



West River Improvement Association

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Greetings To All –

It was my great fortune to work the Spaghetti Dinner at the Hall last month - perhaps one of my daughters or I bussed your table. Wasn't the meal great? I was able to be a small part of the well-run machine, which produces a WRIA meal event. As an avid diner through the years these events have always appeared to be effortlessly and efficiently run. As a participant I now know they are, truly, efficiently run but certainly not effortlessly produced. Holly and her crew organize, prepare, and serve the meals and beverages. Lynne and her people manage permits, admissions, and the bake sale. While others manage parking, greeting, seating, table cleaning, dish washing, trash and recycling, as well as perform a myriad of other activities needed to make each event appear to be effortless and efficient.

This group of regular volunteers are to be given our appreciation. In Galesville, as in all neighborhoods, towns, and cities, we benefit from the actions of small groups of volunteers. Here in the Village we enjoy the meals put together by WRIA, GHS, and both churches; the parties, socials and dances at the Hall; the July 4th Parade; sailing club events; Rosenwald School events; exhibits on display at the Hartge and the GHS museums; the lectures held at Carrie Weedon; and more - not to mention similar activities open to all held by similar organizations in Shady Side and Deale. Usually enough money is made to pay for the event; with luck some extra money is realized which goes to support another organization event. The activities all take time and dedication by the few who pull them together. Each group's team of regular volunteers gains satisfaction, and blisters, from conducting well-run events, and we are all thankful to them as we enjoy the fruits of their hard work. Come join us – WRIA and the other Galesville and close-by organizations - by volunteering at an event or by showing your support by attending one. I look forward to seeing you at one, such as the WRIA Oyster and Ham dinner on Saturday, March 19th at 2:30 PM. We will have carry-outs, a bake table, and a 50/50 raffle. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help should call Holly Clark at 410-867-3508.

Best Regards –

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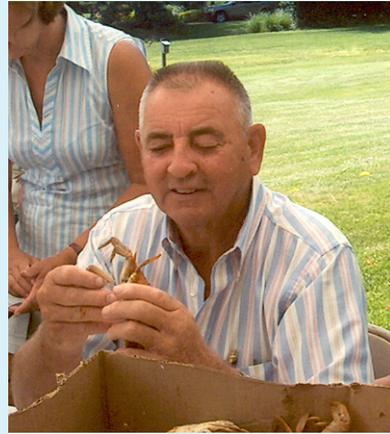
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Seven of us are new to either our positions as officers or new to the Board, but the majority of the Board and one officer have served for several years, so we “newbies” are in great hands. We’ve already received much-needed gentle guidance from them – they would rather be referred to as incumbents instead of old-timers.

At the WRIA annual meeting, held in October, 2010, revisions to the By-Laws were approved by the membership. One of the revisions increases the size of the area from which residents may become WRIA members. The new inclusive area is bordered by: Cumberstone Road on the north, the shorelines of the Rhode and West Rivers to the east, Crandell Road on the south, 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 its beginning.

The current By-Laws are posted on WRIA’s website:
www.galesville.info.org.

In Remembrance of Francis Ray Moreland



Francis Ray Moreland was born, raised and spent his entire life in Galesville. His contributions to our Village, the South Anne Arundel Lions Club, local churches and organizations were boundless. His nature is best recognized by what he did for Villagers, such as clearing snow, giving sand and gravel, or bush hogging a field. Did you ever wonder where that dozen ears of corn came from? His beloved wife Betty, family and friends will miss him and South County will forever remember him.

Spring Cleaning in Galesville

Now that the days are warming up and spring is on the way, we need to be aware of children and adults out walking and enjoying Galesville. With that in mind, if you own a dog and walk it around town, please be sure and carry a plastic baggie and pick up your dog waste. Save your newspaper bags, they fit easily into your pocket and work really well. No one wants your dog waste in their yard. If you see a fellow dog walker not cleaning up after their dog, please gently remind them of their obligation. In the same vein, check around your yard and in the ditches in front of your home for trash that has blown out of recycling bins during the recent windstorms. It only takes a minute to pick up trash and it makes Galesville look much prettier.

And sidewalks! Take a broom (or shovel if necessary) and sweep loose gravel that may have collected on the sidewalk after the recent rains and wind. Children riding bikes down the sidewalk can skid on loose gravel and lose control of their bikes. It’s important that we keep the sidewalks free of weeds and debris year round.



May Baskets

It sounds good just saying it! May baskets. The 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 Sunday, May 1st – 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 Sunday afternoon.

Yoga at the Hall

Throughout the calendar year, Renaissance Yoga offers free events at Galesville Memorial Hall for our local community. In January we offer Yoga Day; in October we host a Halloween yoga party; and, in between, in April we present Eco-Yoga Day.

This coming April 17 marks our 3rd annual Eco-Yoga Day gathering. What makes Eco-Yoga Day special is community involvement, support from local businesses, and the result: The “greening” of Galesville Hall.

In our short Eco-Yoga Day history, we have been able to plant several trees and bushes at the hall including a green mountain sugar maple, a magnolia, a river birch, a crepe myrtle, and three Virginia sweetspires. We have also been able to supply mulch, soil conditioners and garden supplies like a hose extension and treegators. Not to mention we still have funds leftover from last year (hint, hint!).

So what exactly happens on Eco-Yoga Day? Each year we gather at the hall, do a gentle yoga practice, learn about an ecological topic, and then engage in a take-home green project. In '09 we made green cleaning solutions for the home and last year we all made bee houses for native bees. Both projects were a big hit with all the participants. This year we will

be pioneering our way forward in the emerging field of biomimicry wherein we will plant heirloom seeds in newspaper pots that we make.

All Eco-Yoga Day topics and projects are organised and presented by Karen McDonald, an environmental educator who graciously donates her time each year for this event. Special thanks also goes to Exterior Image (Lothian) and Greenstreet Gardens (Lothian) for donating trees in past years.

So save the date - Sunday, April 17, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - and join us for a renewing experience for body, mind, environment and ecosystem - and help green our hall! 100% of the proceeds go toward the greening of Galesville!!



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Holiday Decoration Awards

Once again this Holiday Season WRIA and GHS partnered in judging the decorations throughout the village. There were ten “Holiday Award Winners” this year. Galesville estates was lit up with three winners; Ed and Linda Archambo, Jim and Adrienne Day, and Pat and Dee Packet. Woodfield Road is short but well represented by winners Ted and Kathy Gott and Tim and Alison Woodfield; Benning Road also had two winners; Chuck and Linda Lawrence and LaShawn Taylor. On Church Lane the winner was Karlton and Carolyn Morris. Peter and Luuk Oleson kept up the tradition on the waterfront with a win. Special thanks to winners Fred and Ann Hewitt way back on Siegert Lane. They keep the Holiday spirit even if nobody else can see it. The judges did find you back there – congratulations!

Now for the big winners. First Prize this year went to Jack and Barbara Smith. This year's Second Annual Roberta Cassard Traditional Christmas Award went to Preston and Jeanette Hartge on Church Lane. And the Grand Prize this year ---Pete and Trudy Baer! Thanks to all for participating. But remember, only 322 days till the next judging.

Calendar of Events

Saturday mornings and Wednesday evenings - yoga at the Galesville Memorial Hall.
Contact renyoga@earthlink.net for more info.

March

Saturday, March 2 - potluck dinner and Square Dance. Galesville Hall. 5:30 p.m. doors open; 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner; 7:00 p.m. family-friendly dancing; 8:30-10 p.m. more challenging dancing

Tuesday, March 8 - Galesville Heritage Society Dinner and speaker. Galesville Hall (don't know time for this and it's not on their website.)

Saturday, March 19 - WRIA Oyster and Ham Dinner. 2:30 p.m. Galesville Hall

April

Saturday, April 2 – Hot Soup concert (zany and fun filled musical evening). Galesville Hall.
7:30 p.m. See Hot Soup website at <http://www.hotsoup trio.com/> for more information

Saturday, April 9 – community auction sponsored by West River Improvement Association and Galesville Heritage Society.

Saturday, April 30 - potluck dinner and Square Dance. Galesville Hall. 5:30 p.m. doors open; 6:00 p.m. potluck dinner; 7:00 p.m. family-friendly dancing; 8:30-10 p.m. more challenging dancing

May

Sunday, May 1 – May Day. Put out a fancy May basket and welcome Spring! Ribbons awarded.

June

Tuesday, June 14 - Galesville Heritage Society dinner and speaker.

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