

RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

RIRA February 21, 2019

The February 2019 RIRA meeting was held at the Double T Diner on Rt 40 and Ebenezer Rds.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Russell Brown.

Russ started the meeting by reminding us that elections for the next president and VP will be held at the April meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to nominate, or if you would like to hold one of these positions. Sharon Pry and Judy Gonzalez have agreed to continue their roles as treasurer and secretary.

The executive director of Riverkeeper for the Gunpowder area, Theaux Gardeur, attended the meeting to discuss ways in which he could help us achieve the goal of having clean water in the Gunpowder River and in our canals, by helping us work with Harford County and the Health Department.

There was a broad discussion about the last few tests done in the canals that showed our waters were no longer clean, and what should be done to bring the county into the water testing process. He said that there are 46 facilities which dump into the river and have been in violation in the last 3 years. Mr. Gardeur will begin working with the county and the health dept to address the ways in which they can help us test, clean-up, and maintain our canals. The county needs information from the EPA to recognize our area as a recreational waterway.

Barbara R. spoke about how we need to work with the government and its county executives to request money be set aside for water testing, and how to make it known that this is a swimming area for our families, so the water needs to be kept clean.

It was suggested that information warning Harford County residents of water pollution should be added to the list that Rick Ayers includes in the robocalls done in the county.

Copley Parish will again do the Historical Festival this year, and Barbara hopes to expand the scope of the festival. If anyone has ideas, or would like to volunteer to help, please contact someone in the RIRA group, or on next-door.

Dion Guthrie says there is going to be a coalition for the revitalization of Route 40. Part of the project will be to revamp some of the shopping centers and properties along that corridor. He said he feels we should be getting money from the Hotel/Motel tax money for this endeavor. He suggested that a letter be drafted from RIRA to Harford County (Barry Glassman), with copies to members of the council about our concerns about the water quality.

Ron Parker said that his restaurant will be leased again and should be opening sometime in May.

The treasurer's report is that we have a total of \$5,113.02 in our RIRA account. (see below)

There was a 50 /50 drawing at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm

I would encourage everyone to pick up trash as you walk through our neighborhood. It matters to all of us!

Submitted by **Judy Gonzalez** Secretary
Rumsey Island Residents Association

Treasurer's Report: January 1, 2019 - February 21, 2019

Beginning Balance	\$5,135.61
Dues Collected	\$209.19
Ad on website	\$100.00
50/50 - Jan	\$70.00
Total Credits	\$379.19
Trees for Shore Drive	\$244.00
Halloween supplies	\$62.14
Food for Jan meeting	\$45.64
Parkers	\$50.00
Total Debits	\$401.78
Ending Balance	\$5,113.02