



Newsletter

# West River Improvement Association

# The Village Voice

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**This coming fall, WRIA will host a CANDIDATES' NIGHT, inviting our local, state and national candidates seeking office in 2010, to meet with their constituents.**

## Kitchen Update

Stop by the Hall and look at the new kitchen counters—the latest addition in the kitchen makeover. Such an improvement !!

## Galesville Cleanup Day

**Saturday, March 27th**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> to get out and clean up the fall and winter debris from our ditches and roadways. Meet at the Hall at 8:30 a.m. Wear shoes that you don't mind getting wet or mucky and bring gloves – rubber tipped garden gloves work very well. WRIA will provide reflective vests, bags and grabber tools for reaching into the ditches. Children are welcome, with their parents. Let's get everyone involved and Galesville will be sparkling clean in no time at all.



**May Baskets**  
**Saturday, May 1st**



It sounds good just saying it! May baskets. The snow and cold will end and it will warm up and the daffodils, tulips and crocuses should make Galesville residents smile with delight. WRIA will be handing out ribbons for May baskets on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – May Day. So mark your calendars, think warm and sunny, and let's have Galesville welcome spring with lovely May baskets, full of the flowers and greens of the season. Ribbons will be handed out late Saturday afternoon.



## GALESVILLE ROSENWALD SCHOOL UPDATE

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Galesville Rosenwald School was originally built as a one-room school in 1929 and became a two-room school in 1931. Rosenwald Schools were built as symbols of community pride and centers of community life. This historic facility will be an asset to the community when renovations are completed.

Even though we have experienced two blizzards in 2010, the contractor has continued to work tirelessly on the project. Concrete has been poured for front steps and handicap ramp, electrical and mechanical rough-in complete and inspected. Drywalls have been installed and finished. Contractor scheduled to begin painting walls within a week. HVAC units are set and HVAC duct work is complete. New BGE electric pole and transformer has been installed. Original windows have been refurbished and installed. Renovations are scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2010.



The Male Orange Osage tree in front of the building has been assessed by an Urban Forestry Consultant. The assessment indicates that the tree could be 100-150 years old, which makes it older than the building. A grant proposal will be submitted to Unity Gardens to do some maintenance and soils and restoration to the tree. We are currently seeking fund approval from Maryland Department of General Services to install a commercial kitchen during this phase of the renovations. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be tentatively scheduled for June 2010.

Membership Fee for Galesville Community Center Organization is \$25.00 annually. For membership information or to make tax deductible contributions, contact Gertrude Makell at (410) 867-4612 or [gmakell@verizon.net](mailto:gmakell@verizon.net).



**U.S. Census Bureau** 

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**1-866-861-2010**

Visit our website for more information:

[www.2010censusjobs.gov](http://www.2010censusjobs.gov)

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More information on census jobs is available at Galesville Memorial Hall.

## THE SECRETS OF THE DELICIOUS POTATO SALAD WE SERVE AT OUR OYSTER AND HAM DINNER

### Cooked Salad Dressing

By Virginia Wood and Cynthia Czubat

2 eggs, well beaten  
1 cup sugar  
1 tbs. flour  
1 tsp. mustard  
1 tsp. salt  
1 cup apple cider vinegar

Mix well. Place in sauce pot and cook until thick. Add 1 tbs. mayo and beat well.

### Cooked Potatoes

By Dee Dixon

Can peel and cut the potatoes the night before and cook in the morning.

Peel and cut potatoes; rinse well; place in pot. Cover with water; add 1 tbs. salt.

Boil for 20 minutes at high heat. Test for doneness.

Drain and cool.

## GALESVILLE COMMUNITY SQUARE DANCE

Square dances + circle dances + contra dances = BIG fun!

**Saturdays in 2010: March 6, May 1**

**Final Dance of the Season: Friday, June 11**

*Galesville Memorial Hall - 952 Galesville Road*

**LIVE MUSIC!! TRADITIONAL APPALACHIAN DANCE TUNES**

Played by Leah Weiss (fiddle), Gary Wright (guitar), and Friends

Sit-ins welcome on fiddle, guitar, & clawhammer banjo

Calling/Leading by Janine Smith

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

5:30 PM DOORS OPEN

6 PM POTLUCK DINNER

7 PM FAMILY-FRIENDLY DANCING

8:30-10 PM MORE CHALLENGING

DANCING

NO PARTNER, EXPERIENCE,

OR LESSONS NECESSARY

YES, YOU CAN DO IT!

*Adults: \$10, Ages 5-17 years: \$5, Under 5: free*



Sponsored by the West River Improvement Association (WRIA) with support from the Maryland State Arts Council. For more information, give us a call (301) 926-9142 or visit [www.garyandleah.com](http://www.garyandleah.com)



Galesville Heritage Society Will Present A

**Maryland Day Celebration**

Saturday, March 20, 2010

At the Heritage Museum

Reflections of Susan Mathiot Gale, a nineteenth century woman. Portayed by Alison Woodfield and Mary Ruth Tereshinski, with introduction by Jack Smith.

The half-hour program will be repeated on the hour from 1:00 P. M. through 4:00 P. M.

Susan Mathiot Gale was the wife of George Gale, Esquire, a member of the family for whom Galesville was named.

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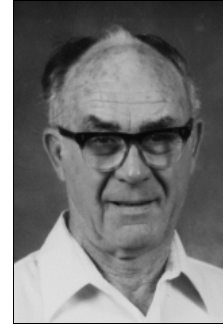
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*[www.galesville.info](http://www.galesville.info)*



## Galesville says farewell to a World War II veteran and hero:

### Roy Oscar Hays 1918—2010



Roy Oscar Hays, 91, of Galesville, died in his sleep on Tuesday, January 26, after a short respiratory illness. He was born in Sparrows Point on May 5, 1918, to Oscar G. and Maysia Kirk Hays. Roy grew up at Holly Beach Farm on the Chesapeake Bay where his father trained horses. Subsequently, he became a carpenter then master builder and superintendent of construction, working on many high profile projects in Maryland including the Cove Point Liquid Natural Gas Terminal, Sherwood High School, and the Hyattsville Public Library.

In 1942 he married Grace E. Siegert of Galesville, three weeks before being deployed by the U.S. Army to North Africa as part of the 20th Combat Engineers. He participated in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, and Normandy where he was wounded and awarded the Purple Heart. He also participated in eight major spearheads and battles including the Bridge at Remagen, the Battle of the Bulge and the liberation of Czechoslovakia. He was particularly proud of having been given the responsibility to guard the logistical plans for D-Day two weeks prior to the invasion at Normandy. He retired from the Army having attained the rank of Second Lieutenant.

Following the war, Roy worked with several different builders and construction companies, including Eisen and Majors, Morrison-Knudsen, and Duvall Engineers, Inc. After retirement he worked for the West River Sailing Club in Galesville and also at Hargrove, Inc., where he built sets, floats, and displays.

Roy was a member of Galesville United Methodist Church where he sang bass in the choir. He was a charter member of the South Anne Arundel County Lions Club. He belonged to Local 1126 and Local 132 of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. He also organized a series of annual reunions for the members of the 20th Combat Engineers. Roy loved fishing, bowling, card playing, music, and the Baltimore Orioles.

In addition to his wife Grace, he is survived by four sons, Roy Louis Hays of San Jose, California, Todd Carroll Hays of Dunkirk, David Bruce Hays of Arnold, and Richard Alton Hays, of Harwood; as well as seven grandchildren and six great-grand children.

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**West River Improvement Association's annual**

**Oyster and Ham Dinner**

**Saturday, March 20, 2010                      2:30 P. M.**

**Galesville Memorial Hall**

**Galesville, Maryland**

**Tickets: Adults- \$18.00                      Under 12—\$9.00**

**Carry-outs                      Bake Table                                      50/50**

**Info: Call 410-867-3508 or 410-867-3541**

**Call Holly at 410-867-3508 if you can help with one of these:**

- **Set up tables— 4:30, Friday, March 19th**
- **Cook 10 pounds of potatoes**
- **Make something for the bake table**
- **Pad (pat?, pack?) oysters, Saturday, March 20th, 8:00 A.M.**

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