

Galesville Tidings

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Fall Fundraiser at Stan & Joe's Riverside October 18, 4 PM til Closing

Come out and enjoy the view of the West River from Stan & Joe's Riverside, and support the Galesville Heritage Society! The guys are creating a special menu for our fundraising dinner and will contribute a portion of the proceeds. This is a great opportunity to enjoy the charms of Galesville like a tourist and then walk home! This is a very fun evening, and a great way to meet your neighbors if you are new to the village. See you there!

October Fall Festival

Get ready for a flavorful showdown at the Galesville Heritage Society's Fall Soup and Chili Cook-Off! October 15 from 2-4 pm



As autumn leaves begin to fall, the museum is hosting this delectable event with lots of family fun. Culinary enthusiasts from the community are invited to showcase their most mouthwatering soups and chilis, competing for the title of tastiest concoction. All you need to bring is a way to keep your entry warm-like a crockpot.

Three expert judges, known for their discerning palates, will carefully evaluate each entry based on taste, creativity, and presentation. Do you think you have what it takes to win?

Not in the mood to cook? Come down and taste test the entries. There will be activities for the kids and hayrides for everyone!

Mark your calendars for a day of flavor, and family fun, at the Galesville Heritage Museum's Fall Soup and Chili Cook-Off and Fall Festival on October 15 from 2-4 pm.

Mark Your Calendar:

Fall Yard Clean Up	Sept 23
October Fall Festival	Oct 15
Fall Fundraiser: Stan & Joe's Riverside	Oct 18
End of Museum Reception	Nov 5
Veterans Day	Nov 11

Keep up to date on information for events times and details via email and Facebook.

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Summer Fun in Galesville

Galesville's summer season was filled with a variety of events that brought the community together.

The summer started with a Father's Day family picnic at the village playground. Families gathered for an old-fashioned potluck cookout, enjoying classic recipes and quality time. The Anne Arundel County Firemen made a visit, showcasing their firefighting equipment.

The Fourth of July celebration is always a highlight of the season, featuring the village parade. The parade, with its small-town charm, delivered a patriotic spectacle with lots of red, white and blue fun

Despite some rainy weather, the Galesville Heritage Museum hosted an ice cream social that offered a setting for kids of all ages to gather and share stories.

As summer winds down, the community looks back on these events with appreciation for the camaraderie they fostered. Galesville remains a place where residents come together to celebrate traditions and create lasting memories.



*July 4th Photos Photos: Monika Faust Photography

Join Us...



Veterans Day

Saturday, November 11th

Time: 10:30-12:30pm

Where: Galesville Memorial Hall

Galesville Heritage Society will hold our annual Veterans Day Observance on Saturday, November 11th from 10:30-12:30pm at the Galesville Memorial Hall. Veteran's Day is the day we recognize our neighbors former and present who have served the county in uniform. There will be light refreshments and displays which tell the stories of the Uniformed Services. We especially invite any veteran to join us and informally share stories of their time in uniform.

End of Musuem Season

Sunday, November 5th

Time: 1 to 4pm

Where: Galesville Heritage Museum

Wine and cheese closing reception. Come and check out the museum on its last day of the season.

Volunteer Opportunity

You don't need to have a green thumb to help clean up the grounds at the museum. It just takes a couple of hours to make a difference. The next cleanup is on Saturday, September 23, 9-11 am.

Fall Dinner Cancelled: We are sorry we had to cancel the Fall Quarterly Dinner! The Winter Dinner is on track for the second Tuesday in December, see you then!



In loving memory of
**Gertrude
Elizabeth
Makel**

The Galesville Heritage Society pays tribute to a remarkable individual who left an indelible mark on our community. Gertrude Makel was a true pillar of Galesville, dedicated to preserving our heritage and enriching the lives of those around her.

Gertrude's commitment to our history was unwavering. She served on multiple boards, including the Galesville Heritage Society, and played a pivotal role in the restoration of the Galesville Rosenwald School, turning it into a vibrant community space. Another marquee, Galesville heritage site, Hot Sox Field at Wilson Park, reopened in 2022. Gertrude led a 9-year effort that involved lobbying for state and county support and other funds to restore the 26 acre former Negro League baseball field site into a state of the art county ball

park complete with a grandstand and a pavilion. Even more recently, Gertrude led the effort to have a Galesville Ebenezer A.M.E. church designated as a historic landmark. Its designation came just weeks before her death.

Her accolades and awards, including the 2018 Advocacy Award, the 2020 Four Rivers Legacy Award and in March 2023 the Michelle Obama Award, reflect her dedication to preserving our local history and sharing it with future generations.

Gertrude's impact extended beyond the preservation of buildings; she was a driving force in the community, an advocate, and a source of inspiration. Her legacy lives on through her family, friends, and the Galesville community she cherished. We honor her memory and the countless contributions she made to our village.

Museum News

Each new season, the Galesville Heritage Museum premieres a new exhibit; this year we displayed working and display duck decoys from the West River. Past seasons focused on the contribution of Galesville women, excursions from Baltimore to Galesville, and the manumission of enslaved at Ivy Neck.

But we are always looking for artifacts that help illuminate our past, and we encourage anyone who can help expand our collection to contact us.

Recently, we acquired some interesting and curious items that are now on display. For those of you who watch "Maryland Farm and Harvest", (with

apologizes to Joanne Clendenning): "Let's test your Agricultural expertise". "Do you know what it is? Can you guess it?"



GHS Membership Report

The fall months find most of us rushing to get ready for the holiday season, preparing for a successful new school year and recovering from active summer activities and vacations; so the Galesville Heritage Society is grateful that a few new folks found the time and had the interest to join our organization this late in the year! GHS members are the stewards of our heritage, ensuring that Galesville and South County retain their sense of community and record and retain its customs and artifacts. Although we are over 12% lower than last year, we are proud and grateful to have 144 individuals, family and business members in 2023. We especially welcome our newest first-time members: Larry Harrington & Lisa Quigley, the Tiffany Steigenalt Platt family, and Marvin & Michele Steed.

For information about becoming a member visit us on Facebook, or pick up a membership form at the Galesville Heritage Museum or from the Galesville Post Office bulletin board.

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Message from President

For many of us, promoting and nurturing the historical legacies of the village is more than the occasional donation of some spare time.



I can't say enough about the members of the board and those regular volunteers who are always donating their time and energies to maintaining our collections, keeping the grounds and coordinating the events. Over our 35+ years, many of our neighbors have stepped up to ensure the legacies of those who came before us are not forgotten. If you are new to the village, now is a good time to join the team and start your own legacy with the Galesville Heritage Society.

Which brings me to note the passing of someone who created a lasting impact on our village, through her actions, vision and village spirit. Gertrude Makell served for many years on the Boards of most of

the organizations of Galesville. I already miss her distinct voice and style. She volunteered, not for her aggrandizement but rather where she could ensure Galesville benefitted from her efforts. Gertrude has a legacy that will inspire and influence others long after her passing; contributing to the betterment of the village and the lives of those she touched. Her example is a reminder that each of us has the power to shape the world in our own unique way and we should strive to do so with purpose and integrity as our dear Gertrude did.

~GHS President: Jim Chandler



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.”