

LIBRETTO

Symphony Village's Newsletter

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MISSION STATEMENT: To enhance the quality of life and promote a harmonious community through the timely publication of accurate information about residents, events, and activities in and around Symphony Village.



WELCOME NEW HOMEOWNERS!!

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

Jane and Walter Scoon
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126 Encore Court

John and Irene Ferber
106 Encore Court

Dick and Barbara Atamian
114 Encore Court
410-758-0609

Thomas and Marg Scull
110 Encore Court

Shirley and Dushesne Clark
243 Orchestra Place

Leo Paul Gauthier
239 Orchestra Place

Welcome to each and everyone!

NB: Some of our new residents were not available to complete the application for the Directory but the information will be updated as soon as possible and will be available on the Web site

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE SVAB

Community Bulletin Board

A community bulletin board will be mounted behind the door in the Arts and Crafts Room, and out of view of non resident tourists through the Clubhouse. This bulletin board is the place to post goods and services you are seeking, selling or giving away. It is a new addition, and does not replace the activities bulletin board in the Grand Music room. The community bulletin board will be maintained by Jan who will give you the 3x5 card you need for posting a notice on the board. All postings will remain in place for thirty days.

SV Dog Park



Anyone interested in creating a dog park in or near Symphony Village is invited to call or e-mail Jim Smith, 410-758-4577, jimbarbsmith@aol.com

FROM JAN'S DESK



Remember the event we scheduled with Chesapeake Del Webb residents? Well, there are still seats available for the Orioles Game on Aug. 26th. The game begins at 4:35 p.m. The "Hall of Fame" ceremony will be held during this game. The cost is \$35.00 (including bus). Orioles vs. Tampa Bay. Please bring a check made out to ECECA by the 18th.

There still seems to be some confusion over a few of the pool rules. Children are permitted 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday and all day on Sunday and Labor Day.

No one is allowed to run in the pool area, jump or dive into the pool.



Please remember to put down the umbrellas and return the chairs and chaises when you leave.

The Outdoor Pool hours have been extended to 9:00 p.m. for the remainder of the summer season. Three residents are Certified Pool and Spa Operators who test the water during the day. Other volunteers are needed to lock the gate at 9:00 p.m. Outdoor Pool jets are operational and will work the same way the Indoor Spa jets work.

Ceiling fans have been installed in the Exercise Room and are set to run at medium speed. The switch will be installed later this week. Speed can be adjusted by pulling the chain on each fan.

Wellness Fair at Symphony Village - September 16, 2006. We are having a great return of the participants from last year along with new guests. Some of the returning participants include: Tidewater Physical Therapy, Curves, Hospice, and Optical Galleria. New this year: Rubenfeld Synergy Method, Yoga, T'ai Chi. Fitness with Mary Arbonne (Pure Swiss skin Care), Dr. Myron Szczukowski – The Orthopedic Center and our own Valerie Siegel, Esq. – Elder Law.

See you around the Clubhouse!

PAST EVENTS

Community Meeting July 20, 2006

The community welcomed Fred McNeil, Director of Public Relations and Ombudsman for the Queen Anne's County Schools, and son of SV Resident, Connie McNeil. Superintendent, Bernie Sadusky, was unable to be here because his son was home from Iraq for only seven days.

Mr. McNeil presented the Community with a stack of free passes to any and all Queen Anne's County School activities including plays, games, and other events. Queen Anne's County Schools are among the very best in the State, and 14-year veteran Superintendent Sadusky is the "Cal Ripkin" of school superintendents. With 1,000 employees, the school system is the largest employer in the county, and has the lowest percentage of administrative personnel on the Eastern Shore.

Mr. McNeil invited SV residents to participate as volunteers in the schools. He cited opportunities in TV (Channel 7 is shared by the QA Board of Ed.), press relations, answering phones, radio, and classroom participation. If we have an hour a day, an hour a week, whatever time we have to give, the Queen Anne's County Schools need volunteers from our community.

The SVBCC is now the Symphony Village Advisory Board (SVAB) and is fully recognized by the Caruso HOA Board. Decisions made by the SVAB will stand unless the HOA feels they are really not good for the community. The SVAB is being groomed to assume full responsibility for the community in January 2008.

SVAB meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all residents. Time permitting, there will be a question and answer period at the end of each SVAB meeting. Because of this, Community Meetings will be held quarterly on the first Thursday of the month.

Just a Side Note – “All About Awnings”

Are you thinking about having an awning installed? Read about an experience from one of our homeowners: *How Not to Entertain*

The Hennesseys invited some friends and neighbors to admire their new awning, the first in the Village. The wise neighbors took a quick look and then rushed inside to get away from the 95 degree heat. Those wise neighbors never noticed the pool of water that collected in the awning when a thunderstorm arose. They also missed getting soaked when the wind sensor caused the awning to retract automatically, dumping the pooled water all over the Hennessey's former (?) friends. They should have worn their bathing suits!

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFE STYLES COMMITTEE: by Linda Farrar

Labor Day

Our 3rd Annual Labor Day Picnic will be held Sunday September 3 starting at 4:00 p.m. A chicken entree will be provided. Please sign up at the clubhouse for side dishes and dessert.



We will also be having some outdoor activities, such as a bocce tournament, putting contest, and fun adult pool games beginning at 5:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

Deadline for sign-up is August 26th.

Symphony Village Pig Roast



Symphony Village is holding an old fashioned Pig Roast on October 7th. The pig will arrive early in the morning and will be ready at approximately 4:00 p.m. There will be a charge for this event of \$17.00 per person. This fee will include pulled pork, ribs, fried chicken, sides, dessert, and soft drinks. Bring your own alcoholic beverages.

Please sign up at the clubhouse and pay Jan with either cash or a check made payable to Symphony Village at Centreville HOA. The deadline for sign-up and paying is September 20th, as this is when the “pig man” finalizes his order. Looking forward to a great afternoon.

Harmony On The High C's – October 14th



Join your neighbors for a concert of Barbershop choruses and quartets at Chesapeake College on Saturday, October 14th at 7:30 p.m. Some of us attended the concert last year and thoroughly enjoyed the men and women singers. Our own Jack Walsh will be performing!! The cost is \$15.00 per person and we will obtain a block of tickets. Sign up in the Activities Book and pay Jan. Call Jack Walsh for more information: 443-262-9449

Ladies Tea At Reynolds Tavern

On Thursday, October 19th the ladies of Symphony Village will be traveling to Annapolis to partake of a Colonial High Tea at the historic Reynolds Tavern. The price per person of \$20.00 includes teas, sandwiches, scones, and dessert. We will car pool to Annapolis. Please sign up at the clubhouse and give your money to Jan by October 5th. This should be a fun trip.

Halloween and Fall Festival

This year, on Saturday, October 28th, we are going to have day and night events. The afternoon will be a Halloween and Fall Festival for grandchildren from 1:00-3:00 p.m. It will include a Moon Bounce, 'Glitzy the Clown', crafts, a costume parade for those who choose to come in costume, snacks, and trick or treating in the clubhouse. In the evening we will have an extended Halloween Happy Hour from 7:00-11:00 p.m. Feel free to come in costume. We will break out the new dance floor (courtesy of Caruso) and other surprises are planned.



We need many volunteers to help with both of these events. Please call Linda Farrar to help with the children's party (410-758-8744) and Rich Ryan for the Happy Hour Party (410-758-2136). These events will be sponsored by Caruso so there will no charge for either function. Details will be in the September Libretto! Sign-up sheets will be in the Activities Book after Labor Day.

Movie Night

The Next Movie night is Friday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss the feature: *The Fastest Indian Alive* starring Anthony Hopkins. This feature is based on a true story.

Book Club

Our monthly Book Club discussion is returning in September. Our next book is *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtney. Come join us on the third Thursday of the month, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. Come even though you don't get a chance to read the book.

Important Reminders from Life Styles Committee:

1. Crab Feast - The bus will be leaving the parking lot at the clubhouse at 10:45 a.m. on 8/17
2. . Mama Mia - The cost of the bus is \$11.00 and will be leaving the parking lot at the clubhouse at 6:15 p.m. on 8/29.

1. Garage sale 10/14. \$3.00 per person and money is to be given to Jan. The cut off is 10/6.

NEW GROUP FORMING “DINING IN AT SYMPHONY”

Submitted by Beth Dewhirst

“Dining In At Symphony” is a new dinner group consisting of groups of 8 or 9 people who gather in a host’s home for dinner. The host will provide the main course and the other participants will bring the vegetable, salad and dessert. Host homes will be determined by how many people wish to participate.

The first dinner will be Saturday, September 30th at 6:30 p.m. Please sign up at the clubhouse indicating whether you would like to host or a guest. We will then assign guests to each host by drawing names out of a hat. The hosts will call their guests, indicating what they plan to serve as an entrée and requesting the guests to bring a coordinating dish. Each month the host homes and guests change according to the number of people who sign up to be hosts or guests. Since the groups will be small, this is a great opportunity to get to know others in a more intimate setting. Come join us as we all become better acquainted with our new neighbors at Symphony

Sneakers Update



The date for our August meeting had to be changed because of the HOA Meeting at Hunters Oak. We have re-scheduled it for Wednesday August 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. All are welcome to attend. We will be working on our Auction in November. A final date will be determined at our meeting. In the meantime, please be thinking of good auction items you can donate or merchants that you think would donate items. This is our only big fundraiser for the year.

As an update, this summer we have paid utility bills for one of our families and sent \$500.00 each to Centreville Elementary and Kennard Elementary Schools, so that they can order books at the best prices. We have also received requests for some back-to-school assistance. We hope to see you Wednesday August 16th.

OUTREACH PROGRAM UPDATE: by Dorothy Hamm

Volunteers in Action:



August 1st was NATIONAL NIGHT OUT, a date set aside nationally by the various local police associations to improve relations with their communities. The Centreville Police Department hosted a free sidewalk carnival for the town and especially for the children. Hot dogs, drinks, moon bounce, dunking machine, games, activities and prizes were free for the taking. Dunking the Chief of Police is a particularly popular event. The Outreach Program was asked by Corporal Kim Conley for financial support to help cover their expenses. She also requested help with providing games, prizes and volunteers. It seemed a perfect opportunity for our newly organized Volunteer Committee to spring into action. We quickly agreed to donate \$100 to the cause and made plans for a lemonade stand, limbo pole dance, hula hoop contest and pretzel counting contest. Twenty volunteers signed up to man the events and we were “on the ready!!!”

August 1st also happened to be the hottest day of the year so far. However, several brave hearted and committed members turned out for NATIONAL NIGHT OUT. We had a great time with the kids and served up ten gallons of ice cold lemonade. Mary McCarthy, President of the Town Council stopped by and thanked us for our participation. She said how wonderful it is that the residents of Symphony Village are so willing to support the town, especially on such a hot night. Although, we were somewhat warm, I believe, all would agree that we had a good time and it was well worth the effort. **A huge thanks to all the volunteers.**



We are always looking for more volunteers, if you are interested; please call Joyce Edmonston 410-758-4908. We will issue a Volunteer Questionnaire sometime in September to recruit and document the many talents and skills of our residents. Our meetings are always open. Everyone is welcomed and the date of the September meeting will be announced soon.

HOSPICE COULD USE YOUR HELP

Have you ever thought about donating your time or talents to the work of hospice in your community? Hospice of Queen Anne's will offer a Volunteer Orientation Meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 pm. This one hour program is an introduction to the organization and the different ways that volunteers give of their time and talents to support the mission. There is no need to register for this free session. Hospice of Queen Anne's is located at 423 Thompson Creek Road, Stevensville. For more information, call Jane Beers (Volunteer Coordinator) at 410-643-6609, or email at jbeers@hospiceofqueenannes.com.

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Helpful Hints from George Drake: Using and Printing the SV Online Calendar



The SV Online Calendar is a dynamic document, meaning that as events are added, cancelled, or changed, the information is posted online in a timely manner. Thus, it is best to view the calendar online periodically as opposed to printing it out the first of the month and finding out around the 15th that events have changed.

To view the SV Online Calendar, type in the Internet **Address:**

http://calendar.yahoo.com/svbcc_calendar (that's an **underscore** after the abbreviation "svbcc") – then press Enter. It's a good idea to then add this "page" to your **Favorites** as follows so that you can readily access the calendar from your Favorites (these are instructions for users of Internet Explorer – other software is similar):

1. Enter the address above at the Address line of Internet Explorer and make sure the calendar comes up on your monitor. Then, go to step 2 immediately.
2. Select (click) **Favorites** > **Add to Favorites**, then click **OK**.
3. To view the SV Calendar at another time, just click **Favorites** > **Yahoo! Calendar**

NOTE: You can also add the SV Web Site to your Favorites at <http://villagehoa.org>, using the same procedure.

To Print a paper copy of the Calendar:

1. On the right side of the Yahoo window, find **“Printable View”** and click on it. This gets rid of the “extra” stuff around the calendar and leaves you with what you want.
2. Then at the top menu bar, select **File > Print** and then **Print**.

Note: If you print out two pages and want the calendar all on one page, you can reduce the size of the type as follows to get the calendar down to one page.

At the top menu, select (click) **View > Text (Size or Zoom > Smaller** (or smallest)

Questions? Help? Call George Drake at 410-758-8266

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OF LOCAL INTEREST

INSTITUTE FOR ADULT LEARNING: Chesapeake College

Established in 2001, the IAL is a membership organization open to individuals 50+ years of age. Full membership costs \$50.00 and allows entrance to all courses. The membership also allows the individual to participate in any IAL trips and the brown bag lunch program, every Thursday, where interesting topics are discussed.

There are 30 non-credit classes from September through December. This is the fall semester. Classes are diverse, including arts, music, drama, literature, history, languages, computer use, fitness, investment strategies, and more. Some of the classes offered are:

- Introduction to Digital Photography
- So You Want to Be a Writer
- Mastering French Wine
- Surviving your Healthcare Experience-An Introduction to Patient Safety
- The Genetic Basis of Life & disease
- The Great Ladies of Jazz
- European Geographical Discovery 1400-1900
- Contemporary Literature (All the Lonely People) reading five novels
- French
- Six Visits with a Computer Guru
- The American Musical
- An Introduction to Plein Air Painting
- Wines of the world
- The popular Current Events class.

Join the Institute for Adult Learning at Chesapeake College for an Open House and light refreshments at noon on Tuesday September 5th at the Higher Education Center on the Wye Mills Campus to preview class offerings and register for classes. Attending the Open House on September 5th gives you an instructor's overview of classes, priority in class selection, immediate confirmation of class enrollment, and a chance to mingle with your fellow IAL members and instructors. Light refreshments will be served at noon, presentations will occur from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. and registration will be accepted from after September 5th and until classes begin. RSVP for the Open House, become an IAL member, or receive a catalog, by contacting Dolores Emerson a demerson@chesapeake.edu or 410-427-5810. View the catalog on line at http://www.chesapeake.edu/continuing_ed/ial. Look for your fall catalog to arrive mid- August.

FROM THE KITCHEN OF....CAROL JOHNSON

Zucchini Relish

12 cups grated zucchini

4 peppers (prefer red for color but you can use green)

2 cups onions

Grate the above vegetables, mix with 6 Tbsp. Kosher Salt and let soak over-night or at least 1/2 a day. Squeeze dry.

Brine:

5 cups sugar

2 tbsp. mustard seed

1 tsp. dry mustard

1 tbsp. tumeric

2 tsp. celery seed

1 pt. white vinegar

Combine the ingredients for the brine, bring to a boil to combine all the flavors. Add the squeeze-dry zucchini mixture. Stir to combine. Bring back to a soft boil and let boil for 30 minutes or until zucchini become transparent. I stir periodically to make sure that mixture does not stick to bottom of pan. When done, put mixture in hot jars and seal; I cold pack for approximately 20 minutes.

My family loves to use the relish for the obvious hamburgers and hot dogs, but also great with chicken, beef, pork, mixed with tuna fish or used in a variety of wraps. Enjoy!

Our Feature Article of the Month

Submitted by: A Soldier in Iraq

Greetings From Iraq!

Charles Scheck

Paul Sheehan

Thank you for the package of DVD's! It is always awesome to get mail from people back home in America. It is motivating to know there are still people who support us and are willing to give a little time to help us out! It is very much appreciated!

I am not sure if I know you, so if you don't mind me asking, how is it that you found me to send to? I am sure that you got it from somewhere, I was just curious. It is actually pretty cool to receive mail from people we do not recognize!

But you were correct about us having DVD players but no DVD movies! I just got one from my family for my birthday and now we have many more movies to watch on it! Thanks again!

Well, Iraq is pretty crazy! They keep us pretty busy here, but when we do get free time and don't need more sleep, really writing letters, reading, and DVDs are the only things we got. Patrols are pretty cool too, when we go on foot we usually see lots of kids and people who support us in the streets. Those are always nice, especially handing out candy! It has already reached over 130° outside, but we really don't seem to notice it anymore, with wearing 80-100 pounds of gear and all!

Well, Thanks again for the DVD's, we are happy to have them!

Take Care and God Bless!

Bill Mumbert (Lance Corporal, USMC)
and 3rd squad 4th platoon A Co 1/25

John 15:13

"Never, Never, Never Quit"
- Winston Churchill