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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Happy Mother's Day**  
Don't forget about the Mom's out there...
- **Security Awareness**  
Tips on how to make your home a safer place. See front page for details.
- **Et. Carroll**  
Interesting facts and pictures. See page 3 for details.
- **2006 RCIA Dues Are Now Due**

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## JOHN MULLINS, VICE PRESIDENT & BOAT RAMP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

I was born in Washington, DC in 1966, growing up in Potomac, Md.

I moved to Laurel in 2002 where I met my wife Ann. I brought her to RB several times and she fell in love with the beach. We married in July of 2004 and moved to RB in Sept 2004.



We have three children between us. Jaclynn, 19, graduated from Meade High School. She is currently in the process of transferring to UMBC to complete her Information Systems degree.

Jessica, 13, lives with her mother in Potomac. Her hobbies include forensic sciences, art, music, flute, guitar and tuba.

Steven, 9, has become very fond of the water enjoying fishing, crabbing and boating and now wants to join the Coast Guard when he grows up.

Throughout the years, I was an Assistant Scout Master and President of the Potomac Meadows Home Owners Association. I have been boating for 20 years and fishing is my true passion in life.

I want to support the President in his initiatives, while bringing forward new ideas to create a more cohesive neighborhood and with my duties as Boat Ramp Committee Chairman, I will strive to administrate the boat ramp duties and maintain a clean and safe facility for boating and fishing.

Please feel free to contact me via the website or by calling 410-439-3314 to volunteer your time, materials or to make recommendations. We are always looking for help with boat ramp and pier.

**John Mullins**  
R.C.I.A., Vice President  
Boat Ramp Committee

## SECURITY AWARENESS AND CRIME PREVENTION FOR YOU AND THE COMMUNITY

At the April Community meeting, Corporal Michael Koch, Community Information Officer from the Anne Arundel County Police Department presented a seminar on Security Awareness. Some of the key points he provided are listed below:

- Prune lower limbs on trees and bushes that could help a thief climb in second floor windows as well as hide them from the street.
- Criminals avoid spotlight. Porches, yards, and all entrances to your home and garage should be well lighted.
- House numbers should be clearly visible from the street. Use numbers made of reflect-

ive materials 6" high.

- Entry doors should be solid core wood (at least 1 3/4 inches thick) or metal.
- Sliding glass doors are an easy target. Place a solid strip of wood or a broom handle in the track of a closed door. Determined thieves may lift the door off its tracks, try adjusting rollers so the door cannot be pushed up enough to lift it off the track. Insert screws along the upper track of the door. Leave enough room for the door to slide, but not enough space to lift the door out.

The AA County Police Department offers to the community

the service of a Police Officer, who will come to your home and perform a security survey. The officer will give pointers on proper locks, landscaping, and lighting to make your home a safer place for you and your family.

To schedule an appointment for this free service, contact:

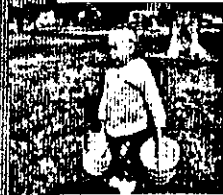
Eastern District Police Dept.  
3700 Mountain Road,  
Pasadena, MD 21122  
(410) 222-6145

More information can be obtained from the AA County Police Department website:

<http://www.aacounty.org/Police/crimePrevention.cfm>

## 2006 ANNUAL EASTER PARTY WAS A GREAT HIT

The 2006 Annual Easter Party was rained out on Saturday, but turned out to be a great hit on Sunday. It was a beautiful sunny day for an Easter Party.



Ruth Ann Thuman did an

outstanding job planning and hosting the event.



600 eggs were filled with candy and hidden for the youngsters to find.

Many residents came through and donated

such home-made goodies as cookies, cupcakes and brownies.



There were approximately 50 children in attendance. All of the kids and adults seem to have a wonderful time at the party. There were lots of smiles and laughter to be had.

You can view all the pictures from the party, including past events, on the Riviera Beach website at

[WWW.RIVIERA-BEACH-MD.ORG](http://WWW.RIVIERA-BEACH-MD.ORG)

A big Thank you to Ruth Ann Thuman for all the great work she does for our Community.

The Community would like to express their sincere appreciation to Mars, Lauer's and McDonald's for their continued support with donations to this years Easter Party.

### Take the Family Fitness Challenge! Healthy Ways to Family Fitness.

Anne Arundel County's Learn To Live Family Fitness Challenge is a free program -- open to everyone -- to help you put more healthy living into your day. Track your progress, and rack up points for healthy eating and physical activity -- for six weeks. You'll win fun prizes for completing the program. Register from March 8 to May 18, 2006. Register online at [www.aahealth.org/fitnesschallenge/index.asp](http://www.aahealth.org/fitnesschallenge/index.asp) or call (410) 222-7979 for a Family Fitness Challenge Kit.

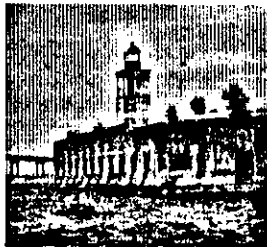
### COMMUNITY APPRECIATION CORNER

- Ruth Ann Thuman We appreciate all the hard work you do in and around the community, especially in hosting such a wonderful Easter Party.
- Janet and Tom Boesch A very special thanks to Janet and Tom, who quietly and without any fanfare have taken upon themselves to empty the trash can at the parking lot by the pond. They have been doing this for a couple of years now, and with their effort have made the pond area a much nicer place.
- Karen Buddock Ann Mullins Many residents came forward to say how much they appreciated the Newsletter redesign. A big Thank You to you both.
- Bo Bjarekull Much appreciation for the all the hard work and dedication on the website design and maintenance.
- John Mullins Special gratitude to John for replacing bad decking boards at the fishing pier and making our Community a safer place for the residents and our children.
- Jerry Jeffers A big Thanks to Jerry for placing the web address at the Main entrances to the community,
- Steve and Dan Sass Ricky Wengert Scott Carey A special Thank You to some brave souls who even though Beach Clean-up was cancelled, challenged the weather and removed the pile of wood we had accumulated at the "old boat ramp".
- 14 Residents Much appreciation goes out to the 14 residents who paid above and beyond the \$25.00 in annual dues. Every dollar goes a long way in helping the community.

INTERESTING FACTS ON THE LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST - FT. CARROLL

There are four forts visible from Riviera Beach. Can you name them, and what do you know about each one? In the next several newsletters we will give a brief history of each fort, starting this month with Ft. Carroll.

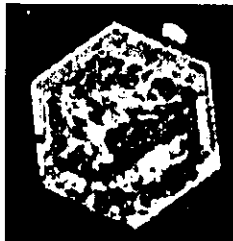
Ft. Carroll is a completely man-made hexagonal island near the mouth of the Patapsco River, sitting in front of the Key



Bridge, just south of Baltimore's Inner Harbor. It was conceived in 1818 by Colonel Joseph G. Totten, as a reaction to the War of 1812.

Construction originally began in 1847 as part of a system of fortresses developed to better protect important port cities from sea-borne attacks. The fort was dedicated in the name of the city's own Charles Carroll. There is a large open parade area, rimmed by a series of three

batteries, barracks and related personnel areas, and several munitions storage sections. The island is penetrable by only one entrance; a doorway built into the east face of the island's concrete wall. The project was supervised by a young Army Corps of Engineers brevet-colonel named Robert E. Lee. Although only partially completed by the civil war, thirty cannon were in place, and throughout the war Fort Carroll was fully manned to guard Baltimore's harbor. By 1854 a light was added and only the light keeper and his family were permanent residents of the island. The fort was an integral part of the city's sub-



marine defense system during World War I, as it served as a staging area for the mining of the harbor's entrance. All guns were removed between 1917 and 1920. The only shots ever fired at the fort were when it was later used as a practice range for sub-caliber weapons. It was sold to a local attorney named Benjamin Eisenberg in 1958 for \$10,010 and is still owned by the Eisenberg family. Today the fort is inhabited by herons, egrets, cormorants, and gulls.

Taken from: <http://www.sheddinglight.org/FortCarroll.htm>

**A Reminder!** If you have not yet paid your 2006 membership dues to the Association, please do so now. This is essentially the only source of income for RCIA, and without this money there would be no lights at the park or boat ramp, no mowing of community lawns, and no general upkeep of the community. The fee is only \$25 per year. Compare that to what other communities around us are paying and you will see that you are getting an incredibly good deal! The registration form is located on page 4 of this Newsletter or on the website. We thank you in advance for your support.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS CORNER

Annual Beach Clean-Up Postponed

This years Annual Beach Clean Up was cancelled due bad weather. We will try to reschedule sometime during the Fall. We appreciate all those who volunteered and hope to see you then. Here is a good tip: Whenever you are at one of our beaches, bring an empty shopping bag with you and fill it with trash and remove it. If enough of us do this we will soon not have any trash problems. Look at it as your "donation" for the privilege of using our beaches.

**AA County's Four Regional Parks**  
There are four regional Parks in the area. Downs Park, Kinder Farm Park, Quiet Waters Park and Kinder Farm Park.

Some of the amenities offered are spectacular Bay Views, walking trails, picnic

facilities, Fishing Piers, Dog Park, playgrounds and more. See website for location of each of the amenities.

Entry Fees to the parks are \$5.00 per park per day, or a \$25.00 annual permit good for all four parks. Any Anne Arundel County resident over the age of 60 can purchase a Lifetime pass good anytime for all four regional parks for \$30.00.

For more information call 410-222-7317.

Zoning Information

If you have any zoning questions or concerns please contact Fred Willig at 410-255-1305.

Ft. Smallwood Park Reopened

The park is open from 7am to dusk, closed on Wednesdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas. For more info 410-222-0087.

- Chesapeake Bay beaches (no swimming)
- Historic gun battery and old barracks Picnic areas
- Walking trails
- Historic picnic pavilion (under renovation)
- Horseshoe pits, volleyball courts and other family recreation facilities
- New playground (tentative opening in July 2006)
- Fishing pier (rebuild by the City of Baltimore - under planning and soon construction)
- Historic Cedar Pavilion Rental (under renovation)



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Next month's Newsletter will feature:

- Patricia Jeffers, Secretary
- Interesting facts on local points of interest. - Fort Armistead

**We're on the Web!**



**RCIA MEMBERSHIP DUES & RAMP KEY APPLICATION - 2006**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Type of Boat \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ MD Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Tag Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Addr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Application for  Dues (\$25.00)  Boat Ramp Key (\$25.00)  I have read and accept the Boat Ramp Rules and Agreement

Please send to  
RCIA  
PO Box 474  
Pasadena, MD 21123

Include self-address stamped envelope for membership card

**Community Calendar**

**Downs Park Fishing Pier Opened on Sat, May 13th**

The pier is wheel chair accessible. Unless otherwise posted the pier is open during normal park hours: 7am - dusk. The park is closed on Tuesdays. For additional information call Downs Park office at (410) 222-6230.

**Community Association Meeting**  
The next Community meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th, 2006 at 7:30pm at Jenkins Church.

**AA County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days for 2006**

Glen Burnie - May 20, September 9 and November 18 at the Glen Burnie Convenience Center, 100 Dover Rd (near Glen Burnie Mall).

Millersville - March 18, June 10 and October 21 at the Millersville Landfill & Resource Recovery Facility, 389 Burns Crossing Rd (off Route 32)

Drop-off hours are from 8 am to 2 pm.

**Community Dumpster**  
October 31, 2006 - November 2, 2006.

Dumpsters will be located in the Park.

**Newsletter Information**

If you have anything you would like to see published in the newsletter or have recommendations please feel free to send an email to newsletter@riviera-beach-md.org. Submissions will be reviewed by the Board and if approved will be placed in an upcoming issue.

Interested in advertising in the newsletter contact Ann at 410-439-3314 for more information.