surrounding pool area to create that 9-hole course. They soon realized 9-holes wasn’t enough, and it quickly escalated into an 18-hole, par 67 Frisbee/Disc Golf Course. In discussions with Mike Waters, it was suggested that we petition the HSA Board to provide community owned baskets/targets so we can share with the rest of the community what we’ve created and have come to enjoy on a regular basis.

The baskets/targets are in the field now and available for use to anyone. You don’t need to sign up, or have specialized frisbees/discs, or know to play! You can use the attached “Summer 9 Hole 4 Basket” course layout if you’d like, or just come throw a frisbee at the baskets! For the summer, we hope that anyone that is interested comes out to the field and throws a disc or two, and potentially a round or two!

## **GUIDELINES:**

Kids, dog walkers, cars and pedestrians have the right of way; ALWAYS. The streets, the pool, the pool parking lot, houses, and yards across the street are all outside of the playing area and should never be touched by a disc. Please be respectful of everyone and their property. Write

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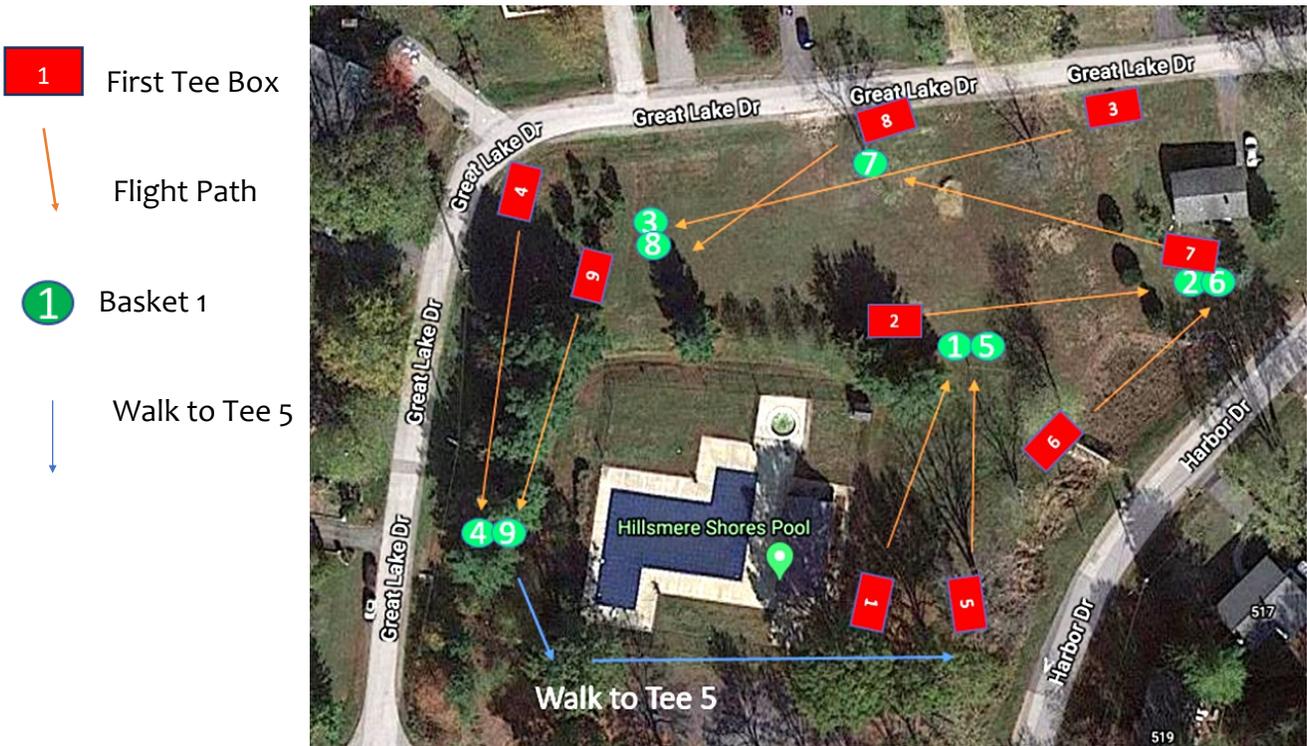
your name and phone number on your disc. Your disc will get lost, in a tree, a holly bush, in the rain gardens or even in the pool. Your name and number on your disc will allow us to contact you when it's been found. (We've discovered it can be helpful to put a \$1 bounty on a lost disc with the local bounty hunters, I mean children). Any discs that go into the pool area must be left in the pool area. A Board member will retrieve it and let you know when you can get it.

**RULES OF PLAY:**

1. Official [PDGA Rules](#) apply (it's ok if you just play without reading them)
2. Look First! Humans, dogs, and everything have right of way over discs. If in doubt, don't throw
3. If others are playing, please play counterclockwise according to the attached diagram, or see current active layouts on the [udisc app](#) under course name "Hillsmere Pool Course"
4. Hitting a car is a stroke penalty (you assume any costs for damage and must leave a note)
5. All streets, parking lots, yards, and inside the pool fence are Out of Bounds (add stroke, drop in bounds)
6. Rain Gardens are water hazards when filled (add stroke, drop at entry)

**"Summer Layout – 9 Holes, 4 Baskets" – On Udisc app under "Hillsmere Pool Course"**

1. Hole 7 is the large tree in the field, only the trunk of the tree counts (no roots or branches)
2. Walk from Hole 4 to Tee 5
3. Always travel counterclockwise



# 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
6. Provide current mailing address, as your HSIA Building Permit will be mailed via USPS

**\*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, Set-backs](#)

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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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, [davemiles@aol.com](mailto:davemiles@aol.com) , or voice mail, 410-263-4456.

At the time of publication, the following [HSIA Building Permits](#) have been approved and issued in 2021:

Property Owner	Property Location	Type of Work	Permit #
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# Pool Committee Report

Danielle Franz, Pool Committee Chair



The pool will open on Saturday, May 29th at 11am. As we get closer to the opening, members will receive updated information about pool arrival for the first time. Like last season, we will be using a digital log in system at the pool. This allows us to upload a photo of each member, so check-ins will be nearly seamless.

We are happy to report that we will be able to use the furniture this year in the pool area, including umbrellas and shade covering for the baby pool. We will allow space for members to bring their own chairs, if preferred. We are excited to announce that guests will be allowed this season! More details to follow on guest passes and access to the pool - keep an eye out on the Hillsmere Shores website and the pool Facebook page for more information. There are currently no number limits set by local government for the pool, but we need to maintain social distancing guidelines.

Food Truck Friday's will be back in June - so whether you're a pool member or not - feel free to come by and enjoy!

If you have additional questions for us, please email [pool@hillsmershores.org](mailto:pool@hillsmershores.org). If you are interested in being part of the committee - please reach out via email, as well. All members are encouraged to join the Facebook Page for real time updates throughout the season.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!

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# Community Cat Project Update



Carolyn Kilborn, Hillsmere Representative for the Anne Arundel Community Cat Coalition

It is with great sadness that I recently learned that our kind and compassionate neighbor, Gordon Brooks, passed away a few months ago. I hope you recall that Gordon was the gentle soul who was feeding most of the community cats in Hillsmere and who worked with the Community Cat Coalition to get all these cats altered in 2018. I regret that I did not know of Gordon's passing until much after the fact, but the pandemic has kept us apart.

My sadness at losing Gordon is twofold. First, we've lost a champion for animals: Gordon cheerfully bore all the expense to feed around a dozen cats, and kept warming shelters for them on his front porch. Second, we've lost the lifeline for these dozen cats who now have no place to call home and no reliable food source. I stopped by Gordon's house and didn't see any evidence of cats. I looked behind some of the retail establishments on Forest Drive, and saw only 1 apparently feral cat behind the old liquor store on Forest Drive, and no recent feeding stations. It appears these cats have dispersed and are in need of some new caretakers.

In closing, please be on the lookout for Gordon's cats, as they may be wandering through Hillsmere looking for food and shelter. It will take one or more concerned neighbors to fill Gordon's shoes, but I'm hopeful that we're willing and able. These cats are dependent on humans and need a new, reliable source of food and love.

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## 2021 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form

### Household Information:

Primary Member Name (also list as #1 below)	
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
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2.				
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Additional members subject to \$25 fee per person				
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Membership Type	Postmarked by May 1st	Postmarked after May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Qty.	Payment Due
Family	\$500	\$550		
Adult	\$195	\$225		
Youth	\$100	\$125		
Fee pp over 6 members	\$25	\$25		
Minus 2020 Discount				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Please make checks payable to HSIA and mail membership forms and checks to 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.

Check #:	Amount:	Received By:	Date Received:	HSIA member:
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# Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

Over 20 club members gathered at the Red Maple pavilion for a meeting which included a native plant talk by Amelia Finan on [Beauty Berry bush](#), as well as an “opposing” discussion on a terribly invasive plant (celandine) by Myrna Dobbs. After the meeting, half of the group followed Ranger Liz past the dog park and into the locked area, which is the new addition to Quiet Waters Park. With heavy equipment, demolished house, and sheer drops to the water, members could see the potential of the area, and they also understood why the area is not yet open to the public.

Beautyberry  
*Callicarpa Macrophylla*



The May meeting, scheduled for May 19 at noon, will include an installation of new officers and a luncheon. This meeting, unlike other meetings, is for members only and has a signup deadline of May 10. It will be held in Quiet Waters Park.

## Garden Reflections: Timing Tree Trimming

Timing tree trimming work in your yard makes a huge difference to birds nesting and raising young. If possible, plan this work to be done in the autumn and winter months when songbirds are not nesting. Even if the work is on an adjacent tree, the noise will disturb the nestlings, sometimes causing them to fall from the nest in fear before they can survive... Note: This is only a “teaser message” (part of a complete article in the upcoming “Buzz”). Send a request to the email address below to be added to the “Buzz” mailing list.

*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 (with the May meeting being an exception). 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).*



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# Piers & Harbors News



Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair

## SLIPS

There have again been quite a few reassignments of slips in 2021, due to annual turnover and upgrades. Please welcome and get acquainted with your new slip neighbors throughout the Marina and Boat Ramps. They include (and sorry if I missed anyone):

Slip #2 Luci Gens	Slip #A21 Zach Spencer
Slip #43 Mark Gratzner	Slip #A24 Shirin Sahandy
Slip #A9 Amy Cline	Slip #A25 Courtney Metcalfe
Slip #A11 James O'Keefe	Slip #B3 Henry Mejia
Slip #A15 Shawn McKelvie	Slip #C3 Erin Donnelly
Slip #A19 Michael/Kathleen Haldeman	Slip #C18 Shaun Stemmler

Bill Barker, leader of the Slips Committee, has done exceptional work this year in upgrading and relocating current slip holders and making offers to those on the Active Slips Waiting List. As of mid-April, there were 4 unassigned slips out of 123 total slips, and they were all large slips (A7, A8, A10, A12). With no large boats on the Wait List, offers have been made to those with smaller boats to occupy the larger slips until more suitable size slips become available. The P&H Committee planned to seek a slip fee reduction for such assignments.

## HSIA BOAT DECALS

Please be sure to affix your 2021 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.

## GUEST PASSES, PARKING, TOWING

The Guest parking passes issued last year for 2020-2021 are still good! If you did not get Guest Passes or need additional ones, contact the HSIA Administrator: [admin@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org). Each slip holder is offered two Guest Passes, and can have more if needed. Be sure your vehicle displays your HSIA vehicle sticker, and that your guests display a Guest Pass in their vehicles. The HSIA Board has authorized towing of vehicles from the Marina parking area if the vehicles do not display an appropriate sticker or Guest Pass.

## MARINA OPERATIONS

Water System— The Marina Water System was re-activated on March 26th by Heidler Plumbing, and a few unexpected leaks were fixed. Several faucets were replaced. The Marina Pump Out System was also reactivated.

Ice Eaters— On April 7th Blue Heron Property Services removed all 24 ice eaters, power-wash them, and returned them all to storage.

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Locks— The locks to the Boat Ramps and the Boat Park were changed on April 1st. If you need a 2021 Key, please contact the HSIA Administrator: [admin@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.org). Keys for the Marina Dock Carts, Pump Out Station and Fuel Spill Recovery Boxes remain unchanged.

Damage—As you return to your slips or launch your boats, if you see any damage, deficiencies, inoperable equipment or something that needs repair at the Marina or Boat ramps, PLEASE LET US KNOW! Contact: Steve Vanderbosch at [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org) or 410-212-6978, or Security. The P&H Committee has embarked upon a program to upgrade the security camera system at the Marina, with the installation of additional cameras and the provision of an internet connection. We are also looking into replacing the gate at the Marina driveway, since the existing gate has had periodic malfunctions due to water infiltration of underground cabling and the scarcity of repair parts.

### SHORE POWER PEDESTALS

Last fall the HSIA Board has approved a contract with Leight Electric to upgrade 32 shore power connections at the Marina. This involved replacing the old plugs along the bulkhead and portions of the main pier and A Dock with code-compliant Eaton Newport Harbor Mate shore power outlet boxes, including 30 amp shore power receptacles, circuit breakers, 20 amp GFI receptacles, and amber lights, matching those on the reconstructed portion of the main pier. The Slips affected were: 1-39, 54-64, A1-A6, A21-A26.

Work was completed in the fall, however the AACo Electrical Inspector advised that the 2017 revised electrical code also required marinas to install Ground Fault Protection (GFP)—a device similar to GFCI—in the marina’s shore power system. The GFP is capable of detecting electricity leaking from a circuit in the same way a GFCI does, and it cuts off the supply of electricity to the boat. The new “ground fault for equipment” (GFEP) breakers disconnect electricity to the boat at 30 milliamps of ground fault leakage. This matches a new ABYC standard for boats. Installation of the GFEP breakers was completed this spring.

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Slip holders may become aware of wiring issues in their boats as a result of this newly installed, more sensitive equipment. An ABYC-certified electrician and master technician said several likely culprits include:

- \* Inverters
- \* Ice makers and refrigerators
- \* Generator transfer switches
- \* Corroded electrical connections
- \* Faulty power cords

Bill Barker has provided two reference articles to explain the situation more fully:

<https://www.powerandmotoryacht.com/maintenance/why-some-boaters-suddenly-cant-connect-to-shore-power>

<https://panbo.com/gfci-and-elci-breakers-can-be-confounding-but-heed-their-warning/>

Please let us know at [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org) if your circuit breaker is always tripping when you connect to shore power. So far, two slip holders are experiencing this problem.

#### **SAND SPIT GRAVEL**

The Marina saw a marked increase in use last 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. We have also learned that the quality of the

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On April 12th we received a report of an apparent paint spill at the Marina!

Was it yellow paint? NO! It was pollen from Duvall Creek, washed into the Slip #1 corner of the Marina, about an inch thick and coating the pilings and bulkhead. Sure looked like paint! ACHOO!

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gravel provided by a local quarry last year was sub-standard, resulting in many areas becoming compacted gravel dust. We have solicited bids from several paving companies to remediate the problem by removing 4-6 inches of existing surface and resurfacing with washed gravel, beginning with just the first section of the Marina as a test section. The HSIA Board was scheduled to consider those bids at its April 29th meeting.

### **BOAT PARK**

Payments for Boat Park spaces were due April 1, and as of mid-April, 36 space holders have renewed, and 2 are pending. Consequently, offers have been or will be sent to everyone on the Boat Park Wait List, offering them space in the Boat Park for the remainder of this year.

There is a revised parking scheme at the Boat Park. In order to enhance the neighbors' water views, only empty trailers or small boats on trailers should be parked at the rear of the Boat Park near the water. Larger trailers should be parked on either side of the Boat Park closer to the entrance. As always, please park trailers as close together as possible, and angle the trailers to maximize space and improve access.

### **DUVALL CREEK CHANNEL MARKERS**

Over a year ago HSIA received from MDE an approved General Tidal Wetlands License, including Army Corps of Engineers approval, for installation of two wooden-pile mounted channel markers, with day shapes and one Osprey platform, as Private Aids to Navigation, in the Duvall Creek entrance channel. The U.S. Coast Guard, District 5, also approved the proposed installation, per the MDE/USACE permit. Our initial attempts to find a licensed marine contractor to install the pilings was unfortunately sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic, and no progress was made on this project in 2020. We anticipate renewing contracting efforts in the near future.

There have been reports that the floating green buoys, particularly #3, currently marking the channel may have shifted position toward the shore, with a couple of sailboats running aground. Exercise caution!

### **LIVING SHORELINE AT THE MARINA**

We will be continuing to discuss and explore the feasibility, costs and potential for grant funding for the creation of a living shoreline along the Sand Spit at the Marina. This would involve the design and 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 popular and effective method of shoreline conservation could be the best long term solution for diminishing wave energy and preserving the Sand Spit bulkhead and riprap.

Your feedback on this potential project is welcomed! Please send any comments to: [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org).

### **PANDEMIC BOATING**

Though it appears great progress has been made in the fight against COVID-19, the pandemic isn't over!

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Please continue to 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 use finger piers to allow safe 6' passage, wear masks as appropriate, and be considerate of others. Thank you again 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.

### P&H MEETING TIME AND PLACE

We will resume live, in-person P&H meetings this month, on Tuesday, May 11th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., at the Main Pavilion at the Hillsmere Beach. All Slip Holders, Ramp Key Holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are invited to attend. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!



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### MOSQUITO CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT

#### **OBJECTION TO ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL**

The policy of the Maryland Department of Agriculture regarding an objection to adult mosquito control by truck-mounted ultra low volume (ULV) application of insecticides is as follows:

- ! An individual may 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.
- ! 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. The request must provide the address of the property to be excluded and must be signed by the owner(s) or leasee(s). This request will be acknowledged in writing by the Department.
- ! If the number of individual objectors and the location of excluded properties precludes an effective mosquito control adulticide service in a community, the service in that community will be suspended. Service may be reinstated upon the written request of the community and approval by the Department.
- ! 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. Requests to rescind or modify spray exclusion requests must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture.
- ! The Department periodically will verify the continued occupancy/ownership by objectors of properties excluded from ULV ground spraying to determine if the objection continues.
- ! In the event of mosquito-borne disease or conditions that threaten public health, the suspension of mosquito adulticide service in an area due to objectors will be discontinued and the full range of mosquito control procedures available will be utilized.

#### **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 state, 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 complete all information below. Please read the "Public Information Notice" on the attached policy statement. Exemptions will not be accepted unless all of the information requested has been supplied. Failure to respond to contact from MDA will result in the voiding of your exception. It is your responsibility to notify MDA should your contact information change. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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:

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Anne Arundel: 410-841-5870  
Queen Anne's: 410-758-0920 ext. 4140  
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Application should be sent to:

Program Supervisor  
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<b>Feb 25</b>	<b>May 27</b>	<b>Aug 26</b>	<b>Nov 18</b>
<b>Mar 25</b>	<b>June 24</b>	<b>Sep 30</b>	<b>Dec 16</b>

Note: 2021 Board meetings are scheduled to be held via ZOOM.  
 To request an invitation to meetings, email admin@hillsmereshores.org

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