

The Islander

Your Rumsey Island Residents Association Publication



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Thanks Dion!

R.I.R.A. would like to extend a BIG Thanks to our Councilman Dion Guthrie and to Hank Sebula for their work in getting those unsightly power line towers removed from the shopping center parking lot and elsewhere in Joppatowne. Let's face it folks...those structures were ugly and having them removed has made a huge improvement.

Updates from Dion

Joppatowne Elementary school is slated for a \$7 million upgrade; and a new Gym is planned for Joppatowne High School.

Harford County has reported that because of school overcrowding, no new developments will be constructed in the Joppa or Edgewood areas. This was due to Councilman Guthrie's Bill in regards to Adequate Public Facility Ordinance.

New Southern Precinct Police Station

In County Councilman Dion Guthrie's budget report the County approved a \$13.7 million expenditure to build a new Southern Precinct for the Sheriff's Office. This will be built next to the Exxon Station on Route 40 and Route 152. This facility is long overdue and another THANKS to Dion for his work in getting it approved!

Traffic Study on Shore Drive

A traffic study for Shore Drive has been completed. The County's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program (NTMP) requires that subject roads have a minimum score of 50 points before Level 2 measures (traffic control devices or physical measures such as speed humps) will be implemented.

The recent study indicated that Shore Drive has a score of 45 points, and therefore, does not qualify for Level 2 measures. The study showed that the 85% speed (i.e., the speed at which 85% of the drivers are traveling at or lower) was 33 mph.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, you may contact the office of Traffic and Transportation Planning at (410) 638-3545.

Music by the Marina

Councilman Dion Guthrie has arranged for Music by the Marina. It will be held on August 19, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on the back property of the Holy Spirit Church on Joppa Farm Road. Music from the Big Band era as well as the Top 40 of today's music will be played. So let's support this endeavor by bringing your friends and neighbors and don't forget your beach chair. Spread the word!

Is Dredging in Rumsey's Future?

Another topic in Dion's report is the approval of monies for canal dredging purposes in Joppatowne. These areas will include Foster Branch Creek, Taylor Creek, Gunpowder River and waterways around Rumsey Island. This dredging is slotted for FY10, but Dion is hoping the County may be able to move that up a year. Let's hope!

Update: The Global Position Survey (GPS) for dredging was completed in July as a first step to the process.

To make sure the money stays in the Budget for the dredging of Rumsey Island, voice your concern to Senator Nancy Jacobs and Delegates Mary Delaney James and B. Dan Riley.

Bulk Head Update

The Waterways Committee met on Friday, June 29th with 8 people participating on Captain Ted Ostrowski's boat. (Thanks Ted!!) Also aboard was Jeff Gosnell of Bay Pile Driving to help explain & access problematic bulkheads. After talking with the Army Corp of Engineers and Harford County, they both agreed the only way to repair existing bulkheads is to install C-Loc Vinyl bulkheads. R.I.R.A.'s recommendation is to have one of the following reputable companies do the work.

- Bay Pile Driving 410-879-3121
- Murphy Marine Construction 410-560-0010

Crab Feast Tickets on Sale Now!

Our annual R.I.R.A. Crab Feast will be held on September 22nd at the Church of the Resurrection on the corner of Anchor & Bridge Drive. Hours are 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$12.00 per person for R.I.R.A. members and \$17.00 for non-members. Please call Rose Marie Vaccaro at 410-679-8801 for tickets. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup. Contact Frank Vaccaro if you are able to help. Remember a dessert for the Bake Table and, as usual, beer and corn will be available. Please bring your own soft drinks. Tickets are limited, so please order early.

What?! No Fourth of July Parade?

Unfortunately, Rumsey had to do without the Fourth of July parade this year due to lack of ...you guessed it ...volunteers. This is too bad since many kids really look forward to the event. Hopefully, 2008 will bring back the 4th's Parade and celebration.

The Next R.I.R.A Meeting

The next Residents Association Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday August 16th at the Joppatowne Library. Although summer is a time for fun in the sun and vacations it's nice to see the neighborhood take time out to attend a meeting. Please stop by and see what's happening on Rumsey Island.

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 without our VOLUNTEERS! Please send a note to info@rumseyisland.com expressing your desire to help or simply let us know at the monthly meetings.

Attention Boaters

Please be responsible and maintain the posted NO WAKE signs in the canals. That goes for wave runners also.

The Guard House

The Guard House has been vandalized once again. It's unfortunate that we can't keep such a creative piece safe from profanity and abuse.

Transit Service

If you are unable to drive and need to do shopping, you can call the Harford Bus Transit at 410- 838-2562 for door to door service.

Special Offers!

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410-679-3317 or 443-739-2968.

Aurora Hair Studio & Day Spa, located at 620 Town Center Drive (across from the library), features gifted NY stylist Linda Monaro formerly of PASSAGE Long Island a Premiere New York Salon. 10% OFF FOR R.I.R.A. members. Call for appointment! 410-538-4049 WALK-IN'S WELCOME!!

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Sidewalk Saga

It is the homeowners responsibility to maintain, repair, and 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 children, walkers and runners.

Dates to Remember

Aug 16 – Next RIRA Meeting 6:30 to 8 PM
Aug 19 – Music by the Marina 6 to 8 PM
Sept 22 – Crab Feast 1 to 4 PM
Oct 27 – Halloween Parade

The Examiner Newspaper

There has been a huge reduction in the amount of Examiner newspapers delivered to residents on the Island. If you are still receiving the Examiner and wish to discontinue delivery please call 1-800-387-6090, or visit www.baltimoreexaminer.com.

Written Complaints & Emails to R.I.R.A.

In an effort to resolve your complaints about parked cars, boats & trailers on the streets of Rumsey Island, please call the Sheriff's Department directly at 410-838-6600 and ask for the Southern Division. You do not need to leave your name or address. Just say you are a resident of Rumsey Island and would like to report an infraction.

Please Remember To . . .

- Maintain your grass & shrubs
- Pick up after your dog
- Park your car in your driveway or on the street – NOT on your grass
- Don't leave your animals out in the hot weather
- Keep all boats and trailers off the street. **"IT'S THE LAW"**
- Keep sidewalks clear
- Observe speed limits on our roads and on the waterways.

2007 Meeting Dates

Thursdays, 6:30pm at the Joppatowne Library
 August 16 September 27
 October 18 November 15
 December 20



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



NOW ACCEPTING 2007 MEMBESHIP DUES

WHY JOIN RIRA ?

RIRA Membership is open to all residents, both homeowners and renters. Membership dues support community activities, landscape maintenance, fund our growing web site, and pays advertising costs 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 twice a year. 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
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Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

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