

The Sea Breeze



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we enter the summer months, I'm pleased to share that our HSIA leadership team has successfully supported many of the routine issues faced by communities like ours and has also implemented a variety of improvements throughout the neighborhood. Let's take a look:

- We have a new grounds maintenance team, primarily responsible for grass cutting in all common areas. Our Property Manager, Robin Clark, did a great job to lead us through a selection process for this service. We have a defined contract in place through 2024.
- I had the pleasure to appoint Geoff Werner as a new HSIA board member. In addition, I recently asked Geoff to fill the unexpected vacancy for Beach chair. He is doing a great job and we are so happy to have him on our team. He has led many beach related initiatives since taking on this role, all of which have been communicated to the Hillsmere community.
- We have a new security team, led by our Security chair, Cari Bower. She's doing a great job addressing the various related issues. She has been providing statistics to our leadership demonstrating the value of the security contractor. **Remember, if you see something suspicious, report it immediately to 911 or to Chesapeake Protective Services, Inc. at 410-788-6563.**

I am very pleased with the efforts of our HSIA leadership team as we continue to see various improvements in the community. Every single member of the team gives countless hours of their personal time volunteering for the benefit of this community and I'm thankful for the efforts. This team works well together!

In the coming months, we will initiate an election process for the four Officers, including myself, the Vice president, Secretary and Treasurer. I encourage you to consider running for these positions. I am a firm believer that we should continuously evolve our HSIA leadership giving others a chance to demonstrate their talents. If you have demonstrated leadership skills, are levelheaded, and like working with people, please consider a two-year term on our Board.

We always need volunteers to support our many committees. If you have an interest and are willing to give some of your time, please contact our Administrator, Jean Somers at 410-263-4456.

Have a great and safe summer!

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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](#).



MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Our community was not accepted to be part of the MDA Mosquito Spraying program for 2024, as spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. There are a few spots still available and Hillsmere may be offered one of those spots. If that happens, we will alert the community with the spray night.

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

POLITICAL SIGNS

Please remove political signs from your private lots. We follow Anne Arundel code for political signage. Political signs are allowed on residential lots 30 days before or 7 days after a public election, per our HSIA General Rules as follows: #2.10. Political signs supporting or opposing candidates for public office or ballot questions may be placed on privately owned lots by the property owner or resident for up to 30 days before or 7 days after a public election. The signs must be no greater than 2 by 3 feet or equivalent area. Political signs may not be placed on HSIA Community Property.

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@hillsmershores.org.

CALLING ALL HILLSMERE GRADUATES

Do you have a graduate you would like to recognize in the *Sea Breeze*? Email the Editor at postmaster@hillsmershores.org or call the 24-hour voice mail at 410-263-4456. Give us the name of your graduate, school, and degree earned. We'll proudly announce your graduate in a future edition.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

On Saturday, June 15, 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://www.aacounty.org/hazardous-waste-drop-off) (aacounty.org) or call 410-222-6100.

POOL MEMBERSHIP DEADLINE JUNE 30

The deadline for joining the pool is June 30. Please make sure you have your pool membership in by that date if you want to enjoy our wonderful pool! Non-members can use the pool this summer, too. There are three dates left this season for Hillsmere residents, non-pool members to use the pool: 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](#).



JUST OUTSIDE THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Quiet Waters Park will host its annual Summer Concert Series in July and August. There will be great music, food trucks and Kona ice.

July 20: The Bravo Zulu Band, 6:30 p.m.	August 17: Raquel & the Wildflowers
July 27: Kelly Bell, 6 p.m.	August 24: Leonardo Garcia y Son Horizonte, 5:30 p.m.
August 3: Avenue 66	September 1: Annapolis Symphony Orchestra, 5:30 p.m.
August 10: Moxie Blues	Details at the Friends of Quiet Waters Park website.



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HSIA Community Beach Report

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Summer is in full swing, and we're thrilled to see everyone out and about, basking in the sunshine and enjoying our wonderful neighborhood amenities. The beach is bustling with families building sandcastles, the playground is filled with laughter and excitement, and our volleyball court is alive with friendly competition. On the water, swimmers, paddleboarders, rowers, kiteboarders, and wing foilers are making the most of the wind, waves and warm weather.

Thank you to the dedicated volunteers of Hillsmere Shores! Your hard work in keeping our playground safe and our beach and waters clean ensures that we can all enjoy these wonderful amenities. Your efforts through regular cleanups, safety checks, and maintenance initiatives are deeply appreciated. You play an essential role in making our community vibrant, safe, and welcoming for everyone. Thank you for your invaluable contributions!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Join the Monthly Beach Cleanup at Hillsmere Shores (recurring 3rd Saturday of the month).

Next Event Details:

- Date: June 15, 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, July 2, 2024

Time: 7–9 p.m.

Hillsmere Shores Community House

Beach Volleyball:

Weekly game established Monday nights! If you're keen to join in the fun and showcase your volleyball skills, we encourage you to express your interest or show up! Please contact for further details and to connect with other players. For details or to RSVP, email: beach@hillsmershores.org.

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Please take a few minutes to share with us your feedback on improvements you would like to see at the beach and playground! Your input will help guide the team as we draft our long-term plan and budget for future spending. Follow this link to the [HSIA Beach Survey](#) or scan this QR code.



PREVIOUS MONTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Beach Cleanup: During our second beach cleanup event this year, volunteers came together to accomplish significant improvements at the beach and playground:

- Disposed of the hard border around the beach volleyball court, ensuring a safer place for players
- Removed sharp rocks and debris from the beach and shallow water, preventing potential injuries
- Cleared the walkways, pavilions and picked up trash
- Reattached wire cable for sea nettle net to pilings in East swim area

Safety/Accessibility/Maintenance Initiatives:

- Pavilion Ramp: Funding approved for the construction of a ramp from the polywood walkway to the Bruce Walker pavilion. Project planned for this month.
- Pavilion, Wash Station, BBQ Grills: Refresh and painting planned for June 10–14
- Manila Rope Fence Repair: Replacement rope is on hand, seeking volunteers to assist in repairing the eroded sections of the fence.
- Managing Nuisance Geese and E. coli Hazards: Passive mitigation measures are in place. As the geese become accustomed to the decoys, we are seeking out alternative mitigations as necessary.

CURRENT/FUTURE FOCUS AREAS

Safety/Accessibility

- Security and Beach Access: Seeking volunteers to assist in the closing of the parking lot gate at night. Please reach out if you are interested.
- Playgrounds: Playground safety inspection will take place this month. Pending the results of the inspection, actions to repair or replace equipment will follow. A decision to replace the suspension bridge will be made based on the recommendation of the inspector.

Maintenance:

- Sea Nettle Net: Seeking volunteers to assist in the repair and reinstallation of the net. Please reach out if you are interested in helping out!
- Rip Rap Maintenance: Coordination with vendor in progress to address seasonal erosion of shoreline protections
- East Playground: Infant Swing Set Seat Replacement (x2) is pending.

Improvements:

- 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, let's enjoy the summer!
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HSIA Events Committee Report

Helen Raven, Events Committee Chair



MEMORIAL DAY REMEMBRANCE

The Events Committee held the annual Memorial Day Remembrance on May 27 at the Beach. This event is a tribute to the men and women in service to our nation, including first responders and police. Veterans from Vietnam, Korea, and the Gulf conflicts shared stories and experiences. Thank you for your service.

SUMMER EVENTS

Head to the Beach on June 9 for the Moxie Blues Band concert from 5–8 p.m. Bring a chair, blanket, something to drink, and some friends for an evening of good music and fun.

July brings the annual Fourth of July Parade followed by snacks at the Beach. Watch the bulletin board, the official Hillsmere website, and Facebook page for more details. A round of applause for Stacie May. She's been coordinating this for several years and we owe a giant thank you to her for this annual event.



The Hillsmere Happy Hour Crew will put on a neighborhood Happy Hour at the Beach on Friday, July 12 from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to share, a chair, and BYOB. Remember to leave all glass and breakable cups and dishes at home.



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August is a hot month, so join us on Saturday August 10 at 6 p.m. for an ice cream social. Bring toppings and a chair. We will take care of the ice cream and sorbet.

EVENTS MEETING MAY SUMMARY

Planning for the June, July, and August events were discussed, and it looks like everything is on track. Sandy Brown and a few friends are working on plans for holiday decorations for the Hillsmere House. The decorations should be up before the Santa Run. The committee would like to see more games and sports equipment for the field. Recommendations were forwarded to the Field Committee.

Events meetings are open to residents.
All comments welcome.

- September 16, 7:00-8:00 PM at Hillsmere House
- October 21, 7:00-8:00 PM at Hillsmere House

Final Notes:

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 these. More volunteers are always welcome.



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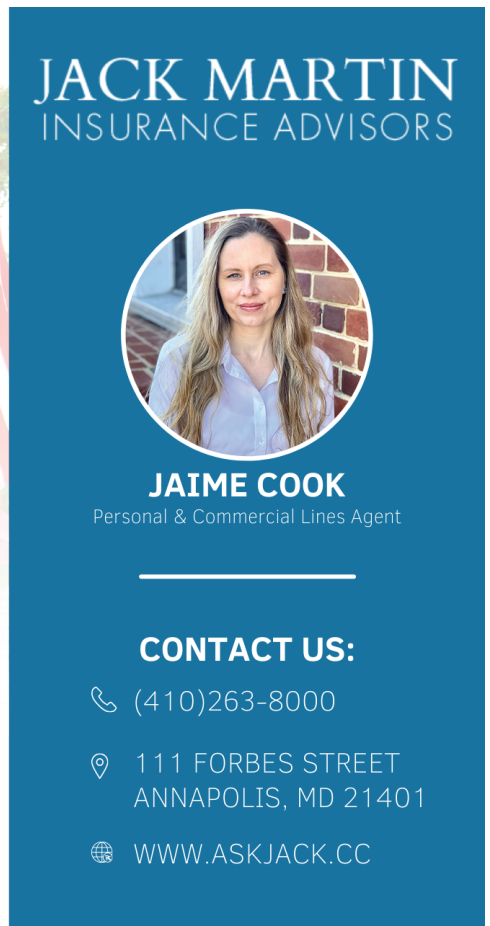


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Motions From May 2024 Board Meeting

NEW BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board accept the appointment of Geoff Werner as new Board member through December 2025. Bill Schrott seconded the motion. Vote taken—unanimously approved.

PROPERTY MANAGER

Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve Superior Reserve to do our Reserve Study. Claire Corcoran seconded the motion. Vote taken—unanimously approved.

BEACH

Geoff Werner moved the Board approve NTE \$2,000 to authorize the Property Manager to enter into a contract with Gregg Home Services to construct a ramp to transition from the 48" wide composite walkway into the Walker Pavilion, as follows:

1. Build 48" long ramp using composite deck board.
2. Pressure treated 2x6 joists will be spaced at 10" on center.
3. Ramp will be anchored to foundation that meets critical area code requirements.
4. Transition at top will be bridged by "T" shaped rubber profile.

Joanna Parkinson seconded the motion. Vote taken—unanimously approved.

COMMUNITY PARK

Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve NTE \$1,900 to purchase (1) Gaga ball pit for the Field. The pit surround is pressurized wood with a bumpers top at the ridge. Geoff Werner seconded the motion. Vote taken—7 in favor (Claire Corcoran, Geoff Werner, Joanna Parkinson, Ray Sullivan, Mike Wurst, Steve Vanderbosch, Bill Schrott); 1 opposed (Gene Gross); motion passed.

POOL

Joanna Parkinson moved the Board approve NTE \$3,000 to make repairs to both the men's restroom bathroom ceiling and the privacy partitions outside both men's and women's restrooms. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken—unanimously approved.

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



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IT'S A POOL, POOL SUMMER!

Danielle Franz, Pool Chair

The pool opened with a Dunkin' for Donuts celebration! Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped prepare the deck and do some behind-the-scenes work ordering furniture, scheduling vendors, and coordinated catering for our annual Memorial Day Party. Annapolis Smokehouse catered a wonderful event and despite some intermittent rain, the party went on!

Food trucks have started and are scheduled on Friday evenings through the season. Food trucks usually start around 5 p.m. and set up in the parking lot. Anyone in the neighborhood is welcome to come out and order food.

The Hillsmere Hammerheads practices are underway. We will be hosting four different meets at the pool this season. The dates for our meets are: 6/8, 6/29, 7/13 and 7/21. We may have some delayed openings these days so watch for details via email. The Hammerheads have a host of volunteers that help with parking around the pool on these event days; please remember to drive slowly and look for kids darting around the pool.

We have a lot of other events planned this season including holiday parties, glow party, water aerobics (schedule will be announced soon) and much more. Our committee can always use volunteers to help organize these events. Our next meeting is June 19 at 7p.m. at the Hillsmere Community House.

Pool hours are Sunday–Thursday 11 a.m.–8 p.m. and Friday–Saturday 11 a.m.–9 p.m. We are still accepting memberships through June 30.

If you have questions or concerns please email the pool committee at pool@hillsmershores.org.



FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

JUNE 14: PICANTE
JUNE 21: JIMMY'S FAMOUS SEAFOOD
JUNE 28: CHEVY'S
JULY 5: NO TRUCK, HOLIDAY
JULY 12: TAQUERIA EL PRIMO
JULY 19: PKG'S MOBILE KITCHEN
JULY 26: JIMMY'S FAMOUS SEAFOOD
AUGUST 2: SMASHBURGER
AUGUST 9: TBD
AUGUST 18: BNF PIZZA CO.
AUGUST 23: CHEVY'S
AUGUST 30: TAQUERIA EL PRIMO

Service starts at 5 p.m.
 All trucks subject to change

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

6/18	Environmental Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
6/19	Pool Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
6/27	HSIA Board Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
7/2	Beach Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
7/3	Field Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
7/9	Piers & Harbors Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.
7/11	HSIA General Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.

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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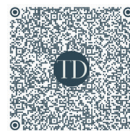
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Property Manager Report

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



As you enjoy Hillsmere's properties and facilities this season, please feel free to be in touch with Propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org with any issues or suggestions. I hope you are enjoying a happy spring and summer in the community. Special thanks to resident Sandy Anderson for her oversight and work to improve the front entrance garden this past month.

CONTRACTS

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

The role of the Property Manager in management of selected contractors is currently under review by the HSIA Board. The Property Manager has recommended policies that would place primary responsibility of management on the Board and Committee Chairs, especially for larger contracts.

GROUNDSKEEPING

Lopez Landscape LLC will be mowing Hillsmere's community properties Starting June 1, 2024. Lopez has also recently completed landscaping at the front entrance garden. The Hillsmere Board approved Welspryng LLC to conduct site prep, planting and mulching of more than 50 new shrubs and trees in the Hillsmere Drive median.

The Property Manager will be soliciting bids for more groundskeeping services this fall. She is assembling a list of contractors to send RFP and bid opportunities. If you have a groundskeeping service that you recommend, please send it to PropertyManager@hillsmereshores.org and she will add them to the contractor list for notification of new opportunities.

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, towards 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)

Mid-Atlantic is under contract to install a new dumpster gate and recycling bin enclosure 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 and Davey Ward is the backup. If you have any issues with Pet Waste Stations please email Dogstation@hillsmereshores.org and you may always cc 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.

The Property Manager ordered additional manila rope for the Beach Chair and finalized the painting contract for painting the beach pavilions, grills, bike racks and the shower station, painting and prep is scheduled for June 10–11.

The Property Manager is conducting a site visit with a contractor to backfill erosion at the sea wall and repair rip rap, and is finalizing dates for the selected contractor to weed the swingset and beach volleyball areas.

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 May, 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 and rules.

Did you know the following are rules in Hillsmere?

- Carports require an HSIA building permit, must follow HSIA setback requirements, and may require a County building or grading permit. (HSIA General Rules and Definitions, Rule 2.12)
- Trash cans must be removed from the roadside within 24 hours after collection. (HSIA General Rules and Definitions, Rule 2.14)
- The use of HSIA Community Property and facilities is restricted to Hillsmere Shores property owners/residents and their accompanied guests only, unless specifically authorized by the HSIA Board. Guests must be accompanied by the host owner/resident at all times. (HSIA General Rules and Definitions, Rule 2.16)

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 Board reviewed three bids and selected a contractor to conduct a Reserve Study. The Reserve Study will 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 waiting to connect with Anne Arundel County's Office of Disabilities to supplement the first bid obtained for an ADA audit by a national contractor.

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

The Good News Keeps on Coming! Following the lead of MDE and the Maryland Board of Public Works in approving a Wetlands Permit for the Project last month, on May 29, 2024, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (“ACE”) Permit was proffered to HSIA for the Sand Spit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project. One unexpected Special Condition would prohibit work between November 1 and March 15 to protect overwintering sturgeon, but we will try to get ACE to adjust the prohibition start date to November 15 to align with MDE’s work prohibition dates to protect migratory waterfowl. We will be exploring starting



preliminary work such as surveys, staking, mobilization, site preparation, etc., prior to Labor Day. We will continue working with the Federation and RRG to obtain an Anne Arundel County Grading Permit and to develop a mobilization and construction schedule. The first delivery of 80 of the total 252 Oyster Reef Balls to be incorporated into the Project took place on Thursday May 30, 2024, from Coastal Conservation Association Maryland. We are storing the reef balls (left) at the Beach Drive Boat Ramp until needed.

The Project has received a \$56,000 grant from Chesapeake Bay Trust and AACo. Bureau of Watershed Protection and Restoration, primarily to fund the marsh plantings as well as outreach associated with the plantings.

HSIA has contributed a second matching fund payment of \$20,000 toward the Project which will cover permitting fees, which the major grants for the Project do not cover. A description and design plans for the Project continue to be posted on the [HSIA Website](#).

NOAA HURRICANE FORECAST

NOAA National Weather Service forecasters again predict above-normal hurricane activity in the Atlantic basin this year. NOAA’s outlook for the 2024 Atlantic hurricane season, from June 1 to November 30, predicts an 85% chance of an above-normal season, a 10% chance of a near-normal season and a 5% chance of a below-normal season. NOAA is forecasting a range of 17 to 25 total named storms (winds of 39 mph or higher). Of those, 8 to 13 are forecast to become hurricanes (winds of 74 mph or higher), including 4 to 7 major hurricanes (category 3, 4 or 5; with winds of 111 mph or higher).

HURRICANE PLANS

Tropical storms and hurricanes threaten the Chesapeake Bay every year. Do you have a Hurricane Plan?

ITEM #1: HAUL OUT YOUR BOAT!

As has been amply demonstrated over the years, the HSIA Marina is not well protected and is extremely vulnerable to wind, storm surge and wave action. In addition, the slips are narrow, and the pilings are short. If a Tropical Storm or Hurricane Warning is issued for this area (generally 36 hours in advance), the NUMBER ONE thing to do is to remove your boat from the Marina, by having it trailered, hauled, or moved to safer moorings or hurricane holes. Make plans now with a commercial marina for a haul out if needed.

ITEM #2: DESIGNATE A CARETAKER!

If you are out of town or otherwise unavailable during hurricane season, it is critical that you have someone locally designated to take care of your boat. Make sure their contact information has been provided to the Chair of Piers & Harbors! (marina@hillsmershores.org).

ITEM #3: SECURE YOUR BOAT!

If you decide to let your boat ride out a storm at the Marina (NOT RECOMMENDED!), take appropriate steps to secure your boat and protect the Marina by rigging extra lines, doubling up mooring lines and placing protective fenders. Boat owners are solely and completely responsible for securing their boats if left in the Marina during a tropical storm or hurricane.

SLIP HOLDERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR AND ASSUME FULL AND SOLE RISK OF DAMAGE TO THEIR BOATS AND THEIR EQUIPMENT, THE BOATS AND EQUIPMENT OF OTHERS, AND THE HSIA PIERS AND DOCKS AS A RESULT OF LEAVING THEIR BOATS IN THE MARINA DURING A TROPICAL STORM OR HURRICANE.

- All power and water will be shut off at the Marina and boat ramps during tropical storms and hurricanes.
- Pay close attention to tropical storm forecasts, be proactive, and be ready to move your boat to safety.
- Kayaks, paddleboards and canoes are vulnerable, too, and should be tied down and secured, or removed to your yard or garage, or another safer place.

P&H OPERATIONS

- We contracted with Beyond Industries in Edgewater to fabricate and install an 18" raised aluminum platform for the Pump Out control cabinet and to mount the new pump out motor in the cabinet. Following electrical hookup, the Pump Out was back in operation on May 20, 2024.
- We have engaged a new electrician to address various electrical problems at the Marina. So far, he has wired the new Pump Out motor, replaced 3 malfunctioning circuit breakers, installed a new electrical outlet for the camera system, and corrected a reversed polarity issue at one pedestal. Another pedestal needs to be rewired, and he will be tracing suspected electrical leakage along the main dock.
- All Wet Slips and Lift Slips have been assigned. There are 10 people on the Wet Slip Active Waiting List and 13 people on the Lift Slip Active Waiting List.
- All 132 Kayak Rack spaces have been assigned. There are 26 people on the Racks Waiting List.
- Boat Park offers were sent to 18 people on the Boat Park Waiting List to fill approximately 12 spots in the Boat Park. Major re-positioning of trailers is needed to maximize parking spaces. The annual removal of new bamboo growth will be scheduled soon.
- The neighbors on the South side of the Boat Park have requested to join HSIA in seeking removal of the bamboo stand straddling our properties. We have requested Arundel Rivers Federation assistance in seeking grant funds for this invasive species removal.
- We are looking into constructing a shower/foot-wash station at the beginning of the Main Dock.
- The safety ladder at the Sunset Drive Boat Ramp was apparently struck by a boat and the steps were all broken off. A new safety ladder was installed Thursday May 30, 2024.
- The Marina work raft, that raft had been tied to the Main Dock between A Dock and C Dock for use by our boat lift and electrical contractors, apparently slipped its moorings and was first noticed missing on Sunday June 2, 2024. The wayward raft was located across Duvall Creek in Fishing Creek Farms Marina and was successfully retrieved.
- 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 or Norm Johansen at normjohansen@gmail.com.

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 July 9, 2024, 7 p.m.

All Slip Holders, Ramp Key Holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are invited to attend.

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.

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.

Hillsmere Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

In May the Club had an induction luncheon. Club vice-president, Jean Strucko, and her program committee have been planning the fall's meeting activities, however the group doesn't expect to have a general meeting until fall. A summer tea will be planned for August. Enjoy your garden this summer and we'll see any new members in the fall!

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.

Garden Club members maintain the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library all year. Below the sign is a fairy garden ("Birds Nest Hollow") that looks like a camping site!



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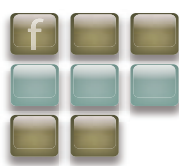
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June–July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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30	1 July	2 Beach Committee 7 p.m. Community House	3 Field Committee 7 p.m. Community House	4 4th of July Parade, 10 a.m. Key School to Beach Park	5	6
7	8	9 P&H Committee 7 p.m. Community House	10	11 HSIA General Membership Meeting 7 p.m. Key School Barn	12	13
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