The Sea Breeze

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Board of Directors Election—Thursday, November 9th Candidate Bio's, Ballot & Voting Instructions inside!





A parade of ghouls, goblins, and ghosts marched down Hillsmere Drive on Sunday, October 29! Kids of all ages enjoyed popcorn and treats at the beach in full costume. The weather was perfect, and it was a great day to enjoy the beach playgrounds! More pictures on pages 22 & 23. ~Crystal Monkman & Caryn Gallagher

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HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator

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Board Member Elections—Have you sent in your ballot for this year's Board Member Elections? Mailed in ballots must be received by close of business on Wednesday, November 8. Bios, Ballot, and Voting Instructions are found in this issue of the *Sea Breeze*. Ballots can be placed in our community drop box at 119 Great Lake Drive. You can also give your ballot to someone to bring to the meeting for you. These ballots are considered "mail-in vote" and <u>must</u> have your name, address, signature, and date. If you are voting in-person at the meeting, this information is not required. Your ballot will be validated upon arrival at the meeting.

November General Meeting—Lisa Rodvien, our County Council representative, will be at the November General Meeting for a question-and-answer session.

Halloween Parade Thank You—Thank you to Crystal Monkman and volunteers for another successful Halloween parade! The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all! Photos found on pages 22 & 23.

Santa's Caravan—Residents Sandra Brown and Stacie May have volunteered to coordinate this year's Santa Caravan. A parade of decorated cars will travel through our community on Saturday, December 2. Decorated cars will line up on the beach parking lot at 5:15 pm that day and the parade will start approximately 5:30 pm. Please enter the beach parking lot through the west gate to line up. The cars will exit the beach parking lot through the east gate and proceed down East Bay View Drive, following a route around the neighborhood. We will publish the route closer to the parade. The parade will end at the beach and refreshments will be served at the large pavilion. Anyone interested in having a decorated vehicle in the parade, or would like to volunteer to help, should contact admin@hillsmereshores.org or call 410-263-4456.

Annapolis Santa's Run—The Annapolis Santa Run visits communities throughout the Annapolis area to gather gifts for needy children. The Annapolis Santa Run, sponsored by the Annapolis Fire-fighters Union, will pick up presents for needy children at the Hillsmere pool parking lot on Sunday, December 10, 6:00 pm. Bring the kids to see Santa and please bring an unwrapped present for the Toy Drive, ages 2-15, male or female. For more information, please visit the Santa's Run website at <u>www.annapolissantarun.com</u>.





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Motions from October 2023 Board meeting:

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

POOL: Christian Elkington moved the Board have Robin Clark approve the contract with Anchor Aquatics for operations and maintenance for the 2024 season. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY HOUSE: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the final payment of \$19,030 payable to Dean Home Improvement. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

HSIA ELECTION VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Vote By Mail or Drop Box: If you are unable to attend the November 9th HSIA General Meeting, just follow these simple steps in order to vote by mail:

- Tear the ballot out of *the Sea Breeze* or download a copy from the Hillsmere website at <u>www.hillsmereshores.org</u>.
- <u>Fill out the election ballot</u>. <u>Vote for a maximum of seven candidates</u>. You must include your name, address, signature, and date in the space provided on the ballot.
- Mail the signed ballot to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Or drop the ballot in the HSIA drop box at the community house, 119 Great Lake Drive. Be sure to mark "Ballot" on the envelope. All ballots must be received by the close of business Wednesday, November 8.

Vote in Person: Please note: If you are voting in person, there is no need to provide your name, address, signature and date on the ballot. Your ballot will be validated upon arrival.

- Tear the ballot out of *the Sea Breeze*, or download a copy from the Hillsmere website at <u>www.hillsmereshores.org</u>, or pick up a ballot at the meeting.
- Have your ballot validated upon arrival at the meeting. You DO NOT need to mark your selections before the ballot is validated.
- Fill out the election ballot. Vote for a maximum of seven candidates.
- Drop ballots in the ballot box before voting is closed.

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Board Election Ballot 2024-2025

Only HSIA members in good standing may vote. One vote per membership.

<u>Please vote for a maximum of seven of the following:</u>

Sharon Blugis	Ray Sullivan
Joanna Parkinson	Patrice Teetermoran
Helene Raven	Maria Triandos
Bill Schrott	Steve Vanderbosch
(Write-In Nomination)	(Write-In Nomination)

In order for a ballot to be accepted by mail-in vote, the following must be completed:

Voter's Name (Please print)

Voter's Address (Please print)

Voter's Signature

Date

NOMINATIONS

Mike Wurst, HSIA Secretary & Nominations Chair

HSIA Candidates for HSIA Board Positions for the 2024-2025 Term Election will be held this November for seven HSIA At-Large Board positions. All candidates are residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community and are confirmed to be in good standing and current in their HSIA membership. Ballots are included in this issue of the *Sea Breeze* and are available on our website.

Candidate Statements:

SHARON BLUGIS

It is my intent to run for the HSIA Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 term. I live at 150 E. Bay View and am a current member of HSIA since 2019 when my husband and I moved here.

My qualifications to run for the Board include my 20+ years of community outreach and leadership experience. Since 2021, I have served as the Executive Director of two non-profits overseeing the administration, education programs, and strategic planning of each organization.

My other qualifications include working at the following county and state agencies over the last 20 years:

AACo Health Department – Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response. This position completed essential emergency preparedness tasks such as planning, providing or coordinating training opportunities, and assisting with health planning activities.

AACo Fire Department – Life Safety and Program Specialist. Responsible for all fire safety publiceducation for Anne Arundel County including 79 elementary schools (Approximately 60-70 presentations a year and 3,000 children). Position required strong citizen contact; problem solving and ability to refer to other county agencies. Respond to requests from community/home association groups to speak on fire safety and injury prevention (20-30 presentations a year).

AACo County Executive's Office – Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff and Constituent Services for District 6 (where Hillsmere lies). Represented and served County Council District 6 (D6) which includes the City of Annapolis, and parts of Anne Arundel County. Plan and execute special events (from large town-hall meetings to small receptions). Handled all D6 constituent issues and requests and worked regularly with AACo P&Z, AACo Permits office, AAco DPW and State Highway Administration.

Comptroller of Maryland – Community Affairs Outreach Specialist. Cultivated and maintained relationships with public officials and leaders of both public and private institutions and agencies, faith communities, county and state health departments, non-profit agencies and city governments to help carry-out initiatives of Comptroller's office (example: COVID Relief Package, PROTECT WEEK: Elder Abuse/Fraud).

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

My husband and I moved to Hillsmere in April of 2019. I immediately set out to become involved and have since participated in the following Hillsmere community events:

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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? Contact our office for a free insurance review and quote.

JACK MARTIN



JAIME COOK Personal & Commercial Lines Agent

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- Chili dinner open to neighbors and community at our home 2019
- Christmas parade hot cider station in 2020
- We provide hot apple cider to our neighbors on Halloween and have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know people throughout the community.
- Initiated buying a new Little Red Library box at the beach (and work to help keep it full of books lol)
- Organized a Fire Safety Training for the community (2023)
- Held multiple meet-n-greets in my home for neighbors to meet their local elected representatives. One of these events led to our marina receiving a \$100,000 grant for the living shore project.
- In my capacity as a life safety educator, I have provided Home Escape Plans for neighbors and assisted with practicing their fire escape plan.
- Volunteered at the Come and Get it Days

GOALS AND VISION:

I am personally invested in this community and want to see it the best it can be. I do believe there are distinct areas of improvement that need to be made:

Reimagine our waterfront beach area: The beach needs to have more equitable space. Currently, the majority is dedicated to playground equipment. I would like to see just one side of the beach be a specific children's playground area and the rest of the beach area be more multi-use and for families. And speaking of playground equipment, I have heard from numerous families how hot the playground equipment can be in the summer and there is no relief from the sun. I would like to propose we begin to look at some kind of temporary shade over one side of the playground during summer. Perhaps you've seen as I have the use of canvas shades that are being utilized by marinas and beaches (Severn Inn restaurant is a good example of this).

We also need new grills and the pavilions desperately need updating and painted. I believe there is a distinct lack of vision where the beach is concerned and I would love to pull together a group of creative and visionary neighbors to re-imagine our waterfront beach area.

Openness to new ideas: While I love living in Hillsmere, I have noticed the time I have lived here there is a strong resistance to new ideas. I know that I have personally submitted numerous new ideas regarding the beach only to have them instantly dismissed. This should not be. Every idea should have a fair hearing in a respectful manner and it doesn't matter if the idea is coming from someone who has only lived here 5 months or 50 years. I would really like to change the tone of how new ideas are responded to. We will all benefit.

Update our communications: While the addition of an official HSIA Facebook page has been helpful, there are still so many ways HSIA Board and administration could continue to improve and expand messaging. Not everyone reads the *Sea Breeze*, not everyone is on Facebook, and more and more people don't even check email.

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- I would like to explore the use of a HSIA app. This could include pool notifications as well as Come and Get It Day reminders, links to important documents and/or make payments from your phone.
- Also, we should be taking advantage of the prevalence of texting. Even those who don't use social media, do have an iPhone/Samsung and people are now used to receiving notifications when a bill has been withdrawn or a news announcement. I would like our community to explore this potential communication tool.

While I have many interests, I believe I would be best suited for the beach committee as I have a lot of ideas and would like to be involved in a re-imagining of our incredible waterfront area.

JOANNA PARKINSON

I am submitting my statement of intent to serve on the HSIA Board of Directors. I am a current Hillsmere resident and member.

My name is Joanna Parkinson. I grew up in Annapolis and graduated from Annapolis High school then the University of Maryland College Park with a degree in Interior Design. I've worked in Commercial Architecture for 25 years, and I am currently an Interior Designer/ Community Planner for the Navy, where I work on master planning and sustainment projects.

I am a long-time resident of Hillsmere of over 30 years. I moved to Hillsmere in my teens with my parents and siblings. My husband Al and I purchased our first home over 20 years ago. We love living here and raising our kids in the community, where both sets of grandparents also live.

I have volunteered in several community projects and events. I am interested in joining the board and committed to helping the neighborhood with community planning efforts that would benefit our great neighborhood and families.

HELENE C. RAVEN

Bio: I am a long-time resident of Hillsmere and a current member of HSIA. I've served on the board on two occasions, the Pool Committee for several years, the Welcoming, House, and Field Committees. As an active dog walker, I often stop at the marina and clean up plastic and other debris. Most recently I've taken on responsibility for the Events Committee (previously the Entertainment Committee). I am a new member of the Hillsmere Garden Club. Outside of Hillsmere, I was the original secretary to the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation (ANPF), on the boards of St. Anne's Preschool and the Eastport Yacht Club. I also volunteer at the Naval Academy, with Books for International Goodwill and Little Free Libraries.

Vision: This has always been a diverse community and a welcoming one. Through community projects at the beach, marina, pool, swim team, entrance, and median, we've worked together and met neighbors then became friends. Friendships build and grow when people find common ground and common interests. The Events Committee can serve as a way for neighbors to find

commonality.

Goals: I will continue as the Events Chair and by the end of my two-year term I will have expanded the events offered to the community. Possible events include a spring community garage sale at the beach, the ice cream social, Memorial Day Remembrance, happy hours, and parades (Easter, Fourth of July, and Halloween). Other events will be added based on feedback from the community and Events Committee.

At the beginning of my two-year term, I will establish an ongoing committee to evaluate recurring events to see what works and see what needs improvement. For example, will we have a higher turnout at happy hours if they are on Saturdays instead of Fridays when there is a conflict with food trucks at the pool?

EVERYONE DESERVES GREAT WATER.



By the end of my two-year term, I will have

expanded the number of volunteers. If we can create events that interest neighbors, more will volunteer. This will require analyzing the types of volunteer commitment needed, number of hours volunteers can reasonably expect to contribute, and events that interest volunteers. This directly reflects my vision. I look forward to the election. Thank you for your consideration.

PATRICE TEETERMORAN

This is my notification that I intend to run for the seat on the board that I currently occupy by appointment.

Hello, I am Patrice Teetermoran and have been a member of the HSIA since 2018. My wife and I moved here as renters living on Cedar Lane for many years and are now homeowners on Harbor Drive. We have enjoyed living in Hillsmere and I am excited about the opportunity to be more involved in the place we have made our home. My entire professional career has been in nonprofits. For almost 20 years I worked with State and National AmeriCorps programs in programs and outreach, development, and as an Executive Director. AmeriCorps, like Peace Corps provides domestic formal service opportunities across the country for individuals 17+ who are looking for a structured way of giving back to our communities. I find that my strengths align best with development work and currently I am working with an organization in Boston called La Colaborativa. I manage a grant portfolio of \$18,000,000 lead our organization's grant writing, and reporting and work directly with program staff to ensure we meet the metrics outlined in our grants. I attended Towson Uni-

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versity and am a Maryland native.

Goals and/or vision for the community:

I like the rule of three. So, I will share my three main hopes/goals for my time on the board. My time on the board, if so granted, I hope to:

Learn more about the Hillsmere community and be of service tapping into my years of working with nonprofits focused on solving community issues through a strengths-based approach.

Create a welcoming environment for our community to share ideas and introduce some new perspectives that enhance our community and its many assets.

Build a bridge to more diversity, equity, and inclusion across all sectors of our community that creates opportunities for more diverse interactions, celebrations, and community involvement.

I thank you for your consideration.

BILL SCHROTT

My name is Bill Schrott. I only recently moved to Hillsmere and I am enjoying my experiences so far. I am retired from the high-tech industry after almost 50 years of employment at 4 different companies of varying sizes. I held several leadership positions over the years and most prominently as a sales leader. I have no experience working with community development organizations, but, I have an interest in contributing to the efforts to maintain the current neighborhood feeling of friendliness that Hillsmere currently has and hopefully to work with others in looking for ways to continuously improve it.

I have no particular vision for our community since I am in the mode of watching, talking, and listening to others and learning about the issues and concerns. I am not interested in changing anything for the sake of change but just to identify the areas of concern and hopefully figure out the best options for improvement.

I am a member of the HSIA and I live at 408 Harbor Drive. Please consider my nomination. If your committee has already garnered an adequate number of interested candidates and cannot support my nomination, I would certainly understand. In general, I do believe that identifying good candidates, particularly younger people, to serve is preferred. But I also surmise that it is difficult to convince the younger folks given the demands on their time.

That being said, I offer my help to you as an alternative approach.

Thanks for your consideration.

RAY SULLIVAN

We moved to Hillsmere in 2001 from New England. This is a great community. I have served on the

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board since 2004. My main concern has been environmental issues. For the past ten years we have helped sponsor a community native plant sale. I am a Watershed Steward Academy Graduate.

Through the Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation, the community has been kept abreast of the developments on Forest Drive.

I serve on the board of the Friends of Quiet Waters Park. I played a key role in the effort around the retreat property in Quiet Waters Park. It is important that we defend our environment.

MARIA TRIANDOS

My name is Maria Triandos Arnold and I am happy to announce my candidacy for the HSIA Board, and I am honored to be considered as a candidate who is deeply rooted in this community. Having grown up here, I have witnessed the positive changes and challenges our community has faced over the years. As a parent raising my own family in this neighborhood, I am committed to making Hillsmere an even better place for all residents, and my diverse experiences have equipped me to do just that. I served on the Hillsmere Pool Board during its contentious transition to HSIA. This experience taught me the value of constructive dialogue and finding common ground even in the face of challenges. I also served on the Peninsula Athletic League Board. The board worked with families, local businesses, and county government to ensure we had the business, necessary to provide a safe, positive, athletic experience. While I was a board member our football field lost its lights due to storm damage. It was imperative that we get those lights back up as they were not only needed for games but for safe practices as well. I had meetings with Speaker Mike Busch and Senator John Astle to help us bring lights back to our playing fields quickly. This project was a testament to what can be achieved when we collaborate with our elected officials and advocate for the needs of our youth. Additionally, I contributed to our community's cultural richness by serving on the Maryland State Arts Council Board, where I reviewed grant applications to support local artists and cultural initiatives. Moreover, my involvement as a board member of the Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center reinforced my belief in the power of communication and peaceful resolution in addressing community conflicts. I believe in creating an atmosphere where diverse voices are heard, respected, and valued. For the past 20 years, I have worked in news and have been a dedicated member of the NBC News Team for 15 of those years. My career has equipped me with the skills of research, communication, and critical thinking. I understand the importance of delivering accurate information to the public and upholding the principles of transparency and accountability. As a candidate for the HSIA Board, I am committed to leveraging my deep community roots, diverse experiences, and unwavering dedication to serve our neighborhood.

STEVE VANDERBOSCH

I have been an HSIA resident/property owner for over 24 years (and paid my 2023 dues!), and have been a member of the HSIA Board and Chair of the Piers & Harbors Committee ("P&H") for 10 years.

During the past two years we continued to make improvements at the Marina, Boat Ramps, and (Continued on page 12)

Boat Park, including among others: completing design of a Living Shoreline at the Sandspit and acquiring both a \$109,000 State capital grant and a \$669,000 DNR grant for its construction, upgrading the Marina security camera system, constructing 18 additional kayak racks, and the imminent (October 2023) installation of 8 additional boat lifts at the Marina. Future projects, in addition to constructing the Sandspit Living Shoreline, are replacing the Kayak Dock at 541 Beach Drive and perhaps an environmentally friendly resurfacing of the Beach Drive Boat Ramp parking lot.

I am aware of the many issues facing the Hillsmere Shores community, and if re-elected I will continue to build on the progress HSIA has made in addressing those issues. As P&H Chair, I fully understand that service on the HSIA Board takes a commitment of time and effort to do the job well and I believe that I have demonstrated my commitment over the past ten years.

I retired ten years ago from a 32-year public service career as a Maryland Assistant Attorney General, working for the last 13 years as Counsel to the State Treasurer in Annapolis. My public sector legal experience included providing legal advice and opinions on finance, banking, investments and procurement, negotiation, and preparation of contracts, and drafting, editing and reviewing legislation, rules, regulations and policies. I am also a retired Navy Captain, having served 10 years on active duty, including a 4-year tour at the U.S. Naval Academy, and 20 years in the Naval Reserve.





Beach Report

Maureen Sherer, HSIA Board Member & Beach Committee Chair



Watching the colored falling leaves in autumn, our thoughts turn naturally to trees. Three years ago, during the troubled days of the first year of the pandemic, we planted seven little saplings at the Beach. To see them all thriving today is one of the things which brings us hope for the future. In addition to offering shade and beauty, trees use carbon dioxide, mediate storm water runoff, provide food for wildlife, and provide many other services. We can look forward to all of these benefits well into the future.

Soon we will be welcoming the migratory waterfowl who overwinter along our shores. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources has a number of fact and photo filled web pages about Maryland birds, including our regular visitors, such as the Tundra Swans and the Hooded Mergansers. (Link is <u>https://dnr.maryland.gov/wildlife/Pages/plants_wildlife/mdbirds.aspx</u>)

Hope you have plenty of opportunities to enjoy walks along the shoreline at our Beach during November.





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HSIA Building Permits



HSIA Building permits approved in August and September:

- Katie du Pont, 107 Great Lake Drive, HSIA Permit #23026, 8/7/23, fence construction
- Britton Ward, 98 Edgemere Drive, HSIA Permit #23027, 8/7/23, fence construction
- Kenn Riccini, 163 E Bayview Drive, HSIA Permit #23028, 8/14/23, fence & deck construction
- Elizabeth & Nicholas Olson, 115 Lakeview Drive, HSIA Permit #23029, 8/24/23, deck construction
- Cyndi & Chris Rogers, 111 Green Spring Drive, HSIA Permit #23030, 9/2/23, deck construction
- Egan Pratt, 105 Spring Valley Drive, HSIA Permit #23031, 9/10/23, fence construction
- William Huntt, 400 Harbor Drive, HSIA Permit #23032, 9/18/23, deck construction & fence gate modification

Stop work orders/violation notices issued in August and September:

- Elba Garcia, 102 Magnolia Lane, HSIA Stop Work Order/Violation Notice, 8/28/23, fence construction
- Hilario Jose Santiago Cruz Ana Rodas, 104 Huse Drive, HSIA Stop Work Order/Violation Notice, 8/9/23, addition construction

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 <u>HSIA Covenants & Deed Restrictions</u>, 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, (Continued on page 16)

Events Report

Helene Raven, Events Committee Chair



Oyster Roast—Thank you to Mark Carroll and the Happy Hour Crew for making this a wonderful, annual neighborhood event. It is always a treat to begin the colder months with a fun and satisfying neighborhood event.

As an aside, due to the hard work of another volunteer, Kevin Green, Hillsmere Marina is now the nursery for thousands of oysters spat (baby oysters). Hillsmere volunteers, in partnership with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, spread over 200k oyster spat onto the Duvall Creek oyster reef.

Halloween Parade—Thanks to Crystal Monkton and resident ghouls, goblins, ghosts, and dinosaurs, we had another (sort of) scary Halloween Parade from Carroll Drive to the Hillsmere Beach.

Santa Caravan—Thanks to Sandra Brown and Patrice Tettermoran, the Santa Caravan will be held on December 2, starting at 5:30 at Hillsmere Beach. More details to follow. Updates will be shared via the Hillsmere Bulletin Board, HSIA website, and official Hillsmere Face Book page.

Santa Run—Hillsmere is proud to be part of the annual Annapolis Santa Run. The Annapolis Santa Run is an all-volunteer event, sponsored by Annapolis Firefighters Local 1926. Each year on the second Sunday in December, Santa and his elves set out in search of new toys for needy children in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Volunteers and Anne Arundel County neighbors, local businesses, the Annapolis Fire Department, the Annapolis Police Department, and Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office, have been able to brighten Christmas morning for almost 5,000 children over the past ten years.

Bring unwrapped new books, toys, and gifts to the Hillsmere Pool on Sunday, December 10 to meet Santa and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies. Santa Run elves will take care of wrapping and distributing gifts. Santa's scheduled arrival time will be posted later.

Volunteer Thank You Celebration—This year the Events Committee is sponsoring a thank you party for all the dedicated volunteers, making Hillsmere a great community. We could not maintain and improve Hillsmere amenities at the beach, marina, pool, rain gardens, house, and entrance without volunteers. Happy Hours and other events require volunteers to organize and stage them.

More details will be in future newsletters.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday, December 2 Santa's Caravan, 5:30 pm Beach
- Sunday, December 10 Santa's Run (Fire Dept), Time TBA, Pool Parking Lot



Maryland in Liber 900, Folio 334, are binding as a matter of law and are for the benefit of all other lot owners in Hillsmere.

Anne Arundel County Code, 2005, Article 18, Zoning, Title 2, General Provisions, Subtitle 3, Setbacks

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

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



Garden Club

Jen Reilly, HGC Member



The October 18th Garden Club meeting opened with a table full of plants and seeds to share and swap among the members and guests. Many members were able to add new varieties to their gardens this fall.

Lynne Fowler led a discussion of native plants, starting with a presentation of resources available at the library and online. Lisa Zimmerman educated the group on the many varieties of oaks native to Maryland with photos and leaf samples to help gardeners identify white versus red oaks. The mighty oak offers a multitude of benefits to wildlife! Lynne then concluded the discussion by sharing photos and information about native plant species that are thriving in her garden including northern bayberry, arrow wood viburnum and white wood aster.

Our November 15th meeting will once again be at the library and will include enhancing the new set of ornaments for the holiday tree at the Eastport Library. This year's theme is, "Nature's Wonders in Quiet Waters Park". Attendees will add their creative touch through color to pre-cut pollinator ornaments. After the meeting a short native plant presentation will be given.

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).



Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



Sand Spit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project

The Joint Federal/State Wetlands Permit for the Project was submitted on September 12, 2023 by our design engineer and acknowledged by the Maryland Department of the Environment ("MDE") on October 20, 2023, and by the Army Corps of Engineers ("ACE") on October 23, 2023. MDE has initially classified the Project as requiring a General Permit (as opposed to an Individual Permit), which could shorten the approval time by as much as 6 months if ACE agrees. The reviewers assigned by both MDE and ACE have previously visited the Project site and are familiar with the Project. The review process is getting underway.

New Boat Lifts

Installation of the new boat lifts was scheduled to begin on Wednesday November 1, 2023, and take about two weeks to complete. Electrical hookups will follow. The location of the new lifts are Slips #A2, A3, A4, A5, at the head of A Dock, on the outside (East side), and A22, A23, A24 and A25 on the inside (West side) of the Dock. These slips are generally 30'x 12' in size and will be equipped with 13,000 lb. Hybrid Galvanized lifts with Remote controls and stops, and generally will accommodate boats from 25' to 30' with an 8'6" beam.

Following completion of the installation, offers for new boat lifts will be made from Lift Slip Wait List regardless of current slip holder status. The process and schedule for assignments to the new lift slips will be discussed at the November 14, 2023, P&H Committee Meeting. Boats displaced by the lift installation work have been assigned temporary slips elsewhere, and will receive permanent reassignments for next season.

All work is being funded by the Piers & Harbor Fund. As with the lifts on C Dock, the costs of the new lifts will be recouped over a period of 10 years by increased lift slip fees for these new lifts. At this point the estimated lift slip fee will be \$2,600/year, subject to recalculation after final costs are all in.

In addition to connecting the new boat lift motors, Leight Electric is planning on replacing 13 old electrical pedestals on A and C Docks beginning in November.

Slip Waiting List Changes

As reported last month, the HSIA Board has approved several changes to the Marina Rules and Regulations. One change is that there will be two Waiting Lists: Wet Slip Waiting List and Lift Slip Waiting List, both having Active and Inactive components.

Another change is that starting in 2024, the cost to get on either of the Active Lists will 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 by the end of December 2023, or they will be moved to the Inactive List. If you are on either the Wet Slip Active Waiting List or the Lift Slip Waiting List, you should expect to be contacted by representatives from the P&H Committee within the coming month, inquiring whether you want to stay on the Active List, and requesting you remit \$150 to HSIA to do so. Anyone on the Wet Slip Active Waiting List or the Lift Slip Waiting List who does not remit \$150 by the end of December 2023 will be automatically moved to the respective Inactive Waiting List.

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Those currently on the Wet Slip Inactive List need do nothing, unless they wish to return to the Wet Slip Active List, for which they will be required to remit \$150. Current slip holders do not have to pay any additional fees. RE-MINDER: Waiting List Fees are credited to the first Slip Fee once a slip is assigned.



Camera system work is moving toward completion. Fourteen (14) cameras will be



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functioning at the Marina, and 2 more at the Sunset Drive Boat Ramp with a wireless remote connection. Three (3) wireless access points have been installed at the Marina and one installed at the Sunset Ramp for internet access.

Mike Waters continues to oversee the installation work and is hopeful that work can be completed by early November. The P&H Committee will be reviewing and discussing best cameras angles and views, and establishing certain access and testing protocols at the P&H Meeting on November 14, 2023.

Is An El Niño Winter Coming?

According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the winter of 2023-2024 is expected to be colder than usual in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. However, the same report also states that snow forecasts depend on the strength and track of winter storms, which generally cannot be predicted more than a week in advance. An El Niño event is predicted for the upcoming winter season. El Niño winters tend to favor Nor'easters tracking up the East Coast, making the season a wildcard because the Mid-Atlantic is often influenced by whether a Nor'easter can bring heavy snow.

The Old Farmer's Almanac predicts that the Mid-Atlantic states, which saw a lack of wintry precipitation last winter, "should experience quite the opposite, with lots of rain/sleet and snowstorms to contend with."

As is our practice, the Marina water and pump out systems will be shut down and winterized before the first hard freeze, likely to take place in mid-November. The Porta-Potty will be removed in mid-November. And we will again plan to place ice-eaters throughout the Marina and at the Boat Ramp slips, depending on how the winter temperatures actually pan out. We may be calling for a small work party to install them. Hopefully, they will not be needed thus season.

Winter Slips

As usual, slip holders are requested to notify the Slips Committee about plans for your boats this fall/winter. This will help determine ice-eater locations, and which bulkhead slips may be available (Continued on page 20)

to A and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter. For Bulkhead slip holders, if you will be hauling your boat for the winter, please email the Slips Committee at marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org. with your name, slip number, approximate date hauling out, and approximate date returning.

For A Dock and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter, you may request a bulkhead Winter Slip by emailing the Slips Committee at marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org. If you are a current bulkhead slip holder and will remain in the Marina, you need not do anything. You will keep your slip as assigned.

Winter Slip assignments are temporary, and Winter Slips must be vacated by March 15, 2023, or sooner if requested by the permanent slip holder. Failure to remove your boat from a temporary Winter Slip assignment may result in transient charges of \$1/foot/day.

Winter Preparations

As we transition into winter, we typically see extremely low tides when the North winds blow. In the past we have seen boats hanging by their mooring lines. If you have a boat in the water, it is extremely important that you pay attention to tidal forecasts, check your boat, and adjust your lines as necessary for both high and low tides. If you are leaving your boat in the water at the marina this winter, please:

- 1. Make sure your boat is properly moored, using extra lines and chafing guards as necessary.
- 2. Check your boat often, especially after ice and snow events.
- 3. Do not use unattended space heaters in your boat.
- 4. Make sure your boat is properly winterized!

Slip Cleanup

When you haul your boat out for the season, please remove all mooring lines, shore power cords, and water hoses. These items may be subject to removal from empty slips and disposal in the off-season. In addition, if your slip has any "dead" lines hanging off the pilings from previous tenants, please remove them, too. Let's keep the Marina looking good! If you see anything that needs repair, please contact: marina@hillsmereshores.org.

Boat Park

Offers of parking spots in the Boat Park will be made in the near future for up to 10 spots. There are 25 people on the Wait List, although about half of them have failed to respond to prior offers. The Boat Park Wait List will be purged at the end of the season, and residents will have to sign up anew for the Boat Park Wait List in 2024.

Parking Scheme:

• Large, two-axle trailers will continue angled parking on the left (South) side of the lot, but not in the rear of the lot.

- The rear of the Boat Park will be primarily for empty trailers and small, single-axle trailers/boats.
- The right (North) side of the lot will continue with angled parking for small, single axle trailers toward the front and rear of the lot, angled parking of larger, two-axle trailers toward the center of the right side along the fence.

Dredging

As reported last month, Anne Arundel County has received a grant from DNR to dredge the Duvall Creek channel and headwaters of Kitty Creek to restore recreational boating. BayLand Consultants is the contractor coordinating the work for the County. The process will take about 30 months to complete, with actual dredging expected in the Fall of 2025.

As part of this project, waterfront property owners and HSIA may apply for permits to dredge spur channels to connect their piers or boat ramps to the County channel. HSIA plans to apply for a combined permit for any needed maintenance dredging for the Marina, Sunset Drive and Beach Drive Boat Ramps, the Kayak Ramp and the Boat Park, and to install fixed piling channel markers in the Duvall Creek entrance channel. Actual dredging needs will thereafter be determined by bathymetric surveys performed by BayLand.

HSIA has advised BayLand that, unlike the last time Duvall Creek dredging occurred in 2012, HSIA does not intend to allow the dredging contractor to use HSIA boat ramps to remove dredged materials by truck.

Anyone in the community with experience in dredging projects is asked to step up and volunteer to assist HSIA's efforts. And anyone who has encountered shoaling in he vicinity of HSIA ramps and docks, please let us know.

P&H Committee Meetings Time and Place

P&H Committee Meetings have moved to the Hillsmere House at 119 Great Lake Drive. The next P&H Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday November 14, 2023 at 7 p.m. 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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Property Manager Report

Robin Clark, HSIA Property Manager, propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org

In the October *Sea Breeze*, HSIA President Tom Anderson introduced the new role of Property Manager, a contract position with Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Board. The Property Manager began work on October 1, 2023.

Contracts

A central responsibility of the Property Manager is contracts. The Property Manager is charged with leading the coordination of existing maintenance contracts and establishing new contracts based on Board defined objectives. The Property Manager, with oversight provided by the responsible HSIA Committee Chair, must assist in the procurement of select ongoing service contracts by identifying the scope of work; drafting requests for proposals; soliciting bids/proposals; evaluating bids/proposals/qualifications; making award recommendations; and managing the selected contractors.

The Property Manager is now at the beginning of the process of accomplishing this responsibility.

Groundskeeping

In October, HSIA released a Request for Proposal (RFP) drafted by the Property Manager for groundskeeping services throughout the community. This RFP encompasses mowing, string trimming, debris removal and landscaping for various community properties, including the medians on Hillsmere Drive, the Beach, the Marina, and the property between Harbor Drive, Great Lake Drive, and Phipps Lane. This may be the first time, and is at least the first time in a long time, that HSIA issued a formal request for proposal for these services and represents a concerted effort to maintain and enhance community-owned resources throughout Hillsmere.

The RFP for groundskeeping was released on 10/30 and sent to known area vendors of these services. HSIA welcomes your help in sharing the RFP and encouraging top vendors to bid on the groundskeeping service contract, which will commence in spring 2024. If you have contact information for a vendor, please be in touch with the Property Manager. The RFP for groundskeeping may be found <u>here</u>, or by copying and pasting the following address into your browser: https:// hillsmereshores.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-RFP-Groundskeeping-FINAL_10.31.pdf

The Hillsmere Pool

Amendments and renewal provisions regarding the Swimming Pool Management contract with Anchor Aquatics were reviewed and the Board determined the contract would be renewed for 2024, with a letter communicating any concerns regarding contract enforcement for awareness in the coming year. If you have feedback on pool operations and management, please be in touch with the Pool Committee Chair.

Upcoming RFPs

In the coming months, additional RFPs will be released for other services, including security, and maintenance of stormwater best management practices for HSIA's rain gardens and living shorelines. If you have input into these areas, please be in touch with the Security and Environmental Committee Chairs.

Property Maintenance

Another responsibility of the Property Manager is property maintenance. The Property Manager is

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responsible for overseeing miscellaneous property management initiatives.

At the request of the Environment Committee Chair, and the Community House Chair, a contractor was retained to mulch around young trees planted on the corner of Harbor Drive and Great Lake Drive, and proceeding down Great Lake Drive, and to create two mulched beds in front of the Community House.

Working with the HSIA Secretary and Administrator, options for establishing Wi-Fi at the community house were obtained from Verizon. Responding to a request from the Beach Committee Chair, a plumber was scheduled to shut off water at the foot rinse station in the first week of November, following the oyster roast.

Neighborhood Monitoring

The Property Manager monitors Hillsmere Shores for deviations and irregularities to current HSIA Guidelines, Rules & Regulations, including monitoring approved building permits and reporting any non-approved building activities.

In October, neighborhood monitoring commenced, with a particular focus on violation of the HSIA covenants and rules and County laws and regulations regarding portable storage containers and dumpsters, carports, and structures within street (30') and lot line (15') setbacks. Examples of violations are photographed, dated, and sent to the Building Committee and Zoning & Covenants Committee Chairs of the Hillsmere Board. A few examples of violations were shared with the Hillsmere Board at the October 26, 2023 meeting.



Welcome Committee Report

Christy Hollywood & Emily Doyle, Welcome Committee Co-Chairs



The Welcome Committee delivered welcome bags to dozens of new Hillsmere neighbors last month, after a brief summer break. If you would like to welcome new folks on your street, please let us know by emailing welcome@hillsmereshores.org. Making community connections with new residents strengthens the friendly and accepting bonds of this special community. Thank you for considering helping out!



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NOTE

All babysitters, dog walkers, and pet sitters have been verified and updated as of October 2022. Individuals are responsible for updating their listings.

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 Note: All HSIA meetings begin at 7pm in the Barn Commons on Key School campus.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4 Community Oyster Roast @ Beach
5	6	7	8	9 7p—HSIA General Membership Meeting & Election	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14 7p—P&H Meeting	15 Garden Club	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
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