



MID-SUMMER

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

A Letter from the President

Dear Islanders,

Thank you to all who recently paid your annual dues to RIF and made donations. And thank you to Claude Caponi for his recent heartfelt letter of appeal for membership and donations.

We appreciate your support of RIF and look forward to seeing you at our annual meeting on Labor Day weekend. Please remember that the fiscal year for RIF runs from September 1 through August 31 of each year and dues must be paid by August 31st to participate in the annual meeting.

RIF board member Peter Bardin and his son, Bryan, have been working on a new website that will be launched soon. I have reviewed a trial version and it is outstanding! Bryan is creating website areas for all 3 island associations: RIF, RIPOA, and RIYC. So be on the lookout for the big launch.

This is an unusually quiet season for RIF as holding fundraising events is not advisable during the pandemic. But I have seen more islanders this summer at the dock, beach and RIYC than usual. I have been on "island time" every weekend and am very happy to have my island cottage getaway.

Once the pandemic and high water recede, we will have a lot of work to do on the island. Seawall, bridge, road, and other repairs will be needed. So please remember to pay your dues and donate what you can to RIF.

Warmly,

Karen Ridgway, President

Annual General Membership Meeting

Notice of Annual Meeting: The Sunday of Labor Day Weekend

The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Russell Island Foundation, a Michigan non-profit corporation, will be held this year on Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. at the Russell Island Park Pavilion located on Russell Island, Algonac, Michigan.

Agenda items to include:

- . Treasurer's Report
- . Election of Board of Trustees
- . Transactions of such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment of adjournments thereof 2020 Foundation dues are payable by August 31 to entitle you to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Please contact a Board Member by August 26th if you have a topic you would like to see included on the agenda. Dues of \$100.00 payable to: Russell Island Foundation should be sent to Kathy Engelhart, 1011 Satterlee, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304.

PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MEMBERS SEPTEMBER 6, 2020.

This Proxy is solicited on Behalf of the Board of Trustees of RUSSELL ISLAND FOUNDATION and will be voted.

The undersigned hereby appoints _____ and _____ or any one of more of them acting in the absence of the others, as attorneys and proxies of the undersigned, with full power of substitution, for and in the name of the undersigned, to represent the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of the Members of RUSSELL ISLAND FOUNDATION, a MICHIGAN non-profit corporation, (the Company") to be held at the Russell Island PARK PAVILLION located at Russell Island, Algonac, Michigan at 10:30 a.m. local time, September 6, 2020 and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof, and to vote in the name of the undersigned, with all of the powers the undersigned would possess if personally present at such meeting. Copies of the Notice of the Meeting have been received by the undersigned. PLEASE DATE AND Sign HERE

Dated: _____ Name: _____

PLEASE DATE, SIGN and return this proxy.

Please check here if you plan to attend the meeting. _____

Kroger Community Rewards Program / AmazonSmile

Kroger:

To get enrolled in the program, all you need to do is register online at www.krogercommunityrewards.com Be sure to have your Kroger Plus Card handy and register your card with the Russell Island Foundation after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger store.

Here is a step by step explanation of what to do to get enrolled in this beneficial program:

1. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and click on MICHIGAN, scroll down the page and click on the ENROLL box.
2. Click on SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer?" box.
3. Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering your zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password. You will need to agree to the terms and conditions.
4. You will then get a message to check in your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email. Follow the instructions in your email.
5. Click on MY ACCOUNTY and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
6. Click on EDIT KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS INFORMATION and input your Kroger Plus Card number. Update or confirm you information.
7. Find Russell Island Foundation which can be selected from the drop down list (or enter the NPO number – 90286) click SELECT in the next section and Click SAVE CHANGES in the third section

To verify that you are enrolled correctly, you should see Russell Island Foundation on the bottom left portion of your information page. It will take 7-10 days before your purchases will begin earning rewards for he Russell Island Foundation after you have registered your Kroger Plus Card online. You will know that you have successfully registered your Kroger Plus Card because at the bottom of your Kroger receipt you will see: ***"At your request, Kroger is donating to The Russell Island Foundation"***.

REMEMBER that purchases will not count for the Russell Island Foundation until after you register your card – so please take the time to do that now! You will need to swipe your registered Kroger Plus Card or use the phone number that is related to your registered Kroger Plus Card when shopping for each purchase in order for it to count towards the quarterly rewards check sent to the Russell Island Foundation. For those of us who regularly shop at Kroger – this is an easy way to help the Foundation accrue monies.

Amazon Smile:

AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know with the added benefit of supporting charitable organizations like the Russell Island Foundation! It offers the same products, prices and services as Amazon.com.

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. To shop at AmazonSmile, simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. On your first visit to : you will need to select the Russell Island Foundation as your charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. AmazonSmile will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make on AmazonSmile will result in a donation to the Foundation. Please take advantage of this program, encourage family and friends to sign up also! This is just another way to add money to the Foundation by doing what we normally do....shop!

Russell Island Foundation Board

President – Karen Ridgeway
Vice President – Claude Caponi
Secretary – Beverly Leasia
Treasurer – Barbara Bierbusse
Trustees: Kathy Engelhart
 Dan Hickey
 Margaret Mutch
 Jeanne LoVasco
 Peter Bardin
RIPOA President:
 Steve Engelhart

Membership Dues

Annual dues of \$100 are tax-deductible and qualify you to be a voting member at the annual meeting of the Russell Island Foundation held on Labor Day Weekend. You do not have to be a cottage owner to be a member. Please consider membership.

Please send annual dues made payable to: **The Russell Island Foundation**

Mail to: Kathy Engelhart
 1011 Satterlee Road
 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304

My gift is in: Dues A contribution (\$100, \$150, etc.)
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