

The Sea Breeze



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Hillsmere resident Nicholas Minot took this “sweetheart” of a sunset picture from the shores of Hillsmere Beach on February 14, 2022.

ATTENTION...Our babysitter/mother's helper and dog walker/pet sitter listings need to be updated. If your child(ren) or you are on either of these service lists, please review page 19 and email updated information to seabreeze@hillsmereshores.org. Thank you!

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President's Message

Michael J. Waters, HSIA President



Welcome to the March Sea Breeze!

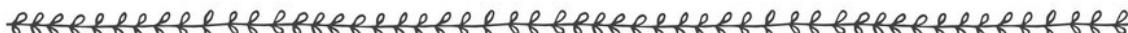
In response to those who were surprised and alarmed by the managed deer hunt in Quiet Waters Park, I share your concerns for animal welfare and support your request for open communication. I acknowledge the unhappiness this culling caused you and hope those of you who are upset find some solace in knowing that the deer were humanely harvested in a controlled and safe manner. I also encourage you to stay abreast of our community news by reading this newsletter every month and to share your views with Board members. My email is published on the HSIA website.

Sixteen does were removed from Quiet Waters Park last month with the meat donated to local food banks. This will be the only culling this year. The deer that remain will have more food available and should become healthier. There will also be more new tree growth, increases in non-deer species, reduced automobile accidents, reduced disease transmission, and a cleaner Bay.

As detailed in our minutes over the past four years, the Board has actively explored the impact of the large deer population on our neighborhood. The unanimous conclusion is that the population should be reduced to:

- Establish better deer health – there is too little food for too many deer
- Maintain a sustainable Quiet Waters Park forest – deer have eaten new growth trees
- Provide a livable environment for non-deer species – deer have removed the understory needed by frogs, snakes, birds, squirrels, turtles, possum, racoons, and foxes
- Reduce landscaping and crop losses – deer eat new plantings within days
- Reduce vehicular accidents – collisions cause property damage and injury
- Reduce e. coli contamination of property and the Bay – piles of fecal matter are found in public play areas
- Reduce the transfer of disease – zoonoses associated with deer can cause serious illness to humans and pets

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HSIA President: president@hillsmereshores.org

Key School liaison: kaustin@keyschool.org

AACO traffic engineer: pwf11@aacounty.org

Community Cat Program: jckilborn@yahoo.com

HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



Come And Get It Day — Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at tables during our annual membership day, known as Come And Get It Day. This day would not be possible without the help of many people! We had a slower day than past years, since residents were encouraged to send their paperwork through the mail. We welcomed approximately 160 residents who paid HSIA membership dues, got 2022 boat ramp key and stickers, paid for slips, dinghy rack or boat park, and/or joined the pool. Thanks so much for a job well done!

2022 Membership and Stickers — Be sure to get 2022 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 2022 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 or place it in the HSIA drop box at the community house at 119 Great Lake Drive (the box is in the carport). 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 — 2022 boat ramp keys are now available. To request a 2022 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. **All Piers & Harbor locks will change on April 1.** Get your key now! Remember that keys are not available on short notice. Please allow a few weeks processing time. Thanks for your understanding!

Have You Joined the Pool Yet? — Spring is right around the corner, and with Spring and warm weather comes thoughts of joining our wonderful pool! Pool forms can be found in this issue of the *Sea Breeze*. 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. Both can be mailed to the address on the forms and both fees can be included in one check. And please remember to sign the waiver on page 2 of the pool form!

2022 Beach Reservations — The 2022 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to admin@hillsmereshores.org. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. This allows more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Signed application forms for a liquor license must be obtained from HSIA and submitted to the County as least two weeks prior to the event.

Motions from January 2022 Zoom Board meeting:

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

ADMINISTRATIVE: Maureen Sherer moved to approve the Run For The Lighthouse on Sunday, September 18. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Steve Vanderbosch moved to accept guidance for administering Hillsmere Covenant #4, as follows:
 - a. "Covenant #4 states that "No building, or part thereof, except as hereinafter provided, shall be erected or maintained on any part of any lot, as shown on the plats of Hillsmere, closer than thirty (30) feet to any road, street, or highway thirty (30) feet or more in width on which the plot upon which the building is erected fronts. No building or any part thereof erected shall be closer than fifteen (15) feet from the division line of any lot, and only one building for private residential purposes shall be erected on each lot. HSIA has the right to approve deviation from these distances if the contour or shape of a lot will not permit compliance with these restrictions."
 - b. Covenant #4 requires a front setback of 30' from the roadway, and side setbacks of 15' from the property lines for all buildings. HSIA has the right to grant deviations, or variances from these setbacks if the contour or shape of the lot will not permit compliance.
 - c. A deviation from these setback requirements in the case of "odd-shaped" lots is not automatic. The shape or contour of the lot must make compliance with the setback requirements practically impossible, not merely inconvenient, under the circumstances of each case.
 - d. Once a deviation from the setback requirements has been granted to a property owner, future requests for deviations may be favorably considered, provided:
 - 1) The subsequent deviation does not exceed the extent of encroachment into the setback area of the original deviation; and
 - 2) The subsequent deviation does not otherwise materially alter the use, appearance, or remaining setback area of the property.

Kevin Green seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

2. Mike Waters moved the Board reconsider and approve the variance request for 605 Hillsmere Drive. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

1. Mike Waters moved the board approve the appointment of Claire Corcoran to the HSIA Vice President position. Maureen Sherer seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
2. Mike Waters moved the Board approve the appointment of Tim Cantor as Claire Corcoran's

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Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 2022 Membership Application

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.

Individual Membership Name: Address: Phone: Home: Cell: Email:	Additional Membership (add \$25.00) Name: Phone: Home: Cell: Email:
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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. You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, & Address	# Stickers <input type="text"/>
YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE STICKERS IF REGISTRATIONS ARE PROVIDED TO HSIA.	

Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2022)		\$ 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			
TOTAL			

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 _____ 2022/2023 marina guest passes (up to 4 guest passes)
 Number _____

Sea Breeze Distribution: Please send via postal mail or via emailed link
 To join the HSIA community email list visit www.hillsmereshores.org

(Questions? Email admin@hillsmereshores.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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Sticker #:	Marina Sticker #:	Check #:
Trailer #:	Boat Ramp Key #:	Date Received:
	Boat Park Key #:	Received By:

Required Supporting Documents

In an effort to ensure our community facilities are properly used, and to protect the interests of our residents, HSIA requires specific documents be provided in order to obtain HSIA membership and/or a slip in our marina. Please submit a photocopy of the required supporting documents with your membership application. To protect your privacy, you may black out personal information - refer to the table below to determine the information that must be left visible. Please note that forms submitted without required documentation will result in a delay in processing. Be sure to include all required documentation to avoid delays in processing.

Document	Required By	Explanation
Driver's License or other proof of residency	Renters and/or anyone NOT listed on the property tax records.	Full name and address must be readable. Any resident over 18 or any property owner is eligible to join HSIA. We verify property owners with the current property tax records. Renters and/or anyone else not listed on the property tax records are required to provide proof of address to obtain HSIA membership.
Vehicle Registration	Any individual requesting a Hillsmere Shores automobile decal/sticker.	Tag number, make/model, expiration date, name, and address must be readable. A copy of the current vehicle registration is required for EACH VEHICLE for which you are requesting a decal/sticker.
Trailer Registration	Any individual utilizing the Boat Park, requesting a Boat Ramp key and/or trailer decal/sticker. <i>NOTE: All trailers using the Boat Ramp are required to have current HSIA decals/stickers.</i>	Tag number, name, and address must be readable. A copy of the current trailer registration is required for EACH TRAILER for which you are requesting a decal/sticker. <u>Maryland law requires all boat trailers be registered.</u> HSIA will not issue a decal/sticker for any non-registered trailers.
USCG Documentation or MD Boat Registration; AND Boat Title (unless already on file); AND Boat Slip Permit (slips only)	Anyone receiving a slip in the Marina -and- anyone with a boat in the Boat Park.	A copy of the boat's title and (1) the current USCG documentation -or- (2) the current MD boat registration (if not USCG documented) is required for any boat receiving a slip in the Marina and/or a spot in the Boat Park. All owners must be listed. See the Marina Rules for percent ownership requirements. A Boat Slip Permit must be completed and submitted for slips only
HSIA Boat Ownership Form (Vessel Ownership Affidavit)	Anyone receiving a slip for a boat that has multiple owners.	This document describes the percentage ownership of each owner of a boat receiving a slip in the Marina. This document must be signed by each owner of the boat. All signatures must be notarized.
Boat Insurance Policy Declarations Page	Anyone receiving a slip in the marina.	A copy of the current boat insurance policy declarations page is required for any boat in the Marina. See the Marina Rules for the required coverage and limits of liability.

HSIA does not release any information provided with the membership application or supporting documents to any third party. All reasonable efforts are made to protect the information submitted. If you have any questions or concerns about providing the required information and documentation, please contact HSIA, 410-263-4456 (24-hour voice mailbox).

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replacement on the HSIA Board of Directors. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: Ray Sullivan moved the Board approve the House Resolution, as follows: Request resolution supporting Committee's decision to rehab the Hillsmere House and make the following improvements (plans and budget to follow)

- Enclose carport to create a garage for storage
- Add front, covered, porch for handicap access and aesthetics
- Remove internal basement steps to open foyer for handicap access

Maureen Sherer seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



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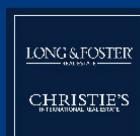
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The Board would certainly support an effective, non-lethal approach for managing deer population if it existed. Our interest is in the outcome not the method. However, research and expert advice make it clear that the only proven way to reduce an urban deer population is by a controlled hunt.

Three years ago, the Board petitioned a few hundred of our neighbors on deer management and found the large majority favored reducing the population with a controlled hunt. Others did not want any deer removed or took the view that hunting is the wrong approach.

No one on the Board wishes to cause our neighbors distress, but we also cannot accept the harm caused by having too many deer. Given the grave damage on the Annapolis Neck, the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association joined The Friends of Quiet Waters Park, the Quiet Waters Park staff, Anne Arundel Recreation and Parks, the County Executive, and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources in support of a managed deer program.

As part of evaluating the hunt's effectiveness, Recreation and Parks has invited outside researchers to review the metrics used to determine deer's impact on the park and help set up new systems for collecting the underlying data. If future results indicate another culling is required, I will be certain to pass on that information in my *Sea Breeze* letter, not just the Board minutes.

In closing, I wish to emphasize that controlled hunts are a measured response to protect human health and establish good stewardship of our natural environment. No one involved wishes to be cruel toward deer.

Warmest Regards,
Mike Waters

"It was one of
those March days
when the sun shines
hot and the wind
blows cold: when it
is summer in the
light, and winter
in the shade." Charles Dickens.



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Beach Report

Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board Member & Beach Committee Chair



March at the Beach brings some welcome signs of the approaching Spring. While the tundra swans and other migratory water fowl will be heading back north to their summer breeding grounds, the buds on the trees are beginning to swell - a sure sign the trees are no longer dormant. Fortunately, the trees and the Beach in general have weathered the winter well so far.

There was an unfortunate episode of vandalism or attempted theft with regard to a picnic table a couple of weeks ago. As previously reported, we are consulting with the Maryland Department of the Environment about beach nourishment and sand redistribution at the enclosed swim area. This is a recommended conservation strategy, particularly for the maintenance of recreational swim areas.

As the days lengthen, I hope you have many opportunities to enjoy the Beach in March.



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Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant



The February presentation featured Joe DiGiovanni, who gave a talk which was amazing in both scope and detail. He covered pruning techniques and presented a “show and tell” on many pruning hand-tools. Before-and-after pictures of projects he’s been involved in were shown. Joe explained why, like cutting hair, “if you start pruning, you’ll be doing it for a long, long time”. It really was a master class in everything related to pruning.

For the March 16th meeting, Alison Milligan will return to help us figure out invasive plants and how to manage them. Alison was a presenter in the early part the club’s fiscal year speaking about the Homegrown National Park concept. Her presentations are well received, well done and very thorough. She also brings along native plants to “show and tell”. In addition to Alison’s talk, club member Catherine Stirling will give a short talk on pollinators and the flowers they frequent, in anticipation of the Club’s selecting new Club plant and insect.

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).



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HSIA Building Permits



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 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 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, Setbacks](#)

For permit approval, please allow 10 working days to receive your permit in order to allow time to make sure all of your documents are legible (do not take photos of documents and email them), review it, verify your request meets HSIA Covenants and setbacks, and contact you for any questions on the submission. Please provide your current mailing address if it is different than the address on the AA County Building Permit. Your permit will also be mailed, via USPS, which takes several days.

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

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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. Tsipopoulos	123 Keuthe Drive	Fence	21014
B. Pike	136 Locust Lane	Shed	21015
N. Moonstarr	303 Edgemere Drive	Front Porch	21016



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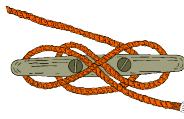
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Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT—As previously announced, we are awaiting a decision on funding for the grant application that our project partner Arundel Rivers Federation submitted to the Department of Natural Resources Watershed Assistance Grant Program, seeking funds for the full design of the Sand Spit Living Shoreline Project.

Meanwhile, have you noticed all the waterfowl and wading birds that are wintering along Hillsmere Shores and Duvall Creek? In addition to sizable flocks of Tundra Swans and Canadian Geese, our creek and shorelines are a refuge for Great Blue Herons, Green Herons, Egrets, Cormorants, American Bitterns, Bufflehead Ducks, Greater Scaup Ducks, Mallards, Canvasback Ducks, American Black Ducks, and others, all sighted along Hillsmere Shores, the Sand Spit and Duvall Creek.

Did you know that HSIA purchases the licenses for shoreline and offshore hunting blinds from DNR for the area from the Hillsmere Beach to the end of the Sand Spit? This effectively precludes duck hunting along that stretch of shoreline, making the Sand Spit and Duvall Creek even more of a refuge for our feathered friends.

The addition of a Living Shoreline with some 15,000 square feet of tidal marsh, will create excellent shallow water habitat that will support a greater abundance of **waterfowl** and wading birds, along with aquatic invertebrates, fish, crabs and more.

COME AND GET IT DAY—Come And Get It Day was a moderate success, with about half of the typical pre-pandemic turnout. Due to COVID-19, we have encouraged everyone to send paperwork and payments for HSIA Membership renewals, Slip, Boat Park and Kayak Rack renewals, and purchases of Boat Ramp Keys by mail or by the community drop box, located at the community house at 119 Great Lake Drive (box is in the carport).

For returning slip holders:

SLIP FEES AND UPDATED DOCUMENTS WERE DUE MARCH 1ST.

If you have not yet sent your payment and documents, you are subject to a \$100 late fee. The late fee increases to \$200 for payments and documentation received after April 1st. If you need to make alternative payment arrangements, please contact the P&H Chair at marina@hillsmereshores.org or call or text 410-212-6978.

If you are not going to renew your Slip, or Boat Park space, or Kayak Rack space, please let us know as soon as possible by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org so people on the various Waiting Lists can be accommodated.

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As of this writing, it appears there will be at least 10 vacant slips for assignment in 2022.

WINTER SLIPS—For those who have left your boats in the water this winter, March can be cruel:

- Make sure your boat is properly moored, using extra lines, spring lines and chafing guards as necessary.
- Check your boat often, especially after storms, ice/snow events, high winds, and extreme high or low tides.
- Do not use unattended space heaters in your boat! Space heaters are a leading cause of marina fires. Use of unattended space heaters is prohibited under HSIA rules, and is cause for losing your slip!

If you see any boat at the Marina whose lines (or anything else) need attention for any reason, please send an email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or call 410-212-6978.

WAITING LISTS—

Slips: There are currently 39 names on the Slip Wait List. Everyone on the Slip Wait List has been sent at least two emails asking them to respond whether or not they will accept a slip if offered one in 2022. If you think you are on the Slip Wait List and have not seen an email, check your spam filter. So far, 22 have indicated they will accept a slip if offered; 4 have declined, and 13 have not yet responded. Anyone on the Slip Wait List not responding by March 1 will be considered to have declined a slip in 2022.

Boat Park: There are 9 people on the Boat Park Wait List, about half of whom did not reply to offers of a space in 2021. As we determine who is renewing their Boat Park assignments, we will also try to determine those on the Wait List who are still interested in a space in the Boat Park. Payments for Boat Park renewals are due by APRIL 1st. If you do not intend to renew your Boat Park space, please let us know as soon as possible by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or admin@hillsmereshores.org so people on the Boat Park Wait List can be accommodated.

Kayak Racks: The ever-popular Kayak Rack Wait List has about 37 people seeking storage spots at the various Racks. Payments for Rack renewals are due by APRIL 1st. If you do not intend to renew your Kayak Rack space, please let us know by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or marinaracks@hillsmereshores.org so people on the Kayak Rack Wait List can be accommodated. Reminder: Storage at the Racks is on an assignment basis, and they are not open for free storage.

If you are only using the Kayak Rack to store your canoes or kayaks, and do not reasonably expect to use them this year, please consider giving up your rack space so some of our 37 neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can have an opportunity to use the racks.

We are planning on adding a few additional rack spaces at the Kayak Ramp and Beach Drive Boat Ramp locations this year.

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KEYS—The locks on the gates at the Boat Ramps, Kayak Ramp and Boat Park will be changed on APRIL1st! Until then your 2021 keys will work, but starting April 1 you will need the 2022 Ramp key or 2022 Boat Park key to access those areas.

MARINA OPERATIONS—

Ice-Eaters: As of mid-February, the ice eaters had been operated intermittently on a few occasions. As we did last year, we plan to hire a contractor to remove all 24 units, power-wash them, and return them all to storage.

Debris: Small amounts of debris continue to wash up at the Marina.

Thank You to everyone who has helped out by removing washed up trash and debris from the Marina.

Water/Pump Out Systems: The water and pump out systems will be turned on and tested after the threat of a hard freeze is passed. We plan to replace faulty/leaking bibs, spigots and cut-off valves this Spring after system activation.

MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL PROJECTS—There is little progress to report on the on-going major maintenance and capital projects, including installing Duvall Creek Entrance Channel Markers, upgrading the Marina Security Camera System, and replacing the Kayak Dock on Beach Drive. We are ever hopeful that progress can be made on these projects in 2022.

MARINA RULE CHANGES—At the recommendation of the P&H Committee, the HSIA Board has been asked to approve changes and additions to the Marina Rules. They address causes and procedures for terminating or not renewing a slip (7.1, 7.3), mooring and the use of hardware in slips (8.4), and prohibiting crab pots (8.16). The proposed changes may be viewed on the HSIA Website, on the Piers & Harbor page. The new or changed language is reprinted below in ***bold italic***.

7.1. HSIA may terminate or refuse to renew a Slip Permit for any of the following:

- a) Boat not maintained in a safe, operable, and seaworthy condition.
- b) Boat neglected by owner as evidenced by broken lines, improperly adjusted lines, repeatedly taking on water, excessive fouling or plant growth, causing damage to docks, or any other neglect as determined by Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee.
- c) ***Boat not used for one or more seasons, without extenuating circumstances.***
- d) Slips that do not have the assigned boat present for 30 days or more unless other arrangements have been made with the Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee.

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e) Boat causing pollution by the discharge of oil or oily waste in the marina, or otherwise violating the federal or Maryland Clean Water Acts.

7.3.1 Slip holders shall be given 30 days notice in writing or by email of any proposed termination or refusal to renew a Slip Permit under Section 7.1 and the reasons therefor, and shall have an opportunity to meet with the Chairperson of the P&H Committee to discuss the proposed action.

7.3.2 At the discretion of the Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee, a slip holder may be allowed a reasonable period of time to correct any violations and avoid termination or non-renewal of the Slip Permit.

7.3.3 A slip holder may request that any decision to terminate or not renew a Slip Permit under Section 7.1 be reviewed by the HSIA Board of Directors.

8.4.1 No improvements, repairs, or modifications to slips or docks are permitted without the express written consent of the *Chairperson of the Piers and Harbor Committee*.

8.4.2 The preferred method of mooring boats in the Marina is by securing mooring lines

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around pilings of the slip, dock or bulkhead.

8.4.3 Unless expressly approved in writing by the Chairperson of the P&H Committee:

a) Slip holders shall not install cleats, eye bolts, rings, blocks and pulleys, hooks, nails, handles, grab bars or other hardware on pilings, dock boards, joists, stringers, or bulkheads.

b) Slip holders shall not install dock bumpers, edging, guards or wheels on pilings, dock boards, joists, stringers, or bulkheads.

8.4.4 Slips holders may install line hangers designed for marine use on outer pilings provided they are parallel to the length of the slip, do not intersect the plane of the slip (i.e., do not project into the slip area), and are installed with stainless steel screws or lag bolts.

8.4.5 Dock boxes meeting all requirements outlined in Addendum A may be installed with prior written approval of the Chairperson of the Piers and Harbor Committee.

8.16.1 Crab Pots Prohibited. While crabbing is allowed from the Marina and Boat Ramp docks and piers, State law limits the use of crab pots to two (2) per property, which must be registered with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) by the property owner (HSIA).

8.16.2 Crab pots may not be used at the Marina or Boat Ramp docks and piers by slip holders, Hillsmere residents, guests, or visitors.

8.16.3 Any crab pots found to be in use at the Marina or Boat Ramp docks and piers are subject to removal and disposal without notice.

P&H MEETINGS—P&H Committee Meetings have resumed at the Key School “Barn” Building. The next P&H Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday March 8, 2022, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. In the interim, please direct questions/issues/concerns/comments to marina@hillsmereshores.org.

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Pool Committee Report

Danielle Franz, Pool Committee Chair



Pool season is right around the corner. While many of us are starting to think about getting our swimsuit bodies back, the Pool Committee is making plans for a fun filled summer. If you'd like to join the committee, please email us at pool@hillsmereshores.org. We have lots to plan - Food Truck Fridays, Holiday Parties and general operations and we can't do this without volunteers. We will be having our annual pool clean up day in mid-May so please stay tuned for the date. Volunteers will earn guest passes!

Please note that there is a discount to get your paperwork submitted by May 1. Additionally, we will be offering extra guest passes to those who get their paperwork in by the early bird deadline. Stay tuned for more details!

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2022 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
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
Additional members subject to \$25 fee per person				
7.				
8.				

Membership Type	Postmarked by May 1st	Postmarked after May 1 st	Qty.	Payment Due
Family	\$500	\$550		
Adult	\$195	\$225		
Youth	\$100	\$125		
Fee pp over 6 members	\$25	\$25		
TOTAL				

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. Please read page 2 of this application "Request and Release". Signatures are required.

Check #:	Amount:	Received By:	Date Received:	HSIA member:
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2022 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form (page 2 of 2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Print Full Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Print Full Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Child Attendance Waiver (Optional)

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

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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

Child:	Child:
Child:	Child:



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2022 BOARD MEETINGS

Jan 27	April 28	July 28	Oct 27
Feb 24	May 26	Aug 25	Nov 17
Mar 31	June 30	Sep 29	Dec 15

Note: 2022 Board meeting locations TBA.

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 P&H Meeting @ 7pm	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Begins	14	15	16 Garden Club	17	18	19
20 Spring Equinox	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31 HSIA Board Meeting		



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