

RIRA Open Meeting 11/18/21

The meeting was held at Bruno's Restaurant. President Joyce Brown presided. Treasurer Anita Sands reported that the current balance is \$5327 after expensing \$750 for yard waste pickup on Dec.3 and \$250 donation to Gunpowder Riverkeeper.

Shirley Walters won the 50/50 raffle tonight for a pot of \$65. Congrats, Shirley!

Members are reminded to place yard waste at the curb on Dec. 2 in a spot where it will be visible to the hauler.

Walt Smith reported that the County has put our roads on their paving schedule, but we are encouraged to call or email the County Public Works Dept. to reinforce our need for re-paving. We are also encouraged to attend the Community Advisory Board (CAB) meetings. The next one is scheduled for Monday 12/6/21 (first Monday of every month) at 7pm at the Sheriff's station on route 40 near 152. Ralph Comengna reported that our request for the County to study franchising trash collection to specific areas was met with disinterest. We are encouraged to resubmit our request at a later time.

Our Christmas Party is scheduled for 12/9 at Bruno's. Cost is \$25 per person (RIRA is picking up the remainder of the \$50 charge). It's for members only. Meal choices are steak, salmon, or chicken. Reservations and payment to Anita or Joyce should be made by the end of November. Although not required, members are encouraged to give their choices to Anita Sands so Bruno's can be better prepared. It's hoped that Bruno's will have their liquor license by then.

The front yard decoration contest will be judged by the Browns and the Berrys on 12/18. First and second place prizes will be awarded in each category (townhouses and detached). This is open to all dwellings on Rumsey Island. Curbside luminaires are encouraged on Christmas eve. They're available from the Joppatowne Lions Club for pickup at Copenhaver Park on the 11th and 18th from 12 noon to 4pm for a nominal cost. Members are encouraged to get their neighbors involved to make a spectacular display.

Caroling is scheduled for 12/19 starting at 6pm at the east end of Shore Dr. Dress warmly, and don't worry if you can't carry a tune--- Joyce can't either.

Ralph suggested we look into planting more large trees in the neighborhood. The Board will take up this issue. He also suggested attending a CAB meeting to request the County knock-out intermittent sections, or more, of the Shore Dr. entrance way curbs from Joppa Farm Rd. and replacing the curbs with a rolled curb so crawling animals won't trap themselves in the road where they will meet their demise.

Submitted by
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