

# WRIA General Meeting and Election

**Monday, October 6th, 2014  
at 7:30 p.m.  
Galesville Memorial Hall**

The primary purpose of the meeting will be to elect the officers and members of the WRIA Board of Directors for the next year. There also will be a report on the activities of the Association for the past 12 months.

Following the transaction of general business, Cyrena Simons will introduce the Anne Arundel County Bay-Wise Master Gardeners, who will explain the Bay-Wise program in more detail, including how you can get their advice in managing your yard while protecting the Bay (also see later in this newsletter for more information). There also will be a short presentation on the Water Stewardship Program by Cel Petro. There will be an opportunity for those in attendance to ask questions on both programs.

The WRIA Annual Meeting is an important event for Galesville and all members of the Association are encouraged to attend.

## **Proposed 2015 WRIA Slate**

**President:** Cyrena Simons

**Vice President:** Pete Baer

**Treasurer:** Lynne MacAdam

**Secretary:** Linda Lawrence

### **Board Members:**

Joan Bell

Holly Clark

Jim Day

Jeff Franko

Bill Gibbons

Sue Hines

Alaina Matthews

Mary McWaters

Cecelia Petro

Jody Shuart

Carole Magee-Turner

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Elsie Whitman

## Historical Happenings!



“Henry and Kitty Wilson outside their Galesville home in 1875” by Barry Gay

The West River Improvement Association, Inc., (WRIA) was recently awarded an additional \$50,000 grant through the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program, bringing the total grants available to \$150,000 for the stabilization of the historically significant Henry Wilson Farmstead. The house was constructed in the 1870s by Henry Wilson, (a former slave who was manumitted in 1828 at age 23) on 2 acres of land purchased from the Tulip Hill plantation. By his death in the late 1870s, the parcel had grown to 26 ½ acres, and his cross-gabled I-house was a fashionable demonstration of his success and position.

Anne Arundel County has issued the building permit and WRIA has hired Robert J. Dowd Builders to oversee the building stabilization process. Look for construction work to begin soon!

In other Historical Happenings, a planning meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at

the Galesville Community Center to get everyone up to speed on the Hometown Teams exhibit in the Summer 2015 and other Henry Wilson property activities. RSVP's requested to Community-Center@historicgalesville.org.

A new website called [www.historicgalesville.org](http://www.historicgalesville.org) has been set-up to serve as a community clearing house for all things historic in Galesville. Though hosted by the Galesville Community Center, contributions and participation by all are welcome.

And finally, a school field trip for 329 students has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 15th and Thursday, October 16th. The students will be wandering around Galesville those two days on a historical scavenger hunt!

## CANDIDATES FORUM

**Tuesday, September 16, 7:30 pm, Galesville Memorial Hall**

The West River Improvement Association and the Harwood Civic Association will be hosting a Candidates Forum. Candidates for County Executive (George Johnson - Democrat/ Del. Steve Schuh - Republican), State Senate, District 30 (Senator John Astle - Democrat/ Don Quinn - Republican), and House of Delegates, District 30 B ( Seth Howard - Republican/ Mitchelle Stephenson - Democrat) have been invited and have indicated they will attend.

The invitees to this event have been asked to address one central question: What services should the government provide to citizens and how should the government pay for them? Each candidate in turn will be given the opportunity to answer this question and then be provided with time to tell the audience why he or she deserves their votes. Once this portion of the event has concluded the remainder of the evening will be devoted to having the candidates answer questions from the audience that have been submitted on cards distributed to those in attendance and collected prior to the beginning of the forum.

This forum is an opportunity for citizens to hear first hand from those who will be on the ballot in November. One of these individuals will be our County Executive and two of them will represent us in the Maryland General Assembly for the next four years.

## Fall Planting Planned for Street Trees

This fall, Galesville will be increasing the number of trees that shade our streets as this long-term project nears completion with 40+ residents participating. County Forester Bud Reaves recently sent the list of trees below from which to choose. All of the trees on the list are natives which need less water and tend to grow more vigorously than introduced species. Participants are urged to tour the street side of your yards and decide which tree or trees you would like. If you'll be planting under overhead wires, I'd urge you to think about the smaller trees such as redbud and serviceberry.

To see images of each of these and learn more about them, one good place to look is: <http://www.nativeplantcenter.net/?q=database> (type the common name into the search box). They aren't all in there. You might also look at Google Images to see those you aren't

familiar with, [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), click on "images" and type in the tree name--they often show the fall foliage as well. I'd appreciate hearing back from you soon about how many trees you want to plant and which type(s).

We'll be planting 80 or so trees on the east side of the playground at Francis Ray Moreland Park to provide shade for the park and Anchor's Way.

If you didn't sign up for this program last year but would like to be included, please get in touch with me, and we'll see if we can expand to include you. The project is funded by Anne Arundel County development impact fees.

Cel Petro, [baylibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:baylibrarian@gmail.com)  
410-867-7050

Common Name	Scientific name genus, species
Sweetgum	Liquidambar styraciflua
American linden	Tilia americana
Littleleaf linden	T. cordata
Honeylocust	Gleditsia triacanthos, var. inermis
Ginkgo	Ginkgo biloba
River birch	Betula nigra
Blackgum, black tupelo	Nyssa sylvatica
Bur oak	Quercus macrocarpa
Northern red oak	Q. rubra
Pin	Q. palustris
Shingle	Q. imbricaria
Shumard	Q. shumardii
Swamp white	Q. bicolor
Willow	Q. phellos
Red maple	Acer rubrum
Redbud	Cercis canadensis
Serviceberry	Amelachier arborea

# Galesville

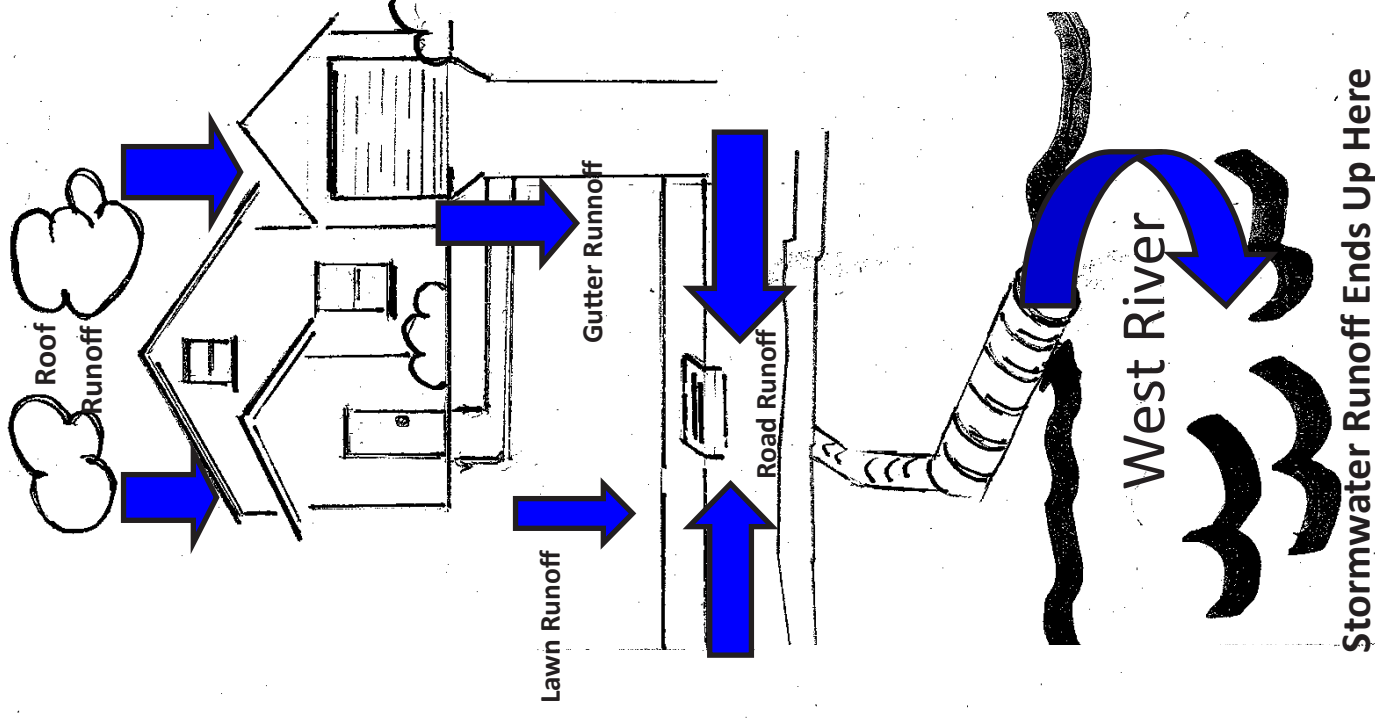
## Rain Barrels for the River

*1,000 square feet (about the size of a small house) of rooftop produces 632 gallons in a summer storm*

### *What you can do:*

- Purchase an Arlington Echo Rain Barrel through the Rain Barrels for the River program; we'll install it for you!
- First 30 purchasers receive 1/2 price rain barrels—only \$30. plus tax—*Galesville Residents only*—use discount code 20765
- Order online: [aawsa.org](http://aawsa.org) and click on *Rain Barrels for the River*
- Questions: contact Cel Petro: [baylibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:baylibrarian@gmail.com) or 410-867-7050

**A healthy West River starts in your yard!**



# Bay-Wise Gardening Tips

## Join the fun and protect the West River...

Bay-Wise is an educational program supported by the Master Gardeners of the University of MD Cooperative Extension Service. The Bay-Wise Master Gardeners of Anne Arundel County (AA) are willing to answer our questions and help each of us manage our yards to be easier and more cost effective, minimize the spread of invasive plants, support wild life, and protect the Bay. Learn more from them at the WRIA's General Meeting on Monday, October 6.

The AA Bay-Wise Master Gardeners are also willing to consult with each of us individually on our specific yards and issues. There is no required way to manage your yard. Instead, it is a balancing act of competing wants and needs. That makes their expert knowledge very helpful. This summer they visited seven Galesville yards using their checklist to consult and answer questions (see web link below for a copy of the checklist). Every yard was different and each homeowner had his/her own specific concerns and questions. What was universal was that everyone learned tips about how to manage their yards now and in the future and got specific questions answered. The WRIA's goal is to have the majority of Galesville take advantage of this offered knowledge.

Now it is your turn. Fall is the perfect time, as you start to button up your yards for the winter. Learn options to deal with the leaves – mow them in or mulch them. Learn how to optimize winter drainage for your proper-

ty. Learn how to minimize invasive plants and weeds next year – what and when to pull, how to mulch and with what. Learn how to encourage beneficial insects and birds in your yard – which plants and yard features feed and support them.

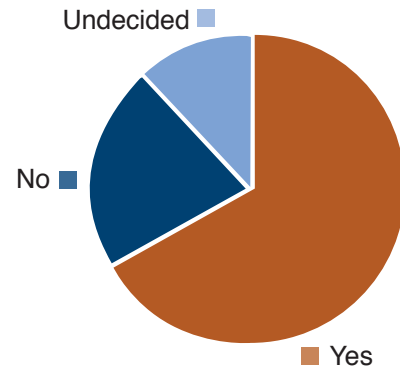
Sign up to have the Bay-Wise Master Gardeners visit your yard. You can sign up for a visit to your yard at the Oct 6th General Meeting. Or you can contact Cyrena Simons in Galesville (410-867-7793 or riverhousers@gmail.com), who can help coordinate a visit to your yard. Or contact the AA Bay-Wise Master Gardeners directly via the web site: <http://baywise.weebly.com>

## Aging in Place Survey – June/July 2014, WRIA

- 16% returned a completed questionnaire
- Average age of individuals in responding households: 66
- 12 want smaller homes (4 of those want smaller homes in Galesville)
- 11 would move for better climate
- 10 would move to be closer to relatives
- 3-4 would move to a 55 and older community
- 8 would move to reduce cost of living
- 32 expected transportation to be a need as they age
- 31 would want help in emergencies (no plumbing, no heat, etc.)
- 28 would like a list of trusted local repair persons (for home repairs, etc.)

- 26 would want cleaning services
- 25 would want help with every day chores
- 22 would welcome food delivery
- Many mentioned help with yard work/grass (we inadvertently left this out of the list of specifics)
- Activities wanted: Exercise (29), social events (29), followed by recreation (27), and day trips (26). Educational opportunities came in last (15)
- Lots of comments, which we will detail later

## Do you want to remain in Galesville in your old age?



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

Address Service Requested

## **Calendar of Events - Save These Dates**

### **September 16**

Candidates' Forum  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
(see article)  
7:30 p.m.

### **September 24**

Galesville Community Center  
Henry Wilson property  
meeting (see article)  
7:00 p.m.

### **September 30**

West/Rhode Riverkeeper  
Benefit  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
Gordon Bok, folklorist,  
singer/songwriter  
8:00-10:00 p.m.  
410-867-7171

### **October 4**

Rosenwald Community Center  
Crab Feast Fundraiser  
Rosenwald School  
2:00-5:00 p.m.  
410-867-4612

### **Oct. 18 & Nov. 29**

Galesville Community  
Square Dance Party  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
6:00-Potluck Dinner  
7:00-10:00 p.m. Dancing  
410-867-9126

### **November 1**

Carrie Weedon  
Gala and Fundraising Auction  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
7:00-10:00 p.m.  
410-222-1625

### **November 1**

Christ Church's 96th Annual  
Homecoming Dinner  
1:00-5:00 p.m.

### **November 8**

Galesville United Methodist  
Church  
Fall Oyster Dinner  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
2:00 p.m.

### **Thursday Nights**

#### **Irish Dance Classes**

Galesville Memorial Hall  
Contact: Joanie Ohrt  
703-930-9911 for information

### **Yoga Year Round**

Saturday mornings and Wednes-  
day evenings  
Galesville Memorial Hall  
For more Information visit  
[renyoga@earthlink.net](mailto:renyoga@earthlink.net)