

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

February 15, 2017

The RIRA meeting was held at Parker's Restaurant in White Marsh.

Opener: What is your job or your ideal job?

Super Bowl Brunch

25 people met for brunch on Super Bowl Sunday at Baldwin's. It was a great time.

Upcoming Events

- Game night at Guay's on 2/24. 7pm
- Waterways Advocacy Community Meeting on 2/23 @6:30pm
- March 11 – clearing at Mariner Point park. Cutting brambles, bittersweet, with designated wildlife areas. There are turkeys in the park
- April weed, mulch, trash pickup at Mariner Point Park
- Barb Risacher – Working with Copley Parish, working on a fall colonial Arts Festival
- Canal cleanup will wait until we can coincide with JDC

Newsletter

Vincent will work on creating a Newsletter in March, with the following members distributing:

- Browns- Anchor
- Cynthia Lewis – Neptune
- Gina and Joyce - Town Center

Theoux – The River Keeper

MDE was to come up with a cause for the fish kill. Nitrogen could be the cause, from homeowners and businesses that are putting more nitrogen out than permitted.

Clean Water Act regulates pollutants that go into the water. Business are exceeding the limits, but are allowed to stay in business. Businesses are not abiding by their conditions. Need better reporting.

State has not given their full report yet. Fish kill brings the issue up the water quality issue. Can we implement a water monitoring program? EPA certified testing lab in the city. Possibly apply for a grant to pay for the test. How many points along the island should we have samples taken from and how often should we collect these samples? Swim guide app gives info about water quality. Samples are taken on Tuesday, and test results on Fridays. Hopefully the county will report the results on line. During the summer the water is monitored for water safety. Possibly working on a training program and custody line for sampling. The sewage treatment plant has no data online about overflow.....

Statewide guidance – do not enter waterways within 48 hours of a heavy rain event.

Are crabs and fish safe to eat? Can the kids swim in the water?

Levels of PCBs are above normal levels in the Bird and Gun Powder, and won't be to safe levels for 93 years.

EPA Guidelines – primary swimming, secondary is eating fish, kayaking, etc.

RIRA will fund \$1000 to participate in the water quality monitoring on Rumsey, as well as training, collection of sample collectors and water samples.

Christine Guay, Secretary

Rumsey Island Residents Association

Treasurer's Report January 19, 2017- February 15, 2017

Beginning Balance	\$6,965.02
No activity	0.00
Total Deposits	0.00
No activity	0.00
Total Checks Written	-\$0.00
Ending Balance	\$6,965.02