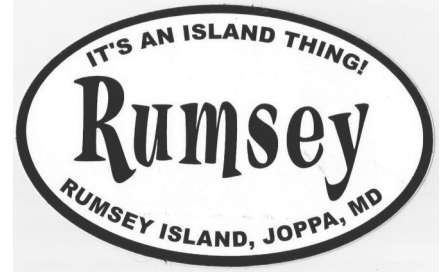


# The Islander



## Meet your newly elected Board Members & Officers!

At the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, elections were held and a new slate of Board members and Officers were elected.

### Officers

President, Vincent La Padula – Bridge Drive  
Vice President, Sharon Wilcoxson – Driftwood Court  
Treasurer, Jessica Sharkey – Shore Drive  
Secretary, Sharon Pry – Shore Drive

### Board of Directors

Michael Donoghue – Shore Drive  
Beth Garrett – Shell Cove Court  
Judy Gonzales – Towne Center Drive  
Beverly Kott – Towne Center Drive  
Patty Pescrille-Brockmeyer – Shore Drive

The focus of this newly elected board is to create an awareness of the RIRA organization, in turn increasing membership by fostering a positive and collaborative relationship. We see an opportunity to increase the property values of the homes on Rumsey Island and the surrounding communities by creating a close-knit community that supports their neighbors and neighboring businesses. A win-win for all.

### Committee Assistance

There are committees currently seeking your help in order to reach the above goals.

### Membership Committee

In order to increase membership, we have formed a **Membership Committee**. This committee will be responsible for generating ideas and events to assist us with increasing membership. We need more ideas like the following: “Welcome to the Neighborhood” baskets – possibly sponsored by local businesses/realtors/retailers to include discount coupons and maybe a volunteer “train” to provide a tin of cookies, bake a cake, etc. We are also considering a punch card given to members upon joining/renewal to be used at local area businesses – a free cup of coffee, 15% off an entrée, \$10 off an oil change, etc. Please contact Joyce La Padula @ 443-372-5783 or [joycelapadula@gmail.com](mailto:joycelapadula@gmail.com) if you would like to be on this committee or to share your ideas.

### Events Committee

We are in the planning stages of hosting an Island “block” party. Volunteers are needed to donate/lend grills & grilling supplies, coolers, ice, and tents to name a few! We will also need a Clean-up Crew for the “after-the-block-party” party. If you would like to lend support to our **Events Committee**, please contact Patty Pescrille-Brockmeyer at [RIRA@RumseyIsland.com](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com).

### Newsletter Committee

Do you have a penchant for writing? Maybe you always wanted to be an editor? We need you! If you love the Rumsey Island community and would like to serve by writing the newsletter, please contact Vincent La Padula at 443-372-5783 or [vincent.lapadula@gmail.com](mailto:vincent.lapadula@gmail.com) to discuss.

## Upcoming Events

### May 16th

**RIRA Meeting**  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Joppa Branch Library  
Towne Center Drive  
Details on page 2

### May 18th

**Yard Waste Pick Up**  
This pick-up is for **ALL** residents of Rumsey Island.  
Details on page 2

### June 8th

**Community Yard Sale**  
7:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
We will be advertising in local publications. Great yard sale tips are posted on NextDoor and [RumseyIsland.com](http://RumseyIsland.com).

### Contact Us

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# It's time for Spring Cleaning

## May 18 - Yard Waste Pick Up

This yard waste pick-up is for **ALL** residents of Rumsey Island and is offered by the Rumsey Island Residents Association. All yard waste should be placed in contractor bags or bundled & tied and placed out the evening of May 17<sup>th</sup> or before 7:00 a.m. Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Limbs should be no more than one inch in diameter and cut into small lengths. This is the chance to really clean up the Island. If you need help gathering your yard waste, please reach out to [RIRA@RumseyIsland.com](mailto:RIRA@RumseyIsland.com).

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES!!

NextDoor Rumsey Island. Join the 134 homes on Rumsey Island 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. See you NextDoor!" <https://rumseyisland.nextdoor.com/join> Code: ZUZPBV

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

## RUMSEY ISLAND WILDLIFE

Please watch out for our little ones. Of course that includes our children, but our community is also home to feathered friends such as ducks, geese, heron, and loons! In the past several weeks, we have seen at least two ducks killed by motorists. Watch for Duck Crossing signs coming soon.



**May 16** – Rumsey Island Residents Association Meeting  
6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Joppa Branch Library, Towne Center Drive

*Special Guest* - Corporal Edward Smith of the Maryland Natural Resources Police will be there to discuss the ongoing issue regarding the strip of Gunpowder Falls State Park property between Anchor and Bridge Drive. He will inform us of the legal and criminal actions that could be taken in reference to the personal storage, dumping, and illegal use of that portion of state owned property by the local residents.

**June 14, July 19, Aug. 9** – Game Nights at the Church of the Resurrection  
7:00 p.m. - 10:00p.m.; Bridge & Anchor Drives  
This invite is extended by the church (not a RIRA event). It is a social event and non-denominational and a great opportunity to meet new people and have fun. For more information call: 410-679-8700.

**Having an event?** If your organization has an event you would like us to promote, please contact Joyce La Padula @ 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 on the RumseyIsland.com Calendar of Events.

## Help Keep Shore Drive Clean

We continue to be grateful for the support of those volunteers that help keep Shore Drive beautiful. The entrance to Shore Drive from Joppa Farm Road serves as a main entryway to Rumsey Island. Unfortunately, the beautiful tree-lined drive is often marred by trash whether tossed by drivers, walkers or blown in from the neighboring grocery store. Each week, residents don their best trash picker garb and head to Shore Drive to pick trash on the stretch between Joppa Farm Road & Towne Center Drive. At print-time, here is the schedule.

May 11 - Jessica Sharkey  
May 18 - Judy Gonzalez  
May 25 - Joyce La Padula & Gina Donoghue  
June 1 - **AVAILABLE**  
June 8 - Holly Barnhart  
June 15 - Elaine Svitil and Karen Burck  
June 22 - **AVAILABLE**  
June 29 - Patty Pescrille-Brockmeyer & Sharon Wilcoxson

To participate in this service to our community, please contact Joyce La Padula at [joycelapadula@gmail.com](mailto:joycelapadula@gmail.com) or 443-372-5783.

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Be a part of the Rumsey Island Residents Association

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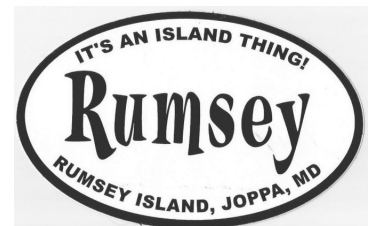
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