

Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc.

916 West Benning Road, Galesville, MD 20765



Please join us! On Friday, March 20, 2020 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. the Galesville Community Center will be transformed into “Mrs. Crowner’s Lunch Room known as the Cook Shop”!

Mrs. Margaret Crowner ran an important community institution known as the “Cook Shop” from the 1940s on. The Cook Shop provided lunch to the workers at the nearby Woodfield Fish & Oyster Company and was a gathering place for the local African American community during the days of segregation. At this free, invitation-only dinner, guests will be served some of Mrs. Crowner’s famous dishes, share favorite family recipes, and discuss the role of food in African-American history and culture.

LTC S. Rodney Hull, grandson of Margaret Crowner and son of Harriet Crowner, will share family memories of working at the restaurant. In addition, selected families will share their foodways experiences. Dr. Psyche Williams-Forsen, Chair of the Department of American Studies at the University of Maryland, will be speaking on the centrality of food in African American communities past and present.

This event is by invitation only. Courtesy RSVPs are appreciated at communitycenter@historicgalesville.org or projects@losttownsproject.org.

This event is a collaboration between the Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc., Anne Arundel County, and The Lost Towns Project. Support was provided by the Maryland Humanities, Preservation Maryland, Maryland Historical Trust, and the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County. This event will be filmed.

