

The Sea Breeze

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Christmas morning sunrise from Hillsmere Beach. Photo credit to R. Levit



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President's Message

Tom Anderson, HSIA President

2024
Happy New Year

On the first of January 2024, HSIA welcomed a recently elected Board of Directors. This team brings knowledge and passion that will benefit the broader community. We are looking forward to their fresh ideas on how we evolve this great community. To facilitate the best possible outcome for the various Committees, I have grouped together all the Committees into three groups: (1) Planning & Growth, (2) Community Recreation, and (3) Marine & Shoreline Conservation. The group leaders are Maria Triandos, Joanna Parkinson, and Steve Vanderbosch, respectively. The role of the group leaders is to facilitate collaboration amongst the committees and to build leadership and depth within committees.

One of my key priorities in 2024 is to establish an effective approach to neighborhood security. A new security team has been established and will report directly to me. HSIA has asked Peggy Tippet to lead the new HSIA Security team and Tim Cantor will act as her deputy in developing and implementing the approach. Both Peggy and Tim have extensive experience in this field and will no doubt deliver on what the community needs. The team is looking at a three-pronged approach: (1) is a security team consisting of off-duty officers, (2) is a security services company, and (3) is the establishment of a new Neighborhood Watch program. You will hear more about this from the HSIA Board soon.

It's time to start thinking about Spring clean-up projects. There will be an increased emphasis on maintaining our properties to a higher standard in 2024 and beyond. Please clean up your yards and homes by removing unsightly debris and clutter.

Take Pride in This Community!

Mark Your Calendars—Upcoming Meetings

01/22/24, 7-9PM	Events Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive
1/26/24, 7-9PM	HSIA Board of Directors Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive
2/10/24, 10AM-2PM	Come And Get It Day—Annual Membership Drive	Barn Commons, Key School
2/20/24, 7-9PM	Environmental Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive
2/29/24, 7-9PM	HSIA Board of Directors Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive
3/12/24, 7-9PM	Piers & Harbors Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive
3/14/24, 7-9PM	General Membership Meeting	Barn Commons, Key School



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

HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



Come And Get It Day – Come And Get It Day, our annual membership day, is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Barn Commons at Key School. In this issue of the *Sea Breeze*, you will find the 2024 HSIA Membership form and Required Supporting Documents page. Invoicing for slips, boat park, and racks will be sent to residents via email, to include a membership form and a Boat Slip Permit (for slip renters). When returning paperwork and payment, please make sure your package is complete. Incomplete packages slow down processing time. Thank you for your consideration.

If you can't make it to Come And Get It Day, please mail your payment and paperwork to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. You may also use our convenient drop box located at the HSIA community house at 119 Great Lake Drive. Both the post office box and the drop box are checked a few times a week.

Please remember:

- Photocopy of **ALL** registrations required: HSIA will give you one sticker for each current vehicle and trailer registration you provide along with your membership form. Expired registrations are not accepted. **If registrations are not provided, we will assume you do not want stickers.**
- Piers & Harbor invoices are being sent via email this year. We will send an email to the Piers & Harbor group alerting you when invoices have been sent. If you don't see your invoice, please check your spam. Otherwise, please contact admin@hillsmershores.org or 410-263-4456 and the Administrator will send you a copy of your invoice.
- Slip Holders: Please remember to mail the slip invoice, Marina Boat Slip Permit, and HSIA membership form, along with all supporting documents and payment. **Payments will not be recorded without the required documents.**
- Piers & Harbor Slip Waiting List: A onetime, non-refundable fee of \$250 is required to be added to the Slip Waiting List. The fee will be applied to your slip rental when you are assigned a slip. If you are already on the Slip Waiting List, you must keep your HSIA dues current.
- Boat Park: Boat Park spots are **by assignment only**, so please do not send in payment unless you've been assigned a spot. Please remember to send your current vessel registration and current trailer registration once assigned. An additional \$50 fee is required for anyone requesting a boat ramp key. If you want to be added to the Boat Park Waitlist, please check the box on the membership form.
- Racks: Racks are **by assignment only**, so please do not send in payment unless you've been assigned a rack. An additional \$50 fee is required for anyone requesting a boat ramp key. If you want to be added to the Rack Waitlist, please check the box on the membership form.
- Pool Membership: Pool Membership forms, to include the waiver, will be available on Come

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And Get It Day. Please remember that all pool members also need to be current HSIA members. Dues and pool fees can be included in one check, but both forms are required. Please remember to sign the “Request and Release” waiver on page 2 of the pool form.

- Individual Membership: Please note that membership in HSIA is individual and not household. Only the person on the Membership form will be the voting member. Other members in the household can pay an additional \$25 dues to become a voting member.

Pool Membership Form – The Pool Committee is working with HSIA to determine pool fees for the 2024 season. Proposed pool fees will be presented to the HSIA Board at the January Board meeting. For this reason, the 2024 Pool form is not provided in this issue. We will notify the community once the form is available on our website and we will have plenty of blank forms at Come And Get it Day on Saturday, February 10. If anyone is interested in joining the Pool Committee, please email pool@hillsmereshores.org.

2024 Beach Reservations – The 2024 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to admin@hillsmereshores.org. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You 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 a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Further instructions on how to obtain a One Day Liquor License will be given at time of booking.



Motions from December 2023 Board meeting:

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

PROPERTY MANAGER: Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board make a tentative award to Annapolis Landscaping Maintenance. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

PERMITS: Claire Corcoran moved the Board grant the variance at 107 E. Bay View Drive. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – 7 in favor (Claire Corcoran, Gene Gross, Mike Wurst, Tim Cantor, Steve Vanderbosch, Kevin Green + 1 proxy from Ray Sullivan); 1 abstained (Christian Elkington); motion passed.

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 2024 Membership Application

Payment of \$25.00 dues allows one voting member. Additional voting members require payment of an additional \$25.00 per person. Members must be 18 years of age or older. **Renters and other persons not on the tax records must provide proof of residency by attaching a photocopy of Driver's License or other documentation to this application.** Personal information other than Name, Address and DOB may be blacked out.

Individual Membership	Additional Membership (add \$25.00)
Name:	Name:
Address:	Phone: Home: Cell:
Phone: Home:	
Cell:	
Email:	
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Attach additional forms for more members

☐ Owner ☐ Renter If renting please enter Owner Name: _____ Phone: _____

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You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, & Address

Stickers

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

Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2024)		\$ 25.00	
Additional Member		\$ 25.00	
Kayak Rack Storage (Pay Upon Assignment Only)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Must Pay HSIA dues)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Park Key (Pay Upon Assignment Only)		\$ 240.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip #)			
Slip Wait List Deposit (Must pay HSIA dues)		\$250.00	
Pool Membership (from Pool Form)			
Other			
		TOTAL	

PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

NOTE: You are required to pay a onetime \$250 slip deposit to be placed on the Slip Waiting Lists and YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN UP AND PAY DUES ANNUALLY TO REMAIN ON THE WAITING LISTS.

Boat Information: ☐ Sail ☐ Power Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

Check All That Apply: Add me to the ☐ Wet Slip Waiting List -OR- the ☐ Lift Slip Waiting List

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

For Slip Holders only: Please issue me _____ 2024/2025 marina guest passes (standard 2 passes)
Number

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(Questions? Email admin@hillsmereshores.org or call 410-263-4456 – 24 hour voice mail

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Trailer #:	Boat Ramp Key #:	Date Received:
	Boat Park Key #:	Received By:

Required Supporting Documents

In an effort to ensure our community facilities are properly used, and to protect the interests of our residents, HSIA requires specific documents be provided in order to obtain HSIA membership and/or a slip in our marina. Please submit a photocopy of the required supporting documents with your membership application. To protect your privacy, you may black out personal information - refer to the table below to determine the information that must be left visible. Please note that forms submitted without required documentation will result in a delay in processing. Be sure to include all required documentation to avoid delays in processing.

Document	Required By	Explanation
Driver's License or other proof of residency.	Renters and/or anyone NOT listed on the property tax records.	Full name and address must be readable. Any resident over 18 or any property owner is eligible to join HSIA. We verify property owners with the current property tax records. Renters and/or anyone else not listed on the property tax records are required to provide proof of address to obtain HSIA membership.
Vehicle Registration	Any individual requesting a Hillsmere Shores automobile decal/sticker.	Tag number, make/model, expiration date, name, and address must be readable. A copy of the current vehicle registration is required for EACH VEHICLE for which you are requesting a decal/sticker.
Trailer Registration	Any individual utilizing the Boat Park, requesting a Boat Ramp key and/or trailer decal/sticker. <i>NOTE: All trailers using the Boat Ramp are required to have current HSIA decals/stickers.</i>	Tag number, name, and address must be readable. A copy of the current trailer registration is required for EACH TRAILER for which you are requesting a decal/sticker. <u>Maryland law requires all boat trailers be registered.</u> HSIA will not issue a decal/sticker for any non-registered trailers.
USCG Documentation or MD Boat Registration; AND Boat Title (unless already on file); AND Boat Slip Permit (slips only)	Anyone receiving a slip in the Marina -and- anyone with a boat in the Boat Park.	A copy of the boat's title and (1) the current USCG documentation -or- (2) the current MD boat registration (if not USCG documented) is required for any boat receiving a slip in the Marina and/or a spot in the Boat Park. All owners must be listed. See the Marina Rules for percent ownership requirements. A Boat Slip Permit must be completed and submitted for slips only
HSIA Boat Ownership Form (Vessel Ownership Affidavit)	Anyone receiving a slip for a boat that has multiple owners.	This document describes the percentage ownership of each owner of a boat receiving a slip in the Marina. This document must be signed by each owner of the boat. All signatures must be notarized.
Boat Insurance Policy Declarations Page	Anyone receiving a slip in the marina.	A copy of the current boat insurance policy declarations page is required for any boat in the Marina. See the Marina Rules for the required coverage and limits of liability.

HSIA does not release any information provided with the membership application or supporting documents to any third party. All reasonable efforts are made to protect the information submitted. If you have any questions or concerns about providing the required information and documentation, please contact HSIA, 410-263-4456 (24-hour voice mailbox).

Property Manager Report

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



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.

Follow the Board's "Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association" Facebook page and check the website (<https://hillsmereshores.org/>) for updates on requests for proposals and contracts.

Groundskeeping

At the December 21 Board meeting, the Board approved a conditional contract award to Annapolis Landscaping following the recommendation of the Groundskeeping RFP Review Team. The Property Manager is now drafting a contract and beginning negotiations with Annapolis Landscaping.

The Hillsmere Pool

The Property Manager reached out to the Pool Chair regarding Hillsmere Pool Rules to make sure the Rules are updated and available for potential members prior to membership deadlines. The contract with Anchor Aquatics for the 2024 Season requires that Anchor enforce Hillsmere Pool Rules.

Environment

An RFP for maintenance of stormwater best management practices is on the street and the deadline for bids is February 2, 2024. An RFP Review Team has been assembled. Details may be found at: <https://hillsmereshores.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-Environmental-BMP-Maintenance-RFP.pdf>

Security

Two RFPs for security services will be drafted and released in January. The RFP drafted in December was revised with input from the new leadership of the HSIA Board's Security Committee and a

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new RFP was requested to reflect a bifurcated security plan with one contractor of off-duty law enforcement officers conducting random patrols for speeding and violent crime during high traffic and high visibility hours and another contractor focused on access control at the Beach and Marina during high-use seasons and also providing random night patrols of the community. If you are interested in joining the RFP Review Team, please email Propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org.

Property Maintenance

Another responsibility of the Property Manager is property maintenance. The Property Manager is responsible for overseeing miscellaneous property management initiatives.

Debris washed up into the Hillsmere Marina and Beach due to a storm the second week of January. At the request of the Piers and Harbors, Beach, and Environmental Committee Chairs, and with their oversight, a contractor was obtained to remove the debris from the Marina and the field and playground areas of the Beach and the work was completed on Friday, January 12. The Property Manager is arranging for two more contractors to help with clean-up: one to move the sand that was deposited on the Walker Pavilion and under the swing set back to the Beach, and another to clean out debris from the central swale and living shoreline areas of the Beach.

In late December, Lopez Landscaping weeded and mulched around young trees planted on the corner of Harbor Drive and Great Lake Drive, and proceeding down Great Lake Drive, and placed wood chips at the rear of the Community House. With a rubber membrane that was received January 12, Lopez will now also be addressing drainage concerns in the front of the property. Additional mulch will be used at the

garden above the county stormwater outlet and additional wood chips will be used to replenish the ends of the foot bridge across the regenerative stormwater conveyance on Harbor Drive.

Verizon internet and wifi was installed at the Community House, and the furnace has been ser-



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THE REAL ESTATE MARKET FOR 2024

If you're thinking about buying or selling a home in 2024, you may be wondering what's to come in the real estate market ahead. After a few robust years, 2023 brought the housing market to more normal (pre-Covid) levels, which we expect to continue in 2024.

Here are a few more of the trends that my team at Long & Foster Real Estate and I expect to occur in 2024.

- **Home inventory is expected to remain constrained** - as low inventory meets high demand
- **Mortgage rates will fluctuate** - following a consistent decline from the 8% + rates we observed in 2023
- **Home values will hold steady** - driven by the combination of low inventory and increased demand



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viced within the HSIA contract with SMO, addressing two leaks in the system and a functional issue.

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 December, neighborhood monitoring continued. The Property Manager strengthened communications and coordination with Board Members and Committee Chairs and county enforcement agencies and supported efforts to resolve HSIA covenant violations as requested by Committee Chairs.

The Property Manager also reported issues noted during monitoring and raised by residents: The Property Manager reported the reflectors that were not replaced after road repair at the north-bound corner Hillsmere Drive at Duvall, and the Bay View Drive signage that is missing from the stop sign at the end of Hillsmere Drive at Bay View. The Property Manager requested the County address the large pothole along the apron of the Pool Parking lot at 100 Phipps Lane. If you have input or suggestions for neighborhood monitoring, please be in touch with Propertymanager@hillsmershores.org.



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Pool Committee Report

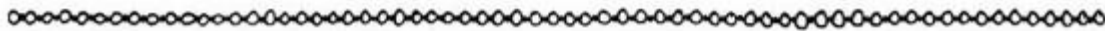
Danielle Franz, Pool Committee Chair



Hello Pool Members!

It's tough to think about the pool in the cooler temperatures, but luckily, summer will be here in just five months. The Pool Committee is planning another fun year ahead. Our plans include fun events and other improvements to the pool. Over the past few months we have been working with HSIA to determine pool fees for the 2024 season. The last rate adjustment was back in 2016 and our operating costs for the pool have been increasing over the years. We do expect a rate increase for 2024 and have not published our fees, yet. We will be submitting our budget recommendations to the board in January and hope to have 2024 rates out in early February for Come and Get it Day.

If you'd like to join the pool committee, please email pool@hillsmereshores.org for more information.



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HSIA Building Permits



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

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[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.



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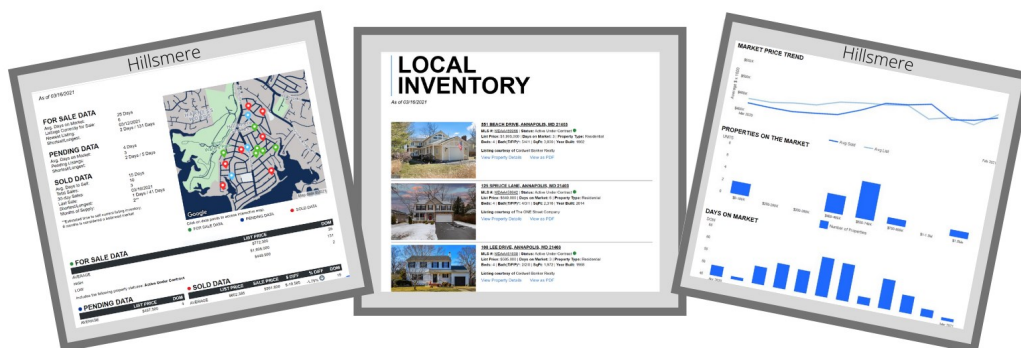
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Events Report

Helene Raven, Board Member and Events Committee Chair



Holidays in Hillsmere – This Holiday Season was exciting with the Santa Caravan, Santa Run, and mystery fire truck driving through the neighborhood. Neighbors and guests were greeted at the entrance with wreaths. The library cranes sported red bows added by the Hillsmere Garden Club. The community house and fields were decorated with bows and ornaments.

Thank you again to the volunteers making this possible, including Sandi Brown and Stacie May (Santa Caravan), Joanna and Al Parkinson (Santa Run), Sandy Anderson (wreaths at the entrance), and Hillsmere Garden Club (library cranes and indoor tree).

This is just a reminder to thank the volunteers that make Hillsmere a wonderful community. Some are recognized on these pages, but many are the unsung heroes in the neighborhood who show up for work days, board and general meetings, or provide needed help on short notice.

Events Committee – This committee will meet in January to plan the schedule of events for 2024. Please watch the bulletin board for the time and date. The meeting will be in the community house.

2024 Meeting Schedule – The Events Committee will meet on January 22 (Monday) at the community house to finalize the schedule for 2024. The committee will meet again in March, May, September, and October to finalize plans for scheduled events.

A final schedule will be posted in the March newsletter after it is approved by the Board.



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Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, HGC Administrative Assistant



Rather than a formal meeting in December, a lovely holiday potluck luncheon with holiday china and cloth napkins was held at Lynne Fowler's home. The members enjoyed the break after their many holiday efforts, which included decorating projects at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library, Quiet Waters Park Visitor Center and Hillsmere entrance. Members also contributed to the State Circle wreath project and decorating a room at Hammond-Harwood house with the theme "Six Geese a Laying". President, Patsy Mattingley, played the flute and led the group singing carols. She also accompanied Dottie Wright who delighted us with her interpretive hula dance moves to Silent Night.

The January meeting will be held at the Library at 12:30 on January 17 and will include a Native Plant talk. The meeting will also feature a group participation demonstration of chair exercises by member and Hillsmere resident, Terry Conroy, who teaches and manages her own exercise program. The exercises are designed to assist us with healthy and safe gardening.

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 at (HillsmereGardenClub@gmail.com).



Angie Smail, Myrna Dobbs, Linda Elkington, and Jean Strucko pose next to the "Nature's Wonders in Quiet Waters Park" holiday tree.



Barbara Ahr, Jean Koehler, and Vijay Ramraj, take a break decorating the Quiet Waters Park Visitor's Center.

Save Your Annapolis Neck

Ray Sullivan, HSIA Board member and Annapolis Neck Peninsula Federation liaison

Quiet Waters Park: The Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP) received many applications but has not chosen who will be on the stakeholder group. This group will make recommendations as to the future of the 19 acres retreat property.

Taco Bell at Giant: There is an application by Taco Bell to put a drive thru at the Giant shopping center. A variance will be required for the drive-through.

Peninsula Park, aka Peninsula Athletic League (PAL) Park: This project designs and constructs the reconfiguration of two (2) existing baseball fields, the addition of a small multi-purpose field, and converts existing grass parking to more usable and formalized paved parking. The project includes stormwater management, site lighting, demolition of the vacant home, and landscaping. During the public pre-construction meeting on November 9, 2023, the DPW project manager presented the park design that lengthens two existing baseball fields and adds a 203-car parking lot. Meeting minutes, Q&A, and initial project presentation from 9/7/2021 can be found here: <https://www.aacounty.org/recreation-parks/capital-projects/peninsula-park>



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Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



Sand Spit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project

Review by the Army Corps of Engineers (“ACE”) and the Maryland Department of Environment (“MDE”) of our joint Federal/State wetlands permit application for the Project is proceeding well! Our design contractor Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (“ESA”) has provided responses to several questions/comments from MDE and ACE on the Wetlands Permit application. The MDE reviewer has informed us that Notice of this Project will be on MDE’s public notice website from January 15-February 15, and may be viewed at:

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/WetlandsandWaterways/AboutWetlands/Pages/pubnotj15.aspx>

A description and design plans for the Project continue to be posted on the HSIA Website and can be viewed at:

<https://hillsmershores.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Hillsmere-Shores-Coastal-Resiliency-Project-Plans-1.pdf>

We have provided required notices to contiguous landowners and to Anne Arundel County and also have filed applications for a Grading Permit and a Building Permit with the County.

January 9th Storm

The Marina Sand Spit, Docks, and Boat Ramps were under flowing water on Tuesday January 9th, from about the time of the 4 PM high tide Tuesday afternoon through the early morning of Wednesday, January 10th.

Power to the Marina and Ramps was turned off Tuesday evening January 9th about 6:30 PM as water was approaching the elevation of the shore power pedestals. Power was restored on Thursday, January 11th at about 4:30 PM after allowing time for the equipment to dry out.

There was relatively little damage to the docks. Ten boards were missing from finger piers and have been replaced, and the main docks were intact. One boat suffered minor damage rubbing on a piling.

The major damage occurred on the Sand Spit due to waves driven by high winds overwashing the rip-rap and eroding the shoreline.

- all the coir logs were displaced and soil eroded away under the first 3 pine trees. Our contractor Pay Dirt LLC responded promptly on Wednesday to re-install the coir logs and replenish the soil beneath the trees.
- there was major erosion behind the berm near the Marina entrance.
- about 12 plastic curb stops washed away from the Sand Spit Parking area.
- one log used as a border/stop at the end of the parking area washed away, another log was displaced.
- the 3 park benches were all loosened, but are intact.

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- both dock boxes containing fuel spill control materials were loosened and moved, but are intact.
- a sink hole reappeared near the telephone pole on the Sand Spit.

Both Boat Ramps suffered no apparent damage, nor did the Kayak Dock.

We are confident that our Sand Spit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project will provide better protection for the Sand Spit once the Project is completed. It will not protect against overflowing at extreme high tides, but it is designed to deter erosion and absorb or deflect wave energy before it impacts the Sand Spit. We have provided photos of damage from the January 9th storm to our Project engineers who will again review design calculations for the Project.

Come And Get It Day

The annual membership day is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, from 10 am to 2 pm in the Barn Commons at Key School. If you can't make it to Come And Get It Day, please mail your payment and paperwork to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Or you can use the drop box located at the HSIA Community House at 119 Great Lake Drive.

Invoicing for HSIA Membership renewals, Slip, Boat Park, and Kayak Rack renewals and purchases of Boat Ramp Keys will be sent to residents *via email only* from "HSIAInvoicing". You cannot respond to that email address. A separate email will be sent to the Piers & Harbor group alerting you when invoices have been sent. If you don't see your invoice, please check your spam. Otherwise, please contact admin@hillsmereshores.org or 410-263-4456 and the Administrator will send you a copy of your invoice.

Please plan accordingly, get your necessary documents in hand, and respond as promptly as you can when you receive your renewal invoices.

- Returning slip holders need to *pay their slip fees and update documentation NLT March 1, 2024*, so the Slips Committee can begin the process of upgrading slips and filling vacant slips.
- If you would like to renew your slip permit but for some reason cannot pay the slip fees by March 1, please contact the P&H Chair at marina@hillsmereshores.org or call or text 410-212-6978 to make alternative payment arrangements.
- *If you are not going to renew* your Slip, or Boat Park space, or Kayak Rack space, please let us know as soon as possible by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org so people on the various Waiting Lists can be accommodated.

Late Fees in Calendar Year 2024:

- » Slip fee and documentation not received by March 1: \$100 late fee
- » Slip fee and documentation not received by April 1: \$200 late fee
- » Slip fee and documentation not received by May 1: Loss of slip

“Documentation” includes:

- HSIA 2024 Membership Form.
- Copies of current vehicle registrations for HSIA stickers.
- Completed and signed 2024 Slip Permit.
- Copies of:
 - Boat Title, if not already on file.
 - *Current* boat registration or USCG documentation.
 - *Current* boat insurance declaration of at least \$100,000 liability coverage.
- For boats with more than one owner, a HSIA Vessel Ownership Affidavit.
- And if you are in the Boat Park, a copy of your current *MARYLAND* trailer registration.

Guest Passes and Stickers

This year new orange and black 2024-2025 Guest Passes will be issued.

- Slip holders will get 2 Guest Passes, but can request more *if really needed*.
- You will get HSIA stickers for your cars upon submitting vehicle registrations.
- Slip Holders will receive an HSIA sticker for their boat, with “MARINA” printed on the lower corner. *Stickers with “MARINA” printed on them go on your boat, not on your car!*
- Boat Park space holders will get an HSIA sticker for their trailer.

Slips Waiting Lists

Starting in 2024, the cost to get on or stay on the *Active* Wet Slip Waiting List or the *Active* Lift Slip Waiting List has increased from \$100 to \$250.

Those who were already on the Wet Slip Waiting List or the Lift Slip Waiting List who wish to remain *Active* will be required to pay an additional \$150 by the end of January 2024, or they will automatically be moved to the respective Inactive List.

Checks may be mailed to HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403, or deposited in the Drop Box at The Hillsmere House, 119 Great Lake Drive. Please annotate checks with “Slip Waiting List Fee” in the Memo line.

Those currently on the Inactive Wet Slip Waiting List need do nothing, unless they wish to return to the Active Wet Slip Waiting List, for which they will be required to remit \$150. Current slip holders do not have to pay any additional fees.

REMINDER: Waiting List Fees are credited to the first Slip Fee once a slip is assigned.

- There were 44 names on the old Slip Waiting List, although many have previously declined offers of slips.
- There were 14 names on the old Lift Slip Waiting List.
- And there were 26 names on the Inactive Slip Waiting List, people who for various reasons are not actively seeking a slip.

Everyone on the Active Wet Slip Waiting List will be sent an email on January 31, 2024 asking them to respond whether or not they will accept a slip if offered one in 2024. If you think you are on the

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Active Wet Slip Waiting List and do not see an email, check your spam filter. Anyone on the Active Wet Slip Waiting List not responding by March 1 will be considered to have declined a slip in 2024. We will not be making follow-up phone calls. After failing to respond or declining a slip twice, your name will be moved to the Inactive List.

Marina Operations

Ice eaters have not yet been installed at the Marina. Because the past two winters were very mild, only a few ice eaters were run for a couple of hours each year. This winter we will wait and see if temperatures will be sufficiently cold to threaten significant icing at the Marina and boat ramps. If cold conditions warrant, an email call for volunteers will be sent out asking for help from slip holders to work in groups of two or three to install the ice eaters, which will be pre-positioned at the slips where they will be placed, minimizing the time and effort required for installation.

Leight Electric has replaced 13 old shore power pedestals on A and C Docks with new Newport shore power pedestals.

A fuel spill occurred at the Marina parking lot in mid-December in the vicinity of Slip #39. The date, time and cause of the spill are unknown, but likely leaked from a container in a vehicle. Following notification a couple of days after the fact, approximately 10 cubic feet of contaminated gravel, sand and soil, which acted as an absorbent, were removed for disposal at the County landfill. No pollution of the adjacent waters was observed during the following weekend rain.

If you have hauled or will haul your boat this winter, please remove all mooring lines and hoses. Mooring lines and hoses left at vacated slips may be removed and disposed of.

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The advertisement for Foxwell Floor Covering features a logo with a stylized 'f' in a grid of squares next to the company name 'Foxwell' in a large, bold, serif font. Below the name, 'FLOOR COVERING' is written in a smaller, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the logo, text states 'Local Annapolitan Over 60 Years', 'On Staff Designers, Sales, Installers, & Repair Techs', and 'Free Financing Available'. The services offered are listed as 'Carpet ■ Hardwood ■ Tile ■ Luxury Vinyl Laminate ■ Sanding & Refinishing'. A prominent offer 'Mention this Ad for 10% Off!' is displayed. The bottom section, separated by a horizontal line, includes the text 'Family Owned & Operated • Lifetime Warranty on all Installations', the website 'WWW.FOXWELLFLOORS.COM', the address '1977 WEST STREET, ANNAPOLIS MD', and the phone number '410.224.7010 OR INFO@FOXWELLFLOORS.COM'. The MHIC# 50685 is also listed. Decorative leaf motifs are present in the bottom corners.

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Winter Slips

There are over 30 boats remaining in the Marina this winter, and for those who have left their boats in the water, they have experienced extreme high winds and fairly extreme high and low tides.

- 1) Make sure your boat is properly moored, using extra lines, spring lines and chafing guards as necessary.
- 2) Check your boat often, especially after storms, high winds, and ice/snow events.
- 3) Do not use unattended space heaters in your boat! Space heaters are a leading cause of marina fires. Use of unattended space heaters is prohibited under HSIA rules and is cause for losing your slip!

If you see any boat at the Marina whose lines (or anything else) need attention for any reason, please send an email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or call or text 410-212-6978.

Dredging

We have submitted an application and a \$750 fee to participate in Anne Arundel County's maintenance dredging of Duvall and Kitty Creeks, seeking to dredge spurs as needed at: (1) the Marina; (2) Sunset Drive Boat Ramp; (3) Beach Drive Boat Ramp; (4) the Kayak Pier, PLUS the construction of a new floating kayak pier; (5) Boat Park shoreline (for a possible future kayak pier), and (6) renewal of a permit to install Duvall Creek channel marker pilings in lieu of the floating green buoys. Actual dredging needs will be determined by bathymetric surveys to be 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.

Boat Park

The Boat Park Wait List membership must be renewed every year. If you want to be added to the Boat Park Wait List, please check the box on the HSIA Membership form.

The Boat Park is essentially full, though not everyone who has rented a space is using it. The wet weather has left the Boat Park quite soggy and muddy, making it difficult to locate or relocate trailers. Please check your boat and trailer periodically throughout the winter storage season and empty water that accumulates in covers and tarps.

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, unless they will remain empty, i.e., no boats.
- The rear of the Boat Park will be primarily for small, single-axle trailers/boats, and empty trailers.
- The right (North) side and the front of the lot will continue with angled parking for small, single axle trailers, and overflow of larger, two-axle trailers toward the center of the right side, along the fenced area.

It is very important to park your trailers and boats as close together as possible so we can maximize the use of space in the Boat Park. Trailers may need to be repositioned to achieve best space utilization. If your trailer has a lock, please make sure that we have a copy of the key or lock combination.

Kayak Racks

The ever-popular Kayak Rack Wait List has about 18 people seeking storage spots at the various Racks.

Payments for Rack renewals are due by APRIL 1st. If you do not intend to renew your Kayak Rack space, please let us know by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or marina-racks@hillsmereshores.org so people on the Kayak Rack Wait List can be accommodated. Reminder: Storage at the Racks is on an assignment basis, and they are not open for free storage.

If you are only using the Kayak Rack to store your canoes or kayaks, and do not reasonably expect to use them this year, please consider giving up your rack space so some of our 45 neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can have an opportunity to use the racks.

P&H Meetings

P&H Committee Meetings are now at the Hillsmere Community House at 119 Great Lake Drive. The next P&H Committee Meeting will be on Tuesday March 12, 2024, 7 pm. All Slip Holders, Ramp Key Holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are invited to attend. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed! 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.

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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@hillsmershores.org.

2024 BOARD MEETINGS—119 Great Lake Drive @ 7PM

Jan 25	April 25	July 25	Oct 24
Feb 29	May 30	Aug 29	Nov 21
Mar 28	June 27	Sep 26	Dec 19

2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS—Key School Barn Commons @ 7PM

Jan 11	Mar 14	May 9	July 11	Sep 12	Nov 14
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