

President's Letter

Hi, Galesvillers,

Happy Fall! For many of us this time of the year is the nicest season here in the Mid-Atlantic, and I think that our Southern Anne Arundel County falls are the most pleasant. Crisp temperatures, gentle winds, clear nights, trees and plants changing, the sparkling quality of the sunlight, and most city folks going back to their most-of-the-year routines somewhere else, make fall the best time of the year for me.

WRIA's Annual General Membership Meeting will be held at the Hall on Monday, October 22nd, at which general business will be conducted including the election of 2013's officers and board members. We have a good group who have agreed to continue on and some new folks coming in who will bring fresh views and experience. Elsie Whitman has done a great job putting together the 2012 slate. We probably have room for you on the Board – if interested contact any of us.

There has been progress on the County's acquisition of the Wilson Farmstead Property. Bill Gibbons continues to work closely with the County to move the acquisition of the property to completion so that the building can be stabilized, and so that plans for the future of the building and property can continue to develop.

In closing, I want to acknowledge the passing of Bobby Hartge. My recent memories of him are as one of the founders of the Hartge Museum at the Hartge Yard, and as an active participant in GHS's annual Veteran's Day Commemoration at the Hall. My best wishes, and my family's, go to his family.

Remember to vote November 6th.

John

The Newsletter and the Internet

Postage and the digital age have caught up with the WRIA newsletter. Copying and postage costs have risen annually and are becoming prohibitive. Also, we've heard that some people would prefer to read the newsletter on the Internet. It does not cost us anything to add the newsletter to the Galesville.info website and the Internet version would be in beautiful color. The mailed version would be as you see it here.

The WRIA Board is going to present you with a choice on a form which will be included in the January dues mailing. If you prefer to read the newsletter online, you will be asked to include your email address so our webmaster can inform you when the newsletter is placed online semi-annually and provide you with a link to it. Those who prefer to

continue receiving the newsletter in the mail must be sure to pay their dues and include all necessary address information on the form. We will only print copies for those dues paying members who have requested a mailing.

Francis Ray Moreland Field

The West River Improvement Association has made preliminary inquiries with the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks regarding the possibility of naming the soccer/lacrosse field at Galesville Park, the "Francis Ray Moreland Field."

A lifelong resident of Galesville, Francis Ray spent his youth working with his family on a 60 acre farm that now comprises Galesville Park. Throughout his entire life he contributed unselfishly to our Village, especially for the elderly and less fortunate, by plowing snow, cutting tall grass, donating farm produce, and contributing to local churches and organizations. He received the South County Man of the Year Award in the 1990's and was a member of Galesville United Methodist Church and the South County Lions Club.

Please let us know if you have any thoughts or input that may be beneficial as we proceed further, by contacting William Gibbons at <mailto:w.gibbons1@comcast.net>.

Henry Wilson Property Update



We are delighted to announce Anne Arundel County is now in the process of finalizing its acquisition of the 26.5 acre Henry Wilson Property that comprises the Hot Sox ballfield and the Henry Wilson Farmhouse.

On January 30, 2012 Galesville community members and other interested parties met at the Galesville Community Center (Rosenwald School) and provided Gaile Jones, a consultant hired by Anne Arundel County, with input and ideas that were incorporated into a concept plan that is intended to guide in the redevelopment of this highly significant historical property. The West River Improvement Association, Inc. (WRIA) working closely with the Anne Arundel County Cultural Resources Division has received a \$100,000 African American Heritage Preservation grant award through the Maryland Historical Trust to conduct emergency stabiliza-

tion on the vacant farmhouse. The next step will be for the WRIA to procure the services of a qualified architect with experience in the preservation of historic buildings. This architect will be responsible for surveying the existing structural condition of the farmhouse, including the masonry piers, sill beams, floor and ceiling joists, wood framing, roof framing and planking, and chimneys. Based upon this inspection, detailed plans and specifications are to be prepared in accordance with the Secretary of the Interiors Standards and Guidelines and a qualified construction contractor will be hired to complete the building stabilization work.

It is intended the ad hoc committee with representation by the WRIA, Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. and the Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc. with the working name - Friends Of The Wilson Property, will continue to meet and provide the County with community input regarding the redevelopment and future use of the property. This includes providing input for the placement of a Maryland Historical Trust Deed of Preservation Easement against the property to

ensure all redevelopment efforts maintain its historic character.

If you have any questions regarding this exciting WRIA undertaking, please contact Bill Gibbons, at w.gibbons1@comcast.net.

Contribute to the Flag Fund & Maintenance

Do you enjoy watching the flags on Main Street change with the seasons? Joan Bell and Charlie Kidd have been updating the flags down Main Street to coincide with the seasons for a number of years. The weather takes a toll on the poles and the flags and they must be replaced and/or repaired on a regular basis. Joan really needs some help replenishing the funds initially contributed to pay for the flags. Additionally, she needs able volunteers, comfortable on a ladder, to help change the flags four times a year. Please contact Joan at 410-867-1354 if you can help repair and replace flags. If you would like to make a donation – send a check made out to WRIA (PO Box 104) with flag fund on the subject line. WRIA appreciates your help!

River Gallery's October Sale



Every weekend in October, we will be having a sale!

Please come by and see the wonderful art at very reasonable prices.

The gallery's hours are
Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11:00- 5:00

Any questions, please call Laura 410-867-3021, Roxanne 443-995-7487 or Elsie 443-254-2018.

River Gallery is located at 1000 Main St. Galesville, MD. You can visit our website, rivergallery.org or like us on Facebook.

Robert Law Hartge

October 13, 1922 - August 17, 2012

Comfortably settled in his living room chair, Robert Law Hartge slipped away peacefully on Friday, August 17, 2012 shortly after breakfast with his wife of 66 years, Jeanne Carmichael Hartge, at their home in Galesville, Maryland. Bob, the tenth of eleven children of Oscar E. Hartge and Alice Wayson Hartge, was born in Galesville in 1922 and would have been 90 on October 13. Together with Jeanne, he is survived by sons John F. Hartge of New Bern, North Carolina and Robert L (Robin) Hartge of Shady Side, Maryland, daughter Sharon Hartge Solberg of Edgewater, Maryland, six grandchildren and three great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his six brothers and four sisters.

A 1943 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and Lieutenant Commander (Ret) in the U.S. Naval Reserve, Bob

served in the merchant marine fleet during World War II (1941-45). For over 20 years (1956-77) he worked as an engineer for the U.S. Navy's Bureau of Ships, Naval Ships System Command and for the Center for Naval Analysis. He retired early, in 1968, and devoted decades to local charities, helping to found and serving as President of the Board of Trustees of the Hope House Treatment Center in Crownsville. He also served as President of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank, and of the Galesville, Owensville and Southern High School PTAs, was active in the Baltimore International Seafarers Center in Dundalk and served as an assistant Scout Master and Cubmaster with local troupes of the Boy Scouts of America. He and Jeanne made five short mission trips to the Phillipines with Barnabas Ministries and also made mission trips to Japan, Cuba, Haiti, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus.

Earlier in life he worked at Hartge Yacht Yard, Annapolis Bank and Trust, Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation, on active duty with the U.S. Naval Reserve at the Bureau of Ships (1952-54) and at the U.S. Army Transportation Corps (1955-56). Besides USMMA, he was a graduate of Galesville Elementary School and Southern High School (1939) and attended Wilson Teachers College in D.C. and the University of Maryland.

Thanks to John Cox

Dear John,

The Board of Directors of the West River Improvement Association extends its sincere gratitude to you for your service as its president. We deeply appreciate the commitment of time and energy it involved, as well as the orderly and thorough manner in which you conducted business.

Best wishes from all of us.

Proposed 2013 WRIA Slate

President: Michael Berson
Vice President: Peter Baer
Secretary: Linda Lawrence
Treasurer: Lynne MacAdam

Board Members:

Ellen Berson	Bill Gibbons
Joan Bell	Sue Hines
Holly Clark	Cecelia Petro
John Cox	Jody Shuart
Jim Day	Carol Turner
Laura Dixon	Elsie Whitman
Jeff Franko	

WRIA Board 2012

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Calendar of Events

October 6

Carrie Weedon Yard Sale
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

October 13

Galesville Community
Square Dance Party,
5:30 p.m.- Doors Open
6:00- Potluck Dinner/optional
7:00- Family-Friendly Dancing
8:30-10 p.m. More Challeng-
ing Dancing,
Galesville Memorial Hall

October 19 & 20

West/Rhode Riverkeeper
Auction, Set-up Friday,
Auction Saturday,
Galesville Memorial Hall

Save This Date

October 22

WRIA General Meeting and
Election, 7:30 p.m.,
Galesville Memorial Hall

November 3

Christ Church is pleased to
announce it's 94th Annual
Homecoming Dinner.

The dinner features fried
oysters and country ham
with potato salad, succotash,
homemade applesauce and
more. It's a family affair and
all are welcome!

For more information,
please contact Elsie and Bill
Whitman 443 254 2018.

November 10

Galesville UMC Dinner,
7:30 p.m.,
Galesville Memorial Hall

November 24

Galesville Community
Square Dance Party,
5:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Same information as
October 13th.
Galesville Memorial Hall

December 14

Holiday Social, 7 p.m.,
Galesville Memorial Hall

December 22

Judging of House Holiday
Decorating

2013 Events

February 2

Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30 p.m. ,
Galesville Memorial Hall

April 6

Oyster Dinner, 2:00 p.m.,
Galesville Memorial Hall

Yoga Year Round

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

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