

**Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc.
Annual Black History Program**

**“Cooking on the Chesapeake:
The Carr’s and Sparrow’s Beach Heritage Preservation Project”**

Saturday, February 29, 2020

3:00 p.m.

Galesville Community Center, 916 W. Benning Rd., Galesville, Maryland

Join Vince Leggett, “Admiral of the Chesapeake” and founder of the Blacks of the Chesapeake Foundation who will discuss historical accounts and memories of the famous beach venues owned and operated by Elizabeth Carr Smith and her sister Florence Carr Sparrow during the 1930s-1970s.

This multi-media presentation will highlight the culinary aspects of these extremely popular African American retreats situated on the Chesapeake Bay, south of Annapolis. Participants will be actively involved in this engaging program, which will be documented through videography. They will help to answer the following questions: What types of foods were grown on these beach properties? What types of food were sold at restaurants, lounges, and concessions located there? Who were the famous cooks, chefs, and caterers who supplied the needs of beach goers? What items were in picnic baskets?



Members of the Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc. will prepare samples of the types of food served at the beach and other community fundraising events, including fish, chicken, crab meat, and oysters. Come share your own stories, photographs, and recipes during this segment of black history reflections: “Cooking on the Chesapeake.”

In addition, Admiral Leggett will sell and autograph copies of his book, *The Chesapeake Bay Through Ebony Eyes*, which is chock full of recipes and stories about African American life on the Bay.

This culinary program is sponsored by Galesville Community Center Organization, Inc. and Lost Towns Project, with generous support from Maryland Humanities, Preservation Maryland, Maryland Historical Trust, and the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County.

Courtesy RSVPs would be appreciated but are not required, and may be emailed to communitycenter@historicgalesville.org or projects@losttownsproject.org

