



WEST RIVER IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

The Village Voice

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* Thank You, Thank You *

WRIA sincerely thanks these folks for their donations to the spaghetti dinner held at the Hall on February 7th:

Deale Food Rite

Dorothy and John Whitman

Homeport Wine and Spirits

Pirates' Cove

Sam's Club

Great job on the dinner, everyone! Since Holly managed to get all the food donated, our only expense was \$10 for the liquor license. We made \$1342.75 on the dinner which was about \$221 more than last year.

A special thanks to Holly for all her hard work!

President's Message

On behalf of the West River Improvement Association, thanks to all of you who responded to our recent request for contributions to the general fund to help defray costs for maintenance and up-keep of the community Hall. So far donations are approaching \$3000.00. Galesville is truly a generous and caring community.

We are pleased to report that the Memorial Hall is rapidly becoming a destination point for community events, private parties, meetings and lively concerts and gatherings. In January alone, folks stretched at yoga classes on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings, rocked the hall at a rollicking Pyrates Royale concert, danced and partied at a pot luck dinner and square dance and celebrated the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

The Inaugural Ball in the Hall was a magnificent celebration of Galesville's diversity and community spirit. More than one hundred people joined together to commemorate this historic occasion and express hope for the future of community and country.



The annual spaghetti dinner led off February activities that also included a Valentine's Day party, a Hot Soup concert February 15 and the bi-weekly yoga classes. A current listing of events at the Hall is posted on the WRIA website, www.galesville.info/calendar.htm.

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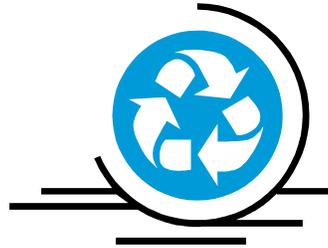
President’s Message (continued)

The WRIA is working toward sponsoring a homework center at the Hall, where Galesville area children can gather to study, obtain assistance from “experts”, and experience the joy of learning. We will have sign up sheets at the Post Office for children participants and tutors, or you can indicate you interest by emailing j.labella@hotmail.com. We think that this new initiative can further bring Galesville together as a caring and sharing community.

Thanks for all your support for the WRIA.

Janet LaBella

WRIA President



Anne Arundel County Recycles. More. Often. and You Can Too!

How can I recycle MORE?

Are you a resident who already recycles as much as you can? If yes, are you sure?

Please know that recycling is easy in Anne Arundel County. Most people recycle items that come from the kitchen, but what about your home office? Laundry room? Family or kid’s room?

You may be surprised to know that recent surveys at the landfill have shown that at least half of what is thrown away COULD be recycled. Recycling makes good environmental and economic sense. Recycling is an easy way to save energy, reduce pollution, save money and take better care of our environment.

So remember to place a recycling container next to each trash can in your home: in the office, bathroom, kitchen and laundry room. Paper, plastic, metal and glass can all be placed in the same container for collection.

You make a choice with every item you throw away, a choice between throwing it in the recycling container or throwing it in the trash can. We encourage you to recycle at home, at work and on the go. Please visit our new website at www.RecycleMoreOften.com or contact us at 410-222-7951 for a list of newly added accepted items to help boost your recycling and to take the 50/50 Challenge.

GALESVILLE MEMORIAL HALL

RENTAL FEES

General Rental:

- Full use of Hall, including kitchen.....\$600.00
- Limited use of Hall (kitchen locked).....\$300.00
- Security deposit.....\$300.00

Rental to Members of WRIA

- Full use of Hall, including kitchen.....\$300.00
- Limited use of Hall (kitchen locked)..... \$150.00
- Security Deposit \$300.00

Rental for Community and Non-profit Events

- Non-profit groups for non-profit events ..No charge
- Community functions.....Request \$50.00 donation
(Game night, Tai Chi, etc.)
- For-profit class (4-hour limit) \$150.00
(Yoga, Aerobics, etc.)

For rental arrangements, contact Lynne MacAdam

Telephone: 410-867-1121

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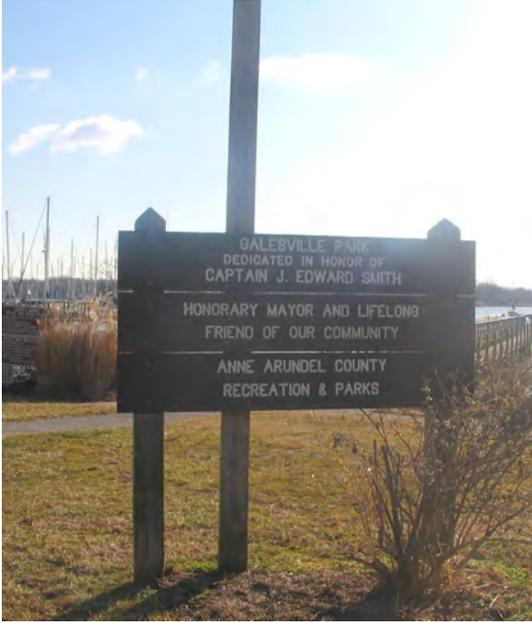
Calendar of Coming Events

March 21, 2009—Annual Oyster and Ham Dinner—Memorial Hall

March 28, 2009 — Potluck and Dance- Memorial Hall - 6- 10 PM

**April, 2009 — Construction of Living Shoreline to begin.
(Volunteers needed to help with plantings following construction.)**

This Spring! Smith Park Excellent Location For A Living Shoreline



Great improvements are planned this spring for Smith Park on Riverside Drive. A terrific partnership has been formed with West River Improvement Association, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (Save The Bay), Anne Arundel County, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Maryland Department of Environment and the West Rhode Riverkeeper. We are all working together to replace the eroding shoreline on the north side of the Smith Park community pier. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation has taken the lead to have the new shoreline designed, working with Anne Arundel County to obtain permits (permits have been received), raising funds for the project (CBF \$90,000 & WRIA \$2,000), orchestrate the construction and hold an educational living shoreline workshop for those who are interested in learning more about living shorelines. An exciting project with terrific partners!

What's included in a living shoreline? An off-shore breakwater to cut down on the river wave action. A “catch-basin” to catch the runoff from the roads and parking lots. The basin will serve as a filter for the runoff, reducing the pollution that goes into the river. The breakwater will have openings to allow for natural tidal flow as well as allow the many critters that live in the natural habitat to come and go easily. And a kayak/canoe access for low-impact recreational use of the park. The project is truly a multi-faceted improvement for the community. Chris Trumbauer, the WestRhode Riverkeeper, has provided increased involvement in this project to help move it forward and will be working to incorporate a rain garden at the Park.

You, too, can help. At the end of the shoreline construction, we will need volunteers to help plant native plants. We will also hold a living shoreline workshop and hope you will invite friends and family to attend. As the project proceeds, we will make more information available about the plantings and workshop as we firm up the dates. Watch for construction to begin in April.

For detailed plans, stop by the post office bulletin board. Questions? Call Mary Tod Winchester 410-867-1968 or email bmtwinchester@comcast.net.

This is a “before” picture. Watch a future issue of the newsletter for the “after” picture.



In Appreciation

The new officers and board of directors of WRIA wish to express their deep appreciation to

Cel Petro

for her years of service on the board of directors and as president of the organization.

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2009 DUES *** CONTRIBUTIONS

The West River Improvement Association's operating budget is now on a calendar year basis. Please use this form for paying your 2009 dues - \$15.00 per person per year or \$25.00 for a family per year. Your generosity in including a contribution to the Association is greatly appreciated. Also, if you have an interest in helping on any of the committees listed, please note that on the form. Mail to: WRIA, P.O. Box 104, Galesville, MD 20765

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Dues (\$15 or \$25) \$ _____

Contribution:

General fund _____

Total \$ _____

Committees:

Hall maintenance _____

Fundraising _____

Safety & Security _____

Disaster planning _____

Parks & Grounds _____

Publicity & Communication _____

Social Committee _____

*** Note: the WRIA membership year runs from January 1 to December 31

It takes a Village to put on our dinners. Can you participate?

Oyster Dinner – March 21st

_____ I'm available to help with the Oyster Dinner

_____ breading oysters _____ cooking potatoes for potato salad _____ set up tables

_____ waiting tables _____ washing dishes _____ wherever I'm assigned

_____ Yes, I'll bake something for the Oyster Dinner/Bake Sale

(bring baked goods to the Hall anytime after 8 a.m. on the 21st)

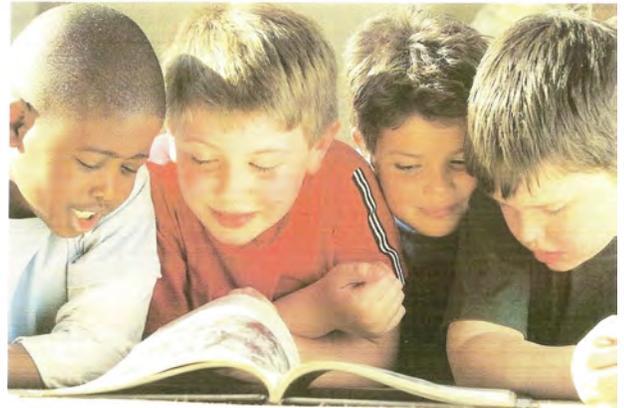
Phone number for reminder call: _____

Email address for reminder: _____

Thanks for your help!

**INTRODUCING
HOMEWORK CENTER AT THE HALL**

The West River Improvement Association is working toward sponsoring a homework center in the Galesville Hall. We are looking for students and tutors of all ages to participate in this community activity. Please sign up below. A box for completed forms is in the Post Office, or you may mail yours to WRIA, POB 104, Galesville, MD 20765



Students

Name _____ Age ___ Grade _____

Name _____ Age ___ Grade _____

Name _____ Age ___ Grade _____

Parent _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

Tutors

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____

Subject(s) Preference _____

Age/grade Preference _____

Days/times of availability _____

Questions? Call Janet LaBella at 443-607-8873, or email: j.labela@hotmail.com

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Address Service Requested