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SPECIAL
POINTS OF IN-
TEREST:

- **2007—2008**
Erosion Budget
- **Christmas Party**
Don't miss the party
at Jenkins Church on
Saturday, December
16th at 3:00pm. See
page 2 for details.
- **Surfside Beach and**
Rock Creek Invited
to January Commu-
nity Meeting
- **2007 RCIA**
Dues Are
Now Due



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Riviera Community Improvement
Association (RCIA)

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RUTH ANN THUMAN, EVENTS COORDINATOR



I was born in Baltimore, Mary-
land and moved with my fam-
ily to Riviera Beach in
1958.

I went to several of the
schools in the community
including St. Jane Fran-
ces, Riviera Beach Ele-
mentary, George Fox Jr.
High then graduating
from Northeast Sr. High in
1974.

After graduation, I went to
work for Maryland National
Bank.

In 1978 I married Steve Thu-
man, and we bought a home
in Pine Haven. Our daughter
Sarah was born in 1982.

In 1986 we bought our home
on the water in Riviera Beach.
We knew we wanted to re-



model the house and add an
addition, but it was just like the
money pit, if some-
thing could go wrong,
it did. When all of the
remodeling was com-
pleted only one door
remained in the same
place.

The view is priceless. I
love watching the sun and the
moon rising. There is always
something moving on the wa-
ter, from wave runners to
cruise ships. On a clear day
we can see the Baltimore sky-
line and the Eastern Shore. It
is a great place to sit and
watch a thunderstorm pass
by.

In 1989 we had another baby
girl, Stephanie. As the girls
grew older I became involved

in the community Asso-
ciation to help with the
children's parties. I remem-
bered going to the Halloween
parties when I was a little girl.
I figured it was payback time.

I have been on the board
since 1994. Time flies when
you are having fun. I am al-
ways looking for volunteers
who want to help the children
in neighborhood with such
things as Easter and Hallow-
een parties, food donations
and to volunteer their time.

I enjoy living in Riviera Beach.
The people are great.

Ruth Ann Thuman

**RCIA., Events Coordi-
nator**



A Reminder about your 2007 Dues

It is that time of year again to pay your Community dues. Just a reminder that RCIA voted and approved a dues increase for the 2007 year. The 2007 fees are \$30.00 for your yearly dues and \$35.00 for boat ramp access, still an incredible deal compared to other surrounding communities. Upcoming maintenance of the fishing pier and increased lawn cutting fees are some of the contributing factors for the increase. These dues are 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 Registration form is located on page 2 of this Newsletter or on the website. We thank you in advance for your support. RCIA.

ANIMAL CONTROL'S OFFICER SCALLY SPOKE AT OCTOBER MEETING

Did you know...

- that in Anne Arundel County if you own a cat or dog they must be licensed with the county and have a current rabies shot. Owners must also be able to provide proof of vaccine upon request.

- An owner is required to clean up after their animal on any property other than their own.
- Anne Arundel County will take in your animal during an emergency situation.
- Any citizen who observes a

violation can file a complaint from Animal Control.

Anyone with questions should contact Officer Justin Scally at 410-222-8900 Ext. 3051 or by email at jscally@aacounty.org.

2006 RCIA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 16th at 3:00pm

Jenkins Memorial Church

There will be games, snacks and refreshments.

If you would like to volunteer, donate anything to the party or have questions, please contact Ruth Ann Thuman at 410-437-5784.

This free event is sponsored by RCIA.



Remember to put up your Christmas lights this year. One of Santa's helpers will be around to take pictures of some of the holiday decorations.

Look for your picture on the Riviera Beach Website.



RCIA would like to wish everyone in Riviera Beach a safe and happy holiday season and a healthy and prosperous New Year.



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RCIA MEMBERSHIP DUES & RAMP KEY APPLICATION - 2007

Name: _____ Type of Boat _____
 Address: _____ MD Registration Number _____
 City, State, Zip: _____ Vehicle Make _____
 Phone No. _____ Vehicle Tag Number _____
 Email Addr: _____

Application for Dues \$30.00 Boat Ramp Key \$35.00 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

INTERESTING FACTS ON THE LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST - FORT HOWARD

At the very end of North Point at the entrance to the Patapsco River sits Fort Howard, named in honor of Colonel John Eager Howard, a distinguished officer of the Maryland line during the revolutionary War.

Construction of Ft. Howard started in 1896 and is a classic example of a fort built during the Endicott Period. Endicott Period forts, named for Secretary of War William Crowninshield Endicott, were built in the late 1890's with individual gun batteries made of thick steel with reinforced concrete, covered with a thick layer of earth. Ft. Howard had six batteries: Key (named for Francis Scott Key), Nicholson

(named for Judge Joseph H. Nicholson, captain of Volunteer Artillery in the defense of Fort McHenry), Harris (named for Col. David Harris, who commanded a regiment of Baltimore artillery), Clagett (named for Lt. Levi Clagett, killed in the defense of Fort McHenry), Stricker (named for Brig. Gen. John Stricker, who commanded the 3rd Brigade, Maryland Militia) and Lazear (named for Dr. Jesse W. Lazear, Baltimore physician who died of yellow fever in Cuba on September 25, 1900 while aiding eradication efforts).

Howard, known as the "Bulldog at Baltimore's Gate", was the chief defense and harbor head-

quarters for Baltimore through the 1940's. A veterans' hospital occupied the post garrison area from 1940-2002, and the battery area was used by the military for intelligence operations training until the time of the Vietnam War (1960's).

Baltimore County took over much of the property in 1973 to create Ft. Howard Park. Like forts Carroll and Armistead, Howard never fired a shot. For complete story and pictures go to:

http://geocities.com/baltforts/Fort_Howard



2007 - 2008 EROSION BUDGET



Bay Front Project:

Replenish Beach Area, Replace Jetty Bulkheads,
Back Fill Area, Carry Over From 2006/2007 (Permits Pending) **\$303,000.00**

Surfside/Rock Creek Project * **\$ 20,000.00**

Riviera Beach Project ** **\$ 27,000.00**

Miscellaneous Emergency Services *** **\$ 34,987.00**

Administration Fee Anne Arundel County **\$ 2,000.00**

Total: \$386,987.00



* Surfside/Rock Creek

Replace 15-20 Ft. wood sheeting bulkhead and backfill with dirt. Place black sheeting and rock for 90 ft. in front of existing bulkhead. Place a 15-20 ft. rock jetty midway on the 90 ft. bulkhead. Add additional rock to existing rock jetty in front of marshy area at Atlanta. Fill holes along the bulkhead with dirt and seed. Install two signs and poles to identify area as critical area.

** Riviera Beach

Repair or replace steps to the beach at Park Rd. Create new steps to the beach area from our lot at the water end of Echo Drive to prevent erosion. Create new signs for right-a-ways and beach area. Purchase poles and install signs. Replace right-a-way barriers with metal poles set in concrete.

*** Miscellaneous for Emergency Services

This budget was presented and approved at the November 21, 2006 meeting.



CONSTELLATION ENERGY TO PRESENT AT JANUARY COMMUNITY MEETING

Constellation Energy will be speaking at the RCIA Community Meeting, Tuesday, January 16th at 7:30pm. Constellation officials will attend the meeting to talk about pollution upgrades at Brandon Shores.

To comply with new clean-air laws, Constellation Energy is planning multi-million dollar, pollution-control upgrades at the company's two Pasadena power plants.

The proposals for the Brandon Shores and H.A. Wagner plants would put a new 400-foot-tall smokestack on the Pasadena skyline, increase barge traffic on the Patapsco River and draw hundreds of construction workers to the area for several years.

"The whole purpose is to meet the Healthy Air Act," said Bonnie Johansen, a government and public affairs specialist for Constellation.

The Healthy Air Act was passed by Maryland lawmakers last spring, giving the state

some of the strictest pollution-control laws in the nation for power plants. The law requires the state's coal-burning power plants to drastically reduce nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide and mercury. The state also has to work on plans to reduce carbon dioxide.

Nitrogen oxide contributes to smog in the air and algae blooms in the water. Sulfur dioxide contributes to soot and acid rain, while mercury is a neurotoxin that collects in fish tissue. And carbon dioxide causes global warming.

Brandon Shores, which sit next to Wagner on Fort Smallwood Road, would gain a \$550 million "wet flue gas desulfurization" unit under the plan, commonly called a "scrubber."

The system moves emissions through different pipes and devices, with compounds injected into the emissions to spur reactions that remove pollutants.

Instead of the 700-foot twin smokestacks at Brandon Shores, steam and other emissions would come out of a new, 400-foot smokestack that will be built nearby. The existing stacks will be disabled, but will remain standing.

The plan also calls for a series of buildings to house the equipment, and a new conveyor system to transport limestone from barges along the Patapsco River to the plant. Limestone is a key ingredient needed in the scrubber process.

More water is needed for the scrubber process, and Constellation plans to get it from the county's Cox Creek Water Reclamation Facility next door.

Instead of the sewage plant's effluent going into Cox Creek and the Patapsco River, the effluent will be piped to Brandon Shores for the scrubber.

Information in this article was taken from the Maryland Gazette, dated December 2, 2006.



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Riviera Community Improvement Association would like to wish all of you a safe wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year.



**A HAPPY
 NEW YEAR**

Community Information

Frostbite Hike at Ft Smallwood Park

Join Ranger Steve for this first hike of the year on Saturday January 6, 2007 from 10:00am-11:00am at Ft. Smallwood Park. We'll take a stroll around the park's perimeter trail and take in some wintertime sights and sounds. Remember to dress for the weather! Meet at the first parking lot past the gatehouse.

Moonlit Hike at Ft. Smallwood Park

Join Ranger Steve for a moonlit hike on Saturday January 13, 2007 from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at Ft. Smallwood Park. We'll take a relaxing moonlit stroll exploring the world that comes alive when the sun sets. We'll search for foxes, owls, raccoons, and other creatures of the night. Remember to dress for the weather! Meet at the first parking lot past the gatehouse.

Rock Creek and Surfside Beach invited to RCIA Community Association Meeting Tuesday, January 16th, 2006 at 7:30pm. Constellation Energy will be speaking at the January Meeting to discuss the upcoming changes. RCIA would like to cordially invite Residents of Surfside Beach and Rock Creek to this discussion.

North Arundel Aquatic Center

7888 Crain Highway, Glen Burnie, Md 410-222-0090. Pool hours are M - F 6am to 9pm, Sat 7am to 8pm and Sunday 10am to 6pm.

The new aquatic center offers an 8-lane 25-yard competition pool and leisure pool. The leisure pool is a zero dept entry pool that includes two 20-yard lap lanes and an indoor water park. We have a fully equipped locker

room with coin-operated lockers. The facility is open 7 days a week, with limited water feature hours and timed swim sessions for the weekends and school holidays.

The Water Park features include a 134 foot water slide, splash down area, water buckets, and a waterfall, pre-school water slide, vortex area and pool side spa for adults. Participants must be 48" or taller to utilize the water slide. Participants can purchase a ticket for swim time. Please visit the website for Water Park hours, admission fees and for more information at <http://www.aacounty.org/RecParks/swimcenters/aquaticcenter/index.cfm>



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