

# The Sea Breeze

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**Calling all Graduates of Hillsmere** – Do you have a graduate you would like to recognize in the *Sea Breeze*? Just email the Editor at [seabreeze@hillsmershores.org](mailto:seabreeze@hillsmershores.org) or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Give us the name of your graduate, school, and degree earned. We'll proudly announce your graduate in a future edition.

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# HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



**June Happy Hour** – Please join us for the first Happy Hour of the season on Friday, June 9, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring a chair, a dish to share, and your favorite adult beverage. NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE. Mark your calendars for the other two Happy Hours on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, September 9. If anyone is interested in helping with our Happy Hours, please email [admin@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org) or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. We look forward to seeing you!

**Non-Pool Members can use the pool on four dates this summer** – *We have four dates this season for Hillsmere residents, non-pool members to use the pool. Those dates are May 30, June 27, July 25, and August 29. Please bring proof of residency for check-in.*

**Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off** – On Saturday, May 20, the County is offering a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day at the Heritage Office Complex, 2662 Riva Road, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. This is a great way to discard hazardous waste. For more information, please visit [Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Days | Anne Arundel County, MD \(aacounty.org\)](https://www.aacounty.org/hazardous-waste) or call 410-222-6100.

**2023 Membership and Stickers** – Be sure to get 2023 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 2023 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 dropbox at the community house at 119 Great Lake Drive. 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** – The weather is getting warmer, so don't forget to purchase your 2023 boat ramp key. To request a 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. Please remember that keys are not available on short notice and allow a few weeks turn around time. Thanks for your understanding!

**It's Almost Pool Time!!** – It's not too late to join the pool! Moving forward, please make sure you pay the "after May 1" price on the Pool Membership form. 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, if you haven't already joined the HSIA for 2023. Both can be mailed to the address on the forms or placed in the dropbox at 119 Great Lake Drive, and both fees can be included in one check. And please remember to sign the waiver on page 2 of the pool form!

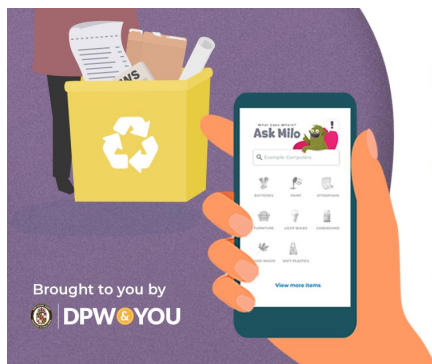
**HSIA Facebook Page** — [HSIA now has a Facebook page](#). The page is open to the public, so there is no approval process to join. The Communications Committee will post information that is also in our newsletter, on our website, and sent via community email. More details on page 7.

**2023 Beach Reservations** – To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-

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263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to [admin@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org). A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. This allows more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive 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. Further instructions on how to obtain a One Day Liquor License will be given at time of booking.



  
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HSIA President: [president@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:president@hillsmereshores.org)

Key School liaison: [kaustin@keyschool.org](mailto:kaustin@keyschool.org)

AACO traffic engineer: [pwflor11@aacounty.org](mailto:pwflor11@aacounty.org)

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## Motions from April 2023 Board meeting:

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

**TREASURER:** Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board renew the Price Cutters contract with a 27% increase from the 2020 rates until the end of 2023. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**COMMUNITY HOUSE:** Ray Sullivan moved the Board authorize the Community House Chair to enter into negotiations with Dean Home Improvements for interior renovations at the community house. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

### PIERS & HARBOR:

- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the filing by Arundel Rivers Federation (“ARF”) and Environmental Systems Analysis (“ESA”), acting on behalf of HSIA, of a Joint Permit Application to the Maryland Department of Environment (“MDE”) and the Army Corps of Engineers (“ACE”) for Wetlands Permits allowing construction of the Hillsmere Shores Coastal Resiliency Project (“Project”), as depicted in the draft design plans by ESA dated April 2023. That, if approved, the Board’s decision to proceed with permit applications for the Project be presented to the HSIA general membership for ratification under the HSIA Bylaws, Article III, Section 12. Limits of Authority, A. Real Property, at the next general Membership Meeting to be held on May 11, 2023. Christian Elkington seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve changes to Marina Rules and Regulations, Rule 4.1, concerning the assignment of slips in the Marina to provide how lift slip assignments are made. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

### POOL:

- Mike Wurst moved the Board approve funding NTE \$2500 for a Memorial Day pool party, to include catering, paper products, and decorations. Maureen Sherer seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Mike Wurst moved the Board approve funding NTE \$450 for the purchase of annual flowers for potted and hanging plants. Christian Elkington seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



### Mark Your Calendars—May Meetings

Tuesday, May 9 @ 7PM	Piers & Harbors Committee	Key School Barn
Thursday, May 11 @ 7PM	HSIA General Membership Meeting	Key School Barn
Thursday, May 25 @ 7PM	HSIA Board of Directors	Key School Barn & Virtual

## Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 2023 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.

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

Attach additional forms for more members

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

NOTICE: A photocopy of EACH vehicle or trailer registration is required to obtain stickers.  
You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, & Address

**# Stickers**

**YOU WILL ONLY RECEIVE STICKERS IF REGISTRATIONS ARE PROVIDED TO HSIA.**

Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2023)		\$ 25.00	
Additional Member		\$ 25.00	
Kayak Rack Storage (By Assignment Only)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Must Pay HSIA dues)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Park Key (Assigned Space # )		\$ 240.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # )			
Slip Wait List Deposit (Must pay HSIA dues)		\$100.00	
Pool Membership (from Pool Form)			
Other			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

### PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

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

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

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

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

For Slip Holders only: Please issue me \_\_\_\_\_ 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.hillsmershores.org](http://www.hillsmershores.org)

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

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

HSIA Use Only

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
<b>Driver's License or other proof of residency.</b>	Renters and/or anyone NOT listed on the property tax records.	<b>Full name and address must be readable.</b> 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.
<b>Vehicle Registration</b>	Any individual requesting a Hillsmere Shores automobile decal/sticker.	<b>Tag number, make/model, expiration date, name, and address must be readable.</b> A copy of the current vehicle registration is required for EACH VEHICLE for which you are requesting a decal/sticker.
<b>Trailer Registration</b>	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>	<b>Tag number, name, and address must be readable.</b> 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.
<b>USCG Documentation or MD Boat Registration; AND Boat Title (unless already on file); AND Boat Slip Permit (slips only)</b>	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
<b>HSIA Boat Ownership Form (Vessel Ownership Affidavit)</b>	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.
<b>Boat Insurance Policy Declarations Page</b>	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).*



# Communications Report

Mike Wurst, HSIA Secretary & Communications Committee Co-Chair



## Please Join the Official HSIA Facebook page!

Page Name: [Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association](#)

Purpose: The site will provide another means of communicating to the HSIA community, in addition to the existing [HSIA website](#), *Sea Breeze* newsletter, email distribution lists, and community message board.

Site Administration: Overseen by the Communications Committee, made up of the HSIA Secretary, HSIA Admin, and *Sea Breeze* Editor.

Members: This will be an open group, no approvals/requests to join. This decision was made since the purpose of the site is for information/communication with the community, which is no different than someone using our website.

Who can post: Posting will be done via one account called, Hillsmere Shores, which is controlled by the Communications Committee.

What will be posted: The main items that will be posted are schedules/reminders for community meetings and events, information that the Communication Committee would normally also send via mass email, as well as information about emergencies or other storm related content.

Requests to post information: Similar to requests to email the community, committees can request a Facebook post, provided it is approved by the Communications Committee. Requests from the community will be evaluated on a case by case basis as we have done in the past for email communication. Requests should be sent to [communications@hillsmershores.org](mailto:communications@hillsmershores.org).

Will replies/comments be allowed? All comments and replies will be turned off, the site is strictly for communication/information.

What about the other Hillsmere Facebook pages? We recognize that several unofficial and non-sanctioned sites exist with the Hillsmere name, and have for several years. These sites do serve a purpose for residents, but they will continue to be administered/moderated by non-HSIA officers/committees.

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# Beach Report

Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board Member & Beach Committee Chair



Spring is here, raising our spirits and focusing our thoughts on enjoying the outdoors. All the seven little trees we planted during the fall of 2020 have leafed-out, but one was somewhat damaged during a winter storm. Unfortunately, the middle-aged basswood tree near the west playground has only partially leafed-out. It has shown marked distress the past two summers. While the committee watered it during the last summer, probably its best hope for survival now is to secure a contract with a landscaping company for its regular irrigation. The beach area conditions can be difficult for trees – with the winds, brackish spray, and drying sun. An added problem is saltwater intrusion into the groundwater due to sea level rise. We will have an arborist inspect all the trees, and prune or treat any trees in need.

In early April a company did extensive weeding to remove the creeping weeds in the play areas and to maintain the gardens. The areas look beautiful now.

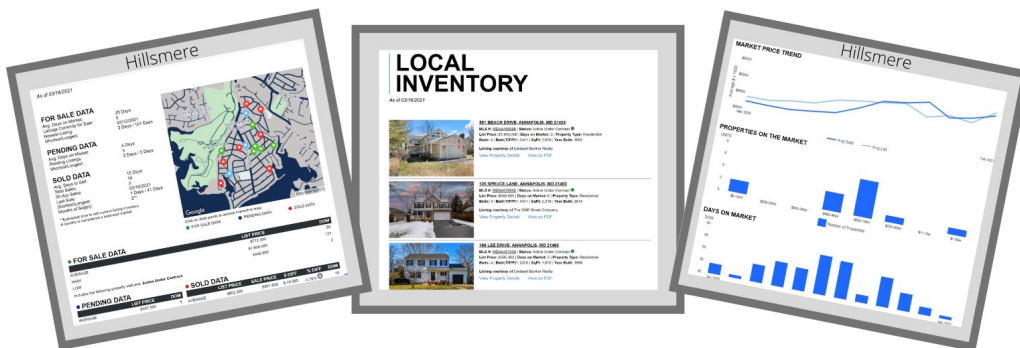
The volleyball net will be up soon, and the court will be ready to welcome players.

If you drive to the Beach, please remember to have your 2023 Hillsmere sticker affixed to your vehicle. It is required in order to park at the Beach. Also, whenever possible, “carry-in and carry-out” your trash. It discourages nuisance animals, and helps to prevent trash from blowing into the river.

We plan to schedule a volunteer Beach “Yard Work” Day soon, and always welcome your suggestions. Best wishes for enjoying sunny days at our Beach.

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## 2023 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 <sup>st</sup>	Qty.	Payment Due
Family	\$500	\$550		
Adult	\$150	\$225		
Youth	\$125	\$125		
Fee pp over 6 members	\$25	\$25		
<b>TOTAL</b>				

Please make checks payable to HSIA and mail membership forms and checks to HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis MD 21403

**\*\* Hillsmere residents/property owners must join HSIA and pay annual HSIA dues to remain pool members. Dues can be added to pool membership fees and combined on the same check but separate HSIA form is required. 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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## 2023 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 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> 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
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Print Full Name	Signature	Date
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### **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. 1<sup>st</sup> written offense in discipline log – warning letter to parents
- ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> written offense in discipline log – removal from pool for the day
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> written offense in discipline log – 1 week suspension, no longer able to use pool without parental supervision
- iv. 4<sup>th</sup> written offense in discipline log – loss of membership for remainder of summer

Child:	Child:
Child:	Child:

# HSIA Building Permits

Robin Clark, 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@hillsmershores.org](mailto:permits@hillsmershores.org), or voice mail, 410-263-4456.





# Garden Club

*Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant, Lynne Fowler, First Vice President, and Vijay Ramraj, Library Garden Chair*



In April the club traveled to Mt Cuba Center in Hockessin Delaware. The Center specializes in conservation of native plants and their habitats. Along one trail members admired a small trillium garden with several different species (some native; others not). The Red Horse chestnut trees were just starting to bloom. Swallowtail butterflies and turtles were out sunning themselves. It was just a wonderful way to spend a lovely spring day.

The Hillsmere Garden Club's ongoing garden maintenance project at the library has been chaired by Vijay Ramraj for many years. This year she found herself a driver of a blooming/ballooning spring effort. Several tree stumps were removed from the library garden requiring coordination of Vijay, the library staff, and county maintenance. Once the area was cleared, Garden Club members, Seeds 4 Success youngsters, and the Rotary Club joined together with Vijay to plant a tree and new native plants on Earth Day. Watch the area as it flourishes!

The May meeting, the last "official" meeting of the fiscal year, will be a new officer installation luncheon at the home of the club president. This meeting is generally for members and invited guests. Anyone with a serious interest in joining the Garden Club who would like to attend the luncheon should contact the club at the email address below.

Those with an interest in gardening-related subjects are invited to join the club, which meets September through May on the third Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. For those wishing to join (Hillsmere residency is not required), annual dues for September through May are \$20. To receive the monthly "Buzz" newsletter or for more information about joining, send an email to the administrative assistant (HillsmereGardenClub@gmail.com).

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# Events Report

Helene Raven, Events Committee Chair



A rousing thanks to Crystal Monkton and her volunteers for organizing the traditional Hillsmere Easter Egg Hunt at the Beach this year. Over 1,700 eggs were hidden at the Beach, a new record.

Keep an eye on the community message board for Memorial Day plans!

Our agency has been part of the Annapolis community for over 50 years. Our local agents understand the benefits and challenges of living in the area, and are dedicated to developing creative and personalized solutions to fit your home, auto, life, and business insurance needs.

As a personal and business insurance specialist, Jaime Cook has been advising families and businesses in the area for over 20 years. Jaime makes the insurance process simple and efficient by helping you to consider all the variables and presenting your options in a way that allows you to make the best choice for your needs and budget.

Ready to get started?  
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MAY 4  
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MAY 5  
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MAY 14  
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MAY 15  
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MAY 20  
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MAY 22  
National Maritime Day  
MAY 24  
Emergency Medical Services  
for Children Day  
MAY 29  
Memorial Day



# Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



## SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE PROJECT

Our design contractor Environmental Systems Analysis (“ESA”) has completed a draft of permit-ready plans for development of the Sand Spit Living Shoreline Project, based on Concept Plan Version 2.0 employing a “headlands” design, and now entitled “Hillsmere Shores Coastal Resiliency Project” (the “Project”). On April 27th the HSIA Board approved authorizing Arundel Rivers Federation (“Federation”) and ESA to move forward with joint federal/state permit applications for the Project, subject to community ratification at the May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, General Membership meeting.

Acting on behalf of HSIA, the Federation and ESA will prepare to file a Joint Permit Application to the Maryland Department of Environment (“MDE”) and the Army Corps of Engineers (“ACE”) for Wetlands Permits allowing construction of the Project, as detailed in the draft design plans completed by ESA dated April 2023.

Under the HSIA Bylaws, Article III, Section 12- Limits of Authority, Subsection A- Real Property, before purchasing, selling, or *encumbering* HSIA real property, the Board is required to submit the same to the general membership for ratification. While filing a joint federal/State permit application is not technically “encumbering” the Sand Spit property, it does represent a strong commitment to the Project, and signals to government agencies and private donors that if permits are approved, HSIA is willing to proceed with Project construction. In other words, that HSIA is “serious” about the Project.

At this point, approximately \$20,000 has been expended on design costs, and permitting costs will be in the range of \$15,000. These costs are well within the State Capital Grant funds of \$109,000 the Federation received last year for the Project. Preliminary construction costs of the Project are estimated to be \$600,000 to \$800,000.

Therefore, the Board’s decision to proceed with permit applications for the Project will be presented to the HSIA general membership for ratification at the next general Membership Meeting to be held on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Copies of the draft permit-ready design plans and Project renderings will be available for review at the meeting and [may be viewed online at the Hillsmere Shores Living Shoreline webpage](#).

## NEW BOAT LIFTS

Starting April 25<sup>th</sup> and completing work on April 29<sup>th</sup>, Arrow Environmental Services installed 12 additional pilings at the Marina for the new boat lifts in Slips #A2-A5 and #A22-A25. We appreciate and thank slip holders in Slips #A1 to #A6, and #A21 to #A26 who either held off occupying their slips, or temporarily relocated to other slips while pilings were being installed. And thanks also to Bill Barker and the Slips Committee for coordinating the moves.

Lift installation has not yet been scheduled and may be delayed until later in the year. Boats currently assigned to slips #A2-A5 and #A22-A25 will be offered comparable slips elsewhere in the Marina.

## MARINA RULE 4.1 CHANGES

On April 27<sup>th</sup> the HSIA Board approved changes to Marina Rule 4.1 concerning assignment of lift

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slips.

There are currently 22 names on the Lift Slip Wait List, listed according to date of request, including both current slip holders seeking upgrades to lift slips, and residents who do not have wet slips, but would like lift slips. The P&H Committee has been discussing how to prioritize offers of lift slips because Marina Rule 4.1 would have given priority to existing slip holders desiring relocation over non-slip holders. Given the limited number of lift slips, their infrequent turnover, and their increasing popularity, if existing slip holders were given priority, non-slip holders could never expect to get lift slips. In the interests of fairness, lift slip offers will be made on a first-come, first-serve basis, regardless of slip holder status.

#### **New Rule 4.1**

4.1.1. Slip assignments or reassignments are made to ensure the fairest and greatest use of the marina slips by the residents of Hillsmere.

4.1.2 Wet slips and will be offered in the following priority, and in the date order slip holders and/or residents were added to the following lists:

- (a) slip holders who are over- or under-slipped (Slip Movement/Upgrade Request List);
- (b) slip holders desiring relocation (Slip Movement/Upgrade Request List);
- (c) persons residents on the slip waiting list. Slip Wait List.

4.1.3 Lift slips will be offered to slip holders and/or residents on the Lift Slip Wait List in the date order they were added to the Lift Slip Wait List.

4.1.4 Any change in slip assignments made by the Slip Committee shall take effect immediately and shall be final. The Slip Committee has the right to reassign slips as necessary. The Slip Committee has the absolute right to change a slip holder's slip whenever it is in the best interest of the total assignment of all slips.

#### **MARINA SLIPS**

At this point, all available slips have been assigned, and the Marina will start the year full. There usually are some openings during the year as people either move, give up boating, or upgrade to larger boats. The Slips Committee will stay on top of any changes.

#### **HSIA BOAT DECALS**

Please be sure to affix your **2023 Marina** sticker on your boat so it is visible from the bulkhead or piers. Sighting of Marina stickers is the quickest way for Security to confirm that boats are authorized to be in the Marina. Also make sure your current MD Registration decal is affixed to your boat.

*NOTE: HSIA "MARINA" stickers go on your boat, not on your car!*

#### **MARINA SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM**

The security camera system contractor, Custom Access & Security ("CA&S") started installation work on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The system will include 11 regular cameras, 4 zoom cameras (outer piers), 1 license plate reader, 1 NVR, all switches and cables, bulkhead/under pier conduits, steel posts, inter-

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net repeaters, and possibly 1 camera at Sunset pier, with control equipment to be located in the Well House addition with ventilation added. Work is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete, since much of the installation is dependent on weather and tides.

This work involves attaching conduits along the bulkhead and under the piers to provide connectivity, so boats will have to be moved within their slips to accommodate the work rafts. We will try to provide notice to groups of slip holders whose boats may be affected as work progresses.

When completed, we anticipate having internet access available throughout the Marina, and the possibility of individual slip holders being able to view camera feeds remotely. *Details are still to be worked out!*

Mike Waters has volunteered to be the HSIA point person/contact/coordinator for this project.

### MARINA OPERATIONS

Slip Improvements: We plan to continue the minor improvements started last season to all slips, including replacing damaged or missing piling caps, adding wooden line hangers on the outer pilings of all slips, and stringing or restringing guide lines between slips. Be on the lookout for a call for volunteers to resume and move this project along.

Gravel: Pay Dirt, LLC, which installed the Marina gravel 2 years ago, refreshed the travel lanes by raking the surface. No additional white gravel was spread at this time. Depending on wear patterns, additional gravel may be applied later in the season.

Locks: The locks to the Boat Ramps and the Boat Park were changed on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you need a 2023 Key, please contact the HSIA Administrator: [admin@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.org). Keys for the Marina Dock Carts, Pump Out Station and Fuel Spill Recovery Boxes remain unchanged.

### Miscellaneous:

- The picnic table near the Marina beach has a rusting-out leg. Temporary repairs were made using a 4x4 support. A new table will likely be required.
- Two of the six electrical panels were re-painted and re-signed. The remaining panels will be painted soon.
- New decorative flags were placed in the Marina.

Damage: As you return to your slips or launch your boats, if you see any damage, deficiencies, inoperable equipment or something that needs repair at the Marina or Boat ramps, **PLEASE LET US**

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### **BOAT PARK**

Payments for Boat Park spaces were due April 1, and as of late April, 4 space holders had not yet renewed, and several other people have given up their spots. It appears that 8 spaces will be available for assignment and offers have been sent to those on the Boat Park Wait List offering them space in the Boat Park for the remainder of this year.

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

### **KAYAK RACKS**

April 1st was also the deadline for renewing Kayak Rack assignments, and as of late April about 15 people had yet to renew. If you do not plan to renew, please let us know by email to [marina-racks@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina-racks@hillsmereshores.org). There are 18 people on the Kayak Rack Wait List. Offers have already gone out to fill the 18 new Kayak Rack spots added in December 2022.

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 18 neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can have an opportunity to enjoy this community amenity.

### **GUEST PASSES, PARKING, TOWING**

The blue Guest parking passes issued last year are still good for 2023. If you need Guest Passes contact the HSIA Administrator: [admin@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org). Each slip holder is offered two Guest Passes but can have more if needed. Be sure your vehicle displays your HSIA vehicle sticker, and that your guests display a Guest Pass in their vehicles. The HSIA Board has authorized towing of vehicles from the Marina parking area if the vehicles do not display an appropriate sticker or Guest Pass.

### **P&H COMMITTEE MEETING TIME & PLACE**

P&H Committee Meetings have resumed at the Key School "Barn" Building. The next P&H Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday May 9th, 2023, at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. In the interim, please direct questions/issues/concerns/comments to [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org)



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Ella	Age 16	443-223-0572
Ella	Age 19	410-533-8442
Hailey	Age 17	410-292-3599
Hannah	Age 15	405-926-6159
Lauren	Age 18	443-750-1228
Léana	Age 15	301-793-0032
Maggie	Age 16	443-900-5511
Nora	Age 14	443-458-8633
Sara	Adult	443-569-1722
Shanley	Age 15	443-569-9764
Sky	Age 13	410-562-3409
Linda	Adult	443-822-7956

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Elaine	Adult	443-822-6035
Hannah	Adult	410-980-6189
Lauren	Age 18	443-750-1228
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Shondra	Adult	240-578-9221
Sky	Age 13	410-562-3409

#### NOTE

All babysitters, dog walkers, and pet sitters have been verified and updated as of October 2022.

If you would like to be added to either service listing, please email  
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#### 2023 BOARD MEETINGS

Jan 26	April 27	July 27	Oct 26
Feb 23	May 25	Aug 31	Nov 30
Mar 30	June 29	Sep 28	Dec 21

#### 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Jan 12	Mar 9	May 11	July 13	Sep 14	Nov 9
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*Note: All HSIA meetings begin at 7pm in the Barn Commons on Key School campus.*

# May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 7p—P&H Committee Meeting	10	11 7p—HSIA General Membership Meeting	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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