



The Islander

RIRA OFFICER ELECTIONS HELD

The April 24th meeting of the Rumsey Island Residents Association (RIRA) was held at the Williamsburg Inn and officer elections were held. The nominating committee announced the candidates, distributed the ballots and tallied the votes. Holding the positions for a second year are:

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

The Board of Directors and Officers wishes to thank you for your support and we look forward to continuing our outreach within the community through various events and activities. It has been rewarding and challenging. We hope you celebrate the positive growth and renewed interest in this new and re-invigorated RIRA as much as we do!

YARD WASTE PICK UP // MAY 17TH

On Saturday, May 17th 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!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY



Standing (back row): Lisa Baker; her daughter, Rachel; Jessica Sharkey; Karen Burck; Barbara Risacher; Ranger Todd Easton. Front row: "Jet" & owner, Denny Harris; Ralph Comegna; Joyce La Padula and Judy Gonzalez. (Not pictured but holding the camera: Barb Matusky!) *(story continues on page two)*

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 21st

RIRA Meeting
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
The Williamsburg Inn
11131 Pulaski Hwy.
White Marsh, MD
(See page 2 for more details)

Saturday, July 5th Parade

The Edgewood/Joppatowne Independence Day parade will be in Joppatowne this year.

Contact Dianna Guthrie at 410.679.9399 or Sue Heselton at 410.679.1991 if you would like to volunteer.

Saturday, September 13th 2nd Annual Rumsey Island Community Day

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.

More details will be posted as we have them at RumseyIsland.com and rumseyisland.nextdoor.com

Looking to showcase your business?
Please contact us to find out how:

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COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP LEADS TO WINNING NEXT DOOR'S EARTH DAY CONTEST!

Saturday, April 12, 2014 turned out to be a perfect day for cleaning up our Community and special thanks to Barb Risacher for coordinating it! Scores of contractor-

size bags were filled by our volunteers and taken away by the Department of Natural Resources. Aside from the usual assortment of discarded bottles, cans, cigarette packs and butts, the haul included a discarded mattress, box spring and kitchen chair (the removal of the mattresses required a chain saw, a hack saw and a winch to get the mattress to the side of the road for disposal!) 150 feet of garden hose. Tons of fishing line. A headboard, a concrete planter and a tire. Volunteers had to battle briars, and be aware of ticks and snakes.

But all in all, everyone came away feeling good about keeping our Island beautiful because we love where we live -- *It's an Island Thing!*

It also just so happened that the social media site Next Door held a contest for Earth Day in April so...we entered and after badgering our family, friends and total strangers to "Like" us on Facebook we garnered enough votes to win against six other communities in the US! The prize? A block party! **Details below:**

June 21st SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION!

Plans are underway. It will take place on Saturday, June 21st at 4:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Church of the Resurrection. This is a "block party" with Island flair compliments of Next Door! Bring your lawn chairs, BYOB and snack foods. We are working on securing light food and desserts. More details coming soon to RumseyIsland.com and NextDoor.

May 21st RIRA Meeting

Harford County Sheriff Jesse Bane is confirmed for next Wednesday night's RIRA meeting. The meeting will be held at the Williamsburg Inn starting at 7 PM. Along with presenting crime statistics, reporting on issues impacting our community and providing tips on how we can have a safer community, he will address questions from our members. Due to a limited amount of time available, please send your questions to RIRA@RumseyIsland.com so we can get as many answers to your questions in advance of the meeting. This will give the Sheriff's office time to address questions that may need some research before responding.

REMINDER ABOUT ISLANDER DISTRIBUTION

As we told you in the April issue, the Islander will no longer be hand-delivered but they are available 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. 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.



NextDoor Rumsey Island. 283 neighbors are 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 and enter code **HCVUHR**

WORTH REPEATING

There is no poop fairy.



Please clean up after your dog.

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.



As summer approaches and more people are out and about, please slow down and follow the rules of the road. Also please remember 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.

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.

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.