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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Easter Party**
Don't miss the party at The Park on Saturday, March 31st at 3:00pm. See page 2 for details.
- **Ever thought about playing Ultimate Frisbee?** See page 4 for details.
- **2007 RCIA Dues Are Now Due**
- **Beach Cleanup**



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SCRUBBER PROJECT AT BRANDON SHORES POWER PLANT

Three representatives from Constellation Energy attended RCIA's January meeting to discuss Maryland's Healthy Air Act and the effect it will have on Brandon Shores and Wagner's Point.



This Act, signed into law in April 2006, is one of the most stringent environmental mandates in the United States, requiring huge reductions in sulphur, mercury, nitrogen, and carbon dioxide.

To meet the requirements of this act, Constellation Energy

will be installing scrubbers and baghouses at the Brandon Shores Plant. There will also be some renovations to Wagner's, bringing that plant into compliance with regulations.

Surrounding communities should experience very limited disruption during the construction process, which is scheduled to start this summer.

There may be increased truck traffic, increased barge traffic, a visible water vapor cloud from

the new scrubber stack, and some minor noise. After the installation, Brandon Shores will be one of the cleanest coal-fired plants in the country. For more information or questions, contact Bonnie Johansen at 410-787-6519 or email at Bonnie.L.Johansen@constellation.com.

Constellation Energy will provide updates throughout the construction process. We will provide you with the website address as it is made available to the public. Additional information can be obtained on their website at www.bge.com.

Boat Ramp Key - Open House

This year RCIA will be holding an open house for picking up your Boat Ramp Keys. Saturday, March 31, 2007, at 8405 Echo Drive from 10:00am - 2:00pm

For further information contact John at 410-439-3314

Please remember that Community dues must be paid up to apply for a Boat ramp key.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE LEOPOLD URGES FEDERAL REGULATORS TO REJECT NATURAL GAS

Annapolis, MD (January 31, 2007) - Anne Arundel County Executive John R. Leopold is urging Federal regulators to reject an application to build a liquefied natural gas facility at Sparrows Point.

"This is the wrong project, in the wrong place, at the wrong time," Said County Executive Leopold.

Following up Mr. Leopold's testimony last June to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the County Executive wrote a letter voicing his strong opposition to the proposed facility be-

cause there are thousands of Anne Arundel County residents within miles of Sparrows Point.

"The tankers, which could be as long as three football fields, would pass within a few miles of Riviera Beach, Venice on the Bay, Kurtz Beach and Bayside Beach," said Mr. Leopold. "Public safety should be a top priority, and these tankers are potential terrorist targets. Locating a facility at Sparrows Point is simply not worth the risk."

County Executive Leopold also expressed his concern on the

environmental impact the project would have, recognizing that an estimated 4 million to 4.5 million cubic yards of dredge material would have to be removed to prepare access channels and turning basins.

Notice of the application process was posted January 23, 2007 and the agency is now taking public comments. This article can be found on Anne Arundel County's website at <http://www.aacounty.org/News/Current/NaturalGasFacility.cfm>.

2007 RCIA EASTER EGG HUNT IN THE PARK



Saturday, March 31st at 3:00pm

Rain date: Sunday, April 1st at 3:00pm

At the Park (Between Meadow Rd & Dale Rd.)

There will be Easter egg hunt, fun, games, snacks and refreshments.

Cookie and cupcake donations would be appreciated for the party. If you would like to volunteer or have questions, please contact Ruth Ann Thuman at 410-437-5784.

This free event is sponsored by RCIA.

Ready to help your Community? On Saturday, March 24th at 8:00am we will be doing another Beach Clean-up. We will be cleaning the area around Pat's Pier, the boat ramp and the surrounding beach area. See page 4 for more information.



Would you like to recognize someone in the Community for a job well done, or for a special award received? Send an email to newsletter@riviera-beach-md.org with the details.

RCIA Membership Dues & Ramp Key Application – 2007

It's that time of year again when Community dues are collected. The Community is in serious need of this years dues with the rising cost in fuel again this year. Thanks in advance for your support.

Name:	
Address:	
City, State & Zip:	
Phone #	
Email Address:	

Application for Dues (\$30.00) Boat Ramp (\$35.00)

For Ramp Key Applicants:

Community Dues must be paid along with Boat Ramp fee to obtain key.

Type of Boat 1:	
Md Registration Number 1:	
Type of Boat 2:	
Md Registration Number 2:	
Vehicle Make 1:	
Vehicle Tag Number 1:	
Vehicle Make 2:	
Vehicle Tag Number 2:	

Please mail applications to: RCIA, PO Box 474, Pasadena, Md 21123

Please be advised that RCIA will be mailing membership cards to you. We are no longer requesting a self addressed stamped envelope with your application





IMPORTANT DISTRICT 31 CONTACTS

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RED LIGHT CAMERAS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Anne Arundel was one of the first counties in Maryland to install red light cameras. Five cameras were installed in the year 2000 at the intersections of Ritchie Highway and Route 10, Ritchie Highway and College Parkway, Ritchie Highway and Arnold Road, Route 3 and Evergreen in Waugh Chapel and Riva Road and 665 in Annapolis.

These five cameras exist in the same locations today. In choosing these particular intersections the Highway Administration looked at statistics such as accidents, traffic violations, and volume of traffic. Although the cameras have been in

place for almost 7 years, their placement can always be changed, as the Highway Administration is always re-evaluating traffic statistics.

There are 4 primary stipulations attached to red light cameras and the tickets that are issued: The light at the intersection must stay amber for 4-5 seconds, the fine is \$75.00, the ticket cannot be used by your insurance company to increase your premium, and the light must be red when you enter the intersection. Also, no points are issued for a camera violation.

Although these cameras are installed and serviced by an outside vendor,

each ticket is reviewed by the Anne Arundel County Police Dept. before it is sent out. As with all technology, red light cameras have improved. In the beginning the camera took a wet film picture which had to be developed. Now, the camera takes a digital picture which includes time, date, and location and live video. When you receive a ticket, you can now go to a web site and watch your car go through the light. Obviously, anyone can fight their red light ticket in court, but be aware that the judge also has the ability to watch the video. So, the next time you decide to run that red light, just remember a camera could be watching.



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Community Awareness Issues

- Stacked Firewood - There have been some complaints about firewood drawing rodents. The County rules note that firewood must be stacked off the ground and not lying on it. Please be considerate of your neighbors. Rodents living in the firewood migrate to your neighbors property.
- Motorized (Electric) toys - Since Christmas, there has been a noticeable increase in battery operated riding toys on our public streets. We all need to be aware of the safety issues. Automobile drivers are not always on the look out for the children and the children don't always look for automobiles.
- On Street Parking - Boats and recreational vehicles parked on the street and close to corners present traffic hazards. Please be considerate and when possible park these on your property.
- Carbon Monoxide / Fire Safety - With Winter comes the potential for carbon monoxide poisoning as well as fires. We encourage all residents to invest in a Carbon Monoxide detector as well as smoke alarms.

Community Calendar

RCIA Community Assn Meeting

Detective Scott Ronaghan, Head of Sexual Predator Registry will be joining us at our next Community meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:30pm.
 Upcoming meetings:
 Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at 7:30pm
 Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 7:30pm
 Meetings will be held at Jenkins Church.

RB Annual Beach Clean-Up

Saturday, March 24, 2007 at 8:00am.
 Rain date Sunday, March 25, 2007 at 8:00am. We will meet at the Boat Ramp.

RB Easter Party

Saturday, March 31, 2007 at 3:00pm at the Park. Rain date set for Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 3:00 at the Park (See page 2 for further information).

Boat Ramp Keys - Open House

Saturday, March 31, 2007, 10:00am - 2:00pm at John Mullins house (See page 1 for further information).

Community Dumpster Provided

A dumpster will be available to all Riviera Beach residents from Thursday, May 3, 2007 (12:00pm) - Saturday, May 5, 2007.

Pictures with the Easter Bunny!

3/18/2007 to 4/7/2007 from 10am-9pm Monday-Saturday & Noon-6pm Sunday at Marley Station Shopping Center.

Talk to the Bunny... he's all ears! Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny in his springtime park in Center Court at Marley Station Shopping Center. More information can be obtained at <http://www.shopmarleystation.com>.

Riviera Beach Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate Frisbee is a great fun team game. We would like to establish a "drop in" game on a weekday evening in the spring for residents of Riviera Beach at Riviera Park. Ultimate involves throwing and catching a frisbee, teamwork, and some running. It can be played by men and women/girls and boys of any age. It's easy to learn and a lot of fun so give me a call if you're interested, or if you pass the field and see the disc flying just stop by. This is not an "official" league, but just a great way to enjoy a spring evening. No experience is necessary, and we will even provide the disc. For more info, please call Jerry Jeffers 410-255-8425.