

The Sea Breeze



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President's Message

Claire Corcoran, HSIA President

I will keep my message short with the hope that you will take the time to look ahead in this edition of the Sea Breeze to a variety of newsworthy events as we head into the summer months. Please try to attend the General Meeting on May 14th, when we will vote on a bylaw change, roll out the new RFID (automated beach gate) stickers, and field your questions and comments. Please remember that we hold six meetings like this each year; this is your opportunity to speak directly to the Board.

This edition of the *Sea Breeze* also highlights the new artwork installed at the marina as part of the living shoreline, lists upcoming community events (including summer concerts at the beach!) and news regarding the long-awaited replacement of the beach playground equipment with all new structures.

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NEW CONTACT FOR PAVILION AND POOL PARTY RESERVATIONS

Want to reserve the pavilion or the pool party area? Please email our Property Manager, Cassie Heckman, at propertymanager@hillsmershores.org or call the voice mail and leave a message for Cassie at 410-263-4456. Cassie is taking this job over from our HSIA Administrator and will happily work with you to get you on the pavilion and pool party calendars.

RFID STICKERS FOR THE NEW BEACH GATE

A new automatic gate is being installed at the community beach. This gate is activated by an RFID sticker applied to the inside windshield of your car. You can pick up your RFID sticker at the **Community House at 119 Great Lake Drive** on the following dates & times:

- Wednesday, 5/6: 10 a.m.–Noon
- Saturday, 5/9: 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 5/14: 1–2 p.m. AND at the **General Meeting, Key School, 7 p.m.**
- Saturday, 5/16: 10 a.m.–Noon
- Sunday, 5/17: Noon–2 p.m.
- Thursday, 5/21: 9–11 a.m.

2026 MEMBERSHIP AND STICKERS

We are still issuing 2026 stickers for your vehicles and trailers if you plan to use community facilities this year. This ensures our wonderful facilities are used only by Hillsmere residents, owners, and their guests. Please complete the 2026 HSIA Membership form found on our website at hillsmershores.org, and send it with photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations to HSIA, P.O. Box 3485, Annapolis, MD 21403 or place it in the HSIA dropbox at the community house at 119 Great Lake Drive. We will send your stickers by mail. If you also want voting rights in the Association, be sure to include a \$25 dues payment for each individual membership with your Membership form and registrations.

2026 EVENTS CALENDAR

Watch for more information on the Hillsmere website, official Facebook page, newsletter, and bulletin board.

- **Memorial Day** - May 25, 10 a.m.
- **Band at the Beach** - May 30, 5–7 p.m.
- **Blues Band** – June 14, 5–7 p.m.
- **Fourth of July Parade** – July 4, 10 a.m.
- **Classic Rock Band** – July 12, 5–7 p.m.
- **Ice Cream Social** – August 8, 5 p.m.
- **Halloween Parade** – October 25, 1 p.m.
- **Oyster Roast** – November
- **Santa Run** – December

BOAT RAMP KEYS

Haven't gotten your 2026 boat ramp key? Just send the membership form with your dues and boat ramp key payment. Be sure to remember to include photocopies of your vehicle and trailer registrations for stickers. Remember that keys are not available on short notice. Please allow a few weeks' processing time. Thanks for your understanding!

POOL MEMBERSHIP

It's not too late to join our wonderful pool. The price increased after May 1. Please see the HSIA Membership form for prices. Forms and payment can be dropped off in the community dropbox at 119 Great Lake Drive. The deadline to join the pool is July 1.

2026 BEACH RESERVATIONS

The 2026 Beach calendar is available for reservations. To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Property Manager at 410-263-4456 or send an email with the date and time requested to propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org. A refundable \$200 security deposit is required. You will need to provide the time and duration of your event. You can reserve the pavilion for the entire day or for as little as two hours. This allows more residents use of the space for parties. Please note that reservations are not final until you receive confirmation from the HSIA Property Manager. 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.

RECEIVING THE SEA BREEZE

Would you like to start receiving the *Sea Breeze* by email? We are looking for residents that receive a paper copy in the mail to change to emailed link. This will save us on printing and postage fees. Signing up is easy. Just visit our link at hillsmereshores.org/the-sea-breeze and click "Email," then complete the form provided. You will automatically be signed up for emailed link and the HSIA Administrator will change your record so that you no longer receive a paper copy. Thank you for your consideration.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

On Saturday, May 16, the County is offering a Household Hazardous Waste Drop Off Day at the Heritage Office Complex, 2662 Riva Road, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a great way to discard hazardous waste. For more information, please visit www.aacounty.org/public-works/waste-management/household-hazardous-waste-drop or call 410-222-6100.

EASTER EGG HUNT RECAP

Hillsmere families turned out in full force for this year's Egg Hunt at the beach on April 4th! Kids took off across the playground in search of more than 2,000 eggs, with baskets filling fast and plenty of excitement along the way. Between the sunshine, cookies, and a crowd of enthusiastic hunters, it was one of those mornings that reminds you how special this community is.

A big thank you to our volunteers—Caryn & Pete Gallagher, Katie Guido, Emily & Joe Ward, Brynn McCormick, Dan Hoadley, and Crystal Monkman—for making it all happen. Special thanks to Brynn for helping prep 5000 many of the eggs ahead of time. If you have empty eggs to return/donate, please drop at 96 Carroll.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day Recognition: 10 a.m. at the beach pavilion

Saturday, May 30: Band at the Beach, 5–7 p.m.

Sunday, June 14: Blues Band at the Beach

| UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS | | |
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| 5/14 | HSIA General Meeting | Key School Barn Commons, 7 p.m. |
| 5/28 | HSIA Board Meeting | 119 Great Lake Dr. 7–9 p.m. |

Property Manager Report

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



Hello Neighbors! I hope you are out enjoying this beautiful weather, and our amazing community amenities this spring. We have some exciting news, the new gates have been installed at the beach. I know this process is going to take some getting used to, but it is going to help us capture almost \$80,000 in savings annually. Please be patient with us as we work through this new process, and roll out of sticker pick up.

I am offering many different dates and times for you to **pick up a sticker at the Community House**. I also plan to offer some pop up dates, so please keep an eye out for communications around that. These are the dates and times I have set aside so far:

- Wednesday, 5/6: 10 a.m.–Noon
- Saturday, 5/9: 2:30–4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 5/14: 1–2 p.m. AND at the **General Meeting, Key School, 7 p.m.**
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The new Beach gate and RFID scanner

Our goal is to have the gates fully operational and locked by Memorial Day Weekend. Please make every effort to get your sticker before that time. To pick up a sticker, please come to the community house at **119 Great Lake Drive** on those dates and times. I will also be present at the **General Meeting on May 14th** and handing out stickers at that time. Come stop by, get your sticker and stay to get updates on our community!

To claim your sticker, please bring your ID showing your Hillsmere address. If you are a tenant, please bring a copy of your lease, or a power bill in your name reflecting your address. These stickers are free of charge. Each household will be allotted 2 stickers at this time. Additional stickers will be available for purchase once we have completed our roll out to the community.

Please remember, these stickers are for residents ONLY. Please make sure they are permanently attached to your vehicle. They need to be installed in the UPPER LEFT CORNER OF YOUR INTERIOR WINDSHIELD. These stickers are a simple bar code and do not display the name of our community.

Once again, I appreciate your patience and cooperation as we work together as a community to roll out this new process. As always, if you have questions or concerns about this or anything else, you may contact me at propertymanager@hillsmershores.org.



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Pool Committee

Danielle Franz and Crystal Monkman, Pool Chairs

POOL SEASON IS ALMOST HERE

Opening Day is Saturday, May 23!

If you haven't signed up yet, now's the time. Complete the HSIA Membership form at [hillsmereshores.org](https://www.hillsmereshores.org) and include your pool payment. Once processed, you'll receive your invite to set up your household in PoolEntry for check-in.



Deadline for opening weekend access:

Monday, May 18

Reminder: Pool membership requires HSIA membership (\$25 annual dues)

****Important:** You must have your PoolEntry profile set up to access the pool

HOURS

Sunday–Thursday: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 11 a.m.–9 p.m.

****Note:** On Swim team meet days (6/13, 6/27, 7/11, 7/19), the pool opens after the event.

SUMMER EVENTS

- **Clean-Up Day:** May 9, 8 a.m.–Noon
** Volunteers needed—Earn one guest pass for every hour you volunteer! **
- **Dunk & Donuts:** May 23, 11 a.m.
- **BIG Kahuna Splash Contest & Popsicle Party:** Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day at 3:30 p.m.
- **Glow Party:** August 22 7–10 p.m.
- **Adult Night:** TBD
- **Food Truck Fridays:** Weekly starting at 5 p.m. (details posted online and on Facebook)
** Pre-season Food Truck in the pool parking lot! Friday May 22: Smash Up **

NEIGHBORHOOD DAYS (ALL RESIDENT ACCESS)

Non-pool member Hillsmere residents can enjoy the pool on these dates:

May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25

- One guest must be 18+
- Bring proof of residency

NEXT MEETING

June 10, 7 p.m. (in person at the pool)

Questions? pool@hillsmereshores.org

—Hillsmere Pool Committee

HSIA Community Beach Report

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair



It's starting to look like summer at the beach again! Thank you to everyone who continues to support these efforts—we're looking forward to a great season ahead!

PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE: METRO RECREATION SELECTED AS VENDOR AND DESIGN MOVING FORWARD

We're excited to share a major milestone—a vendor has officially been selected for the new playground, and the design is moving forward!

Over the past two years, this has been a true community effort. Volunteers stepped in where they could, and their ideas, feedback, and energy helped shape the outcome.

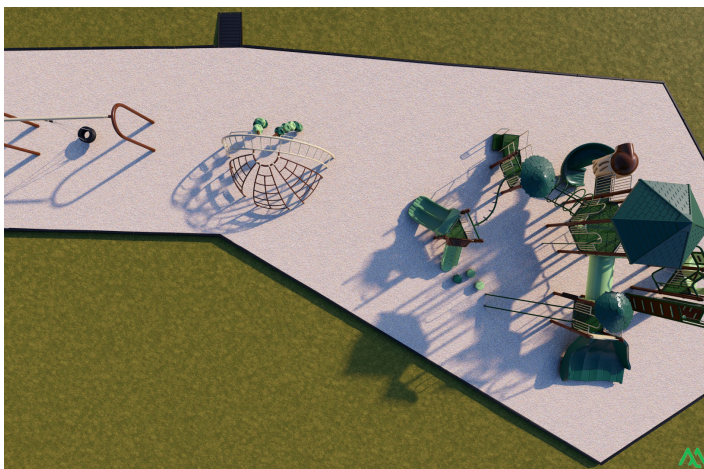
I want to extend a special thank you to everyone who contributed to the Playground Subcommittee, and especially to those who donated to the fundraiser—your efforts and generosity are what will make this a reality for our community.

After a thorough and thoughtful process, the Board has selected Metro Recreation as the vendor. Metro has a strong track record in Hillsmere—they supplied the equipment for the “little kid” playground and beachfront swing set and handled numerous repairs last year, including replacing failing equipment like the see-saw and space shuttle. Just as important, they provide a single point of responsibility for installation, permitting, and long-term support. Having one vendor accountable across the full lifecycle simplifies coordination, reduces risk, and makes ongoing maintenance and inspections easier to manage.

The design reflects what we have consistently heard from the community—a traditional, familiar design for the 5–12 age group that fits in with the property, with a layout that is both intentional and flexible. It incorporates key elements families value today, while preserving space for future enhancements, including accessibility improvements over time. Most importantly, the design is aligned with fall height requirements for our pea gravel surfacing.

At the time of publication, the Beach Committee will have met on May 5 to refine the design. We look forward to sharing that updated version at the General Meeting on May 14.

METRO RENDERINGS





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Note: The included rendering is not final. The final color scheme will be tan, brown and muted greens to better blend in with the natural environment. Unfortunately, our existing tire swing has failed and will need to be replaced - a new one will be incorporated into the design. This additional work means our schedule will shift, and installation is expected in early summer.

Again, thank you to everyone who contributed, supported, and engaged along the way!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

We have raised \$5,600! Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped make this a reality!

If you would like to support the project, please consider donating here:

GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/5e465c223>

MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE

We are pleased to share a positive update on the memorial benches. After submitting photos and coordinating with Dumor, the bench supplier, they have approved a warranty replacement for the cracked slats—at no cost to the community. Replacement parts are now on order and expected to ship soon. We appreciate Dumor’s responsiveness, and we’ll move quickly to complete the repairs once the materials arrive.

BEACH CLEANUP 2026

Thank you to the April volunteers—it was a great turnout and made a real difference as the weather gets better and more people are enjoying the property!

As spring activity picks up, please remember we all share responsibility for keeping the property in great shape. Please help by placing trash in the receptacles provided and leaving the area better than you found it. If you come across larger debris after storms (such as dock boards), you can stage it behind the shower station for scheduled bulk pickup.

Two rakes are stored behind the shower station, and we encourage anyone to use them to help maintain the beach and volleyball court—every little bit helps! A new lost and found bin is on order; until it arrives, lost and found items can be placed on the bins next to the shower station.

The next community beach cleanup is scheduled for May 16th at 11 a.m., with a rain date of May 17th.

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GEESE AND E. COLI MITIGATIONS

The early-morning leashed dog walking program is now back for the season as part of our ongoing geese mitigation efforts. This program helps deter geese, reduce waste on the property, and lower the risk of elevated *E. coli* levels in the water. Leashed dog walking on the pathways is permitted prior to the 8 a.m. opening time. Waste stations are located at the entrance to the property, and owners are expected to fully clean up after their dogs.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Beach Committee Meeting:** Join us in person, July 7, 2026 (7–9 p.m.) at the Hillsmere Community House
- **Playground Fundraising:** Donate today to the GoFundMe campaign at <https://gofund.me/5e465c223>
- **Student Volunteers:** If you're a student looking to earn volunteer service hours, reach out to us—we'd be happy to connect you with opportunities at the beach.

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Piers & Harbors News

Romeo Santos, HSIA Vice President and P&H Chair



MARINA GRAVEL REPLENISHMENT

The Marina gravel was replenished on May 4. We are also looking into a long-term solution involving excavation of several inches of the current driveway, and installation of a grid stabilization system.

DOCK REPAIRS

We are going to work on a rejuvenation plan to occur in the fall for replacing decking boards on several piers in the marina. For the summer, we'll just do our best to maintain boards and replace them as needed. We ask that any if any slip holders see a board that needs maintenance or replacement, to email marina@hillsmereshores.org year, please consider giving up your rack space so some of our neighbors on the Kayak Wait List can use the racks.

LIVING SHORELINE INFORMATIONAL SIGNS

Phyllis Saroff, Illustrator, Kevin Green and Steve Vanderbosch are pleased to report that the four, long-delayed Living Shoreline Informational signs, which the Board commissioned over a year ago, have finally been installed at the Sand Spit. Please take a look when you can. The signs were illustrated by artist and Hillsmere resident Phyllis Saroff.



Traffic Update

Maria Triandos, Traffic Chair

SPEED CAMERAS

There is still no update on when the speed camera near Key School will be relocated or when a camera will be installed on Hillsmere Drive. We will continue to follow up with the county.

HILLSMERE DRIVE TRAFFIC CALMING

Given the lack of a timeline for the speed camera, we are exploring interim traffic calming options. The county is currently working on a preliminary traffic calming plan for Hillsmere Drive. More details will be shared as they become available.

SIDEWALKS

The requested sidewalk is now part of the county's Safe Routes to School Accessibility Study. Projects are being evaluated and ranked based on demand, safety, connectivity, and equity, using the same approach as Walk and Roll Anne Arundel, the county's long range plan for pedestrian and bike improvements.

This means projects are prioritized based on safety needs, connections to schools and existing infrastructure, and overall community impact. The county advised checking back in about six months for an update. Ultimately, the county will determine which projects move forward and on what timeline. Residents are encouraged to contact local elected officials to advocate for the sidewalk to be included as an active project in the FY27 budget.

CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

Residents who would like to support sidewalk funding can contact:

- County Executive Steuart Pittman CECS@aacounty.org | (410) 222-1821
- County Council Member Lisa Rodvien lisa.rodvien@aacounty.org
- Senator Shaneka Henson shaneka.henson@senate.maryland.gov
- Delegates Dylan A. Behler and Dana Jones dylan.behler@house.maryland.gov | dana.jones@house.maryland.gov

Anne Arundel County Council finalizes and approves the budget by June 15. Residents are encouraged to reach out prior to June 15th to advocate for sidewalk funding in the FY27 budget.

STAYING SAFE ON HILLSMERE ROADS

Hillsmere Shores is a great place to walk, but many roads lack sidewalks. When walking along the road, the safest approach is simple: walk on the left side, facing traffic.

This follows Maryland law (Transportation Article §21-506(b)) and basic safety principles. Facing traffic lets you see approaching vehicles, make eye contact with drivers, and react if needed. Walking with traffic puts cars behind you, limiting your awareness and reaction time.

WHY IT MATTERS:

Better visibility for both you and drivers

More time to react to hazards

Reduced risk of crashes on roads without sidewalks

ADDITIONAL SAFETY TIPS:

- Wear bright or reflective clothing, especially at night
- Carry a flashlight in low light conditions
- Stay alert and avoid distractions like headphones or phones

WHEN CYCLISTS PASS PEDESTRIANS:

- Cyclists must yield to pedestrians
- Slow down before passing
- Give a clear signal (“on your left” or a bell)
- Pass with space and do not cut closely in front
- Use extra caution around children, pets, and narrow roads
- Simple habits like these make a real difference in keeping Hillsmere safe for everyone.




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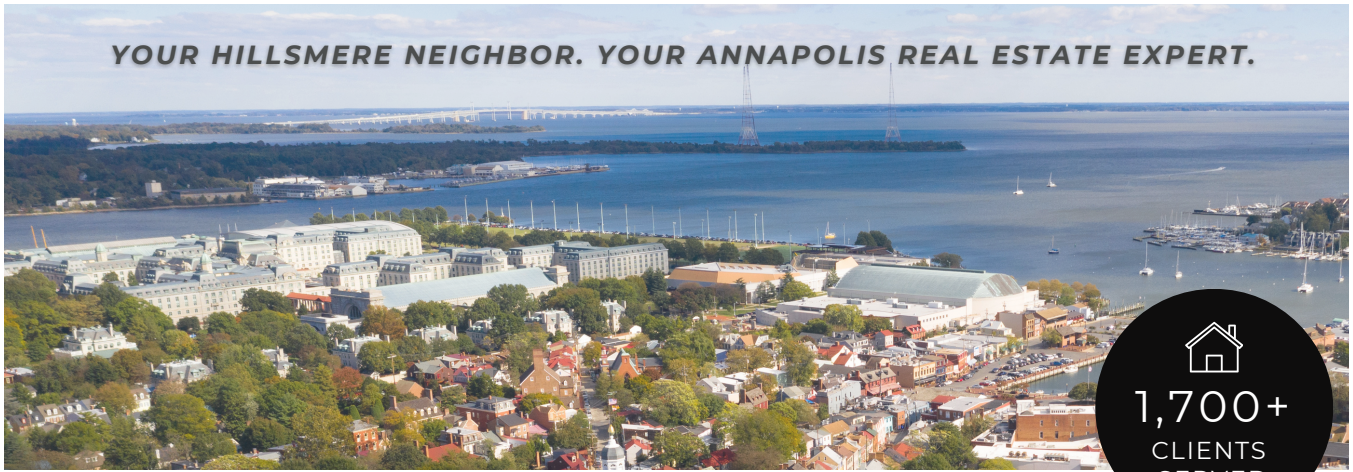
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HSIA Stargazers Club

Dennis Conti, Club Leader

The Stargazers Club continues to grow and now has over 110 members! The following is a report on the Club's recent monthly activities.

At our February meeting, several Hillsmere residents spoke about their experiences with viewing instruments ranging from binoculars to traditional telescopes to the new "smart" telescopes.



At our March meeting, Catherine Stirling, a Hillsmere resident and DarkSky Maryland board member, gave a presentation on "Saving Dark Skies" that focused on the effects of nighttime light pollution on the environment—including wildlife and people. She also discussed how individuals and communities can reduce it, often at low cost. In addition, Quiet Waters Park Ranger Liz Schilder gave a presentation on "Quiet Waters at Night."

A special April outdoor night viewing event at Quiet Waters Park had to be canceled due to extensive cloud cover.

Finally, we are looking forward to our May 27 meeting. Dr. Deborah Levine, head of the astronomy program at Anne Arundel Community College, will be speaking about the program and her journey to become a professional astronomer. This should be of particular interest to youths in the community interested in astronomy as a college major or profession.

To get on the Club's distribution list for this and future meetings, please email dennis@astrodennis.com.

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HSIA Property Manager:
propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org
Key School liaison: kaustin@keyschool.org
AACO traffic engineer: pwflor11@aacounty.org
Community Cat Program: jckilborn@yahoo.com

Motions from February and April 2026 Board meeting

complete minutes can be found on the Hillsmere website at hillsmreshores.org after approval.

PERMITS

Vote taken on Variance Request for 111 Groh Lane. Homeowner presented the variance request at the March Board Meeting. Claire Corcoran called the vote – 1 in favor (Geoff Werner); 9 Opposed (Steve Vanderbosch, Ray Sullivan, Romeo Santos, Maria Triandos, Joanna Parkinson, Helene Raven, Danielle Franz, Gene Gross, Tom Anderson; Variance request denied.

PIERS & HARBOR

Romeo Santos moved the Board award a contract NTE \$9040 to Strohecker, Inc. for gravel work at the Marina, to rake the gravel area with tractor and rake, install 2 loads of white #57 stone for the sum of \$4,840. If additional loads or stone are needed, the cost would be \$2100 per load installed. Maria Triandos seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

BEACH

Geoff Werner moved the Board approve the selection of Metro Recreation as the vendor for the playground replacement project, based on their proposal as presented in materials submitted, and authorize the use of \$100,000 in capital improvement funds, to be combined with \$5,610 raised through the community GoFundMe fundraiser, for a total project funding amount of \$105,610. Metro Recreation's submission represents the strongest proposal across all evaluation criteria, is fully aligned with the project budget, and provides the highest level of confidence in successful project delivery. Rome Santos seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

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To maintain the look and feel of our community as envisioned in the mid-1950s establishment of the Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association, the original covenants and deed restrictions outlined a series of requirements that control the use of the residential lots in our community. Recorded among the Land Records of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in Liber 900, Folio 334, they are binding as a matter of law and benefit all lot owners in Hillsmere Shores. The purpose of the Building Permits Committee is to help property owners conform to the requirements of the covenants for the benefit of the community.

WHEN DO YOU NEED A PERMIT?

We encourage anyone having work done at their property to reach out to the HSIA Building Permit Chair before designing your structure. Failure to obtain a HSIA Building Permit will result in a stop work order. There are situations when 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 a HSIA Building Permit falls on the owner, not the contractor.

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR OBTAINING AN HSIA PERMIT?

- The following items are required to obtain an HSIA permit:
- The contact information (phone numbers and email address) of the applicant and the address of the location of the building project. Please include a short narrative that describes the nature of the project.
- A copy of the Anne Arundel County Building Permit. *
- A "TO SCALE" copy of the site plan.
- A "TO SCALE" copy of the plans and elevations of the structure(s). *
- Cash or check in the amount of \$25.00, made payable to HSIA.

** If required*

You can forward these documents and the application fee in one of the following manners:

- A. Mail payment and all required documents to HSIA, PO BOX 3485, Annapolis MD 21403
- B. Drop off these documents in the mailbox at the Community House—119 Great Lake
- C. Email these documents to permits@hillsmershores.org

HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD I PLAN FOR A RESPONSE TO MY APPLICATION?

Please allow 10 working days to receive your permit. This allows time to make sure all of your documents are legible (*do not take photos of documents and email them*), review them, verify your request meets HSIA Covenants and setbacks, and contact you for any questions on the submission. Your permit will also be mailed via USPS, which may take several days. Please be sure to provide your current mailing address if it is different than the address on the AA County Building Permit.

If you have any questions on the setbacks, please revisit the HSIA Covenants, or feel free to ask before you go to the trouble of getting a county permit and find you cannot get an HSIA permit. If in doubt, or if you have any questions, please contact the HSIA Building Permit Chairman via email at permits@hillsmershores.org or voicemail at 410-263-4456.

Any resident can request a variance should some restrictions not be adhered to. Please follow this link to our website for information about the [Variance Process](#).

Bylaws Committee

Tom Anderson and Helene Raven, Bylaws Committee Chairs

Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association is a corporation governed by bylaws. The Bylaws Committee is meeting to review the Bylaws.

The Board reviewed the following Bylaws changes and is putting Article VII forward to membership for a vote at the General Meeting on May 14, 2026. Please take a few minutes to review Article VII ahead of the May meeting.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS

A. Term

1. Officers and At Large Directors shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. The Board consists of eleven members of which four are Officers and seven serve as At Large Directors.
2. Any person elected to the Board of Directors shall have a two (2) year term. The At Large members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in odd numbered years. The Officers shall be elected in even numbered years.
3. Officers and At Large Directors shall be installed in office on the first day of January of the year following their election.

B. Nominations

1. A call for candidates shall be published in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*) in July/August prior to the Annual Meeting.
2. Nominations and applications shall be submitted to the Chairman of the Elections Committee at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting or the date of the September General Meeting, whichever is later.
3. The Chairman of the Elections Committee shall confirm the eligibility and qualifications of the candidates as prescribed in the Bylaws and prepare a slate of eligible candidates for publication in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*) at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.
4. Floor Nominations for Officers or Directors will not be permitted or accepted at the Annual Meeting.

C. Voting

1. Voting shall be by secret paper ballot, a form of which shall be published in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*), posted online for printing, and made available at the Annual Meeting.
2. Votes may be cast by eligible Corporation members in person at the Annual Meeting, by mail, or by ballot drop box.
3. Voting by electronic means or remote voting, including by email, fax, or any electronic platform, is not permitted.
4. Write-in votes for Officers or Directors will not be permitted or counted.
5. Voting will close one hour after the scheduled start of the Annual Meeting. Ballots received by any method after the close of voting will not be counted.
6. All ballots shall be verified as to eligibility to vote of those Corporation members casting votes.
7. The collection, verification and counting of ballots and the certifying of results, shall be conducted by independent parties who are not candidates for election and who do not have any apparent conflict of interest regarding any candidate in the election.
8. A third-party vendor may be retained to conduct the election.
9. Individuals conducting an election shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the election is fair and that there is accountability for the process and the results of the election.

10. Following the verification and counting of ballots and certification of the results, the outcome of the election shall be conveyed to all Corporation members by electronic means, by publication in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*) and by posting online.

D. At Large Directors

1. Election of Directors shall be by a plurality vote of the eligible Corporation members voting in the election. The seven (7) candidates receiving the most votes shall be elected.
2. If there are fewer than seven (7) candidates for At Large Director positions, at the subsequent January or later meetings of the Board of Directors, any vacant Director position may be filled for the two-year term by appointment by the President, subject to approval of the Board, following at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the vacancy and solicitation of interest by eligible Corporation members by electronic means, or by publication in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*) or by posting online.

E. Officers

1. Election of Officers shall be by a majority vote of the eligible Corporation members voting in the election.
2. If no candidate for an office secures a majority on the first ballot, then the eligible Corporation members present at the Annual Meeting shall vote for one (1) of the two (2) highest candidates on a second ballot. The candidate receiving the majority of the votes of the eligible Corporation members present and voting in the second ballot shall be elected.
3. If there are no candidates for an Officer position, at the subsequent January or later meeting of the Board of Directors, any vacant Officer position may be filled for the two-year term by appointment by the President, subject to approval of the Board, following at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the vacancy and solicitation of interest by eligible Corporation members by electronic means, or by publication in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*) or by posting online.

F. Change of Position - Officers and Directors

1. Any Officer or At Large Director seeking election, respectively, to an At Large Director or Officer's position in a year in which his/her own seat is not open for election, must notify the Board in writing at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting of his/her intention to run for such position and to vacate his/her existing position if elected.
2. Any vacancies created by a change of position by any Officer or Director may be filled for the unexpired term by appointment by the President, subject to approval of the Board, following at least fifteen (15) days' notice of the vacancy and solicitation of interest by eligible Corporation members by electronic means, or by publication in the Community Newsletter (i.e., *Sea Breeze*) or by posting online.



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Hillsmere Garden Club

Lisa Zimmerman - Master Gardener - VP of Programs

The Garden Club kicked off spring with a guided tour of Historic London Town and Gardens in April. Director of Horticulture, Justin Schmitz, led the group through the grounds, highlighting a wide range of Camellia and Azalea cultivars, native plants and trees, and historically significant specimens such as the Dawn Redwoods. He also discussed ongoing efforts to remove invasive, non-native species and the challenges of managing a sensitive waterfront ecosystem. Members enjoyed not only the beautiful setting but also the warm, sunny weather and the energy of an engaging guide.



Members and invited guests will gather on May 20 for a luncheon to welcome new officers, hosted at a private residence. The club's next public meeting will take place in September 2026. In the meantime, informal pop-up events are planned throughout the summer, offering opportunities to connect and share a passion for gardening. Join the club and be included.

A NOTE FROM THE GARDEN: PLANTING FOR SUMMER

May is the perfect time to prepare your garden for the summer season. Whether you're enhancing an existing space or starting fresh, be mindful to plant with each plant's mature width in mind. A common mistake among new gardeners is overcrowding, which often leads to the need for transplanting later on.

It's also important to understand how your plants grow. Some perennials form tidy clumps, while others spread aggressively through underground rhizomes. The latter can quickly take over a garden, leaving you with more maintenance than expected. To manage this, if you want a groundcover, consider installing edging at least 6–10 inches deep to limit their spread.

Perennials known for spreading vigorously include Common Milkweed, Mountain Mint, certain varieties of Black-Eyed Susan, Bee Balm, and Spurge to name a few.

As a reminder, for more vibrant daffodil blooms next year, allow the foliage to remain in place until it naturally turns yellow. The leaves play a crucial role in nourishing the bulbs. If possible, avoid tying them back. Don't forget to plant those little pots of Daffodils and Hyacinth you received as spring gifts.

HOW TO JOIN

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 at the Eastport Library at 12:30 p.m. Visitors are 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.

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| LC (cats only) | Age 14 | 410-990-0156 |
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2026 BOARD MEETINGS—119 GREAT LAKE DR.

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| May 28 | June 25 | July 30 | Aug. 27 |
| Sept. 24 | Oct. 29 | Nov. 19 | Dec. 17 |

2026 GENERAL MEETINGS—KEY SCHOOL BARN

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|--------|--------|----------|---------|
| May 14 | July 9 | Sept. 10 | Nov. 12 |
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| Guest Parking Passes | 410-263-4456 |
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| Hillsmere Garden Club | 410-268-7175 |
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| County Community Services Specialist | 410-222-1242 |
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| Recycling Information & Bulk Trash Pickup | 410-222-6100 |
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May 2026

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|--------|---|
| 3 | 4 | 5 Beach Committee Community House 7 p.m. | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Pool Cleanup, 8 a.m.– Noon |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 Beach Cleanup 11 a.m. Beach Park |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Pool Opening Day |
| 24 | 25 Memorial Day Remem- brance, Beach 10 a.m. | 26 | 27 Stargazers, Eastport Library | 28 HSIA Board Meeting Community House 7 p.m. | 29 | 30 Band at the Beach, 5–7 p.m. |
| 31 | June 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Pool Committee, Pool 7 p.m. | 11 | 12 | 13 |



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