

# The Islander

Your Rumsey Island Residents Association Publication



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## September 2007

### Crab Feast

Our annual R.I.R.A. Crab Feast will be held on September 22nd from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Church of the Resurrection on the corner of Anchor & Bridge Drive. Tickets were \$12.00 per person for R.I.R.A. members and \$17.00 for non-members and are SOLD OUT. Don't forget to bring a dessert for the Bake Table and your own soft drinks. Beer will be provided.

### Celebration of Life

Aurora Hair Studio & Day Spa is organizing a Community Appreciation day on Sept. 29th at 620 Town Center Drive (across from the library). Various local businesses have agreed to donate products and services to promote their businesses and at the same time give back to their community. Grill Sensation has agreed to provide food and soft drinks, with profits to go to the Carter Littlejohn Medical Fund.

They have focused on a local resident and child, Carter Littlejohn that was just recently diagnosed with cancer. Please visit his website, [www.caringbridge.org/visit/carterlittlejohn](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/carterlittlejohn) to find out more about Carter and his condition.

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

The next Residents Association Meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on Thursday September 27th at the Joppatowne Library.

### Blessing of the Animals

The Church of the Resurrection will have their annual Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 6th at 10:00AM.

### Yard Sale

Saturday, October 13th will be our annual fall yard sale. Start preparing for the big event.

The Joppatowne Women's Club will have their fundraiser tables set up at 510 Anchor Drive. All proceeds will go to help raise money for community projects as well as Scholarships. So if you are not having a sale yourself, stop by for some good deals. Unsold yard sale items can be dropped off at Holy Spirit Parish Center from 9 to 5, Mon-Fri.

### Fall Festival

Good Shepherd Church on Joppa Farm Road will hold their annual Fall Festival on October 20th from 9 to 3. Games, crafts, White Elephant and food will be available.

### Halloween Parade

Our Halloween Parade will be held on October 27th. We meet at the Good Shepherd Church parking lot, next to the library, at 12 noon. Invite your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!

## **Yard Waste Pick Up**

Our Fall Yard Waste Pick Up will be held this year on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Please put out your yard waste in plastic bags or wrap/tie small branches securely with rope. Remember to participate, you must be a member of R.I.R.A. Place your yard waste out the night before or by 7:00AM on Saturday.

## **Black Widow Spiders**

Black Widow spiders have been found on Rumsey Island. They are characterized by a large shiny black body, a bulbous abdomen with a shiny red hourglass pattern on the underside and a red dot by its web duct. They hide in rocks, or in crevasses close to the ground, and near water. They are nocturnal, are very fast moving, and have 300-500 babies at a time that are tiny and may enter your home through small cracks and spaces under the front door. They remain white until maturity in about 1 to 3 months. They can be killed with Raid Ant spray, an item I'd bet every Rumsey Island resident already has on hand. Raid does not kill babies in the egg sac. Fortunately, she dies in autumn, but the babies disperse in the wind on strands of webbing, and winter over in warm hiding places. Small children, pets, the elderly and the sick can die from a Southern Black Widow spider's bite. If bitten, a hospital stay may be recommended, especially for those with heart a condition or with other health conditions. Apply ice to the effected area to relieve pain and swelling. Save the spider, even if it's squished, for positive identification for diagnostic purposes. Rubbing alcohol helps preserve the dead spider, but is not necessary. A plastic bag, small jar, or pill vial make useful containers. A physician may administer calcium gluconate or a specific antivenin to relieve pain. Please be careful with small children left alone in your back yards. *Article contributed by K. Reedy*

## **Special Notice!**

It has been reported to R.I.R.A. that residents have been dumping various waste into the Canals. Please be considerate of our waterways by not dumping leaves, grass clippings, dog waste or emptying Porta-Potties into our canal.

## **Car Break-Ins**

There have been numerous car break-ins on Anchor Drive this past month. Please be diligent and lock your cars & put the alarms on. They seem to break-in cars through side windows or jeeps with canvas tops. Please report all break-ins to the police so that Rumsey Island will get the proper police presence in our area in the future.

## **Notice to Parents**

In August the Police have been called on several occasions due to the fact that about 10 to 12 boys in the 12 to 15 year age range have been jumping off the bridge daily. Please inform your children of the dangers of this habit. It is extremely dangerous, as well as against the law.

## **Planning for Evacuation if you are Someone with Special Needs**

Persons with disabilities and who are without help to leave their residence during an evacuation are urged to complete the Harford County Emergency Operations Division's Confidential Survey mailed recently to every household in the county. Completed surveys should be returned as soon as possible to the division, 2220 Ady Road, Forest Hill, Md. 21050. If you did not receive the survey form, contact Harford County Emergency Planner Susan Ayers at 410-638-4794.

Along with returning the completed survey, persons with disabilities and other special needs should consider forming a support network of family members, friends and neighbors to assist them in such an emergency. A checklist which details some planning tips has been prepared by the EOC, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross. A copy can be found on the R.I.R.A. website: [www.rumseyisland.com](http://www.rumseyisland.com). You don't have to be the only one prepared. Encourage others to be prepared and consider volunteering or working with local authorities on disability and other special needs preparedness efforts.

For more information, contact the Harford County Division of Emergency Operations at 410-638-4794.

## **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.

## **Special Offers!**

### ***Joppa Farm Automotive Service, Inc.***

For all your vehicle care needs visit Steve Cavallaro, Certified Auto Mechanic, located at the Citgo Station on Joppa Farm and Trimble Roads (Steve's shop is independent of the gas station and is not affiliated in any way). Stop by or make an appointment by calling 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!!

***Deckelman's Marine Towing***, offers all RIRA Members a **Free** Chesapeake Bay Assist Associate Membership Courtesy of Captain Ted Ostrowski. Call 410-391-6482 and use Code 085 to activate your free membership. Visit their website at [www.chesapeakebayassist.com](http://www.chesapeakebayassist.com)

***Tollgate Liquors*** located in the Tollgate Marketplace on the corner of Rt 24 and Rt 1 between the Giant and Staples in Bel Air is offering all Rumsey Island Resident Association Members huge discounts. Just present your RIRA Membership card. Visit their website at [www.tollgateliquors.net](http://www.tollgateliquors.net) and sign up for their monthly newsletter.

***Robert Wilson, Master Electrician***. Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Service and HVAC. Licensed and Insured. Phone 443-872-8765.

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## **Advertise with us!**

Is your business interested in advertising on the R.I.R.A. website? Promote your business and help support the Rumsey Island Resident's Association for just \$50.00 per year.

Contact Sharon at Prize WebWorks, Inc., 410-538-5220, for more details.

## **2007 Meeting Dates**

Thursdays, 6:30pm at the Joppatowne Library

- September 27
- October 18
- November 15
- December 20

**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.

**Dates to Remember**

- Sept 22 – Crab Feast 1 to 4 PM
- Sept 27 – Next RIRA Meeting 6:30 to 8 PM
- Oct 13 – Yard Sale
- Oct 27 – Halloween Parade
- Nov 17 – Fall Yard Waste Pick-Up



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  
Joppa, Md. 21085**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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