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Community Yard Sale October 17th 8:00 to 1:00

The yard sale will be
at individual homes in
Galesville.

Currently we have
10 participating, and
most likely more com-
ing.

For information contact:
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WRIA General Meeting & Election

Monday, November 2nd, 2020, at 7:30 p.m. ZOOM or Social Distancing at Galesville Memorial Hall

Election

It is hard to believe that Fall has arrived. I know we are all ready to leave 2020 behind and start fresh in 2021. The general meeting will be Monday, November 2nd at 7:30 PM by ZOOM (contact information to follow in a community email) and/or with social distancing at Galesville Memorial Hall. We have planned several items for discussion at the meeting and we will be electing WRIA officers and board members for 2021.

Would you like to serve on the WRIA board? Being on the WRIA is a great way to get to know people 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. We meet on the first Monday of each month, at 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall.

The following have been nominated to the 2021 WRIA Board of Directors:

President: Bill Gibbons

Vice President: Loren Barnett

Treasurer: Holly Clark

Secretary: Dottie Rodda

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

New board members: Sherry Schiller and Sara Sinnickson.

Returning Board members: Joan Bell, Holly Clark, Jim Day, Bill Gibbons, Teddy Gott, Janet LaBella, Cel Petro, Dottie Rodda, Rebecca Ruark, Susan Savage Stevens, Jody Shuart, Loren Barnett and Buz Winchester.

Brownies in Galesville?

In Gaelic folklore, the Brownies were a type of fairy who would perform various chores while the household slept. Properly cared for (a bowl of milk or cream typically sufficed), the Brownies would clean and pretty up the cottage and the surrounding grounds.

But...did you know that we have Brownies in Galesville? We do, and like their Gaelic counterparts, they care for our village, doing chores and duties unseen for the benefit of all of us.

Our Brownies include the early morning trash grabbers, the dog baggy parks patrol, the Hall janitor, the harbor front cleaner, the sidewalk edger, the overgrowth pruner, and the seasonal flag hangers. They truly are our unsung heroes who do so much.

You may not know who they are, but they are the best Brownies a village could have. Thank you!

By Susan Savage

Welcome to Galesville

Mike Broglie
4856 Church Lane

Deb & Steve McDonald
4884 Anchors Way

Sarah Sinnickson
4842 Riverside Drive

Response of MDOT SHA Evaluation of Main Street/Galesville Road

In June, the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA) released its response to its evaluation of Main Street/Galesville Road.

The evaluation came as a result of concerns from local residents regarding speeding and safety along MD 255 (Galesville Road) from MD 468 (Muddy Creek Road) to Riverside Drive in Galesville. Response from Galesville and the surrounding area was solicited by the West River Improvement Association through a survey conducted in 2019. The MDOT SHA evaluation was completed during typical traffic operations before the state of emergency declaration due to the coronavirus pandemic.

MDOT SHA's review included a sight distance evaluation, which was measured to be adequate for the prevailing vehicle speeds. A three-year crash history was reviewed. And "field observation revealed a limited amount of consistent pedestrian activity." For these reasons, the MDOT SHA was "unable to justify the installation of a marked crosswalk at this time."

Field review did find speeding occurring along the roadway, with MDOT SHA recommending to Anne Arundel County Police that they increase patrols and priority enforcement. Additionally, MDOT SHA committed to "making pavement marking and signing modifications to encourage drivers to slow down." White pavement edge-lines will be increased from 5 inches to 10 inches width in both directions; 30 MPH speed limit signs are being replaced with oversized signs.

The WRIA is continuing to be in touch with our contact at the MDOT SHA, Michelle Vrikkis, P.E., Assistant District Engineer for Traffic. She can be reached directly to answer any questions by phone at 410-841-1000 or by email at MVrikkis@mdot.maryland.gov.

Proposed Field Lights at Moreland Field

Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation & Parks had identified the Francis Ray Moreland Field along Anchors Way as one of two potential sites for the installation of field lights. The other location under consideration is at Tracey Elementary School where the existing field lights could be reconfigured to increase field capacity.

Upon further communication between Bill Gibbons and Erica Matthews, Chief of Planning and Construction, Department of Recreation and Parks, Bill received an email stating that the Department has decided not to install lights at Galesville.

The County is currently working on responding to concerns previously raised by Village residents related to possibly adjusting the lights at Carrie Weedon to reduce glare.

How well do you know local history?

Galesville, Maryland, The Legacy... The Legend
"This book," Jean Siegert Trott wrote twenty years ago in the forward of *Galesville, Maryland, The Legend... The Legacy*, "is the result of my attempt to chronicle those events and commemorate those people who have left us the priceless legacy we call home."

The author, a lifelong Galesville resident, passed away this July at the age of 94, but copies of her book are still available for \$20 through the Galesville Heritage Society (410-867-0373). Per Jean's wishes, proceeds benefit the Society.

Below are a few facts to pique your interest.

Captain Alvin's Blacksmith Shop



T. Alvin Hardesty (Captain Alvin) became the village undertaker just by being the man who would "do the last thing in the world for you." In 1911, a band of gypsies visited Hardesty's blacksmith shop on Main Street in need of a coffin. Hardesty obliged. He became known for this service and eventually converted the shop into a full-time funeral parlor. His son Bernard Hardesty followed in his footsteps, building the current Hardesty Funeral Home on the same site in the 1950s.

Zang's Pier



Galesville residents Mr. and Mrs. William Zang opened Zang's Pier in the early 1900s as a seasonal oyster and crab house. The restaurant has changed hands and been renovated a few times over the years, but continued to grow as a place for good food, drinks, and music. The business has been known as Pirates Cove since 1960.

Steamboat Landing



Now named Stan & Joes Riverside, Galesville's restaurant on stilts started life as a steamboat landing, where passengers and freight were delivered. The first food service on the site was an ice cream and lemonade stand run by Mrs. Maggie Dixon. When the steamboats stopped coming, she and her husband Edwin and son Sewell bought the pier and converted the warehouse into a restaurant. Between then and now, the business has been known as Molly and Dave's, Fisherman's Wharf, Steamboat Landing, and Thursdays.

Movin' on up

Galesville Fire Station relocates to \$6.8 million facility on Muddy Creek Road



The new 11,000-square-foot firehouse has wider bay doors for larger vehicles and provides responders with more modern kitchen, exercise, bunk, and meeting space.



Galesville's first pumper was state of the art in 1929.



Just months before the move, responders on duty pose for a picture in front of the old Main Street fire station, built in 1929.

On June 9, a little more than two years after breaking ground, Galesville's finest packed up and moved to their new digs on Muddy Creek Road.

The new building, with a price tag of \$6.8 million, is a shiny penny compared to the old fire station on Main Street. Still, last year, from the old station, built in 1929, emergency staff responded to 377 medical, 171 engine, 171 tanker, and 160 rescue calls.

Anne Arundel County Executive Steuart Pittman calls the new Galesville Fire Station "an incredible asset for South County communities, allowing our team to reach emergencies faster and handle a higher call volume." Anne Arundel County Fire Chief Trisha Wolford expects calls fielded by Galesville to increase by 20 percent.

By Loren Barnett

Dining Options

Supporting our local restaurants during the pandemic Both Pirates Cove and Stan & Joe's Riverside are following state and county requirements for operation. At the time of publication, these include:

- Staff training
- Staff must wear face coverings
- Routine and frequent cleaning and disinfecting
- Max capacity of 75%
- Guests must wear face coverings indoors, and outdoors if unable to maintain at least six feet of distance from other non-household guests. (Masks may be removed for consumption of food and drink.)

Pirates Cove

410-867-2300

Monday through Thursday 11:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

(Kitchen hours may vary from restaurant hours.)

Online ordering available at:

<https://www.piratescovemd.com>

<https://webordering.rmwservices.com/v19.0>

Stan & Joe's Riverside

410-867-7200

Everyday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Carry out available by phone.

In Remembrance Jean Siegert Trott

Jean Siegert Trott, 94, a lifelong resident of Galesville, died July 25, 2020. Born October 8, 1925. Jean was born and raised in Galesville and she lived in the house where she was born. She was a 1942 graduate of Southern High School. After high school, she attended Strayer's Business College in Baltimore. From 1944-49, she was the county agricultural agent for the University of Maryland Extension Service. She then worked as the office manager at the Board of Education Central Office, retiring in 1966.

She was married to Calvin Trott who predeceased her, as did her two sons, Stuart Trott and Christopher Trott. She is survived by her daughter, Bonnie Morris.

Jean served her community and the West River Improvement Association in many roles, including President of the WRIA. We'll miss her smile, cakes, good conversation and her prodigious knowledge of Galesville. We know we will often refer to her history published by the Heritage Society, *Galesville, the Legend...the Legacy*.

Jean was also the past president of the South County Concert Association, and the Anne Arundel County Retired Teachers Association. In 2000, she was elected to the Maryland Senior Hall of Fame for Volunteer Services. A lifelong member of Galesville United Methodist Church where she was the organist for 20 years, she was also a Sunday School teacher and served on the Pastoral Relations Committee, Education Committee, Building Committee and Worship and Stewardship Committees. She also belonged to the United Methodist Women's Club. Jean's hobbies included music, especially piano and the organ, reading and volunteering her time to local organizations.

In Memoriam

Jean Siegert Trott

October 8, 1925 -
July 25, 2020

RePlant Anne Arundel in Galesville

Galesville is getting almost 80 new trees this fall through the RePlant Anne Arundel effort to grow more trees in the County. Through a partnership of the Watershed Stewards Association and Anne Arundel County and with support from the Helena Foundation, homeowners, the Heritage Society and the Memorial Hall will all have new native trees. Homeowners are contributing a modest amount toward each tree. Our grant and plan also include 20 trees to be planted in other parts of the South County. Watershed Stewards across the County also submitted grants to plant trees this fall. RePlant Anne Arundel will help compensate for the 2500 acres of forests that have been lost to development since 2013.

Clean water grows on trees! Beyond beautifying our landscapes, trees offer many benefits. Tree canopies reduce stormwater runoff by intercepting and holding rainfall. Tree roots hold soil in place, prevent it from washing into our waterways, and promote infiltration. Trees are also an integral part of our ecology, giving food and shelter to native animals such as birds.

I hope we can plant even more trees in 2021.
Let me know if you might be interested.
Cel Petro, baylibrarian@gmail.com

Deadly Accident at Muddy Creek Road and Galesville/Owenville Road

Officers responded to Muddy Creek Road at the intersection of Owenville Road at around 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 17th for a multi-vehicle crash.

A Jeep Grand Cherokee traveling southbound struck a Ford Fusion that was making a left turn onto northbound Muddy Creek Road.

Witnesses said there was a red light along Muddy Creek Road, but the Jeep moved into the intersection anyway, striking the Ford Fusion.

Our neighbor Loren Barnett was a friend of Lisa Feldt, the deceased. Lisa Feldt was a vibrant woman with two children and a husband, a sailor, a kayaker, a dog lover, and an environmentalist. Until two months ago, Lisa was also the Vice President of Environmental Protection and Restoration at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, where Loren works.

Loren and has contacted Senator Sarah Elfreth. In the less than three years she has live in Galesville, the number of fatal and serious accidents on Muddy Creek Road near our town have been sobering.

Loren has contacted Senator Sarah Elfreth for help in making the interection of Galesville/Owenville Road and Muddy Creek Road safer.

To start, Senator Elfreth has been asked to answer the following questions:

1. What can be done?
2. What has worked in other situations?
3. Would a warning light make a difference as is suggested in this article <https://www.psychologicalscience.org/news/motr/advance-warning-for-light-changes-could-make-intersections-safer.html>?
4. Are you willing to help me?
5. Who else would be helpful to contact in this effort?
6. Once we identify a solution or solutions, what is the best way to affect change from here?
Letters to decision makers?
Letters to the editor?
Old-fashion petitions?
Online advocacy?
Testimony to county officials?

Loren is waiting for a response from Senator Elfreth.

Important Data:

Data provided by an Anne Arundel Police Department record search shows that since January 1, 2015, there have been 33 recorded accidents (10 in 2015, 4 in 2016, 3 in 2017, 4 in 2018, 6 in 2019, 6 to date in 2020) at the intersection of Muddy Creek and Galesville Roads, 17 with persons injured, and 1 fatality. There were 3 other fatalities (1 in 2017, 2 in 2019) along Muddy Creek Road in the same time period.

Renaissance Yoga Classes *on demand*

Live-online classes are recorded and uploaded on the website. for more information visit:

<http://www.renyoga.com>

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Address Service Requested

Calendar

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| Oct. 3 – | Fall Clean Up at Galesville Heritage Museum
8:00-10:00 am | Dec. 7 – | WRIA, Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 |
| Oct. 5 – | WRIA, Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm | Dec. 8 – | GHS Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm |
| Oct. 6 – | GHS, Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm | Dec. 25 – | Christmas Day |
| Oct. 17 – | Community Yard Sale,
Individual homes in Galesville, 8:00am - 1:00pm | | |
| Oct. 18 – | Maryland Day Rescheduled,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 1-4 pm | | |
| Oct. 31 – | Halloween | | |
| Nov. 1 – | Galesville Heritage Museum, Closes for the
Season | | |
| Nov. 2 – | WRIA, General Meeting and Election,
ZOOM & Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm | | |
| Nov. 3 – | GHS, Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm | | |
| Nov. 11 – | Veterans Day Celebration,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 11:00 am | | |
| Nov. 28 – | Thanksgiving Day | | |