

May 20, 2017 Email from SIU President, Eddie Somers

JETTY AND LIVING SHORELINE- We received some fantastic news on Thursday. Somerset County Officials, for the past month, have been in talks with the Army Corps, Maryland DNR, and Maryland DHCD to secure funding to merge **BOTH** the Living Shoreline Project and the Rhodes Pt Jetty Project. I was told it looks very promising that they now have the funding to do both!!!! Some of the logistics of merging the two projects together are being worked out between the parties involved. I will update when more info comes.

PARK DEDICATION- Monday's park dedication at Ewell has been cancelled again due to weather reports for Monday. Will follow up when I have new dates.

ARTS FESTIVAL- Don't forget the May 27th Second Annual Arts Festival. For more info go to the Museum's new website at <http://smithisland.org/> Also the Women's Church Group at Rhodes Pt are selling tickets for a model crab scraping boat during the festival donated by Pastor Rick. The model is a replica of the "Darlene" built by the late Smith Island father and son boat builders Leon and Larry Marsh for Morris Marsh. The boat is still working the waters around Smith Island. Tickets are \$5 each and can be purchased at a table during the festival where the boat will be shown. The drawing of the winning ticket will be held approximately 15-20 minutes before the ferries leave to go back that afternoon. Thanks to Pastor Rick for his generous donation.



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Free Business Ads thru this app- The author of the Blackshaw series of books based on Smith Island, Robert Blake Whitehill, (<https://www.amazon.com/DEADRISE-Ben-Blackshaw-Book-1-ebook/dp/B0096TKWIG#nav-subnav>) is creating an app that will promote Smith Island and its businesses and organizations. Read the attachment for more info. Erin will be visiting Smith Island with Mr. Whitehill from Friday, May 26th to Sunday, May 28th. While there she would like to try and speak to as many business owners, about the Blackshaw Country app, as possible. **THIS IS A FREE OPPORTUNITY TO GET YOUR BUSINESS OUT THERE. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT!!!**