

The Sea Breeze



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HAPPY SPRING, HILLSMERE!

May is upon us, bringing lovely weather, beautiful gardens, graduation season, and the anticipation of summer events! Our committees and amazing volunteers around the community have been preparing Hillsmere's outdoor spaces for the season! Inside this issue you'll find all the details about recent goings on at our favorite third-spaces.

Head to page 4 for details on the Beach, including installation of goose-deterrent dog cutouts, and the start of beach volleyball nights! In marina news, on page 14, read about the new WiFi and updated camera system, and the good news about the community Living Shoreline project. Summer at the pool is almost here! Check page 9 for details about the pool opening date and how you can help prep for the pool season. Finally, don't miss upcoming event details on page 8, including the Memorial Day commemoration and Moxie Blues Band concert. It's shaping up to be a great summer in Hillsmere, let's get out there and enjoy it!

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HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator



HSIA MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

- Please note that membership in HSIA is per individual and not per household. Only the person on the Membership form will be the voting member. Other members in the household, age 18 years and older, may 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.
- 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.
- 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.

HSIA MEMBERSHIP FORM

Scan this QR code to take you to the [HSIA Membership form](#).



2024 STICKERS AND BOAT RAMP KEYS

Now that warm weather is upon us, we are hoping that most of you have gotten your 2024 stickers and boat ramp keys. Please remember that keys are not available on short notice. If you haven't gotten your stickers and key yet, you can download a 2024 HSIA Membership form from the website by visiting hillsmereshores.org or using the QR code and link above. Be sure to include copies of current vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers.

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

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

On Saturday, May 18, the County is offering a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day at the Heritage Office Complex, 2662 Riva Road, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great way to discard hazardous waste. For more information, please visit [Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off | Anne Arundel County Government](https://aaccounty.org) (aaccounty.org) or call 410-222-6100.

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 admin@hillsmereshores.org.

POOL MEMBERSHIP FEES INCREASED MAY 1

Pool Membership forms can be found on the website by visiting hillsmereshores.org. Anyone submitting a pool membership form after May 1 needs to pay the "postmarked after May 1" price.

Please remember that all pool members also need to be members of HSIA. So, when you're completing the pool form, please remember to complete the HSIA Membership form, too. 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 and include all dates of birth for all pool members. We are receiving multiple incomplete pool forms missing the dates of birth.

Non-Pool Members can use the pool on four dates this summer. We have four dates this season for Hillsmere residents, non-pool members to use the pool: May 28, June 25, July 30, and August 27. Please bring proof of residency for check-in.

POOL MEMBERSHIP FORM
Scan this QR code to take you to the [Hillsmere Pool Membership form](#).



UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS		
5/7	Beach Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
5/8	Field Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
5/9	General Membership Meeting	Barn Commons, Key School
5/14	Piers & Harbors Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
5/20	Events Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
5/30	HSIA Board Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.

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HSIA Community Beach Report

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers of Hillsmere Shores! Your involvement in beach and playground upkeep through cleanups, committee efforts, and spring initiatives is essential to our community's enhancement. We greatly appreciate every effort made toward transforming our property into a vibrant and inclusive third space.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Join the Monthly Beach Cleanup at Hillsmere Shores (recurring 3rd Saturday of the month). Come together with fellow community members for a rewarding morning of cleaning up Hillsmere Shores Beach. This is a great opportunity to contribute to the community, make new connections, and enjoy the outdoors. Students interested in leading a service project or earning volunteer hours are encouraged to get involved!

Next Event Details:

- Date: May 18, 2024
- Time: 10–11 a.m.
- Location: East Pavilion, Hillsmere Shores Beach

How You Can Help:

- Provide Equipment: Please bring tools like rakes, shovels, and gloves.
- Provide Transportation: We need trucks or large vehicles to haul trash.
- Raise Awareness: Encourage your friends and neighbors to join us and amplify our efforts.

MONTHLY BEACH COMMITTEE MEETING

Join our Beach Committee at the monthly meetings to discuss ongoing and future projects. For details or to RSVP, email: beach@hillsmershores.org.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

Time: 7–9 p.m.

Hillsmere Shores Community House

Benefits of Attending:

- Stay Informed: Updates on projects and how to get involved.
- Share Your Ideas: Influence decisions on maintenance and safety.
- Lead Projects: Take initiative on matters you care about.
- Community Engagement: Meet and collaborate with dedicated neighbors.



The new Beach Geese Deterrent System!

PREVIOUS MONTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Beach Cleanup: During our recent beach cleanup event, the community came together to have fun, make new friends and accomplish significant improvements at the beach and playground:

- The sea nettle net at East swim area has been taken down, cleared of debris and stored for future inspection to determine if repair is possible.
- The damaged suspension bridge in the West playground has been dismantled; options for repair or replacement are being evaluated.
- The deck box has been thoroughly cleaned and is now used to store chains from both the sea nettle net and the suspension bridge.
- Volunteers helped clear all debris and trash from the area using trucks and trailers.

- The pavilions have been cleaned of sand, and the area around the swing set has been neatly edged, improving its aesthetics.
- Volunteers also effectively raked the beaches and smoothed out the playground's pea gravel.



Beach Volleyball is back!

SPRING COMMISSIONING INITIATIVES

- Wash station: Serviced and reactivated
- Pavilion, Wash Station, BBQ Grill Painting: Contract awarded and coordination is underway to schedule work.
- Manila Rope Fence Repair: Coordination for repairs to damaged portions of fence underway.
- Managing Nuisance Geese and E. Coli Hazards: Passive mitigation measures are in place. We will continue to monitor effectiveness and adjust mitigations as necessary.
- Beach Volleyball: Weekly game established! If you're keen to join in the fun and showcase your volleyball skills, we encourage you to express your interest! Please contact us at beach@hillsmershores.org for further details and to connect with other players.

CURRENT/FUTURE FOCUS AREAS

Safety/Accessibility

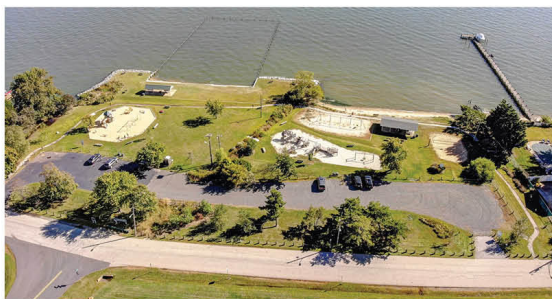
- Security and Beach Access: Ongoing collaboration with the Security and P&H committees is in progress to assess the possibility of extending the security and access controls currently in place at the marinas to the beach area. Our neighborhood security officer is actively making rounds and checking vehicles for stickers, so please ensure your HSIA stickers are visible when parking at the beach.

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2. Perform A Comparative Analysis.

Next, I carefully compare these properties to the home for sale, considering differences in features like a pool, upgrades like a renovated kitchen, and market trends.

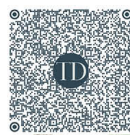
3. Add My Local Expertise

My knowledge of the area gives me additional insight into unique selling points that may impact a home's value in Hillsmere.

The process isn't just about numbers; it's about understanding the story behind each property and its place in the local market.

And remember your home deserves an accurate valuation based on thorough research and expertise (*sorry, Zestimate!*)

Curious about the true value of your home? Send me your address — I'd love to pull together a Market Analysis for your property, no strings attached.



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- Pavilion Ramp: Soliciting quotes for ramp to extend polywood walkway to Bruce Walker pavilion in order to improve accessibility for all residents.
- Hard border of Sand Volleyball court: Coordinating with volunteers for removal and disposal in order to prevent injuries to players.
- Playgrounds: Soliciting quotes for a safety inspection of aging equipment; request for quote (RFQ) in progress.

Maintenance:

- Rip Rap Maintenance: RFQ in progress to address seasonal shifting of erosion protections.
- East Playground: Infant Swing Set Seat Replacement (x2) is pending.

Improvements:

- Gaga Ball Pit Proposal: Working in conjunction with the Field Committee to assess necessary permit requirements.
- Kayak Rack: Ongoing collaboration with the P&H committee is focused on developing secure and visually appealing storage solutions for personal watersports equipment, including the establishment of standards and enforcement measures.
- Shoreline erosion protections: Continuing collaboration with the Environmental Committee to formulate strategies aimed at safeguarding the shoreline against erosion.

See you all at the beach, looking forward to a great summer!
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HSIA Events Committee Report

Helen Raven, Events Committee Chair



YARD SALE SUCCESS!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Hillsmere Yard Sale at the Beach Park on April 27. We hope everyone who attended found a new treasure, or unloaded a few items ready for a new home!



MAY AND JUNE EVENTS

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, firefighters, police, family, friends, and supporters are welcome.

On Sunday, June 9, Hillsmere will host the Moxie Blues Band at the Beach, so be prepared to dance! The band starts at 5 p.m. and ends at 8 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair, picnic, and something to drink. If it rains, the rain date is Friday, June 14. Remember to follow all Beach Rules, including no glass or dogs at the beach.

EVENTS 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

JOIN THE FUN!

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

Looking for our Forever Family Home in Hillsmere Shores.



Hello! My wife and I have rented by Key School for 5 years and now need to find a home to buy. We have a sailboat in the marina and would love to stay in Hillsmere! I own Net Home Inspections and was a building contractor for 25 years before that. Our perfect house is a very dated fixer but one that we could move right into and fix up on our timeframe. If you own a home like this and are thinking of selling it, now or within the next year or so, please call us. We have financing in place and ready to go when the right house comes up.

Thank you, Joel and Jaycie Gibney,
410-310-1330

SEE YOU AT THE POOL!

Danielle Franz, Pool Chair

The Hillsmere Pool opens on Saturday, May 25 at 11 a.m. We are busy processing membership forms and getting ready for the season. If you are a new member, please note that we don't send out physical cards. You should receive a welcome email the week of opening day.

This year we are planning fun events including holiday parties, movie nights, a glow party and water aerobics. More information will be shared via email to members prior to opening day.

Our pool clean up day will be on Saturday, May 11 at 8 a.m. Volunteers can earn guest passes for participating.

If you have questions or would like to get involved in pool party planning or volunteering, please email us at pool@hillsmershores.org, or look for us on Facebook!



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Motions From April 2024 Board Meeting

PIERS & HARBOR

Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve NTE \$1,500 to Beyond Signs for construction of an aluminum raised platform to mount the pump-out cabinet and fix the pump-out system. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.

POOL

1. Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve NTE \$500 for plants at the pool. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.
2. Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve \$2,500 for a Memorial Day party at the pool. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.
3. Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve \$12,846 (Special Tax) for Mid-Atlantic Fence to install canopy posts, chain link fence, and sun shades at the kiddie pool. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.
4. Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve \$2,000 to purchase kiddie picnic tables and umbrella bases at the kiddie pool. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY PARK

1. Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve NTE \$4,000 for dumpster gate replacement. Ray Sullivan seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.
2. Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve NTE \$2,400 for fencing around the recycling bin enclosure. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken: unanimously approved.

Complete minutes can be found on the Hillsmere website, www.hillsmershores.org.

Security Update

HSIA has contracted with Chesapeake Protective Services to provide security for our community. We have a regular guard assigned to Hillsmere Shores, Melanie, so please say hello when you see her on patrol. Security services began on Saturday, April 6, 2024.

Chesapeake will provide us with patrols throughout the entire community. The guard will also be posted at the entrance to Hillsmere Shores during high traffic times to encourage drivers to respect the speed limit, and the guard will note the vehicle information of speeders. The guard will also ensure that vehicles parked at the marina and beach have Hillsmere stickers and will issue a notice if a car is parked without displaying a sticker.

Chesapeake will provide the Board with daily activity reports and incident reports, which will help the Board assess security issues and develop strategies/corrective actions to mitigate those security issues.

Chesapeake will not be on site 24/7 but they do have a **24-hour dispatch number: 410-788-6563, option #4.** (Please call the police for emergency issues.)



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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 hillsmereshores.org for updates on requests for proposals and contracts.

GROUNDSKEEPING

Annapolis Landscaping and Maintenance will continue mowing Hillsmere's community properties through May 31, 2024. The HSIA Board has engaged another contractor to begin mowing after that date.

THE HILLSMERE POOL

The Property Manager provided three bids for fencing around the kiddie pool to the Pool Chair. The Pool Chair selected a contractor to begin work. In the coming weeks, the Property Manager will support the Pool Committee in other tasks to prepare for opening day.

ENVIRONMENT

The Property Manager is assisting the Environment Chair in obtaining a design and bids for planted beds of low shrubs and grasses north of the county's stormwater outlet along Harbor Drive, toward the corner of Great Lake Drive. This area must be protected from compaction as part of the community's commitment to maintain the county's below-ground stormwater infrastructure.

COMMUNITY PARK (BETWEEN HARBOR DRIVE, GREAT LAKE, AND PHIPPS LANE)

The Property Manager obtained bids to replace the dumpster gate and build an enclosure around the recycling bins at the Phipps Lane Parking lot. The new gate will be stronger and allow the area to be locked in an effort to protect against unauthorized dumping, while allowing for more use of the parking area. The recycling bin enclosure will improve the appearance of the corner of Great Lake and Phipps Lane.

PET WASTE STATIONS

Max Penn is continuing as the lead for Pet Waste Station maintenance. This past month, the Property Manager and Davey Ward joined Max on a Pet Waste Station Run. Davey will be the backup for Max going forward.

¿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

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

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

PIERS AND HARBORS

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

BEACH

At the request of the Beach Chair, the Property Manager gathered multiple quotes for painting beach pavilions, grills, bike racks and the shower station. The Property Manager hired Tommy Grierson was to replace manila rope between the pilings. On the to-do list for the Property Manager is contacting Pay Dirt to backfill erosion at the sea wall.

CALLING 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 PropertyManager@hillsmershores.org to get involved.

COUNTY MAINTENANCE

The Property Manager has been in touch with the County regarding repaving on Harbor Drive, requesting they provide information regarding replacement of the speed bumps. She also requested attention to the downed reflectors on Hillsmere Drive, at the corner of Duvall, and alternate solutions to speeding issues at that location and along other main thoroughfares. She also sent photos of the deterioration of Phipps Lane at the juncture of the Phipps lane parking lot apron, asking the County's attention to repairs.

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 April, 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.

SPECIAL PROJECTS: RESERVE STUDY, ADA REVIEW, COMMUNITY PROPERTY SURVEY

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; 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 preserve and maintain its assets into the future based on the estimated cost of major repairs to or replacement of the common assets. The Property Manager is in the process of obtaining 3 bids for a Reserve Study. The Reserve Study would exclude the Marina which has already obtained a separate study.

The Property Manager is also soliciting competitive bids for a study of accessibility of community resources including all community owned areas and assets. The Property Manager is in touch with Anne Arundel County's Office of Disabilities, has reached out to local architects and contacts, and several regional and national groups that provide ADA audits.

In the coming months, the Property Manager will be gathering information regarding all properties, including various lots, owned by HSIA. The Board granted permission to the Property Manager to look into this topic based on the various reasons she raised, including adverse possession concerns, environmental concerns, and potential for enhanced community benefit.

Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE/COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT

MORE GOOD NEWS—WETLANDS PERMIT APPROVED!

On April 17, 2024, the Maryland Board of Public Works, at the recommendation of MDE, gave final approval to the Wetlands Permit for the Hillsmere Living Shoreline Project! The signed permit is in hand. Among the Special Conditions are: No construction to take place from November 15 to March 1; permission from the Coast Guard for the oyster reef navigation buoys; and a Marsh Maintenance Plan which requires once a year monitoring for 5 years. The license expires April 18, 2027, but can be renewed.

We will be working with the Arundel Rivers Federation and the selected contractor RRG to obtain an Anne Arundel County Grading Permit and to develop a construction schedule. At this point we anticipate work to begin in September 2024. A description and design plans for the Project continue to be posted on the HSIA Website and can be viewed at the link and QR code below.

SLIP ASSIGNMENTS AND SLIP WAITING LISTS

Slip Assignments: Assignments have been made for the 8 new lift slips, and two new assignments were made for existing lift slips due to turnover. All available wet slips have been assigned, and the Wet Slip Active Waiting List is down to 4 names.

GUEST PASSES AND HILLSMERE STICKERS

- This year's new orange and black 2024–2025 Guest Passes have been issued.
- Slip holders will get 2 Guest Passes but can request more if really needed.
- Slip Holders receive an HSIA sticker for their boat, with "MARINA" printed on the lower corner. Stickers printed with "MARINA" go on your boat, not on your car!
- Boat Park space holders will get an HSIA sticker for their trailer.

PIERS & HARBOR OPERATIONS

- We have received a replacement motor for the Pump-Out System and have contracted with a local metal fabricator to construct an aluminum 18" raised platform and to reinstall the pump out cabinet and motor on the new raised platform.
- Pay Dirt LLC raked the first three sections of Marina gravel that were disrupted by storm damage and normal wear and tear.
- 23 curb stops were reinstalled at the Marina by P&H volunteers on April 14 to replace those washed away in the January 9 storm or removed for gravel raking. A big *thanks!* to Rich Reilly, Jay Malone, Chris Elkington, Todd Shields and Matt Franz!
- KV Electric completed unfinished electrical work on the new boat lifts and shore power pedestals, and the work was inspected and approved 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.
- In early April, high tides and strong West winds displaced 1 dock and 4 finger pier boards, which have been replaced. Tides have been unusually high this spring.
- Locks and keys at the Boat Ramps and Boat Park were changed April 1, 2024.
- Geese deterrent spinners have been placed at the Marina and boat ramps.

LIVING SHORELINE/ COASTAL LIVING RESILIENCY PROJECT

A description and design plans for the Project continue to be posted on the HSIA Website and can be viewed at hillsmereshores.org or via the QR code below.



- Decorative flags have been placed at the Marina.
- 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 WiFi system available at the Marina and Sunset Boat Ramp called "Hillsmere Marina." Additional system enhancements, such as an upgraded video recorder and a weather station, are under review.
- We are considering a shower/foot-wash station at the Marina at the beginning of the main dock.

We plan to continue the minor improvements started in 2022, including replacing damaged or missing piling caps, adding wooden line hangers on the outer pilings of all slips, and stringing or restringing guide lines between slips. Be on the lookout for a call for volunteers to resume and complete this project.

As you return to your slips or launch your boats, if you see any damage, deficiencies, inoperable equipment or something that needs repair at the Marina or Boat ramps, PLEASE LET US KNOW! Contact: Steve Vanderbosch at marina@hillsmereshores.org or 410-212-6978.

BOAT PARK

Payments for Boat Park spaces were due April 1, and as of late April it appears that 12 spaces will be available for assignment and offers will soon be sent to those on the new, 2024 Boat Park Wait List offering them space in the Boat Park for the remainder of this year.

KAYAK RACKS

April 1 was also the deadline for renewing Kayak Rack assignments, and as of late April about 7 people had yet to renew. If you do not plan to renew, please let us know by email to marinaracks@hillsmereshores.org. There are 18 people on the Rack Wait List.

DREDGING

HSIA's dredging application is under review by both the Army Corps of Engineers and MDE. For the proposed new floating kayak dock at 541 Beach Drive, notices and concept plans have been sent, as required by MDE, to the adjoining property owners and the County for comment. We will be discussing dock design and construction with Chesapeake Dock Outfitters.

P&H 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 held:

- 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 marina@hillsmereshores.org and be on the lookout for Special P&H Notices and calls for Work Parties!



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HSIA Building Permits



WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

An HSIA Building Permit is required every time an Anne Arundel County Building Permit is issued for any work done at your property. However, there are several situations where a County Permit is not required but an HSIA Permit is. Please check the AA County requirements as well as the HSIA Covenants before undertaking any building projects at your property. The responsibility of obtaining an HSIA Building Permit falls on the owner, not the contractor.

Permits Issued

For the month of April, Robin Clark, Property Manager served as Permits Chair. The following permits were issued:

HSIA Permit #24008	Fence	April 4, 2024	551 Beach Drive
HSIA Permit #24009	Renovation	April 11, 2024	109 East Bay View Drive
HSIA Permit #24010	Fence	April 23, 2024	409 Edgemere Drive

Why does HSIA require and issue building permits? Per HSIA Covenants & Deed Restrictions, HSIA's sideline setbacks (15') are different from the County (7'). We encourage anyone having work done at their property to reach out to the HSIA Building Permit Chair before designing your structure or applying to the County. Failure to obtain a HSIA Building Permit prior to the start of construction will result in a stop work order.

The fee for an HSIA Building Permit is \$25. The following items are required to obtain a HSIA Building Permit:

1. A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit.*
2. A TO SCALE copy of the site plan.*
3. A copy of the plans and elevations, TO SCALE, of the structure.*
4. Cash or check in the amount of \$25, made payable to HSIA
5. Mail all required items & payment to HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis MD 21403
6. Provide current mailing address, as your HSIA Building Permit will be mailed via USPS

***AN EMAILED PDF OF THE COUNTY PERMIT AND THE TO-SCALE SITE and/or STRUCTURE PLAN IS PREFERRED AND MAY EXPEDITE THE PROCESS OF OBTAINING A HSIA BUILDING PERMIT.**

HSIA Covenants & Deed Restrictions, recorded among the Land Record of Anne Arundel County, Maryland in Liber 900, Folio 334, are binding as a matter of law and are for the benefit of all other lot owners in Hillsmere. (Anne Arundel County Code, 2005, Article 18, Zoning, Title 2, General Provisions, Subtitle 3, Setbacks)

For permit approval, please allow 10 working days to receive your permit in order to allow time to make sure all of your documents are legible (do not take photos of documents and email them), review it, verify your request meets HSIA Covenants and setbacks, and contact you for any questions on the submission. Please provide your current mailing address if it is different from 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 voicemail, 410-263-4456.

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. 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.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

Hillsmere Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

The Club will have a luncheon in May during which the new officers will be installed. The newly elected officers include Patsy Mattingley, continuing as President, Jean Strucko and Jane Waters will serve as First and Second Vice-Presidents respectively. Micky Stubbs starts her second term as Treasurer while Angie Smail and Charlett Bundy will share Recording Secretary duties. Barbara Ahr assumes the position of Corresponding Secretary.

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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Shondra	Adult	240-578-9221
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All babysitters, pet sitters and walkers have been verified as of October 2022. Individuals are responsible for updating their listings. If you would like to be added to either listing, please email postmaster@hillsmereshores.org.

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Animal Control	410-222-8900
Recycling Information & Bulk Trash Pickup	410-222-6100
Community Cat Program: Carolyn Kilborn	jkilborn@yahoo.com

Chesapeake Protective Services 24-hour dispatch number
410-788-6563, option #4. Please call the police for emergency issues.

May-June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7 Beach Committee 7 p.m. Community House	8 Field Committee 7 p.m. Community House	9 HSIA General Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Key School Barn	10	11
12	13	14 P&H Committee 7 p.m. Community House	15 Garden Club	16	17	18
19	20 Events Committee 7 p.m. Community House	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 HSIA Board Meeting 7 p.m. Community House	31	1 June
2	3	4 Beach Committee 7 p.m. Community House	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15



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