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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Halloween Party**
Don't miss the party at the park on Saturday, October 28th at 3:00pm. See page 2 for details.
- **RCIA Needs You**
Volunteers needed. See page 2 for info.
- **Ft. Armistead**
See page 3 for details.
- **2006 RCIA Dues Are Now Due**



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PAT JEFFERS, SECRETARY

I was born in Halethorpe, Maryland in 1950 and lived there until I got married in 1971.

My husband, Jerry, and I purchased our first house on Bodkin Avenue in 1972 for a whopping \$17,000 and sold it 3 years later for \$22,000. (Did I mention it was on the water?)

After moving from Bodkin we purchased a home in old Woodlawn, where we lived for 26 years. While there, we had our son Jeff, who is a graduate of The Boys' Latin School of Maryland



and St. Mary's College in Southern Maryland.

I became president of The Gwynn Lake Improvement Association in 1990 and in 1992 enrolled in Towson State University, graduating with a BS in Sociology in 1994. This led me to a career in non-profits; working for Action for the Homeless, The Liberty Assistance Center, and Senior Network of North Baltimore.

After Jeff married in 2001, we decided to look for a smaller home near the water. I have always loved the serenity and

peace of watching shore birds, boats and the waves lapping on the shore, and when we looked at the house on Chelsea Road I knew I was home.

Since moving to Riviera Beach, I have taken a position as Assistant Director of the Arnold Senior Center, and I have become a grandmother with a second grandchild due in November.

I have enjoyed serving on the RCIA board, and will do all I can to make "The Beach" a great place to live.

Pat Jeffers
R.C.I.A., Secretary



POWER AGAINST FRAUD SEMINAR

TO BE PRESENTED AT THE SEPTEMBER 19TH RCIA COMMUNITY MEETING

The Communities Against Senior Exploitation or CASE Project provides seminars to empower Seniors against fraud and exploitation.

Fraud and economic crimes are growing in Anne Arundel County. Older adults are frequent targets of crimes such as identity theft, telemarketing Fraud, door-to-door scams and street cons.

The Office of State's Attorney Frank Weathersbee will be presenting a *Power Against Fraud* seminar at our September 19th Community meeting that will provide simple, but effective crime prevention steps to build your power against fraud. Even if you think you know how to protect yourself, we guarantee

you'll learn even more!

One of the previous fraud alerts sent out by Case Project provided information about Charities. Here are some recommendations from CASE and the State's Attorney's office:

- Make an annual charitable giving budget and list - and stick to it.
- Don't judge a charity by an impressive sounding name. Many organizations have names similar to other well-known charities.
- Most telephone appeals are made by salespeople employed by professional fund raisers. Most of your donation goes to the fund raiser, not to

the charity.

As part of the seminar, each participant will receive a free "Power Against Fraud" Handbook, as well as, a neck wallet they can use when shopping or traveling.

CASE is a Partnership of the State's Attorney and the Community to Prevent Elder Financial Exploitation. The seminar will be presented by CASE Partnership Coordinator—Kristin Riggan at the RCIA Community Meeting Jenkins Memorial Church Tues, Sept 19, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

Go to www.give.org, or www.charitynavigator.org for further information.



2006 HALLOWEEN PARTY AT THE PARK

RCIA - Halloween Party at the Park

Saturday, October 28th at 3:00pm

Come in costume. Prizes will be awarded.

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.



Rain date Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 pm.



This free event is sponsored by RCIA.

We have received several calls from residents regarding the unauthorized use of Community property. Please remember that community property is for the use of all residents. Do not park or place personal possessions on Community property.

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A Reminder!

Please remember to pay your 2006 dues. 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. RCIA.

RIVIERA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION NEEDS YOU.....

The Riviera Community Improvement Association is looking for volunteers.

We are in need of assistance in the following areas:

- Boat Ramp Committee - Persons willing to help with key distribution, boat ramp and pier maintenance.
- Newsletter - Such as articles, obtaining advertising commit-

ments and various other duties.

- Legal Assistance for such topics as document review and Anne Arundel County code.
- Financial Assistance - Researching and obtaining community grants. Review of books and other miscellaneous items.

- Community Property - Monitoring community property for vandalism, minor repairs and maintenance.



If interested please contact Pat Kiley at 410-255-7439 or John Mullins at 410-439-3314.

Remember School is back in session. Please slow down through the neighborhood, keeping a watchful eye out for our children.

RCIA would like to express their sincere appreciation to all those in the community who help out in and around the community from picking up broken branches, to removing trash from the beach, to helping out with our neighbors .



INTERESTING FACTS ON THE LOCAL POINTS OF INTEREST - FORT ARMISTEAD

Following the Civil War, when advances in technology rendered brick forts such as Ft. McHenry obsolete, congress created the U.S. Army Coastal Artillery Corps or CAC. The CAC was responsible for establishing a new defense for Baltimore's harbor. They accomplished this by building



a network of three forts: Armistead, Howard, and Smallwood. Fort. Armistead, built between 1900 and 1920, is located at Hawkins Point at the western end of the Key Bridge. The fort is named for Major General George Armistead who was the commander of Ft. McHenry during the famous

bombardment of 1814 that inspired the writing of the Star Spangled Banner. Fort Armistead was built with a new design: sunken and hidden gun mounts, avoidance of gun silhouettes, (ships couldn't hit what they couldn't see) and use of slopes so the projectiles would bury on impact.



Trees and natural cover were used to hide the fort and its' guns. The fort was comprised of four batteries: Winchester (named for Gen. James Winchester, who had been taken prisoner by the British January 13, 1813 in action at Frenchtown, MI), McFarland (named for Maj. Daniel McFarland, 23d Infantry, killed in action at Lundy's Lane, Canada), Irons (named for 1st Lt. Joseph Irons killed in the Mexican

War), and Mudge (named for 2nd Lt. Robert Mudge killed in the battle of the Florida Seminoles), magazines, a mine casement, and fire control stations. The fort never saw battle and had a short and uneventful history. Today Fort Armistead is known as Fort Armistead Park, a place where people fish, crab, picnic, or just watch the big ships pass under the Key Bridge. It is probably best known for its' public and free boat ramp.

For complete story and pictures, go to:

www.geocities.com/baltforts/Fort_Armistead/index.htm



COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS CORNER

Hurricane Ernesto hits the Beach

Well we suffered some damage on the bay front near the pond. Other parts of the beach faired pretty well. We are currently looking into repairs at this time.

Keep "Our" Beaches Clean

Due to this years Spring Annual Beach Clean Up being cancelled and a couple of good storms, it is extremely important to keep our beaches as clean as possible. **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.

RB Park Repairs and Removals

This summer several seats on the swings have been repaired or replaced. The merry-go-round at the park has been removed due to irreparable damage. An existing metal plate was also removed. We are currently evaluating other repairs at the Park that may need to be made.

Riverbea Address Change

Please note the new address for RiverBea. PO Box 366 Pasadena, Md 21123

Raccoon Traps placed in RB

You may have seen wildlife traps placed throughout Riviera Beach this summer. These were part of a research project by the University of Maryland School of Medicine and the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine. The purpose was to analyze spreading patterns of rabies in raccoons, and at the same time inoculate the captured raccoons. The traps were to be checked each morning, the animals will have blood samples analyzed, and after a while were to be released again at the place they were captured. The tests continued for about 3 weeks.

Any Request for Guest Speakers?

If you have any requests for guest speakers at the Community Meetings, please contact Pat Kiley at 410-255-7439.

DNR Explorers Club

DNR's new Explorer's Club gives kids the chance to complete a different outdoor activity each month, and win prizes. Along with the excitement and fun of completing each activity, kids will also play games, discover outdoor adventure trips and learn how to help the environment. Visit the Explorers Club page at www.dnr.maryland.gov/explorers and get ready to explore your natural world.

Paper Recycling Effort

The Riviera Beach Elementary School has started a program for paper recycling. A special green and yellow dumpster is placed at the school, and everyone is encouraged to deposit recycled paper in it. The dumpster will be emptied weekly, and the school gets paid for the amount of paper collected.

This is an excellent idea, as you not only will be able to dispose of old paper in an environmentally correct way, but you also support the Riviera Beach Elementary School. What could be better! Please support this effort.



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Next month's Newsletter will feature:

- Interesting facts on local points of interest. - Fort Howard



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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 _____

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

Email Addr: _____
 PO Box 474
 Pasadena, MD 21123

Include self-address stamped envelope for membership card

Community Calendar

54th Annual AA County Fair

Sept 13, 2006 - Sept. 17, 2006. Heritage, Entertainment, Family Fun, Music, Special Events, Agricultural exhibits, carnival rides, games, 4H exhibits, live-stock, petting zoo, tractor and horse pulls, concerts and children's activities. Location: Anne Arundel County Fairgrounds, 1450 Generals Highway, Rte 178, Crownsville, MD. Cost: \$5 (age 16 and over) \$2(age 6-15) Free (age 5 & under)

<http://www.aacountyfair.org>
 Phone: 410-923-3400

Community Association Meeting
 Tuesday, September 19th, 2006 at 7:30pm
 Tuesday, October 17th, 2006 at Jenkins Church.

Seasonal, Avian and Pandemic Flu Town Hall Meeting I

Community Event at Anne Arundel Medical Center, Sajak Pavilion on 09/16/2006 from 10:00 AM to 12:00pm. The town hall meeting will provide tips on how County residents can protect themselves and their families from the flu. Health care and emergency management professionals will answer questions from the audience about flu prevention. Reservations are requested. To make reservations, contact Ask AAMC, (443) 481-4000.

Pet Micro-chipping Clinic

A "Microchip Clinic" is being offered to Anne Arundel County residents only. The cost of the chip is \$20.00 and will be limited to two pets per household, dogs and cats only. In order to expedite the

process Animal Control is requesting that you have exact change available. The clinic will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006, 4:00pm-7:00pm at Animal Control, 411 Maxwell Frye Rd, Millersville. For more information call 410-222-8900.

AA County Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days for 2006

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

Millersville - 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.