

Galesville Tidings

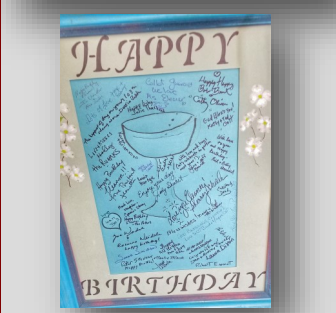
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Happy 103rd Birthday to Mrs. Eleanor Abbey!



President's Message

Hello everyone. First of all, the board is working to be ready to reopen and resume our normal events and activities as soon as it is considered safe and allowed.

The Independence Day parade has not been cancelled; we are still hoping to soon hear we are clear to have our parade. So, keep planning to attend and we'll give official notice as soon as we can.

Consider for a moment if the Galesville Heritage Society had been around from the beginning. We would have welcomed the new arrivals to Brownton's Landing, noted the building of Tulip Hill, spread the news of nearby battles of the Revolution and the burning of Stewart's shipyard in 1812. Galesville residents would have disagreed over the War Between the States and the land use by their neighbors. Galesville would have lost family members to the Great War and the Spanish Flu. Our forbearers would have survived the Great Depression only to be called up to fight and die in another war. Polio would have added to our worry in the late 50s as would nuclear annihilation, another war and the unrest of the 60s. As the past dimmed in the collective memories, community projects surely excited everyone

just as the new fire station does today. Even with all the troubled times, Galesville's optimism keeps it a wonderful place to live.

A community for over 350 years has seen its share of events that changed the rhythm of this little village, it remains to be seen how the COVID 19 pandemic will be remembered among them. As a gift to the residents 50 or 100 years in the future, I would like to ask anyone with an idea or desire to create something that could help a future generation understand the pandemic of 2020. This can be anything that you like, a short memoir or open letter, a poem, a piece of art, a photograph, a sewn mask, etc... We will add this to our collection and once things get back to normal, we'll do a special exhibit and then store them away for a revisit in the future. Part of keeping Galesville's history is creating a record as it occurs.

To close, please continue to follow proven behaviors to reduce the risks to yourself and your neighbors. We hope to see you all very soon in person.

Jim Chandler

We Love a Parade

This July 4th, Galesville will celebrate, one way or the other! We have not yet received guidance from our Anne Arundel County Executive about having the annual parade. But if it is approved, look for the banner at the intersection of Muddy Creek and Galesville Road.

If the parade is cancelled, we will bring it to you! Be out on your front lawn starting at 2 pm for a salute from the Galesville Heritage Society.



Rain Barrel

The Galesville Heritage Museum is in need of a new rain barrel. If you have one you do not need and wish to donate, please give Dorothy a call (410-867-4731.) Thank you.

Summer Dinner Meeting

The summer dinner meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 9 has been cancelled. We hope to see you at the September dinner meeting Tuesday, September 8, 6:30 pm.

Galesville Heritage Society. Officers & Board Members 2020

Officers:

- President: Jim Chandler
- Vice President: Cathy Oliver
- Recording Secretary: Betsy Derrick
- Corresponding Secretary: Julie Thackrah
- Treasurer: Mark Case

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- Gertrude Makell
- Tracy Richardson
- Eric Ruark
- Kathy Smith
- Mark Steinlein
- Peter Stevens
- Bruce Weidele
- Dorothy Whitman

Home Sweet Galesville

The spring of 2020 has been a strange and difficult time for Galesville and the whole world. A new coronavirus that causes a serious and sometimes lethal lower respiratory infection has swept around the globe. At this writing, 2.8 million have been infected in the United States and we have just passed the grim milestone of 100,000 deaths. Here, in Galesville, we have, thus far, only had

one case of the illness, known as COVID 19.

To stem the spread of the infection, Governor Larry Hogan issued a “stay at home order” on March 30. Apart from going out for essentials like groceries, most people have spent the spring of 2020 in their homes.

Galesville has demonstrated how a small community can be resilient and creative

during troubling and uncertain times. Neighbors are checking in and helping one another. As the virus has begun to recede, the stay at home order has lifted and businesses are slowly opening and people are out and about, albeit wearing face coverings and social distancing.

Working From Home

Those workers who can, have been told to work from home. Here in Galesville, teachers, scientists, real estate agents and many others have settled in behind their computer screens instead of bustling out the door and up the road each morning.

Collot Guerard, a senior attorney at the Federal Trade Commission, is one of the Galesvillians who is keeping things moving from home. Instead of driving her Subaru to her office at FTC headquarters in Washington, she works from three computers taking depositions, holding

meetings and filing briefs while overlooking Lerch Creek. She directs her team as they

work on cases brought against businesses committing consumer fraud. Now, she and her colleagues are investigating a whole new area of fraud related to the coronavirus. She warns her neighbors that there are profiteers selling sham cures and personal protective equipment that does not meet federal standards. If anyone comes across such a scam, they should contact the FTC at 877 FTC-HELP.



Collot Guerard

Kindness Rocks



Parents took their small children on spontaneous scavenger hunts throughout the community during the lockdown. Organized via the Galesville Facebook page and word of mouth, people drew hearts on paper and pasted them in their windows. Gallery owner, Laura Dixon, left art supplies and games on her doorstep for families. Others left plants from their gardens to share.

Beautifully painted rocks with inspirational words magically appeared around the village. Clare Shepherd was responsible. Clare is an artist who normally works with glass but while locked out of her studio, she began making “kindness rocks” as a way to relieve stress during this difficult time. “My goal is that finding rocks with meaningful quotes is a positive experience for the community, like a pop-up art show.”



A Mother's Reflections on Lockdown

Tracy and Bradley Richardson have two girls, Ruby, 6 and Lucy, 3. Tracey works from home as a graphic designer and Bradley, a member of the Secret Service, is an essential worker who cannot work from home.

“It is hard to explain to young kids they cannot have playdates, play on the playground, hug their friends and neighbors or simply go to the post office to say hello to Anna (the postmistress) and get a treat,” said Tracey.

Tracey said she has learned a big lesson from this experience about community.



Ruby and Lucy Richardson

“Life can change so quickly. Bradley and I said so many

times... it would have been hard to navigate this time in our lives living in our past home and neighborhood. We were very grateful for this community from finding hearts in neighbor windows to people willing to grab something for you while they were at the store so I could keep the kids home.”

Ruby had this to say about her experience, “The best part is being able to stay home with my parents.”

Stan and Joe's Riverside—Thank You Galesville

Stan Fletcher, one owner of Stan and Joe's Riverside (Joe McGovern is the other), expressed gratitude for Galesvillians who continued to order carryout while Riverside's dine-in service was shutdown due to the COVID-19 crisis. “The people of Galesville are wonderful”, Stan remarked as he shared his insight on the impact of COVID-19 on families, friends and businesses.

During the crisis, Stan and Joe skillfully responded to an ever-changing, lengthy list of restrictions and guidelines to keep their business viable. Participating in weekly conference calls with county, state and industry leaders, they “put one foot in front of the other” and did what they

had to do to remain partially open while keeping the public and their employees safe.

On the first weekend following Memorial Day, nearly three months since first shutting down, relaxed guidelines and a bright sun made outside and limited inside dining possible. Stan acknowledged the waterfront Riverside location provides just the right backdrop to entice people out to enjoy fresh air, magnificent views and fine food, even while practicing safe protocols such as physical distancing and mask wearing (inside).

Stan confirmed when Riverside first opened on November 1, 2018, the challenges that resulted from the pandemic “were not on his or anyone's



horizon”. Although Riverside may not be back 100% for sometime, Stan remains positive and asks everyone to be “cautious and patient”.

Riverside thanks Galesvillians and others for their support and Stan and Joe “hope to see everyone return for a lunch or dinner – the sooner the better!

By Cathy Oliver

Galesville Heritage Museum

When the museum finally opens, look forward to a new exhibit: **Steamboat Excursions to Belle Grove.**



As early as the 1840's, steamboat excursions visited Galesville and Belle Grove with hundreds of passengers on board. A new exhibit at the museum features a full sized reproduction of an early poster for Galesville and West River excursions and quotes from classified ads extolling Galesville and Belle Grove. We look forward to seeing everyone when the museum opens to take in this new exhibit and other exhibits of interest.

Please note the GHS has prepared guidelines for reopening the museum per the CDC. These guidelines will help ensure the health and safety of our docents and visitors.

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Calendar

June 21 –	Fathers Day	Sept. 1 –	Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm
June 24 –	Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9:00 am	Sept. 6 –	Deadline for Dinner Reservations
July 4 –	4th of July Parade (Tentative)	Sept. 7 –	Labor Day
July 7 –	Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm	Sept. 8 –	Dinner Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 6:30 pm
July 29 –	Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9:00 am	Sept. 30 –	Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9:00 am
Aug. 4 –	Board Meeting, Galesville Memorial Hall 7:30 pm		
Aug. 26 –	Museum Meeting, Galesville Heritage Museum 9:00 am		

Social Distance at the Coffee Truck

Each weekend in April, The Coffee Table, a food truck making fancy coffee drinks and breakfast treats, came to the Memorial Hall. It was fun to have a diversion during the long days at home and enjoy simple pleasures. Customers and staff wore face coverings and stayed six feet from one another.



GALESVILLE THRU A KID'S EYE



Feel free to post pictures to Galesville Enough Said,
official entries must be emailed.
Send questions to GalesvillePhoto@gmail.com.

PHOTO CONTEST

RULES

- Age: 14 and under
- No selfies
- Limit of 3 entries
- Entries received by June 30
- Email entries to: GalesvillePhoto@gmail.com
- Include Name, Age and Titles with entries

CATEGORIES

- (such as, but not limited to):
- Antique Galesville
 - Water & Boats
 - Family & Pets
 - Nature & Wildlife
 - What represents Galesville to you
 - etc...



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The Mission of the Galesville Heritage Society is 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.”