

The Sea Breeze

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Lightening strike on the South River, captured by T. Arnett 08/13/2021

**We need
your *voice*.**



Nominees are needed for HSIA's upcoming Board of Directors election! Details inside.

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President's Message



Michael J. Waters, HSIA President

Welcome to the September *Sea Breeze*!

As you read this newsletter, please consider lending your support to our neighborhood by serving on the Hillsmere Board. Nominees are actively being sought for seven Director positions. Board members meet once a month with terms lasting two years. For more information send an email to nominations@hillsmereshores.org. Nominations close September 11 with elections held in November.

Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. has created a concept plan for stabilizing the sand spit from shoreline erosion. As noted in my last letter, we are partnering with the Arundel Rivers Federation to seek funding for building a 645 foot “living shoreline” to help filter stormwater run-off and hold soil during storms. The concept plan will be available for consideration and discussion both online and during a future special meeting. It will also be part of our grant application. It is anticipated the plan will change as we get more input. Currently, the notion is to create a 15,000 square foot tidal marsh protected by stone sills and oyster balls with a forty-foot observation pier projecting out to the South River. I recommend the Maryland Department of the Environment guidebook on shore erosion control to those interested in learning more <https://dnr.maryland.gov/ccs/Publication/Shoreerostext.pdf>

It is a delight to see people improving their homes. As I am sure you have noticed, there has been a remarkable increase in construction over the past year. For those of you making improvements you are reminded that both County and HSIA building permits are required. Also, please note the covenant language, “no building or any part thereof shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet from the division line of any lot...”. This setback is purposely double what is required by the County so that we will maintain a sense of majesty with spacing between our homes.

The Piers and Harbor Committee is exploring options for building more kayak racks, but they are challenged in finding locations that are not used for other purposes. If you have room on a rack please consider sharing it with your neighbor. We have 26 people on the waiting list and there is not a quick solution.

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Important numbers and emails

AACO Police emergency 911
AACO Police non-emergency 410-222- 8610
Hillsmere Security: security@hillsmereshores.org
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HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



Thank you!

Thank you to Jim Schwallenberg—Our wonderful HSIA Treasurer’s Assistant, Jim Schwallenberg, has retired! Twenty years ago, HSIA was lucky to have Jim step up and take on the responsibility of Treasurer’s Assistant. Jim was very knowledgeable about the inner workings of HSIA and was a previous board member and past president. Jim worked closely over the years with the HSIA Treasurer, Committee Chairs, and Board, providing needed advice, guidance, and accounting services for our community. He worked very closely with the HSIA Administrator, working together to accurately keep track of invoicing and payments. Much of Jim’s work happened “behind the scenes” and not many people were aware of his hard work and dedication. HSIA would like to thank Jim for all his years of service and wish him much happiness in his retirement. Thank you, Jim, for a job well done!

Call for Candidates—Are you looking for a way to become more involved in what happens in our neighborhood? Please consider running for a position on the HSIA Board of Directors. We are seeking seven people to be elected to the HSIA Board of Directors to serve a two-year term for 2022 & 2023. These seven leadership positions are critical in moving our community forward. In order to run for a position on the Board of Directors, residents must be current members of HSIA. If you are interested, please email the following information to nominations@hillsmereshores.org **no later than September 11:**

- Statement of intent to run, to include a statement that you are a current member of HSIA
- Statement of qualifications (bio)
- Goals and/or vision for the community



Candidates will be announced on our website and in the October *Sea Breeze*. Ballots will also be available online and in the newsletter. We will let you know when voting will occur, either in person or via email/postal mail. Please consider running for a Board of Director position. Your community thanks you!

No Soliciting Signs—HSIA recently purchased more “No Soliciting” signs. These are the same

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Motions from June 2021 Zoom Board meeting:

(complete minutes can be found on the Hillsmere website at www.hillsmereshores.org)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gene Gross moved the Board to approve funds for a July 4th pool party not to exceed \$3,000. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS: Ray Sullivan moved the Board to approve a variance at 117 Indian Lane of 8' for a garage addition. David Miles seconded the motion. Vote taken – 0 in favor; 9 opposed (Gene Gross, Ray Sullivan, Claire Corcoran, Steve Vanderbosch, Maureen Sherer, Phil Jones, Dave Miles, Jay Harper, Mike Wurst); motion fails.

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board award a contract to Custom Access and Security to replace the Marina gate operator and access system, per its 6/17/21 proposal, at a cost not to exceed \$13,000, including 200 programmed key fobs. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**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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design that can be seen on many properties around our community. Signs are available for \$15.00 each, cash or checks. To purchase a sign, please email admin@hillsmereshores.org or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456.

Annapolis Run for the Lighthouse—The annual Annapolis Run for the Lighthouse is scheduled for Sunday, September 19. This Run, which supports the Lighthouse Shelter, starts at Quiet Waters Park at 8 am and has a half-marathon run through the streets of Hillsmere. Please allow extra time when driving around our community the morning of the Run. For more information, please visit www.annapolisrunforthelighthouse.org.

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. All Covid restrictions have been lifted. Please remember that HSIA is not cleaning or sanitizing any of the tables or beach 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@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. 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.

Motions from July 2021 Zoom Board meeting:

(complete minutes can be found on the Hillsmere website at www.hillsmershores.org)

POOL: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the replacement of the robot vacuum cart for \$2345. Maureen Sherer seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

BEACH: Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve the purchase of two new, replacement picnic tables (same size as the existing tables) at the east pavilion for \$4500, including shipping, tax, installation, and removal/disposal of existing tables. Phil Jones seconded the motion. Vote taken – 5 in favor (Mike Wurst, Maureen Sherer, Phil Jones, Gene Gross, Jay Harper); 1 opposed (Steve Vanderbosch); 1 abstained (Claire Corcoran); motion passed.

PIERS & HARBOR:

- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve a contract with Custom Access and Security for the installation of two loop detectors in the Marina driveway in the amount of \$1100. This will replace the existing functioning but aged Exit Loop (allowing vehicles to exit when the gate is closed), and replace the non-functioning Safety Loop (preventing the gate from closing while a vehicle is in the gate operating area). The non-functioning Safety Loop was not apparent until the new gate operating motor was installed. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve a contract with CKA Tree service for the removal of three “failing” trees at the Beach Drive Boat Ramp, 609 Beach Drive, in the amount of \$2500. Maureen Sherer seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve \$400 for Phyllis Saroff’s Capstone project for her Watershed Steward Academy class. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



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Beach Report



Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board member and Beach Committee Chair

During the summer, the county approved our vegetation management plan to remove the phragmites infestation from the patch along the eastern shoreline. An invasive species which spreads aggressively, phragmites robs native species of sunlight, nutrients, and space. Meanwhile, phragmites does not provide nutritive value to native animals. This invasive species spreads by both its seeds and rhizomes. Our strategy is to cut the phragmites repeatedly in order to stress its rhizomes, and ultimately destroy the stand without using herbicides. This project will take several years, and native plants and grasses will be planted in the area.

Unfortunately there are picnic table production problems. We do not expect the new table for the smaller pavilion for some months.

Please caution children to not climb on the jellyfish nets. Several times during the summer we have had to patch the nets and re-hang sections.

So far, all of the young trees we planted last October seem to be doing well. We have been irrigating them during dry spells. However, some of the trees have had branches broken off. Please do not allow children to twist or pull on branches.

After several years of service, the book exchange box is in need of some repairs. Perhaps this could be a service project for scouting or some other activity. Please let me know if you are interested.

Here is hoping September will offer many summer-like days to enjoy our Beach. The next Beach Committee meeting will be Thursday, September 2, 6:30 PM, at the Walker (western) Pavilion. All are welcome.

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Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant



Twenty-five garden club members and guests met in a member's backyard for our Fifth Annual Tea. Since there was no agenda for this event, delightful conversations and delicious refreshments were on the menu as members look forward to a new year of club activities and fun.

The kick off meeting for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will be held September 15. It will consist of a field trip to "Historic London Town and Gardens" in Edgewater. Sign-ups for fall and winter activities will be available during the short business meeting to be held after the tour. Members will find details in the Club's monthly publication, The BUZZ. If you are interested in joining the club, please contact a member or send an email to the address below.

Those with an interest in gardening related subjects are invited to join 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).



Hostess Patsy Mattingley takes a break.



Paulette Schwallenberg, Cherry Miloe and Maggie Burnette enjoy catching up.



New member Elizabeth Bublitz, chats with Vijay Ramraj (chairman of Hillsmere Library Garden maintenance) and president Jean Strucko.

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Order Information

Send orders to **Native Plant Sale**

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Questions?

Phyllis Saroff

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SPECIES	WILDLIFE VALUE										LOCATION				ORDERING	
	Songbird	Waterfowl	Hummingbird	Butterfly	Beneficial Insect	Small Mammal	Under Utility Line	Near Building	Sun	Shade	Dry	Wet	Container Size	Height	Unit Cost	Quantity
Plant descriptions referenced from Wikipedia and MOBOT																
Light: (F)ull Sun (P)artial Shade (S)hade Moisture: (D)ry (M)oist (W)et Mature Size: Height/Spread																
Canopy Trees																
Willow Oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>) F/P M/W 80-100'	x	x				x		x	x		x	2 gal.	3'	\$17		
A medium-sized tree that can grow moderately fast (up to 2 feet a year) that is distinguished by its willow shaped leaves. It is a popular tree for horticultural planting due to its rapid growth, hardiness and ability to withstand both sun and shade. It a prolific producer of acorns, an important food tree for squirrels, birds, and other animals in the forest. Fall color is brown.																
Small to Medium Trees																
Eastern Redbud (<i>Cercis canadensis</i>) P/S D/M 20-35'	x		x		x	x			x			5 gal.	6'	\$38		
A popular landscape ornamental tree with clusters of magenta flowers appearing on bare stems in early spring. Eastern redbud is a frequent native understory tree in mixed forests, hedgerows and roadsides. Heart shaped leaves turn bright yellow in autumn.																
River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>) F/P M/W 20-35'	x							x			x	7 gal.	8'	\$48		
Often with multiple trunks, the distinctive bark is variable, usually gray to pinkish-brown and scaly, exfoliating in curly papery sheets, making it a favored ornamental tree for landscape use. While its native habitat is wet ground, it will grow on higher land. Yellowish fall color.																
Sweetbay Magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>) M/W 20'	x				x	x	x		x		x	5 gal.	4'	\$33		
An attractive multi-stemmed tree often used in horticultural applications to give structure to landscape designs. It is known for its large, white, vanilla scented flowers, for its clean, attractive foliage, and for its fast growth.																
Medium Shrubs																
Summersweet (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>) F/S M/W 6-8'	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x		x	3 gal.	24"	\$25		
Typically used as a shrub for natural gardens, or placed alongside a stream or pond in order to delay erosion. It grows in wet forests, pine flatwoods, wetlands, bogs and can be seen alongside woodland streams. The flowers are white or very pale pink with a sweet fragrance from July until September. Foliage turns yellow-golden during the autumn.																
Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>) F/P M 8'	x	x				x	x	x	x			5 gal.	4'	\$33		
A deciduous holly which is prized for the midwinter splash of bright red color from densely packed berries, which are highly visible on bare stems. Although wet acidic soils are optimal, the winterberry will grow well in the average garden. At least one male plant must be planted in proximity to one or more females for them to bear fruit. The berries are an important food resource for numerous species of birds. One male plant will be included with order.																
Southern Arrowwood (<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>) D/W 10'	x					x	x			x		3 gal.	3'	\$19		
Easily grown in average, medium, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. White flowers appear in late spring give way to blue-black, berry-like drupes which are quite attractive to birds and wildlife. Variable fall color ranges from yellow to attractive shades of orange and red. Winter hardy, vigorous and reliable. Shrub borders. Tall hedge or screen.																
Small Shrubs																
Virginia Sweetspire (<i>Itea virginica</i>) F/S M/W 3-6'	x	x				x	x	x	x	x		3 gal.	24"	\$21		
Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Adaptable to shade. Prefers moist, humusy soils, but tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. Versatile shrub for sunny or shady areas of the shrub border or woodland garden. Leaves turn an attractive red in autumn.																

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Security Report

Claire Corcoran, HSIA Board member and Security & Zoning Chairperson



Please remember that Hillsmere does not have 24/7 Security and that our security officer has limited policing powers. Our guard serves as the eyes for the community by driving patrols, looking for irregularities throughout the many miles of streets in Hillsmere, and keeping watch over our public areas such as the beach and marina. If you see something of concern or need to report an incident that requires actual police presence in the neighborhood (suspected illegal activity, vandals, theft, impaired or disruptive individuals etc.), please call 911 immediately. The security guard is also authorized to call 911 when a county police officer is needed.

2021 STICKERS REQUIRED FOR BEACH and MARINA PARKING

All cars parked at the beach and marina **MUST** display a current HSIA sticker that is red and white with the year 2021 on it. Having vehicles properly identified helps us maintain our community property as it is clearly intended and posted: Private and for Hillsmere Residents and authorized guests only.



NO SOLICITATION SIGNAGE

HSIA recently purchased more No Soliciting signs. These are the same design that can be seen on many properties around our community. With this new order we are now able to offer the signs to you for sale @ \$15 a piece. Please email admin@hillsmershores.org if you wish to purchase a sign. Include your contact information and street address. Cash or checks will be accepted upon delivery or pick-up.



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Next month the Board is going to take up discussion on hiring a property manager. You are welcomed to join via zoom.

Topic: Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Board Meeting

Time: Sep 30, 2021 19:00 Eastern Time

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Our finances are solid, and there is much more we can do to improve Hillsmere Shores, but we face limits in our volunteer efforts to manage our property and assets.

August is the beginning of our budget planning for next year and the start of our General Funds audit. Daniel J. Houle, CPA is conducting our audit and I anticipate sharing his report in the *Sea Breeze* this Fall. In general, our reserves have increased as capital projects have been delayed by COVID.

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
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***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 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 , 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 #
T. Hurlburt	403 Walnut Drive	Shed	21001
P. Whaler	109 Great Lake Drive	Fence	21002
D. Zupan	102 Green Spring Drive	Enclosing Carport	21003
S. Stanislav	617 Beach Drive	House Reconstruction	21004
R. May	509 Duvall Lane	New House	21005
R. Elliott	603 Hillsmere Drive	Deck Extension	21006
C. Stock	125 Spruce Lane	Fence	21007
E. Stahrr	103 Huse Drive	House Addition	21008
A. Kokkinos	527 Harbor Drive	Fence	21009
J. Kelsey	112 W Bay View Drive	Deck	21010
L. Slear	328 Beach Drive	Front Porch Addition	21011
C. Mumford IV	608 Beach Drive	Porch & Dormer Addition	21012
J. Hollywood	607 Harbor Drive	Fence	21013
B. Tsiopanos	123 Keuthe Drive	Fence	21014
B. Pike	136 Locust Lane	Shed	21015
N. Moonstarr	303 Edgemere Drive	Front Porch	21016

**Nutrient Removal Rates for Hillsmere Sand Spit
Living Shoreline and Conservation Plantings**

	Default Rate	Concept Design Protocol 1-4
Total Nitrogen (TN)	111.74	31.78 lbs/yr
Total Phosphorus (TP)	78.71	1.94 lbs/yr
Total Suspended Sediment (TSS)	211560.00	2396.35 lbs/yr
Equivalent Impervious Acres (EIA)	25.81	



SHORELINE CHARACTERISTICS	
BODY OF WATER	SOUTH RIVER
SHORELINE ORIENTATION	SOUTH-SOUTHEAST
PROPOSED RESTORATION LENGTH	645 FEET
AVERAGE FETCH	1.8 MILES
MAXIMUM FETCH	132 MILES
MLW	-0.6 NAVD88
MHW	0.4 NAVD88
MLT	-0.1 NAVD88
TIDAL RANGE	1.0
SAV PRESENT	NO
OYSTER REEF PRESENT	NEARBY IN DUVALL CREEK
SHORELINE PRIORITY AREA	TIER 2
SHORELINE HAZARD INDEX	MODERATE
SEA LEVEL RISE HAZARD	MODERATE
PROJECTED MHW AT YEAR 2050	1.2 TO 2.7 NAVD88

PROJECT SUMMARY

THE HILLSMERE SAND SPIT, LOCATED AT THE MOUTH OF DUVALL CREEK ON THE SOUTH RIVER IN ANNAPOLIS, IS SURROUNDED BY SHALLOW WATER. THIS LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT ALONG 645 FEET OF SHORELINE WILL CREATE APPROXIMATELY 15,000 SF OF TIDAL MARSH PROTECTED BY STONE SILLS AND OYSTER REEF BALLS. THE REEF BALLS WILL BE PLACED CHANNELWARD OF THE STONE SILLS AND SET WITH OYSTER SPAT. CONSERVATION PLANTINGS ALONG THE SAND SPIT WILL HELP FILTER STORMWATER RUN-OFF AND HOLD THE SOIL DURING STORMS. THIS PROJECT WILL PROVIDE ECOLOGICAL LIFT THROUGH WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS AND CREATION OF POLLINATOR, MARSH, AND SHALLOW WATER HABITAT. IT WILL PROVIDE CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY BY BUFFERING STORM SURGE, INSTALLING PLANTS ADAPTED TO WARMING TEMPERATURES, CREATING A MIGRATION CORRIDOR FOR TIDAL MARSH AS SEA LEVELS RISE.

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CONCEPT PLAN
HILLSMERE SAND SPIT
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MD
SCALE: 1"=60'
DATE: JULY, 2021
PROJECT: HILLSMERE SAND SPIT
NORTH
SHEET: 1 OF 1

Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



Living Shoreline at the Sand Spit—Concept Plan Design Completed!

Last month we reported that the HSIA Board of Directors approved a contract with Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (“ESA”) for a Concept Plan design of a living shoreline at the Sand Spit. This Concept Plan is now completed and printed on the preceding page.

The one-page summary includes a description of shoreline characteristics, a plan view overlaid on an aerial photo, showing proposed stone sills, oyster reef balls, approximately 15,000 square feet of marsh creation, conservation plantings, an observation pier, nutrient reduction calculations, an example photo and a project summary. Please take a few minutes to review this Concept Plan that is packed with information and visuals.



This is a 20% design of a living shoreline plan to be used for informational and educational purposes, and, assuming approval by the HSIA Board, to assist in seeking grant funds for a full design of the living shoreline project. As presently depicted, this plan proposes placing segmented stone sills along 645 feet of the Sand Spit rip rap bulkhead, approximately 40 feet offshore, to create approximately 15,000 square feet of marsh, which will provide new marine habitat and wave attenuation at the Sand Spit. It also proposes placing submerged oyster reef balls near the gaps in the stone sills, a 40 foot observation/educational pier, and conservation plantings along the Sand Spit. At the end of the Sand Spit near the “Dog Beach” and the site of two recent successful Terrapin nestings, a former marsh/beach area shown to exist on 1984 plats would be partially restored.



Two living shoreline examples.

We hope to schedule Community Meetings (pandemic-permitting) to discuss this Concept Plan, answer residents’ questions, and get Community input and feedback. We also plan to create a Sand Spit Living Shoreline page on the Hillsmere Shores website where residents can post comments and questions about the Living Shoreline Concept Plan.

STAND BY FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS!

HURRICANE SEASON!

So far the 2021 Hurricane Season has been relatively quiet for the Chesapeake Bay, indeed we have not even had many strong thunderstorms until mid-August. But tropical storms and hurricanes threaten the Atlantic coast and the Chesapeake Bay every year. Do you have a *Hurricane Plan*?

Obviously, the HSIA Marina is not well-protected and is extremely vulnerable to wind, storm surge and wave action, as is amply demonstrated by periodic thunderstorms. In just the last week, two boats have broken loose in their slips, and two others have had bimini tops blown

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off.

If a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning is issued for this area (generally 36 hours in advance), the best thing to do is to remove your boat from the Marina, by having it trailered, hauled, or moved to safer moorings or hurricane holes.

If you are out of town or otherwise unavailable during hurricane season, it is *critical* that you have someone local designated to take care of your boat. Please *make sure their contact information has been provided to the Chair of Piers & Harbors!* (marina@hillsmershores.org). Pay close attention to tropical storm forecasts, be proactive, and be ready to move your boat to safety.

Kayaks, paddleboards and canoes are vulnerable, too, and should be tied down and secured, or removed to your yard or garage, or another safer place.

If you decide to have your boat ride out a storm at the Marina (*NOT RECOMMENDED!*), take appropriate steps to secure your boat and protect the Marina by rigging extra lines, doubling up mooring lines and placing protective fenders. Boat owners are solely and completely responsible for securing their boats if left in the Marina during a tropical storm or hurricane. Note that all power and water will be shut off at the Marina and boat ramps during tropical storms and hurricanes.

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

Marina Gate

In mid-July, new Marina Gate operating and access control systems were installed, and follow-

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ing 5 days of opportunities for slip holders to swap old key cards for new key fobs, the new systems went operational on July 29th. We kept the big, yellow swing gate, and it will operate on the same daylight/darkness schedule. To complete the gate upgrade, on August 16th two new loop detectors were imbedded in the driveway pavement for stay-open safety and automatic exit.



Slip holders who have not yet gotten a key fob should contact the HSIA Administrator to arrange a swap of the old card for a new fob. Admin@hillsmereshores.org.

Beach Drive Boat Ramp

On July 30th three dead or dying trees were removed from the Beach Drive Boat Ramp in compliance with a Vegetation Management Plan approved by the County. New, native replacement trees will be planted.

Marina Slips and Occupancy

The Marina remains essentially full. As of August 18th there were 2 unassigned slips (#A8, #A10) out of 123 total slips. There will be some additional turnover of slips as boats are sold or residents move, resulting in slips being available for upgrading as well as to offer to new residents moving into Hillsmere.

Marina Operations

Routine maintenance has continued as needed. If you see something that needs attention, please contact marina@hillsmereshores.org, or the guy who does most of the work: Norm Johansen at normjohansen@gmail.com.

The Anne Arundel County Fire Department conducted its annual safety inspection of the Marina on August 17th. No discrepancies were noted.

Kayak Racks

The Kayak Racks are full, and there is a Waiting List. All rack space holders should be routinely checking on their canoes/kayaks/SUPs to make sure they are secure, *especially before and after storms!* Locking is recommended! And please ensure your vessels are turned upside down so mosquito-breeding water is not collecting inside.

Following up on suggestions to construct additional kayak racks, a small group is exploring the feasibility of adding more racks at different locations in Hillsmere. Our Kayak Racks have historically been constructed as community projects by Eagle-Scout candidates. Stay tuned.

Boat Park

There is a temporary hold on adding new tenants to the Boat Park until we see how the currently assigned boats and trailers fit the available spaces. There will be some relocation of trailers occurring as we try to maintain the scheme of empty trailers and small boats in the rear of the lot (preserving neighbors' viewshed), large, two-axle trailers on the left (South) side and on the right (North) side along the fence, and single-axle trailers on the right (North) side and the front of the lot, angled parking for all, and everyone parked close together. *If you lock your trail-*

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er, the P&H Chair needs a copy of the key or the lock combination in case we have to reposition your trailer!

P&H MEETING TIME AND PLACE

We will have a live, in-person P&H meeting this month, on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Walker Pavilion at the Hillsmere Beach, weather permitting.

Topics for discussion will include the Sand Spit Living Shoreline Concept Plan, the P&H Budget and fee schedule for next year, the upgrading of the security camera system, and the Duvall Creek channel marker replacement effort.

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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2021 BOARD MEETINGS

Jan 28	April 29	July 29	Oct 28
Feb 25	May 27	Aug 26	Nov 18
Mar 25	June 24	Sep 30	Dec 16

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

HELLO September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Beach Committee Meeting @ 6:30pm	3	4
5	6 Labor Day	7	8	9	10	11 HSIA Board of Directors Candidate Bio's Due! (See pg 3)
12	13	14 P&H Committee Meeting @ 6pm	15	16	17	18
19 Run for the Lighthouse	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 HSIA Board of Directors Meeting (Zoom invite pg 11)		



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