HSIA/Community Accomplishments 2005FY to 2010FY

Carrying on in the tradition of previous HSIA boards, below is a summary of what your Community volunteers have accomplished through your Association these past six years. The list is quite extensive.

Community:

Conducted a comprehensive Community Survey in 2005 achieving 64% return
Initiated Outreach Program for those unfortunate to have a house fire in our Community
Created leader roles for Volunteer Coordinator, Web Master, Welcome to new residents
Initiated Beach Socials for the community
Rebuilt the Community Hillsmere Drive entrance and new signs
Zoning&Covenants Committee-outlined mission/vision/operating principles/etc
Made the budgeting and expenses process open and transparent
Initiated Volunteer Recognition Program with T-shirts and Tote bags
Enhanced Community security program adding private security
Added Beach security during the summer to reserve the beach for our residents
Defined relationship with Key School; Key School initiated annual donation to HSIA
Helped move Duvall Creek dredging to become the current #1 project priority in MD
Lost community property to adverse possession lawsuit due to years1970-2000
Conducted effective Building Permit process/program
Arranged with the County to test for mosquito spraying each week throughout summer
Maintained active interaction with local governments and organizations incl. SRF, ANPF
Reduced debt from $508,000 to $125,819

Piers & Harbors:

Rebuilt Contingency fund to full strength after Isabel and major projects
Expanded the marina adding 26 new slips and redoing the parking lot
Achieved Clean Marina status/recognition; initiated oyster growing at marina
Rebuilt Beach Drive canoe pier and added 40 new canoe/kayak racks
Rebuilt Beach Drive pier/slips/boat ramp and added electricity to slips
Rebuilt Sunset Drive pier/slips and added electricity to slips
Installed security cameras at the Marina
Added automated marina entrance gate
Updated P&H rules and procedures

Beach:

Completed stone revetment of the east side of the beach where bulkhead failing
Redid the parking lot and internal fence and storm water management system
Upgraded playground for tots
Upgraded playground for older kids
Replaced benches with resident dedications; replaced waste baskets and picnic tables
Upgraded swings
Replaced pavilion roof
Completed wave action study of the shoreline in response to Community concerns & to provide information necessary to plan the protection and improvement of our beach.
Initiated SRF weekly water sampling of our beach for swimming safety

Storm Water/Environmental:
Restored marsh at northeast beach trench entry to River/Bay
Created storm water rain garden at mid-Beach entry
With help from SRF & grant from CBF, created storm water rain garden by pool
Helped fend off construction of 105 Steffey to reserve storm water management
Offered rain barrels to the community at reduced price through our Watershed Stewards
Working on a comprehensive storm water strategy for all of Hillsmere

Property:
Revamped rental house installing new flooring, ceiling fans, dishwasher, dehumidifier
Painted rental house inside and outside
Installed new windows throughout rental house
Installed new furnace in rental house
Hired property management company for rental house

Budget/Treasurer:
Made finances open and transparent
Initiated monthly cash flow and committee spending reports
Opened the budgeting process for board and HSIA membership involvement
Created Mission/Vision/Operating principles for the budget committee
Pushed HSIA back to obtaining multiple bids for work and materials
Paid back the $1000 to the remaining 50 1992 marina expansion project investors
Guided reduction in debt from $508,000 in 2004FY down to $125,819

The above is in addition to normal day to day activities of managing and maintaining facilities, conducting holiday social functions, annual community picnic, dumpster days, creating budgets and managing finances and insurance, responding to incidents and inquiries, organizing volunteers to help residents during snow storms, community meetings, board meetings, Come-and-Get-it Day, planting flowers at the entrance and islands etc., beach cleanup and project days, etc., 99% of which are all done by volunteers. Your HSIA Board of Directors, committee chairs and members, project managers, etc are all volunteers working to make your community a better place.
Two of the larger portions of the Special Tax are Security and Beach Capital projects:

	Security :		Beach Capital Projects	
Special Tax Fees:	**Budget**	**Spent**	**Budget**	**Spent**
2010FY: $121/lot	$80,000	$78,112	$16,350	$22,637
2009FY: $160	$40,000	38,170	$78,000	$64,173
2008FY: $156	$40,000	28,642	$80,500	$53,844
2007FY: $123	$45,000	28,154	$11,500	$ 3,207
2006FY: $141	$39,000	33,907	$41,679	$ 11,915
2005FY: $101	$37,000	29,401	$39,000	$20,600
2004FY: $ 77	$36,000	38,225	$17,000	$16,400
Average = $126/yr/lot		=$32/yr/lot		=$22.39/yr/lot

STax Incr. of $7.33/yr/lot 2004-2010FY
The other major portions of ST spending (in order of size) are loan payments (2 more yrs), Ground Maintenance, Sea Breeze, and admin. Submitted by Bruce Walker