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## WRIA Annual Meeting, Election and Information Fair

### Monday, October 2nd, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. Galesville Memorial Hall

#### Election

Summer is over and we are heading into fall. That means that the annual meeting is coming up. The meeting will be Monday, October 2 at 7:30 PM in the Galesville Memorial Hall. We have planned several items for discussion at the meeting:

- Report on activities for the year
- Remembrance of local residents, who died in 2017
- Election of Officers and board members for 2018
- Information Fair

Would you like to serve on the WRIA board? Being on the WRIA is a great way to get to know folks in town and help assure that Galesville remains a wonderful place to live. Galesville is also the village for those who live on the nearby creeks surrounding Galesville in Cumberstone, Crandell Road, and Owensville Road. The tasks as a board member are not onerous; one meeting a month on the first Monday, at 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall and involvement in other activities which interest you. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Cel Petro (410-867-7050).

The following have been nominated to the 2018 WRIA Board of Directors:

President: Jody Shuart  
Vice President: to be filled  
Treasurer: Pete Baer  
Secretary: Bill Gibbons

Nominations can be made from the floor with prior permission of the nominee.

Returning Board members: Joan Bell, Pete Baer, Holly Clark, Jim Day, Irene Gamboa, Bill Gibbons, Teddy Gott, Cel Petro, Rebecca Ruark, Susan Savage Stevens, and Jody Shuart

New Board members: Janet LaBella and Dottie Rodda

Retiring Board members: Carole Magee Turner, Alaina Matthews, Jessica Olpert, Dale Phipps, Emily Phipps, and Cyrena Simons

#### The Information Fair booths include:

- Smithsonian (SERC)
- Owensville Primary Care
- County Dept. of Aging
- West-Rhode Riverkeeper
- Partners in Care and more!

Galesville Fire Department Chief Dan Kunath will be speaking about the new fire station.

Refreshments & Door Prizes

#### Welcome to Galesville

Susan and Mark Case  
1052 East Benning Road

Suzy and Dan Donohoe  
4898 Anchors Way

Cynthia Giese and Tom Friderich  
1035 E. Benning Road

Bradley & Tracy Richardson  
and their children Ruby and Lucy  
961 Main Street

## Street Tree Project Completed

With the planting last month of 36 trees along Anchor's Way on County property, the street tree project we began over four years ago is finally complete. Forty-three trees were planted along Galesville streets on private property two years ago; of those, only three died.

With the loss of ash trees throughout Galesville and the loss of many large trees to age and storms, these 76 trees will add to the environmental health and ambience of Galesville for generations to come.



*New Trees along Anchor's Way already providing a little shade.*

## Galesville & the Anne Arundel County Comprehensive Zoning Process

The Anne Arundel County Comprehensive Zoning process provides an opportunity for Galesville residents to participate in a process to make changes in village zoning in accordance with the policies and recommendations adopted in the County's General Development Plan. The County may also use the Comprehensive Zoning process to rezone property in order to address an identified community need. Unlike the Administrative Zoning process, which is decided by the County's Administrative Hearing Officer, the Comprehensive Zoning process involves introducing legislation to the County Council, which must hold public hearings on the proposed zoning changes prior to adoption of the legislation.

The County plans to initiate the next Comprehensive Zoning process following the next update of its General Development Plan sometime in the 2019/2020 timeframe.

As zoning is a land use tool the County utilizes to control the future physical development of land, the WRIA is studying the current zoning districts throughout the village to see if there might be an opportunity to participate in the County's Comprehensive Zoning process.

If you are interested in discussing current and/or potential future village zoning with the WRIA, please contact Bill Gibbons, at [w.gibbons1@comcast.net](mailto:w.gibbons1@comcast.net) or at (410) 353-6273.

And, on this subject, the county issued this press release on Sept. 9:

### **Anne Arundel County Announces General Development Plan Public Outreach Tour**

Annapolis, MD (September 7, 2017) – Anne Arundel County today announced the Office of Planning & Zoning will hold eight public input sessions across the County to accept community input as the county government begins the General Development Plan, entitled Anne Arundel 2040.

“Public input will be essential to this process,” said Planning and Zoning Officer Phil Hager. “We want to hear from the citizens at the front end of the effort to ensure their concerns and ideas are incorporated as we chart a course for our County's future.”

Public input sessions will provide the citizens a significant opportunity to have their voice heard as county government embarks on the two year General Development Plan process. Officials from all relevant land use departments will be on hand to hear the ideas and perspectives of residents in every corner of the County.

Citizens can join the conversation at one of the sessions, which will run from 6pm to 8pm. The schedule for these public input sessions is as follows:

#### **2017**

- September 25 at North County High School
- October 17 at Broadneck High School\*
- November 30 at Old Mill High School
- December 11 at Arundel High School \*

#### **2018**

- January 11 at Annapolis High School \*
- January 29 at Northeast High School \*
- February 8 at Southern High School \*
- February 22 at Brooklyn Park Middle School \*

(\* dates and locations subject to change)

In addition, residents can provide their public input or learn more about the process at [www.aacounty.org/Plan2040](http://www.aacounty.org/Plan2040).

The plan is scheduled to be completed by December 2019, with the comprehensive re-zoning legislation submitted to the County Council thereafter.

## Happy 100th Birthday Eleanor!



**4 Generations:** Eleanor Abbey with her daughter, Mary Ann, granddaughter Molly and great-granddaughter Kennedy. All live in Galesville.

## New Flagpole Dedicated

On July 4, Galesville residents dedicated a new flagpole to Major General Richard S. Abbey, USAF. The new pole was generously donated by Eleanor Abbey and her children in loving memory of her husband and their father.

Several months before, the previous flagpole was found to have rusted through at the base. We all thank the Abbey family for this gift to the community. And our thanks to Jim & Michael Day who installed the new pole.



## In Memoriam

William L. (Bill) Bird, Sr. 12-2-16  
Andrew (Drew) Sinnickson 1-7-17  
Kenneth Smith 2-13-17  
Dee Dixon 3-5-17  
Harold Day 6-12-17  
Jack Smith 6-30-17  
Geoff Elliott 9-13-17

## Galesville Community Square Dances

Dance Parties - October 14 and November 18 at the Galesville Memorial Hall and supported by the WestRiver Improvement Association (WRIA).

There will be optional Potluck Dinners that will start at 5:45 PM followed by family-friendly dancing at 7:00 PM and then, from 8:30 to 10:00 PM, there will be more challenging dancing.

Adults: \$10, Ages 5 to 17 years: \$5, and under 5 can come in for free.  
For more info, call 301-926-9142.

## Renaissance Yoga Year Round

Saturday mornings 8:00 am Morning Yoga, 9:15 am Absolutely Abs, 9:45 am Relax & Restore  
Wednesday evenings 6:45 pm Intermediate Yoga 7:45 Community Yoga

Galesville Memorial Hall  
For more Information visit  
<http://www.renyoga.com>

**West River Improvement Association**  
**952 Galesville Road**  
**P.O. Box 104**  
**Galesville, MD 20765**

Address Service Requested

## Calendar

Sept. 26 – Museum Meeting,  
Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm

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Oct. 2 – WRIA General Meeting,  
Galesville Memorial, Hall, 7:30 pm

Oct. 3 – GHS Board Meeting,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm

Oct. 7 – Fall Clean Up at Galesville Heritage Museum  
8-10 am

Oct. 8 – Fall Festival & Pie Baking Contest,  
Galesville Heritage Museum, 1-4 pm

Oct. 14 – Galesville Community Square Dance,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45 pm

Oct. 31 – Halloween

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Nov. 5 – Museum Closes for Season, Wine & Cheese  
Reception, 2-4 pm, “Galesville in Art”,  
Art Show and Sale Closes

Nov. 7 – GHS Board Meeting,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm

Nov. 11– Veterans Day Celebration,  
Rosenwald School, 11 am

Nov. 11 – Annual Galesville United Methodist Church  
Oyster and Chicken Dinner,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 2:00 pm

Nov. 18 – Galesville Community Square Dance,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45 pm

Nov. 23 – Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 28 – Museum Meeting,  
Galesville Heritage Museum, 7:30 pm

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Dec. 2 – Galesville Holiday Social,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm

Dec. 5 – GHS Board Meeting,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm

Dec. 10 – Holiday Open House and Bake Sale,  
Galesville Heritage Museum, 2-4 pm

Dec. 10 – Christmas Caroling, 1 pm meet at  
Galesville Heritage Museum

Dec. 10 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations

Dec. 12 – GHS Quarterly Dinner Meeting,  
Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day