

# The Islander

Your Rumsey Island Residents Association Publication



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## April 2007

### In Remembrance of Three of Our Own:

Saturday morning March 24th in Churchville, MD 3 avid NASCAR fans as well as residents of Rumsey Island took off for Bristol, Tennessee. They were looking forward to a weekend at the races, but 8 minutes into their flight the plane went down in Jacksonville, MD killing all 3 men: Tim Conner, Paul Sorensen and Ted Ryder. These men were stellar hard working men. They contributed so much to their families, neighbors and their community. They would help anyone in a pinch, and did so without hesitation. They have left behind wives and kids...a legacy that will never be forgotten and will be missed beyond words...

A Trust Fund has been created for the children of Tim Connor. They resided with Tim and he was their head of household. If you are interested in making a contribution to the Trust Fund please contact any Bank of America branch and inform them that you would like to donate to the Contribution Account for the Children of Timothy H. Conner.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends affected by this tragedy.

### The Next R.I.R.A Meeting

The next Residents Association Meeting will be held Thursday at 6:30 PM on April 26th at the Joppatowne Library.

At this meeting we will create a committee for the waterways, bulkheads, silt runoff etc. on Rumsey. Sign up at this meeting if interested in being a part of this important effort. Have you seen the small island forming in the canal? This is serious!

### Redners Grand Opening

Redners Market is scheduled to have their anxiously awaited ribbon cutting Wednesday May 2nd at 7:30am!

### 2007 Membership Dues

It is time for the Rumsey Island Residents Association 2007 membership drive. Your participation is one way to support all the community activities that will be taking place encourage your neighbors to join in as we work together in building a safe and healthy community that you will be proud to call home.

## **Yard Waste Pick Date Scheduled**

Yard waste will be collected on **May 12<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9am. Ring in the summer weather by getting rid of Old Man Winter yard debris!

**Please remember that you must have a current R.I.R.A Membership card to participate in Yard Waste Pick Up Day.**

## **Spring Yard Sale!**

Time to clean out those closets and that attic for the Spring Yard Sale scheduled for **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** 8am- till ?. The yard sale will be advertised in The Aegis, Penny Saver, and Harford County section of The Sun. Don't forget to have change available for your customers!

## **A Sincere Thank You!**

We would like to extend a special THANK YOU to the Joppatowne Women's Club for their clean-up efforts on Shore Drive. Please help to keep our special Island litter free!

## **Building and Zoning**

Official R.I.R.A letters will be sent out to residents who violate the building and zoning regulations, and then to the Harford County Office of Building and Zoning for recording purposes. Harford County will also be following up with letters from the Building and Zoning office if necessary. If compliance is not met by the end of May court notices may be forthcoming.

REMEMBER that it is the homeowner's responsibility to comply with the zoning rules and regulations as well as the Rumsey Island Covenants.

## **Helpful Hints and Tips**

Do you have a helpful hint/tip/article that you would like to share with your Island neighbors? The R.I.R.A. welcomes your positive input for publication in the Islander, and you may email suggestions to: [info@rumseyisland.com](mailto:info@rumseyisland.com).

## **The Examiner Newspaper**

A suggestion was received regarding discontinuing the delivery of The Examiner. The Island can become cluttered with these newspapers as many residents don't read them. To stop delivery of The Examiner to your home the process is easy. Please call 1-800-387-6090, or visit [mbarnum@baltimoreexaminer.com](mailto:mbarnum@baltimoreexaminer.com).

## **Volunteers Needed!**

We would like to add some new faces to the already very much appreciated group of volunteers we have now. Volunteering is a valuable resource and the R.I.R.A. is always looking for folks to help with: planning, organizing and participating in all sorts of activities. These events would not be possible with out our VOLUNTEERS! Please send a note to [info@rumseyisland.com](mailto:info@rumseyisland.com) expressing your desire to help or simply let us know at the monthly meetings.

## **Sidewalk Saga**

It is the homeowner's responsibility to maintain, repair, and/or replace the sidewalks in front of their homes. Unfortunately, there are many that need these repairs or replacement. Please be aware that our island is a mobile one and we need to keep the sidewalks safe for our walkers/runners.

## **Special Offers!**

### ***Creative Lawn and Landscape.***

All phases of yard work including property maintenance, grass cutting, trimming, hauling, mulching and lawn repair. Other services include landscape design, and installation, walls, patios, walkways, ponds and water gardens. Local, licensed and insured. For a free estimate call today: 1-443-955-8512.

### ***Office Space for Lease***

Alexander Square Building  
(across from Joppatowne Library)  
300, 600, 900 sq ft offices available on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Furnished. Comcast internet available.  
Call Scott 410-679-5700

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Harford County Bar-b-Que  
and Baking Contest**

**June 9th 1:00pm-4:00pm on Rumsey Island!**

**Are you hungry yet?!** The place is The Church of the Resurrection at Bridge and Anchor Drives June 9<sup>th</sup> from 1-4pm. Admission to the public is \$5.00, under 5 yrs. is FREE. Cooks and Bakers are needed. Contestants may start cooking early that morning. You can enter a meat or non-meat dish. Entry fees are \$10.00 for the Challenge (you can enter in all 3 categories) and \$3.00 if you just want to enter the baking contest. You will need to bring your own: tent, grill, table, chair and any other items you need to prepare your dish/dishes. Judging begins at 12:00 Noon sharp and prizes will be awarded.

Pull out those secret recipes if you are up for the CHALLENGE!

*To enter and for more information,  
please contact Beverly at 410-679-5394,  
or the Church at 410-679-8700.  
The deadline to enter is MAY 12<sup>th</sup>!*

**R.I.R.A. 2007 Meeting Dates**

All meetings are held at 6:30PM at the Joppatowne Library.

April 26 – Thursday  
September 27 – Thursday  
May 31 – Thursday  
October 18 – Thursday  
June 21 – Thursday  
November 15 – Thursday  
July 19 – Thursday  
December 20 – Thursday

**Community Telephone Numbers**

Community Police  
410-612-1670

Dept Public Works  
410-638-3285

Parks & Rec  
410-612-1608

Planning & Zoning  
410-638-3103

Health Dept  
410-879-8322

B G & E  
410-685-0123  
1-800-685-0123

**R.I.R.A. Merchandise**

Rumsey Island decals are available now.



**\$3.00 for 1; \$5.00 for 2**

To order, send a self addressed, stamped envelope  
along with check or money order to:  
R.I.R.A.. PO Box 196. Joppa, Md. 21085



Respect your neighbors, your neighbor's property  
and our cherished Island.



## **NOW ACCEPTING 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

### **WHY JOIN RIRA ?**

RIRA Membership is open to all residents, both homeowners and renters. Membership dues support community activities (including two Island parades each year), landscape maintenance, fund our growing web site, fund the new Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony, and pays advertising cost for seasonal yard sales. In addition a membership allows you to purchase a discounted ticket to the Annual Crab Feast and to participate in the Yard Waste Pickup.

RIRA annual membership dues of \$25.00 are payable each calendar year and are in effect from January to December of that year.

!.....Cut along the dotted line and mail in with your membership dues.....!

*Enclose \$25.00 payment for annual membership dues.*

**R.I.R.A.  
PO Box 196  
Joppa, Md. 21085**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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YES! Send me notification of meetings and upcoming events via E-mail