

The Sea Breeze



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SUMMERTIME IN HILLSMERE

Happy Summer, everyone! This is our combined summer issue, which covers important dates and information from July through the beginning of September. Please take note of important dates!

In this issue you'll find great updates on the Beach playground (including final design photos), the living shoreline at the marina, the kayak dock replacement, pool dates and information (Don't forget that non-pool members can swim on the last Tuesday of each summer month for free!). Plus all of the dates for fun events like Bands at the Beach, the annual ice cream social, and Food Truck Fridays at the pool.

Finally, look for information on this year's Board elections! If you are interested in running, you'll need to declare your intent by September 12. Find more details on page 2.

Stay cool out there, and enjoy the rest of your summer in Hillsmere!

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CALL FOR CANDIDATES

In September, we will be seeking candidates to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for a two-year term (2027–2028). These leadership positions play an important part in the governance of our community. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions when you receive the Call for Candidates in September. **Nominations will be due September 12.**

NON-POOL MEMBERS CAN USE THE POOL THIS SUMMER

We have two dates remaining this season for Hillsmere residents, non-pool members to use the pool. Those dates July 28 and August 25. Please bring proof of residency for check-in.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DROP OFF

On Saturday, September 12, 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.

2026 BEACH PAVILION RESERVATIONS

To reserve the large pavilion, please contact the Property Manager at propertymanager@hillsmereshores.org with the date and time requested, or call 410-263-4456 and leave a message. 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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLUES BAND AT THE BEACH

Tom O'Brien is bringing a blues band to Hillsmere Beach on July 12 from 3–5 p.m. Bring a blanket or chair and a picnic. Please no glass or breakable dishes.

HILLSMERE AUGUST ICE CREAM SOCIAL

It's that time of year when we can all welcome a break from the heat and humidity with an ice cream social. The ice cream social will be at the beach on August 8. It starts at 6 p.m. and ends when we run out of ice cream. We'll have vanilla, chocolate, and sorbet from Bruster's. We're asking everyone to bring cookies and/or toppings for DIY sundaes. (Yum!) Watch for a notice on the bulletin board.

HAPPY HOUR AT THE BEACH

Mark your calendars and get ready to meet with neighbors and friends at the Beach on Saturday, September 12.

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 hillsmershores.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.

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee is up and running with quarterly orientations for new residents. New neighbors are sent invitations to a Welcome Open House where they have opportunities to meet neighbors, learn about the history of Hillsmere and our amenities. Welcoming Open Houses are scheduled quarterly and held at the Hillsmere Community House.

The next planning session is on Tuesday, August 21 from 4:30–5:30 p.m. at the Hillsmere Community House and the next Open House for new residents is on Sunday, July 26 from 3–5 p.m. New and current residents are invited to welcome new residents. Contact secretary@hillsmershores.org for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to plan events in Hillsmere throughout the year. Please contact secretary@hillsmershores.org if you would like to help organize some of Hillsmere's favorite annual events!

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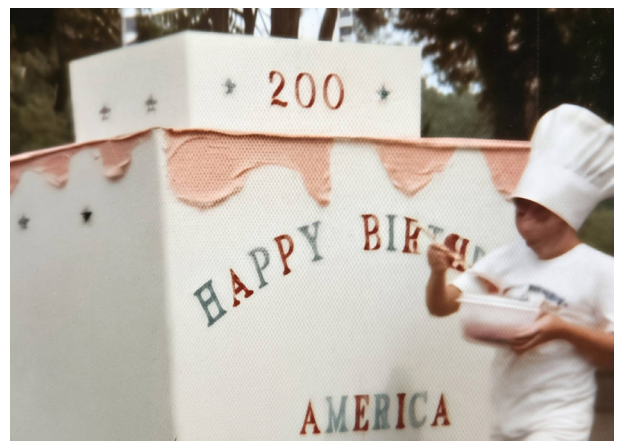
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FOURTH OF JULY, THEN AND NOW

This Fourth of July, Hillsmere resident Laura Wickland shared some photos (right column) from the 1976 parade celebrating America's Bicentennial.

“The parades used to begin at the start of Hillsmere Drive and proceed to the beach, where the community would celebrate all day with food, beverages, music, and games. I have such great childhood memories of those days, and I enjoyed raising my two daughters here as well.”

Thank you for sharing, Laura!
And thanks to all of this year's volunteers for making this year's celebration (pics below) great!



Motions from June 2026 Board meeting

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

POOL

1. Danielle Franz moved the Board approve \$1,500 for catering for the pool party on 8/1/26. Geoff Werner seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.
2. Danielle Franz moved the Board approve \$1,000 for a glow party. Maria Triandos seconded the motion. Vote taken – unanimously approved.

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETINGS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS		
7/9	HSIA General Meeting	Key School Barn Commons, 7 p.m.
7/30	HSIA Board Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr. 7–9 p.m.
8/4	Beach Committee Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr. 7 p.m.
8/27	HSIA Board Meeting	119 Great Lake Dr. 7–9 p.m.

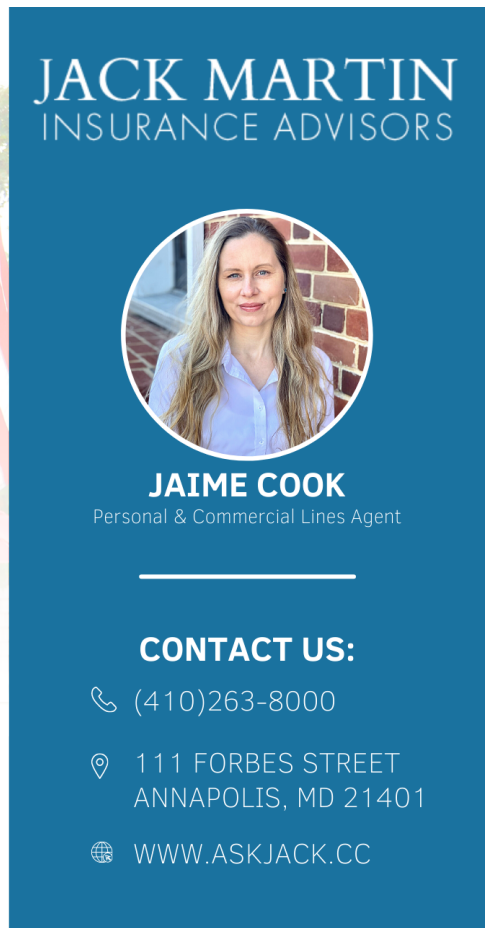


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Property Manager Report

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



Summer is in full swing in our community, and things are heating up! As always, there will be general maintenance during this time (landscaping to all community areas). Please be aware of our contractors, and give them space to work!

Just a few reminders about things around the community; All election related signs should be taken down as of 7/1. We follow county code on this matter. If you have any questions regarding the code, please reach out to me directly.

Speaking of county code, you may only have a dumpster or portable storage container on your property for a maximum of 60 days without a permit. You must place the dumpster or portable storage container on your property (driveway or yard). These may not be placed in the road, or county right of way. We have seen an increase in the number of dumpsters placed in the roadway. This impedes traffic, and may limit emergency vehicle access to your street. Please ensure that these items are placed in the correct spot.

To date, we have handed out almost 1,300 RFID stickers! If you haven't gotten your sticker yet, please be on the lookout for dates to come pick one up. These stickers open the new automatic gate at the beach. Please do not park along East Bay View / West Bay View. The county is changing the signage along the road to reflect no parking anytime on either side of the street near the entrance. Additionally, **do not block either entrance to the beach. Ticketing and towing will be strictly enforced.** These new stickers do not identify our community in any way, so any concerns about showcasing our community name should not come into play. Please help ensure that only residents are accessing our beach amenities by getting your sticker, and parking in the lot.

Looking forward to the fall, I intend to have monthly office hours at the community house. This will be a time for residents to come ask questions in person, pick up RFID stickers, and view the community house (if you have never been inside). These will be announced on a monthly basis. One of the best things about the RFID sticker process has been having the opportunity to meet so many neighbors, and answer questions. With that in mind, I am looking forward to meeting more of you face to face, and be available for community related questions!

I hope everyone is ready for an enjoyable summer in our beautiful community. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. propertymanager@hillsmershores.org

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Pool Committee

Danielle Franz and Crystal Monkman, Pool Chairs

SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING!

Thank you to everyone who has helped make it a great season so far! We appreciate our members, volunteers, lifeguards, and neighbors for helping make the Hillsmere Pool a fun and welcoming place to spend the summer.



PROJECT & MAINTENANCE UPDATES

New Pool Sign: Our replacement pool sign is currently in production and will be installed once it is completed.

Women's Shower Repair: Our plumber has diagnosed the issue with the women's shower hot water. The temperature mixing valve needs to be replaced, and the repair will be completed after pool hours as scheduling allows. The men's mixing valve will also be replaced as preventative maintenance.

POOLENTRY REMINDERS

Thank you to everyone for adapting to our new PoolEntry system. We appreciate your patience as members and staff have learned the new process together.

A reminder that activating a guest pass is only the first step. Each guest must also be checked in through the PoolEntry app before entering the pool. When you arrive, please have your completed member and guest check-in screen ready for the lifeguard to verify. Completing your check-in before leaving home helps keep the entry line moving quickly for everyone.

EVENTS:

Keep up to date with all pool events here: <https://hillsmershores.org/my-calendar/>

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

Food Truck Fridays continue every Friday throughout the summer! Food trucks are open to the entire neighborhood—pool membership is not required. Watch the [Hillsmere Pool Facebook page](#) for the schedule.

KID ENTREPRENEUR EVENTS

Young entrepreneurs can sign up for weekend time slots to sell crafts, artwork, snacks, and other items outside the pool entrance. Questions? Contact Debra Lambert at debralambert207@gmail.com. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0445A9AF2EA2F85-64511627-kidentrepreneur>.

REMAINING SUMMER DATES

Neighborhood Days (Hillsmere residents only):

July 28
August 25

Remaining Home Swim Meets:

July 11
July 19

Please expect increased traffic and parking near the pool on meet mornings. The pool is expected to open by 1:00 p.m. following each home meet.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Pool Party — August 1
Glow Party — August 22, 7–10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, July 8, 7:00 p.m. at the pool.
Questions? pool@hillsmereshores.org

—Hillsmere Pool Committee

HILLSMERE POOL



Food Truck



FRIDAYS


EVERY FRIDAY


4-8 PM


POOL PARKING LOT

May

- May 22 SMASH UP BURGER
- May 29 CHEVYS

June

- June 5 2 BOLD CHEFS
- June 12 TRUCK OF DELICIOUSNESS
- June 19 BRICK N FIRE PIZZA
- June 26 SMASH UP BURGER

July

- July 3 2 BOLD CHEFS
- July 10 CHEVYS
- July 17 BRICK N FIRE PIZZA
- July 24 SMASH UP BURGER
- July 31 JIMMY'S FAMOUS SEAFOOD

Aug

- Aug 7 2 BOLD CHEFS
- Aug 14 CHEVYS
- Aug 21 BRICK N FIRE PIZZA
- Aug 28 SMASH UP BURGER





STAY IN THE LOOP!
FOLLOW HILLSMERE POOL ON FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES.

Sept

- Sept 4 GREEK ON THE GO

Congratulations!

KEY SCHOOL CLASS OF

2026

The Class of 2026 has so much to be proud of, and their journey is just beginning. Scan to view a list of their impressive college acceptances and matriculations.







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Anne Arundel County

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HSIA Community Beach Report

Geoff Werner, Beach Committee Chair



Summer is in full swing, and it's been great to see so many families enjoying the beach, playground, marina, and waterfront. This is one of the best times of year in Hillsmere, and we're grateful to everyone who helps make our community such a special place.

Our next *Sea Breeze* update will be in September as summer begins to wind down. Until then, have a wonderful summer, stay safe on the water, and we'll see you at the beach!

PLAYGROUND PROJECT UPDATE: FINAL DESIGN

We're excited to announce a major milestone in the playground project—the final playground design has been completed!

Throughout June, HSIA worked closely with Metro Recreation to refine the final design, improving circulation throughout the play area, ensuring all equipment remains within the 5-foot fall height rating of the existing pea gravel surfacing, and preserving space for future accessibility enhancements. These refinements create a safer, more functional playground while maintaining flexibility for future improvements.

With the design finalized, the contract with Metro Recreation has been executed, and the playground equipment is now in production. Our previous efforts to maintain project momentum and stay on schedule allowed HSIA to execute the contract before the manufacturer's June 15 price increase took effect. As a result, we avoided additional project costs resulting from global supply chain disruptions and rising commodity prices. Protecting the project budget means more of our investment went directly into the playground rather than higher material costs.

FINAL METRO PLAYGROUND RENDERINGS



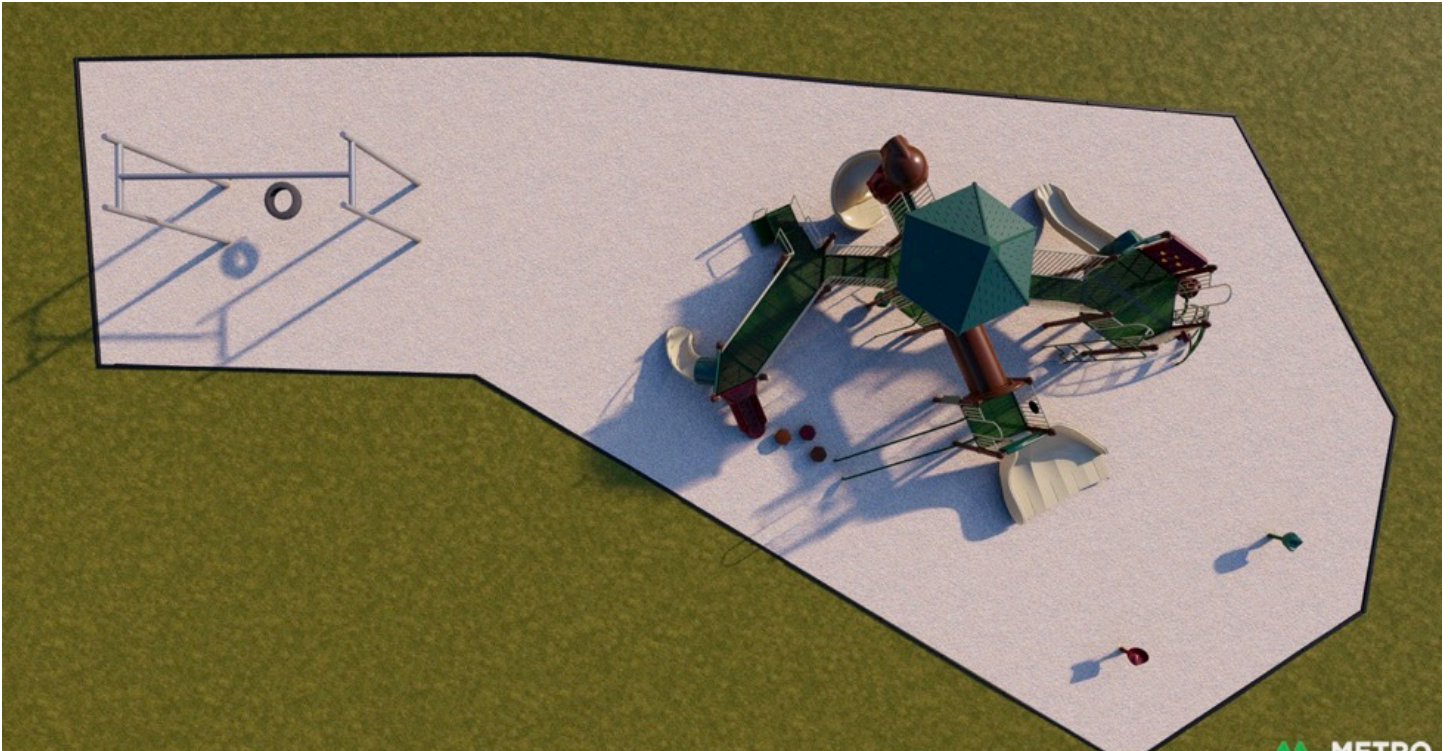


The permit application has been submitted to Anne Arundel County and is currently under review. With the design complete and manufacturing underway, the remaining milestones are primarily driven by the permitting process and equipment delivery. If those milestones stay on track, we anticipate installation beginning in August.

Seeing the project transition from planning and design into manufacturing is an exciting milestone. After months of community input, fundraising, design reviews, and permitting, we're one step closer to bringing a new playground to Hillsmere Beach.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort—from the volunteers who dedicated countless hours to the project to the residents whose generosity has helped make it possible. We look forward to welcoming Hillsmere families to a playground that will serve our community for generations to come!

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TIRE SWING UPDATE

While we await construction of the new playground, we're pleased to share that the existing tire swing will soon be back in service. Replacement hardware has been ordered, and based on the current estimated shipping date, installation is tentatively scheduled for July 27th.

COMING SOON: NEW VOLLEYBALL EQUIPMENT

Keep an eye out for updated volleyball equipment coming to the beach later this summer! We're excited to refresh another amenity and look forward to seeing residents enjoy a game by the water.

MEMORIAL BENCH UPDATE

The memorial bench restoration project is nearly complete- this effort has been made possible by a dedicated HSIA volunteer who has donated their time restoring the benches. Only two benches remain, and once complete, every memorial bench at the beach will have been restored. A heartfelt thank you for your effort to preserve these spaces that honor loved ones and provide a place for residents to enjoy our waterfront!

BEACH CLEANUP 2026

This summer, 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! Lost and found items can be placed on the bins next to the shower station.



The next community beach cleanup is scheduled for July 11 at 11 a.m., with a rain date of July 12.

WATER QUALITY UPDATE

The Arundel Rivers Federation conducts weekly bacteria testing at Hillsmere Beach as part of its broader water quality monitoring program throughout Anne Arundel County. Results are posted each week during the summer and provide the most up-to-date information on beach conditions. We encourage residents to follow the Arundel Rivers Federation on Facebook for weekly testing results and updates. For more information: <https://www.arundelrivers.org/copy-of-bacteria-monitoring>

SAFE SWIMMING TIPS

Before heading into the water, remember a few simple precautions that can help keep you and your family healthy:

- Avoid swimming for at least 24–48 hours after a heavy rainfall, when bacteria levels are often elevated.
- Do not enter the water with open cuts or wounds.
- Check the Arundel Rivers Federation’s weekly water quality updates before swimming.
- Shower after swimming to rinse off bacteria and other contaminants.

HELPING IMPROVE WATER QUALITY

In addition to monitoring, HSIA continues to take proactive steps to improve water quality. One of the most successful has been the early-morning leashed dog walking program, which is part of our ongoing geese mitigation efforts. Allowing leashed dogs on the beach before opening helps discourage geese from congregating along the shoreline, reducing waste on the property and lowering the risk of elevated E. coli levels in the water. Since implementing the program, we’ve seen encouraging improvements in both beach conditions and water quality.

If you’re a dog owner, we encourage you to take advantage of the early-morning dog walking hours. Leashed dogs are permitted on the beach and pathways only before the beach opens at 8 a.m. This limited access supports our geese mitigation efforts while preserving the beach for swimmers and other visitors during regular operating hours. Waste stations are located at the entrance to the property, and owners are expected to clean up after their dogs.

Note: please don’t feed geese or other waterfowl. Feeding wildlife encourages larger populations and increases waste along the shoreline. Together, these simple actions help protect the health of our waterfront and keep the beach clean and enjoyable for everyone.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Beach Committee Meeting: Join us in person, **August 4, 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.

Contact: beach@hillsmereshores.org



Important numbers and emails

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AACO Police non-emergency 410-222-8610
Hillsmere Security: security@hillsmereshores.org
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HSIA Property Manager:
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AACO traffic engineer: pwflor11@aacounty.org
Community Cat Program: jckilborn@yahoo.com

SAND SPIT LIVING SHORELINE/COASTAL RESILIENCY PROJECT

A little over one year since completion of Project plantings of over 8,000 marsh grass plugs and hundreds of conservation plants and shrubs, the Living Shoreline is thriving! It is a sight to behold, with well over the required 85% of plants surviving and growing, lush and green. Several shrubs on the berm that did not fare well will be replanted.



The Shoreline weathered winter and spring storms and high tides with minimal impact, demonstrating that the rock headlands and oyster reef balls are performing as expected, absorbing and diverting wave energy away from the Sand Spit. Wind, waves and tides are creating mini-dunes within the Project area, shifting sand, stones and organic debris where Nature wants them. We continue to periodically remove large debris such as logs, tree limbs and lumber, as well as accumulations of plastic trash.

The fun will start soon, as the Arundel Rivers Federation is planning an official Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for mid-September (week of 9/14?) to declare the Project completed and successful, and to recognize the contributions of all the stakeholders, including participating federal, State and local agencies and officials, as well as the Hillsmere Community and other private organizations, which all worked together to make the Project a success. Stay tuned for more information.

BEACH DRIVE FLOATING KAYAK DOCK

The Beach Drive Floating Kayak Dock Project at 541 Beach Drive has been delayed by the Anne Arundel County determination that a Special Exception was required to permit the Project to proceed, primarily because the County characterizes the Kayak Dock as a “community pier” in a Residential Zone. HSIA contracted with RKN Marine Permits & Services to assist in navigating the Special Exception permit process.



On behalf of HSIA, RKN has revised the Permit Application to request a Special Exception to change the existing use from a “recreational” pier to a “community” pier, and submitted a 9-page letter of explanation, including charts and diagrams. The good news is that the initial findings of the County’s Long Range Planning Section are that the Kayak Dock proposal is “generally consistent with the overall goals and policies” of General Development Plan 2040, the Region 7 Plan, and the Water and Sewer Master Plan. The County Critical Area Team also has no objection to the proposal.

The less good news is that the Zoning Administration Section has noted that the zoning code requires a 30,000 sf lot for a “community pier” and due to the small lot size at 541 Beach Drive (12,210 sf), a separate Variance of 17,790 sf will be required to permit a “community pier”. It appears another Variance to the requirement for “adequate and clean sanitary facilities” will be required, so we will be pursuing both the Special Exception for a community pier in a residential zone and two zoning Variances in order to be permitted to proceed with the project. Revised applications will be submitted to the County requesting hearings be scheduled for both the Special Exception and the Variances.

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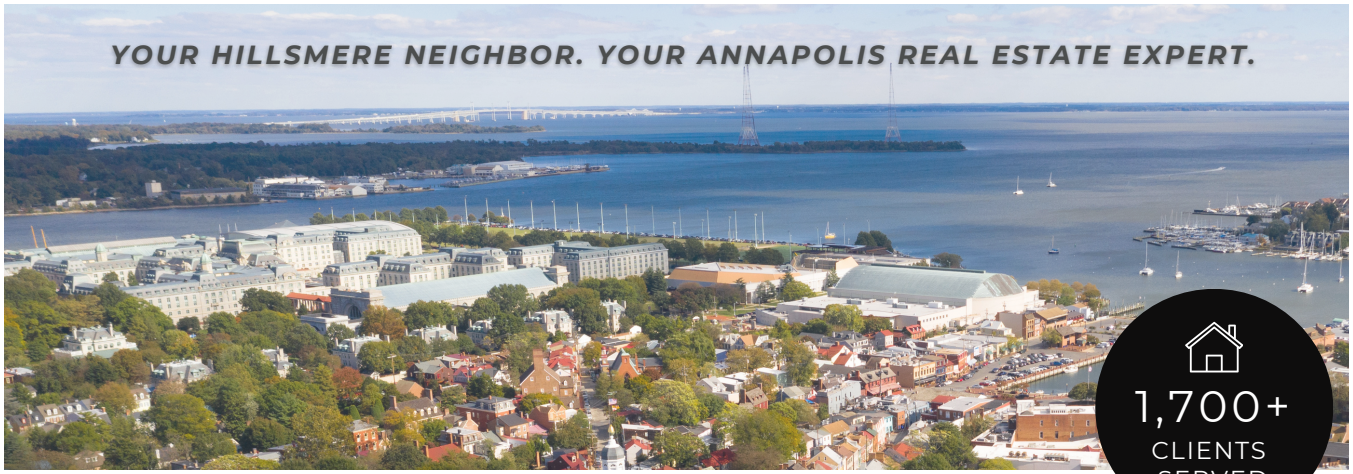


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HSIA Stargazers Club

Dennis Conti, Club Leader



The following is a report of the Club's meeting on June 24.

Dennis Conti gave a presentation on "The Big Bang and the Formation of the Universe." The presentation began with an historical perspective of the various early theories on the Universe, as well as the origin of the term "Big Bang." A review of some fundamental concepts such as matter, forces, and light preceded a timeline of how the Universe formed from a single, dense point to the present. Next, the concept of how we are able to "look back in time" at the early Universe was discussed. Finally, the list of unanswered questions that astronomers have about the Universe was presented.

Dennis Conti's presentation, as well as previous presentations to the Club, can be found on our YouTube channel. Go to www.youtube.com and in the search bar enter @Stargazers2025. Near the top of the listings, click on the Hillsmere Stargazers Club and this will take you to recordings of our previous meetings.

The Club's next meeting will be July 15 when Hillsmere's own Carl Wick will give a presentation on "Designing and Constructing a 3D Printed Refractor Telescope."

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



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Bylaws Committee

Tom Anderson, Bylaws Committee Chair

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 put Article VII forward to membership for a vote at the General Meeting on May 14, 2026. **There was not a quorum at that meeting and no vote was taken, so please review Article VII ahead of the July 9 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

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Although the Hillsmere Garden Club traditionally spends the summer months tending gardens rather than meeting, one of our members presented a "pop-up" activity on Plant Propagation.



LOOKING AHEAD

Our next scheduled activity is the Annual Summer Tea at a home of one of our members. Our next public meeting will be held on September 16, 2026. Details on that next month.

A NOTE FROM THE GARDEN: PROPAGATING SOFT WOODY PLANTS

VP of programs, Jeanne Nardi shared her enthusiasm for propagating garden plants through softwood cuttings. While plants can be propagated by division, seeds, or layering, this workshop focused on mid-to late spring cuttings. Plants suggested are (Shrubs): Itea, Various Hydrangeas, Summersweet, St. John's Wort, Buttonbush; (Perennials): Turtlehead, Swamp Milkweed, Basil. Take a 6-inch cutting, remove all but the top four leaves, dip the cut end in rooting hormone, and plant it in a 4-inch pot of moistened perlite. Cover the pot with a plastic bag or place it in a clear container to maintain humidity, and keep it in bright, indirect light. After 6–8 weeks, rooted cuttings can be potted up and planted in the garden in the fall. This simple, low-cost method is a great way to grow more of your favorite plants. For more info attend a meeting and ask Jeanne.

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.

Summer Curbside Collection Schedule

Households receiving trash, recycling, and yard waste collections should have their containers at the curb before 5:00 a.m. during June, July, and August.



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2026 BOARD MEETINGS—119 GREAT LAKE DR.

July 30 Aug. 27 Sept. 24

Oct. 29 Nov. 19 Dec. 17

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July 9 Sept. 10 Nov. 12

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July/August 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 5	6	7	8 Pool Committee Meeting 7 p.m. at the pool	9 HSIA General Meeting Key School Barn Commons 7 p.m.	10	11 Beach Cleanup 11 a.m. Beach Park
12 Band at the Beach, 3-5 p.m.	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 HSIA Board Meeting Community House 7 p.m.	31	August 1
2	3	4 Beach Committee Meeting Community House 7 p.m.	5	6	7	8 Ice Cream Social at the Beach, 6 p.m.
9	10	11	12	13	14	15



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