

# THE ISLANDER

Rumsey Island Residents Association

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## A MESSAGE FROM RIRA PRESIDENT JOYCE BROWN

The Rumsey Island Residents Association is looking forward to this new year with plans for new programs and activities. We hope to continue the community improvement projects that have become regularly expected. Our waters are a vital part of the island. We support the Gunpowder River Keeper's activities and continue to monitor the county's recreational water quality program. Sign beautification, yard waste pick-up and litter clean up help make our island a great place to live.

Our members have enjoyed activities like crab feasts, Christmas parties, Christmas caroling and our regular meetings which are mostly a neighborhood social with informational updates to name a few! We hold our meetings on the third Thursday of each month at a local restaurant or other location. Notice is posted on our community signs, on our website, on Facebook and Nextdoor.

Our board has met and we have several new ideas planned for this year like planting trees and a neighborhood fun day for all residents of Rumsey Island.

All residents are welcome to join and enjoy the group and help support all the programs with a \$30 annual contribution that will help make Rumsey Island a great place to live.

Thank You,

Joyce Brown  
President

*It's An Island Thing!*

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## 2022 EVENTS

Here are some of the events that we are working on for the 2022 year:

All event dates are tentative and are subject to change.

Notifications will be posted on our website and on Nextdoor and Facebook.

**Late Summer/Early Fall – Family Fun Day.** This will be held at the home of Ron Parker and is for families of all ages. This event is open to all residents of Rumsey Island, but you can bring your kids and grand kids for a day of fun. We plan to have entertainment, games and food. The event will run from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM. Further information will be posted on our website, rumseyisland.com, Nextdoor and on our Facebook Group page.

**8/6/2022 – Boat Tie-Up at Maxwell Point.** We'll meet out off the shoreline in the area of Maxwell Point in waist deep waters and tie up our boats together. Bring a lunch and snacks. It's a great way to enjoy a day on the water and meet your boating neighbors.

**9/17/2022 – RIRA Annual Crab and Shrimp Feast.**

**Fall Yard Waste Pick-Up** – date to be determined

**12/8/2022 – Annual RIRA Christmas Dinner.** Every year RIRA hosts a dinner for the members of RIRA.

**12/16/2022 - Christmas Caroling around the Island.** Join us as Santa and his singing elves cruise the neighborhood with Christmas carols.

We are also planning some additional events but have not yet decided on details. *These include:*

**Gunpowder Cove Marina** – we have met with the new Oasis Marina manager, Theresa Coe, about having a summer meeting or an event at the marina. She agreed and we will be able to meet there this summer. Theresa also plans to attend one of our regular monthly meetings.

**Kayak Litter Run** – help pull some of the floating trash off our neighborhood shorelines.

**Kayak Poker Run** – visit different piers and grab a card. We'll meet at one of the homes and play our poker hands. We'll gather at one of the homes afterwards for some refreshments..

**Island Halloween Yard Decorating Contest**

**Island Photo Contest**

**Iron Birds Island Night Out**

Updates to these events will appear on rumseyisland.com and will also be posted on Nextdoor and our Facebook Group page.

## PROJECTS

**Did you know that RIRA supports and organizes projects throughout the year that help our community????**

- **Weekly Litter Patrol.** Each weekend volunteers (both RIRA members and non-members) walk Shore Drive between Towne Center Drive and Joppa Farm Road removing litter in the median and on both sides of the road.
- **Volunteers** (RIRA members and non-members) also pick up and change the litter bags that are along Shore Drive each week.
- **RIRA contacts local officials** regarding road repairs and recreation water quality testing.
- **RIRA plants** three flower gardens on the island.
- **RIRA meets monthly** at a local restaurant. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month and are open to all residents of Rumsey Island – both RIRA members and non- members. And as long as you are a resident of Rumsey Island you do not have to be a homeowner – you are welcome to attend meetings and to join our association.

## UPDATING OUR MEMBER CONTACT INFORMATION

We are in the process of updating our member contact information. We have email contacts for many of our members but not for all. Currently, we post notice of our meetings and events on the Nextdoor website, our Facebook Group page, and on our two community signs. But we really don't know how many of our members use those websites or only use them occasionally.

We have created an email list of members so that we can contact you with notice of events, cancellations and RIRA related matters. No junk mails.

We are asking our members to please contact us to make sure we have your current email and phone numbers.

You may contact any of the officers or simply send an email to us at [RIRA@rumseyisland.com](mailto:RIRA@rumseyisland.com) and we will get in touch with you.

## Join the Rumsey Island Residents Association

The Rumsey Island Residents Association is **not an HOA**. We are a completely voluntary "Neighborhood Community Association" and as such does not need to meet specific requirements as with a stringent HOA. RIRA is a group of residents, both property owners and renters, who advocate for and organize activities within Rumsey Island.

We have elected leaders and \$30 annual dues per household, not per person. By working together, we create and foster a desirable place to live – promoting neighborhood safety, beautification and social activities. We advocate education, community activism, and volunteerism to maintain Rumsey Island's highly desirable appeal to both our residents and visitors. Our association does not seek to enforce rules and regulations that focus on restrictions, buildings or building codes or safety issues.

To become a member, go to:

[www.rumseyisland.com/join](http://www.rumseyisland.com/join)

or mail a \$30 check to RIRA, PO Box 196, Joppa, MD 21085

(Be sure to include your name, address, phone and email)

**Not sure if you are a member or are up to date with your dues????  
Send an email to [RIRA@RumseyIsland.com](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com) and ask.**

## ARE YOU ON NEXTDOOR?

Nextdoor.com is another way to stay in contact with our community. We post notices of meetings, events and related matters on Nextdoor.com

Finally, we are now on Facebook as a Group. Just open Facebook and follow the Rumsey Island Residents Association Group.