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SAND SPIT CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERWAY!

Construction on the Sand Spit Living Shoreline Coastal Resiliency Project at the Hillsmere Shores Marina started on Monday September 30th. Read all about the project on page 17.

UPCOMING HSIA ELECTIONS

HSIA elections for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are set for November. Head to page 4 to read all about the candidates, the elections process, and Meet the Candidates night.

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HSIA Community News and Events

Jean Somers, HSIA Administrator

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

Please join us for Meet The Candidate Night in the Barn Commons, Key School, off of Carroll Drive on Thursday, October 10, at 7 p.m. This year we are electing our Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer) to serve a two-year term (2025 and 2026). Be sure to look at who is running and read their bios included in this issue (see page 4). A ballot will be in the November issue of the *Sea Breeze*. Please mark your calendars for our November General meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 14, at 7 p.m. in The Barn Commons, Key School.

BAND AT THE BEACH EVENT

Join us at the beach on Saturday, October 19, for our last Band at the Beach event for the year. Red Sky Dawn will be entertaining us from 4 to 6 p.m. that day. We will also have a Volunteer Recognition at the pavilion as well. Please come hear music for all ages and thank our wonderful volunteers! Raindate is Saturday, October 26, same time. BYO food and drink. **REMINDER—PLEASE LEAVE ALL GLASS AND BREAKABLES AT HOME!**

OYSTER ROAST

Save the date for our Oyster Roast at the Beach on Saturday, November 2.

POLITICAL SIGNS

Please follow our HSIA General Rules for political signs on your property. 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.

HALLOWEEN PARADE

Calling all ghouls, goblins, and ghosts—Hillsmere's Halloween Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 27, starting at 1 p.m. Please meet at The Key School gazebo at the corner of Hillsmere and Carroll Drives. We will parade to the beach and share some refreshments. Hope to see you there!

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

The last two Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Days for 2024 will be September 14 and October 12 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 <u>Household</u> <u>Hazardous Anne Arundel County Government</u> Waste Drop Off or call 410-222-6100.





WELCOME COMMITTEE ART CONTEST

The Welcome Committee continues to make the rounds, sharing neighborhood information with our many new residents. Our Welcome bags are often the first HSIA contact for new residents, and we're about to place a new order, allowing us to update the design.

We're excited to announce the "Hillsmere Welcome" art contest. Designs should fit on an 8.5 x 11 paper and, in the interest of cost-efficiency, be suitable for one color printing. Any Hillsmere residents, young and old and in-between, can submit a design. Entries should include:

- a PDF or photo of the artwork
- name and address of artist

and be sent to Welcome@hillsmereshores.org no later than October 30, 2024.

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 <u>admin@hillsmereshores.org</u>. 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.

HSIA Events Committee Report

Helen Raven, Events Committee Chair

October Events Meeting:

- October 21 at 7 p.m. at the Hillsmere House
- The meeting will focus on decorating the House and coordinating with the Fire Department and the Santa Run.
- The meeting will be advertised in the *Sea Breeze*, HSIA website, and eblast.

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.



<u>2025–2026 Elections—Meet the Candidates</u>

An election will be held this November for the four HSIA Officer positions—President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. All candidates are residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community and are confirmed to be in good standing and current in their HSIA membership. Ballots will be included in the November issue of the Sea Breeze and available on our website.

MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT

Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m. The Barn Commons, Key School

This is an opportunity to meet candidates for the HSIA Executive Board (President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary) and ask questions about their history of Hillsmere volunteerism, vision for the community, and commitment to serve for the next two years. Candidates must be residents of the Hillsmere Shores Community, confirmed to be in good standing, and current HSIA members. Ballots will be included in the November issue of the *Sea Breeze* and available on the HSIA website.

VOTING AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Current HSIA 2024 dues paying members can vote. Paying dues gives one (1) member of the household the right to vote. Additional members over the age of 18 can become additional members for \$25 per person. Not sure you're a 2024 HSIA member? Please email admin@hillsmereshores.org or leave a message on the Hillsmere voicemail at 410-263-4456 and we can let you know. If you are not a current member and wish to join to be able to vote in the board member election, you MUST send your membership form and dues payment to HSIA by close of business November 3, 2024.

ELECTIONS

• November 14, 7 p.m., Key School the Barn Commons



Candidate Statements

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT, CLAIRE CORCORAN

It has been 8+ years since my move to Hillsmere Shores; my previous homes were located in Bowie, Frederick and Baltimore. Since 2018, I have been serving on the HSIA Board of Directors, Chaired the Security and Zoning Committees and most recently, served in the position of Vice President. Professionally, I hold both Bachelor's and Master's degrees as well as Certification in Legal Studies (paralegal). I am a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, where I served in a presidential support unit in Washington, D.C.; I've also worked in public education as well as real estate redevelopment with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Currently, I am employed by the Naval Academy Business Services Division. In addition, I am a US Sailing certified instructor as well as a volunteer with a sailing non-profit that serves veterans.

As a Board member and volunteer in Hillsmere, I have taken the lead on issues related to zoning, principally property use and maintenance, which has required my working with Anne Arundel permit and zoning inspectors, the Health Department, DPW, the county executive's office and the county council. My goals are to work towards preserving and enhancing the character of our neighborhood as a single family, residential community in which residents feel safe, neighbors take pride in their homes and property values remain strong. As such, my vision for Hillsmere is for the community to maintain and grow its standing as a safe, desirable and attractive neighborhood for homeowners and their families in the years to come.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT, JAYE FALLS

I am a naval architect and have the honor to teach at the US Naval Academy. In recent years I have been able to increase my volunteering and have spent valuable time with the PTSA at Bates Middle School, with various student mentorship organizations, and with Hillsmere itself.

This is a wonderful neighborhood and the more I interact with our neighbors the more I want to be involved with HSIA. I would like to give more of my time to our community and support the board to the best of my ability.

CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT, ROMEO SANTOS

I'm Romeo Santos, and my wife Sara and our 2 young daughters have had the pleasure of calling this beautiful community home for the past two years. As I've become more involved, I've had the opportunity to serve on the Slips Committee, working to maintain and improve the waterfront amenities that are so vital to our lifestyle here. Through this experience, I've gained a deeper appreciation for the dedication it takes to preserve the unique character of our community while ensuring it continues to meet the needs of all residents.

My professional background as a real estate agent specializing in luxury homes, along with my expertise as a contractor, allows me to bring valuable insights to the table. I'm skilled in property management, project oversight, and financial planning—key areas that are essential to the effective operation of our association. These experiences have taught me the importance of listening to the voices of the community and making informed, thoughtful decisions that reflect our shared goals.

As Vice President, I will advocate for greater transparency, improved communication, and enhanced community engagement. My priority is to foster a collaborative environment where all homeowners feel empowered to share their ideas and concerns. Whether it's preserving our outdoor spaces and waterfront or

ensuring that our infrastructure meets the demands of our neighborhood, I am committed to working hard for the best Hillsmere Shores possible!

I look forward to continuing my service to this wonderful community and am eager to contribute even more as your Vice President. Thank you for your consideration and support!

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY, HELENE RAVEN

Bio: I am a long-time resident of Hillsmere and a current member of HSIA. I'm currently serving on the Board and previously served twice. I was on the Pool Committee for several years, as well as the Welcoming, House, and Field committees. I currently serve as Events Committee Chair and have taken on responsibility for the Community House.

Vision: Combine the new with the old.

Hillsmere is a diverse community and a welcoming one. In the last five years, Hillsmere welcomed an unprecedented number of new neighbors. Newer residents can bring more energy and enthusiasm to committees and projects. Residents with longer histories of Hillsmere can bring their experiences and histories when addressing community-wide issues.

Goals: Through community projects at the beach, marina, and pool, we've worked together and met neighbors then became friends. Friendships build and grow when people find common ground and common interests.

Goal: Foster community involvement through volunteer and community-wide events. Communication is critical to resolving issues. Facebook and social media are a poor substitute for direct conversations.

Goal: Be available to meet with residents through regularly scheduled "open house" events. Committees do not operate effectively when working as separate entities.

Goal: Attend as many committee meetings as possible.

Hillsmere is a special tax district so the taxes we pay are identified on our property tax bills. These funds are used for community maintenance and improvement. Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association (HSIA) is membership driven and the \$25 membership fee is used for events open to the community (Happy Hours, holiday parades, and other community events). The Hillsmere Pool and Marina are funded through additional fees. Hillsmere is currently involved in reserve studies to identify future funding needs.

Goal: Support these studies through reports to the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER, GENE GROSS

I am seeking reelection to serve as Treasurer for the next term. I have been an HSIA member in good standing since moving to Hillsmere in 2001 and have served as Treasurer for the past seven years. If elected, I will ensure fiscal responsibility and support any initiatives that are supported by the residents of Hillsmere to improve our community from an environmental, safety, civic, and social standpoint.

SAVE OUR HILLSMERE TREES! OCTOBER 19

Our Trees are Dying! Many roadside trees are slowly dying because invasive English Ivy steals their water and nutrients, rots their bark, can cause them to topple, and can block their sunlight.

HSIA is collaborating with Save Our Trees, a component organization of the AACo Watershed Stewards Academy, to fight back and trim ivy and other vines from Hillsmere roadside trees, especially along Hillsmere Drive, within the County right-of-way.

Volunteers will meet in the morning, exact time TBD but likely around 9:30 a.m. at the Eastport/Annapolis Neck Library parking lot for brief instructions on how to safely and effectively trim ivy and other vines from roadside trees. Volunteers will then fan out along Hillsmere Drive to trim invasive English Ivy from our trees.

Bring garden clippers, gloves, yard waste bags and your "Can-Do" Hillsmere enthusiasm to make a difference, improve our environment and Save Our Hillsmere Trees!

How to do it guidelines can be found at: <u>https://saveourtreestogether.org/resources/removing-ivy/</u>

If we can rely on your help, please RSVP to Kevin Green at: environment@hillsmereshores.org



WAYS TO BOOST YOUR HOME'S FALL CURB APPEAL

As the weather begins to cool and leaves begin to change colors, your home's exterior might need a fall refresh. With a bit of time and effort, you can revive its charm for the new season!

If you are considering selling your home, I'll be happy to recommend any updates that will bring in the most for your investment dollars and offer advice on getting your home ready to go on the market.



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1.MAINTAIN YOUR LAWN

Rake leaves and either compost them or bag them for recycling, then edge your lawn for a crisp, clean look.

2. TRIM TREES & SHRUBS

Remove dead blooms, trim unruly stems, and cut dead branches at the base. Hire a professional to trim large trees before winter to prevent damage from wind or snow.

3. CLEAR OUT FLOWER BEDS

Pull weeds and remove faded annuals. Plant fall bloomers like mums, marigolds, asters, or flowering kale for vibrant color, then add a fresh layer of mulch for a neat, polished look.

4. CLEAN OUTDOOR LIGHTING

With shorter days, outdoor lighting improves curb appeal and safety. Remove and clean glass shades with glass cleaner and wipe other parts with an all-purpose cleaner.

5. POWER WASH EXTERIOR

Wash away built-up dirt from your siding, foundation, sidewalks and driveway with a power washer.

6. SPRUCE UP FRONT DOOR & PORCH

Sweep away summer debris, fix any loose railings or steps, clean your windows inside and out and if needed repaint porch furniture and your front door.

7. DECORATE

Create an inviting look with a fall wreath on the front door and potted seasonal flowers. Further dress up your porch by adding a few pumpkins and an autumn-themed welcome mat.







Information deemed reliable, but not guaranteed. If your property is listed with another broker, this is not intended as a solicitation of that listing.

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HSIA Community Beach Report

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

As we move deeper into fall, we reflect on the moments shared throughout another wonderful season at Hillsmere Shores. The crisp autumn air brings a new energy to our beach, offering ideal conditions for long walks and peaceful afternoons by the water. Our community's dedication has continued to shine through, with improvements made over the summer now ready to be enjoyed in this perfect October weather. Whether you're soaking in the beauty of the changing leaves or taking advantage of the final beach days of the year, we hope everyone finds time to appreciate all the hard work from our volunteers that has gone into making Hillsmere Beach the vibrant space it is today!

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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

NEXT EVENT DETAILS

- Date: Oct. 19
- 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 ٠ 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@hillsmereshores.org.

NEXT MEETING

November: TBD Hillsmere Shores Community House

PREVIOUS MONTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Community Beach Cleanup

During our beach cleanups this summer, a large number of dedicated volunteers showed great teamwork and worked to clean up debris, relocate sand that was washed into the pavilions and respond to storm damage on July 14 and again after Tropical Storm Debby in August. A special thank you goes out to Michelle and Tom O'Brien for spearheading the efforts—we all appreciate it!

SAFETY/ACCESSIBILITY/MAINTENANCE INITIATIVES

Playgrounds: Continued efforts to address deficiencies identified in the June safety inspection by Playscapes by Post, Certified Playground Safety Inspector.



Note: A hard copy of the survey is available upon request and will be made available at BOD and

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Thank you to all that have already taken the survey. We currently have 218 responses! Your feedback is already helping to identify

priorities and focus our efforts. If you have not yet, 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 quide the team as we draft our long-term plan and budget for future spending: HSIA Beach Survey.

General meetings.



- Site visit/inspection with Miracle representative (small East playground equipment manufacturer) complete.
- o Motion approved at AUG BOD meeting NTE \$14,000 to repair hazards to include: cracked slides, cargo net, space ship Columbia, spring rockers, swing seats and chains and therapeutic swing.
- o Sole source justification approved for repair of Miracle Playground Equipment by Metro Recreation.
- o Contract signed and deposit pending
- o Currently coordinating with representative to confirm timeline of repairs and schedule work.
- Site visit/inspection with Burke representative (large West playground equipment manufacturer) complete. Way ahead is pending determination by Beach Committee.
- o Subcommittee established to lead the project to replace the out of lifecycle equipment. Establishing project charter and project management plan.
- o \$100,000 earmarked for Beach Playground Equipment in FY26 Budget under Capital Expenditures line of accounting
- Playground Surfacing: Coordination with HSIA Property Manager to solicit vendors to replenish the surfacing in safe use areas of the playgrounds and swing set.
- o Quote solicitation in progress for replenishment of pea gravel and sand
- Sinkhole Repair:

o Coordination with Environmental committee and HSIA Property Manager underway to solicit vendors to address sinkhole along the sea wall on the East beach.

Maintenance

- Water Quality/E Coli./Geese Mitigation Measures:
- o Environmental committee reports the Hillsmere Beach failed bacteria testing 4 times in the summer of 2024 prior to hiring Maryland Geese Control.
- Maryland Geese Control professional services acquired through August and early September. The service has proven to be an effective deterrent and the handler reported a reduction in the nuisance geese population resulting in observably less waste from geese. Intent is to continue the use of the services in the spring of 2025.

Improvements

Picnic Tables: Lifecycle replacement of picnic tables underway.

o Motion approved at SEP BOD meeting for the purchase of six tables (2 ADA accessible) NTE \$10,000

o Coordinating with HSIA Property manager to solicit three quotes prior to purchase

 Adirondack Chairs: Motion to purchase four (4) Adirondack Chairs with a grass anchor system approved by BOD at JUL meeting—pending purchase





CURRENT/FUTURE FOCUS AREAS

SAFETY/ACCESSIBILITY

• Automated Gate/Security Monitoring System: Continued coordination with Security Committee to research solutions and solicit quotes

MAINTENANCE

- Winterization and long-term plan to codify annual recurring maintenance
- Focus will shift from reactive, ad-hoc maintenance to establishing preventative maintenance protocols
- Plantings: coordination with Environmental Committee to add native plants throughout the property to assist in stormwater mitigation.

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IMPROVEMENTS

 Development of a long-term plan will be the focus of the Beach Committee throughout the Fall and Winter. We will incorporate feedback from Community Survey for desired features and improvements, plan for improvements for accessibility of walkways, parking and play areas, and collaborate with the Environmental Committee to formulate strategies aimed at safeguarding the shoreline against erosion.

Sweaters, sunsets and sandy strolls—see you at the beach this fall! beach@hillsmereshores.org







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UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS			
10/10Meet the Candidates NightBarn Commons, Key School		Barn Commons, Key School	
10/15	Pool Committee	119 Great Lake Dr.	
10/21	Events Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.	
10/24	HSIA Board Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.	
11/12	Piers & Harbor Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr.	

HSIA Community House

Helene Raven, Hillsmere House Chair

The Hillsmere House is scheduled for multiple projects this fall and winter. The garage and basement storage will be upgraded, and improved landscaping will help control runoff while giving the house a more finished look.

The Hillsmere House is available to residents on a trial basis from October 1 through December 14. Residents can reserve the House by contacting the Hillsmere Administrator at administrator@hillsmereshores.org.

The House is available from noon until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. During the trial, the Administrator can accept only two reservations each week.

Residents can reserve the House two times per month. A deposit of \$200 is required, which will be returned after the House is checked.

Call the Hillsmere Phone Number at 410-263-4456 and leave a message for a complete list of House Rules.

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As a personal and business insurance specialist, Jaime Cook has been advising families and businesses in the area for over 20 years. Jaime makes the insurance process simple and efficient by helping you to consider all the variables and presenting your options in a way that allows you to make the best choice for your needs and budget.

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Security Update

Many of you have met our security guards, Melanie and Nick, by now. They have been doing a great job and we appreciate the community being respectful to them as they work to safeguard our community. There have been some instances of residents being rude and using foul language with the guards. This is incredibly inappropriate and should not happen under any circumstance. If a resident has an issue with one of the security guards, please contact security@hillsmereshores.org and I will respond to you within 12 hours.

In an effort to discourage trespassing at the Marina, Beach, Boat Ramp and Boat Park, our guards are issuing Trespassing Notices to vehicles that do not have Hillsmere Stickers and/or Marina placards on their vehicles. Trespassing is a crime and Maryland trespassing laws under Section 6-402 call for up to 90 days in jail and a fine of up to \$500 for a first offense. Trespassers face up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 if the offense is repeated within 24 months of the initial crime.

A copy of all issued Trespassing Notices will be filed with law enforcement agencies in the state the vehicle is registered 7 days after being issued. This will provide any residents that receive a trespassing notice due to lack of a sticker and/or Marina pass time to contact the HSIA Administrator to confirm they are residents and request a free HSIA vehicle sticker and/or Marina pass. In these cases, the Trespassing Notice will NOT be filed with law enforcement and will be destroyed.

Speeding & Traffic Issues: HSIA has hired off-duty Anne Arundel County Police to conduct traffic enforcement patrols in our community. Speeding is a significant issue, particularly on Hillsmere, Edgemere, Beach and Harbor Drives. There are also issues with drivers not stopping at stop signs and drivers going into the opposing traffic lane to pass other drivers. The AACoPD will be in our community starting October 1, 2024 for the sole purpose of enforcing posted traffic laws. They will conduct stops and issue warnings and citations in accordance with the rules and regulations they would follow while on-duty.

As a reminder, Chesapeake is not 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.



TOP AGENT

COLDWELL BANKER REALTY OVER \$400 MILLION SOLD!



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Property Manager Report

Cassie Heckman, HSIA Property Manager, propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org





INTRODUCTION

Hi neighbors! I am pleased to have stepped into the role as HSIA Property manager. I am a second generation resident of Hillsmere, and love our community. I have two boys who attend our local schools, one at Hillsmere Elementary, and one at Annapolis Middle School. I am excited to serve in this role and I am excited to help keep our community in great shape for all of our residents to enjoy.

UPDATES

There are many projects happening around the community this fall. I am currently working on getting estimates to add gravel and sand to the play areas at the beach. I will also be taking the lead in making the recycling and dumpster area at the pool finished and winterized. In addition, we have landscaping projects on tap for the community house and along the pool at Harbor Drive. We are excited to have these maintenance projects in the works to keep these areas looking their best.

REPAIRS

You may see some ongoing repair work at the beach this fall. I have estimates to repair the sinkhole along the bulkhead and hope to have that work completed before the spring. We also will have various parts of the playground repaired for safety reasons.

MAINTENANCE

Lopez Landscaping, LLC will be continuing to handle the grass cutting, weeding and mulching in the community. WelSpryng will continue maintenance of the rain garden areas both on the pool field and beach properties. We will be preparing RFPs for these services for the spring. Please feel free to reach out if you are interested in bidding for a contract.

NEIGHBORHOOD MONITORING

One part of my job is to drive our community to look for any deviations from HSIA guidelines. This includes looking at residences, community and county owned properties. This month, I successfully had old road construction machinery removed from Tayman Drive. If you spot any issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. On behalf of the HSIA Board of Directors I also sent out letters regarding political signage and dumpsters.

I look forward to serving all of our community in this role. Please email me with any questions or concerns!

POOL COMMITTEE

Danielle Franz and Crystal Monkman, Pool Chairs

The pool committee is already working on our 2025 Pool Season!

Your Opinion Matters: Community Survey We're reaching out to you to get a better understanding of your experience with our pool facilities. We want to ensure that our pool meets your needs and expectations, and we believe your feedback is crucial to achieving that goal.

We know that our pool is a valuable community resource, and we want to make sure it's as enjoyable as possible for everyone. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey and share your honest thoughts and opinions. Your input will help us identify areas

where we can improve and make our pool an even better place for everyone to enjoy.

You can take the survey using the <u>this link</u>, or by scanning the QR code on the right. If you would like a paper copy of the survey, it will be available at the next board meeting or by contacting us at pool@ hillsmereshores.org.

Join the Committee: We're always looking for enthusiastic volunteers! Just email us at pool@hillsmereshores.org.

Save the Date!

Our next committee meeting will be Tuesday, October 15 at 7 p.m. at the Community House. Hope to see you there! Hillsmere Pool Committee

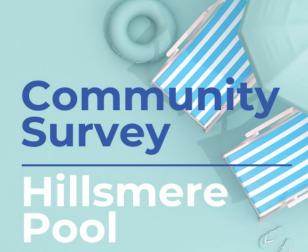
Looking for our Forever Family Home in Hillsmere Shores.



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

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Motions From September 2024 Board Meeting

TREASURER

Gene Gross moved the Board approve a Special Tax Rate increase of \$36 from \$249 to \$285 annually to cover Recurring Operating Expenses. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – 9 in favor (Claire Corcoran, Gene Gross, Mike Wurst, Ray Sullivan, Helene Raven, Maria Triandos, Steve Vanderbosch, Geoff Werner, Joanna Parkinson; 1 opposed (Bill Schrott); motion passed.

PERMITS

Bill Schrott moved the Board approve to alter the guidelines, pending language edits approved by Permits Chair and Legal Committee, concerning the boundary line setbacks that govern the construction of sheds in Hillsmere Shores; recommending that the HSIA adopt the Anne Arundel County requirements for shed construction. Those rules state that sheds (up to 150 sq. ft.) be a minimum of 7' distance from the boundary lines of one's contiguous lots. HSIA's existing rule, in the covenants, are that those distances be 15'. However, unlike the AA County's rules, HSIA would require that an HSIA Permit be requested and approved. Helene Raven seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT

Geoff Werner moved the Board approve Hillsmere Shores resident Andrew Mullin to use fenced in recycling area to the left of the trash dumpster in the pool parking lot for the purpose of a community environmental project. For a period of 30 days, Andrew Mullin and his team will collect recyclables from participating residents at their home and sort into respective bins at the recycling area. As the bins fill, bails of material will be moved offsite. Area will be kept clean, bins locked, and no drop off recycling will be permitted; pick up will be strictly from participating residents in the project. Enclosure to be returned back to the original



WATER COOLERS

state that enclosure was found. Starting schedule will be coordinated with Pool and Field Chairs. Note – this is a non-profit endeavor. Steve Vanderbosch seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

HOUSE

Helene Raven moved the Board accept the proposal from Welspryng for landscaping around the Hillsmere House. Mike Wurst seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.



A REFRESHING SOLUTION

HagueWaterofMD.com

Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE/COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT

After a four week delay due to circumstances beyond our control (3 weeks attributable to the contractor's delay on another project, and 1 week attributable to AACo Inspections and Permits as it revised certain paperwork, signature and notarization requirements), construction on the Sand Spit Living Shoreline Coastal Resiliency Project at the Hillsmere Shores Marina started on Monday September 30. See the <u>HSIA Website</u> for more information on the Project and design drawings.

The contractor for the Project, Resource Restoration Group, LLC ("RRG"), has mobilized, prepared the site and staged equipment. Multiple truckloads of sand are being delivered daily, with rock soon to follow. Work will take place during 10hour workdays, typically 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Thursdays. Fridays will be used as workdays as needed due to weather and other scheduling issues. All of the sand and rock will be delivered to the site by dump trucks traveling along Hillsmere Drive to Bay View Drive East. Expect multiple truckloads of rock and sand to be delivered every workday.



Considering the delayed start, RRG has revised its schedule to complete rock work (headlands) before the migratory waterfowl stop-work deadline of November 15, and finish sand work later. This means that rather than having 3 distinct work areas/phases, rock work will be done along the entire Sand Spit first. To facilitate the accelerated work, RRG will use cones as needed rather than fencing to delineate construction zones on the gravel lot. Dump truck turn around zones will also be marked by cones as needed.

The first construction zone begins at the earthen berm on the right-hand side at the end of the Marina driveway and extends to the vicinity of Slip #19. The right side of the gravel lot heading in is the Construction Zone, and the Marina travel lane is on the left side toward the Marina Bulkhead. Speed bumps and parking dividers have been removed. There is no parking from Slip #1 to Slip #20 during the first construction phase.

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, Piers and Harbor generated income of \$180,923. After expenses of \$155,669 (including extraordinary expenses for 8 new boat lifts) and the transfer of a \$20,000 Community Support Fee to the HSIA General Fund, a total of \$5,254 was allocated to the Reserves and Contingency Fund. This amount is far less than the

CAUTION! CAUTION! CAUTION!

This is a work zone with heavy equipment, large stone, and tons of sand. STAY OUT OF THE CONSTRUCTION ZONES!

DRIVE CAREFULLY!

There will be new traffic patterns. There will be dump trucks coming and going! The SPEED LIMIT is still 5 MPH! contribution of \$102,500 recommended by the P&H Reserve Study, but still results in an unaudited year-end cash balance of \$680,231, which continues to exceed the P&H Reserve Study recommended cash balance. Note: all figures are unaudited.

The P&H Reserve Study recommends annual contributions to the Reserves & Contingency Fund of over \$100,000 to be able to meet future expenses. The P&H Committee is recommending to the HSIA Board that slip fees be increased for CY 2025, for the first time since 2015, by approximately 10%. This will increase P&H Income by approximately \$15,000 per year. No other P&H fee increases are proposed at this time.

A Draft P&H Budget for FY2026, including the above fee increase, has been forwarded to the HSIA Budget Committee for presentation to the HSIA Board. The Draft FY2026 Budget projects P&H Income of \$185,700, Expenses of \$65,000, a Community Support transfer of \$20,000 and a Reserve & Contingency contribution of \$100,700.

P&H OPERATIONS

Electrical work, delayed by a combination of weather and scheduling, resumed in late September. Our electrician has replaced 32 non-GFCI circuit breakers with code-compliant GFCI breakers, conducted circuit tracing, and re-labeled all breakers in the electrical panels. He also conducted professional tests of Electrical Current Leakage ("ECL") on about a dozen boats identified as potentially leaking current and prepared written reports. The P&H Committee will be recommending to the HSIA Board changes to the Marina Rules and Regulations to address annual ECL testing and compliance requirements.

The replacement picnic table at the Sand Spit was delivered and was assembled in place on September 26th. The park bench that was there will be relocated to the Kayak Ramp.

The 10-foot signs at the Marina facing the South River (reading: "Hillsmere Shores", "Where the South River Meets the Bay"), that were relocated to the Marina years ago from the Hillsmere entrance, had reached the end of their useful life and have been removed. They will be replaced in the Spring with a new 8' sign reading "Hillsmere Shores Marina."

Routine maintenance has continued as needed. Norm Johansen has replaced several dock boards that were damaged by boats during storm events, and a missing board was replaced at the Kayak Dock. If you see any damage, deficiencies, inoperable equipment or something that needs repair, like loose dock boards, torn piling caps, broken fixtures, leaking faucets, etc. Please let us know. Contact Steve Vanderbosch at marina@ hillsmereshores.org or 410-212-6978, or Norm Johansen at normjohansen@gmail.com or 443-822-8945.

NON-NATIVE INVASIVE ("NNI") SPECIES REMOVAL

We have been working with Arundel Rivers Federation to seek grant assistance for NNI species removal, primarily the bamboo stand at the Boat Park and phragmites removal at multiple waterfront locations.

Flood Brothers Marine Consultants, Inc. has been authorized to proceed with phragmites removal at multiple HSIA waterfront properties, including the Boat Park, Kayak Ramp, Sunset Boat Ramp, Marina, and the Beach. Flood is obtaining an AACo Vegetation Management Plan and will treat the affected areas. HSIA is collaborating with Save Our Trees, a component organization of the AACo Watershed Stewards Academy, to trim English Ivy and other vines from Hillsmere roadside trees, especially along Hillsmere Drive, within the County right-of-way.

WINTER PREPARATIONS

We have enjoyed a relatively mild and almost storm-free summer season all the way to October! We hope the stretch of pleasant weather continues throughout the Fall. Colder weather may be here before you know it,

and the Marina will transition to winter operations, including:

(1) removing the porta-potty

(2) turning off and winterizing the water and pump out systems at the main Marina as soon as a hard freeze is forecast

(3) accommodating slip holders who are leaving their oats in the water with temporary assignment to more protected Winter Slips behind the bulkhead

(4) ensuring boats staying in the water over the winter are properly secured, with extra lines as necessary(5) installing ice-eaters throughout the Marina in December, if necessary, to be prepared to prevent ice buildup.

P&H MEETINGS

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

• Tuesday November 12, 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

WINTER SLIPS

As usual, slip holders are requested to notify the Slips Committee about plans for your boats this fall/winter. This will help determine ice-eater locations, and which bulkhead slips may be available to A and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter. If you will be hauling your boat for the winter, please email the Slips Committee at marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org. Please include your name, slip number, approximate date hauling out, and approximate date returning.

For A Dock and C Dock slip holders remaining in the Marina for the winter, you may request a bulkhead Winter Slip by emailing the Slips Committee at marinaslips@hillsmereshores.org. If you are a current bulkhead slip holder and will remain in the Marina, you need not do anything. You will keep your slip as assigned. Winter Slip assignments are temporary, and Winter Slips must be vacated by March 15, 2025, or sooner if requested by the permanent slip holder. Failure to remove your boat from a temporary Winter Slip assignment may result in transient charges of \$1/foot/day.

SLIP CLEANUP

When you haul your boat out for the season, please remove all mooring lines, shore power cords, and hoses. In addition, if your slip has any "dead" lines hanging off the pilings from previous tenants, please remove them, too. Let's keep the Marina looking good!

BOAT PARK

The Boat Park is full. As Boat Park space holders haul their boats for winter storage, it is very important to follow the parking scheme:

- empty trailers and small boats in the rear of the lot
- large, two-axle trailers on the left side and right side fenced area
- single-axle trailers on the right side and the front of the lot
- angled parking for all
- everyone parked close together

If you lock your trailer, the P&H Chair needs a copy of the key or the lock combination in case we have to reposition your trailer!

BOAT RAMPS AND KAYAK RACKS

Boat Ramp users are requested to not park their vehicles/trailers adjacent to the Kayak Racks at both Boat Ramps, since close parking impedes access to, removal and re-racking of kayaks. Give them some space!

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@hillsmereshores.org or voicemail, 410-263-4456.





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Hillsmere Garden Club Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

Our "By the Sea" floral arrangements were spectacular, creative and beautiful! Thirteen members participated, enhancing our meeting with their time and talents. The arrangements ranged from lovely floral with a conch shell anchoring the vase, to flowers made from shells, to a serving plate diorama with tiny beach chairs, palm trees, sand, and tiny "beer bottles."

Our fall field trip to Annmarie Gardens will be the third Wednesday in October. These trips



are generally for members and guests, so talk to your favorite garden club member if you'd like information on the trip.

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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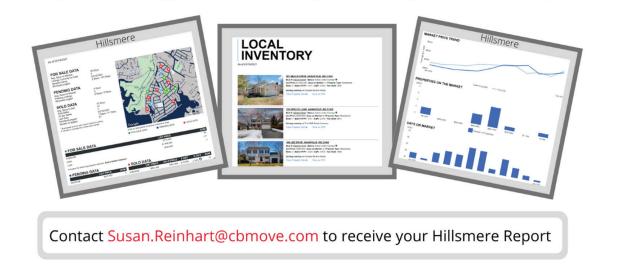
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October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 Beach Committee 7 p.m. Community House	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 Meet the Candidates Night, 7 p.m. Key School Barn Commons	11	12
13	14	15 Pool Committee 7 p.m. Community House	16	17	18	19 Band at the Beaach, 4–6 p.m.
20	21 Events Committee 7 p.m. Community House	22	23	24 HSIA Board Meeting 7 p.m. Community House	25	26
27 Halloween Parade, 1 p.m. Key Gazebo to Beach Park	28	29	30	31	Nov. 1	2 Oyster Roast
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