



Newsletter

West River Improvement Association

The Village Voice

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President's Message

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

In 1994, when my wife and I first arrived to Galesville as new residents, we were greeted with the most warm and inviting reception. Our first encounter was with the Gallaghers next door. They gave a short and informative overview of the village's recent history. It was at once obvious that Galesville held a special place in their heart. Not too long after that, our neighbors across the street, the Carrolls, showed up at our front door with a fresh homemade apple pie to welcome us. Mmmmm. Through the following months, we were fortunate to meet many more kind and thoughtful neighbors. That Christmas season, we decorated our house in conjunction with the Holiday Decoration Contest sponsored by the Heritage Society. We were rewarded with a small bell ornament for our efforts by Roberta Cas-sard and Sheila Gallagher. It still hangs on our tree every year.

These wonderful encounters led to our joining of the Galesville Heritage Society and eventually the West River Improvement Association. We were so fortunate to be able to participate in the many activities sponsored by each organization. There were community pick ups, waterfront plantings, sidewalk repair day, Fourth of July parades and fireworks, Galesville Heritage Day, square dances, and so much more. Of course the granddaddy projects were the planning and execution of the Museum and the preservation and restoration of the hall. In addition to these incredible experiences, we were able to bear witness to countless moments where friends and neighbors put aside their concerns and offered what they had to others.

For the past 358 years, Galesville has been a village of neighbors helping neighbors, friends helping friends. Our town is magical. The fabric of our community is stronger than a Kevlar sail. We have weathered the gale force winds of change. Galesville stands as a beacon for the nation, as a village with heart, soul, and integrity. These are priceless commodities in a world moving at break neck speed and ripe with financial and social unrest.

As we move forward along the path laid by our predecessors, we are mindful of the responsibility we have to our neighbors. We are grateful to serve the cause of maintaining, preserving, and improving our home, Galesville.

Your friend and neighbor,

John Flynn



Everyone is invited to the
HOLIDAY SOCIAL,
Friday, December 10th at
7:00 P. M., at the Hall.

Please bring finger foods to
share.

The Galesville Heritage
Society will conduct the
**HOLIDAY DECORA-
TION CONTEST** on Sun-
day, December 19th, be-
ginning at 6:00 P. M.

West River Improvement Association
General Membership Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2010 **7:30 P. M.**
Galesville Memorial Hall

Election of Officers and Board of Directors

Proposed slate of officers: President: John Cox

Vice President: Ava Hill

Treasurer: Lynne MacAdam

Secretary: Edna Wynne Raley

Board of Directors: Returning: Laura Dixon, Joan Bell, Holly Clark, Sue Hines, Elsie Whitman, Janet LaBella, Pete Baer, Jim Day, Bill Gibbons

New members: Bruce Weidele, Cynthia Czubat, Ellen Berson, Diana Buchanan, Jody Shuart

Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Voting will be by those who have paid their 2010 WRIA dues. Dues may be paid at the door.

Speaker: Representative of the West/ Rhode Riverkeeper

**Proposed Bylaws Changes: See below . Proposed changes are also posted on the WRIA website:
www.galesville.info.org**

Proposed Bylaws Changes

The WRIA Board is proposing to revise the Bylaws to expand the geographic area for membership in the WRIA. The expanded area would include Cumberstone Road, the Pennbrooke Community and Crandell Road. The community will vote on the bylaws revision at the General Meeting on October 25. Be sure to come and make your voice heard. The proposed new language is:

From Cumberstone Road on the north to the shoreline of the Rhode and West Rivers on the east to Crandall Road on the south and following Muddy Creek Road to Owensville Road and the Pennbrooke Community on the west and continuing along Muddy Creek Road to Cumberstone Road to the point of beginning. Residential communities on either side of designated streets are included.

Candidates Forum

Southern High School Auditorium

Wednesday, October 20, 2010

7:00 P. M.

Candidates for County Executive, District 7 County Council, District 30 Senate, and Districts 30 and 33A House of Delegates will participate.

Candidates will provide brief comments, then answer questions from the audience.

Sponsored by the Harwood Civic Association, the Davidsonville Area Civic Association, the West River Improvement Association, and the Mayo Civic Association.

WRIA Tutors

WRIA will be sponsoring tutoring at the Hall during the 2010-11 school year. Last year WRIA tutors provided homework help to two fifth and sixth grade students in math, social studies and science. Students and tutors enjoyed the experience so much that they met during the summer to examine conduct science experiments and dissect owl pellets. This year we are hoping to expand our tutoring initiative to include more students and to get a head start on the school year by starting early. To sign up a student or to volunteer to tutor, send an email to j.labela@hotmail.com indicating your interest. Information about students should include age, grade and subject areas. Tutors should indicate age, grade and subject preferences.



Roadside Cleanup

Saturday, October 23rd 8:30 A. M.

Meet at Galesville Memorial Hall . Please bring gloves and wear boots. Children, accompanied by parents, are welcome to help.

CAN YOU HELP? Your assistance in keeping Galesville neat and attractive is greatly appreciated.



Fundraiser

In January, West River Improvement Association and Galesville Heritage Society will co-sponsor an auction, to be held at Memorial Hall.

Please be watching for the date, and rounding up appropriate items for the auction.

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



Come one, come all....everyone is invited to the.....

Galesville Community Square Dance Party



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

Join us on these Saturdays in Fall, 2010:

October 23, November 27

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

Yes, YOU can do it!

No partner, experience, or lessons necessary

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

Sponsored by the West River Improvement Association (WRIA).



Calendar of Coming Events

Wednesday, October 20 Candidates Forum, Southern High School—7:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 23 Road cleanup. Meet at Galesville Memorial Hall at 8:30 A.M.

Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, November 27 Square Dance and Potluck
Galesville Memorial Hall - 5:30-10:00 P.M.

Monday, October 25 WRIA General Membership Meeting Galesville Memorial Hall—7:30 P. M.

Thursday, November 11 Veterans' Day Celebration by Galesville Heritage Society
Galesville Memorial Hall—11:00 A.M.

Saturday, November 13 Galesville United Methodist Church Chicken and Oyster Dinner
Galesville Memorial Hall - 2:00P. M.

Sunday, December 5 House Tour by Galesville Heritage Society—1:00 P. M.

Friday, December 10 Community Holiday Social - Galesville Memorial Hall— 7:00 P. M.

Sunday, Decmber 18 Holiday Decoration Contest by Galesville Heritage Society—6:00 P. M.

We're on the web Visit us at : www.galesville.info.org

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