

Save This Date

April 2

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

President's Letter

At your direction during the annual meeting last fall, we divided the activities of the West River Improvement Association's Board into committees, so that we could more effectively manage and gain input from those not on the Board. Therefore in this newsletter there are reports from various committees telling you about our activities.

There are also lots of events planned for this spring. Look at the calendar to catch all the dates and join us for fun, discussion, and games.

Finally, we want to hear from you. If you are interested in the efforts of one of the committees, you are welcome to join or just call to add your ideas. If there are other items we should address, please let us know as well. You can contact me and I will pass along your ideas to the relevant committee.

Enjoy your spring. I will see you around the village.
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Village Briefs

Aging in Place

The Aging in Place Committee will be meeting with County officials during the next few weeks to explore ways to enable residents who desire to remain living in their homes as they get older to construct or modify accommodations on their property to serve this purpose. Among the items under consideration to accomplish this goal would be ways to permit a new structure to be built or expansion of existing homes that would enable care givers to be closer to those who require assistance. Currently, building restrictions in the Chesapeake Bay critical area and on land set aside for agricultural purposes place limits on new housing or significant expansion of the footprint of existing structures.

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

The Traffic and Pedestrian Safety Committee has requested the State Highway Administration to conduct a study of potential dangers presented by vehicles on Galesville Road/Main Street (MD 255). Of particular concern to the Com-

mittee is the excessive speed of certain cars, motorcycles and trucks entering and leaving the Village, and the lack of sufficient shoulder or sidewalk for walking along the road between Muddy Creek Road (MD 468) and the intersection of Anchor's Way and West Benning Road. The study is expected to be completed during the next few months, and a public hearing on the report may be held shortly thereafter.

Bocce Ball Tournament

Join us Saturday, May 21st beginning at 10:00 am (rain date, Saturday May 28th) for the Inaugural Galesville Bocce Ball Tournament.

It will be held on at the bocce ball court located at Francis Ray Moreland Field. Discussions are underway about whether or not to make the tournament an invitational event that would include other South County communities, if a participants fee should be charged to pay for trophies and if t-shirts for fans and participants for purchase should be available. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee or participating in the tournament should contact Buz Winchester (410-867-1968/ bmtwinchester@comcast.net).

Wilson Property Redevelopment



**Plan on joining us,
Thursday, April 7, 2016
at 7:00 p.m.**

Do you have a great vision for the reuse of the historic Wilson farmstead and property? Well now is your chance to make your image come to life. Anne Arundel County has asked the Village of Galesville residents for input in their ongoing effort to create a comprehensive reuse plan for the site.

Currently, the Department of Recreation and Parks is planning to make safety improvements to the dugouts and may possibly design and install interpretive signage to educate visitors as to the story of Henry Wilson and his family and the contributions made by the surrounding African

American community to the Village of Galesville and to all of South County. However, there is much more to do!

So, in addition to the ballfields, maybe the site can provide walking paths/trails for our neighborhood, a dog park, visitor center, bicycle rental center, a home for historical displays or public access to Tenthouse Creek?

The West River Improvement Association, Inc. has formed a committee comprised of Cyrena Simons, Bill Gibbons, Joe Elutrio, Dale Phipps, Gertrude Makell, Don Cosden Sherry Schiller and Mary Todd Winchester that is responsible for gathering ideas and making recommendations to the County for the future development of the site. A community brainstorming meeting has been scheduled to discuss ideas that have already been thought about and to hear your really great thoughts! The meeting will be held at the Galesville Community Center (Rosenwald School on West Benning Road).

Garden, Vine & Wine

Mark your Spring calendars for April 30* at 3pm, and join us at the town dock for a little work and a lot of fun:

- Tour two Galesville yards that have been designated BayWise by the Maryland Master Gardener Program. You may be surprised to learn that your own yard is bay-friendly, as well.
- Have a look at Galesville's living shoreline and hear how it works to clean runoff from the land and protect the shore from erosion.
- Spend about a 1/2 hour removing invasive ivy from trees (bring work gloves & pruning shears if you want to help, or just come and observe).
- At 5:00 p.m. we'll end up at the West River Sailing Club for Happy Hour. Everyone who participates will receive one ticket for a free beverage.

Sponsored by West River Improvement Association, Maryland Master Gardeners and West River Watershed Stewards. *Rain date: May 1.

Don't Miss It



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River Gallery's 27th Annual Juried Community Art Show



Please join us in celebration of River Gallery's 27th Annual Juried Community Show. The exhibit runs from March 4 to April 28.

There will be a reception with light refreshments on Sunday, March 13th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and awards at 3:00 p.m.

This year's judge is painter Colleen Sabo, who chose the winners from the 34 entered artists.

River Gallery's hours are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 to 5:00

We are located at:
1000 Main Street
Galesville, MD 20765
www.rivergallery.org
410 867 0954.

Any questions, please call Elsie Whitman 443-254-2018 or elsiebwhitman@gmail.com or rivergallery3@aol.com

Join Us On Facebook



The West River Improvement Association is on FACEBOOK!

Our name is **WRIA, Galesville**

Anyone with a Facebook account can log onto **WRIA, Galesville** and see activities and upcoming community events.

Once you log into our Facebook page, you can reach out to the admins who create and manage activities. They can also help you with any questions you might have.

Please like, share and post community events or anything you feel appropriate!

Riverkeeper Concert Fundraiser

**Sat., March 26, 2016
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.**

Come out and support this good cause at the Galesville Memorial Hall

Newly Released Rosenwald Documentary Film



**Sat., March 19, 2016
11:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. &
Sun. March 20, 2016
2:00 & 5:00 p.m.**

***Free Public Showing
Registration Required
Seating Is Limited***

**Galesville Community
Center (a former
Rosenwald School)**

A newly released documentary film on the incredible story of how businessman and philanthropist Julius Rosenwald joined with African-American communities in the South to build schools for them during the early part of the 20th century. This historical partnership, as well as the modern-day attempts to maintain or reconfigure the schools, is a great dramatic story, yet too little-known.

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Calendar of Events - Save These Dates

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Friday, Saturday and Sunday
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Thursday Nights

Irish Dance Classes
Galesville Memorial Hall
Contact: Joanie Ohrt
703-930-9911 for information

Yoga Year Round

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