

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS!!



The following residents settled and/or moved into their new homes since our last publication:

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Welcome to each and everyone!



We want to invite our new residents to an Evening of Welcome! Wednesday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Hall. It's an evening to get together for coffee and dessert, information sharing, orientation to the Clubhouse, hopefully answering your questions or directing you to the right source of information and just getting to know some of your neighbors. Please sign up at the Clubhouse in the Activities Book or call Ann Walsh, 443-262-9449, so we can prepare sufficient information packets for you. Hope to see you there.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE LAST EDITION



National Museum of the American Indian: On April 10th, 27 Symphony Villagers arrived under sun-drenched blue skies at the National Museum of the American Indian. The building is a striking work of art on Independence Ave. at 4th St. in Washington.

The first stop for several people was the Rasmuson Theater. Excerpts from the play, “Stone Heart,” depicted the travels of Lewis and Clark with their Indian guide, Sacajawea. Many in our group returned later in the day to enjoy the full 90 minute production. Others visited some of the permanent exhibitions such as *Our Lives*, which examines the identities of Native peoples in the 21st century and how those identities, both individual and communal, are shaped by deliberate choices made in challenging circumstances. Another popular permanent exhibition was *Our Peoples*, which explores events that shaped the lives and outlook of Native peoples from 1491 to the present. Additional films and works of art caught the attention of small groups making their way through this stunning structure.

The buzz on the bus coming home, however, was all about The Mitsitam (Let’s Eat!) café. What a treat it was to sample Native foods found throughout the Western Hemisphere, including the Northern Woodlands, South America, the Northwest Coast, Meso America, and the Great Plains. Each food station depicted regional lifeways related to cooking techniques, ingredients, and flavors found in both traditional and contemporary dishes.

Pictures from the day are in the photo album in the Clubhouse.

Lunch Bunch at Kentmoor: The April Lunch Bunch carpoled from the Clubhouse to Kentmoor on the Bay. Houses with two-car garages in the front and airplane hangars in the back lined the road to the restaurant. One house had a garage door and hangar door open, revealing a car tucked neatly under the wing of a Cessna 150.



The group shared three long tables and enjoyed sandwich choices of imperial crab cake, salmon, chicken, or tuna, along with an array of side items, beverages, and dessert. The crab cake and salmon got especially high marks. The camaraderie was as bright as the sunlit April sky.

The “Lunch Bunch” is not a formal club. There are no dues or meetings. Everyone is invited to join their neighbors on the last Thursday of the month for lunch.

Spring Fling Was A Super Supper! On April 26, Villagers enjoyed a super covered dish supper at the Clubhouse...More than 70 people participated, and it was great to see many new neighbors. The word is that men particularly enjoyed the menu: ham, turkey, deviled eggs, pasta and cucumber salads. The dessert table was outstanding. We thank Nancy Cotter and Marlene Tennier for organizing these fabulous meals, and Nancy thanks the many folks who willingly pitch in and clean up.

Community Meeting Notes:

- The SVBCC Community Meeting held on April 27, 2006, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse was well-attended. So many issues were addressed that the frequency of these meetings will be increased to once a month instead of six times a year. Minutes will be available on our community web site, which will be operational very soon.
- Delmarva Power has rejected our request to landscape electrical boxes. Denison is looking into uniform landscaping around the boxes that will grow back easily if it is damaged by Delmarva. We are looking toward a uniform approach so we can proceed as a community on this issue.

- Bag worms have been spotted already. The optimal time to spray is in June and Denison will spray at that time. Denison has also been advised that we need a day of sprinkler testing, perhaps a Saturday, when residents are home and can see whether their sprinklers are working properly. We will also receive a mowing schedule so owners will know what to expect, and can close windows before leaving home on mowing days.
- An American flag will be purchased and installed in the Grand Concert Hall.
- Capt. Aaron Sadusky, who is a Queen Anne’s High School Graduate and West Point Grad, is now stationed in Iraq. Paul Sheehan is collecting donations for phone cards for Capt. Sadusky and his troops. Paul is at 146 Harmony Way, or call him at 410-758-4567 and he will come pick up donations.
- An SBVCC Board opening was created by the resignation of Vice-President Michael Teague. In addition, a newly created Finance Committee and a newly created Architectural Review Committee must be fully staffed. Everyone in attendance was invited to volunteer for these positions.
- The awning proposal has been completed and is in the hands of the developer. Once approved, the standards for awnings will be written.
- Blinds are on order for the Grand Concert Hall and the Billiards Room.
- Kevin Sullivan addressed issues concerning driveway extensions, the walkway behind Overture, the pond behind Sonata, and warranties. In addition, the rules with respect to the indoor pool and exercise facilities will be revisited.



Game Night: On April 28th 10 people came to the Clubhouse for game night. We all played “Sequence” and enjoyed the snacks brought by the players. Our next game night is May 19th. Come and join us, bring your own favorite game and teach others to play. It is an evening of fun! Thank you to Joanne Milczakawski for hosting this event.



FROM HOA/SVBCC

Exterior Modifications: Spring is here and Summer fast approaching, which means, “Oh I want to get outside and plant something, or let’s install a screen door”! This is a reminder that any exterior modifications including, but not limited to, patios, decks, a tree, or extended flower beds, and extended driveways must be approved by the Covenants Committee before work commences. All work must be performed by a pre-approved subcontractor. Exterior Modification forms can be picked up at the Clubhouse from Jan, as well as a list of approved trees and plants for Symphony Village. (Determined by the County)

Please be as thorough as possible completing the form. Include a diagram of your project, signature(s) of your neighbor(s) and a copy of your property plat. The plat should be part of your settlement papers. Sketch the project on the plat itself in addition to the diagram of your patio or flower garden. The homeowners signature is on the back of the form - don’t miss it. The more complete the form and necessary diagrams, the quicker Legum and Norman (to whom you send the completed form) will get your request to the Covenants Committee for final approval. If you want to check the status of you application, please contact the Community Manager at L&N – 410-524-5511

A Reminder: The Indoor Pool will be closed to quests when the outdoor pool opens. The Indoor pool policy will be “revisited” in the fall.

If any homeowner needs to contact Frank Ogens, President SVBCC, by e-mail, please indicate in the “Subject” portion of your message if it is a community or Symphony Village concern. If the sender is not recognized, and there is no reference to a community issue it will not be opened by Frank. Thanks.

FROM JAN’S DESK

The back of the Clubhouse is looking very nice. Even though furniture has been placed around the outdoor pool, Maryland law prohibits people from being in the “pool area” except when the pool is open between the hours of 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Plans are to open the outdoor pool by the middle of the month. (More to follow)

Bocce begins on May 17th and horseshoes on May 25th. Whether you are a beginner or a pro come and join us for “the fun of it.” The equipment will be kept in the back closet of the Grand Concert Hall. Please replace it after you use it!



I have had several homeowners approach me about pet droppings. Remember: You are to clean up after your pets in all common areas, your own yard and even in the construction area.

Please check the Activities Book. We have sign up sheets for anyone interested in having a tennis partner and also for swimming buddies.

See you at the Clubhouse!

COMMITTEE UPDATES OUTREACH

Please see section “What to Look Forward to” for the *House Tour Update*

Neighbor-to-Neighbor- This Committee met on May 3rd in the Club House. Two additional support systems are now available to village residents:

- Pet care will be available during hospitalization, and
- Spiritual support by a Stephen Ministry counselor will be available in times of special need.

A brochure explaining all support systems will be distributed to all residents by Street Captains whose listings follow:

Symphony Way – Nancy Cotter

Sonata Way – Susan Murkin

Harmony Way - Barbara Smith

Overture Way – Judy Fisher

Concerto Ave – Jan DiCarlantonio & Janet Hughes

Opera Court – Carol Goodrich

Encore Court – Carol Hodges

It may never be scientifically proven, but many believe that prayer works. To provide our Symphony Village Family comfort and caring with quiet prayer we are offering this assistance to anyone who requests it. If you, your family and/or friends need prayers, a dedicated member of the Prayer Chain will pray for you. Please call Phyllis Hoffman, 410-758-5367.



Do you own useable medical equipment that you would be willing to lend to your neighbors in a time of need? Some examples would be crutches, canes, walkers or wheelchairs, etc.

As part of the Outreach/Neighbor-to-Neighbor program, an inventory of such items is being compiled. When a neighbor has a need, we will know where to “call to borrow”...Please call Betty Moulis if you have an item to add to this list: 410-758-4902 or e-mail: bmoulis@atlanticbb.net

Volunteer Opportunities: Queen Anne's County Dept. of Social Services has asked us to join them in preparing Toiletry Care Packages for their disadvantaged customers. A basket has been placed at the reception desk in the Clubhouse to collect soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc. This is a great way to give away any hotel packages of shampoo, conditioners, and soap that you have collected on trips.

SNEAKERS UPDATE

"Muffins For Moms" and "Donuts For Dads" were a big success. Kennard's principal, Michelle Hampton, said these activities would not be possible without the help from Symphony Village. Using our seed money, matching funds from the PTA, and bonus points, there will be a final "Read A Book This Summer" book giveaway the last week of school. We voted to contribute \$150.00 to send needy children on their spring field trips. We also voted to send money to Centreville Elementary for a "positive rewards program" distributing books, etc., to their students. Finally, we agreed to supplement energy payments for our three families for July and August.

Plans are now being made for our Annual Silent Auction Fund Raiser in the Fall. Details will follow in later communications.

We would love to have any and all residents be a part of Symphony Sneakers. Look on the calendar for our next meeting.

Addendum: A couple out walking one Sunday noticed a car driving the streets of Symphony Village, so they stopped the car to ask the occupants if they were interested in moving here. Immediately they knew the individuals in the car were too young to live here and in the conversation it was told that "I was just showing my son where the wonderful volunteers at the school lived."

IMPORTANT NEWS FROM LIFESTYLES

Because of our continuous growth and fire department capacity limits, the Lifestyles Committee has recommended a new "ticket policy" for pot lucks and picnics. This procedure will also be useful for setting up events. In addition, when we have picnics and outdoor functions where guests are welcome, there will be a nominal fee per person (over 6 years of age) to cover our expenses. If you are bringing guests, please increase the amount of food you are providing. Please continue to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse and get your tickets for admission.

WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Memorial Day Picnic:

Be sure to sign up for the Memorial Day Barbecue and official pool re-opening on Sunday, May 28th at 3:00 PM! **May 17th is the cut-off date for signing up.** Our new policy of \$3.00 per guest over 6 years of age begins with this event. Please pay Jan or Nancy Cotter. Caruso is providing hamburgers and hot dogs that will be prepared on our new cookout area. You are asked to bring a salad or dessert. You can swim, play bocce and horseshoes, as well as socialize and get to know your neighbors. Soft drinks will be provided. Other drinks are BYOB or from the honor bar. All drinks outside *must* be in cans or plastic cups. No glass products are permitted in the pool area.



Please plan to be at the “Cheeseburgers in Paradise” pot luck party on June 24th at 5:00 p.m.. It’s a tropical pool party with the sounds of Jimmy Buffet. A charge of \$5.00 per person will cover the cost of the main course. This will be the first ticketed event with a cut-off sign up date on June 17th. Get your tickets early from Jan or contact the Ryans (410-758-2136).

Fourth of July Celebration

It’s our 2nd annual poolside pot luck on July 4th at 3:00 p.m. Sign up in the Activities Book by June 26th and please indicate the number of guests in your party. Guests are welcome at \$3.00 per person (over 6 years of age). Be sure to get your tickets from Jan or Nancy Cotter by June 26th.



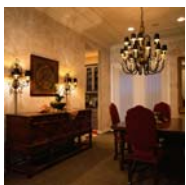
Events in July and August

(more details in June Libretto)

- July 29 – Delmarva Shorebirds game in Salisbury: Game admission is \$8.00 per person. Food is available for purchase. Bus transportation from Clubhouse will be arranged at an extra cost.
- August 13 – Afternoon Family Fun Day with picnic, games, crafts, and special appearance from our own “Glitzy the Clown.” A chairperson is needed for this event. Call Linda Farrar at 410-758-8744.
- August 17 – Boat Ride and Crab Feast Trip at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$45 per person for a 3 hour cruise on Choptank River with an extensive menu of crabs, chicken, salads, and desserts provided by The Suicide Bridge Restaurant.

Remember! Lunch Bunch outings and Happy Hours are great ways to meet your neighbors and have fun. Look for details for the June Lunch Bunch in the Activities Book after May 17th. And don’t forget to sign up to host a Happy Hour.

HOUSE TOUR & LUNCHEON Saturday June 10th



The SV Outreach Committee will showcase 14 Symphony Village homes on Saturday, June 10th, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. This is a wonderful way to share our beautiful community with your friends and family members (who are over the age of 12). It’s also a great opportunity to meet neighbors, and energize your own decorating creativity. Lunch will be served continuously between the hours of 11:30 and 1:30 in the Clubhouse Concert Hall.

This is a fund raising event to support the Neighbor-to-Neighbor activities of the SV Outreach Program, which is a 501 (c) (3) Corporation. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and are tax-deductible. Only 200 tickets will be available on a first-come first-served basis. Call Pat Verna, (410-758-0262) or Jeanne Novak (410-758-2842) right away so you can be assured of getting the tickets you need for your group. Everyone, including exhibitors, will need a ticket to enter the homes or the luncheon. You will receive a brochure with your tickets listing the addresses of the homes on tour. You can visit the homes in any order you like and stop for lunch anytime between 11:30 and 1:30.

When a member of the SV Outreach Committee contacts you, please consider being a host or hostess in one of the show homes and/or supporting the raffle. Raffle tickets are only \$5.00 each or 3 tickets for \$10. The \$300.00 CASH PRIZE will be awarded at the luncheon.

Plan now to enjoy this early summer fun-filled day in Symphony Village!

Nature Center Trip: Adkins Arboretum will be the site of our first nature center outing, on Tuesday, June 20th.

A knowledgeable docent will guide us through the woodlands of Adkins and point out the native flora. The walk will be one hour at a pleasant pace and the terrain is not difficult.

The cost of this guided tour is \$5.00 per person, and a minimum of ten people is required. Please sign up at the front desk by June 15th, so we can be assured of at least ten people. You may continue to sign up after that date, but we want to be certain we have the minimum number of people required. A wonderful experience is guaranteed, so mark your calendar now.

Symphony Village Olympics: The Olympics are coming to Symphony Village on October 7th and you are the athletes. Events include tennis, bocce ball, croquet, billiards, horseshoes, swimming, and jump rope. There will also be a triathlon (biking, swimming, and walking) plus freestyle, backstroke, and breaststroke swimming competitions. There is a possibility that shuffleboard, volleyball and basketball shooting may be offered. Ideas are appreciated. This is your Olympics and for it to be a success, participation is necessary, so if you have activities that would appeal to you in addition to the ones listed, make your wishes known. Let Jan or Mary Drake know your ideas or put them in the suggestion box. So, get involved with the SV Outdoors Adventure Group and get in shape. You might be a gold medal winner.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES MEETING UPDATE

ACTIVE, as in an active 55+ community, is about to begin in earnest. A meeting was held at the Clubhouse on April 24th and our neighbors, Ray Stephens, Bonnie and Tom Weeks, Caryn Martin, Beth and Doug Dewhirst, and Pat and Bill Scheirer attended bringing with them some fantastic ideas to get us off our couches and moving.

A planning survey form has been placed on the door handle of your home. If yours blew away, pick one up from Jan or at the counter at the front desk. Please complete the form and put it in the envelope located on the counter at the Clubhouse.

Pick your favorite activities and join your neighbors for fun and exercise. Please volunteer to plan an outing or lead a group. We are only doing fun things and planning activities that take little effort. Let's make it happen and in the process make SV a truly active and fit 55+ community.

Three activities are already scheduled:

- Kayak trip around CBEC Peninsula June 19th
- Nature Center trip at Adkins Arboretum June 20th
- Bike ride on Kent Island, June 23rd.

Check the SV Calendar for more information and sign up at the front desk if you wish to participate. You may e-mail Mary Drake at maryjdrake@yahoo.com or call her at 410-758-8266 with questions.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Free Living Will: On Monday, May 22nd, Symphony Village residents can meet with SV attorney, Valerie Siegel, to discuss and prepare a Living Will. Each of us has the right and the responsibility to make end of life decisions well in advance of the time they need to be known. A Living Will is a gift of love to those who care the most. Please be sure to sign up at the Clubhouse desk. The appointment sheet is in the Activities Book behind the orange "Special Event" tab.

Maryland 2006 Planning Update: May is National Elder Law Month. Join Ann Goodman and Valerie Siegel, members of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, for a legislative update. Recent Maryland Estate Tax legislation (April 2006) and the Federal Debt Reduction Act (February 2006) have significant long term planning implications for Symphony Village residents and for their parents as well.

The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23rd in the Grand Concert Hall. There will be lots of time for questions and answers! It would be helpful to know how many people plan to attend in order to prepare handouts for everyone. Please sign up at the Clubhouse.

Computer Lessons Offered: One of Symphony Village's own, George Drake, an Associate Faculty Member of Chesapeake College, is offering to teach you about the use of computers and computer programs on your computer in your home and at your pace – PC or Macintosh. Start with the very basics. Then learn to receive and send e-mail (and attachments), search the Internet (Google, etc.), type a document in any format, create a slide presentation, and/or generate spreadsheets. Learn to download files, attachments, programs, or images from your digital camera, scanner, and computer. Make corrections. Manipulate, crop, and enhance digital photos, master E-Bay buying/selling. Free consultation! Training sessions are \$20 for an hour to an hour and a half. To schedule a consultation, session, or for information, call 410-758-8266.

FILE OF LIFE:

After a considerable delay, our File of Life magnets have arrived. These are the medical summaries that provide vital information to the Fire Department Emergency Medical Team should they need to be called. All Symphony Village residents are encouraged to purchase one, enter all the information, and place it on the refrigerator. The price is \$1.40 for each magnet. Please call Kathy Gauthier at 410-758-1743 to obtain yours.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

ADKINS ARBORETUM is a 400 acre native garden and preserve promoting the appreciation and conservation of the Delmarva Peninsula's native plants. It is adjacent to Tuckahoe State Park on Tuckahoe Creek near the town of Ridgely, just twenty minutes from Symphony Village. Four miles of paths wind across streams, through native meadows, and under the deep shade of a rich bottomland forest. The Arboretum sponsors programs in horticulture, ecology, and art for all ages. The Visitor's Center has wonderful array of nature related gifts, an extensive library and book store, nature and art exhibits, and a plant sales area.



You can experience the beauty of nature at Adkins through regularly scheduled activities: journal writing through nature, soup'n'walks, movie fests, garden design classes, and an introduction to botanical art.

Volunteer activities at Adkins: Teach, Interpret, Explore, and Enjoy!

Be a greeter at the art receptions, a member of the nursery work crew, a weed warrior, a helper with the children's programs, or a trail guide or a helper with special events (Halloween Hayrides, Fall Festival, holiday events, etc.). For more information on Adkins, visit <http://www.adkinsarboretum.org/>

Free Concert – Come and enjoy the beautiful and unique sound of handbells presented by the Anacrusis Handbell Ensemble. The concert, presented as part of the Hazel Hackett Memorial Concert Series, will take place Sunday, May 21 at 4:00 p.m. at Old Wye Church on Route 662 in Wye Mills, MD. There is no admission charge, and light refreshments will be served after the concert so that attendees may meet the musicians.



“Evening Under the Stars”: Saturday, September 9th at Piney Point Farm featuring the jazz melodies of Jeff Daris for dancing, along with cocktails, light fare and dessert. This is one of the Queen Anne’s Historical Society events for the year. For more information, contact Janet Doehler (410-758-0306)

Safety Note:

Centreville Police Department wants us to be part of the effort to increase the number of Queen Anne’s County Citizens who always **BUCKLE UP**.

Every 15 seconds, someone in America is injured in a vehicle collision and every 13 minutes someone in America is killed in a vehicle collision. The Centreville Police Department along with Maryland State Police and Queen Anne’s County Sheriff’s Office is requesting your help to lower these statistics. We would like to have 100 percent usage of seat belts in our county and you can help us by always remembering to buckle up. When used correctly, lap and shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal or serious occupant injury to front seat passengers by 45 to 55 percent.

SYMPHONY VILLAGE CALENDAR:

Are you having trouble printing a copy of the calendar?
Remember to view the calendar 24/7, using the following address:

http://calendar.yahoo.com/svbcc_calendar

It is the weekly view that is presented. For a monthly calendar, click on the monthly tab. Then to print the monthly view, click on ‘Printable View’ in the right upper corner of the calendar page.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF ... PAT KINDLE

Mandarin Orange Salad

Depending on the number of servings you want:

A bag of Romaine, Spinach, or Trio salad mix

¼ cup of slivered almonds or walnuts if preferred

¼ cup of crumbled feta cheese

1 small – med size can of mandarin oranges drained

¼ cup raisins

Approximately ¼ cup of Kraft Creamy Poppy Seed dressing

Toss first five items together in salad bowl, add the Poppy Seed dressing, tossing with the salad. Do not use too much dressing or it will make the salad too moist.

For most groups you need to double the recipe.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

Bulk trash pick up is available curbside (Tuesday and back up Wednesday), with a pick up ticket costing \$15.00. It is available at True Value or at the Town Hall located at 101 Lawyer's Row. Phone: 410-758-1180.

Town Council Meetings (open to public) First and Third Thursday at 7 pm.

Once a month in the summer (TBA).

Meetings are held at the Goodwill Fire Dept.

Planning Commission (open to public) third Wednesday at the Health Department located at 206 N. Commerce, 2nd floor 7:00 pm enter in the rear.

Water & Sewer bills are sent out quarterly.

Phone Numbers of Interest:

Town of Centreville	410-758-1180
Centreville Police	410-758-8437 (Non-emergency only) 410-758-0080 (Emergency)
Goodwill Fire Dept.	410-758-1422 (General) 410-758-0534 (Ambulance)
Water & Sewer Dept.	410-758-2998
Delmarva Power	800-375-7117
Library	410-758-0980
Post Office	410-758-0640
Queen Anne's Chamber of Commerce	410-643-8530
Warranty & Landscaping Questions:	Larry Paxton 410-758-8775 (ext.11) George Bachmann 301-261-0277

Frank Ogens, President SVBCC : e-mail-fogens@yahoo.com If you do not have e-mail then - 410-758-0374

Clubhouse (Jan Van Riper 410-748-8500

L&N Community Manager, Tara Liang 410-524-5511