

WRIA General Meeting and Election Monday, November 7th, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. Galesville Memorial Hall

Dear Neighbors,

Summer is over and we are heading into fall. That means that the annual meeting is coming up. The meeting will be Monday, November 7 at 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall. We plan several items for discussion at the meeting:

- Report on activities for the year
- Remembrance of local residents, who died in 2016
- Election of Officers and board members for 2017:

Several long-term board members are stepping down due to changes in their lives. We want to thank Lynne MacAdam for her many years as treasurer. She has kept our books straight and managed the business side of Hall rentals. We will miss her both on the WRIA board and in town, since she is headed to Florida to live. Fortunately Mary McWaters, Joe Elutrio, and Buz Winchester are not leaving town, but they are taking a break from the board. We thank them for all their help.

How about you? Being on the WRIA is a great way to get to know folks in town and help assure that Galesville remains a wonderful place to live. Galesville is also the village for those who leave on the nearby creeks surrounding Galesville in Cumberstone, Crandell Road, and Owensville Road. We would love more board members from the surrounding area to make sure we capture your interests too. The tasks as a board member are not onerous; one meeting a month on the first Monday, at 7:30 PM in Memorial Hall and involvement

other activities which interest you. If you are interested or want to know more, contact Cyrena Simons (410-867-7793) or Cel Petro (410-867-7050).

The draft of the proposed WRIA Board for 2017 includes:
President: Cel Petro
Vice President: currently available to be filled
Treasurer: Pete Baer
Secretary: Bill Gibbons
Past President: Cyrena Simons
Continuing Board members: Joan Bell, Holly Clark, Jim Day, Irene Gamboa, Carole Magee-Turner, Alaina Mathews, Jessica Opert, Dale Phipps, and Jody Stuart
New Board members: Ted Gott, Becky Ruark and Susan Savage Stevens.

- Future uses of the Wilson Park; survey results:
Survey responses as of September 30 will be tabulated and reported out at a Community Center meeting on October 17 and at the WRIA Annual Meeting on November 7, before they are sent on to the AA County Park and Recreation.
- Environmental Issues:
 - Mosquito spraying:
Galesville is not currently on the County list to be treated/sprayed for mosquitos. There are pros and cons as to whether we want spraying to occur. We hope to have some experts at the November meeting to give us information so that we can decide whether we want to request that Galesville get added to the list.

- Emerald Ash Borer:
How to recognize and treat this infestation of our Ash Trees

Planning ahead, mark Saturday, December 3rd on your calendar for the town Holiday Party. More information will be posted and sent out closer to the time.

And looking forward to 2017, let us know what is important to you living in Galesville and how we can help. You can contact anyone on the Board with ideas.

Enjoy the fall.

Sincerely,
Cyrena Simons
President, WRIA

Welcome to Galesville

Eric and Becky Raurk
4733 Woodfield Rd.

Nathanal Nickolson
Kayleigh Levenson
908 Galesville Road

Brian and Christine Haley
978 Galesville Rd.

Jack Rogers
Katlyn Evans
917 W. Benning Rd.

Sarabeth Rodrigues
4878 Captains Ct.

Richard and Nancy Ferrer
4807 Lerch Creek Dr.

Phillip Sahan
921 Galesville Rd

Steve and Emily Gagliardi
4875 Captains Ct.

Jenni Brown
4824 Riverside Dr.

Effective Community Mosquito Control

With the occurrence of more mosquito-borne illness, neighborhoods are reviewing their options for controlling mosquitos. The single most effective method of controlling mosquitos is to minimize mosquito breeding sites—standing water.

Here are some reminders:

1. Clean rain gutters to allow water to flow freely.
2. Turn over or remove clay pots and plastic containers.
3. Dispose of all empty beverage containers, plastic wrappers, discarded toys, etc.
4. Check for trapped water in plastic or canvas tarps used to cover boats, pools, etc. Arrange the tarp to drain the water.
5. Pump out bilges in boats. Turn canoes and small boats upside down for storage.
6. Replace water in bird baths twice a week.
7. Remove pet food and water dishes that are not being used..
8. Don't leave garbage can lids lying upside down. Be sure water does not collect in the bottom of garbage cans.
9. Flush water in the bottom of plant holders twice a week.
10. Fix dripping outside water faucets.
11. Turn wheelbarrows upside down when stored outside.
12. Check around construction sites or do-it-yourself improvements to ensure that proper backfilling and grading prevent drainage problems.

Source: Maryland Pesticide Education Network; for more information: www.mdpestnet.org/

The Emerald Ash Borer is Here – What You Need to Know

- Ash trees in Galesville are showing emerald ash borer infestation.
- Trees may be infested but not showing any symptoms
- Insecticides are the only way you can protect your ash tree from Emerald Ash Borer
- Preventative treatments have a higher likelihood of success; all ash trees should be considered for treatment
- Ash trees not protected with insecticides typically die 4-6 years after infestation
- Local emerald ash borer expert, Dick Bean, says he has found the product TREE-äge to be most effective. It must be applied by licensed or certified pesticide providers
- Don't know if you have ash trees? Want more information? Attend the WRIA Annual Meeting, Monday, November 7 or email Cel Petro: baylibrarian@gmail.com

Source: Md. Dept. of Natural Resources Forest Service publication #582014-714

Briefs

Thank You Ted Gott!

He's been busy going up and down Main Street edging the sidewalks, trimming vines and cutting back overhanging branches. The sidewalks look marvelous from Galesville Road and West Benning all the way down to E. Benning and Main Street. The West River Improvement Association would like to thank Ted Gott for his hard work. Not only has he addressed the grasses growing over the Main Street sidewalks, but he attacked the creeping bentgrass that has been growing over the track at Moreland Park. In some places the grass had reduced the width of the walkway by 3'. It was a herculean task that Ted finished in the heat of summer and before the rains softened the ground.

So, next time you stroll down Main Street or jog around the track at the Park, notice the neatly trimmed edges and be sure and wave and thank Ted next time you see him!

Traffic and Pedestrian Safety

At the request of the West River Improvement Association Board of Directors, the State Highway Administration completed a speed study and pedestrian safety report on Galesville Road/Main Street. This request was prompted by concerns that the speed of vehicles entering and leaving the village often exceeded posted limits, presenting a potential hazard to pedestrians.

The study concluded that the absence of any pedestrian injuries or fatalities in Galesville did not justify any significant changes to the present methods for dealing with high speed traffic along

the corridor, and suggested that the Anne Arundel County Police Department establish more frequent radar enforcement as the best approach to the problem.

Bocce Ball Tournament

The Inaugural Galesville Bocce Ball Tournament was held on June 11th. Eight teams participated in spirited competition. In the final round, Bryan and Nathan Scrivner bested Rodney Calver and Buz Winchester 15 to 12 to become the 2016 Galesville Bocce Ball Champions. Plans are underway to form a Bocce Ball League beginning in the Spring of 2017. Anyone interested in forming a team should contact Buz Winchester (bmtwinchester@comcast.net or 410-868-1968).

Fall Clean-up at the GHS Museum Grounds Saturday, October 22, 8-10 am

Meet us at the museum on Saturday, October 22 to help spruce up the museum grounds for fall and winter season. Just bring your work gloves and we'll provide the rest. See you on Saturday!

Holiday Open House and Bake Sale at the Galesville Heritage Museum, December 11, 2-4 pm

Plan to attend the Holiday Open House and Bake Sale at the Galesville Heritage Museum, Sunday, December 11 from 2 until 4. Enjoy cookies and cider and tour the Museum decorated for the season. Baked goods will be on sale with all proceeds going toward painting the museum.

And here's a chance to taste Virginia Wood's famous apple cake. Purchase raffle tickets, a dollar

for one or six for five dollars, at the museum or at the Quarterly Dinner on the 13th; the winner will receive the cake three days before Christmas. Winning drawing will be held at the dinner.

See you there on the 11th. You can help by baking for the bake sale. Contact Susie Cosden at 410-353-3136 or email sscosden@comcast.net.

Plan for the Holiday Party, December 3, 6:30 pm

The West River Improvement Association's annual Holiday Party will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at 6:30 pm at the Galesville Memorial Hall. The Bell Ringers and Methodist Church choir were such a hit last year that they are returning this year for another performance, which will begin about 7 pm. There will be games for kids, carol singing, delicious food, and, of course, social time with your friends and neighbors. Remember to bring your favorite hors d'oeuvre or dessert to share. Coffee and punch will be available and you may bring wine.

In addition, this year we are inviting one and all to come and help set up the tree, decorate it and set up the tables and chairs for the party. We have ornaments from Galesville residents old and new and if you would like to bring an ornament to put on the tree, please do so. If you would put your family name and the year somewhere on the ornament, it makes it more fun to decorate the tree year after year. Tree decorating will be at 12:30 on December 3rd. See you there!

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Address Service Requested

October 17

Galesville Community Center
Meeting to announce Wilson
Property Survey Results
7:00 p.m.

October 22

Fall Clean-up at the GHS
Museum Grounds
8:00-10:00 a.m.

Nov.5 & Dec. 17

Galesville Community
Square Dance Party
Galesville Memorial Hall
5:30 pm - Potluck Dinner (Opt)
7:00 pm - Family-Friendly
Dancing
8:30-10:00 pm - More Challeng-
ing Dancing

November 7

West River Improvement
Association Annual Meeting
Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 p.m.

November 12

Galesville United
Methodist Church
Fall Oyster and Chicken Dinner
Galesville Memorial Hall
2:00 p.m. until run out
Tickets: Adults: - \$22
12 and Under - \$12
Bake Table
Carry-outs
For further information call:
410-867-3663 or 410-867-3281

December 3

WRIA Holiday Party
Galesville Memorial Hall
6:30 p.m.
7:00 GUMC Choir

December 11

Holiday Open House and Bake
Sale
Galesville Heritage Museum
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday Nights
Irish Dance Classes**

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

Yoga Year Round

Saturday mornings and
Wednesday evenings
Galesville Memorial Hall
For more Information visit
<http://www.renyoga.com>