



# RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

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## Court affirms Triangle is, and will always be, Community Property

Ever since Riverbea Corporation's secret sale of our community property (the Triangle) was discovered several years ago, a concerted effort has been underway to affirm and return its status as community property. On August 12th, 2011 the Circuit Court decided in favor of RCIA with regards to our use of the Triangle, your community property. The court rejected Riverbea's motion to dismiss the case and affirmed your right to use your community property as you always have. This is a significant ruling in favor of the residents of Riviera Beach.

While there are other issues that will be decided when the case is heard in court in its entirety, this key decision is significant. It is a positive outcome to years of effort to restore and safeguard our community property.

Visit [www.riviera-beach-md.org/pendinglawsuit.html](http://www.riviera-beach-md.org/pendinglawsuit.html) to read the court opinion.

### Officer Elections will be held at the November meeting

Nominations are being accepted for the RCIA Officer elections to be held at the November general meeting. Nominations may be made by email to [nominatingcommittee@riviera-beach-md.org](mailto:nominatingcommittee@riviera-beach-md.org) or in person at the October meeting. All nominations received will be announced at the October General Meeting. The October Meeting will be the closing date for nominations of elective officers.

Won't you join your community association? A strong membership is essential for a better community.

## Hurricane Preparedness

The recent storms that threatened to reach us as hurricanes prompted the community to come together and prepare for the worst. A group of about twenty residents met just days prior to the storm at the Park and discussed plans to deal with a variety of potential scenarios. Coordinated by John Mullins, the group was able to identify resources, develop a communication plan, generally assign areas of responsibility and react during the storm in response to events as they happened. After the storm, residents who needed help clearing fallen trees and debris were identified and neighbors showed up to help.

One resource that you should add to your emergency preps is signing up for the Riviera Beach Alert email system. This provides a way to reach out to the entire group of folks who have signed up via email, all at once. In an emergency this could be the way you find out your neighbor needs help. Join Riviera Beach Alert by sending an email to [rivierabeachalert@gmail.com](mailto:rivierabeachalert@gmail.com) You can also follow on Twitter @rbalert One more plug for technology that can help. The Facebook page was used to quickly pass real time updates during the storm. You simply "Like!" the Riviera Beach Facebook page. All of these things, face to face communication, knowledge and technology help us take care of each other when emergency strikes. Stay tuned, there is more to come from the Emergency Preparedness Group.

## Beach Clean up = Hard work

A small group of dedicated Riviera Beach residents cleaned up the incredible amount of debris that the storms deposited on your community beach. The before and after photos on the website are truly amazing.

THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AND THE HARD WORK!

Is there a downed tree near the water near you? Storm damaged trees near the water are being removed. Call [410-255-4399](tel:410-255-4399) to report.

## Children's Halloween Party in the Park, Saturday 29 Oct 3:00 pm. Rain date Sunday, 30 Oct

Expect Tricks and Treats! The annual Halloween party will include games and of course, a contest to determine the best costume. If you would like to volunteer, donate anything to the party or have questions, please contact Ruth Ann Thuman at 410-437-5784.

## Fall Clean Up

County Dumpsters will be placed at Dale Rd in between Garden & Greenway Oct 17th through 19th. Additional details on acceptable items will be posted.

## Santa's Coming to town

Be on the lookout! The yearly RCIA Christmas Party will be held at Jenkin's Memorial Church one of the Saturday's in December at 3:00 pm. Keep your eyes open for the exact date once it is confirmed. This is a great time for the kids! Call Ruth Ann at 410-437-5784 if you have questions or would like to help out.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joe Pasko - our summer photo contest winner. It is in B/W on the front page. See it in full size color on the RCIA website.

# RCIA 1st Annual Holiday Decorating Contest!!



(Halloween & Christmas)



OK neighbors, get out all those Holiday Decorations and show your Holiday Spirit!! Riviera Community Improvement Association (RCIA) is sponsoring a 2011 Holiday Display Contest for Halloween and Christmas.

- If you would like to be considered for the contest please take a photo of your display and email it to [webmaster@riviera-beach-md.org](mailto:webmaster@riviera-beach-md.org) .
- Include your name, address & phone number in the email. The photos will be voted on the Facebook page (names, addresses & phone numbers will not be displayed) and the top 5 decided on by 2 independent judges.
- If you are unable to get a good photo of your display contact the webmaster at [webmaster@riviera-beach-md.org](mailto:webmaster@riviera-beach-md.org) and we'll arrange for a photo to be taken by the deadline.
- If you cannot email your photo, please mail the photo w/your name, address & phone number to P.O. Box 474, Pasadena, MD 21123 by the deadline. If you have any questions or need assistance, please email [webmaster@riviera-beach-md.org](mailto:webmaster@riviera-beach-md.org) or call 410-916-7588. Please read the rules carefully & Good Luck!

## Rules:

- Entrants must live in the Community of Riviera Beach
- Deadline for Halloween submissions are Oct. 24th . Final Judging date to be announced.
- Deadline for Christmas submissions are Dec. 19th. Final Judging date to be announced.
- Please make sure you lights are on at the date & time of final judging.

**\*\*By submitting your photo, you agree to allow RCIA to publish your name & photo in local media (website, facebook page, newsletter & local newspapers). You also agree to keep your lights and displays up for viewing until Oct 31st for Halloween and December 31st for Christmas.**

Winner will receive **\$100** and their photo on the Facebook and Webpage



## **RIVIERA BEACH COMMUNITY 1st Annual Community YARD SALE**

**When: Saturday, October 29th, 2011**

**Where: Our Local "Power Squadron"**

**Time: 7a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Come one, come all!!!! We invite all residents, non-residents, public or private-Christian schools, boy scouts, girl scouts, as well as local vendors, trades, clubs, churches, etc. to help bring unity back to the community!

Reservations are required. The cost is \$10.00 (reserve your spot / bring your own table) 100% of profits will benefit the Riviera Beach Community Improvement Association.

**\*Donations are welcomed...**

Contact Dawn Hegarty, (443) 805-5335 for reservations or if you just want to donate.

Our local church, New Hope Community Church, has offered to haul away any unsold items to benefit their semi-annual Freemarket in the Curtis Bay/Brooklyn area. They will be at the "Power Squadron" until 2:30 p.m. Even if you do not have anything to donate, stop by, grab a cup of coffee and say, "Hi." Learn more about New Hope at [yournewhope.org](http://yournewhope.org).

\*R.C.I.A. and New Hope Community Church are non-profit organizations. Your donations are tax deductible.

**Thanks in Advance!!! Volunteers are always needed, wanted and welcomed!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ruth Ann Thuman for being selected as the Pasadena Voice Volunteer of the Month! We can't thank you enough for your years of dedicated service to our kids and community.

CONGRATULATIONS to the lucky winners of the August 2011 Pick 3 Evening Lotto Fundraiser.

Winners are:

- Phillip Lower - Ticket sold by Pit Stop Pub
- Karyn & Paul Buddock
- Paula Milkens - Ticket sold by Kim Wilson
- Frank Mosay Jr. - Ticket sold by Mary Seidman
- Dawn Hegarty & Gang
- Bill Mason - Ticket sold by Pit Stop Pub (won 2 times)
- Bill Scholtz - Ticket sold by Judy Culhane

We will be selling lotto tickets in November & December, which will correspond with the Maryland evening daily lotto during the month of January 2012. The winner of January 1, 2012 will win \$300.00! Tickets are \$5.00 each and they make great stocking stuffers or Christmas gifts. If you can sell 20 that would be a great help. Proceeds support the legal fund. Please keep in mind - this is OUR community and we cannot keep up the effort to resolve our current issues if residents within our community do not participate. We all agreed to work together! We need your continued support and help. Any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call 410-255-3768

**THANK YOU** to Pasadena Signs for donating three signs for our fishing line recycling tubes that Boy Scout Troop 414 made for our community beaches



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A great looking project has been completed at the boat ramp and beach area. Much more than just a pretty face, the stonework will protect the area from erosion. Thanks to all who made it possible!

**THANKS!** Boy Scout Troop 414 for building **fishing line recycling tubes** at the Boat Ramp, Pat's Pier & the Yacht Club!! Interested in joining the Scouts? Contact [TROOP414@verion.net](mailto:TROOP414@verion.net) for more info

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**Proposed Shore Erosion Budget**  
**Riviera Community Improvement Association**

2012 - 2013

Prepared by RCIA Erosion Committee

Approximately \$99,000.00 - Collected Taxes

Approximately \$143,000.00 - Rollover from 2010

Approximately \$239,000.00 - Total Available for 2011-2012 erosion budget

\$2,000.00 - A.A. County Fee

\$75,000.00 - Surfside Living Shore Project

\$70,000.00 - Work at Boat Ramp/Beach area

\$30,000.00 - Work to be performed at Cove (located by Stoney Creek Bridge)

\$65,100.00 - Professional fee's - Emergency spending - Misc. Small projects to be voted on by erosion district

\*\*\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*\*\*

We have not received confirmed amounts from Anne Arundel County, therefore, this is strictly an estimate based on revenue expectation.

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## Erosion Committee

The erosion committee meets the Monday before each RCIA general meeting at the Riviera Beach Firehouse (RCIA general meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month). During our meetings projects are proposed, discussed and prioritized. The funding for the erosion budget is derived from a special tax assessment levied by the county on homeowners in our erosion district. Once collected, these funds are dispersed back to the erosion committee as we execute projects outlined in the budget approved by residents.

Our meetings are open and everyone is welcome to attend.

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**Membership Matters! - show your community support and become a member or renew your membership today.**

**Upcoming Events at a glance**

17 Oct – Riviera Beach Elementary clothes drive starts  
 17–19 Oct – Dumpsters for fall clean up, Dale Road near Greenway  
 17 Oct – Erosion Meeting, 7:30pm at Rbfd. All welcome.  
 18 Oct – RCIA General Meeting, 7:30pm at Jenkins Church,  
**Officer Nominations due**  
 24 Oct – Halloween Decoration Contest entries due  
 29 Oct – Community Yard Sale, 7:00am to 2:00pm, Patapsco River Power Squadron  
 29 Oct – Halloween Party, 3:00 pm, Community Park  
 30 Oct – Halloween Party Rain date, 3:00 pm, Park  
 14 Nov – Erosion Meeting, 7:30pm at Rbfd. All welcome.  
 15 Nov – RCIA General Meeting, 7:30pm at Jenkins Church,  
**Officer Elections**  
 19 Dec – Christmas Decoration Contest entries due  
**Exact date TBD: Christmas Party**, Saturday 3:00 pm at Jenkins Church  
 Dec– No Erosion or General Meetings, **HAPPY HOLLIDAYS!**  
 16 Jan– Erosion Meeting, 7:30pm at Rbfd. All welcome.  
 17 Jan – RCIA General Meeting, 7:30pm at Jenkins Church

**Time to Clean that Closet!**

**Riviera Beach Elementary** is having a clothing drive. Please contact Clarissa Keefe at 410-255-0241 or [clk8573@msn.com](mailto:clk8573@msn.com) with any questions. The drive starts on October 17<sup>th</sup> and ends November 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking for any Lego donations to help start our Lego Club. Please contact the school or drop them off at the school from 7:30 and 3:00.

**RCIA 2012 Membership Dues - \$30.00**

**Mail form with check to:  
 RCIA  
 PO Box 474  
 Pasadena, MD 21123**

**Please make your tax deductible check payable to RCIA.  
 Or pay online: [www.riviera-beach-md.org](http://www.riviera-beach-md.org)**

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## ***REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY!!***

Recent meetings with County Police confirm the need to call 911 and report suspicious activity taking place in our community when it is observed. The more information you can provide the better. If we don't call, they won't know. If you think you should call, you should. Bottom line, they need our help to keep us safe.

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