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WRIA General Meeting & Election

Monday, November 5th, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. Galesville Memorial Hall

Election

Summer is over and we are heading into Fall. That means that the general meeting is coming up. The meeting will be Monday, November 5 at 7:30 PM in the Galesville Memorial Hall. We have planned several items for discussion at the meeting and we will be electing WRIA officers and board members for 2019.

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. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Jody Shuart (301-775-2174).

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

- President: Jody Shuart
 - Vice President: Susan Savage Stevens
 - Treasurer: Holly Clark
 - Secretary: Bill Gibbons
- Nominations can be made from the floor with prior permission of the nominee.
- Returning Board members: Joan Bell, Holly Clark, Jim Day, Irene Gamboa, Bill Gibbons, Teddy Gott, Janet LaBella, Cel Petro, Dottie Rodda, Rebecca Ruark, Susan Savage Stevens, and Jody Shuart
- New Board member: Loren Barnett, Buz Winchester

Pop-Up Café

It may be hard to get up early and come by the West River Market for coffee on a Saturday morning, yet many villagers come sit awhile, sharing their joys and woes with a hot drink in one hand and a donut in the other. Held every first Saturday of the month until the weather wins, the Pop-Ups with coffee and other breakfast items have been a big success. Come join us October 6, after 8 am, weather permitting. We'd love to see you!

Pop-Up Wine for the Weekend

Our first Wine for the Weekend, held in August, brought the village out for a festive and—almost!—spontaneous gathering. Armed with bottles of wine, villagers came to the Hall with delicious offerings of home-made nibbles for all to partake. Once again, we realized how lucky we are to be Galesvillans. Notices for the next one will be posted soon. Please join us!

The Doors of Galesville

Maybe you've heard of the doors of Charleston? Well, Galesville is joining in the front door-themed fun. This Spring, the WRIA invites you to spend a day painting your door the color you always wanted. Date TBD, but we hope the village will join in enthusiastically! Shy about color? Several village artists are willing to help with color selection between now and then. Stay tuned for details, including a pot luck dinner and other surprises.

Welcome to Galesville

- Julie Thackrah
4879 Captain's Ct.
- Laura Golf and
Chris Gomba
4822 Riverside Dr.
- Marcellous and
Pier Butler
952 W Benning Rd.
- Vince and Sandi
Zamaria
4841 Church Ln.

Street Trees Thriving

WRIA's street trees are still young, having been planted 1-3 years ago, but they are already providing a little shade. We planted 42 trees three years ago. Only three of those have died. Last year we planted 36 trees along Anchors Way—all of which are alive for a total of 75 healthy trees. This project was paid for with County mitigation fees--money paid by property developers as partial compensation for the trees they remove during construction. If anyone is keeping track of the trees we've lost or are dead but standing due to Dutch Elm Disease, please let me know at baylibrarian@gmail.com.



Trees along Anchor's Way

Rain Garden Maintenance at Smith Park

In May, Watershed Steward Cel Petro and West-Rhode Riverkeeper Jeff Holland hosted 18 students from St. Anne's, Annapolis, and a few adults at Galesville Park to remove invasives and clean sediment and debris from the cobble in the rain gardens. What a great collaboration! After a short course on stormwater and the utility of rain gardens, the 5th and 6th grade students and their teachers removed many hundreds of rocks, dug out a cubic yard of sediment and replaced the rocks. I can't say enough about how hard these kids worked and how much talent I saw--leadership, teamwork, expert-level cobble replacement--they were remarkable. Teddy Gott brought his garden tractor and trailer picked up the sediment we dug from the cobble bed. There is still more cobble to be cleaned and the plantings need tending. Look for an opportunity to help with this in late fall or early spring.



Students from St. Anne's School, Annapolis.

Exposed Soil Harms the West and Rhode River



When you see exposed soil on a construction site, nearby waters will be polluted come the next storm. This is because black silt fence, fiber pillows and ponds cannot trap enough eroded soil to prevent mud pollution. Only by covering exposed soil with straw, grass and other erosion control measures can pollution be prevented. Eliminating exposed soil is not just good for our waterways, it's also the law. You can get this law enforced by signing the ES=P petition at: <http://ceds.org/esp.html>

Is your Galesville property zoned appropriately?

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 plans to initiate the next Comprehensive Zoning process following the next update of its General Development Plan sometime in the 2019.

As zoning is a land use tool the County utilizes to control the future physical development of land, the WRIA is interested in discussing possible opportunities for rezoning your Galesville property and possibly participating in the County's Comprehensive Zoning process.

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

In Memoriam
Raymond Leo Bast
1925 - 2018
Wells Dixon
1947 - 2018

Help Restore Our West River Oyster Reef Become a West River Oyster Gardener! Individuals, Couples, and Families

The West River Oyster Team, a group of volunteer oyster gardeners is working hard to restore a West River oyster reef. JOIN US!

Currently, the number of oysters in the Bay is near 2% of its historic levels. Since 2004, to help bring more oysters to our River the West River Oyster Team and Oyster Gardeners have been restoring a non-harvestable “sanctuary” oyster reef: The Elmer Benning Oyster

Reef – a former working reef donated for the restoration efforts. Become an oyster gardener! If you have an available dock, we can provide you with everything you need to grow oysters, including about 1,000 to 2,000 baby oysters “spat” on oyster shells. You will place the spat and shells in small cages, put below your dock and the spat will grow during the winter and spring to a healthy juvenile stage. In June, on collection day, you will bring

your juvenile oysters and we will place them on the Benning Reef in the West River and the oysters then live out the rest of their lives providing water filtration and natural habitat.

It’s fun, educational and rewarding working with other oyster gardeners in the West River watershed to make a difference for all the critters and a healthier River and Bay.



Fall Oyster “spat” Handout

JOIN US!

**Oyster Spat Handout
Galesville Memorial Hall
October 21, 2018
11:00 am – 1:30 PM**



Spring Oyster Collection Day To Place On Elmer Benning Oyster Reef

South Anne Arundel County Travel and Tourism!

Paul Foer has invited members of South County to visit <http://www.facebook.com/southarundeltourism>, in an effort to promote small-scale and sustainable tourism in South County. “Our goal is to let others know of the

great places to enjoy and visit in South County—from sailing to horses, farms to historic homes, B&Bs to waterfront dining,” he said. He welcomes your comments and suggestions.

Galesville Community Square Dances

December 1

at the Galesville Memorial Hall and supported by the WestRiver Improvement Association (WRIA). For more info, call 301-926-9142.

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.

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>

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Address Service Requested

Calendar

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| Oct. 31 – Halloween | Dec. 1 – Square Dance and Potluck Dinner
Galesville Memorial Hall, 5:45 pm |
| Nov. 4 – Museum Closes for Season | Dec. 4 – GHS Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm |
| Nov. 5 – WRIA General Meeting and Election,
Galesville Memorial, Hall, 7:30 pm | Dec. 8 – Galesville Holiday Social,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm |
| Nov. 6 – GHS Board Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 7:30 pm | Dec. 9 – Holiday Open House and Bake Sale,
Galesville Heritage Museum, 2:00-4:00 pm |
| Nov. 6 – Election Day | Dec. 9 – Christmas Caroling, 1:00 pm meet at
Galesville Heritage Museum |
| Nov. 10 – Annual Galesville United Methodist Church
Oyster and Chicken Dinner,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 2:00 pm | Dec. 9 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations |
| Nov. 11 – Veterans Day Celebration,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 1:00 pm | Dec. 11 – GHS Quarterly Dinner Meeting,
Galesville Memorial Hall, 6:30 pm |
| Nov. 22 – Thanksgiving Day | Dec. 25 – Christmas Day |
| Nov. 28 – Museum Meeting,
Galesville Heritage Museum, 9:00 am | |