

Galesville Tidings

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4th of July in Galesville

Galesville is a village where the past meets the future with a promise.

This year's annual Fourth of July parade was a promise fulfilled! Dedicated to Roberta Cassard who has been the ignition plug for so many wonderful parades of yester year!



And special thoughts



all they unselfishly accomplished.

With military precision and exact timing the parade began at 1500 hours with a first ever fly over by none other than "Doc" Bill Finagin in his PITTS Special with smoke on! Totally awesome! The FAA would not allow any aerobatics and no lower than a ridiculous altitude; but the opening act was spectacular nevertheless with rudder thrusts and porpois-

ing, as the crowd was spellbound.

Galesville, Volunteer Fire Department, spear headed the procession with professionalism. The Annapolis High School JNROTC Color



Guard paraded the colors with crisp execution! Uncle Sam let it be known we wanted nothing more to do with the Brit's and declared our Independence! Then the Annapolis Drum and Bugle Corps strutted their stuff! Oh they were great.



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SAVE THE DATE
CHRISTMAS HOUSE
TOUR
SUNDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2010
1—5 PM

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President's Message

I've been reading the "Galesville Home News" recently, a series published from March 4, 1944 to January 26, 1946 just after the war ended. It was "Mayor" Eddie Smith's idea to send a weekly newsletter to our servicemen from the Galesville area, stationed around the world and at sea. The mailing list grew to more than 60. Accounts of the goings on at home and a liberal dose of wit and good humor were much appreciated and cherished by the recipients. I know this because I also discovered a bound copy of "Letters To The Home News". It's more than an inch thick and from my review of some of the correspondence, the "Home News" raised morale and brought smiles and fond remembrances to many.

Come visit any Sunday from now until November from 1- 4 pm and see what else there is to discover!

Bill Whitman

Galesville Heritage Society, Inc. Officers & Board Members 2010

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Fall Dinner Meeting—Galesville Memorial Hall

At our quarterly dinner meeting this September, the Galesville Heritage Society will be celebrating our 19th Birthday. We can all be proud of the strides we've made, the heritage acknowledged and preserved and the many members who have joined our forces to continue this important work.

There are many challenges ahead and we're sure that there will be courage and strength among our members and supporters to meet these challenges and seek new and creative ways to fulfill our mission.

The September Quarterly Dinner meeting will be held that night - Tuesday, September 14, 2010 - at the Galesville Memorial Hall starting at 6:30. The menu will be baked chicken, corn on the cob, sliced garden tomatoes, mashed potatoes and gravy, salad and dessert. The price for the dinner is \$15 per person for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Be sure you make your reservations with Dee Dixon, either by calling 410-867-3622 or emailing her - deedixon@yahoo.com by September 10. It is so important that our count for attendance be as accurate as possible both for our cooks and for table seating. If you make a reservation and do not attend or cancel, you will be billed.

Laura Baker, Outreach and Education Coordinator for the Maryland Environmental Service will be the guest speaker. Her presentation, which consists of a PowerPoint with photos and a short video, will focus on the activities at the Paul S. Sarbanes Ecosystem Restoration Project at Poplar Island. The Maryland Environmental Service is an independent state agency that works with the MD Port Administration and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

In records from 1847, Poplar Island covered an area of approximately 11,000 acres. In 1993, because of erosion, it

had shrunk to 5 acres. The Maryland Environmental Service, along with its partners, used the dredging materials from the Chesapeake Bay channel, which goes up to the Port of Baltimore, to restore the island with wetland and upland habitats. Poplar Island is only one of four sites in the state that show the beneficial re-use of dredged materials.

Ms. Baker is a native Marylander and a seasoned lecturer on these restoration sites. She is a graduate of Washington College in Chester, Maryland and a former high school science teacher.

Plan to join your neighbors and friends for an evening of great food, stimulating conversation and information on the restoration of Chesapeake Bay lands.



Veterans Day, November 11

Veterans Day will be observed on Wednesday, November 11 at 11:00 AM at Galesville Memorial Hall on Main Street. Join us at the Hall if you are a veteran, or member of a veteran's family, or friend or just want to be apart of this very moving program to thank all who have served our country. The pro-

gram will begin sharply at 11:00 AM and we ask you to please be seated by that time. Refreshments will be served.

If anyone wishes to participate, or display any items, call 410-867-4266. Set up is the day before on November 10.

Galesville Heritage Society Website

As of August 28, we have had 6,085 visitors to our website. For more information

on our programs, events and the heritage of Galesville, visit our website often:

www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org

Museum Update

Searching for Galesville Heritage Society Museum Chair

The Galesville Heritage Society is searching for a passionate and enthusiastic person to chair the Galesville Heritage Museum committee. The Museum Chair promotes the Society's mission - *to promote an understanding of and appreciation for the history of the village of Galesville and its immediate environs, within its community and the general public. Its historical resources, educational outreach efforts, and the Galesville Heritage Museum serve as catalysts to collect, preserve, and research the area's history and the Society encourages others to do the same.*

The Galesville Heritage Museum serves as an interpretive and orientation center for our historic waterside community and the heritage that links

both land and water to the people who have created this community and those who are helping to preserve it for generations to come. The Museum and its collections help us pass on our rich history to future generations.

The Museum Chair works with and leads the Museum Committee, an active group of knowledgeable volunteers to make sure the museum runs smoothly. Other duties of the Chair include: representing the museum in contacts with the public, handling issues that arise and volunteering as a docent.

If you are interested, or know of someone, please contact Dorothy Whitman 410-867-4731.

Docents

A docent is an explainer, and a teacher. Our docents sometimes make the first impres-

sion of Galesville to our visitors at the Galesville Heritage Museum. Docents are informed about the history of our area, with interesting stories to share and educate our visitors on the collections within the museum. They are willing to give up a few hours on Sunday afternoons to be at the museum, making sure the lights are on, dust is gone and a broad smile is on their face.

Won't you join us to share your knowledge and enthusiasm? Call 410-867-6255 to sign up.

HVAC – Museum Upgrade

The new high efficiency cooling system for the Museum's main level is in and operating! Thank you to all the donors over the past year who helped to make this possible and to Preservation MD for their grant support.



Galesville Rosenwald School Update

Galesville Community Center Organization participated in the 4th of July activities in the community. The Center was open for a Sneak Preview, the Drill Team reorganized and performed in the parade and the float won second prize.

On August 12th, Four Rivers Heritage Area hosted an international group from Poland and the Ukraine brought to our area by ICOMOS, the International Council On Monuments and Sites. The group of ICOMOS

professionals and university professors, staffers, and diplomats visited with the Four Rivers' staff and decided that one of the places they wanted to visit in the area was the newly renovated Galesville Rosenwald School to discuss the goals and outcomes of this community supported rehabilitation project.

We are awaiting permit approval for the commercial kitchen and storage sheds that will be replicas of the privies that were a part of the Rosenwald School. Any-

one can still take a part in this venture by purchasing or pledging to purchase a table, chair or window for the Center. All contributions are tax deductible.

For additional information, contact Gertrude Makell, President at (410) 867-4612 or gmakell@verizon.net.

Again, we thank everyone who has been involved for their support in helping restore this historic landmark of our community..

Museum Open for 2010 with New Exhibits

The Museum is open through November on Sunday from 1-4 PM, or by appointment.

Stop by and see the new exhibit "Where Water Meets the Land" and also items that cover "Before the White Man Came." Including in the exhibit is a collection of Indian artifacts dating from 10,000 BC—1500 AD some of which were found on Benning Road. Also included are Colonial artifacts from the 18th Century. Don't miss these new exhibits!

Volunteers Needed – NO MEETINGS TO ATTEND!

With a limited amount of time you can make a difference to the work at the museum and to the village of Galesville. Your help is greatly appreciated and needed. A few of the jobs:

Newspaper Clippings

Oral History Volunteer

Greeters and Docents

Coordinate educational and/or children projects at the museum.

If interested, please call 410-867-4731.

Grants

GHS has been awarded several grants, which have significantly impacted our museum. *Our appreciation and grateful acknowledgement to the following:*

Cultural Arts Foundation of Anne Arundel County, Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network, Chesapeake Bay Trust, Four Rivers: The Heritage Area of Annapolis, London Town and South County, Unity Gardens and M&T Bank.

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Next came our very own Ken Smith of Smith Brothers and Laura Mae Zang, this year's Grand Marshall parade leaders, in a 1951 Ford provided and driven by Richard Kibbe, the locally famous photographer!

Following them were the antique fire trucks, politicians (hey this is an election year), classic cars, motor cycles, golf carts, tractors, floats, bicycles, and my goodness some of the most beautiful equestrian specimens I've seen since the Lipizzaner Ponies in Vienna.



Ok, I've held the last for the Fleur de lis! The best of our celebration this year was to have some of Galesville's finest on the



Smithsonian 14 PAX Green Cart! We had some of our village's best contributors participating in our Declaration of

Independence celebration. I personally wish to thank Jack and Barbara Smith, Bob and Jeanne Hartge, Fred Hewitt, Bill and Lois Bird, the Rev. Melvin Booze, Kathleen Turner, and for sure SUE HINES, as without her help it would not have happened! You are all so special!

It was not just about a parade, as Galesville Heritage Society and the West River Improvement Association teamed up to open our doors to



many exciting events. The Carrie Weedon Science Center was open for tours and lectures, as was the Heritage Museum. The newly renovated Rosenwald School was showcased with special live entertainment. The Hartge Nautical Museum was opened for viewing as well. Boat cruises were provided by the folks who own *The Richard Lee*. They left from the county dock and toured the West River for 45 minutes. Live music, food and beverage offerings rounded out the fun-filled venues around the village. A special "atta boy" to Jim Day and all of his personal actions preparing for, and executing the plan of action on the Fourth!

They say, "It takes a village to make it happen." Well once again Galesville proved its mettle, and the community "turned to" in making this a most enjoyable community event for the participants and spectators! Thanks to all who made this happen! You should all be proud.

From Charlie Kidd

(To whom we owe a major Thank You for all his organizing and efforts to make this Fourth so great. Thanks Charlie!!)



Visit www.galesvilleheritagesociety.org to view a slideshow of the parade and the newsletter in color.



Thanks Charlie and Jim for a great 4th of July!

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Calendar

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| Sept. 7 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm | Oct. 27 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |
| Sept. 10 – Deadline for Dinner Reservations | Nov. 2 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm |
| Sept. 14 – Quarterly Dinner Galesville Memorial Hall,
6:30 pm | Nov. 11 – Veterans’ Day Celebration, Galesville Memorial
Hall, 11 am |
| Sept. 29 – Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm | Nov. 17– Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum
7:30 pm |
| Oct. 5 – Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall
7:30 pm | Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving Day |

Membership

Thanks so much for your support of Galesville Heritage Society. It is through your help and interest that the museum and grounds are maintained and improved!

We currently have 133 memberships. We are down by a few so we encourage you to promote GHS and increase our membership in 2011. We will be sending out our membership applications in December to join for 2011.

We are looking forward to an exciting and interesting year. Please remember the quarterly meetings that provide a won-

derful meal plus a program that is centered on local history or current cultural, archeological, environmental or historical projects in the area.

Galesville Heritage Society is trying to become GREENER. We ask that any member interested in receiving their newsletter and their membership application via email please register by emailing Susie Cosden - sscosden@comcast.net

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