

# The Islander



## What is RIRA?

The focus of the Rumsey Island Residents Association (RIRA) is to create an awareness of the RIRA organization, in turn increasing membership by fostering a positive and collaborative relationship. We see an opportunity to increase the property values of the homes on Rumsey Island and the surrounding communities by creating a close-knit community that supports their neighbors and neighboring businesses. A win-win for all.

## What is the most valuable thing you can do to raise your home's value?

Is it landscaping? Putting in a pool? A kitchen or bath remodel? All those things help, but if you really want to watch your homes value take off, start a homeowners association. According to **Jon Bronson, of LA Home & Style** ([www.lahomeandstyle.com](http://www.lahomeandstyle.com)), "Nothing is more of an indicator of your homes potential future value than the strength of its homeowners association."

He also points out, what you are holding in your hand is money for you at resale time... "You need a newsletter because a lot of older people, like my grandma Mona, don't have a computer."

Next thing is a web presence: Again, according to Jon, "You don't need a website to start; you just need to get a Facebook group going. Then, when you're up and running, I bet someone in your neighborhood is better at computers than you are, and they will help you build a website." We have just that partnership with Prize WebWorks, Inc. <http://prizewebworks.com>. They have created and host the [www.RumseyIsland.com](http://www.RumseyIsland.com) website.

Finally, he suggests we do **EXACTLY** what we are doing in September here on Rumsey Island, "... throw a block party. Have fun. Get some cookies going. Raise the roof! Invite your local assemblyman and politicians. If politicians see 300 people, they see votes. Now you have clout. If there's speeding or cars blocking the sidewalks and its bothering a few people, a complaint from a neighborhood gets more attention than a complaint from two homes. If you do this, pretty soon, your property value is going to soar. Trust me. I've seen it happen over and over again.

If your neighborhood has an adorable name, (Rumsey Island for instance) the real estate agents are going to start paying attention to it, and they are going to put its name in their marketing literature, and your property value is going to go up, up and away." Read the entire article here: <http://tinyurl.com/RIRA07-13>

**Your first step to raise your homes value? Join the RIRA, help us build this great community and then lend your support to one these committees:**

- ◆ **Events Committee**
- ◆ **Membership Committee**
- ◆ **Newsletter Committee**

Please refer to the May Islander or our website [www.RumseyIsland.com](http://www.RumseyIsland.com) for full descriptions of these committees.



## Mosquito spraying has begun

The county performs the spraying in our community every Monday evening assuming favorable weather conditions i.e. wind speed is 10 mph or less, the air temperature is 56-85° F and there is no precipitation.

## Upcoming Events

### Thursday, July 18th

**RIRA Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Williamsburg Inn  
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### Thursday, September 17th

**Rumsey Island  
Community Day**  
Details on the way

### Saturday, October 19th

**RIRA Annual Crab Feast**  
Details coming soon

**T**his space  
for rent!

Looking to  
showcase  
your business or  
promote your event?

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## RIRA

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## Rumsey Island Welcome Sign Slogan Contest

Would you like to help choose a new slogan for our Rumsey Island community? At the request of many, we will be removing the words "Restricted Community" from the welcome signs on the Island. We are seeking your suggestions and will vote on the new slogan at the August meeting. Please submit your slogan by August 9th. Remember, anyone can make a suggestion but only members of RIRA can vote.

The suggestions so far:

- ⇒ Welcome Home
- ⇒ A Waterfront Community
- ⇒ A Water-Oriented Community
- ⇒ Welcome
- ⇒ Our Island In The Sun
- ⇒ It's An Island Thing
- ⇒ YOUR ENTRY HERE

Send your entry to [RIRA@RumseyIsland.com](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com)  
or RIRA PO Box 196 Joppa, MD 21085

### IMPORTANT WEBSITES

Looking for more Rumsey Island info and updates? Go to the official website of the RIRA: <http://www.RumseyIsland.com/>  
(And be sure to check out the ALL NEW web design!)

NextDoor Rumsey Island. Join the 184 homes on Rumsey Island already signed up! It's like Facebook only it is restricted to Rumsey Island residents. Share as much or as little about yourself as you wish. Get to know your neighbors and stay informed about what's happening right now on the Island. And it is FREE for ALL residents of Rumsey Island.

<https://rumseyisland.nextdoor.com/join> Your code: **MCZPQS**

### Save the Date:

Next Rumsey Island Residents Association Meeting  
**Thursday, July 18th** 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Williamsburg Inn

### Special Guests

**Maureen Eller** will talk about "Harford's Southern County" a new Magazine for the Southern Portion of Harford County debuting in August 2013.

**Corporal Smith** of the Maryland Natural Resources Police will discuss the ongoing issue regarding the strip of Gunpowder Falls State Park property between Anchor and Bridge Drives.

### Have an event to promote?

If your organization has an event you would like us to promote, please contact Joyce La Padula @ 443.372.5783 or [joycelapadula@gmail.com](mailto:joycelapadula@gmail.com). While we can not guarantee we will have space in the Islander, we will make every effort to include it.

### July 19th & August 9th

Friday Evening Game Nights  
Church of the Resurrection  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Bridge & Anchor Drives

This invite is extended by the church (not a RIRA event). No cost; all are welcome. Bingo, board games, family video--all are free. Refreshments available.

For more information call:  
410.679.8700

### ***Please don't leave it behind...***

Pet poop, left outside without being cleaned up, isn't just gross and inconvenient to other people, it's a major health hazard to pets as well as humans... and young children, elderly people, and the immunocompromised are the most likely to fall victim to these diseases. Do a favor to our planet and to the people and animals who share it with you and your pet:  
clean up your animal's poop!



**[www.RumseyIsland.com](http://www.RumseyIsland.com)**

Be a part of the Rumsey Island Residents Association

✂ Cut here and mail or bring to the next RIRA meeting

**NOW ACCEPTING 2013 MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Enclose payment for annual membership dues \$30.00 per calendar year

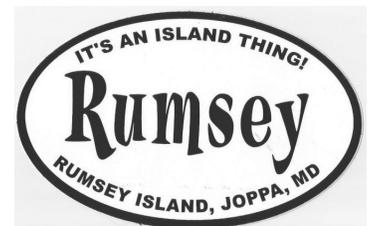
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**Rumsey Island...Our history and our future...get involved!**