

Candidates for Membership to the HSIA Board of Directors 2021 Election

All candidates are residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community and are confirmed to be in good standing and current in their HSIA membership. In alphabetical order, these are the candidates for HSIA Board of Directors:

Adam Blugis:

Statement of Intent to Run: I respectfully submit my statement of intent to run for a position on the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association's (HSIA) Board of Directors (BoD). My wife, Sharon and I purchased our home on 150 E Bay View Drive in March 2019 and have been members of HSIA ever since.

Statement of Qualifications: I graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1983 with a BA degree and immediately entered active-duty service as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Throughout my 20 years as a U.S. Army officer, I acquired both leadership and technical skills through a series of specialized training, and command and staff positions. Key military assignments included: Tank Platoon Leader and Company Executive Offer, FT Stewart, GA; Battalion and Assistant Brigade Military Intelligence (MI) Officer, Schweinfurt, Germany; MI Company Commander, Wurzburg, Germany; XVIII Airborne Corp Collection Manager, FT Bragg, NC; Brigade Senior MI Officer, Republic of Korea; and Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Planning and Operations Officer, National Security Agency (NSA), FT Meade, MD. My military training and education included: Airborne School; Armor Officer Basic Course; MI Basic and Advanced Courses; Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) Officer School; Combined Arms and Service Staff School; and the Command and General Staff College. Key highlights of my military career include the care, feeding and training of up to 120 soldiers and as a SIGINT Officer, I was responsible for conducting, planning and training multi-disciplined intelligence operations at the tactical through national level.

Upon retiring from U.S. Army in 2004, I worked for The Boeing Company as a Systems Engineer (SE) and SIGINT Subject Matter Expert on several large NSA contracts. After eleven years with Boeing, I retired and joined Entegra Systems, Inc. working in the same capacity and where I honed my SE skills by providing on-site operational support to NSA's premier Computer Network Exploitation organization by developing and managing key customer processes.

In my personal life, I have raised two sons – the eldest an Ensign in the USCG and the youngest a Computer Scientist at the NSA. I am a proud conservationist with a growing love for and interest in preserving our beautiful Chesapeake Bay and the rich resources she has to offer. I enjoy fishing and cruising to different marinas with my wife, aboard our 31' Ranger Tugs Trawler, The Sharon Jean.

Goals and Vision for Our HSIA Community:

- Continue to maintain the beauty and resort-like environment of our community and, whenever possible, advance the HSIA BoD's past achievements in a fiscally responsible manner and always with an eye towards conservation and preservation of our Bay.

- Support and help to advance the Hillsmere Shore's Community living shoreline project.
- Find ways to reduce, or least make tolerable, the traffic congestion we all have experienced on Hillsmere Drive, through increased interaction with our local government and Key School officials.
- Explore options for controlling the local White Tailed Deer population, originating from Quiet Waters Park, by opening and maintaining lines-of-communications with our local government and DNR officials.
- Greatly reduce or eliminate the number of solicitors knocking on our community doors.

Elizabeth Bublitz:

Greetings,

I am a former small business owner of a landscape design/build/maintenance company. I am currently in cyber security and a resident of Hillsmere.

I have also served on the Board of Directors for 4 years of ISSA (Information Security Systems Association) in Denver, Colorado and 1 year on Maryland's ISSA Board of Directors (2020-2021). I am in the Anne Arundel Master Gardener program, joined the Hillsmere Garden Club and hope to continue to be active in the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Timothy Cantor:

Greetings HSIA Members,

My name is Timothy Cantor and I am excited to announce my candidacy for a position on the HSIA Board. As a member of the HSIA, I am looking forward to working with other board members, volunteers as well as residents that enjoy use of Hillsmere Shores Marina in an effort to continue making Hillsmere a great place to live in.

For those of you who don't know me, I have lived in Hillsmere for over 10 years and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. I have also greatly enjoyed the camaraderie and sense of community that I have benefited from in the 2 years I have kept my boat in the Marina. I have a loving spouse who I have been married to since June 27th of this year. In my spare time I paddleboard, sail our boat Journey and walk our two dogs Odin and Zoey.

HSIA Board members must know how to plan and understand budgets, manage association finances, deal with disputes, discuss and carry out ideas, and listen to the membership. I believe my background in Federal Law Enforcement and 18 years of working for the federal Government make me uniquely suited to be an effective member. In my current position, I work with over 120 military and law enforcement agencies each year, team with other federal agencies on projects, and use my ability to network and team with others to ensure projects are completed. Therefore, I have an idea of what this job entails and believe I have the necessary skills and experience to do it well. I am very enthusiastic and will work hard to ensure my time on the board will serve the community well.

These are my future goals for the HSIA:

1. Ensure that Hillsmere Shores Marina remains welcoming to residents and their visitors
2. Ensure that Hillsmere Shores Marina remains a functional, clean and safe place for all residents that wish to enjoy the water.
3. Continue encouraging environmentally safe, reasonable practices by residents in the Marina.
4. Continue fostering a community of water loving individuals that is inclusive and continues to grow the community spirit already established.
5. Identify and research cost efficient ways of improving the Marina.

If you believe that my experience, my listed goals, along with my drive to help continue the fantastic work done by previous board members in making the HSIA such a success will be an asset to the community, please support me for a position on the board!

Claire Corcoran:

It has been 5+ years since my move to Hillsmere Shores; my previous homes were located in Bowie, Frederick and Baltimore. Since 2018, I have been serving on the HSIA Board of Directors and have been the Chair of both the Security and Zoning Committees. I have always been passionate about the places in which I have lived, thus have been very active in a variety of community affairs in each of the aforementioned communities as well as here in Hillsmere.

Professionally, I hold Bachelor's and Master's degrees as well as Certification in Legal Studies (paralegal.) I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where I served in a presidential support unit in Washington, DC; I've also worked in public education as well as real estate redevelopment with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Since I am an avid sailor, I now teach sailing and also volunteer with a veteran non-profit that promotes the sport of sailing for both active duty and veterans in need of a healthy outlet and camaraderie beyond their military life.

In Hillsmere, my duties have included overseeing our security patrol and taking the lead on issues related to zoning, principally property use and maintenance, which has required my working with Anne Arundel permit and zoning inspectors, the Health Department, DPW, the county executive's office and the county council. My goals for our community are reflected in the committees that I chair: I wish to work towards preserving and enhancing the character of our neighborhood as a single family, residential community in which residents feel safe, neighbors take pride in their homes and property values remain strong. As such, my vision for Hillsmere is for the community to remain a safe, desirable and attractive neighborhood for homeowners and their families for many years to come.

Christian Elkington:

My name is Christian Elkington and I am running for the HSIA Board of Directors. I grew up in Hillsmere Shores and when my wife and I had an opportunity to return to the community we did not hesitate. We have a 16-month-old son and we could not envision a better

neighborhood in which to grow up. The residents, community amenities, and access to the Chesapeake Bay, only highlight the many beautiful qualities of Hillsmere.

Previously I served as a member and the Chairman of a civic board for the City of Annapolis responsible for balancing citizen concerns against the need to maintain and/or improve infrastructure enhancements within the boundaries of Annapolis. Coupled with my work experience, as an attorney with Maryland and Supreme Court bar admission, I bring the experience and understanding of frequently divergent viewpoints on varied issues, an ability to weigh such considerations suitably, and a desire to achieve consensus between disparate positions.

My vision for the community is informed by several decades of residency, though bifurcated through the years, and is simply to ensure that the uniqueness and diversity of the community are maintained, enhanced where needed for current and future residents, and to make sure that Hillsmere continues to be one of the most attractive and admired neighborhoods in the Annapolis area with valued facilities and opportunities for residents' enjoyment that fosters a feeling of not only having a house, but a home.

Kevin Green:

My wife Stacey and I moved to Hillsmere in 2005. It did not take us long to know that we made the right decision. Our community recreational and natural resources are the best in the area. I have served HSIA as chair of the Security, Environmental and Shoreline Protection Committees.

I am an Anne Arundel County Master Watershed Steward, former Board Chair of the South River Federation (now the Arundel Rivers Federation) and currently a board member of the AACo. Watershed Stewards Academy.

Our current Board is doing an outstanding job managing the finances and operations of the community during these difficult times. And as neighbors we continue to look out for each other. As a board member I will work to expand on the lessons and skills the Board is so effectively using during the pandemic with a goal to increase community participation in governance and to ensure a welcoming environment that is accessible and inclusive.

Phil Jones:

I have lived in Hillsmere for more than 30 years and I am currently a HSIA member and a member of the Board of Directors. During those years, I have led or been closely involved with most major community projects including the construction of the Hillsmere pool plus many beach and marina expansion and improvement projects. As the then HSIA President, I worked with Anne Arundel County during the construction of Quiet Waters Park and I am a longtime member of the Hillsmere Beach Committee. As requested, my goals and vision for the community are the same as they have been as long as I have lived here and that is to make Hillsmere a great to live, to raise a family, which I did, and to work with those who support these goals and vision.

In particular, if re-elected, I would work: (1) to improve our community beach while maintaining the existing open space, to resist attempts to add stone breakwater structures inside the protected beach swim area and to resist efforts to change the nature and character of the beach e.g. by adding boat storage racks; (2) to support the remodeling of the Hillsmere owned small house into a community meeting facility, specifically, I will continue to encourage the development of several facility remodeling plans for community review e.g. a minimum cost plan, a middle of the road plan and a plan that would cost a little more but could serve the community better in the longer view. All remodeling proposals, I believe, should include: planned building use, proposed building changes, parking plans, preliminary costing and permit requirements at a minimum. These proposed plans should be presented to the community for review and comment.

I also strongly support the idea that the Board should be more open with its plans and proposals for community change and to work to include better, more and sooner community input into its project planning and development. The recent Sea Breeze articles on this year's Sand Spit "Living Shoreline" proposal and the stated plan for further community communications and meetings is one example of the Board's new openness that I have been advocating at the Board. My guess is that you don't know that this is the second attempt for this project. The first effort, which included large beach changes, "died" in the light of day at the State level.

I am a retired Navy Officer, a retired Senior Engineering Manager and a former consulting business owner. My education is as a mechanical engineer and as a computer information systems designer.

I ask for your vote and thank you for your support and together we can keep Hillsmere the great place it is to live and to raise a family.

Fred Matos:

Fred Matos lives on Green Spring Drive in his second Hillsmere residency. He previously lived for over 10 years on Edgemere Drive in the 1970s serving the Hillsmere community in youth baseball as the little-league baseball coach. There was tremendous area interest in Hillsmere baseball, with many kids registering from nearby areas such as Annapolis Roads, Oyster Harbor, Thomas Point, etc. After conferring with then HSIA President Bob Ray, he expanded the program to include the additional kids by adding more teams. Expanding baseball to the greater Annapolis Neck area eventually led to the creation of PAL.

Fred has extensive experience serving on volunteer Boards. He was the St. Mary's Church member of the founding Board of Directors of Annapolis Area Ministries when it was incorporated, the operator of the Light House Shelter, serving the homeless in the Annapolis area. He served on the Board for many years as the Secretary, and he was also a frequent volunteer at the shelter.

Fred was also on the founding Board of Directors of the Naval Academy Junior Swim Club (NAJSC), a youth swimming club based at the Naval Academy. He served on the Board for many years, including its incorporation.

Fred's government work in telecommunications resulted in his being on numerous United States delegations to the International Telecommunication Union, a United Nations treaty organization in Geneva, Switzerland. He negotiated complex issues with other nations reaching consensus. He also worked with the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq in 2003-4 building the nation as the senior adviser on telecommunications to Ambassador Paul Bremer, the national administrator. The war-zone job required making critical decisions in crisis situations.

He was a Legislative Assistant to Congressman Tom Tauke, supporting his work on the Subcommittee on Telecommunications. He developed policies on various issues.

Fred would be very open and transparent on the HSIA Board, and readily available to Hillsmere residents. His cell number is 443-990-2366.

He has three issues that he would engage the Board in strategic planning initiatives: 1) a contingency plan to purchase or lease the Key School athletic fields in Hillsmere should they become available; 2) improve the local public schools; and 3) develop a plan for 5G cellular services because many more cell towers are required for the service.

Phyllis Saroff:

Phyllis is a long time Hillsmere resident who has lived here with her husband Mike for thirty-three years. When their two boys were small, she helped chair the recreation and entertainment committee and established the regular community events at the beach. Phyllis works as a natural science illustrator and fine artist. Her vision as a board member has an environmental emphasis and she hopes to help maintain the natural resources and shared open spaces that residents of Hillsmere enjoy.

Maureen Sherer:

Vision: Hillsmere is a large, vibrant community of neighbors from many different backgrounds. It has been so rewarding to have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many of our neighbors. Their willingness to volunteer and their commitment to our community is truly amazing. My goal is to contribute to our spirit of collaboration, and to facilitate working together with respect and kindness to build an even better community.

Bio: It has been a pleasure to serve on the HSIA Board of Directors during this past year. I was elected by the Board to fill a vacancy. During this time, I have been serving as the Chair of the Beach Committee, collaborated with other board members to edit and revise the HSIA rules, served on an ad hoc committee to facilitate community event scheduling with respect to health guidelines, and participated in all board meetings.

I have been a professor of chemistry at Anne Arundel Community College since 1992. During this time, I have mentored many students in environmental field work projects. In addition to my chemistry degrees, I have a master's degree in environmental engineering. For many years I have been a volunteer teacher in the ESL program at St. Mary's Parish. I have lived in Hillsmere for 19 years. I am the mother of four grown children, and the grandmother of four children.

Ray Sullivan:

Moving to Hillsmere in 2001, my wife and I have grown to love this community. Hillsmere has a rich history with established families that have lived here for generations and new families moving here because of our wonderful amenities.

Serving on the board for over 15 years I am currently the longest serving board member. As a board member, I have fought to have a balanced and inclusive atmosphere within the community and continue to strive for what's best for Hillsmere. Topics such as the house at 119 Great Lake, pool, beach, stormwater, need to be discussed in such a way that all sides are listened to in order to come up with a balanced and economical solution.

Also, there are important issues that we face due to poorly proposed development on the Forest Drive corridor. I will continue focusing on the issues of traffic, destruction of the forest, school capacity, and other issues that affect our quality of life. By working with other communities and organizations such as The Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation, the Sierra Club and local governments both county and city we have been effective in limiting the negative impacts of these developments by demanding that the zoning, traffic, and environmental laws be enforced.

I will continue to monitor the developments that will affect us in our community whether they are outside the community like Crystal Spring Farm or closer to home such as Reserve at Quiet Waters (now called Parkside Preserve), and the redevelopment of the C&C property (Lidl grocery).

I would like to see us expand our environmental efforts. We could expand the take-in take-out trash that has worked well at the marina. Also, we can make Hillsmere into a pollinator pathway by limiting our use of pesticides and herbicides. We look forward to creating a living shoreline at the marina which will protect the sand spit.

I would appreciate your support in reelection to another term.

Steve Vanderbosch:

I have been a HSIA resident/property owner for over 22 years (and have paid my 2021 dues!), and have been a member of the HSIA Board and Chair of the Piers & Harbors Committee ("P&H") for nearly 8 years. As P&H Chair, I fully understand that service on the HSIA Board

takes a commitment of time and effort to do the job well, and I believe that I have demonstrated my commitment over the past eight years.

During the past two years we have continued to make improvements at the Marina, Boat Ramps and Boat Park, including: reconstructing the Sunset Drive Boat Ramp, upgrading Marina shore power outlets to be Code-compliant, replacing the Marina gate operating system, refurbishing/reinforcing the Sand Spit rip rap and jetty, resurfacing the Sand Spit gravel parking area with white stone, and supporting the Sand Spit Living Shoreline project, which is now at the Concept Plan (20% design) stage. Ongoing projects include replacing the Duvall Creek channel markers and upgrading the Marina security camera system. Future projects, in addition to the Sand Spit Living Shoreline, are replacing the Kayak Dock at 541 Beach Drive, constructing additional kayak racks at several locations, and analyzing the feasibility of installing additional boat lifts at the Marina.

I am aware of the many issues facing the Hillsmere Shores community, and if re-elected as a HSIA Board Member, I will work to build on the progress HSIA has made over the past several years in addressing those issues. I will continue to work cooperatively with the Officers, Directors, and Members of HSIA to define and articulate community goals and objectives, preserve and enhance HSIA assets, and ensure HSIA remains fiscally responsible and complies with all applicable laws and regulations.

I retired in 2013 from a 32-year public service career as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General, working for the last 13 years as Counsel to the State Treasurer in Annapolis. My experience as a public sector attorney included providing legal advice and opinions on a variety of subjects, with an emphasis on finance, banking, investments and procurement. My responsibilities included negotiation and preparation of contracts, drafting, editing and reviewing legislation, rules, regulations and policies, and interacting with federal, State and local government agencies as well as with contractors and the public. I believe my experience as an attorney for the State has proven and will continue to be useful to the HSIA Board. I am also a retired Navy Captain, having served 10 years on active duty, including a 4-year tour at the U.S. Naval Academy, and 20 years in the Naval Reserve.