

The Sea Breeze

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July 4th Bicycle Parade – Thank you to everyone that came out with their decorated bikes, scooters, strollers, etc. to show off their patriotic red, white, and blue at the July 4th Bicycle Parade. And thank you to Stacie May for organizing this fun event!

NATIVE PLANT SALE—ORDER FORM INSIDE!

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President's Corner

Tom Anderson, HSIA President



In the short period that I've held the HSIA president position, I've had the opportunity to understand the depth and magnitude of some of the community issues confronting us. The HSIA Board actively works our community issues and are always open to ideas on how we can do things better.

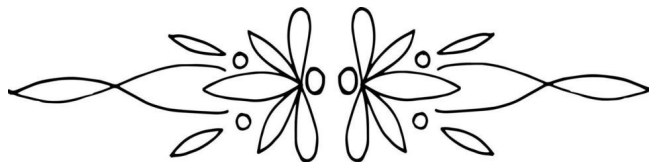
As a group of elected officers and directors, the HSIA leadership has the responsibility to ensure a safe and well-maintained community for all our homeowners. To that end, we recently hired a new security team. You undoubtedly have seen the patrol cars around our neighborhood. Keep in mind that they will enforce our HSIA rules by actively managing the HSIA bumper stickers. If you visit the Beach, make sure you have your sticker.

Hillsmere Shores is a family community made up of people of all ages, ethnicities, and cultural backgrounds. As a leadership team, we must understand the importance of our differences and support the diversity of the community as best we can. One area that I see as an opportunity for better inclusion is the Hispanic community. We have reached out to Anne Arundel community leaders and requested their involvement in improving communication with the Hispanic community. At our recent Board meeting, a recommendation was made to add HSIA Board members that speak Spanish. In addition, we will begin to add segments of our *Sea Breeze* in Spanish. Our goal is to reach as many members of the community as we can, with the goal of including as many HSIA members into our activities as possible. Look for some of these changes coming soon.

Speaking of changes, we recently had a board member resignation due to a personal issue. Sadly, changes like this occur, but it also gives the Board the opportunity to replace this individual with a new interim Board member. We are looking for an engaged leader that can help us address diversity and brings fresh ideas to the team. Look for an announcement on this soon, too!

Elections for at-large Board members happens soon. A nominating committee is being established and you will receive information soon.

Finally, I want to offer a reminder that the Board recently implemented a process to hear about community ideas that would be beneficial to our neighborhood. I created an agenda item for this at each our Board meetings. We have been presented with many ideas and believe some could be adopted. We created a committee to evaluate ideas on how to best use the area between the pool and the community house. Mike Waters is leading this team. If you have an idea, bring it to us. We want to hear from you!



Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming Meetings

Thursday, July 13 @ 7p	General Membership Meeting	Key School Barn & Virtual
Thursday, July 27 @ 7p	HSIA Board of Directors	Key School Barn & Virtual
Thursday, August 24 @ 7p	HSIA Board of Directors	Key School Barn & Virtual

HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



Ice Cream Social – Please join us for our Ice Cream Social at the Beach pavilion scheduled for Saturday, August 5, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Please bring cookies or a dessert and toppings to share. Hope to see you there! Anyone interested in volunteering for this event, please email admin@hillsmereshores.org or call 410-263-4456.

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

September Happy Hour – Please join us for our last Happy Hour of the season on Saturday, September 9, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. This Happy Hour will feature the Moxie Blues Band managed by Hillsmere Shores resident Tom O'Brien. Please bring a chair, a dish to share, and your favorite adult beverage. NO GLASS BOTTLES PLEASE. 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. We look forward to seeing you!



Call for Candidates -- We are seeking candidates to be elected to the HSIA Board of Directors to serve a two-year term for 2024 & 2025. These seven leadership positions are critical in moving our community forward. In order to run for a position on the Board of Directors, residents must be current members of HSIA. If you are interested, please email the following information to nominations@hillsmereshores.org **no later than September 9:**

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

Candidates will be announced on our website and in the October *Sea Breeze*. Ballots will also be available online and in the newsletter. Voting can be in-person at the November 9 General Meeting, by email, or placed in our community dropbox at 119 Great Lake Drive. Please consider running for a Board of Director position. Your community thanks you!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off – The next Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 16, 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.

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An advertisement for the 'Recycle Coach' app. It features a hand holding a smartphone displaying the app's interface, which includes a search bar and various recycling icons. To the left of the phone is a yellow recycling bin with a recycling symbol. The text 'Brought to you by DPW & YOU' is at the bottom left. The 'recycle coach' logo is in the center, with 'in Anne Arundel County' below it. Further down, it says 'Recycle more, recycle right with our free app. Download now.' and includes 'Download on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google Play' buttons.

Important numbers and emails

AACO Police emergency 911

AACO Police non-emergency 410-222-8610

Hillsmere Security: security@hillsmereshores.org

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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2023 Beach 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 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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Motions from May 2023 Board meeting:

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

PIERS & HARBOR: Steve Vanderbosch moved that the Hillsmere Shores General Membership ratify the decision of the HSIA Board of Directors to proceed with filing a Joint Permit Application for federal and State permits to construct the Hillsmere Shores Coastal Resiliency Project, also known as the Hillsmere Shores Sand Spit Living Shoreline Project. Adam Blugis seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

Motions from June 2023 Board meeting:

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

PERMITS: Gene Gross moved the Board approve the variance for 106 E. Bay View Drive. Tim Cantor seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

BEACH:

- Maureen Sherer moved the Board engage arboreal services to perform maintenance pruning of trees at the Beach in the amount of \$1500. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Maureen Sherer moved the Board engage arboreal services to perform maintenance treatments of trees at the Beach in the amount of \$1550. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the following for the September 9 Hillsmere Happy Hour:

- Performance by the Moxie Blues Band, a 6-member band led by Hillsmere resident Tom O'Brien, from approximately 5 pm to 8 pm, using amplified music, and including opportunities for Hillsmere musicians to join in a blues jam session and for young Hillsmere musicians to play along with the band.
- The expenditure of up to \$1,100, including \$500 for Moxie Blues Band fees and expenses, and \$600 for Happy Hour food and supplies.



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Beach Report

Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board Member & Beach Committee Chair



The existing jellyfish nets are riddled with holes after years of service. While they have been patched with zip ties the last two summers, it seems the time has come for replacement. The HSIA Board refused to purchase replacement netting this summer.

Geese droppings sometimes litter the walkways, pavilions, and grassy areas. A goose produces a pound of droppings per day. The resident Canada geese which frequent our Beach are descendants of geese introduced in this area during the 1930s in stocking programs for hunting. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) lists a number of problems associated with the expanding population of these geese. Among them are accumulations of droppings, public health concerns, nutrient loading of waterways, and overgrazing of lawns and agricultural crops. DNR provides some strategies for deterring resident geese. We will evaluate implementing the strategies which seem most promising, and also investigate hiring a service for removing droppings from paved surfaces and play areas.

The volleyball court was refurbished with an additional 20 tons of high quality sand. It was delivered and spread on June 19. We hope you have many opportunities to enjoy our Beach this summer.



Selling in the Summer

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

As summer is in full swing, and inventory remains low, it continues to be a strong seller's market. Summertime often attracts a fresh batch of potential homebuyers who are eager to begin their search. Here are three reasons why you should sell your home during the summer.



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With longer, brighter days ahead, buyers will not only have more time to attend showings but will have the opportunity to experience the home in its entirety.

3. It's Prime Moving Time

Families move in the summertime when their children are out of school. Alternatively, families are preparing to downsize as their children leave the nest.

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JULY 4
Independence Day
JULY 14
Bastille Day
JULY 23
Parents' Day
JULY 27
Korean War Veteran Recognition Day
AUGUST 4
Barack Obama Day
AUGUST 6
American Family Day
AUGUST 7
Purple Heart Day
AUGUST 14
Victory Day
AUGUST 15
Assumption of Mary
AUGUST 18
Hawaii Statehood Day
AUGUST 20
National Senior Citizens Day
AUGUST 26
Women's Equality Day

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, or voice mail, 410-263-4456.



Events Report

Helene Raven, Events Committee Chair



HILLSMERE AUGUST ICE CREAM SOCIAL —It's that time of year when we can all welcome a break from the heat and humidity with an ice cream social. The ice cream social will be at the beach on August 5. It starts at six p.m. and ends...when we run out of ice cream. We'll have vanilla, chocolate, and sorbet from Bruster's. We're asking everyone to bring cookies and/or toppings for DIY sundaes. (Yum!)

Watch for a notice on the bulletin board. All Hillsmere residents and guests of residents are welcome.

BRINGING BACK THE MUSIC —Hillsmere Shores Community events are back this summer to include Happy Hours at the Beach. The final Beach Happy Hour scheduled for September 9 will be highlighted by a live Blues band (The Moxie Blues Band), managed by Hillsmere Shores resident Tom O'Brien. Their variety of Blues, Blues Rock, Funk and Southern Rock will bring a unique musical variety and experience to our community. As done last year, there will be some young Hillsmere residents performing with the band, as well as an open jam session towards the end of the night. Any Hillsmere musicians interested in performing should contact Tom at Tom@moxiebluesband.com.



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Garden Club

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About 20 Club members took a June Tour of four members' gardens. Since it was raining lightly, most of the ladies chose not to "walk about," opting to drive, but enjoyed the gardens nonetheless. Lisa Zimmerman, Cindy Wible, Lynne Fowler, and Paulette Schwallenberg showed off their lovely gardens.

- ⊗ Lisa's garden featured many native plants, but she explained she doesn't try to exclude other non-native species. One garden bed is designated a "plant hospital." She also has a couple of "houses" for bluebird nests, and gave us hints as to how to attract the blue birds, while discouraging other "interlopers."
- ⊗ Cindy had specific garden areas to her yard, starting with a "secret garden" just behind her home. Behind that was an area featuring a variety of native plants and on the side, there were tomatoes and other vegetables growing.
- ⊗ Going through the gate into Paulette's back yard we passed a small, terraced garden featuring an oriental themed sculpture. In the sunny center of her yard, a mass of tomato plants was held hostage in a tall fenced area to protect them from the deer, which would otherwise feast on the bounty. A shaded corner of the yard had a swing, a trellis, and lovely flowers surrounding it.

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A collage of four photographs showing students and faculty. Top left: A female student speaks at a podium with the Key School logo, while others listen. Top right: A male student in a white shirt and blue tie receives a medal from a man in a blue suit. Bottom left: Three male students in white shirts and blue ties pose together. Bottom right: Three female students in white shirts and blue ties hold certificates.

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- ☼ Lynne's garden had many native shrubs in the front yard. She explained that it had been exclusively grass when they moved to Hillsmere about 3 years ago. She also has a heavily fenced "experimental area," to give the plants a chance against the deer who want to taste everything. Even when the plant is not to their liking, each animal seems to want a bite. Her back yard gets the hot evening sun, so she also has a secret garden for cool, shady, outdoor meals.



Lynne Fowler's front yard.

Lynne also offers some thoughts on Native Plants. They reduce the need for manual watering, since they are adapted to our mid-Atlantic region. However, don't be fooled, they can NOT be planted straight from the nursery with little care. The first couple of years are critical to the success of the native plantings you chose. This summer (her third in her Hillsmere home) has been the most challenging, due to the extended dry conditions we experienced in May and June. Visit the [Maryland Native Plant Society](http://mdflora.org) (mdflora.org) for more information on native plants.

Later this summer, a morning tea will be held for members and invited guests. Anyone with an interest in the club may reply to the email address below to receive a copy of the "Buzz" and, upon request, invitation to the event.

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 \$30. To receive the monthly "Buzz" newsletter or for more information about joining, send an email to the administrative assistant (HillsmereGardenClub@gmail.com).





Native Plant Sale

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**
503 Tayman Dr. Annapolis, MD. 21403

Checks payable to **Schotts Nurseries**.

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Hillsmere Tree and Shrub Order Form

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Plant descriptions referenced from Wikipedia and MOBOT				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		
Light: (F)ull Sun (P)artial Shade (S)hade		Moisture: (D)ry (M)oist (W)et		Mature Size: Height/Spread																		
Canopy Trees																						
Willow Oak (<i>Quercus phellos</i>)		F/P	M/W	80-100'		x	x		x			x	x		x	3 gal.	3'	\$29	___	___		
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 is 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																						
(NEW) Serviceberry (<i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i>)		F/P	M	15-25'		x			x	x	x					3 gal.	4'	\$34	___	___		
A small, deciduous, usually multi-trunked understory tree. White flowers in spring followed by small edible fruits in June. Berries resemble blueberries in taste and may be used in jams, jellies and pies. Finely-toothed, oval leaves emerge with bronze tints in spring, turning brilliant red to orange-red in fall.																						
(NEW) Common PawPaw (<i>Asimina triloba</i>)		F/P	M/W	15-25'		x			x	x	x	x				5 gal.	18"	\$46	___	___		
A small understory tree which typically occurs in low bottom woods, wooded slopes, ravines and along streams. Often spreads by root suckers to form colonies or thickets. Cup-shaped, purple flowers appear in spring, and give way to edible, oblong, yellowish green fruits which mature in early autumn to a dark brown. Flavor and fleshy consistency resembles bananas, although they can produce nausea in some people. 2 trees required for pollination.																						
River Birch (<i>Betula nigra</i>)		F/P	M/W	20-35'		x						x			x	3 gal.	8'	\$28	___	___		
Often with multiple trunks, the distinctive bark is variable, usually gray to pinkish-brown and scaly, exfoliating in curly papery sheets, making it a favored ornamental tree for landscape use. While its native habitat is wet ground, it will grow on higher land. Yellowish fall color.																						
Sweetbay Magnolia (<i>Magnolia virginiana</i>)			M/W	20'		x			x	x	x	x			x	5 gal.	4'	\$41	___	___		
An attractive multi-stemmed tree often used in horticultural applications to give structure to landscape designs. It is known for its large, white, vanilla scented flowers, for its clean, attractive foliage, and for its fast growth.																						
Medium Shrubs																						
Summersweet (<i>Clethra alnifolia</i>)		F/S	M/W	6-8'		x	x		x	x	x	x	x		x	3 gal.	24"	\$32	___	___		
Typically used as a shrub for natural gardens, or placed alongside a stream or pond in order to delay erosion. It grows in wet forests, pine flatwoods, wetlands, bogs and can be seen alongside woodland streams. The flowers are white or very pale pink with a sweet fragrance from July until September. Foliage turns yellow-golden during the autumn.																						
Winterberry (<i>Ilex verticillata</i>)		F/P	M	8'		x	x			x	x	x	x			3 gal.	4'	\$24	___	___		
A deciduous holly which is prized for the midwinter splash of bright red color from densely packed berries, which are highly visible on bare stems. Although wet acidic soils are optimal, the winterberry will grow well in the average garden. At least one male plant must be planted in proximity to one or more females for them to bear fruit. The berries are an important food resource for numerous species of birds. One male plant will be included with order.																						
Southern Arrowwood (<i>Viburnum dentatum</i>)			D/W	10'		x				x	x			x		3 gal.	3'	\$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 (<i>Itea virginica</i>)		F/S	M/W	3-6'		x	x			x	x	x	x	x		3 gal.	24"	\$28	___	___		
Easily grown in average, medium to wet, well-drained soil in full sun to part shade. Adaptable to shade. Prefers moist, humusy soils, but tolerates a wide range of soil conditions. Versatile shrub for sunny or shady areas of the shrub border or woodland garden. Leaves turn an attractive red in autumn.																						

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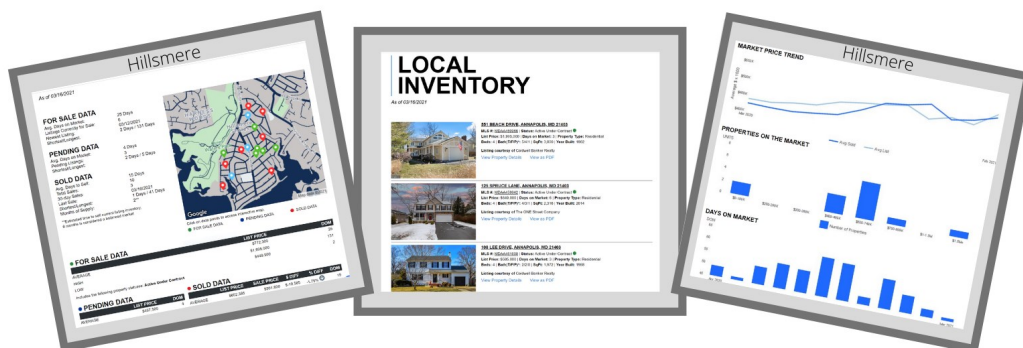
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Save Your Annapolis Neck

Ray Sullivan, HSIA Board member & ANPF liaison

In January of this year there were two meetings in which Hillsmere residents and other citizens from the Annapolis area objected to the proposal of the construction of a private office building in Quiet Waters Park (QWP). Following these meetings, on January 22, the [Chesapeake Conservancy LLC announced](#) the cancellation of plans to construct an office building in QWP.

In a [February 4 email](#) to Andrew Loftus with Friends of Quiet Waters Park, County Executive Steuart Pittman promised to terminate the lease, stating, "Our office of law is handling the Chesapeake Conservancy lease termination."

On April 3, 2023, a group of 38 citizens from various areas of Anne Arundel County attended a professionally facilitated working meeting at the Eastport-Annapolis Neck Library titled, "Citizens' Vision Meeting for the Retreat Area at Quiet Waters Park." The 2.5-hour meeting allowed citizens to express their vision for future use, development, and maintenance of QWP Retreat Area. From the meeting notes, *"The primary, almost overwhelmingly dominant vision is to keep the Retreat Area a natural environment, with passive use, without built structures or the appearance of development. The retreat area is envisioned as a meadow surrounded by forest, 'same as it is today but with more native plants.' It would truly be a retreat for the urbanized residents of an increasingly congested peninsula and region, of Anne Arundel County. In summary, the citizens' vision is: 'Keep it natural. Make it native.'"* The complete document from the April 3 meeting, compiled by ANPF VP Anastasia Hopkinson, is available [here](#).

Over the past several months myself, The Friends of QWP, Gerald Winegrad, and others have tried to get an update on the lease termination to no avail. I was cc'd on a recent email from an Annapolis Neck resident to County Executive Steuart Pittman, titled "Request for Transparency and Good Faith in Conserving and Managing our County Lands." In his response, Pittman stated that, "the County can't unilaterally cancel" the lease, and followed up with the assurance that, "There WILL

be a stakeholder group to work with Rec and Parks on ideas for improvements to the land, and those ideas will go to the Planning Advisory Board and eventually the County Council with lots of public notice and engagement before anything makes its way into a future budget. We expect that group to be convened by this fall." The complete 6/20/23 email exchange is available [here](#).

Let's make sure that our voices are heard and that we are part of the stakeholder group. Look for further updates.

Kill Mosquitos without toxic pesticides!

This simple trap will kill mosquitos all season long in your yard!



Fill a bucket (dark is better) with straw, water, and a BTI mosquito dunk. Females are attracted to the water to lay their eggs, but the BTI will kill the larvae! Refill/replace contents every 2-3 weeks.

Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



HILLSMERE SHORES SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE/COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT

Our design contractor Environmental Systems Analysis has been incorporating comments from MDE into the Sand Spit Living Shoreline (AKA: Hillsmere Shores Coastal Resiliency) Project plans prior to submitting the joint federal/state permit applications for the Project. Arundel Rivers Federation has also suggested waiting to submit the applications until DNR announces coastal resiliency grant recipients for 2023, now expected in mid-July.

HURRICANE SEASON

NOAA has predicted the 2023 Atlantic hurricane season is expected to be "near normal" with at least 12 named storms. NOAA said it expects 12 to 17 named storms and five to nine hurricanes this year, with one to four major hurricanes.

At the risk of repeating ourselves, everyone should be aware that 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@hillsmershores.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.

If you 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 SECURITY CAMERA SYSTEM

Camera system work has been proceeding slowly due to installation crew illness and injury, and high tides that hamper under-dock conduit installation. Mike Waters has been overseeing the installation and reports that the work thus far appears to be very good quality. Cameras have been installed along the bulkhead on existing light posts. We will be meeting with CA&S management and a new work crew to discuss schedule and add more details to our statement of work.

The P&H Committee will be discussing and formulating recommendations for access by slip hold-

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ers to Wi-Fi signals and camera feed data, including appropriate fees, if any, and access controls.

MARINA SLIPS

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Bill Barker and the Slips Committee, all slips were assigned this Spring, welcoming 10 new slip holders this season. At the moment, there are 2 unassigned slips, which will not be permanently assigned in anticipation of re-locations required for new boat lift installation in the Fall. At the end of June about 15 assigned slips were unoccupied, and we are trying to determine those slip holders' intentions for utilizing their assigned slips. Unassigned slips and assigned-but-unoccupied-for-long-duration slips may be temporarily rented to those on the Wait List.

Speaking of which, Wait Lists are becoming more problematic. For example, although there are 40 names on the Slip Wait List, easily half to two-thirds of them repeatedly decline a slip or do not respond to offers. There are an additional 22 names on the Lift Slip Wait List, and another 27 names on the Inactive Slip Wait List.

The P&H Committee will be discussing substantial changes to the Wait Lists, including increasing the Slip Wait List Fee, dropping names to the inactive list upon failure to respond or declining offers, etc.

MARINA AND P&H OPERATIONS

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.

- Norm Johansen has recently replaced a rotting deck board on the main dock.
- Miscellaneous electrical and water system issues have been or will be addressed.
- A repair was made to boat lift C-6 (limit switch cam), and all boat lifts received an annual maintenance check.
- Minor theft/vandalism has occurred: 3 mooring lines on the pump out dock disappeared; 12 traffic reflectors on parking lot dividers were removed and/or broken.
- The AACo Fire Department has advised the firefighting Standpipe System on the docks is due for a 5-year pressure test in 2023. Heidler Plumbing, which installed the standpipe system, has been contacted to perform the hydrostatic test, and will schedule a date.
- The fire extinguishers throughout the Marina and Boat Ramps have received their annual inspection and certification.
- DNR has advised that the Duvall Creek channel buoys were checked and appear to be correctly marking the channel. Visually, it appears that one or both green buoys are out of their historic positions. The P&H Committee will be discussing this issue and whether the channel is properly marked.
- Annual pruning of waterside trees and removal of encroaching bamboo is required at the Boat

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Park, and a Work Party will be organized soon.

- Work has yet to resume on our do-it-yourself slip improvements (line hangers, piling caps, guide lines). Hopefully, 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.

NEW BOAT LIFTS

We will be scheduling installation of the 8 new boat lifts authorized by the HSIA Board sometime in the Fall.

BOAT PARK

Trailers will be repositioned in the Boat Park to close up space and angle the trailers. Offers were 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, but few replied.

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.

As mentioned, annual bamboo trimming and shoreline tree pruning is required, and Work Parties will be invited to help.

KAYAK RACKS

Of the 132 P&H racks, 130 are assigned, with 2 offers pending. There are 16 names on the Wait List.

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

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 take place every other month at the Key School "Barn" Building. The next P&H Committee Meetings will be on Tuesday September 12, 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. All Slip Holders, Ramp Key Holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are invited to attend. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!



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Boat Ramp Keys & Boat Slip Assignments	410-263-4456
Guest Parking Passes	410-263-4456
Hillsmere Car & Boat Trailer Stickers	410-263-4456
Hillsmere Garden Club	410-268-7175
Hillsmere Hammerheads Swim Team	443-336-8432
County Community Services Specialist	410-222-1242
Animal Control	410-222-8900
Recycling Information & Bulk Trash Pick Up	410-222-6100
Community Cat Program - Carolyn Kilborn, jckilborn@yahoo.com	

Babysitter

Bella	Age 15	443-534-7918
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 16	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

Pet Sitter/Dog Walker

Alexis	Age 14	443-388-6611
Earl	Adult	410-570-1894
Elaine	Adult	443-822-6035
Hannah	Adult	410-980-6189
Lauren	Age 18	443-750-1228
Linda	Adult	443-822-7956
Maggie	Age 16	443-900-5511
Mary Ellen	Adult	410-212-5744
Quentin	Age 13	301-793-0032
Sean	Age 16	443-481-9401
Shanley	Age 15	443-569-9764
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
postmaster@hillsmereshores.org.

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.

July—August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11 7p—P&H Committee Meeting	12	13 7p—General Membership Meeting	14 5p—Happy Hour @ Beach	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Open Swim @ Pool (see page 3)	26	27 7p—HSIA Board Meeting	28	29
30	31	1 <i>August</i>	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24 7p—HSIA Board Meeting	25	26
27	28	29 Open Swim @ Pool (see page 3)	30			



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