# Sea Breeze



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The little bunnies of Hillsmere had a hopping good time at the Annual Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30! A trumpet fanfare signaled the start of the hunt, sending children on a speedy quest to find over 2,200 colorful eggs hidden across the entire beach playground. With baskets overflowing with treats, children enjoyed delicious cookies and refreshing drinks. Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy the spring day together!

Many thanks to our talented trumpet players Pierce Ward and LC Galvanek, as well as to our amazing volunteers Caryn and Pete Gallagher, Emily and Joe Ward, Seton Rossini, Michelle Galvanek, and Crystal Monkman. Their dedication and hard work truly made this an egg-cellent event!

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## **HSIA Community News and Events**

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



#### **KUDOS!**

Please join us in thanking our longtime *Sea Breeze* Editor and Webmaster, Kellyann Pavkov, as she resigns from her position with HSIA to pursue a new opportunity. Kellyann has been instrumental in providing us with a superb newsletter, and in creating and maintaining our current website, communications, and HSIA Facebook page. While we are sad to see Kellyann leave us, we are grateful for the years she has spent serving our community. And we are pleased to announce that Ann and John Levelle will be joining our Communications team! Ann will be our new *Sea Breeze* Editor and John will maintain our website. Please join us in welcoming them aboard!

Another big, hippity-hoppity thank you goes Crystal Monkman and her team of volunteers for a very successful Egg Hunt this year! The weather was nice and the eggs were plentiful. We hope everyone enjoyed this wonderful community event. Our next event will be our **Community Yard Sale** at the beach (see below for more details).

#### **COMMUNITY YARD SALE**

Get busy cleaning out your closets and join us at our yard sale at the Beach! Bring your items to the beach on Saturday, April 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Set up tables on the grassy areas, not in the parking lot. Space is on a first come-first served basis. No reservations are required.

Residents are responsible for cleaning their area. Please take home your leftovers and please don't fill the trash cans at the beach with unsold items. This is a great way to meet your neighbors and it helps contain the crowd in one area, which also helps with the sale of everyone's treasurers. Thanks in advance!

#### **MOSQUITO SPRAYING**

Hillsmere will once again be participating in the Maryland Department of Agriculture's Mosquito Control Program. Regular surveillance and control of adult mosquitoes will take place in Hillsmere from May to October, anytime from 7 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Sunday through Thursday nights.

We have not received our spray night of the week as of this publication, but we will notify the community once assignment has been made. Spraying for adult mosquitoes will be done only if a Maryland Department of Agriculture Employee determines it necessary. Spraying will not be conducted during rain, in wind speeds exceeding 12 mph, or temperatures above 89 degrees F.

Most residents support this program; however, if you prefer to opt-out of spraying at your property, you can elect not to participate. Residents who wish their properties to be excluded from adult mosquito control services must notify the Maryland Department of Agriculture and the community association by submitting a completed exemption form. The Objection to Adult Mosquito Control Policy Statement and a Request For Exemption From Adult Mosquito Control Services form can be found in this issue of the *Sea Breeze* on page 8–9. You can also find them, as well as the Standard Mosquito Control Operating Procedures for spraying on hillsmershores.org.

Please note that ULV spray treatment of adult tiger mosquitoes is most effective when conducted in conjunction with community cleanup efforts. The effective way to control mosquitoes is at the community level. We encourage homeowners to be proactive in their efforts to control mosquitoes by becoming aware of backyard breeding sites.

#### **2024 MEMBERSHIP AND STICKERS**

Be sure to get 2024 stickers for your vehicles and trailers if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used only by Hillsmere residents, owners, and their guests. Please complete the 2024 HSIA Membership form found in this issue, and send it with photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403 or place it in the HSIA dropbox at the community house at 119 Great Lake Drive. We will send your stickers in the mail. If you also want voting rights in the Association, be sure to include a \$25 dues payment for each individual membership with your Membership form and registrations.

#### **HSIA MEMBERSHIP MATTERS**

- 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, age 18 years and older, can pay an additional \$25 dues to become a voting member. Anyone that is **not on the tax record** must provide proof of residency and age by attaching a photocopy of a Driver's License.
- 2. Membership applications cannot be accepted on the dates of general meetings and must be received by mail or community dropbox no later than 5 days prior to general meetings.
- 3. Should anyone wish to have an item for discussion or consideration placed on the HSIA general meeting agenda, notice of such request should be provided to the HSIA Administrator at least two weeks in advance of the general meeting, so appropriate 10-day notice can be provided to the entire community.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Hillsmere Shores is a community that cares about the neighborhood and all its neighbors. To maintain the standards that brought us all here, we are asking for anyone with interest and energy to volunteer for any of our various committees. If you would like to help, please reach out to committee chairs or the Administrator at <a href="mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org">admin@hillsmereshores.org</a>. We also put a box on the 2024 Membership form (page 10) that you can check if you can help in any way. Thank you in advance for your interest and time!

#### **BOAT RAMP KEYS**

To request a 2024 boat ramp key, please tear the membership form out of this issue and mail it with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to include photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. Remember that keys are not available on short notice and please allow a few weeks' processing time. Thanks for your understanding!

#### HAVE YOU JOINED THE POOL YET?

Pool forms can be found in this issue of the *Sea Breeze* on pages 11–12. Please remember that all pool members also need to be members of HSIA. When you're completing the pool form, please remember to complete the HSIA Membership form found in this issue. Both can be mailed to the address on the forms or placed in our community dropbox and both fees can be included in one check. Please remember to sign the waiver on page 2 of the pool form!

#### **2024 BEACH RESERVATIONS**

To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to <a href="mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org">admin@hillsmereshores.org</a>. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. This allows more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive confirmation from the HSIA Administrator. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Further instructions on how to obtain a One Day Liquor License will be given at time of booking.

#### **ATTENTION POOL MEMBERS**

Danielle Franz, Pool Committee Chair

The Pool Committee is gearing up for a fun summer! We are working on scheduling Food Truck Fridays, parties and other facility improvements for the season. If you are interested in joining our committee please email us at <a href="mailto:pool@hillsmereshores.org">pool@hillsmereshores.org</a>. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. at the Hillsmere House (119 Great Lake Drive).

Remember, to receive the early bird discount pricing, your membership form and payment should be postmarked no later than 5/1/2024. Keep an eye our for pool updates Facebook! Also, Anchor Aquatics is always looking for summer staff. If you are interested in joining their team, please email them at <a href="mailto:anchoraquatics@anchoraquatics.com">anchoraquatics.com</a>.



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### **Just Outside the Neighborhood News**

#### PENINSULA PARK PUBLIC SURVEY

The Department of Recreation & Parks is seeking public input on potential enhancements to Peninsula Park with a survey available until April 29, 2024. Please note that decisions have not been finalized. Visit the survey dedicated to collecting public opinions on the potential additions here: <a href="mailto:aarecparks.org/palparksurvey">aarecparks.org/palparksurvey</a>.

#### **EARTH DAY AT QUIET WATERS PARK**

The Friends of Quiet Waters Park Environmental Committee has announced new plans for Earth Day on April 21. The committee has announced that "For the first time, a program of speakers will be held in the Blue Heron Pavilion and all are invited."

In addition to the speaker series, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., the group will be giving away native plant guides, free gently used books about nature, and a kids' Nature Detective game designed by the park rangers.

#### **Earth Day Programs**

- When Quiet Waters was a Farm | 11 a.m.
- Invasive Vines & What to do | Noon
- Quiet Waters Park's Deciduous Forest | 1 p.m.



## **HSIA Community Beach Report**

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair



#### THE WAY AHEAD

Our vision is to transform the neighborhood beach and playground into a vibrant, inclusive third space that serves as a communal hub for residents of all ages and backgrounds. This space will not only be a place for leisure and recreation but also a thriving social center that fosters community spirit, promotes well-being, and enhances the local environment.

As stewards of the property, the 2024 Hillsmere Shores Beach Committee looks forward to initiating maintenance and enhancement projects, committed to adding value at every stage. Our approach is rooted in community engagement, responsible spending, and agile development. Here's how we're making it happen.

#### LISTENING AND LEARNING

The first step is understanding what matters most. We'll be gathering feedback from all corners of our community to identify the improvements you wish to see. Whether it's enhancing accessibility, adding new features, or protecting our native wildlife, your voice will guide our priorities.

#### **EVALUATING WITH CARE**

Safety and accessibility, regular maintenance, and targeted upgrades are our main goals. We are committed to making smart choices that maximize community benefit. Each proposed feature and improvement will be carefully evaluated based on cost, complexity, impact, and alignment with our vision. This ensures we focus on initiatives that offer the greatest value and within our means.

#### **PLANNING TO SUCCEED**

With priorities identified, we'll develop a spending plan that outlines how we can achieve our community's goals. This plan will be transparent, allowing every member of our community to see how funds are allocated and ensuring accountability at every step.

#### AGILE AND INCREMENTAL WITH A FOCUS ON DELIVERING VALUE

Recognizing that needs can change and new opportunities may arise, we're adopting an agile approach to project delivery. This approach allows us to introduce improvements in manageable stages, securing quick wins early on. This strategy allows us to adapt to feedback and changing conditions, ensuring that your tax dollars are used in the most effective and responsible way.

#### WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Through this process, we're not just improving a beach; we're building a community asset that reflects our shared values and aspirations. Each improvement will be a step towards creating a space that welcomes all, supports a vibrant community life, and preserves the beauty of our shores for generations to come.

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#### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED**

We're calling all community members and nature lovers to roll up their sleeves, have some fun and make a difference! Join us on April 20th, 2024, for a community-led Beach Cleanup Event at the Hillsmere Shores Beach. This is an opportunity to give back to your community, meet like-minded individuals, and enjoy a day out in the fresh air.

#### **HOW YOU CAN HELP**

- Bring Your Tools: If you have rakes, shovels, and gloves, please bring them along to help with the cleanup. The more tools we have, the more ground we can cover!
- Trucks and Large Vehicles: We also need volunteers
  with trucks or large vehicles to help haul away the
  collected trash and debris. If you can provide transportation, please let us know when
  you sign up.
- Spread the Word: Encourage your friends, family and neighbors to join. The more volunteers we have, the bigger impact we can make!

#### **BEACH COMMITTEE MONTHLY MEETING**

The Hillsmere Shores Beach Committee invites all community members to our recurring monthly meetings, held on the first Tuesday of each month.

#### **UPCOMING MEETING DETAILS**

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Location: Hillsmere Shores Community House

Time: 7–9 p.m.

#### WHY ATTEND?

- Stay Informed: Learn about past achievements, upcoming projects, and how you can play a part.
- Make a Difference: Share your thoughts on beach/playground maintenance, safety, events, and other topics of interest. Your feedback helps us make informed decisions that benefit our beach and community.
- Lead a Project: We are seeking to empower our community members to act on projects and initiatives they are most passionate about.
- Community Engagement: Meet fellow community members who are just as passionate about maintaining the beauty and health of our beach and playground.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact: beach@hillsmereshores.org.

#### **CLEANUP EVENT DETAILS**

Gather with your neighbors to clean up the Beach Park!

Who: You!

When: April 20, 10-11 a.m.

Where: Hillsmere Shores Beach East Pavilion



#### **Maryland Department of Agriculture**

Office of Plant Industries and Pest Management
Mosquito Control

The Wayne A. Cawley Jr. Building 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401 www.mda.maryland.gov T: (410) 841-5960

#### MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - MOSQUITO CONTROL SECTION

#### MOSQUITO CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT

#### **OBJECTION TO ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL**

The policy of the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) regarding an objection to adult mosquito control by truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) application of insecticides is as follows:

- 1 An individual may have his/her owned or leased real property and a surrounding buffer, as determined by MDA, up to 300 feet on all sides of the property excluded from ground based ULV adult mosquito control.
- 2. Each individual requesting this exclusion must submit the request in writing to the Maryland Department of Agriculture and, if the individual resides within a community association or city/town, provide copies of the request to the appropriate community association or city/town. The request must provide the address of the property to be excluded and must be signed by the owner(s) or lessee(s). This request will be acknowledged in writing by the Department.
- 3. If the number of individual objectors and the location of excluded properties precludes an effective mosquito control adulticide service in a community (e.g., residential area, community association, or town), the service in that community will be suspended. Service may be reinstated upon the written request of the community and approval by the Department, provided that the Department determines that effective mosquito control service in the community can occur.
- 4. A city/town or community association, or another resident directly affected by the exemption, may request the Department to rescind or modify a spray exclusion zone if the local authority or MDA determines that the exemption unfairly impacts other residents who desire adult mosquito control service. Requests to rescind or modify spray exclusion requests must be made in writing and delivered to the Secretary of Agriculture.
- 5. The Department periodically will verify the continued occupancy/ownership by objectors of properties excluded from ULV ground spraying to determine if the objection continues.
- 6. In the event of mosquito-borne disease or conditions that threaten public health, the suspension of mosquito adulticide service in an area due to objectors will be discontinued and the full range of mosquito control procedures available will be utilized.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION NOTICE:**

Your **request for exemption from adult mosquito control services** by the Maryland Department of Agriculture **WILL NOT** be processed unless **ALL** of the information requested has been supplied. You have a right to inspect, amend, or correct this information. Under General Provisions Article, §4-501, Annotated Code of Maryland, this information may be generally available for public inspection. This information is not routinely shared with state, federal, or local government agencies.

Individuals should direct correspondence regarding this issue to:

Maryland Department of Agriculture Mosquito Control Section 50 Harry S. Truman Pkwy Annapolis, MD 21401

#### REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION FROM ADULT MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICES

This application must be completed by the individual residing within a community/residential area participating in the Mosquito Control Program who wishes to have his/her property excluded from adult mosquito control pesticide applications by truck-mounted ultra-low volume (ULV) sprayers. The attached statement entitled "Objection to Adult Mosquito Control" explains the Maryland Department of Agriculture's policy on individual objectors. Please retain it for your files.

Please complete the information below. Please read the "Public Information Notice" on the attached policy statement.

<u>Exemptions will not be accepted unless all of the information requested has been supplied. Failure to respond to contact from MDA will result in the voiding of your exception. It is your responsibility to notify MDA should your contact information change. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.</u>

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Name: _		
Address:	<del></del>	
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	Telephone No. Day:	
	Telephone No. Evening:	
	Email:	
	Name of your Community Association (if applicable):	
	Name of the Subdivision in which you reside (if applicable):	
	Signature:	
	(I have read MDA's Adult Mosquito Control Objection Policy)	

Your city/town or community association will receive notice of the scheduled night for surveillance and spraying. It is the responsibility of the city/town or community association to notify the residents of the schedule. Spraying will be conducted only if needed and will be done on the same day (as the above mentioned survey) of each week. Please feel free to contact us if you have further questions at:

St. Mary's County: 301-373-4264/65 Charles County: 1-888-523-0256 Baltimore & Harford: 1-877-425-6485 Prince George's: 301-422-5080

Central and Western Maryland: 301-422-5080

Anne Arundel: 410-841-5870

Queen Anne's: 410-758-0920 ext. 4140

Eastern Shore: 410-543-6626

Application should be sent to:

Program Supervisor Mosquito Control Section 50 Harry S. Truman Parkway Annapolis, MD 21401

## **Motions From March 2024 Board Meeting**

**SECURITY:** Claire Corcoran moved the Board authorize the HSIA President to enter into a contract for not more than one year and NTE a total of \$65,000 with Chesapeake Protective Services to provide an armed guard in a marked vehicle at a rate of \$40.75 per hour (\$34.00 Armed Security Guard and \$6.75 per hour for the marked vehicle) to perform tasks including but not limited to: driving patrol through the neighborhood, covering the extent of Hillsmere's 15 miles of roads at least once per day, patrolling community areas, including the beach, the marina, and the pool on foot, enforcing posted signage with regard to resident-only areas within the community and asking those present if they are residents, turning away beach and marina entrants that are not residents and guests, and checking stickers on cars at community facilities in Hillsmere, in particular at the beach and marina. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

#### **BEACH**

- 1. Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board authorize Blue Star Paint and Property Services to perform the following work NTE \$5,000:
  - a. Test and remove lead paint on the Bruce Walker Pavilion.
  - b. Scrape loose paint and treat rusted areas of East and West beach pavilions (exclusive of roof)
  - c. Paint match and paint beach pavilions (exclusive of roof) in same color: neutral tan
  - d. Powerwash/clean mold on ceiling/roof structures
  - e. Charcoal Grills: Remove, treat rust, refinish exterior only in high temp paint
  - f. Bike Rack: Repaint
  - Gene Gross seconded the motion. Vote taken unanimously approved.
- 2. Mike Wurst moved the Board authorize the Communications/Beach Committee chair to purchase Survey Monkey Team Advantage Plan at \$300 per year, Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken unanimously approved.
- 3. Ray Sullivan moved the Board authorize the Property Manager to purchase replacement rope in coordination with the Beach Committee Chair, NTE \$2,000 plus shipping, for the purpose of repairing the fence along the beach property border. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken unanimously approved.

**PIERS & HARBOR:** Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the award by the Arundel Rivers Federation of a construction contract to Resource Restoration Group (RRG) for the construction of the Hillsmere Shores Sandspit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project in the amount of \$650,000 to be funded by grant funds already obtained for the Project. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

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

	Upcoming Meetings—Mark Your Calendars						
4/25 @ 7 p.m.	HSIA Board of Directors Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive					
5/7 @7 p.m.	Beach Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive					
5/9 @ 7 p.m.	General Membership Meeting	Barn Commons, Key School					
5/14 @ 7 p.m.	Piers & Harbors Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive					
5/20 @ 7 p.m.	Events Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Drive					

## **Key School Report**

Kate Austin, Director of Communication at Key School

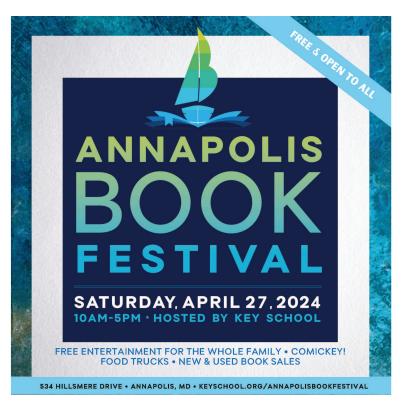
#### ANNAPOLIS BOOK FESTIVAL AND PRE-SALE

The Annapolis Book Festival will be held on the campus of Key School at 534 Hillsmere Drive on **Saturday, April 27, 2024**, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Annapolis Book Festival is one of the premier community events in the region. The free festival brings together nationally and internationally renowned authors with thousands of book fans for author talks, panel discussions, book signings and other activities. Family activities and entertainment are offered all day, including live music, magic shows, children's activities, ComicKey! (featuring Third Eye Comics), tea parties and more!

On **Friday, April 26,** from 2:30–5 p.m. in the Activity Building (main gym) on Key's Campus, Hillsmere residents are welcome to access the Festival book pre-sale, which features thousands of new and used books, raffle baskets and more.

#### **USED BOOK DROP-OFF**

Looking to clear your bookshelves and donate gently used books? The Annapolis Book Festival will gladly take them! On **Friday, April 19** from 8–9 a.m. and 3–4 p.m., at the storage unit behind Katharine Hall on 110 Mansion Drive. Note: Please bring books in boxes; no reference books (dictionaries, encyclopedias, etc.).





## 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 <u>documentation to this application</u>. Personal information other than Name, Address and DOB may be blacked out.** 

Individual Membership		Addition	al Membership	(add \$25.00)			
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Payment Type	# Requ	ested	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							
3.1101			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:   Beam Draft							
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#### 2024 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form

<b>Household Information</b>	<u>.</u>
Primary Member Name	
(also list as #1 below)	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	

#### Member Information – Family, Adult, Youth & Caregiver

List all pool members, DOB and the type of membership for each. All children must have a membership regardless of age. Youth memberships (17 years old or under) must be purchased with a parent or guardian purchasing an adult membership.

Family memberships allow up to six (6) family members residing at the same address. One (1) caregiver may be added to the family membership as part of your "family". Families with over six (6) members (including one (1) caregiver) must pay \$25 fee for each additional member.

Full Name (please print)	DOB (required)	Family	Adult	Youth
1.				
2.				
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6.				
Additional members subject to \$25 fee per person				
7.				
8.				

Membership Type	Postmarked by May 1st	Postmarked after May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Qty.	Payment Due
Family	\$575	\$630		
Adult	\$225	\$245		
Youth	\$115	\$125		
Fee pp over 6 members	\$30	\$30		
TOTAL				

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

\*\* Hillsmere residents/property owners must join HSIA and pay annual HSIA dues to remain pool members. Dues can be added to pool membership fees and combined on the same check but separate HSIA form is required. Please read page 2 of this application "Request and Release". Signatures are required.

Check #:	Amount:	Received By:	Date Received:	HSIA member:

#### 2023 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form (page 2 of 2)

## Request and Release: (This must be signed by all pool members who are 18 years of age or older, and all Caregivers. Attach additional forms, if needed)

We hereby request permission to enter the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association Community Pool Facilities, located at 100 Phipps Lane, Annapolis, MD 21403 (the "HSIA Pool"), during actual pool operating hours, to participate in swimming, sun bathing, swim meet competition and related activities of a community swimming pool, as well as to view and be a spectator at any HSIA Pool events (collectively "Pool Activities") to be held from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> of the current year.

We are generally familiar with the HSIA Pool and its equipment and are aware of the dangers and risks inherently involved in Pool Activities. We individually assume all risks of injury to our persons, our minor children, and/or property that may be sustained in connection with Pool Activities at the HSIA Pool. We realize that swimming, diving and related Pool Activities are dangerous and unpredictable and we hereby relieve and release all other parties of any duty to care for, protect or look after our safety while at the HSIA Pool.

In consideration of the permission granted to us to enter the HSIA Pool and participate in Pool Activities we do hereby, for ourselves, our minor children, our heirs, administrators and assigns, release and discharge: (1) the HILLSMERE SHORES IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, its directors, officers, and members; (2) any operators or sponsors of the HSIA Pool, pool equipment, or Pool Activities, and their respective officers, employees and agents; and (3) all other participants in Pool Activities, of and from all claims, demands, actions and causes of action of any sort, for injuries sustained by our persons, our minor children, and/or property at the HSIA Pool and/or by participation in any Pool Activities, due to any negligence or any other fault.

We certify that our attendance at the HSIA Pool and participation in Pool Activities is voluntary, and that we are not an employee or agent of the owners, operators, or sponsors of the HSIA Pool or any Pool Activities. We realize that Pool Activities are for personal enjoyment, and are not essential to public health or welfare.

We agree to familiarize ourselves, our minor children and our guests with the Pool Rules, Membership and Guest Policies, and Pool Party Rules, and agree to abide by them.

We have read and voluntarily sign this Request and Release on behalf of ourselves and our minor children, if any, any our representatives, heirs and assigns.

Print Full Name	Signature	Date
Print Full Name	 Signature	Date

#### Child Attendance Waiver (Optional)

I hereby authorize my children, named below, to use the HSIA Pool without being accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). I certify that: (1) each child named below is between eleven (11) and seventeen (17) years old; and (2) I have reviewed with each child the rules and regulations of the HSIA Pool, including the fact that they must first pass the standard swimming test, obey HSIA Pool rules and follow the instructions of the lifeguards and pool manager. Failure to follow the rules and the instructions of the lifeguards will result in the following disciplinary actions:

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

- i. 1st written offense in discipline log warning letter to parents
- ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> written offense in discipline log removal from pool for the day
- iii.  $3^{rd}$  written offense in discipline log 1 week suspension, no longer able to use pool without parental supervision
- iv. 4th written offense in discipline log loss of membership for remainder of summer

Child:	Child:
Child:	Child:

## **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 chargedwith leading the coordination of existing maintenance contracts and establishing new contractsbased on Board defined objectives. The Property Manager, with oversight provided by theresponsible HSIA Committee Chair, must assist in the procurement of select ongoing servicecontracts by identifying the scope of work; drafting requests for proposals; solicitingbids/proposals; evaluating bids/proposals/qualifications; making award recommendations; andmanaging the selected contractors.

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

#### **GROUNDSKEEPING**

Annapolis Landscaping and Maintenance has begun groundskeeping in the median and beach. This contract covers mowing and string trimming throughout Hillsmere's community properties (eight different locations), weeding, mulching and pruning garden beds and plantings once in spring and fall, replenishing wood chips pathways, and leaf removal in the fall.

#### THE HILLSMERE POOL

The contract for pool operations and management for the 2024 season of the Hillsmere Pool has been renewed with Anchor Aquatics and the Hillsmere Pool Rules have been updated and provided to Anchor prior to the March 1 deadline.

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

The Board awarded a contract for maintenance of stormwater best management practices for the 2024–2025 season to Welspryng Landscape and Stormwater. Welspryng has begun maintenance of the rain gardens, bioretention ponds and swales. You may notice that Welspryng is taking a heightened attention to aesthetic appearance.

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#### **SECURITY**

The Property Manager is supporting the new Security Chair in contracting with Chesapeake Protective Services. HSIA is currently reviewing a draft contract. The new Security Chair is putting a hold on the prior effort of contracting with an off-duty law enforcement officer.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

According to the Hillsmere Shores covenants and deed restrictions, "No waterfront property owner may erect any fence, piers, wharfs, or any other obstructions to water rights without obtaining written permission of HSIA."

#### **PET WASTE STATIONS**

Max Penn is continuing as the lead for Pet Waste Stations. In future months the Property Manager and Max will be working to develop redundancy to serve as back-up for him and to improve signage around to the stations in an effort to decrease dumping trash other than pet waste in the stations.

#### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

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

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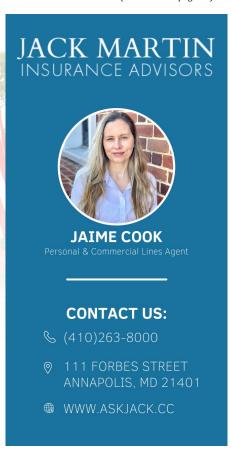


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#### PIERS AND HARBORS

At the request of the Chair of the Piers and Harbors Committee, the Property Manager arranged debris removal at the Marina and 609 Beach Drive.

#### **POOL AND COMMUNITY PARK**

At the request of the Pool Chair, the Property Manager is gathering multiple quotes for replacing and expanding fencing at the kiddie pool and replacing the sub shade posts that are damaged. The Property Manager requested a quote for replacing the dumpster doors at Phipps Lane with stronger, lockable doors and creating a fenced enclosure for the recycling bins. As needed, she will also assist the Pool Chair in repairing a leak in the Pool House.

At the request of the Environment Committee Chair, the Property Manager is adding a request for an estimate for fencing to protect the rain garden at the corner of Phipps and Great Lake.

#### **BEACH**

At the request of the Beach Chair, the Property Manager is gathering multiple quotes for painting beach pavilions, grills, bike racks and the shower station. She will also assist as needed with replacing the manila rope between the pilings.

#### **COMMUNITY HOUSE**

With input from the Board, the Property Manager is contracting with Constellation Energy to install a heat pump at the Community House and remove the oil furnace. She contracted with complete chimneys to inspect and seal off the chimney, Air Gott Services to

#### ¿HABLAS ESPAÑOL?

Are you a resident with a professional certification in a foreign language, in particular Spanish, and would be willing to help with translations? If you'd like to help, please reach out to the Property Manager at propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org

clean the ducts, and JS Tank Removal to remove the oil tank and oil.

#### **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 March, the Property Manager did not conduct active surveillance as she was occupied with following-up on resident complaints regarding neighbors in violation of the covenants by composing messages to those neighbors to be sent by the Board.

The Property Manager has been in touch with the County regarding repaving on Harbor Drive. She requested they provide updates to the Board President and Property Manager in the future, consider school bus routes in their planning, and consider adding a provision to their contracts that contractors must remove their construction vehicles in the case of an extended delay.

#### SPECIAL PROJECTS—RESERVE STUDY

A responsibility of the Property Manager is to assist in the management and construction of Special Projects by providing input to architects, engineers and contractors on project design;

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ensuring that necessary permits are secured; drafting requests for proposals/bids; soliciting proposals/bids; and managing the selected contractors.

A reserve study to make sure that Hillsmere has adequate resources to, based on the estimated cost of major repairs to or replacement of the common assets, preserve and maintain its assets into the future is a special project

#### CALLING ALL PROPERTY BROTHERS (& SISTERS)

Do you have a pickup truck? A chain saw? Extra elbow grease? Do you take pride in the appearance of your neighborhood? Do you have an eye for architecture or garden design? Join the Property Brothers & Sisters—a team of residents helping to keep this community looking good. Contact <a href="mailto:PropertyManager@hillsmereshores.org">PropertyManager@hillsmereshores.org</a> to get involved.

assigned to the Property Manager. The Property Manager has gathered one quote for a Reserve Study and will gather two more bids for comparison.



#### Important numbers and emails

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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

<u>HSIA Covenants & Deed Restrictions</u>, 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@hillsmereshores.org, or voicemail, 410-263-4456.



<sup>\*</sup>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.

## **Events Report**

Helene Raven, HSIA Board Member and Events Committee Chair



#### **APRIL AND MAY COMMUNITY EVENTS**

On **April 27** we will have the **Hillsmere Community Yard Sale** at the Beach. This will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Plan to bring a table and chair and your items for sale. Set up is at 9:30.

May brings our annual **Memorial Day Remembrance** at the Beach. This starts at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 27. We will have coffee, snacks, and memories. All active duty, reserve duty, retired military, fire fighters, police, family, friends and supporters are welcome.

#### **EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

Events meetings are open to residents. All comments welcome.

May 20, 7–8 p.m. at the Hillsmere House September 16, 7–8 p.m. at the Hillsmere House October 21, 7–8 p.m. at the Hillsmere House

#### **FINAL NOTES**

Watch for details on the Hillsmere Shores website, HSIA official Facebook page, *Sea Breeze*, and community bulletin board. HSIA membership dues fund all events; neighborhood volunteers plan and coordinate these. More volunteers are always welcome.



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## **Garden Club**

#### Leigh Gruber, HGC Administrative Assistant



Our March meeting featured speakers Theresa McKenna and Ginger Woolridge from Save Our Trees Together, an organization whose goal is to increase the tree canopy in Annapolis as well as to locate and remove invasive vines from our trees. Their talk highlighted the distinctions between native and non-native plants and invasive and non-native species. They discussed the benefits of tree cover and its role in the food chain for insects and birds. Another goal of the organization is to outlaw the sale of invasive plants and get the county to create a position to monitor/manage invasive plants. They showed some of the tools they use to remove ivy from trees and passed around a 45-year-old sample of English ivy that looked like a six-inch diameter tree trunk.

Club member Carol Adamson presented a native plant talk about several types of Goldenrod. These are just one type of many keystone plants, which support bees, birds and butterflies. One amazing fact Carol mentioned was that Goldenrod Solidago supports 142 caterpillar species, 42 bee species, and doesn't cause allergies. Blue Aster (Symphotrichum) supports 100 caterpillar species and 33 bee species. Cultivars, she noted, don't support as many species.

A field trip to Annmarie Sculpture Garden is planned for April 17. For additional information, please send questions to the email address below.

Those with an interest in gardening-related subjects are invited to join the club, which meets September through May on the third Wednesday of each month. Visitors are always welcome. For those wishing to join (Hillsmere residency is **not** required), annual dues for September through May are \$30. To receive the monthly "Buzz" newsletter or for more information about joining, send an email to the administrative assistant at HillsmereGardenClub@gmail.com.



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## **Piers & Harbors News**

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



#### SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE/COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT More Great News to report on the Living Shoreline Project!

An RFP for the construction of the Project was sent by the Arundel Rivers Federation ("Federation") in mid-February to a select group of contractors with proven experience in this type of work. A pre-bid meeting was held at the Marina on Tuesday February 27, with five contractors participating. Three qualified proposals were received on March 8, 2024.

Through its evaluation process, the Federation selected Resource Restoration Group ("RRG") based on a number of factors, including:

- Experience with comparable clients/grants
- Project specific experience (in this case living shorelines with reef balls)
- Responsibleness of bid (could the bid be too low)
- Cost
- · Completeness of bid worksheet
- Reasonability of proposed construction schedule
- Key personnel and expertise/qualifications of the firm

RRG ranked highest based on the above criteria, and they have substantial experience on grant funded projects, including multiple shoreline projects with the Federation. They have also completed grant funded shoreline work within Hillsmere. RRG has a proven track record of staying on budget for complex restoration projects, and their bid fits within the funds budgeted and already secured for this project. The work will be funded by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") Coastal Resiliency grant of \$669,191 awarded in September 2023 to the Federation for the Project.

At its March 28, 2024, meeting, the HSIA Board of Directors approved the Federation's recommendation and selection of RRG to be the Project construction contractor.

We are anticipating construction of the Project could begin in the Fall of this year, assuming all the necessary permits and approvals are obtained. We are anticipating that MDE will forward our Wetlands Application to the Maryland Board of Public Works for final approval in the near future.

A Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") among Anne Arundel County, Arundel Rivers Federation ("Federation") and HSIA concerning the Project, Permit fees, water quality improvement credits and Project maintenance has been executed. This is a standard MOU that, among other things, requires the Federation to maintain the Project and 85% of its planted vegetation for 5 years, and thereafter requires HSIA to maintain the Project and its planted vegetation.

We have filed an application for a Grading permit from the County, and it now appears a Building permit will not be required.

A description and design plans for the Project continue to be posted on the HSIA Website and can be viewed at:  $\frac{hillsmereshores.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Hillsmere-Shores-Coastal-Resiliency-Project-Plans-1.pdf$ 

#### **LOCKS AND KEYS**

The locks on the gates at the Boat Ramps, Kayak Ramp and Boat Park were changed on APRIL1st! You will now need the 2024 Ramp key or 2024 Boat Park key to access those areas.

#### **SLIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SLIP WAITING LISTS**

Assignments have been made for the 8 new lift slips, and two new assignments were made for existing lift slips due to turnover.

There were 10 vacant wet slips to start the 2024 season, and the Slips Committee has been making upgrade offers to existing slip holders and new offers to the 15 people on the recently revised Wet Slip Active Waiting List.

For returning slip holders: SLIP FEES AND UPDATED DOCUMENTS WERE DUE MARCH 1. If you are late sending in your payment and documents, you are subject to a \$100 late fee after March 1, and a \$200 late fee for payments and documentation received after April 1. If you need to make alternative payment arrangements, please contact the P&H Chair at <a href="marina@hillsmereshores.org">marina@hillsmereshores.org</a> or call or text 410-212-6978. For Slip fees and documentation not received by May 1, a slip holder faces loss of the slip.

Slip Waiting Lists: Starting this year the Slips Waiting Lists were reorganized into Wet Slip Active and Inactive Waiting Lists, and Lift Slip Active and Inactive Waiting Lists. The cost for a non-slip holder to get or stay on either Active Waiting List increased from \$100 to \$250. Current slip holders do not have to pay any additional fees. Waiting List Fees are credited to the first Slip Fee once a slip is assigned.

Non-slip holders who were already on the Wet Slip Waiting List or the Lift Slip Waiting List who wished to remain on the *Active lists* were required to pay an additional \$150 by the end of January 2024. As a result, 24 names were automatically moved to the respective Inactive Waiting Lists.

#### **GUEST PASSES & HILLSMERE STICKERS**

This year new orange and black 2024–2025 Guest Passes are being issued.

- Slip holders will get 2 Guest Passes but can request more if really needed.
- Slip Holders receive a 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 a HSIA sticker for their trailer.

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#### **MARINA OPERATIONS**

#### **PUMP OUT SYSTEM**

The Pump Out System has failed again and could not be re-activated. It appears the January 9th storm and flooding infiltrated into the electric motor, which has corroded and seized up. The same casualty happened two years ago following extreme high tides and flooding.

Maryland law requires a working pump out system in marinas of our size. Long term, more expensive solutions include acquiring a new pump out system with the motor mounted higher in the cabinet (~\$12,000), placing the pump out system on a floating dock, or installing a remote pump out system where the pump is located on a shoreside platform. The short term, less expensive solution we plan to take is to replace the corroded motor (~\$870) and raise the entire pump out cabinet onto an 18"-24" aluminum platform (cost TBD). In the meantime, there will be no Pump Out service until repairs are made.

#### **GRAVEL**

The first three sections of Marina gravel that was disrupted by storm damage was raked and somewhat leveled by Pay Dirt, LLC on Friday March 29. The gravel is not pretty. The January 9 storm washed quite a lot of sand and soil from the nearby berm into the gravel, giving it a brownish hue. We have decided to not refresh the Sand Spit with new gravel until after construction of the Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project, when contractors will be using the gravel area for construction staging.

#### **CURB STOPS**

Replacement curb stops to replace those washed away in the January 9th storm have been purchased and will be installed by P&H volunteers in the near future,

#### **ELECTRICAL WORK**

We have engaged KV Electric, which has acquired a County permit and will complete unfinished electrical work on the new boat lifts and shore power pedestals, and have the work inspected by the County. We have identified several additional electrical issues that need to be addressed and will negotiate with KV Electric or another firm to perform the needed repairs. Please let us know at <a href="mailto:mail

#### **PORTA-POTTY**

The Porta-Potty was returned to the Marina on March 7, 2024.

#### **WATER SYSTEM**

The water system was de-winterized and re-activated by Heidler Plumbing on March 13, 2024, and one leak was repaired.

#### **ICE EATERS**

Eight (8) ice eaters were removed, pressure-washed and stored in the Community House by Blue Heron Property Services on March 18, 2024.

#### **CAMERA SYSTEM**

The camera system at the Marina and Sunset Ramp is completed and operational and new camera use signs have been posted. Testing and familiarization are underway, led by Mike Waters. There is also an open Wi-Fi system available at the Marina and Sunset Boat Ramp entitled "Hillsmere Marina." Additional system enhancements, such as Uninterruptable Power Supply, an upgraded video recorder and a weather station, are under review.

#### **FOOT WASH STATION**

We are looking into constructing a shower/foot-wash station at the Marina at the beginning of the Main Dock.

#### **DREDGING**

The Army Corps of Engineers has acknowledged receipt of HSIA's application to participate in Anne Arundel County's maintenance dredging of Duvall and Kitty Creeks. We applied 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. If our application is approved, work would take place in the Fall of 2025, a year and a half in the future.

#### **BOAT PARK**

The Boat Park Waiting List request must be renewed every year. If you want to be on the Boat Park Waiting List, you should have checked that box on the HSIA Membership form. To be added to the Waiting List, contact the HSIA Administrator: <a href="mailto:admin@hillsmereshores.org">admin@hillsmereshores.org</a>.

Payments to renew spaces at the Boat Park, \$240/year, are due no later than APRIL 1. In May offers will be sent to people on the Boat Park Waiting List to fill available spaces after renewals are processed.

#### 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.

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#### **KAYAK RACKS**

Our Racks Master, Tim Arnett, has been assigning vacant racks, but there are still about 17 people on the Racks Waiting List. Payments for Rack renewals were due by APRIL 1st. About 30 people have not yet renewed their rack space.

If you do not intend to renew your Kayak Rack space, please let us know by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or marinaracks@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 17 neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can have an opportunity to use the racks.

#### **PIERS & HARBORS MEETINGS**

P&H Committee Meetings are now at the Hillsmere Community House at 119 Great Lake Drive. The next P&H Committee Meetings will be:

- Tuesday May 14, 2024, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday July 9, 2024, 7 p.m.

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 <a href="mailto:marina@hillsmereshores.org">marina@hillsmereshores.org</a> and be on the lookout for Special P&H Notices and calls for Work Parties!

#### HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO GET YOUR HOME IN GOOD SHAPE FOR THE WARMER MONTHS AHEAD

It's March, and with the rising temperatures and longer days, we'll soon start to see the first signs of spring, including all the crocuses, tulips and daffodils beginning to sprout. With the threat of most snow storms behind us, and before the arrival of April showers, it's a good time to get started on some tasks to shed the winter layers and give your home a fresh new start.

#### SCHEDULE AIR-CONDITIONING SERVICE

Make sure your HVAC unit is working before the warm weather arrives. Schedule service, if needed and don't forget to regularly change filters.

#### TEST SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Change batteries at least once a year and replace each unit every 7 to 10 years.

#### **CLEAR GUTTERS AND DOWNSPOUTS**

Prevent damage from spring rains by clearing out debris. Make sure water is diverted away from your home to protect its foundation.

#### **CHECK DOOR AND WINDOW SCREENS**

Avoid having insects enter your home by examining and repairing any holes or tears in your screens. Repair kits can be found at most hardware or home improvement stores.

#### RESEAL EXTERIOR WOODWORK

Prolong the life of the woodwork on your home, as well as any wood decks, fences and other outdoor structures, by painting or resealing them every few years. Inspect caulking and replace, if needed.

If you're planning to sell your home this spring, I'll be happy to provide recommendations on repairs, improvements, renovations, or other suggestions to help make your home picture perfect both inside and outside.

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Maggie	Age 16	443-900-5511	Beach Picnic Area Reser Boat Ramp Keys & Boat		410-263-4456 410-263-4456
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•			Hillsmere Car & Boat Tra	ailer Stickers	410-263-4456
Quentin	Age 13	301-793-0032	Hillsmere Garden Club	410-268-7175	
Sean	Age 16	443-481-9401	Hillsmere Hammerhead	443-336-8432	
Shanley	Age 15	443-569-9764	County Community Serv Animal Control	vices Specialist	410-222-1242 410-222-8900
Shondra	Adult	240-578-9221	Recycling Information &	Bulk Trash Pick Un	410-222-6100
				m - Carolyn Kilborn, jckilborr	
Sky	Age 13	410-562-3409		D MEETINGS—119 Great Lake Di	
Taegan	Age 14	410-562-2679	Jan 25	April 25 July 25	Oct 24

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17 Garden Club outing Pool Committee 7 p.m.	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 HSIA Board Meeting 7 p.m.	26	27 Community Yard Sale @ Beach 10 a.m2 p.m.
28	29	30	May 1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Beach Committee 7 p.m.	8	9 HSIA General Membership Meeting 7 p.m.	10	11
12	13	14 P&H Committee 7 p.m.	15 Garden Club	16	17	18
19	20 Events Committee 7 p.m.	21	22	23	24	25



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