

## RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

RIRA September 19, 2018

On Wednesday, Sept 19, 2018 RIRA and neighbors in the community gathered at Ron Parker's home for a cookout and meeting. The cookout started at approximately 6pm and seemed to be enjoyed by all - lots of good food. Thanks goes to Ron and Sarah for hosting the event.

At 7:10 Russell called the meeting to order. The first subject was the quality of the water in the canals, and Joyce Brown talked about this. She has made several phone calls to septs at both the state and local levels. She explained to several people our concern, especially since many of us and our families swim in the canal. She was told by one of the people to whom she spoke (who seemed most helpful) that if we declare the water as a swimming hole, which is a different classification than exists now, the water will then become managed by the county and state, as a public health issue. The water at Maxwell Point tests okay, and there does not seem to be any overflow in our sewer system.

Gordy said that the water testing for July and August shows significantly higher levels of bacteria. Joyce will continue to pursue this area of concern with the county. It was suggested that we start a petition to declare our area a place to swim. We will pursue this after Joyce continues to investigate.

Theaux Le Garneur, executive director of Riverkeeper, spoke to the group. He suggested that we gather data from certified water testers to support our cause. This could also have political support if our children and grandchildren are swimming in the water. The recommendation is to not swim in the water following 1" of rain. There could also be an impaired pumping station in Baltimore County, which could affect our water quality.

The swim club property: The church group who owns the property wants to develop senior housing - there could possibly be state money available. To contact Harford County for Public Housing 410-879-2000 for more information.

At the October meeting, we will have the election of 4 board members. If you would like to have one of these positions or know someone else who might, please come to our next meeting to submit a name!

In April of next year, we will have an election of new officers.

Welcome to our new neighbors on Towne Center Drive, who attended their first meeting.

October 6 is the fall yard sale

The Halloween Parade is Saturday, Oct 27, starting at 1:30 at Copley Parish. We hope that lots of kids (and adults) will want to take part in this fun activity.

December 8 is the yard waste pick-up. Remember for just a yearly fee of \$30 you can have 2-yard waste pick-ups a year.

December 19 is the annual Christmas party.

Thanks again to Ron and Sarah for hosting the cookout!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm

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