

**A note from Russ Brown  
President, Rumsey Island Residents Association**

Your Rumsey Island Residents Association has set its event calendar for the year. It includes many of the entire community services that everyone can enjoy. The spring and fall yard sale, water quality testing, boating tie-up at Maxwell Point, Halloween/Fall children's parade, Christmas decorating contest, and annual crab feast to name a few. Other activities are reserved for members only due to the expenses incurred and include the spring and fall yard waste pick-up, Christmas Party, appetizers served at our monthly meetings to name a few.

New planned projects include additional trash receptacles at the state park entrances, repainting Chesapeake Bay Drainage lettering on the island's storm drains, continued brush clearing on the Shore drive entrance to the island.

As always, we hope the weather man cooperates for our events. The snow and rain slow us down, but does not stop us.

Your continued support and membership make these projects successful.

Best wishes for the New Year,

Russ Brown

**Ways to Join RIRA Today:**

- ⇒ A \$30 check can be **made payable to and mailed to:** RIRA, PO Box 196, Joppa, MD 21085 (Be sure to include your name, address, and email address.)
- ⇒ Dues can be paid online at [RumseyIsland.com](http://RumseyIsland.com) for \$33.

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# THE ISLANDER

Rumsey Island Residents Association

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## What is 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 voluntary 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. Looking to get involved? At the April 18th meeting we are holding elections for new offices. Join us for the meeting and hear all the great volunteer opportunities.

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## Joppatowne Carnival

The Annual Joppatowne Carnival is scheduled for April 12th to April 21st. And this year promises to be bigger and better! Every year we, as a community, are given the opportunity to volunteer to help sell tickets—with a portion of the proceeds going toward the Joppatowne/Edgewood Independence Day Parade and Music in the Park. This is the largest fundraiser for the parade and all it takes is two hours of your time. Dianna Guthrie is looking for 140 people to say YES. Will you help? Call Dianna at 410 679 9399 and sign up today.

## Joppatowne Lions Club Chicken & BBQ Feast

The Joppatowne Lions Club is hosting a Chicken and Barbecue Feast on **April 21st** from 7 pm to 11 pm at the American Legion in Edgewood. Menu includes pulled pork barbecue with sides and barbecue chicken. Also included in the price of the ticket is draft beer with setups. There will also be a cash bar. There will be live music, door prizes, and lots of fun! Ticket price is \$45 per person. Go to [JoppatowneLionsClub.org](http://JoppatowneLionsClub.org) for tickets and more information.

## Nextdoor

NextDoor.com is the easiest way for all of us to talk online and make our lives better in the real world. You will find information about RIRA events as well as recommendations, items for sale, crime reports, ideas about how to improve our Island and much more. 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.

[www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join) Use this Code: **NWQHWY**

## RIRA Meetings & Events thru July 2018

DATE	LOCATION*
Thursday March 15th	Meeting / Parker's Restaurant
Saturday April 14th	Island Beatification Day
Wednesday April 18th	Meeting / Parker's Restaurant
Saturday May 5th	Yard Waste Pick Up / Members Only
Wednesday May 16th	Meeting / Parker's Restaurant
Saturday May 19th	Yard Sale / All are invited to participate
Wednesday June 20th	Meeting & Ice Cream Social / TBD
June (throughout the month)	Water Testing
Thursday July 19th	Meeting / Parker's Restaurant
Sunday July 22nd	Boat Meet Up / Maxwell Point

Join us for a monthly RIRA Meeting and find out all the things RIRA does to promote, beautify, and keep our community safe. **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 the location of meeting changes periodically. Last year we held meetings at the Joppatowne Marina, Mariner Point Park, and for something different we had an old fashioned ice cream social. Be sure to check [RumseyIsland.com](http://RumseyIsland.com) and Nextdoor for updates.

**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](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com). The Islander will be distributed to all the residents on the Island in mid-March and will cover March - May. While we can not guarantee we will have space for everything, we will make every effort to include it.