

**Join the Rumsey Island Residents Association**

The Rumsey Island Residents Association is **not a 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 and property owners who advocate for and organize activities within Rumsey Island. We have elected leaders and \$30 annual dues. We work together for changes and improvements such as neighborhood safety, beautification and social activities. We reinforce rules and regulations through education, working together, volunteering to help each other, and by looking out for each other. We do not have the legal authority to enforce rules and regulations that focus on restrictions and building and safety issues. Please consider joining. [www.rumseyisland.com/join-rira.htm](http://www.rumseyisland.com/join-rira.htm)

For more information contact us at [RIRA@RumseyIsland.com](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com)



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# THE ISLANDER

Rumsey Island Residents Association July 2017

## RUMSEY ISLAND WATER TESTING

As you all know, last winter there was a big fish kill in and around Rumsey Island. All of us are concerned as to the safety of the water. As a result, the Rumsey Island Residents Association (RIRA) has just started to conduct water testing around the island. This is a snapshot of something we will need to continue to do routinely before we draw any real conclusions. We are testing for fecal coliforms (bacteria associated with raw sewage). These are bad organisms to swim with and are the same organism the state tests for over at Gunpowder State Park. Community Environmental Labs, Aberdeen, MD is a MDE certified water testing laboratory we are using to conduct these tests. We will be testing the water once a month through the summer and will post them on Nextdoor and the RIRA website. Our goal is to see if the water around the island is contaminated. We have three test areas listed with the June and July results below.

### Fecal Coliform Testing on Rumsey Island

EPA recommended "safe" level for fecal coliforms <126 CFU/100 mL

Thank You—Your \$30 annual contribution to RIRA helps fund this water testing.

	Site 1 Top end of Mariner Park	Site 2 Boat Landing	Site 3 Behind Joppa Pizza Shore Dr.
June 2017	50 CFU/100 mL of water	17 CFU/100 mL of water	80 CFU/100 mL of water
July 2017	2.0 CFU/100 mL of water	7.0 CFU/100 mL of water	2.0 CFU/100 mL of water

**JOIN RIRA TODAY & HELP OUR COMMUNITY**

Your \$30 commitment to our community helps to fund landscaping projects, offset the costs of our website, and allows us to partner with other organizations in ways that are beneficial to our community. And finally, a big benefit of being a member of RIRA is knowing that for only \$30 you can make a huge difference on the Island.

**Payment Options:** A \$30 check can be made payable to and mailed to:  
 RIRA, PO Box 196, Joppa, MD 21085  
 OR Dues can be paid online at [RumseyIsland.com](http://RumseyIsland.com) for \$33.

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## FOSTER'S RUN ZONING

Here is an excerpt from a recent letter sent by the Riverkeeper to Harford County opposing the increase in zoning at Foster's Run.

*"The increase in development will have detrimental effects on the water quality of Foster Branch and the tidal Gunpowder River. The Foster's Run development is in the watershed of Foster Branch that is already impaired by sediment pollution from upstream sources and any increase in development in the watershed will only exacerbate this sediment pollution problem."*

*"Increasing the impervious surfaces in the Foster Branch watershed will increase the amount of polluted runoff that ends up in Foster Branch and the Tidal Gunpowder River. This runoff will contain sediment, bacteria, nutrient and temperature pollution. These increases in pollution may cause Foster Branch to no longer meet its water body use class requirements of Use I and Use II in the tidal portion of the stream."*

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## RIRA Events July - October

Date	Event (Location)
July 15 <sup>th</sup>	Maxwell Point Float
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting at Mariner Point Park
August 16 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
September 14 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Crab Feast @ Parkers
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yard Sale
October 18 <sup>th</sup>	General Meeting
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Halloween Parade

Here is the schedule of upcoming events and monthly RIRA meetings.

RIRA Monthly Meetings are for members in good standing to attend. Think you might be interested in joining? Feel free to attend two meetings before becoming a member.

Please note: dates, times, and locations are subject to change. Always check first at RumseyIsland.com or Nextdoor.com

## COPLEY PARISH HISTORIC FESTIVAL

The Copley Parish Historic Festival will be held on Saturday October 21st. Live music, vendors, food, and games. Colonial and Civil War re-enactors will set up camp and talk to visitors about their experiences in the war. You can view the artifacts from the archeological dig that uncovered the foundation of St. Johns Anglican Church. Come out and learn more about our communities rich history in the shaping of America. More details on the way, mark your calendar and be sure to check Nextdoor and RumseyIsland.com.

## CONGRATS TO RUSS BROWN

In April, Russ Brown was elected as President of the Rumsey Island Residents Association. Congrats Russ and we look forward to working closely with you to continue to make Rumsey Island a great place to live.

## A NOTE FROM RUSS

"Rumsey Island is a great place to call home. I have discovered that many people are doing lots of projects all around the island that make Rumsey so special and we might not always recognize their contribution. Please accept my apology if I fail to recognize your work. Thanks for all the support the association gets from the community."  
Russ Brown, RIRA President

## THANK YOU | THANK YOU

JOPPATOWNE MARINA for hosting the June RIRA Meeting. It was our best attended meeting in a long time!  
JOPPA PIZZA & MARKET for providing the delicious food for the RIRA meeting, resulting in a great turn out.  
GORDY GUAY, VINCENT LA PADULA, AND SCOTT ALEXANDER for installing the new RIRA sign on Towne Center.  
ROB TYBER, RON PARKER, DION GUTHRIE, AND GORDY GUAY for the Joppa Town sign repair (JFR & 40).  
PRINTRON RON BECK @ PRINTRON.BIZ for printing the RIRA Islander.

**Want to promote your event in the Islander?** If your non-profit or community organization has an event you would like us to promote in the RIRA Quarterly Newsletter, please contact RIRA@RumseyIsland.com. The Islander will be distributed to all the residents on the Island in mid-Oct and will cover Oct-Dec. While we can not guarantee we will have space for everything, we will make every effort to include it.