

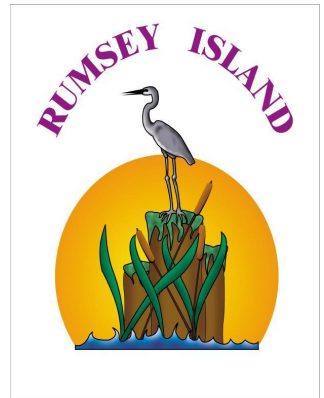
# The Islander

Your Rumsey Island Residents Association Publication

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## Goal 2005 R.I.R.A.

The first officers meeting of the R.I.R.A. started off with a discussion on how to help residents of Rumsey Island 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 officers would like 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. Go to the American Heart Association website and find out what you can do to help keep your family healthy by walking. <http://www.americanheart.org> If your interested in other healthy family activities go to the Joppatowne Recreation Council Website [http://www.co.ha.md.us/parks\\_rec/](http://www.co.ha.md.us/parks_rec/)

## New Logo

The R.I.R.A. officers would like to acknowledge the superb job that Harry Dahl did in creating the new logo for the newsletter. He truly captured the simple elegance of living on the Island. His choice of colors represent the tranquility of living in our community. Next time you see Harry please let him know how proud we are of him and how grateful we are for his contribution to our Island Heritage.



## The top 10 ways you know that Martha Stewart is stalking your dog:



10. There is a potpourri pomander hanging from his/her collar.
9. The dog's nails have been cut with pinking shears.
8. The dog toys are all stored in McCoy crocks.
7. The pooper scooper has been decorated with raffia.
6. That tell tale lemon slice in his/her new silver water bowl.
5. You find liver and whole wheat dog treats stamped out with copper cookie cutters and decorated with royal icing using a #2 rosette tip.
4. Dog hair has been collected and put into wire baskets for nesting material for the birds.
3. A seasonally appropriate grapevine wreath adorns the front of his/her crate.
2. Your dog goes outside naked and comes in wearing a thyme colored virgin wool hand knitted sweater with matching boots. AND THE NUMBER ONE WAY YOU KNOW THAT MARTHA STEWART IS STALKING YOUR DOG IS...
1. The dog droppings in your back yard have been sculpted into swans.

*Now we hope this little story makes you smile and laugh, but we also hope that next time you take your dog out to do a "pooping" walk, don't forget to take a bag for "scooping".*



## Special Attention Rumsey Island Homeowners

If you are having problems with your water meters, such as sinking meters, cracking of the cement around the meteors, contact the Harford County Department of Public Works at 410-638-3285. Ask for the Department of Water and Sewage. You may qualify for some free repairs.



**Special Notices**



**Next Rumsey Island Yard Sale**  
May 14, 2005

**Next Yard Waste Pick Up**  
May 21, 2005

**Needed Block Captain** for Stone Harbor and Beacon Pt. total of 20 houses. Questions contact Rose Marie Vaccaro **410-679-8801**

**Patti's Salon** Family Hair Cuttery located at Alexander Square across from the Joppa Library wants to support the community by offering 10% discount to all R.I.R.A. members who show a 2005 membership card. Call: **410-538-4048**

**Community Volunteers Needed**

The community has two projects that need to get done. One is the Bridge needs to be painted this Spring. Also volunteers are needed to help with repairs to the pilings of the Rumsey Island sign on Joppa Farm & Shore Drive.  
Call Rose Marie Vaccaro **410-679-8801**



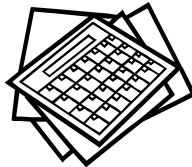
**All residents are asked to shovel snow** off their walk out of courtesy and kindness to others.



**Member 2005 Meeting Dates**

Located at Joppa Library 6:30 p.m.

- March 16-Wednesday
- April 21-Thursday
- May 19-Thursday
- June 9-Thursday
- July 21-Thursday
- August 18-Thursday
- September 15-Thursday
- October 20-Thursday
- November 16- Wednesday
- December 15-Thursday



**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-  
1<sup>st</sup> prize 719 Town Center Drive  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize 4 Bridge Drive  
Townhouse-  
1<sup>st</sup> prize 13 Neptune  
2<sup>nd</sup> prize 203 Bridge Drive

It is time for the Rumsey Island Resident Association membership drive. Your participation is one way to support all the community activities that will be taking place this year. The R.I.R.A. Officers are looking forward to introducing more family community events. 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.

Mail this Rumsey Island Resident Association membership dues, along with **\$20.00** to address below.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ YES! I would like to be notified of meetings & upcoming events by e-mail

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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