

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:

Brian & Gail Davis
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Marty McDonald
228 Harmony Way

Welcome to each and everyone!

** 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.

Welcome Evening for New Residents

All new residents are invited to a "Welcome Evening" on Wednesday, September 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Concert Room. This is an informal get-together to meet other new neighbors, have dessert, and learn more about your new community. Please sign up in the Activities Book in the Clubhouse or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 so we can plan appropriately.

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FROM JAN'S DESK

Please remember to check the Yahoo calendar and the Activities' Bulletin Board and Book often as new classes, concerts, events, and lectures are being added daily. Some favorite past classes are returning including ballroom dancing, quilting, and knitting. Bocce ball is still on Wednesday evenings and we

have now added horseshoes. Also, remember to get your checks to me for the crab feast and the pig roast. Your spot has not been reserved until check is in hand.

Save the Date—The Holiday Celebration Party, sponsored by Caruso Homes and Lifestyles, will feature Ron Gartner and the Bill Gulino Band. The dinner and show will be held on Saturday, December 1, at Our Mother of Sorrows Corabley Hall in Centreville. Watch for details such as time, menu, and cost.



Who can I get to install my TV? *See pages 15 and 16.*

FROM DENNIS' DESK

Denison has published a newsletter for Symphony Village. A copy is located at the end of the *Libretto* and also at the website. To access the website copy, click on the following.

<http://www.villagehoa.org/documents/Dennison.pdf>

Remember that HOA fees are due on the first of the month and late on the fifteenth. Please be cognizant of this. The funds from the homeowners' fees are needed to pay the Association bills.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

LIFESTYLE

Crab Feast



Come join your neighbors on September 22 from 4:00–6:00 p.m. at the Crab Deck at Kent Narrows for “Crabs, Crabs & More Crabs.” The menu will also include fried chicken, seafood tortellini (shrimp, scallops & snow crab in a parmesan cream sauce over cheese tortellini), coleslaw, corn on the cob, roasted red potatoes, beverages and choice of desserts. The cost is \$40.00 per person. Sign up and pay Jan at the

Clubhouse.

Football Party & Women's Spa Party

On September 30 at 1:00 p.m. the Lifestyle Committee will sponsor a Football Party and women's Spa Party at the Clubhouse. While the “guys” are watching the games, the ladies will have a “Spa Day” and Makeover in the Grand Concert Hall.

Garage Sale

Symphony Village will hold a community-wide garage sale from 8:00 to noon on October 6. Each household will place their items in their garage or driveway. This is a great opportunity to eliminate those white elephants. Please sign up in the Activities Book and pay Jan \$5.00 to cover advertising costs in the local papers and Pennysaver.

Pig Roast



On October 14 from 4 – 7 p.m. the Smokehouse Grill will cater a Pig Roast at the Clubhouse. The menu includes: pit beef, ham & turkey, Smokehouse ribs, pulled pork, BBQ chicken, burgers & hot dogs, Italian Sausage with peppers & onions, rolls, condiments, 2 cold sides, 2 hot sides, and sodas. Deadline to sign up and pay Jan is October 8. Your spot is reserved when the check is received.

Halloween

On October 26 there will be a Halloween Happy Hour. On October 27 there will be a Grandchildren's Halloween Party from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse and throughout Symphony Village (weather permitting). Details and sign up sheet will be posted in the next few weeks.

Ladies' Night

Take a break from cooking! Come meet and greet at The High Note Café (aka Clubhouse lounge) on Thursday, October 18, and Thursday, November 29, at 5:30 p.m. A \$5.00 cover includes one non-alcoholic beverage, wine, beer or "drink du jour" and dinner. Don't expect a fancy meal, just something good (?) to eat. (Should the dinner choice not be to one's liking, then she who complains the loudest gets to select and purchase the next time!). So mark your calendars, bring your sense of humor, and join in the comraderie of the women of Symphony Village.

Craft Fair

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 8, for the Craft Fair at Our Mother of Sorrows, Corabley Hall. We will have eight tables of items by people from the neighborhood. More details will follow.



Who can I get for an attorney? *See pages 15 and 16!*

OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Village Cookbook



Thanks to all who have submitted recipes to be published in The Village Cookbook. We need many more recipes to reach our goal of 300. To meet this goal, we have extended the deadline to September 17, this being an extra two days from the previous one. Please send completed recipes via e-mail to Joyce Edmonston at joyceedm@verizon.net or take your typewritten or hand printed recipes to the Clubhouse. We want you to have a cookbook that will be a hefty volume worthy of the Village residents. After the finished Village Cookbook is published, we will have a December wassail party at the Clubhouse with samplings of some of the recipes. The cookbook will be available for purchase at that time in time for holiday giving. All proceeds from the sale of the

cookbook will be donated to Hospice of Queen Anne's County to be used for the construction of their new facility.

Garage Sale to Benefit Hospice



The Symphony Village Garage Sale will be held October 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Outreach will operate several garage sale sites for the sole benefit of Hospice. Tax-deductible receipts will be available from Hospice for donations to the sale and will be processed through the Outreach Program. Four locations have been designated: The Edmonston's at 111 Overture Way, The Quigley's at 509 Symphony Way, The Hamm's at 231 Concerto Ave., Cyndy Bourke & Judy Hamm's at 343 Overture Way. Please contact them for delivery of large items. All other items may be dropped off the week of the sale, but no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 5. Please price any donation valued over \$20. Signs will be placed at the houses to designate the Hospice Benefit Sales. Volunteers will be needed to price the items and help with sales. **This is a fantastic way to clean out your closets and storage areas, get a tax deduction, and benefit a great cause. Call Dorothy (410-758-3803) for questions.**

Outreach Meeting

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Concert Hall. Please join us as we continue to plan other projects to raise funds for our new Hospice Center, which is now scheduled to open in February 2008.

Neighbor to Neighbor



After a two month hiatus, Neighbor to Neighbor will meet on Tuesday, September 25, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. All are invited to attend this meeting to begin planning some reorganization as our community continues to grow.

The 5th Quarter **Symphony Village - Volunteers in Action**



Not that they are high school football fans by any stretch of the imagination, but Friday, September 7 found **Bob Drescher, Jim and Anita Dell, Tom Baker, Andy and Gloria Cowley, and Mary and George Drake** at the Kent Island High School football game for the opening of the third year **5th Quarter!**

So what's the 5th Quarter? Well, it's nothing like the 19th hole in golf, but just maybe its name came about from the concept.

All teens attending the home football games at Kent Island High School are invited during school and during the game to attend the "5th Quarter" following the game. The 5th Quarter is sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. It is held on the school property and is supported by volunteer adults from at least five local churches: Kent Island United Methodist Church, Safe Harbor Presbyterian Church, Island Alliance Church, Shore Christian Fellowship (non-denominational), and St. Luke's Episcopal Parish.

Many kids attend because of the games, food, speakers, and camaraderie. On several occasions there were nearly 700 teens! Touch football, volleyball, youth rock bands, speakers, pizza, and drink give the kids something to do on a Friday night. The speakers have included an athlete turned preacher in Baltimore City and a Christian State Police Officer and motorcycle racer. On some occasions, teens from the Fellowship of Christian Athletes provide testimonies.

Volunteer adults help to set up canopies, tables, and games, pass out pizza and drinks, help clean up, and provide security (in addition to the regular security persons on the grounds).

One of the goals of the members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the Kent Island High School 5th Quarter and the supporting adults is to show other teens by example the fun that can be had in a Christian atmosphere. Hopefully, the athletes will reach out to their friends and invite them to youth fellowship activities and to church.

Each of us awoke to the following e-mail on Saturday morning from Erin Wheeler, 5th Quarter Adult Volunteer/Coordinator from Shore Christian Fellowship Church— “Wow – what a night! Great start to the third year of 5th Quarter events. The word is definitely out, and hundreds are coming. I believe the students feel that we love them, after attending an event – for much love is evident. This is a major team effort! It is awesome seeing the body of Christ unite to share God’s love with our community. Thank you for all of your support and help this evening!!!”

As you can see, Bob, Jim, Anita, Tom, Andy, Gloria, Mary, and George have a passion for our neighboring youth. If you have a passion for high school football, young athletes, or like to help teens experience a friendly, safe evening, contact Mary and George regarding how you can become part of the 5th Quarter. 410-758-8266. There are four remaining home games – your help on one or more nights would be appreciated. There is no need to be a member of any church – just a willingness to provide a safe, fun, environment for teens of any faith.



Where can I get to help with my investments? *See pages 15 and 16.*

SYMPHONY SNEAKERS



Sneakers is gearing up for our Silent Auction on November 3. The next meeting will be Monday, October 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We have handed out donation letters and organized our committees for the auction. With more people continuing to move in we will need to have more help this year so that our auction can be better than ever. Please volunteer!!!

Our raffle prizes this year are a beautiful carved heron from Symphony Village’s own master carver, Nick Barbalace, a hand-made quilt from the Symphony Village quilters, a basket of cheer, and a pre-approved planted tree from Denison. Remember, if you have something to donate to the auction (a product, a service, or a facility such as a beach home) please let Helena Joy (410-758-6532) or Linda Farrar (410-758-8744) know as soon as possible.

Dates for our first book giveaway at Kennard will be announced soon. We have already disbursed funds for books to be purchased. We have also purchased a mandatory calculator for a student who could not afford it and would have had to drop from the advanced class without it. Everyone in Symphony Village is invited to join us in our endeavor to help the school age children of Centreville and their families.

There is an increasing need for mentors for a number of the children. If you can donate an hour or so periodically (weekly would be great, but less frequently would also be appreciated), let us know and we will put you in contact with the proper people.

SYMPHONY SSINGLES

Tea in Rehobeth. On August 7 the Singles gathered at the Clubhouse to drive to Rehoboth Beach for shopping and tea. We had a lovely day and an enjoyable ride. We shopped at the Revereware/Corningware Outlet, buying cooking supplies and checking out all of the bargains. Our next stop was Boardwalk Plaza on Rehobeth Beach where we first spent time enjoying the ocean and a Victorian Tea. We were seated in a table that overlooked the beach and could see way out into the ocean and watch both the bathers and the ships passing by. The tea consisted of small sandwiches (crab, cucumber and tomato), scones, cookies, chocolate-coated strawberries and many flavors of tea. It was an enjoyable afternoon. We all vowed to have tea again soon and started looking for new places. All singles are welcome to join us. For more information on future outings contact Dorthea Turek at 410-758-8554. October's outing will be to Washington College in Chestertown to tour the campus and have lunch. Date and time are to be determined.



On Tuesday, September 11, the Singles went to Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania. Since it was a rainy day, we brought our umbrellas and hoped for the best. When we arrived, the rain continued to fall. We raised our umbrellas and walked to the Terrace Restaurant, where we decided what we could do indoors. Our favorite place was the Indoor Conservatory, which contains four and one-half acres of beautiful flowers and exotic foliage. We strolled through and admired the displays out of the rain. Later we watched fountains of dancing waters to the music of John Phillip Sousa. We had a damp but enjoyable trip.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Dance Classes

Amanda Showell (<http://www.dancingontheshore.com>) will be starting regular Wednesday afternoon Ballroom dancing group classes again at Symphony Village beginning Wednesday, September 19, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Classes will run in 4 week sessions and will cost \$40 per person. Sign up with Jan at the front desk to register or e-mail Amanda. Payment is due on the first day of class. Beginner's Samba will be held September 19 through October 10, beginner's Quickstep will be held October 17 through November 7, and beginner's Salsa is November 14 through December 12. Put on your dancing shoes and come to the Clubhouse on Wednesdays.

Quilts! Quilts! Quilts—And Classes

Don't miss the display of quilt projects in the Arts and Crafts room in the Clubhouse, September 15 through September 22. Members of the Symphony Village quilt class have made these items.

Interested in Quilting?

Find out what the quilt class is about at the Introduction to Quilting presentation by Jeanne Novack, September 18, 1:00 p.m., Clubhouse (room to be determined).

Gazebo Garden Gang



The Symphony Village Garden Club met on August 18, with 12 members in attendance. It was agreed that the results of our first year efforts were very successful. We will wait until spring to do more planting. At that time we will need about 100 additional perennials. We will also replace and relocate a few of the current anchor plants. For any future plantings, we will remove the existing soil and replace it with good potting soil or topsoil. The group has identified a long list of potential plants for next year.

The budget for next year has been set at \$1700 to provide for new plants, topsoil, fertilizer and mulch. Contributions to help with these expenses will gratefully be accepted. We currently have 13 people caring for the 20 flowerbeds. It would be great to have 20 or more people to help care for the flower garden. Contact Joan or Jack Hennessey at 410-758-4872.

Help yourself to any herbs that you need for the evening meal. Become a member and join the long watch for spring and the bloom of the tulips and daffodils!!



Need a dentist? *See ads on pages 15 and 16.*

Art Lovers, Have you heard?

There's a new group starting for art lovers. It's called The Symphony Village Art Group. Anyone interested in drawing or painting can join. If you're into:

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| sketching | charcoals |
| pastels | water color |
| oils | acrylics |

then this group is for you. We will have an organizational meeting on Monday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the Clubhouse in the arts and crafts room. For any questions, call Helen Schultz at 443-262-9181.

P.S. the best part.....it's **FREE** !

Do you like to Sing?

On Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m. Susan Murkin, Suzy Wishard, Joan Butler, and Dot Abbott would like you to join them to sing Barbershop Harmony. The dates are September 11 and 18. We are having a lot of fun and want more of you to come out & have fun TOO! We meet at the Crossroads Community Building at 120 Banjo Lane in Centreville. For more information about the upcoming schedule call Suzy Wishard at 410-758-1092 or 410-758-3639.

Pinochle

Pinochle is meeting on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. If you do not know how to play, come anyway and learn. There is a sign up sheet in the Activities Book. For more information call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591.

Bridge Class

If there is enough interest, a bridge class for beginners will be held this fall. Sign up in the activities book. For more information call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591 or Tom Love at 410-758-3224.

Book Clubs

Third Tuesday Reading for Fun Book Club



At our August meeting we discussed *The Road* by Cormac McCormick. Everyone agreed that it is one of the most interesting books we have read. It was sad but very thought provoking. We discussed many reviews by leading newspapers, including two that were negative. Overall, however, the comments were very positive. Joan Hennessey, who provided a delicious chocolate, chocolate, chocolate cake, hosted the meeting. Joann Milczakowski will host the September meeting. She has recommended *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen as the reading for September. Everyone is invited to attend the next meeting on Tuesday, September 18. Y'all come!

Third Thursday Book Club

The Third Thursday Night Book club has chosen its next 2 books. You have had plenty of time to read them this summer. Our September book is *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hossini, the author of the well-known *Kite Runner*. This novel also takes place in Afghanistan. Our October book is *The Girls*, by Lori Lansens. It is the story of conjoined twins, and it is about love and finding their way in the world. Please join us at our next discussion on Thursday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. in the Clubhouse. We are not a serious group but try to choose thought provoking books. We hope you will join us. All are welcome!!!

The Bible Book Club

How would you like to study a book that has sold more copies than any other book in the history of printing? Well, here is your chance. We will be continuing the study of Book of John from the Bible beginning September 21 at 2 p.m. in the Clubhouse. There will be lively discussions, lots of history, laughs and fun as we continue the study with Will LaRose. All are most welcome and the study is strictly nondenominational in structure. We will be looking to seeing old friends and meeting new ones. If you have any questions please call Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908.

Symphony Village Bird Club

Bird Club members plan to attend a guided Woodpecker Hike at the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center on Saturday, September 15. We have tentative plans for an October trip (Pickering Creek, Terrapin Park, or Tilghman Island) and a November trip (Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge). If you enjoy birds, please join us. Our next club meeting is Thursday, September 27 at noon at the picnic pavilion. Contact Linda Blume (410-758-3194) for additional information.

Symphony Village Library

The library committee met on August 15 to discuss setting up a library in the Clubhouse. The main findings were:

- To use the existing shelving scattered throughout the clubhouse is not satisfactory. Most of the shelves are too low to provide access to any books stored there.
- The original plan to set up a library in the Wall Street Room would be ideal. However, there are two televisions on the walls there. The committee will draft a plan to modify that room to accommodate our library needs. This will be submitted to the board for consideration.

- To not to try to place the 15 boxes of hardback books currently on hand in the existing cabinets.
- To ask for approval to shelve paperback books in the cabinets located in the exercise room.

New members are invited to join the Library Committee. Contact Jack Hennessey (410-758-4872) for additional information.

Do You Recycle?

Tom and I are currently collecting recycling at the Clubhouse. The container is located behind the bar. We need others to help us when we are out of town. If you would like to help, please call us at 410-758-8658 or e-mail us at tscull@atlanticbb.net. Thank you in advance for your help. Mary and Tom Scull

PAST SOCIAL EVENTS

Labor Day Picnic

A good crowd came out for the Labor Day Picnic and was rewarded with lots of good food and fun but very little "labor." The company hired to do the catering did a great job of setting up, preparing food, and cleaning up. The menu included pit beef and ham, hot dogs, hamburgers, Caesar salad, pasta salad, macaroni salad, fruit, and dessert. While some folks ate, drank, and chatted with neighbors, others played bocce ball and horseshoes. However, at dusk many weren't ready to go home so folks gathered at tables to play bridge, poker, Mah Jongg, and canasta. The party continued into the night and a good time was had by all. Our thanks to the Lifestyles Committee for another job well done.

OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Music Man

The Music Man 50th anniversary show will be on October 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chesapeake College Performing Arts Center in Wye Mills, Maryland. Hear "76 Trombones," "Sincere," "Lida Rose," and more by Pride of the Bay Chorus, Razzmatazz Comedy Quartet, and the Sweet Adelines champions, "Capri." Premium reserved seat tickets at the \$15.00 group rate are available from Jan at the Clubhouse. (Show program ads are available from Symphony Village resident Jack Walsh, 443-262-9449.)

Afternoon of American Music

An afternoon of American Music will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2007, at Chester River Yacht & Country Club in Chestertown, Maryland, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. It is an Arts Luncheon with guest speakers and Auction featuring many local artists to benefit St. Martin's Ministries – helping those in need. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon. Please contact Marlene Tennier 410-758-4743 or Dorothy Hamm 410-758-3803 for more information.

American Legion Recognizes Wounded Veterans

The American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 is sponsoring a Waterfowl Weekend for Combat Wounded Veterans stationed at Walter Reed and Bethesda Naval Hospitals. The goal is to treat these wounded Veterans to a three-day weekend of Duck and Goose Hunting at Robins Marsh in Dorchester County and a Saturday Night Dinner at the Post. Donations and gifts from supporters of this event to offset weekend expenses are requested.

A Banquet Dinner will be held at the Jeff Davis Post Home in Centreville after the hunt on November 10, in honor of our special guests. The menu will be Prime Rib of Beef, with Happy Hour at 6:00 PM and Dinner at 7:00 pm. Price of the Dinner is \$65.00 a couple, \$35.00 single, and includes three Happy

Hour Tickets. Tickets will be on sale at the Post on October 1. Call 410-758-3584 for tickets and reservations. Checks should be made out to "Jeff Davis Veterans Weekend." Any questions on details should be made to Keith Tennier 410-758-4743.

May we never forget our Combat Wounded Veterans for their sacrifice and may we forever remember and honor them for their service to our nation.

Do You Know?

We're introducing a new feature called Do You Know? It will be a forum for Villagers to pose non-commercial questions for which others may have answers. For example:

1. Do you know a good spot to watch the sun set? The sun rise?
2. Do you know a local spot to fish without a boat?
3. Do you know a local spot to go crabbing without a boat?
4. Do you know a non-toxic treatment to deter Japanese beetles?

For this month:

1. Do you know what solution I can make to use in my hummingbird feeder?

Answer: Mix 4 parts water with 1 part granulated sugar (for example, mix 1 C water with ¼ C sugar) and bring to a boil. Cool. Change the nectar in the feeder at least weekly.

2. Do you know where I can take my grandchild to learn more about the Chesapeake Bay?

Answer: From the May 2007 *Libretto*: "Visit 'Our Chesapeake Legacy' at the Chesapeake Exploration Center. ... Located on the waterfront at the Kent Narrows, the Center is just off Route 50/301 and the Cross Island Trail. Open daily from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m."

If you have an answer for any of the questions posed above or if you have a question to pose, telephone Linda Blume at 410-758-3194. (Believe it or not, Linda has no e-mail capability and somehow survives.). We'll include some answers and some new questions next month. No commercial or business endorsements or questions please (instead, use the index card box in the clubhouse craft room). Not-for-profit questions and answers only.

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge by Linda Blume



The Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge near Cambridge is a wonderful place to spend a day exploring the outdoors. In its varying habitats, Blackwater is home to many species of resident and migratory birds such as bald eagles, osprey, great blue herons, and wild turkeys. It's also home to a variety of mammals. You might see the endangered Delmarva fox squirrel in wooded areas or muskrats or nutria in the marsh.

A good place to begin is the Visitors Center (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; free) to see wildlife exhibits and films and to pick up additional Blackwater information such as interpretive trail guides. Be sure to go upstairs to the new marsh viewing room to see more exhibits and to use spotting scopes to scan the area for wildlife.

Then proceed to the 5-mile long Wildlife Drive (open daily dawn to dusk; \$3.00 per car, exact change needed) for a leisurely drive through various habitats, parking as the spirit moves you to get out and walk one of the marked trails or to scan for wildlife from the Drive. Be sure to stop at Observation Point and use binoculars to scan the sky and the treetops for bald eagles (year round) and osprey (March – October).

Blackwater hosts special events all year. Check their web site at www.fws.gov/blackwater for the schedule.

Directions (about 45 miles from Symphony Village):

Take Route 50 East through Easton and across the Choptank River Bridge in Cambridge.

Go about 2 miles and turn right onto Route 16 West (Church Creek Road) at the red light just beyond the Dorchester Square Shopping Center. Go straight through the red light at Snow's Turn. Go past South Dorchester High School on the left. Turn left onto Egypt Road at the blinker light just beyond the school buildings. In about 7 miles, Egypt Road ends at Key Wallace Drive. Turn left to go to Wildlife Drive or turn right to go the Visitors Center (about 2 miles on the left).

Future Day Trips

Have you taken a day trip to a destination you can recommend? Would you share with your neighbors? A short paragraph is all we need. Include the destination name, what to see and do, directions, admission charge (if any), hours, as well as anything else of particular interest. You can e-mail your submission to Carol Hodges at lhodges@atlanticbb.net or give Carol a hardcopy. Thanks for your input.

PERSONAL ADS

Do you have something to sell, a condo to rent, something you need. Email the ad of 20 words or less to lhodges@atlanticbb.net or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Commercial or real estate sales are prohibited.

Dining Rm Set, Table with butterfly leaf, 4 side and 2 arm chairs, small china cabinet, side table. Contemporary washed oak. \$700. Please call 410-758-2058.

Two Register Hammond Organ with Leslie speakers, free to a church or worthy non-profit. Please contact Bill or Joyce Edmonston at 410-758-4908.

Black 1988 Mazda RX-7 Convertible
62 K miles. Drives great but body work needed. Selling for 6K after body work or 2K prior to that work! Contact David Heisler: 443-262-9111.

Bicycles—Ten Speed. 1 man's and 1 lady. \$50 each. 410-758-2649.

Web Site Photos

There are many great pictures on our website. See if you can find a picture of yourself.

<http://villagehoa.org/albums/index.html>

Special Reminders

- Club House Phone Number (Jan and Dennis)—410-758-8500
- Jan Van Riper's email--symphonyclub@atlanticbbn.net
- Dennis Sesplankis' email--dsesplankis@legumnorman.com
- Warranty Office—410-758-8775 x11
- George Bachman—301-261-0277 ext.211; [email—gbachman@carusohomes.com](mailto:gbachman@carusohomes.com)

FROM THE KITCHEN OF.... Jan DiCarlantonio

Oriental Shrimp and Veggie Stir Fry



½ box of Angel hair pasta

3 slices of bacon, cut into 1" pieces

½ zucchini, chopped

1/3 of a large red onion, chopped

1 cup frozen cooked medium to large shrimp

- Cook pasta in boiling water for around 6 minutes or until al dente.
- Thaw shrimp by placing in a colander and running tepid water through for a few minutes.
- Fry chopped bacon until crisp. Remove bacon from pan and add red onion and zucchini. Saute for a few minutes until crisp tender.
- Drain spaghetti and add to vegetables – add shrimp and crisp bacon and toss to heat through.
- Pour sauce over mixture and heat.

Asian Sauce

2 Tablespoons vegetable oil

2 Tablespoons soy sauce

2 Tablespoons brown sugar

3 Tablespoons rose or white zinfandel wine
(any blush wine will do)

1 Tablespoon lemon juice

Mix Sauce Ingredients. Serves two generously.

TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

ALASKA

By Brenda Stoltz



Ever since my good friend moved to Alaska 20 years ago, I have wanted to visit there. In August, John and I finally turned that wish into a reality by signing on with Princess Cruise Line for a land and sea package. At last we were on our way, and our itinerary allowed us time to spend several days with my Alaskan friend.

The land portion of our trip began with two days in Fairbanks and included a River Boat Cruise on the Tanana and Chena Rivers which took us to sled dog demonstrations, to see Santa's reindeer, and on a tour of a reconstructed native Indian village. Later we visited part of the Alyeska Pipeline and found out why they put "pigs" in the pipeline. (Ask John about that.) Of course, no trip to Fairbanks would be complete without panning for gold, which we did, and we found enough gold to buy a tee shirt. Unfortunately, recovering from jet lag had us going to bed much too early to witness the beautiful Northern Lights which often grace Fairbanks' night skies. Traveling south on the train to

Denali National Park, Mt. McKinley Lodge, and Talkeetna, we were struck by the vast wilderness of Alaska still colorfully painted with an abundance of wild flowers. Only the sharp eye could catch the animals as we moved along, but we did see a moose foraging in a marshy area near the train tracks. The next four days were filled with hikes through Denali, a bear sighting, horseback riding, and visiting with my friend. The most spectacular event, however, was flying over the snow capped mountains and glaciers of Mt. McKinley in the Alaska Range.

Our first week ended all too quickly as we move from land to sea. In Whittier, we boarded the Sapphire Princess—our beautiful home away from home for the next 7 days. The first two days we sailed through breathtaking fjords outlined by misty mountains and accented by beautiful blue glaciers. The thunderous sound and powerful sight of a calving glacier is awesome, and the birds and animals in the icy water near the glaciers had us running from port to starboard. It is amazing how small 40-foot humpback whales and 20-foot orca whales look from 15 stories up, but they are still impressive sights. After a full day out on the deck enjoying the sights, we moved inside to take part in my favorite evening activity, namely, eating. We ate delicious meals all week and enjoyed tasting new and unusual items on the menu. Midweek, in Skagway and Juneau, we took a train up a mountain, watched the salmon forge the currents as they swam up stream, saw more whales, sea lions, sea otters, eagles, and bears. At Mendenhall Glacier, our bear sighting was too close for comfort; so (being the chicken I am) I stayed back as other tourists took pictures of a black bear and her cubs eating salmon while a grizzly bear walked nearby. A bright sun greeted us in Ketchikan (known for its rainy weather), so we spent our last day in Alaska exploring the town under sunny skies—looking at the beautiful and intriguing Totem Poles, more relentless salmon runs, and an hilarious lumberjack show. Back onboard ship we danced and watched wonderful theatrical shows. Yes, the shipboard activities were great fun, but I was most impressed by the spirit and beauty of Alaska. It was a wonderful trip, but now it was time to say goodbye to our country’s “Last Frontier.” As the ship sailed away from the shore, I was reminded of a quote by naturalist John Muir: “Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.”



(Note: We'd like to thank our good neighbors Jack and Peggy Dedrick for helping to make this trip possible. The day before we were to leave we discovered a "plumbing problem" which would require that our front yard be dug up and work done inside our home to stop some serious "leakage." Our wonderful neighbors volunteered to take on the task of supervising this work so we could go on our trip. We feel very, very fortunate to have such good friends living next to us. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!)



Want ice cream? *See the next pages.*

Larry Dent

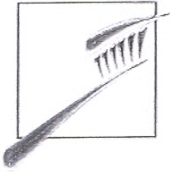
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What is new at Symphony?

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Labor Day weekend as we get back into the swing of things. We wanted to take this opportunity to inform you, the homeowners, of what Denison Landscaping is doing at Symphony Village.

Irrigation

Our irrigation department has made some minor adjustments to "the system" which, as you can see, has helped tremendously. Attached is a copy of the current irrigation schedule to keep you better informed of when your personal residence and also the common grounds on the property will be active. Symphony Village as a community however, is still an on going construction project and we are constantly updating the irrigation system. We work closely with *Caruso Homes* to minimize any interruptions and we appreciate your continued patience.

IRRIGATION SCHEDULE AS OF 9/1/07

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| ALL COMMON AREAS | 11:30pm-3:45am |
| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday | |
| SOD @ PERSONAL RESIDENCE | 7:00am-12:45pm |
| Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday | |
| SHRUB BEDS @ PERSONAL RESIDENCE | 2:15pm-3:55pm |
| Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday | |

Maintenance

The maintenance division, as you know, visits Symphony Village on Wednesday of every week to mow the grounds. Don't forget now is the time to aerate & overseed your lawn for the fall. Denison will begin overseeding in two (2) weeks. If you are interested, please contact Dennis at the clubhouse to sign up.

Tip of the Month

Whatever the case our service technicians are more than happy to remedy any questions or concerns you may have regarding the landscaping, irrigation, or maintenance of your residence. However, sometimes a quick solution to the problem may only require a couple minutes of your time in the event that we are not on site that day.

This issues tip of the month is regarding irrigation and more specifically irrigation heads that seem to "stick" in the air after your system has operated. Sometimes the friction of the plastic allows the irrigation head to stay extended and therefore, leaves the black plastic head sticking out of the ground. In most cases there is nothing wrong with the head itself and only requires a second to correct. To fix the problem lightly push down on the on irrigation head with your hand or foot and the shaft will quickly retract. If the problem persists or you do not feel comfortable, please feel free to call our irrigation department.



