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## May 2024 Newsletter

### President's Message

Dear Islanders,

Fasten your seat belts for lots of action this year! We will be in full swing with our usual events and fundraisers.

First up is the Memorial Day ceremony on Sunday, May 26th at 10:30 AM at the ferry landing gazebo. We will honor the recently passed islanders and loved ones listed below. The color guard from the Tomcat Squadron, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps will be joining us again this year.

Next up is the Belmont Stakes party and silent auction on Saturday, June 8th. The Halls have graciously and generously offered to host this event again. Missy Poynter has also graciously and generously volunteered to chair the silent auction again this year and is organizing a silent auction that will include a number of popular items that you can bid on at the party with proceeds going to RIF. All islanders are welcome.

Also, the Musicfest is in-the-works and will be better than ever. Dave Mason is organizing this event for Saturday, August 17th. Please plan on attending and invite your friends and family for a great day at the island.

Warmly,

Karen Ridgway, President

### Memorial Day

The Memorial Day Ceremony, an island tradition, will take place at the ferry landing gazebo at 10:30 AM on Sunday May 26, 2024. Please join us as we add the names of those being honored this year to the memorial plaques. Please feel free to bring a memory or memento to share with your island family that morning for the islanders and loved ones being honored.

Following the ceremony, we will have light refreshments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Engelhart 248- 930- 2122.

Individuals being honored on the memorial plaque for 2024:

Liz Pfender  
Mary Pfender  
Billy Rowe  
Jerry Schuck  
Bryant Donigan  
Elizabeth C Bardin  
Pat Tignanelli  
Brendan M Burton  
John Mark Musto  
Michael Grosfield  
Mark Grosfield  
Fr Larry Jackson  
Susan Mary Zick  
Peggy Teccalla

### **Belmont Stakes Party and Silent Auction**

On Saturday, June 8th, the Hall family will once again host the Belmont Stakes party. The Russell Island Foundation will assemble and present a silent auction fundraiser at the party. Missy Poynter has once again graciously offered to chair the silent auction. As with all our events, volunteers are essential for success.

Thank you in advance for your help and donations.

### **Musicfest**

Musicfest is back again for 2024 on Russell Island. This year's Musicfest will again present live music and is scheduled for Saturday, August 17th, 2024. We are happy to announce the return of Sax Maniacs! It was quite impressive to see them play on stage at this year's NFL Draft in Detroit. These guys really are entertaining and we are excited for their return. There will also be some additional opening talents to warm up the stage for them.

As in years past, the events for the day will include food stations, a beverage cart, tee shirts and 50/50 raffles. Any additional activities have yet to be born. Please mark your calendars and watch for more info on the ferry and Islanders FB page in the coming weeks. All proceeds will go to the Russell Island Foundation. This is a great opportunity to give back to an Island that has in many ways remained a yesteryear existence.

## Kroger Rewards

The Russell Island Foundation is a registered non-profit organization with Kroger Rewards. Please take advantage of this program and encourage family and friends to sign up also.

To enroll in the Kroger Rewards program, register online at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com). Be sure to have your Kroger Plus Card handy. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus Card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger store. The Russell Island Foundation has the non-profit organization (NPO) #90286. You will know that you have successfully registered your Kroger Plus Card when you see “*At your request, Kroger is donating to The Russell Island Foundation*” on the bottom of your Kroger receipts.

## Membership Dues

The Russell Island Foundation was established to financially support improvements and beautification projects on Russell Island. Many island projects have been accomplished thanks to your continued support.

Please consider becoming and/or remaining a member. You do not have to be a cottage owner to be a member. A membership in the Russell Island Foundation may be a great gift idea for a birthday, anniversary, Christmas, or any other special occasion.

Russell Island Foundation dues of \$100 are payable by August 31st to entitle you to vote at the annual meeting on Labor Day weekend. Visit the Russell Island Foundation website ([russellisland.org](http://russellisland.org)) for a link to “PayPal” or during the season, cash/checks may be given to Rob Smith, membership chair. Envelopes will be on the ferry in the Spring of 2024. Otherwise, please send annual dues and/or donations made payable to: Russell Island Foundation.

Mail to: Russell Island Foundation  
P.O. Box 361322  
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

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