

The Sea Breeze



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Come and Get it!

It's been a cold and snowy few weeks here in Hillsmere. But don't fret, spring and summer are on their way. And what better way to kick off warmer days than at Come And Get It Day! Head to the Key School Barn Commons on February 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to renew your HSIA membership, slips, pool membership, get car stickers and more. See all the details on page 4, as well as membership forms for the neighborhood association and pool on pages 5-8.

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HSIA Community Events

Helene Raven, HSIA Secretary; Events and House Committees

HOLIDAYS IN HILLSMERE

This Holiday Season was exciting with the Santa Caravan, Santa Run, and mystery fire truck driving through the neighborhood. Neighbors and guests were greeted at the entrance with wreaths while the community house and fields were decorated with bows and ornaments. Thank you to the Hillsmere Garden Club and other volunteers who made Hillsmere festive this Holiday Season.



SANTA RUN

Thanks to the Annapolis Firefighters Local 1926 for sponsoring the Santa Run again this year. Each year Santa rides into Hillsmere and around the county on a fire truck to pick up new toys for needy children in Annapolis and the County. Our neighbors, local businesses, the Annapolis Fire Department, the Annapolis Police Department, and Anne Arundel County Sheriff's Office delivered toys for over 5,000 children since the first Santa Run. Special thanks to Joanna and Al Parkinson, and Kurt Beall for their help making the Santa Run a success.

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VOLUNTEERS

Again, thank you to all of the volunteers that make Hillsmere a wonderful community. Some are recognized on these pages, but there are many more unsung heroes in the neighborhood who show up for work days, board and general meetings, or provide needed help on short notice. Our volunteers put in thousands of hours each year working on projects and maintenance for the beach, marina, entrance, Hillsmere Drive median, rain gardens, pool, swim team, field, and Hillsmere Community House. They work on permitting, traffic and security issues.

HSIA volunteers welcome new neighbors, organize social events including parades, happy hours, ice cream socials, and bands at the beach. Other volunteers serve on the board of Quiet Waters and keep us informed of improvements and upcoming issues at the park.

The HSIA Board commits to 16 board and general meetings each year and the ongoing responsibilities for Board-related issues in the neighborhood. Please thank a volunteer, or better yet, join your neighbors and become a volunteer.

2025 BEACH RESERVATIONS

The 2025 Beach calendar is open for reservations. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Administrator at 410-263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to admin@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 a confirmation from the HSIA Administrator. If you are serving alcohol at your party, you will need to obtain an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License. Further instructions on how to obtain a One Day Liquor License will be given at time of booking.

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YOUR NEIGHBOR ON HUSE DRIVE

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Housing prices remain high, and expert staging and marketing can ensure you get top dollar for your property.

3. UPGRADE OR DOWNSIZE:

Whether you need more space or are ready to simplify, now is the perfect time to find a home that suits your lifestyle.

4. MOVE CLOSER TO YOUR GOALS:

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COME AND GET IT DAY

Come And Get It Day, our annual membership day, is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barn Commons at Key School. In this issue of the *Sea Breeze*, you will find the 2025 HSIA Membership form and Required Supporting Documents page. Invoicing for slips, boat park, and racks will be sent to residents via email. When returning paperwork and payment, it is important that you make sure your package is complete. Incomplete packages slow down processing time. Thank you for your consideration.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER:

- **Photocopy of ALL registrations required:** HSIA will give you one sticker for each current vehicle and trailer registration you provide along with your membership form. Expired registrations are not accepted. If registrations are not provided, we will assume you do not want stickers.
- **Piers & Harbor invoices** are being sent via email. We will send an email to the Piers & Harbor group alerting you when invoices have been sent. If you don't see your invoice, please check your spam. Otherwise, please contact admin@hillsmereshores.org or 410-263-4456 and the Administrator will send you a copy of your invoice.
- **Slip Holders:** Please remember to mail the slip invoice, Marina Boat Slip Permit, and HSIA membership form, along with all supporting documents and payment. Payments will not be recorded without the required documents. Documents can be found on our website at hillsmereshores.org.
- **Piers & Harbor Slip Waiting List:** A onetime, non-refundable fee of \$250 is required to be added to the Slip Waiting List. The fee will be applied to your slip rental when you are assigned a slip. If you are already on the Slip Waiting List, you must keep your HSIA dues current.
- **Boat Park:** Boat Park spots are by assignment only, so please do not send in payment unless you've been assigned a spot. Please remember to send your current vessel registration and current trailer registration once assigned. An additional \$50 fee is required for anyone requesting a boat ramp key. If you want to be added to the Boat Park Waitlist, please check the box on the membership form.
- **Racks:** Racks are by assignment only, so please do not send in payment unless you've been assigned a rack. An additional \$50 fee is required for anyone requesting a boat ramp key. If you want to be added to the Rack Waitlist, please check the box on the membership form.
- **Pool Membership:** Pool Membership forms (pages 7–8) and waiver are available on our website and at Come And Get It Day. Please remember that all pool members also need to be current HSIA members. Dues and pool fees can be included in one check, but both forms are required. Please remember to sign the "Request and Release" waiver on page 2 of the pool form.
- **Individual Membership:** Please note that membership in HSIA is individual and not household. Only the person on the Membership form will be the voting member. Other members in the household can pay an additional \$25 dues to become a voting member.

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association 2025 Membership Application

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

Individual Membership	Additional Membership (add \$25.00)
Name:	Name:
Address:	
Phone: Home:	Phone: Home:
Cell:	Cell:
Email:	Email:

Attach additional forms for more members

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

Dues payment is not required for stickers. **A photocopy of EACH vehicle or trailer registration is required to obtain stickers.** You may black out all information except Tag Number, Make/Model, Expiration Date, Name, & Address. **# Stickers**

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

Payment Type	# Requested	Unit Cost	Total Cost
HSIA Dues (2025)		\$ 25.00	
Additional Member		\$ 25.00	
Kayak Rack Storage (Pay Upon Assignment Only)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Ramp Key (Must Pay HSIA dues)		\$ 50.00	
Boat Park Key (Pay Upon Assignment Only)		\$ 240.00	
Boat Slip Fee (Slip # _____)			
Slip Wait List Deposit (Must pay HSIA dues)		\$250.00	
Pool Membership (from Pool Form)			
Other			
		TOTAL	

PIERS & HARBOR WAITING LISTS:

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

Boat Information: Sail Power Length _____ Beam _____ Draft _____

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

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

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

Sea Breeze Distribution: Please send via postal mail or via emailed link

To join the HSIA community email list visit www.hillsmereshores.org

Would you like to volunteer? Yes What is your interest/committee _____

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

Mail completed form to: HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403

HSIA Use Only

Sticker #:	Marina Sticker #:	Check #:
Trailer #:	Boat Ramp Key #:	Date Received:
	Boat Park Key #:	Received By:

Required Supporting Documents

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

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

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

2025 Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association - Pool Membership Form

Household Information:

Primary Member Name (also list as #1 below)	
Address	
Phone	
Email Address	

Member Information – Family, Adult, Youth & Caregiver

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

Family memberships allow up to six (6) family members residing at the same address. One (1) caregiver may be added to the family membership as part of your “family”. Families with over six (6) members (including one (1) caregiver) must pay \$30 fee for each additional member.

Full Name (please print)	DOB (required)	Family	Adult	Youth
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
Additional members subject to \$30 fee per person				
7.				
8.				

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

Please make checks payable to HSIA and mail membership forms and checks to HSIA, PO Box 3485, Annapolis MD 21403 or place in our community dropbox at 119 Great Lake Drive.

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

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

Helene Raven, House Chair

We are opening the Community House to the community, using these rules on a trial basis. Please contact the Administrator at admin@hillsmereshores.org or 410-263-4456 to reserve the house.

The House has one meeting room with four tables and 20 chairs, a small kitchen area, and Wi-Fi. There is limited parking available on Great Lake Drive. The office, supplies, copier, and laptop are for Hillsmere staff, committees, and Board use only. The House is available on weekdays from noon–6 p.m. on weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. for Hillsmere resident reservations. Weekday evenings are reserved for community meetings and sponsored events.

The house cannot be used for fundraising, political or special interest groups, marketing, or for-profit or non-profit organizations.

RESERVING THE COMMUNITY HOUSE:

- All residents /property owners must be in good standing with HSIA to reserve the Community House.
- Contact the Administrator at admin@hillsmereshores.org or 410-263-4456 to reserve the house. Reservations are not final until confirmation has been received from the HSIA Administrator. A refundable \$100 security deposit is required upon confirmation. Payment of the deposit by the host represents agreement to all rules and terms of use herein.
- Alcohol, unless the host applies for and provides a copy of an Anne Arundel County One-Day Liquor License.
- Find all house reservation requirements at hillsmereshores.org.



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HSIA Community Beach Report

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair



ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The HSIA Beach Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers and community members who have contributed their time and effort throughout the year. Your dedication continues to make our beach and playground a welcoming and safe space for everyone. We look forward to continuing our efforts in 2025 and beyond. Here's to another successful year of community-driven improvements!

As we move forward into 2025, we are excited to share the many accomplishments the HSIA Beach Committee has achieved over the past year. With the help of dedicated volunteers and community members, we've made significant progress in maintaining and improving our beach and playground areas. Below is a summary of our key accomplishments throughout the year:

The committee organized a total of eight community beach cleanups from April through November. These cleanups cleared large amounts of trash and debris from the beach and surrounding areas, improving the safety and appearance of our shared spaces. Special thanks go out to the volunteers who regularly showed up to help keep our beach clean and welcoming.

We successfully transitioned leadership of the committee and established necessary accounts, meetings, and procedures to ensure smooth operations. The committee developed and disseminated a community survey to gather feedback from residents, with over 200 responses collected to guide long term planning.

Throughout the year, we focused on improving the playgrounds and beach facilities. Key accomplishments include the inspection and repair of the Miracle and Burke playgrounds, replacing worn and hazardous equipment such as swings, slides, and the suspension bridge. We secured quotes and scheduled necessary maintenance work, including regular landscaping, pavilion painting, and rope fence repairs.

Our committee tackled several infrastructure projects, including removal of the sea nettle net and boardwalk, installing new picnic tables, and enhancing accessibility with the completion of a wheelchair ramp to the Bruce Walker Pavilion. We also worked to address storm damage, repairing tree protections and clearing debris following Tropical Storm Debby.

Managing nuisance geese and improving water quality at the beach remained a priority. We implemented passive mitigation measures and consulted with Maryland Geese Control to reduce the presence of geese and the associated E. coli risks.

2024 was a productive year for the HSIA Beach Committee! We made great strides in maintaining and improving our community spaces, thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and the support of the Hillsmere Shores community.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Join our Beach Committee Meeting on the first Tuesday of every month to discuss ongoing and future projects.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Time: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Location: Community House

- March 4
- May 6

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WHY ATTEND?

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

For more information or to RSVP, please contact beach@hillsmereshores.org
Let's make 2025 another great year at the beach!



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Property Manager Report

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



Things have been pretty quiet around the community as we are into the cold winter months! It is wonderful to still see neighbors out walking dogs and enjoying the playground. I have also enjoyed viewing all the winter and holiday decorations as I drive through our community. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful place, thank you to all of our neighbors who do such a great job keeping our community beautiful!

UPDATES

All the landscaping including the front entrance has been winterized. Thank you to Sandra Anderson for her continued work with our landscaping crew on the front entrance! I cannot wait to see how it looks this spring when all the perennials bloom.

The water mitigation project has been completed at the community house, tying the gutters and the beds into the rain garden behind the house. Welspyng completed this work for us, along with putting in a temporary path to the front door. We will be looking into more permanent options in the coming months for both a path and a driveway.

After sending out an RFP to multiple pool companies we have signed a contract with Anchor Aquatics for the resurfacing of both the main pool and the wading pool. This work will be completed this spring in plenty of time to enjoy for opening day. We will also have the floors refinished to help with the cloudy appearance in the bathrooms. This work is warranty related, and will not cost our community anything.

I met with our insurance agent and made sure all of our insurance coverage is up to date and that all our assets are appropriately listed. We will be getting at least one additional quote for insurance this year, as prices have risen almost 40% over the last year.

PROPERTY MANAGER TIP OF THE MONTH:

Many of you already enjoy Quiet Waters Park, and our close proximity to this amazing amenity. Don't forget, the Ice Skating rink is open until late February. This is a great activity for all ages! It is also so nice to walk your dog by the rink and watch the skaters if you don't want to go out on the ice. The kids love visiting with friendly dogs while they take breaks from the ice! There are also often food trucks there during the weekend hours.

POOL COMMITTEE

Danielle Franz and Crystal Monkman, Pool Chairs

PLANNING FOR SUMMER IN THE SNOW!

With a fresh blanket of snow on the ground, it's hard to imagine sunny days at the pool. But summer will be here before we know it, and the Pool Committee is hard at work ensuring a fantastic 2025 season. Here's what's happening:

2025 POOL FEES

We're excited to share that pool fees for the 2025 season will remain the same as last year.

RULES AND POLICIES UPDATE

To improve clarity and consistency, we're revising the pool rules. The final version will be ready before Come and Get It Day.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Thank you to everyone who completed the pool survey! Your feedback is helping shape our plans for next season. We're working hard to incorporate your suggestions and address the concerns you shared.

GET INVOLVED

Want to make an impact? Join the Pool Committee! It's a great way to contribute to the community and help shape the future of our pool. Email us at pool@hillsmereshores.org to learn more.

UPCOMING MEETING

Mark your calendar! Our next Pool Committee meeting is on January 13 at 7 p.m. at the Community House.

Let's dive into 2025 and make it our best pool season yet!
Hillsmere Shores Pool Committee

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Security Report

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@hillsmershores.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.



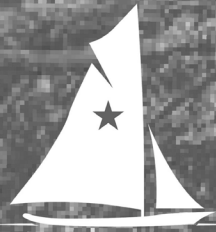
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Piers & Harbors News

Steve Vanderbosch, HSIA Board Member and P&H Chair



SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE/COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT

More Great News! Creation of the rock structures, and the placement and grading of sand and cobble at the Sand Spit Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project was completed on Christmas Eve, and the construction phase of the Project wrapped up on January 2 when RRG returned to the Sand Spit for final cleanup. RRG removed its fencing, posts and stakes, graded, seeded and covered the two water access lanes with straw matting, replaced the speed bumps, removed their remaining equipment and supplies, and generally cleaned up the area. RRG has also refreshed the white gravel parking lot/travel lanes disturbed by their work.

The next phase of the Project will occur in late April or more likely in early May, when RRG will return to plant over 8,000 low marsh, high marsh, low dune and high dune grass plugs, about 700 shrubs and plants in containers, and 2 Japanese Black Pine trees. The Hillsmere Community will be invited to participate in this planting operation.

In the interim, the Project is open to the Hillsmere Community except for the rock headland structures. Because the rock headlands are new and are still settling and shifting, everyone is requested to **STAY OFF THE ROCKS!**

Two items that remain to be done are placing warning buoys around the oyster ball reef when the special-order buoys arrive, and repairing damage to the concrete cap of the Sand Spit Sea Wall, to be done in the warmer spring weather.

On a related migratory waterfowl note, On December 18 a small flock of about a dozen Tundra Swans were observed along at the Hillsmere shoreline, along with an assortment of buffleheads, ruddy ducks, and Canadian geese. The flock of swans has been growing.

MARINA OPERATIONS

Winter has suddenly arrived, with a vengeance, and blessed us with snow, cold, and now ice in the Harbor along the bulkhead. We had held off installing ice eaters in the hopes they would not be needed, but that gamble did not pay off. So, at noon on Sunday, January 5, in balmy 30-degree weather, a group of intrepid volunteers installed 8 ice eaters along the Marina bulkhead in about 15 minutes to ward off ice in the Harbor. We will continue to hold off installing additional ice eaters in hopes that brisk winds and a warming trend will make it unnecessary or at least allow further delay.

A big THANKS! goes out to Tim Cantor, Dave Edinberg, Doug Freeman, Rosemary Foltis, Chuck Metzger, Greg Lindvay, Shawn McKelvie, Sandy Dapkunas and Chris Elkington.

Absolute Fire Protection will be making repairs to the Standpipe Fire fighting System, on a date yet to be determined.

MARINA RULE 7 REVISION ADDRESSING ELECTRICAL CURRENT LEAKAGE

At the recommendation of the P&H Committee, the HSIA Board has approved a revision to Marina Rule 7 concerning Boat Condition and Use. The revised rule will be posted on the P&H Webpage, but the essentials are:

7.1. HSIA may terminate or refuse to renew a Slip Permit for any of the following:

(new) f) Boat leaking hazardous electrical current and not repaired in a timely manner to correct the problem.

(new) 7.2.2 The National Electric Code (NEC) 555.35 requires marinas to have Ground-Fault Protection of

Equipment (GFPE) and Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter (GFCI) Protection and to utilize a leakage current measurement device to annually test leakage current from each boat that will utilize shore power. When the leakage current measurement device reveals that a boat is contributing hazardous voltage and current, repairs must be made to the boat before it is permitted to utilize shore power.

(new) 7.2.2.1 Boats utilizing shore power will be tested annually in the Spring or when first entering the Marina, and slip holders notified of individual test results. Boats leaking electrical current in excess of 10 milliamps will be required to make repairs within 30 days or have a plan to do so utilizing the services of a certified marine electrician. Boats leaking electrical current in excess of 50 milliamps will not be permitted to hook up to shore power until repairs have been made.

DREDGING

In Dredging news, the Army Corps of Engineers determined that the Duvall Creek maintenance dredging application fell under the Maryland State Programmatic General Permit, effectively delegating approval to MDE. Following MDE's recommendation, HSIA's application for a Wetlands Permit for any required dredging at the Marina and Boat Ramps, and the construction of a new floating Kayak Dock at 541 Beach Drive was approved by the Maryland Board of Public Works on January 8.

While the Wetlands Permit allows a certain amount of dredging, it does not require it, and the P&H Committee and HSIA must determine whether, where, and how much dredging should be done at our facilities. Dredging is expected to take place between October 15, 2025 and April 15, 2026.

COME AND GET IT DAY

The annual membership day is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Barn Commons at Key School. If you can't make it to Come And Get It Day, please mail your payment and paperwork to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403. Or you can use the drop box located at the HSIA Community House at 119 Great Lake Drive.

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

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

"Documentation" includes:

- o HSIA 2025 Membership Form
- o Copies of current vehicle registrations for HSIA stickers
- o Completed and signed 2025 Slip Permit
- o Copies of:
 - Boat Title, if not already on file
 - Current boat registration or USCG documentation
 - Current proof of boat insurance of \$100,000 liability coverage
 - For boats with more than one owner, an HSIA Vessel Ownership Affidavit
 - And for the Boat Park, a copy of current MARYLAND trailer registration

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 March 11, 2025, 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend. In the interim, please direct your questions, issues, concerns, and comments to marina@hillsmershores.org and be on the lookout for Special P&H Notices.

All Slip Holders, Ramp Key Holders, Wait Listers, Kayakers, Boat Parkers, etc. are invited to attend. Volunteers are always needed and welcomed!

P&H SLIP FEES HAVE BEEN REVISED FOR CY2025

A schedule of CY2025 P&H fees, including an approximate 10% increase in slip fees, will be posted on the P&H webpage. Slip fees have not been increased for 10 years, and this revision will generate approximately \$14,805 in additional P&H revenue.

- Returning slip holders need to pay their slip fees and update documentation NLT March 1, 2025, so the Slips Committee can begin the process of upgrading slips and filling vacant slips.
- If you would like to renew your slip permit but for some reason cannot pay the slip fees by March 1, please contact the P&H Chair at marina@hillsmereshores.org or call or text 410-212-6978 to make alternative payment arrangements.
- If you are not going to renew your Slip, or Boat Park space, or Kayak Rack space, please let us know as soon as possible by email to marina@hillsmereshores.org so people on the various Waiting Lists can be accommodated.

GUEST PASSES AND STICKERS

Last year orange and black 2024–2025 Guest Passes were issued and are still good!

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

SLIPS WAITING LISTS

- There are 14 names on the Wet Slips Active Waiting List
- and 47 names on the Wet Slips Inactive Waiting List.
- There are 16 names on the Lift Slips Active Waiting List
- and 3 names on the Lift Slips Inactive Waiting List.

Everyone on the Wet Slips Active Waiting List will be sent an email by January 31, 2025 asking them to respond whether or not they will accept a slip if offered one in 2025. If you think you are on the Wet Slips Active Waiting List and do not see an email, check your spam filter. Anyone on the Wet Slips Active Waiting List not responding by March 1 will be considered to have declined a slip in 2025. **We will not be making follow-up phone calls.** After failing to respond or declining a slip twice, your name will be moved to the Inactive List.

WINTER SLIPS

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

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

If you see any boat at the Marina whose lines (or anything else) need attention for any reason, please send an email to marina@hillsmereshores.org or call or text 410-212-6978. If you have hauled or will haul your boat this winter, please remove all mooring lines and hoses. Mooring lines and hoses left at vacated slips may be removed and disposed of.

BOAT PARK

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

The Boat Park is essentially full, though not everyone who has rented a space is using it. The wet weather has

left the Boat Park quite soggy and muddy, making it difficult to locate or relocate trailers. Please check your boat and trailer periodically throughout the winter storage season and empty water that accumulates in covers and tarps.

The Parking scheme is as follows:

- Large, two-axle trailers will continue angled parking on the left (South) side of the lot, but not in the rear of the lot, unless they will remain empty, i.e., no boats.
- The rear of the Boat Park will be primarily for small, single-axle trailers/boats, and empty trailers.
- The right (North) side and the front of the lot will continue with angled parking for small, single axle trailers, and overflow of larger, two-axle trailers toward the center of the right side, along the fenced area.

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

KAYAK RACKS

The ever-popular Kayak Rack Wait List has about 36 people seeking storage spots at the various Racks. Payments for Rack renewals are due by **APRIL 1**. If you do not intend to renew your Kayak Rack space, please let us know by emailing marina@hillsmereshores.org or marinaracks@hillsmereshores.org so people on the Kayak Rack Wait List can be accommodated. Reminder: Storage at the Racks is on an assignment basis, and they are not open for free storage.

If you are only using the Kayak Rack to store your canoes or kayaks, and do not reasonably expect to use them this year, please consider giving up your rack space so some of our 36 neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can have an opportunity to use the racks.



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Motions From the December 2024 Board Meeting

PIERS & HARBOR

1. Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board approve the expenditure of up to \$3,200 to professional illustrator Phyllis Saroff, a Hillsmere resident and Watershed Steward, for the creation and installation of four educational signs at the Sand Spit explaining features of the new Living Shoreline/Coastal Resiliency Project, focusing on the headlands, oyster reef balls, high and low marshlands, woody debris and conservation plantings. Geoff Werner seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
2. Steve Vanderbosch moved the Board adopt amendments to Marina Rule 7 to address Electrical Current Leakage, as follows (changes in bold/italics).

BOAT CONDITION & USE

7.1. HSIA may terminate or refuse to renew a Slip Permit for any of the following.

- a) Boat not maintained in a safe, operable, and seaworthy condition.
- b) Boat neglected by owner as evidenced by broken lines, improperly adjusted lines, repeatedly taking on water, excessive fouling or plant growth, causing damage to docks, or any other neglect as determined by Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee.
- c) Boat not used for one or more seasons, without extenuating circumstances.
- d) Slips that do not have the assigned boat present for 30 days or more unless other arrangements have been made with the Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee.
- e) Boat causing pollution by the discharge of oil or oily waste in the marina, or otherwise violating the federal or Maryland Clean Water Acts.
- f) Boat leaking hazardous electrical current and not repaired in a timely manner to correct the problem.**

7.2.1 Federal and State law prohibit the discharge of oil or oily waste into navigable waters. Slip holders with inboard engines shall use oil absorbent materials (pads and/or mini-booms) in their sumps and bilges to prevent prohibited discharges. Outboard engines shall be properly maintained to prevent prohibited discharges.

7.2.2 The National Electric Code (NEC) 555.35 requires marinas to have Ground-Fault Protection of Equipment (GFPE) and Ground-Fault Circuit-Interrupter (GFCI) Protection and to utilize a leakage current measurement device to annually test leakage current from each boat that will utilize shore power. When the leakage current measurement device reveals that a boat is contributing hazardous voltage and current, repairs must be made to the boat before it is permitted to utilize shore power.

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7.3.1 Slip holders shall be given 30 days notice in writing or by email of any proposed termination or refusal to renew a Slip Permit under Section 7.1 and **7.2** and the reasons therefore and shall have an opportunity to meet with the Chairperson of the P&H Committee to discuss the proposed action.

7.3.2 At the discretion of the Chairperson of Piers & Harbor Committee, a slip holder may be allowed a reasonable period of time to correct any violations and avoid termination or non-renewal of the Slip Permit.

7.3.3 A slip holder may request that any decision to terminate or not renew a Slip Permit under Section 7.1 **and 7.2** be reviewed by the HSIA Board of Directors.

Bill Schrott seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

Complete minutes can be found on the Hillsmere website at www.hillsmreshores.org.

Hillsmere Garden Club

Leigh Gruber, Administrative Assistant

December was a time for projects and celebrations. Members spent time decorating a hallway at the Hammond Harwood House, creating wreaths for Quiet Waters Park and the Hillsmere Entrance, and decorating the porch at the Park Visitor Center and the library holiday "critter" tree. Rather than a business meeting, a festive potluck luncheon was held at a member's home.

For our planned January 15th (1 p.m.) meeting Jeff Popp, Director of Restoration at the Anne Arundel Watershed Stewards Academy will be speaking on the "RePlant Anne Arundel/Annapolis" and the "Tree Trooper" education programs. These programs train volunteers to plant and care for new trees.

Looking ahead, on February 19th, farmer Kwesi Asante of Naptown Greens & Farm LLC of Annapolis will introduce pre-season preparations necessary for spring/summer gardening. Whether you're a beginner or an experienced gardener, this session will offer tips on how to start your own seedlings indoors during the cold months before the ground thaws for in-ground cultivation of spring vegetables. This is a hands-on program, and every participant will have the opportunity to take home a plant to grow. You may bring your favorite seeds to plant.

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 nearly always welcome. For those wishing to join (Hillsmere residency is not required), annual dues for September through May are \$30. For more information about joining, send an email to the administrative assistant at HillsmereGardenClub@gmail.com.



Members stand on the Quiet Waters Park Visitor Center admiring the porch decorations.

A photograph of three children (two girls and one boy) smiling and drinking water from clear plastic cups. The background is a soft-focus green outdoor setting.

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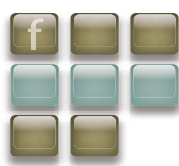
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January/February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day House Committee 10 a.m.	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Events Committee 7 p.m.	28	29	30 HSIA Board Meeting 7 p.m. Community House	31	Feb. 1
2 Groundhog Day	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15
16	17 Presidents Day	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 HSIA Board Meeting 7 p.m. Community House	28	Mar. 1



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