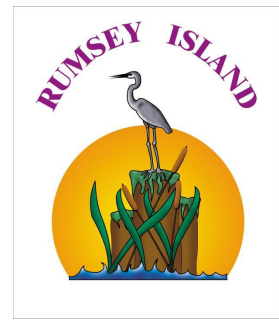


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Your Rumsey Island Residents Association Publication

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Goal 2005 R.I.R.A.

The first board meeting of the R.I.R.A. started off with a discussion on how this Board can help this community define what it wants in and from a community.

The President, Karen Hawley sees a need to expand that sense of community to include the concept of a community family. The Board wants your family to feel a sense of need in looking out for each other and each other's children.



It's very easy to point out what's wrong with your neighbor, or what's missing in this community, or why won't the other guy do his or her part. Our children need to feel secure where they live, that will only happen when the adults set the role model on how to treat each other. Let's all try to be part of a solution when it comes to making the Rumsey Island Community our Family.

February is American Heart Month

We are blessed to have a community where we can walk, run, ride a bike and be physically active. Cardiovascular or



heart disease is the number one killer not only in America but here in Joppa as well. The Board wants to encourage everyone to take their families walking. Challenge the neighborhood to see who

can walk across America right here in Joppa Town. Go to the American Heart Association website and find out what you can do to help keep your family healthy. <http://www.americanheart.org>

Some of you who attend church can use the new concept of prayer walking, as a means to walk through the community and pray for those you pass along the way. Edgewood Alliance Church, 1980 Trimble Road, is starting a 40 day to Palm Sunday prayer walking program.

Keeping fit physically, will also help you stay mentally healthy as well. Let's get moving, Joppa can be the healthiest community in Maryland!



If your interested in other healthy family activities go to the:

Joppatowne Recreation Council Website
http://www.co.ha.md.us/parks_rec/

Next Rumsey Island Yard Sale

May 14, 2005

Why not get creative!

Get your kids involved, donate some of the funds to their favorite charity!

Next Yard Waste Pick Up

May 21, 2005

Special Notes of Interest

Member 2005 Meeting Dates

March 16-Wednesday

April 21

May 19

June 9

July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 16- Wednesday

December 15

Xmas Give A-way

Winner \$25.00 Mars Gift Certificate

Mr & Mrs John Kozarski

49 Old Sound Road

Holiday House Contest

Xmas Light Display

Houses- 1st prize 719 Town Center Drive

2nd prize 4 Bridge Drive

Townhouse- 1st prize 13 Neptune

2nd prize 203 Bridge Drive

What else would you like to see in your association newsletter?

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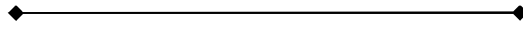
Just A Thought

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read."

Author:Mark Twain

"Help your brother's boat across, and your own will reach the shore."

Author:Hindu Proverb



If you have experienced a random act of kindness by a neighbor in Rumsey Island, pass that story along to the newsletter. It may inspire someone else to do the same.

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