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Hillsmere Shores Annual Independence Day Bike Parade

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HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator

July 4th Bicycle Parade Thank You—Stacie May organized our July 4th Bicycle Parade again this year! We had beautiful weather the day of our parade and refreshments were shared at the large pavilion after the parade. It was great to see all the bicycles, scooters, and strollers decked out in their red, white, and blue! Thank you Stacie for organizing this patriotic event!

July 15 Happy Hour—Thanks to Noel Gasparin and a crew of volunteers, our Hillsmere Happy Hours have returned to our beach! We have two more happy hours this season. Our next Happy Hour is Friday, July 15, 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite adult beverage. We'll provide the entrée! **NO GLASS BOTTLES and/or DISHES PLEASE.** We look forward to seeing you there! If anyone is interested in helping with our Happy Hours, please email admin@hillsmereshores.org or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456.

Bringing Back the Music at the September 10 Happy Hour—Mark your calendars for our last Happy Hour of the season on Saturday, September 10. Highlighted at this Happy Hour will be a live Blues band managed by Hillsmere Shores resident Tom O'Brien. For this special event, the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association's Board of Directors approved exceptions to two existing Beach rules to allow amplified music (ref Rule 2.27) and to occupy the Beach after sunset (ref Rule 2.23) to accommodate the September 10 event for Hillsmere Shores' residents and their guests to enjoy. The September 10 Beach Happy Hour, featuring the Moxie Blues Band, led by Hillsmere resident Tom O'Brien, will be from 5:00 to 8:30 pm. Tom has offered the services of his band for this community wide event. The six-member Band collectively brings decades of musical and performing experience to the stage. Their variety of Blues, Blues Rock, Funk and Southern Rock will bring a unique musical experience to our community. Other Hillsmere events with live music are in the making, thanks to Laura Iversen for drumming up both the interest and musicians for Music

Moxie Blues Band brings to you a very unique song list covering a wide range of blues, blues rock, southern rock and a bit of funk/motown for good measure. Members: Leigh LaHood, Jay Silverman, Tom O'Brien, Joel Hoskins, Bob Allnutt, and Tom Newton

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HSIA President: president@hillsmereshores.org
Key School liaison: kaustin@keyschool.org
AACO traffic engineer: pwflor11@aacounty.org
Community Cat Program: jckilborn@yahoo.com

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Nights at the Pool. If there are any Hillsmere musicians interested in performing, please contact Tom (tom@moxiebluesband.com) or Laura (via Facebook, Laura Iverson). Noel Gasparin will coordinate the volunteers to purchase and prepare the food for the Happy Hour, and residents are asked to bring a chair, a covered side dish to share, and their favorite adult beverage.

Ice Cream Social—Helene Raven has stepped forward to organize an Ice Cream Social at the beach pavilion. The date is Saturday, August 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring cookies or a dessert and toppings to share. Hope to see you there!

Annapolis Run for The Light House—Sunday, September 18, 2022. All proceeds from this Half Marathon - 5K - Walk go to The Light House a homeless prevention support center. Over 80 volunteers are needed to make this race a success! (students can get service hours but those under 16 need an adult). To sign up to volunteer https://forms.gle/gz2hMXn8aaYCVzE18. For more race information and to register https://www.annapolisrunforthelighthouse.org.

Pizza Party—We are hosting a new entertainment event this year – a pizza party! The date is October 1, time to be determined. So please mark your calendars. Thank you to Helene Raven for suggesting this fun event and volunteering to organize it too!

Entertainment Chair—HSIA is looking for an Entertainment Chair. If anyone is interested in this position, please contact the Administrator at admin@hillsmereshores.org or call the voice mail at 410-263-4456.

Non-Pool Members can use the pool this summer—We have two remaining dates this season for Hillsmere resident, non-pool members to use the pool. Those dates are July 26 and August 30. Please bring proof of residency for check-in.

County Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days—Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days provide opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals. Unless used and disposed of according to directions, household chemicals present a threat to the environment. Special handling is required to dispose of them. Materials collected are recycled

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or disposed in hazardous waste landfills or incinerators. A licensed private company contracted with the County provides these services. Please visit [Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days | Anne Arundel County, MD](aacounty.org) (aacounty.org) for information on materials accepted, how to prepare, program schedule and drop-off locations. **This program is for Anne Arundel County residents ONLY.**

Disposing of Household Hazardous Products Safely

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days provide opportunities for County residents to safely dispose of products containing harmful chemicals.

Items accepted include:

- Oil-based paints & staining agents
- Paint solvents
- Pesticides & Fertilizer
- Household & automotive cleaners
- Oil and antifreeze contaminated with water or other products
- Pool chemicals
- Gasoline, Kerosene & other fuels
- Hand-held signal, smoke & roadside flares
  AERIAL & PARACHUTE FLARES ARE NOT ACCEPTED
- Asbestos / Asbestos shingles & tiles
  MUST BE WETTED AND DOUBLE-BAGGED.
  LIMIT = FOUR 40 lb. BAGS per RESIDENT per EVENT.

Special Notes:

- Alkaline batteries (A,C,D) may be disposed of in your regular trash.
- NiCad (rechargeable), camera and watch batteries may be recycled at any recycling center year round.

Mercury

Mercury is a silver colored, heavy metal that can change from a liquid to a gas. Mercury has many uses, but it can also be harmful to humans and wildlife.

The following mercury containing items are accepted:

- Thermometers
- Thermostats
- Button batteries
- Fluorescent light tubes
- Mercury vapor lamps

Safety Tips

Please follow these tips for quick and safe disposal:

- Read labels for safe handling instructions.
- Keep products in their original containers.
- Place several small containers together in a non-returnable box for quicker processing.
- Do not mix products.

Cooking Oil and Latex Paint

If you have no future use for your excess **latex paint**, please **give it to a friend** or **donate it** to a local charity.

Cooking oil and latex paint are not accepted curbside. They are not hazardous and are accepted for disposal at all recycling centers. Latex paint should be solidified before it is dropped off. Mix with kitty litter, sawdust, or dirt to harden. For disposal, please seal the hardened paint in its original container, then bring the container(s) to any recycling center year round. **Do not mix** oil with paint.

Items Not Accepted

Medical Waste – Needles and unwanted medications are accepted year round at all police stations. Properly packaged materials are also accepted as trash curbside and at any recycling center year round from **residential customers ONLY**.

Compressed Gas Tanks – Contact the supplier or manufacturer.

Explosives – Call Anne Arundel County Fire Marshal Division at 410-222-7884 for assistance.

Ammunition – Call Anne Arundel County Police Department at 410-222-8610 for assistance.

Smoke Detectors – Mail back to the manufacturer or accepted as trash curbside and at any recycling center year round.

Fire Extinguishers – Contact the supplier or manufacturer.

How Much of All Hazardous Material is Recoverable?

Over half of all hazardous materials accepted are recycled. Other hazardous materials that are dropped off are either disposed of in hazardous waste landfills or incinerators. These services are provided by a private company under contract to the County.

Moving?

Most moving companies will not transport oil-based paint, solvents, pesticides, weed killers, combustibles, or other hazardous materials. Be sure to plan ahead and visit us at one of the locations and dates listed on the front of this brochure.

For more information call **410-222-7951** or visit www.aacounty.org/departments/public-works/waste-management

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 may 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 May 2022 Board meeting:

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

POOL

- Ray Sullivan moved the Board approve $4000 for pool furniture. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve up to $1600 to replace doors & hinges on the dumpster enclosure on the pool parking lot. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

PIERS & HARBOR

Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve:

- To reaffirm the commitment of $30,000 in HSIA matching funds for the design and/or construction of the Project (originally authorized on May 27, 2001, and amended on October 28, 2021 and March 10, 2022); and
- To hereby authorize $10,000 of that commitment to be used as a matching fund for the Project design contract with a firm to be recommended by the Federation.

Gene Gross seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board authorize the expenditure of up to $5000 in P&H funds for the purchase of various equipment and supplies for P&H projects in 2022, including:
    - Purchase of lumber and hardware for 5 new kayak racks
    - Purchase of ~60 wooden line hangers and hardware
    - Purchase of ~50 black plastic piling caps of various sizes
    - Purchase of ~100 galvanized eye lag bolts
    - Purchase of ~1500 ft of nylon line for slip guide lines

The P&H Committee has determined to undertake several do-it-yourself projects in 2022, and will obtain competitive pricing for the enumerated equipment and supplies. Adam Blugis seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

ENTERTAINMENT

- Adam Blugis moved the Board authorize amplified music at the Hillsmere Shores Community Beach on September 10, 2022 to enable The Moxie Blues Band to perform during the community Happy Hour, scheduled on the same day, from 5:00pm to, No Later Than (NLT), 8:30pm. Additionally, Adam Blugis moved the Board authorize the expenditure of $850, broken down as follows: $600 for the Happy Hour food and $250 to cover the bands travel expenses. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – 7 in favor (Steve Vanderbosch, Kevin Green, Mike Wurst, Adam Blugis, Ray Sullivan, Gene Gross, Claire Corcoran); 1 opposed (Maureen Sherer); 1 abstained (Christian Elkington); motion passed.

Motions from June 2022 Board meeting:

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

POOL—Ray Sullivan moved the Board approve $1500 (already budgeted) for the July 4th pool party. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL—Steve Vanderbosch moved the board approve the selection of Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. by the Arundel Rivers Federation for the design of the Hillsmere Shores Sand Spit Living Shoreline Project, in an amount NTE $36,000. Kevin Green seconded the motion. Vote taken – 7 in favor (Mike Wurst, Steve Vanderbosch, Ray Sullivan, Adam Blugis, Christian Elkington, Kevin Green, Tim Cantor); 1 abstained (Maureen Sherer); motion passed.

BEACH—Maureen Sherer moved the Board approve NTE $1000 to submit the necessary permits for sand nourishment at the beach. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

Power Boat For Sale $3,500.00 OBO

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Beach Report

Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board Member & Beach Committee Chair

Summer, so far, has brought us many fine days to enjoy our Beach. The new picnic tables have been installed at the small pavilion, and already many neighbors have been enjoying snacks, picnics, and quiet reflection time at them.

The phragmites along the eastern shoreline was cut during the first week of June by volunteers. Once the phragmites was cut, it was very heartening to see that so much desirable vegetation was making a comeback, such as swamp hibiscus, high tide bush and spartina. It seems it just needs a chance to get some sunlight and nutrients. In any case, the phragmites will need several more cuttings this summer. As you recall, our strategy is to exhaust its rhizomes by repeatedly removing the foliage. Our Vegetation Management Plan from the Critical Area Office was renewed for another year, with praise for our good work to date.

The young trees planted in the autumn of 2020 seem to be doing well. However, a large basswood tree near the west playground did not leaf out well this year. We have had an arborist inspect the tree. He is not hopeful that the tree can be saved, but we will do our best to irrigate it during any dry spells this summer in the hope it will survive.

The jellyfish nets will be let down to protect the eastern swim area soon. Of course, the nets are not perfect protection from the jellyfish, but the nets certainly help. So far this summer, I have yet to see any jellyfish, and have had the pleasure of playing in the area with my young grandchildren with floaties. It is a delightfully gentle and shallow beach, and very engaging to young children.

We are in the process of completing the application for the permit to replenish sand along the concrete bulkhead. The eastern side is experiencing sand accretion due to the natural littoral transport of the river. However, the stone groin on the western side of the enclosed swim area appears to be inhibiting natural sand deposition in the western corner along the bulkhead. This proposed beach nourishment could dampen wave energy currently impingent on the western portion of the bulkhead. The project would also contribute substantially to the recreational and aesthetic values of the area.

An important safety reminder: Never bring glass containers to our Beach. This is one of the official Beach Rules, and it is for the safety of everyone. Please remember, no glass at our Beach, whether it is an official community happy hour, or any other occasion. We do not want anyone to be cut.

Here is wishing you many sunny, happy times at our Beach this summer!

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HSIA Building Permits

Tom Anderson, Permit Committee Chair

A 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.

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 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, contact HSIA Building Permit Chairman via email, permits@hillsmereshores.org, or voice mail, 410-263-4456.

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Native plants are perfectly adapted to our climate and soil types. They have co-evolved with wildlife and support native species of birds and insects. Native trees and shrubs have deeper root systems than grass, and help absorb stormwater.

Choose large trees carefully

Plant trees the appropriate distance from your house. Consider their final size. Plant small trees or shrubs where space is limited.

Order Information

Send orders to **Native Plant Sale**
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Checks payable to **HSIA**. Orders must be received by September 25th for fall delivery. Hillsmere residents only.

Questions?

Phyllis Saroff

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Hillsmere Tree and Shrub Order Form **06/2022**

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SPECIES				WILDLIFE VALUE						LOCATION						ORDERING				
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		Songbird	Waterfowl	Hummingbird	Butterfly	Beneficial Insect	Small Mammal	Under Utility Line	Near Building	Sun	Shade	Dry	Wet	Container Size	Height	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Cost
Canopy Trees																				
Willow Oak *(Quercus phellos)*	F/P	M/W	80-100'	x	x				x			x	x		x	3 gal.	3'	$26	___	_____
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 *(Cercis canadensis)*	P/S	D/M	20-35'	x			x		x	x			x			3 gal.	6'	$26	___	_____
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 *(Betula nigra)*	F/P	M/W	20-35'	x								x			x	3 gal.	8'	$24	___	_____
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 *(Magnolia virginiana)*		M/W	20'	x				x	x	x		x			x	5 gal.	4'	$36	___	_____
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 *(Clethra alnifolia)*	F/S	M/W	6-8'	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	3 gal.	24"	$24	___	_____
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 *(Ilex verticillata)*	F/P	M	8'	x	x				x	x	x	x				3 gal.	4'	$22	___	_____
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 *(Viburnum dentatum)*		D/W	10'	x					x	x			x			3 gal.	3'	$20	___	_____
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 *(Itea virginica)*	F/S	M/W	3-6'	x	x			x	x	x	x	x	x			3 gal.	24"	$22	___	_____
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.																				

* Indicates Evergreen

Plant order form created by: Welspryng LLC LANDSCAPE & STORMWATER www.welspryng.llc

Mosquito Report

Ray Sullivan, HSIA Board member

What You Need to Know About Mosquitos in Maryland

The Hillsmere Board has sanctioned an ad hoc committee, headed by HSIA board member Ray Sullivan, to investigate the topic of mosquitos in the community. Below are suggestions on non-toxic methods to control mosquitos.

Do mosquitoes play a beneficial role in the environment?

Believe it or not, they do. They are an important food source for many predators including dragonflies, fish, birds, and frogs. There are almost 200 species of mosquitos found in North America and 59 of these live in Maryland. Yet *only three species* pose a real concern because of the diseases they can spread.

Important mosquito facts:

- Only female mosquitos bite.
- Mosquitoes hibernate over the winter. Once the temperatures rise above 60°F, they wake up and come out.
- Mosquitoes can be active between April and October.
- The Asian tiger mosquito has a range of only about 300 feet. However, some mosquitoes can travel up to three miles.
- Mosquitoes find you by sensing movement, infra-red radiation emanating from warm bodies, and carbon dioxide and sweat.
- Females need blood to help their eggs develop. They can lay up to 300 eggs.

Easy Things You Can Do to Control Mosquitos in Your Yard

Remember, all a female mosquito needs to lay eggs is a bottle cap filled with water, so you need to identify places where water can hide. Here are some suggestions for where to look and what to do:

- Empty anything that might collect water including children's and pets' toys, wading pools, used tires, buckets, bicycles, wheelbarrows, canoes, boats, garbage can lids, recycling containers, trash, other kinds of containers, etc.
- Folds in tarps and plastic sheeting can hold water. Try to get them as flat as you can and be sure to remove any standing water at least once a week.
- Empty and clean birdbaths and trays under potted plants once a week.
- Since mosquitos hate moving water, use a fountain or aerator in birdbaths and ornamental ponds.
- Maintain all water spigots and window air conditioners. That nasty drip which creates a puddle also provides a place where mosquitos can breed.
- Make sure your gutters and downspouts are clean and there is no standing water. One key place mosquitoes like to breed are those corrugated gutter drains. Cover with nylon stockings or use smooth PVC pipes.
- Remove pet dishes if not being actively used.
- When seated on your yard or patio, turn on a fan to blow the air around you as moving air deters mosquitoes from being able to reach you.

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What Not to Do to Control Mosquitos

- Do not use bug "zappers." These kill beneficial insects including bees and other pollinators.
- No plants have been scientifically proven to control mosquitos.
- Biorational larvicide such as Mosquito Dunks or Mosquito Torpedoes are safe to use. The ad hoc Mosquito Committee has an informative sheet on how to easily prepare a simple mosquito dunk bucket for use in your yard or patio.
- Most importantly, **DO NOT USE INSECTICIDES** unless you have tried all other options, and you still have a problem. Then, only use them sparingly and on days with no wind to avoid chemical drift. It is important to remember that if you spray for mosquitoes, that spray also poisons beneficial insects such as pollinating bees and butterflies. In addition, other wildlife such as birds (and almost 100% of their nestlings), frogs, turtles, etc. are negatively affected when they eat insects and plants that are covered with insecticides.

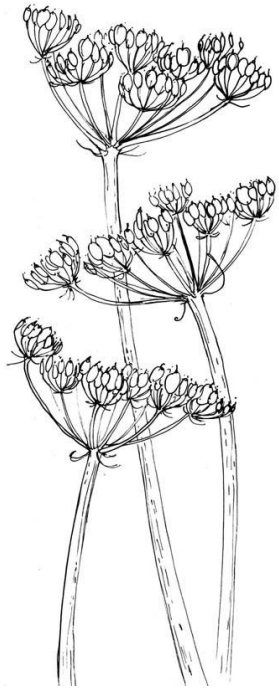
Important Resources

Maryland Department of Agriculture:
https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mosquito_control.aspx

University of Maryland Extension Service:
https://extension.umd.edu/resource/controlling-mosquitoes

Information provided to Hillsmere ad hoc Mosquito Committee by the Middletown Maryland Green Team: https://www.greenmiddletown.com/sustainability-committee

For more information, contact Ray Sullivan at rsullivan229@hotmail.com



Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

Many club members are now working in their gardens applying information learned in our club presentations (tearing out some invasive species and replacing them with native plants and shrubs). An informal summer tea for members and invited guests is scheduled in August.

The program committee, led by club Vice-president Lynne Fowler, met in June to discuss programs and field trips for the upcoming fiscal year which starts in September. In past months, members learned how to press flowers, so the pressed flowers made "now" will be used at the September meeting to make cards and artwork. A couple of exciting fieldtrip ideas are also being discussed.

The Club membership mourns the loss of longtime member and Hillsmere Resident Clare Davison last month.

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).

Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair

SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT DESIGN CONTRACT

At its June meeting the HSIA Board of Directors approved Arundel Rivers Federation's selection of Environmental System Analysis, Inc. ("ESA") as the design contractor for the Sand Spit Living Shoreline Project. ESA is the firm that completed the Concept Plan for the Project. We anticipate that the Federation will soon execute a contract with ESA and that design work will get underway this summer/fall. We will also be working with the Federation to enter into a Grant Agreement to access the grant funds that were included in the State's 2022 Capital Budget for the Hillsmere Shores Living Shoreline Project.

While not much activity will be apparent at the Sand Spit, the Living Shoreline Project is alive, well and progressing, albeit slowly. Let's hope we have a mild storm season, and the Sand Spit does not suffer additional damage from wind, waves and tides until the Living Shoreline gets built.

HURRICANE SEASON

Last month we reported on NOAA's forecast of above-average hurricane activity this year, so our hurricane advice is worth repeating:

The HSIA Marina is not well-protected and is vulnerable to wind, storm surge and wave action, with narrow slips and short pilings. When 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. Pay close attention to tropical storm forecasts, be proactive, and be ready to move your boat to safety.

If you are traveling or otherwise unavailable during hurricane season, it is critical that you identify someone in the local area to take care of your boat. Provide their contact information to the Chair of Piers & Harbors (marina@hillsmereshores.org).

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

When Hurricane Isabel struck in 2003, nearly every boat left in the Marina was sunk or damaged (all but two). If you foolishly decide to let your boat ride out a storm at the Marina, take necessary 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 SLIPS

Once again, all slips in the Marina have been assigned, thanks to the ongoing efforts of Bill Barker and the Slips Committee, who have worked way down into the Slip Wait List. Many people on the

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Slip Wait List have either declined slips or not responded to offers of slips. About a dozen slip holders have not yet placed boats in their assigned slips, for a variety of reasons, and we are communicating with them about their intentions/plans.

LIKE A GOOD NEIGHBOR...

Any number of things can happen to boats in a Marina. For example, one boat partially sunk in May when its scuppers clogged up and its bilge pump float malfunctioned. Mooring lines can stretch or break, canvas coverings can blow loose, etc. Please be a good neighbor, and if you see something that looks wrong, say something. Send an email to marina@hillsmereshores.org about the situation, and the owner of the boat will be contacted. For emergency situations, call or text Steve Vanderbosch at 410-212-6978 or Norm Johansen at 443-822-8945.

At the suggestion of a non-boating neighbor who first spotted the sinking boat mentioned above, we will be posting signs on the Marina Notice Boards with contact numbers to call in case of emergencies.

If you see any damage, deficiencies, inoperable equipment or something that needs repair, like loose dock boards, torn piling caps, broken fixtures, leaking faucets, etc. Please let us know. Contact Steve Vanderbosch at marina@hillsmereshores.org or 410-212-6978, or Norm Johansen at 443-822-8945.

MARINA AND P&H OPERATIONS

- Lift Slip #C1 malfunctioned in April and again in June, and has been repaired twice. #C1 is a lighter weight lift, with a different design due to its piling configuration, so weights have been added to the lift to hopefully stabilize its operation.

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- Norm Johansen has been busy replacing dock boards at the Marina due to damage from inadequately moored boats, as well as some splintered boards due to aging. In addition, he replaced several missing dock boards at the Kayak Ramp.
- Plans continue for do-it-yourself improvements to all slips, including replacing damaged/missing piling caps, adding wooden line hangers on the outer pilings of all slips, and stringing or restringing guide lines between slips. To that end, Will Heyer has fabricated 60 wooden line hangers and arranged the purchase of 50 piling caps. In addition, 100 eye bolts have been purchased along with 1200' of nylon line. P&H Work Parties will be organized in July and August to install these improvements by sections in the Marina. This effort will include the relocation and/or removal of hangers, nails and other safety hazards in the slips. **VOLUNTEERS WILL BE NEEDED TO MAKE THESE IMPROVEMENTS!**
- Plans also continue to construct 5 new kayak racks, with 18 total spaces, at the Kayak Ramp and Beach Drive Boat Ramp. (Lumber has been ordered.)
- A kayak rack 4x4 crossbar broke at the Kayak Ramp, likely due to overloading, and was replaced.
- Annual pruning of waterside trees and removal of encroaching bamboo was accomplished at the Boat Park.
- Electrical repairs were made to Marina streetlights and dock lights in May by Leight Electric. A follow-up visit is required to complete two repairs: a damaged under-dock conduit at the pump-out dock; and a new street light socket.
- Marina Park Benches have been stained; various posts and panels have received fresh paint; life ring cabinets have been inspected and cleaned.
- The Pump Out holding tanks filled up over the 4th of July weekend, so the Pump Out was temporarily unavailable until the holding tanks could be emptied.

ADDITIONAL BOAT LIFTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

As previously mentioned, the P&H Committee has been exploring the feasibility and costs of installing additional boat lifts at the Marina. There is a Lift Slip Wait List of 13 residents for lift slips.

The two areas being considered for additional lifts are: (1) the remainder of C Dock, between Slips C9 and C18, and (2) the beginning of A Dock, between Slips A1 and A6, and between Slips A20 and A26. These are the areas where lifts can reasonably be installed with the fewest infrastructure modifications. Any new lifts in either location will require the installation of additional pilings.

The early consensus is to add a limited number of lifts to maintain "balance" between lift slips and wet slips, as well as preserving smaller wet slips on C Dock. The focus, therefore, will be on slightly larger lifts at the head of A dock. The P&H Committee will continue discussing and evaluating the actual number, size and location of boat lifts, and formulating a recommendation to the HSIA Board.

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BOAT PARK

Trailers have been or will be repositioned in the Boat Park to close up space and angle the trailers. Offers have been or will be sent to a number of people on the Boat Park Wait List, offering them space in the Boat Park for the remainder of this year.

The parking scheme at the Boat Park, in order to enhance the neighbors' water views, is that only empty trailers or small boats on trailers should be parked at the rear of the Boat Park near the water. Larger trailers should be parked on either side of the Boat Park closer to the entrance. As always, please park trailers as close together as possible, and angle the trailers to maximize space and improve access. If you lock your trailer, you must provide a copy of the key or combination to the P&H Chair.

KAYAK RACKS

There are 40 people on the Kayak Rack Wait List. Turnover has been light, but some offers have been made to those seeking storage spots on the Racks. There are a few kayaks on various racks whose owners are unknown, and they will be removed, thus making more spaces available. We are still planning on adding 5 racks with 18 new spaces sometime this year.

If you are only using the Kayak Rack to store your canoes or kayaks and do not reasonably expect to actively use them this year (ask yourself: "When was the last time I went kayaking?"), please consider giving up your rack space so some of our 40 neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can have an opportunity to enjoy this community amenity.

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Kayaks, canoes and dinghies must be turned upside down so retained water will not overload the racks, and to discourage mosquito breeding. No more than 2 small boats may be stored on one rack section, unless prior approval to store 3 small boats is obtained from the Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee or designee. All small boats should be secured to prevent overturning or displacement in storms; locks may be added by owner if desired.

P&H COMMITTEE MEETING TIME AND PLACE

P&H Committee Meetings have resumed at the Key School "Barn" Building. The next P&H Committee Meetings will be Tuesday July 12, 2022, at 7 pm, and Tuesday September 13, 2022, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. In the interim, please direct your questions, issues, concerns, and comments to marina@hillsmereshores.org and be on the lookout for Special P&H Notices. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

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Security & Zoning Reports

Claire Corcoran, HSIA VP and Security Chairperson

SECURITY

All Hillsmere residents wishing to park at the beach or marina MUST have 2022 Hillsmere stickers on their vehicles. The security guard is authorized to turn away any vehicles that are not properly registered with us. Stickers are free, see the contact info below. A reminder - if you have guests, you must accompany them and identify them and their vehicles to the guard on duty. Additionally, in the event you have a nanny or au pair in your employ and they are using a car not registered to you, please call #410-263-4456, or email admin@hillsmereshores.org for further information.

ZONING

Please be advised that you may contact us regarding any of the following concerns regarding properties in Hillsmere by emailing zoning@hillsmereshores.org or calling #410-263-4456.

- We are zoned as a single-family neighborhood; homes that are clearly overcrowded and possibly being used as boarding/rooming houses are not permitted.
- Commercial vehicles are not permitted to be parked on our streets overnight.
- Homes in a clearly visible state of disrepair, properties with excessive rubbish/debris or with standing water in the yard are considered a threat to public health and safety by the county and can be cited.
- Suspected non-permitted construction and/or buildings can be reported to permits@hillsmereshores.org.
- Properties/lawns that are overgrown are not permitted. If grass and or weeds grow to more than 1ft., the county can/will cite the homeowner and enforce the cutting once reported. You may call 410-222-7321 to report a weeded/overgrown lot.

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Ella	**Age 19**	**410-533-8442**
Hailey	**Age 17**	**410-292-3599**
Hannah	**Age 15**	**405-926-6159**
Lauren	**Age 18**	**443-750-1228**
Maggie	**Age 16**	**443-900-5511**
Léana	**Age 15**	**301-793-0032**
Mia	Age 16	410-507-3628
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Sky	**Age 13**	**410-562-3409**
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Note: All HSIA meetings begin at 7pm in the Barn Commons on Key School campus.

JULY-AUGUST 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10	11	12 P&H Committee Meeting @ 7p	13	14 General Meeting @ 7pm	15 Community Happy Hour @ Beach 5-8P	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 HSIA Board Meeting @ 7pm	29	30
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 HSIA Board Meeting @ 7pm	26	27
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Mark your calendars! In-person meetings have resumed!

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