

# The Sea Breeze

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## *"Tree"mendously Thankful!*

On Saturday, September 9, Hillsmere residents showed up and removed large portions of an oak tree that had been cut down in an elderly neighbors yard on Spruce Lane. Thank you to Christina Stock for organizing, and to everyone who volunteered to help out Ed, who turns 93 on Thursday, September 14. Happy Birthday, Ed!

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**NATIVE PLANT SALE—  
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# President's Corner

Tom Anderson, HSIA President



It is hard to believe that Fall is just around the corner! It arrives on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to be exact. I hope that all of you have enjoyed your summer. There has been a lot happening within the community and the Board continues to focus on maintaining what we have and improving on the Hillsmere community. I thank the Board for their nonstop contributions to Hillsmere and recognize that it's all volunteer effort.

Since our last *Sea Breeze* distribution, the Board had an opportunity to fill a vacancy and I am pleased to share with you that Patrice Teetermoran has joined the team in the interim period until the Fall elections (and hopefully beyond). Patrice has a lot of passion for this community and is already involved in various projects. Board Director elections are rapidly approaching and there are seven positions to be filled.

As you all know, we hired a group of law enforcement officers to provide security services for our community. Long story short – it didn't work out as expected. We are already working on a revision to the approach, and I'll have more to tell you soon.

Speaking of changes, the Board is in the very final stages of selecting the candidate for the new Property Manager position. This will be a part-time, compensated position. I believe the decision will be made in the next 10 days or so. We were very lucky to receive a group of qualified applicants for this new position.

The Board will soon issue a request for proposal (RFP) for lawn services. This will be a competitive process, so if you know a company that you want to recommend, please let us know. Details are forthcoming soon!

Be safe and remember to follow our neighborhood speed limits!

## Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, September 12 @ 7P	Piers & Harbors Meeting	Hillsmere House, 119 Great Lake Dr.
Thursday, September 14 @ 7P	General Membership Meeting	Key School Barn & Virtual
Thursday, September 28 @ 7P	HSIA Board of Directors	Key School Barn & Virtual

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Community Cat Program: [jckilborn@yahoo.com](mailto:jckilborn@yahoo.com)



# HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



**Ice Cream Social** – Thank you to Helene Raven for a fun and delicious Ice Cream Social at our beach on August 5. We had three choices of ice cream flavors and residents brought toppings to share. Lots of children and adults came on their bikes or in cars and many others were just walking by and stopped for a sweet treat. It was a beautiful evening and a good time was had by all!

**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.

**Back to School** – Our children have headed back to school! This means more children are walking our streets, lining up for school buses, and riding their bicycles to and from school. As the school year gets underway, please watch for our children and travel slowly through the neighborhood. Please obey speed limits, stop signs, and stop for school buses when their lights are flashing! A friendly reminder that the speed limit on Hillsmere Drive is 30 MPH and the speed limit on our side streets is 25 MPH.



**Annapolis Run for the Light House** – The Annapolis Run For the Light House will take place on Sunday, September 17. This scenic run through the trails of Quiet Waters Park, and half marathon through Hillsmere Shores, supports the local Light House Shelter. The half marathon starts at 8:00 am in Quiet Waters Park, with the first runner entering Hillsmere around 8:45 am. Half marathon runners will make a loop through our community and re-enter the Park. Please allow a little extra time driving in and around our community that morning.

**Halloween Parade** – Hillsmere's Halloween Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 29, starting at 1:00 pm. We need a volunteer to organize the parade. Please contact Helene Raven through the HSIA admin email address, [admin@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.org) or call 410-263-4456 if you can help.



**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@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.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





## Fall Admission Events

16  
OCT



**Lower School  
Information Session**  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

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**Upper School  
Information Session**  
6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

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**First School  
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## Motions from July 2023 Board meeting:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mike Wurst moved the board to approve Patrice Teetermoran to fill the open position for the remainder of the term through 2023. Christian Elkington seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

## Motions from August 2023 Board meeting:

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

### POOL:

- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve \$2000 for the Labor Day pool party to include catering, ice cream and big kahuna prizes. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
- Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve \$2000 to keep the pool open for two weekends after the regular pool season ends, to include Friday evening and all day Saturday & Sunday. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**ENVIRONMENTAL:** Kevin Green moved the Board approve NTE \$3000 for installation of trees on the island. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**ANPF:** Christian Elkington moved that Ray Sullivan can make the application for Hillsmere representative to join the QWP Stakeholder Group. Tim Cantor seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

**COMMUNITY HOUSE:** Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve NTE \$6000 to add on air conditioning to the existing furnace system at the Community House. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



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# Beach Report

*Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board Member & Beach Committee Chair*



While summer is not officially over this year until September 23, it is certainly winding down. One of my fondest summer memories is helping two of my young grandchildren learn to kayak at the Beach. The children, ages 5 and 7, took turns in a small 7 foot kayak. The shallow, gradual slope of the shore allows a grown-up to walk along in the water, offering some guidance and encouragement. We all enjoyed the fun in the water, and the children impressed themselves with their developing skills!

Professionals from the Anne Arundel County Department of Health sample the water at the Beach biweekly, and post the numerical value for the number of enterococci colony forming units (CFU) per 100 milliliters of water sample. The highest value reported this summer was 14 CFU/100 mL, well below the maximum acceptable level of 104. Sampling is a very transient snapshot of that particular spot in the water column, at that particular moment. The samplers strive to obtain a representative sample. The sampling data is reported at the Health Department website: <https://aahealth.org/environmental-health/recreational-water-quality/water-quality-report#southriver>

Unfortunately, the children's picnic table in the east playground was severely damaged by vandalism in mid-August. It appeared the table had been jumped on repeatedly until the top broke off. The top was bowed, and the bolts which once attached the top were sheared off. A dedicated volunteer, Phil Jones, was able to salvage the top and repair the table. We are very grateful, as this table is a favorite with the young children.

Volunteers have donated hundreds of hours performing precision cutting of phragmites in the eastern natural shoreline over the past two years. Formerly this area was a near monoculture of phragmites. Now it is a haven for native vegetation and provides vital habitat for native wildlife. The project has earned praise from Anne Arundel County, and has been used as an example of a successful strategy for combating phragmites. Naturally, the area needs ongoing maintenance. Welspryng is under contract to do this precision cutting in the area. The company is expected to perform a cutting within the first few days of September. It will then be doing at least one more cutting this growing season, in late October or November. Welspryng is also under contract to maintain the vegetation in the central swale according to best management practices. Reportedly, there is no contract to maintain the vegetation of the natural shoreline at the river end of the central swale, to the east of the open swim area.

Our trees at the Beach contribute beauty, shade, and a host of watershed benefits. However, the trees experience difficult living conditions, such as high winds and saltwater intrusion into the ground water. They need all the help we can give them. An arborist has nourished the landscape tress, and several trees have been pruned to remove dead branches and promote good form. In order to protect them, trees have been mulched. Volunteers have regularly carried water to irrigate several struggling trees to relieve their stress. This has been a very dry year so far. We are currently more than 10 inches behind in rainfall.

As we say goodbye to summer, I offer my sincere thanks to our volunteers for their many efforts irrigating, fixing equipment, weeding and cutting phragmites.

Here's hoping September brings many summer-like days to enjoy our Beach.



# 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.



# Events Report

Helene Raven, Events Committee Chair



## Ice Cream Social

Over 80 ice cream aficionados showed up to check out the chocolate and vanilla ice cream, and orange sherbet from Brusters. Unscientific research results showed that vanilla was the most requested ice cream flavor with chocolate coming in second and orange sherbet coming in third. A special thank you to the official Hillsmere Shores Ice Cream Testing volunteers who braved the heat and humidity to provide the taste test results. A few taste testers needed multiple scoops of ice cream to make sure their ice cream rankings were accurate.

## Upcoming Events

- Sunday, October 29 Halloween Parade, 1 pm Meet at Hillsmere and Carroll Drives
- Saturday, November 4 Oyster Roast, 2 pm Beach
- Sunday, December 3 Santa's Caravan, 5:30 pm Beach
- Sunday, December 10 Santa's Run (Fire Dept), 6 pm Pool Parking Lot

## Volunteers Needed

*Halloween Parade Volunteer Coordinator Needed* – This is a fun event for ghosts, goblins, dinosaurs, etc., of all ages and sizes. Last year a taco directed traffic and started the parade. We are looking for a volunteer coordinator for this annual Halloween Parade. The parade is on Sunday, October 29. It will start at 1:00 pm at the corner of Hillsmere and Carroll Drive and end at the beach. Refreshments will be available at the beach.

*Santa Caravan Volunteer Coordinator Needed* - Last year, HSIA hosted a caravan with decorated cars and boats parading around the community and ending at the beach, with Santa staged at the end of the parade. There were refreshments afterwards at the beach pavilion. We are looking for a volunteer to help coordinate the Santa Caravan this year. If anyone is interested in coordinating this event, please contact [admin@hillsmershores.org](mailto:admin@hillsmershores.org) or call 410-263-4456.

## 2024 Events Planning Meeting – October 2 from 7-8:30

Community events bring us together by providing opportunities for all residents to participate and enjoy the camaraderie of friends and neighbors. These are a great way for new residents to meet neighbors and for others to rekindle friendships.

Any ideas for 2024? Any feedback from 2023 events? Please bring them to the 2024 Events Plan-

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ning Meeting on Monday October 2 from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Hillsmere Community House, 119 Great Lake Drive. We'll toss around ideas for next year and work on ways to coordinate and implement these as community events.

We'll work on a schedule of events to present to the Board for approval and funding. The final schedule will be posted in the January or February 2024 newsletter.



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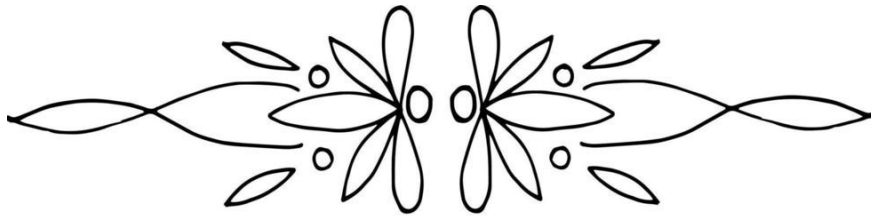
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Light: (F)ull Sun (P)artial Shade (S)hade      Moisture: (D)ry (M)oist (W)et      Mature Size: Height/Spread																	
Canopy Trees																	
<b>Willow Oak</b> ( <i>Quercus phellos</i> )                      F/P                      M/W                      80-100' 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.	x	x				x		x	x			x	3 gal.	3'	\$29	___	___
Small to Medium Trees																	
(NEW) <b>Serviceberry</b> ( <i>Amelanchier x grandiflora</i> )    F/P                      M                      15-25' 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.	x					x	x	x					3 gal.	4'	\$34	___	___
(NEW) <b>Common PawPaw</b> ( <i>Asimina triloba</i> )                      F/P                      M/W                      15-25' 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.	x					x	x	x	x				5 gal.	18"	\$46	___	___
<b>River Birch</b> ( <i>Betula nigra</i> )                      F/P                      M/W                      20-35' 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.	x							x				x	3 gal.	8'	\$28	___	___
<b>Sweetbay Magnolia</b> ( <i>Magnolia virginiana</i> )                      M/W                      20' 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.	x					x	x	x	x			x	5 gal.	4'	\$41	___	___
Medium Shrubs																	
<b>Summersweet</b> ( <i>Clethra alnifolia</i> )                      F/S                      M/W                      6-8' 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.	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	x			x	3 gal.	24"	\$32	___	___
<b>Winterberry</b> ( <i>Ilex verticillata</i> )                      F/P                      M                      8' 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.	x	x				x	x	x	x				3 gal.	4'	\$24	___	___
<b>Southern Arrowwood</b> ( <i>Viburnum dentatum</i> )                      D/W                      10' 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.	x					x	x			x			3 gal.	3'	\$20	___	___
Small Shrubs																	
<b>Virginia Sweetspire</b> ( <i>Itea virginica</i> )                      F/S                      M/W                      3-6' 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.	x	x				x	x	x	x	x			3 gal.	24"	\$28	___	___

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# Garden Club



*Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant, Photo Credit to L. Zimmerman*

This summer the Hillsmere Garden Club's executive board has been hard at work planning the walking tour of members gardens, an annual summer tea, and activities for next year. About 20 Club members enjoyed the Garden Club's annual tea at the home of Vijay Ramraj and Ray Sullivan. Having a chance to socialize with other members and eat great food is a preview of what is to come in the new garden club season. Now we will just add the gardening part in September.

The next meeting on September 20 at 12:30 is at the Hillsmere/Annapolis Neck Library and will feature arrangements by members and interested guests based on the theme "If the shoe fits, plant it". Signups for fall and holiday activities will be open at the meeting.

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](mailto:HillsmereGardenClub@gmail.com)).





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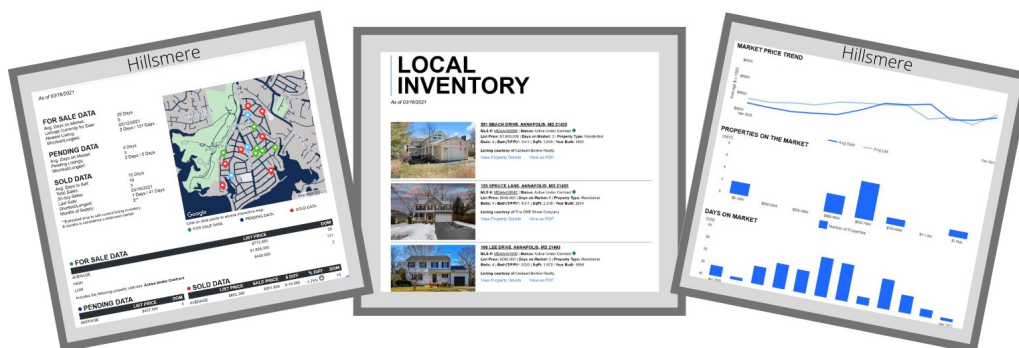
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Ray Sullivan, HSIA Board member & ANPF liaison



## Quiet Waters Park Update

The Chesapeake Conservancy is buying a building on West Street near the library and will not be building in QWP.

The County will be putting together a stakeholder group to advise on what to do with the property within the park. Per DRP Director Jessica Leys, "The group will consist of community members, Friends of Quiet Waters representation, REPI contact, Arundel Rivers, Chesapeake Conservancy, and Park staff. They will be advisory and will make recommendations for the future development and use of the Quiet Waters Retreat property. "

Community members means YOU! The Retreat is our public park. Apply for a seat with the Stakeholders group and help steer the Retreat's future and preserve what you cherish. Click here [aarecparks.org/QWPstakeholders](https://aarecparks.org/QWPstakeholders).

## Invasive Species Removal

Child's Engineering is performing invasive species removal at the Forest Hill Drive entrance to QWP. The bamboo has been cut down and removed They will be applying herbicide eventually and re-planting the area with native plants. Often there is no work in progress. We have been asked by the QWP park Superintendent to not enter when work is in progress.

## QUIET WATERS PARK RETREAT STAKEHOLDERS

The Department of Recreation and Parks is seeking volunteers to participate in a stakeholder group to help with the development of Quiet Waters Park - Retreat Area. This 19 acre expansion would be for passive recreational use. This effort is to revise the masterplan for this area of the park.

Application Closes 9/22/23



[aarecparks.org/QWPstakeholders](https://aarecparks.org/QWPstakeholders)







## GRANT FUNDING AWARDED!

### **Sand Spit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project**

Great news to report! On September 1, 2023, Maryland Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) officially awarded \$669,191 to the Arundel Rivers Federation (“Federation”) for the Hillsmere Sand Spit Shoreline Restoration project, culminating several years of effort by HSIA and the Federation to obtain funding for the Sand Spit Living Shoreline project.

Earlier, on July 31, 2023, DNR announced the intended award of more than \$3 million in competitive grants for 13 climate resiliency projects throughout the State, including the Hillsmere Sand Spit Living Shoreline project, to help communities design and construct solutions to withstand flooding and other weather-related events. Since funding for these 13 projects is provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (“NOAA”), official award of the grants was delayed pending final approval by the federal partners. And now, as of September 1, it is official!

DNR’s announcement was for a grant to “Arundel Rivers Federation – To construct a living shoreline along the Hillsmere Sand Spit and install conservation plantings to increase climate resilience of a community marina.”

And of note to Hillsmere residents as well, DNR also announced a grant to “The Key School – To design and construct three bioretention practices to address stormwater flooding on school fields and erosion of the adjacent community shoreline.” Together, these grants represent a win-win for Hillsmere!

The next hurdle in the process is obtaining a Joint Federal/State Wetlands Permit for the project. As previously reported, our design contractor Environmental Systems Analysis (“ESA”), along with Federation and HSIA representatives have been meeting with DNR officials and Maryland Department of Environment (“MDE”) representatives, incorporating their comments and making minor revisions to the Sand Spit Living Project plans prior to submitting the joint federal/state permit application for the Project. The application is now set to be submitted the first week of September, starting what could be a year-long approval process.

### **Marina Security Camera System**

As reported earlier, camera system work was proceeding slowly due to installation crew illness and injury, and high tides that hamper under-dock conduit installation. Work has now resumed and will hopefully be completed this month. Overseeing this installation, Mike Waters reports that the work thus far appears to be very good quality.

When the system is operational, access to the Wi-Fi signal will initially be limited to slip holders, at no additional cost, and be password protected. After a test period, depending on test results and available bandwidth, access may be made open to the public. Camera feed may be made accessible to slip holders as well as HSIA Security, and will be password protected.

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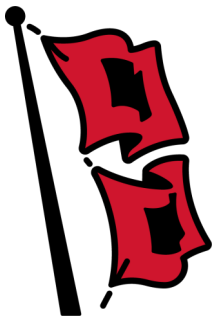
## Wait Lists

Wait Lists have become problematic. For example, although there are 41 names on the Slip Wait List for one of our 123 slips, easily half to two-thirds of them repeatedly decline a slip or simply do not respond to offers. There are an additional 23 names on the Lift Slip Wait List, and another 26 names on the Inactive Slip Wait List. For the 26 names on the Boat Park Wait List for one of 45 spaces, 20 either declined or did not respond to offers of spots in the Boat Park.

The P&H Committee has recommended to the HSIA Board that starting in 2024, the cost to get on the active Slip Wait Lists be raised from \$100 to \$250. Those already on the active lists who wish to remain active will be required to pay an additional \$150, or be moved to the Inactive List. Those currently on the Inactive List who wish to return to the active list will also be required to pay an additional \$150.

The P&H Committee further recommended that rather than the current rule of being allowed to refuse three (3) slip offers before being moved to the bottom of the Wait List, starting in 2024 refusal of two (2) slip offers or failure to respond to two (2) offers will result in being moved to the Inactive List.

For the Boat Park Wait List, the recommendation is to purge the list annually, requiring residents to sign up every year to get on the Boat Park Wait List.



## Hurricane Season

Do you have a Hurricane Plan?

The HSIA Marina is extremely vulnerable to wind, storm surge and wave action. If 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.

If you are out of town or otherwise unavailable during hurricane season, it is very important that you have someone local designated to take care of your boat.

Please make sure their contact information has been provided to the Chair of Piers & Harbors! ([marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org)). Pay close attention to tropical storm forecasts, be proactive, and be ready to move your boat to safety.

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

If you decide to have your boat ride out a storm at the Marina, take appropriate 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.**

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## **P&H Operations**

- Our electrician made a service call on Friday July 28 and repaired several malfunctioning electrical outlets.
- A work party removed new growth of invasive bamboo at the Boat Park.
- A sink hole at the Beach Drive Boat Ramp bulkhead was filled by Norm Johansen with rock and stone and capped with soil.
- Marina driveway hedges were trimmed, and an emerging driveway pothole was patched.
- Phragmites were removed from the shorelines of the Boat Park, Kayak Ramp and Sunset Ramp
- Work has yet to resume on local slip improvements (line hangers, piling caps, guide lines).
- The required hydrostatic test of the standpipe system has been scheduled by Heidler Plumbing to take place on September 6, 2023.

Routine maintenance has continued as needed. 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](mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org) or 410-212-6978, or Norm Johansen at [normjohansen@gmail.com](mailto:normjohansen@gmail.com) or 443-822-8945.

## **New Boat Lift Installation Scheduled**

Installation of the approved new boat lifts is tentatively scheduled to begin on or after October 16, 2023. Installation will take place at Slips #A2 to #A5, and Slips #A22 to #A25. Current slip holders will be relocated to any available vacant slips prior to installation. Adjacent Slips #A1, #A6, #A21 and #A26 may also have to temporarily relocate while work is proceeding on their neighboring slip.

For the affected slip holders: If you can schedule your winter plans to haul your boat before October 16, that would facilitate installation and relocations. All affected slip holders will be contacted directly as installation time approaches.

## **P&H Committee Meeting Time and Place—NEW MEETING PLACE!**

P&H Committee Meetings have been taking place at the Key School “Barn” Building. However, due to a conflict with Key’s Back To School night, and with the renovations progressing at the Hillsmere House, 119 Great Lake Drive, we are moving the September P&H Meeting to that location to see how it fits our meeting needs.

**The next P&H Committee Meetings will be on Tuesday September 12, 2023, at 7 pm. at the Hillsmere House, 119 Great Lake Drive.**

Everyone is invited to attend. In the interim, please direct your questions, issues, concerns, and comments to [marina@hillsmereshores.org](mailto: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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Community Cat Program - Carolyn Kilborn, jckilborn@yahoo.com	

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Ella	Age 16	443-223-0572
Ella	Age 19	410-533-8442
Hailey	Age 17	410-292-3599
Hannah	Age 16	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
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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.*

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10	11	12 7p—P&H Committee Meeting	13	14 7p—General Membership Meeting	15	16
17 Run for the Lighthouse	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 7p—HSIA Board Meeting	29	30



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