

# The Islander

Your Rumsey Island Residents Association Publication



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## March 2007

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

The next Residents Association Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on **Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Joppatowne Library.

### Special Recognition

R.I.R.A. would like to recognize Bob Howard and Eddie Corcoran for their efforts during their many clean-up walks around the Island. They've done an exceptional job helping to maintain the beauty of Rumsey Island!

The Joppatowne Women's Club will also be doing a clean-up on March 31st along Shore Drive as part of the Adopt a Road Program.

### Redners Market Opening Soon!

We are anxiously awaiting the grand opening of Redners Market, now scheduled for the middle of April. Cold weather contributed to the delay. But the store will be open in time for SPRING!

### Be Alert

It has been brought to our attention that some residents have had their outboard motors stolen from their property and several cars have been broken into. Please make certain to secure your personal property and lock your cars.

### It's Still Winter!

In the event of ice or snow, please remember to shovel & salt your sidewalks and walkways as soon as possible for your safety and the safety of the Community. According to Harford County, it is the **homeowner's** responsibility to maintain & clear the sidewalk in front of their house.

### 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](mailto:info@rumseyisland.com) expressing your desire to help or simply let us know at the monthly meetings.

### Spring Yard Sale

Come to the next R.I.R.A. meeting to help pick the date for the Spring Yard Sale.

### 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 this year. Support the drive this year, and 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.

### Building and Zoning

After numerous complaints, a Committee has been formed and meets monthly to drive around the Island, assessing complaints from residents as well as from Harford Co. Inspectors. Many people are building sheds, decks and patios, parking illegal vehicles, leaving debris, etc. We will be addressing these issues in the upcoming month with Harford County Planning and Zoning.

We will then be sending out letters with violations from Harford Co. and also some relating to the Rumsey Island Covenants. Late summer and fall letters were sent to put homeowners on notice. We now will be following up on these, as well as other complaints.

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

### Spring Cleanup

We will be scheduling the Spring Yard Waste Pick-Up at the next meeting. Remember, to participate your 2007 dues must be paid.

### 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

### 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

### Get Well Wishes!

We send out Special Wishes to Karen Hawley and Holly Barnhart. Get well soon!.

### Special Offer

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Serving the community for over 30 years.  
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General Practice • No Fee Unless We Win •  
Offices in White Marsh, Abingdon & Bel Air.  
Free Consultation for R.I.R.A. Members.  
1-888-4-MD-LAWS

### 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).



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



### 2007 Meeting Dates

All Rumsey Island Residents Association general membership meetings are held at the Joppatowne Library beginning at 6:30 p.m.

March 19 – Monday	August 16 - Thursday
April 26 – Thursday	September 27 - Thursday
May 31 – Thursday	October 18 - Thursday
June 21 – Thursday	November 15 - Thursday
July 19 – Thursday	December 20 - Thursday

## NOW ACCEPTING 2007 MEMBESHIP 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.  
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YES! Send me notification of meetings and upcoming events via E-mail