

# The Islander



## RIRA OFFICER ELECTIONS

The next meeting of the Rumsey Island Residents Association (RIRA) is Thursday, April 24, 2014 at the Williamsburg Inn starting at 7 PM. Please note that there will be an election for the next Board at this meeting.

At the March 19<sup>th</sup> RIRA meeting, President Vincent La Padula appointed a nominating committee, as required by the by-laws. It is the duty of the nominating committee to present one nominee for each vacancy for which elections will be held. The nominating committee consists of: Ron Parker, Suzanne Hundt, and Beverly Kott

### **Here's how the Election Process works:**

At the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting, nominating committee chair Ron Parker will announce the candidates and hand out ballots. Suzanne & Beverly will tally the votes cast.

**As a reminder**, you must be a member in good standing in order to cast your vote. Proxies are NOT accepted. There is only one vote per household. Each candidate will be asked to introduce themselves and give a brief statement of why they would like to be a member of the Board.

As of this writing, the incumbent officers are the only publicly announced candidates. They are:

President: Vincent La Padula  
Vice President: Sharon Wilcoxson  
Treasurer: Jessica Sharkey  
Secretary: Sharon Pry

## JOIN THE RUMSEY ISLAND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Now is the perfect time to join RIRA. For only \$30, your annual dues help pay for great events like Community Day, yard waste pick up, and helping to keep the community clean. Mail your check of \$30 to: RIRA, PO Box 196, Joppa, MD 21085 or bring it to the next RIRA meeting.

## COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> is the date. Clean out your garage, closets, attics and sheds and make some extra money! For this event, we have the **option** to also congregate and sell on the grounds of the Church of the Resurrection on the Island. Cost is \$5 per table and the church will be selling hot dogs and refreshments.

Set up time at the Church is 7 AM to 8 AM.

Advertised time for the yard sale will be 8 AM to 2 PM.

## COMMUNITY YARD WASTE PICK UP

On Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> around 5:30 AM, Harford Trash Service will once again be around to pick up yard waste on the Island. Please spread the word to your neighbors and remind them that this event is open to all Rumsey Island residents. Yard waste must be tied, bundled or bagged. Branches cannot be bigger than 2" in diameter or longer than 4'. Due to the early morning start, it is recommended that you place your yard waste on the curb the night before!

### Upcoming Events

#### Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

##### RIRA Meeting

7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

The Williamsburg Inn

11131 Pulaski Hwy.

White Marsh, MD

#### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

##### Quarter Auction

6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Church of the Resurrection,

700 Anchor Drive

Joppa, MD

A combination of a Bingo,

Raffle and Auction. Your

admission to the Quarter

Auction Event includes

lunch, drink and chips. Cost

\$7 per person. Check web-

site for more information

[www.copleyparish.org](http://www.copleyparish.org) or

call 410-679-8700.

Details at

[RumseyIsland.com](http://RumseyIsland.com)

[rumseyisland.nextdoor.com](http://rumseyisland.nextdoor.com)

Looking to showcase your business?

Please contact us to find out how:

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# “IT’S AN ISLAND THING!”

## CHANGES TO THE ISLANDER DISTRIBUTION

Beginning with the May issue, the Islander will no longer be hand-delivered. This change will eliminate the need for Block Captains, recycling, expensive printing costs, and creation of more trash. The good news is that of the 670 or so Island residents, we now have 85 (2014) RIRA members and counting. The bad news is we still only have 85 (2014) RIRA members. We have occasions where block captains are not available to handle their designated deliveries which leaves us struggling to get some streets distributed in a timely manner. In addition, we received complaints from people who did not want the RIRA flyers in their doors and some who expressed concern because they were put there while they were on vacation. Both valid and reasonable but difficult to manage. Mailing them is not feasible from a fiscal standpoint not to mention it would also be time-consuming to manage.

The good news is many of our residents are happy to receive them electronically. (If we do not have your email address, please let us know so you can be added to the electronic distribution list.) Additionally, all issues are available on [www.RumseyIsland.com](http://www.RumseyIsland.com). And for those who cannot access a computer, hard copies will be available at the Joppatowne library. We hope that for those not able to drive, a good neighbor will drop one off.

When a new Islander is published, we will post it on the Rumsey Island information board (corner of Towne Center & Shore) in addition to posting a notification via Next Door [www.rumseyisland.nextdoor.com](http://www.rumseyisland.nextdoor.com). If you are not yet a part of NextDoor, please join us! (Details below.)



## FEATHERED AND FURRY FRIENDS

A reminder to residents that the Island is home to a variety of wildlife and at this time of year, the waterfowl are busy nesting. Please yield as they cross our streets. It only takes a few extra seconds to let them pass by.

Please be respectful of your neighbors and pick up after your pets. Additionally, for the safety and comfort of all, please walk your dog on a leash.



## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

**RumseyIsland.com.** Looking for more Rumsey Island info and updates? Go to the official website of the RIRA: <http://www.RumseyIsland.com>.

**NextDoor Rumsey Island.** 270 neighbors are already signed up! It's like Facebook only it is restricted to Rumsey Island residents. Share as much or as little about yourself as you wish. Get to know your neighbors and stay informed about what's happening right now on the Island. And it is FREE for ALL residents of Rumsey Island.

Go here: [rumseyisland.nextdoor.com/join](http://rumseyisland.nextdoor.com/join) and enter code **MYKNXQ**

## SAVE THE DATE CARNIVAL & PARADE

The Carnival will be held on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – Saturday May, 17<sup>th</sup>. Contact Dianna Guthrie at {410.679.9399} or Sue Heselton at {410.679.1991} if you would like to volunteer.

The parade will be in Joppatowne this year on Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

## SAVE THE DATE Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

Plans are already underway for the 2nd Annual Community Day on the grounds of the Church of the Resurrection. This fun-filled day will again begin with a 5K Fun Run/Walk at Mariner Point Park. Stay tuned for more news as we add vendors and events.

## Have an event to promote?

If your organization has an event you would like us to promote, please contact Joyce La Padula at 443.372.5783 or [joycelapadula@gmail.com](mailto:joycelapadula@gmail.com).

While we can not guarantee we will have space in the Islander, we will make every effort to include it in the Islander and the Events Calendar on the website.