

# THE ISLANDER

Rumsey Island Residents Association

November 2019

## A MESSAGE FROM RIRA PRESIDENT WALT SMITH

It's been a pretty busy summer for the Rumsey Island Residents Association. I was elected president of the association in April 2019. Shortly thereafter, we voted to clean up and paint the concrete bridge to the island on Bridge Drive. Thanks to the help of many volunteers, and a donation from the Joppatowne/Edgewood Carnival, we were able to complete the project over 4 days. It looks great and a special thanks to everyone who helped.

RIRA also hosted a picnic at Mariner Point Park, two boat raft-ups out at Maxwell Point and had Pat Vincenti, President of the Harford County Council, attend one of our monthly meetings.

We just had our Annual Crab Feast which was sold out and are now planning the Fall Yard Waste Pickup and our Annual Christmas Party.

And for those who may not be aware, our association members were instrumental in getting Harford County to begin testing the water quality of our recreational waters, both inland and tidal. Those testing locations and results can be viewed at:

<https://harfordcountyhealth.com/recreational-water-sampling/>

We welcome all residents of Rumsey Island to attend our regular monthly meetings, the schedule is posted on Nextdoor.com. Please come to a meeting to learn more about our association. Membership in the association is only \$30 per household per year and includes some member-only benefits such as the yard waste pickups and Christmas Party.

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**YARD WASTE PICKUP Saturday December 8th**

# Yard Waste Pickup

## RIRA MEMBERS ONLY

Previously, the bi-annual yard waste pick up was a benefit the RIRA Organization provided to everyone on the Island but without the continued support of paying members, we are left with no choice but to provide it **ONLY** to paying RIRA members. Join RIRA and receive the benefit of yard waste pick up **TWICE** a year for \$30 dollars. By paying the \$30 annual dues now, you will be a member in good standing through December 2020. That's three yard waste pickups! Yard waste must be tied, bundled or bagged. Branches cannot be bigger than 3" 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! Harford County no longer accepts yard waste in plastic bags. **Waste must be in paper bags.** With the leaves falling from the trees, this time of year it is especially important that we manage yard waste debris properly. Protect the Chesapeake Bay, waterways and canals by preventing them from going into our gutters and sewer drains. By managing the sediment flow to our canals we can help keep our waterways clear, which supports the health of the bay and keeps our water clean all through the year. When you are a member of RIRA, you make a difference in the community for only \$30 annually. Dues must be received by Dec 1st to be eligible for the Dec 8th yard waste pick up.

**YARD WASTE MUST BE IN PAPER BAGS**

Waste Industries will no longer accept yard waste in plastic bags to be in compliance with Harford County's new regulation 16.02.14. You are required to place your yard waste in heavy duty yard debris paper bags which are available at your local home improvement centers.

If your yard waste is in plastic bags **Waste Industries will not pick it up.** For more information, see here: <https://rumseyisland.com/documents/harford-county-yard-waste.pdf>

## RIRA ANNUAL CRAB FEAST

The annual Rumsey Island Residents Association Crab Feast was held at Portside North on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> to a sellout crowd. Many individuals and businesses contributed to help make this event a very special day.

Thanks to the following businesses for their donations:

Redners Markets donated two gift cards.

Island Liquors donated a bottle of wine.

Midway Liquors donated a bottle of wine.

Joppa Auto Repair donated a free oil change.

Sapore De Mare donated two gift cards.

Towne Grill and Pub donated two gift cards.

Giant Food donated two gift cards and two gift baskets.

Also, many special thanks to all the volunteers who helped organize, set up and clean up during the crab feast as well as all the people who brought items for the dessert and ice cream table. Portside North provided our location and setup at a very reasonable cost. And a special thank you to Echo Griffin, who again donated a beautiful hand-made quilt for auction. Her quilts require many hours of work and her donation is truly appreciated.

Finally, thanks to Ron Parker for his donation and all the help he provides to the association year-round.

All these things and the support from our association members, our neighbors and friends helped make the Crab Feast a special day and a very memorable event.

## COMING UP THE RIRA ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

RIRA is in the process of planning our 2019 Annual Holiday Party. At this time, we are scheduled to have our party on Thursday, December 12 at Baldwins Crab House. This is a **MEMBERS ONLY** event and seating is always limited. We will post updates and further information on the Nextdoor website.

## 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 and property owners who advocate for and organize activities within Rumsey Island. We have elected leaders and \$30 annual dues. 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 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)

**Not sure if you're a member? Write [RIRA@RumseyIsland.com](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com) and ask.**

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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. **FREE** for ALL residents of Rumsey Island.

[www.nextdoor.com/join](http://www.nextdoor.com/join) and use Code: PDCJFN

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