



Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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Dear Hillsmere Resident,

Recently, a letter was sent to all the residents of Hillsmere by the three East Bay View lot owners who are trying to seize the strip of community property between their house and the water by adverse possession. Since they are about to sue each and every Hillsmere lot owner individually, they sent the letter to give the impression that they are the innocent victims of an attack by the HSIA Board of Directors. Nothing could be further from the truth.

If they decide to go through with their threat to sue each property owner in Hillsmere individually then we will immediately setup a community meeting for all Hillsmere lot owners to let everyone know what their options are and how you can respond or opt out of the lawsuit. Our lawyer will be present to answer your questions. Despite the accusations in the recent letter, the HSIA Board of Directors is and always has been very interested in making sure you have all the facts about this controversy. The meeting will be announced on the community bulletin board, on our web site, and by email. If you are not on our email list please visit our web site at www.hillsmereshores.net, click on the "Join the HSIA Email List" link. You don't have to be a member of HSIA to be on the list.

The land in question was given to you, when the community was formed, for your enjoyment and recreational use. HSIA is obligated by the deed to "protect and defend" this property for the "use and benefit" of all Hillsmere lot owners. We have made very reasonable offers to address the concerns of the lot owners along the beach strip but we have been unwilling to give away your community property. Instead of suing everyone the plaintiffs should accept HSIA's offer and become a positive part of this community again. Again, if they decide to go sue then we will immediately schedule the community meeting. We sincerely hope that this will not be necessary.

If you are sued then it is likely that you will receive service by certified mail. If the mailman asks you to sign for the letter then refusing will not prevent you from being served. However, you are under no obligation to go to the post office to pickup the certified letter. If you don't then the plaintiffs will have to find another way to serve you including possibly hiring a private process server. If you are served in person then you have no choice but to accept service. They cannot go forward until everyone has been served.

Please read the attached HSIA response to the letter and the history of the controversy (taken from the January/February 2006 *Sea Breeze*) to get a better understanding of this issue.

Board of Directors,
Hillsmere Shores Improvement Association

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