

# 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.*

## New Homeowners

The following residents have settled and/or moved into their new home since our last publication. Symphony Village welcomes—

Joyce Brown  
710 Harmony Way

Debbie Buss & Reggie Farrare  
255 Opera Court

## **SCHEDULED BOARD OF DIRECTORS and HOA MEETINGS**

All Symphony Village homeowners are invited to attend the quarterly Board of Directors meetings. The meetings are at 10 a.m. in the Grand Concert Hall at the Clubhouse on July 24, and October 23. SV Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 2.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

## **LIFESTYLE UPDATE**

### Upcoming Events

- **Friday, July 17 – Game Night – 7 p.m.**
- **Saturday, July 18 – Jimmy Buffett Happy Hour – 6 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, July 22 - Lunch Bunch – at Osteria Alfredo in Easton**
- **Sunday, July 26 - Ice Cream Social – 3 p.m.** Cost: \$5.00 per person - ice cream and toppings of your choice. Sign up in the Activity Binder and put your check in the box.
- **Thursday, July 30 - Ladies Night – 5:30 p.m.**
- **Friday, July 31 - Movie Night – 7 p.m. “Last Chance Harvey”**
- **Tuesday, August 4 - Lifestyle Meeting – 7 p.m.**
- **Friday, August 7 – Happy Hour – 6 p.m.**
- **Saturday, August 15 - “A Tuna Christmas” at Church Hill Theatre**
- **Saturday, August 22 - Pin Tail Point Fishing Trip – Cost \$85.00 per person;** maximum of fifteen (15), minimum of eight (8); boat boarding time 6:45 a.m., leaving from Hemmingway's on Kent Island. Sign up in the Activity Binder and put your check in the box. **Make checks payable to “Pin Tail Point.”**
- **Monday, September 7 - Labor Day Picnic – hosted by Overture Way.** Details to be announced.



**\*\*Dining Inn—cancelled until September.**



Want to put in crown molding or install a storm door? **See the ads**

## OUTREACH UPDATE

### Caregivers Group

People often say to me, “I know you are involved in Symphony Village’s Caregivers Group. Can you tell me exactly what you do?” I like to respond by telling people that caregivers group is here for you--



- when you suddenly find yourself responsible for the care and well being of another adult debilitated by illness or age.
- when the care of your loved one has become overwhelming for you and you begin to consider an assisted living facility or nursing home.
- when you need guidance in your role and don’t know where to turn.
- when your family and friends have heard your story one too many times but you still need to talk it out.
- when the task of caregiving ceases to be a gift and becomes a burden.
- when you feel very alone in your role as caregiver.
- when the nursing home calls to tell you your loved one has taken a turn for the worst.
- when you wonder if your life will ever be “normal” again.
- when you need “time out!”
- when you need someone to ask how YOU are and tell you to put the well being of yourself first.
- when you need a laugh--we do a lot of laughing.
- when you need a hug, an hour alone, and a group of people who know how you feel.

Caregivers Group can help. We are neighbors who are caring or have cared for a loved one and have experienced similar feelings and situations. Our group offers a wealth of experience and information. We can listen, encourage, guide, and love you. We are here to ease the most demanding role you will ever play--that of **Caregiver**. Be assured, the “code of confidentiality” is always honored. We meet every other Monday at 1:00 p.m. in my home (301 Overture Way). Our next meeting will be Monday, July 20. Please call 410-758-0944 if you are interested. We would welcome your presence. – **Beth Dewhirst**

## PUBLICATION AND COMMUNICATION UPDATE

### Symphony Village Communication Guidelines

Please check the Website Bulletin Board for guidelines on blast emails, plus any other pertinent bulletins.

### Distribution of Libretto

Hard copies of the *Libretto* are available at the Clubhouse for those who do not have the ability to read the newsletter on line.

## **Photo Gallery**

Please continue sending in your pictures for the **Picture Directory** on the Website. Also, please send John Schultz trip pictures, candid shots of SV events, pet pictures, and fish pictures to be included on the Website as well. Be sure to check out Carol Hodges's July 4 picnic pictures on the Website now.

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## **SYMPHONY SNEAKERS UPDATE**

### **Sneakers' Auction**

There will be an important Sneakers meeting regarding the Silent Auction on Thursday, July 30, 6:30 p.m. New residents who would like to become active in Sneakers are always welcome to join us.



**Need to paint your shutters and doors? [See the ads.](#)**

## **CLUBS AND CLASSES**

### **The "Gazebo Gang" Symphony Village Garden Club**

We were happy to see several groups of people using the gazebo (and the new benches) for informal meetings. On July 3, several gardeners came out to clean up the beds and deadhead the flowers. The Gazebo Garden looked great for the "Fourth." Thanks to the faithful gardeners! On July 10, we plan to purchase many new plants at the 40% off sale at Eastridge Gardens.

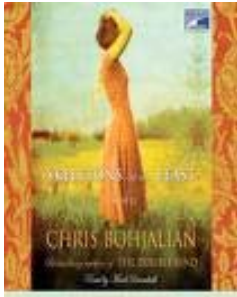
The second brood of killedeer have hatched and left the nest. There seems to be a third pair nesting now! From the comfort of the gazebo residents have watched the purple martins cavorting in the air catching insects. Four pairs are apparently raising a second brood. At least two pairs seem to have taken residence in the martin house behind Lynn Lewis' house.

Four of our residents are growing veggies in the garden behind the Caruso office. Several people have expressed an interest in joining the Veggie Vassals. It is too late for this year, but if you are interested in having a small vegetable plot next year, please send an email to Jack Hennessey, and we will try to negotiate a deal with the current tenant farmer. A typical plot would include four tomatoes, six peppers, four eggplant, two zucchini, and two summer squash. We hope to accommodate all interested gardeners. We will probably have a meeting in March 2010 to listen to all inputs and to lay out the proposed veggie garden. If you have questions or comments, please contact Jack. We will probably have a three-person committee to vote on all issues.

There are several different herbs growing in the Gazebo Garden. All residents are welcome to pick herbs as needed. If you are not sure what they are, contact Joan Hennessey or Carol Hodges.

### The Reading For Fun Book Club

The Reading for Fun Book Club met at the Clubhouse on June 15 to discuss the book *Street of a Thousand Blossoms* by Gail Tsukiyama. This book received a rating of 9.1, on a scale of 1 to 10. This is the highest rating for any book read by the club! The book for July is *Skeletons at the Feast*, by Chris Bohjalian, recommended by June Silverman. The book for August is *Receive Me Falling* by Ericka Robuck recommended by Jack Hennessey. This should be an interesting meeting, since the author will be attending the meeting on August 18. All residents are invited to attend, but we ask that you register with the Hennesseys so that we can prepare for the expected overflow.

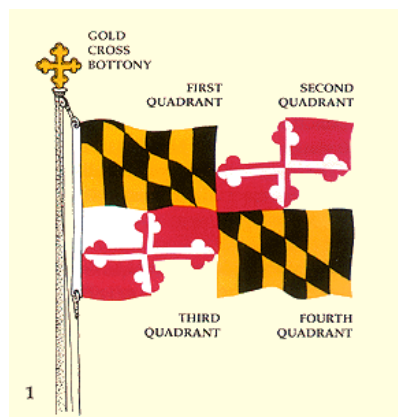


Several residents have expressed an interest in joining the Book Club. Just show up at the meeting. We will be glad to have you! Contact Joan or Jack at 410-758-4872. Y'all come!

### Symphony Village Ssingles

**Saturday, August 15**, Church Hill Theatre presents “**A Tuna Christmas**” – 8 p.m. - \$16.00 per person. Sign up in the Activity Binder and put your check in the box **by August 10**. **Make checks payable to Church Hill Theatre.**

### Exploring Maryland Heritage



One of the distinctive symbols of any state is its flag. In Maryland our flag is unique. When massed with the flags of the other forty-nine states, it is the one that really stands out because it is the most colorful! While the other state flags are mostly state seals or other symbols imposed on a white or navy blue field, ours is based on heraldry.

Following is a description of the Maryland State flag as found on the state website: "The Maryland flag is divided into four quarters. The first and fourth quarters consist of six vertical bars alternating yellow (representing gold) and black with a diagonal band on which the colors are reversed. The yellow and black quarters represent the family arms of the first proprietor of Maryland, George Calvert, the first Lord Baltimore. The second and third quarters consist of a quartered field of red and white (representing silver) bearing a Greek cross with arms terminating in trefoils. The colors on the second and third quarters alternate with red on white ground, and white on red ground. The red and white quarters display the arms of Lord Baltimore's maternal family, the Crosslands."

- The flag is flown with the black stripe on the diagonal band of the first quarter at the top of the flagstaff. (State Government Article 13 - 203)
- Only a cross bottony may be used as an ornament on top of a flagstaff that carries the Maryland flag.
- Our flag in its current form was not flown until after the Civil War.
- It was adopted as the state flag by act of the General Assembly in 1904. (State Government Article 13 - 201) .

You can see the state flag flown correctly at two locations in town. One of these locations is at Courthouse Square in town and the other is at the end of Commerce Street as you are heading north out of town.

## **VOLUNTEER IN ACTION**

**Cass Smith**

by Pat Scheirer

If you want to see the results, up close and personal, of a Symphony Village Volunteer in Action, just step behind the 200 block of Overture Way adjacent to the tree line. You can't help but be amazed, whether it is Project A or Project B.\* Project A was funded by a DNR (Department of Natural Resources) grant. It is a bio-swale with several rain gardens which have been installed to redirect water from the neighboring yards back into the creek. Cass Smith has been instrumental in getting DNR to recognize the erosion problem and develop an efficient and beautiful landscaping solution.



Project B is equally awesome in that the Smiths and some of their neighbors have arranged many of "indigenous rocks" which step down the hill and then parallel the foothill thus forming another swale. This project ends in a rain garden. The hill was planted with many native plants and then covered with many yards of mulch. The heavy rains in May and June have proven that both projects are well on the way to accomplishing their goals. These projects filter and slow the storm water runoff and both are spectacular landscaping vistas.

It must be said that Cass has organized and accomplished much of this in her "spare time." She is a Master Gardener for Queen Anne County as well as a member of the Corsica River Water Project and the Corsica River Conservancy. Additionally, she is a member of the Symphony Village Operations Committee and Chairman of its Landscape subcommittee. All of these memberships as well as her work on the rain garden projects and pond developments are of great benefit to Symphony Village.

On June 30, the Symphony Village residents thanked those who helped fund, design, and build the bio-swale in our community at an "Appreciation Day." A large crowd gathered behind the homes on Overture Way near the bio-swale. Many thanks were directed to the appropriate contributors, and lunch was served to the immediate residents and worker bees at the Clubhouse. Hats off and kudos to Cass Smith for both her artistic and "physical" efforts to create beautiful landscaping throughout SV. Cass is definitely a Volunteer in "Action."

\*(Check out the pictures on our Website to see the beautiful landscaping behind Overture Way.)



Want to go on a Mediterranean cruise? **See the ads.**

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Senior Moments



One of our residents was leaving SV, turning onto Taylor Mill, and couldn't imagine what the noise was in her car. She and her cousin got out of the car. Look what she found—she had dragged a ficus tree that was caught in her trunk out of her garage and through the neighborhood.



Need a dentist? **See the ads at the end.**

### Thanks

Thanks to everyone in SV for your thoughts and prayers over the last several months. I've had a medical problem for several years and no one was able to diagnose it until recently. It finally required many hospital stays and surgery. There's no doubt that your cards, and words of encouragement to my successful surgery and speedy Neighbor to Neighbor and friends for we returned home. This experience that is always caring and giving.



home care prior to and after major many prayers, phone calls, visits, during a very trying time contributed recovery. Many thanks also to the excellent meals we received after is another example of a community

Thanks again and love to all of you.....*Jan DiCarlantonio*

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Recently sixteen of our neighbors completed CERT training through the Chesapeake College.



This valuable training enables people to be prepared for various emergencies, whether terroristic in nature, weather or fire related, vehicle accidents, or natural disasters. The course includes subjects such as creating emergency supply kits, fire safety, disaster preparedness, light search and rescue, first aid, use of the two community AEDs (automated external defibrillators), disaster psychology, CPR

(cardiopulmonary resuscitation), and other preparedness subjects.

We are now seeking additional community members who would be interested in receiving this training and be willing to assist our own residents in catastrophic accidents/conditions before emergency responders can arrive. Upon completion of this training you will receive a CERT certificate for the course and certification cards in CPR, First Aid, and AED training. **All training is FREE.** No dates for the course are scheduled, but we are hoping to begin training this fall. The instruction runs one night a week for six weeks. Previously, the course was held at the Community College, but we are looking into holding classes here at the Clubhouse. We need at least ten volunteers to participate. If you are interested or know of someone who is, please call Kathryn or Dennis Marchi at 410-758-3183. This is an excellent opportunity to help yourself as well as your community. THANKS in advance for your interest.

### **Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFL)**



Have you heard about the **potential danger** of using a CFL if it is connected to a **dimmer switch**? The issue is rare, but real. Some CFLs are designed for use with dimmers and some are not. The packages are marked, but the words are not very large. If a nondimmer-designated CFL is used with a dimmer switch, the ballast can fail and cause a fire. To learn more, go to

[http://www.wusa9.com/rss/local\\_article.aspx?storyid=83615](http://www.wusa9.com/rss/local_article.aspx?storyid=83615)

### **Queen Anne's County Animal Control Commission**

#### ***Article 9-8 Public Hearing***



On a written complaint of a citizen, the Animal Control Commission may conduct a public hearing to determine whether a violation of this title has occurred. The Animal Control Commission shall give written notice to the respondent of a complaint by either personal delivery or certified mail, restricted delivery, return receipt requested. The notice shall be mailed to the respondent at least ten days prior to the public hearing regarding the alleged violation. The notice shall contain the nature of the complaint, time, date, and place of the hearing.

The Animal Control Commission may issue a subpoena for the attendance of a witness or the production of documents at a hearing of the Animal Control Commission.

#### ***Article 9-19 Animals at Large***

No animal may be off the property of the owner or custodian without being under proper restraint as defined in Section 9-101. A person who finds a stray animal shall report the finding to the Department of Animal Control.

#### ***Article 9-21 Discharge on Property of Others Prohibited***

**Private Property:** The owner or custodian of an animal may not allow his or her animal or any animal under his or her care to urinate or defecate on the property of another without the consent of the owner of the property.

Public Property: The owner or custodian of an animal may not allow his or her animal or any animal under his or her care to defecate on public property unless the owner or custodian of the animal immediately thereafter removes and disposes of any and all waste in a sanitary manner.

**Article 9-22 Public Nuisance Animals**

Public nuisance means permitting an animal:

- to repeatedly be at large;
- to molest or intimidate pedestrians or passersby;
- to chase vehicles or bicycles;
- to excessively bark, howl, or make harsh noises;
- to foul the air by odor and create unreasonable annoyance or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored;
- to defecate on public property or to urinate or defecate on private property;
- to molest, deface, or destroy the property of another;
- to cause injury to a human being or another domestic animal by unprovoked biting;
- to do or perform any other acts which are determined by the Animal Control Commission, after a notice to the owner and a hearing, to be a public nuisance by virtue of being a menace to the public health, welfare, or safety.



Need contact lenses? **See ads.**

## TRAVEL ARTICLE OF THE MONTH

**TALES FROM "DOWN UNDER"** by Don and Nancie Cameron

Holland-America Cruise: Sydney-Auckland-Sydney (February 26-March 20, 2009)

Australia and New Zealand offer unequalled experiences and a wealth of diversity. **Sydney**, Australia's largest city, has beautiful harbors and an array of cultural and architectural structures, especially the **Sydney Opera House** at the end of **Bennelong Point**. The **Hyde Park Barracks Museum**, built in 1819 by convict labor to house 600 convicts, was subsequently used to house young female Irish orphans in 1848 following the potato famine in Ireland. In Chinatown, **Paddy's Market**, in operation since 1869, has 800 stalls all jammed together selling everything from fresh produce to housewares, clothing, and live pets. Our first wildlife spotting was at the **Sydney Aquarium** on **Darling Harbor** where we watched a platypus flipping around, Little Penguins, a croc waiting to be fed, and other sea creatures in action. We barely scratched the surface of this quintessential cosmopolitan city in the three days prior to our cruise.





Our sail-away aboard the *Volendam* took us under the expansive and famous **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and past the **Sydney Opera House**. Our first port-of-call was **Melbourne**, the second largest city in Australia. Here we looped around the billabongs of **Serendipity Sanctuary** photographing birds, emus, and kangaroos before venturing a walk among the eucalyptus trees in the **Brisbane Ranges National Park** to watch koalas in their natural habitat. Our last Australian port-of-call, **Tasmania**, has an amazing landscape that includes glacial mountains, dense forests, and rolling green hills. It's also the home to the ferocious little marsupial, the Tasmanian devil, who thrives on "road kill," literally!

Another two days at sea brought us to **New Zealand**. We experienced a rainy day of scenic cruising in **Milford Sound** and **Dusky Sound** around the **Fiordland National Park**. Fiords are valleys carved by the tremendous pressure and power of glaciers during successive ice ages. Valleys then flood as ice melts and sea levels rise. Waterfalls cascade throughout the glaciers with Sterling Falls being the major attraction.

**Dunedin** (pronounced *doo-nee-din*) (**NZ**), known as *Edinburgh of the South* is home to the Yellow-Eyed Penguins, Royal Albatross, and about 12,000 students attending various



institutions in the city. We crawled through tunnels and climbed hills to see the penguins, and watched the albatross from an observatory at Fort Talaroa atop a 200 ft. hill. The albatross with a wing-span of 10 feet needs a 14-15 knot wind to become airborne and on our day, the birds were flying and soaring with abandon due to the high winds and bright skies. Atop a hill in Dunedin sits **Larnach Castle** built in 1871 by a local merchant and politician. In 1967, the castle was purchased by the Barker Family who have spent many years restoring the castle and also raised their two children there. Can you imagine being raised during the late '60s and '70s in a castle? WOW!

**Christchurch** (**NZ**), a city of about 300,000, gets its name from Christ Church College at Oxford; and the Avon River which flows through the city is named after a stream in Ayrshire, Scotland. The highlight of this port was a Trans Alpine train ride up and around the mountains and through Boulder Valley where the movie, "Narnia," was filmed.

At **Picton** (**NZ**), a beautiful port town at the head of Queen Charlotte Sound, we visited a Waikawa Marae (Maori village). Local teenagers entertained us with traditional song and dance followed by refreshments including their famous mussel chowder--Yummo!

**Wellington** (**NZ**), home to New Zealand's government and national treasures, is surrounded by steep hills and a magnificent harbor which was formed by the flooding of a long-extinct volcano crater. Highlights included a cable car ride up to the **Cable Car Museum** followed by a visit to the **Museum of New Zealand (Te Papa)** where a Monet exhibit was featured.

**Napier** (**NZ**), located in Hawke's Bay, is a major manufacturing and fishing center and exporter of wool, processed meats, and dairy products. The port was rebuilt in the 1930s following a 7.5 earthquake which destroyed the city. The architectural design is reflective of the Spanish Mission and Art Deco influences that were popular during that era. Napier hosts an annual Art Deco Festival complete with antique cars and folks dressed in period garb.

**Tauranga (Rotorua) (NZ)**, the third largest port, is a major exporter of kiwi fruit, both green and gold, and lumber. It's also the second most expensive city in which to live, Auckland being the first. At this port-of-call we walked through the **Waitomo Caves** among stalactites and stalagmites which led to a huge chamber that seats 200 for a concert. Aboard small boats we floated through dark caves where millions/billions of glow worms twinkled on the limestone ceilings. A trip to the **Otorohanga Kiwi House** provided the only opportunity to see the nocturnal flightless New Zealand kiwi.

A 5K Komen Walk-for-the-Cure is hosted by Holland-America on every cruise. Our walk was held while cruising **White and Mercury Islands**. Don and I completed the 12 laps as we took in the scenery of the islands and the smoking volcano on White Island.

**Auckland (NZ)**, *The City of Sails*, was our last port-of-call. At the center of the city is the 1082-foot **Sky Tower** famous for bungee jumping and magnificent views. Also famous is the **Antarctic Encounter and Underwater World** where a life-sized recreation of Captain Robert Scott's 1911 Antarctic hut on the shores of McMurdo Sound seemed surreal as we were there in 2001 during our Antarctic adventure. Boarding a "snow cat," we rode through the penguin colony where we spotted gentoo, Adeli, chin strap, and emperor penguins.

Australia and New Zealand, where sheep (40 million) and cattle (5 million) out-number the people, are awesome. They offer the best in international cuisine, beautiful mountains, lush green vineyards, and interesting cities and towns each with their own unique history. In summary, our taste of "Down Under" was flavorful, but way too brief.

## LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

### **Queen Anne's Museum of Eastern Shore Life**

This museum contains artifacts of life in this area going back more than 100 years. It is dedicated to the preservation and display of items used in everyday life on the farm, in the home, and at work in QAC. The museum is located in a corner of the 4-H Park in Centreville. Docents are on duty when the museum is open: **April – October**, Saturdays and Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, visit [www.mesl.us](http://www.mesl.us).

### **Kent County Fair**

The fair will take place **July 16-18** at the Kent Agriculture Center. There will be livestock shows, horse shows, auctions, 4-H events and exhibits, food, amusements, rides, and more. Admission is \$2. See [www.extension.umd.edu/local/Kent/4-H](http://www.extension.umd.edu/local/Kent/4-H) or [www.kentcounty.com](http://www.kentcounty.com). for a complete schedule of events.

### **59<sup>th</sup> Annual Kent Island Fireman's Carnival**

The carnival will take place **July 26-August 1**, 6-11 p.m., at Kent Island High School in Stevensville. There will be a Fireman's Parade, games, food, a carnival, and fun for all ages. Proceeds go toward the fire department's equipment and maintenance needs. For more information, see [www.kivfd.org](http://www.kivfd.org).

### **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Plein Air – Easton**

This competition and arts festival will take place **July 20-26**. This is the East Coast's premier plein air festival featuring top artists, collectors' events, art galleries, workshops, and much more. See [www.pleinair-easton.com](http://www.pleinair-easton.com) for a full schedule of events and locations in Easton and throughout Talbot County.

### **Guided Children's Trail Walk for Families**

Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton will present a Guided Children's Trail Walk for Families on **July 25**, 2-3 p.m. You'll take (supplied) bug boxes and binoculars on a short, easy walk down the children's nature trail. You'll look for insects, mammals, and birds; identify some common trees; learn about wildflowers; and look for animal tracks and signs. The fee is \$5 for non-members. Advance registration is required – call Pickering Creek on 410-822-4903 or go to [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

### **Chesapeake Folk Festival**

At the Chesapeake Folk Festival on **July 25**, you'll enjoy Chesapeake regional foods, demonstrations, and crafts presented by people who have worked the Bay for years. Hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission to the Festival is included in admission to the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels: \$13 adults, \$10 seniors over 62, \$6 ages 6-17, and under 6 are free. For all the details, go to [www.cbmm.org](http://www.cbmm.org).

### **Taste of Salisbury**

The Ward Museum partners with local restaurants for a community mixer with food from participating restaurants on **July 26**, noon – 3 p.m. at the Ward Museum of Waterfowl Art in Salisbury. Cost is \$5 to sample the food. For details, go to [www.wardmuseum.org](http://www.wardmuseum.org).

### **Historic Sites Open House**

Historic Sites throughout Queen Anne's County open their doors, allowing visitors to step back in time one Saturday a month through the summer. The next open house is on **August 1**. Call or stop by the visitor's center for a free copy of the Heritage Explorer's Guide Map. See [www.historicqac.org](http://www.historicqac.org) for more information.

### **Betterton Appreciation Day**

The Betterton Appreciation Day will take place on **August 1** at Betterton Beach in Kent County. It is sponsored by the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company and will include a parade (at 10:30 a.m.), crafts, food, a band, and swimming on the nettle-free beach.

### **Thunder on the Narrows**



Thrill to powerful hydroplanes racing at speeds over 100 MPH at Thunder on the Narrows, **August 1-2**, noon – 5 p.m. There will be food and entertainment, as well as at the Kent Island Yacht Club in Chester. Admission is \$7. For all the details, visit [www.kentnarrowsracing.com](http://www.kentnarrowsracing.com).

### **St. Joseph's Jousting Tournament and Horse Show**

This event will take place on **August 5** at St. Joseph's church in Cordova in Talbot County. The horse show will take place at 9 a.m.; lunch is 11:30 a.m. (BBQ chicken and country ham); and the jousting tournament begins at 1 p.m. Admission is charged. For more information, go to [www.tourtalbot.org](http://www.tourtalbot.org) or call Mike Boyle at 410-822-6915.

### **Seining and Wading for Families**

Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton will present Seining and Wading for Families on **August 8** at 2 p.m. Adults and young adults will don (supplied) chest waders, wade into Pickering Creek, and use (supplied) seine nets to catch small fish, jellies, and crustaceans. Plan to meet oysters, Atlantic silversides, mummichogs, grass shrimp, and more. The fee is \$5 for non-members. Advance registration is required – call Pickering Creek on 410-822-4903 or go to [www.pickeringcreek.org](http://www.pickeringcreek.org).

### **Dinner & Dance to a Big Band**

Dinner at 7 p.m. will be followed by music and dancing featuring the Kent Island Big Band on Saturday, **August 8**, at the Kent Island American Legion. Dress is Summer Casual. Enjoy a fun filled evening while contributing to a great local cause! Admission is \$30.00. There are limited tickets available. Call 410-739-4363 for tickets and information, and to join us: **George and Mary Drake**, 410-758-8266.

### **Queen Anne's County Fair**

This year's fair will be held **August 10-15**, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. at the 4-H Park in Centreville. Experience 4-H shows, loads of exhibits, rides, entertainment, food, and much more. Admission is \$1. For a schedule of events, go to [www.queenannescofair.com](http://www.queenannescofair.com).

### **Caroline Summerfest**

Caroline Summerfest will take place on **August 14-15** at Market Street and Crouse Park in Denton in Caroline County. There will be arts and entertainment, music, interactive arts for children, food, crafts, street performers, river cruises, and more. Hours are Friday 5-10 p.m.; Saturday 2–10 p.m. For additional details, go to [www.carolinesummerfest.com](http://www.carolinesummerfest.com).



**Need some landscaping done or a patio built? See the ads**

### **“OUR HAVEN” SHELTER of Queen Anne's County**

#### **Run 4 Shelter – A Healthy Run/Walk, 1 mi. or 5 km.**

Join the 1-mile or 5-kilometer (3.1-miles) walk/run on the Kent Island Cross Trail Saturday,

**September 12**, to benefit **Our Haven Shelter**.

Our Haven Shelter is QAC's only winter shelter.

Our Haven is a ministry under QACCA (Queen Anne's County Christian Assistance), a non-profit organization under the Foundation of Community



Partnerships, Inc., in Centreville, MD. Visit <http://www.run4shelter.net> to register. We are putting together a Symphony Village group to walk together. Call **Mary and George Drake**, **410-758-8266** for information and to join our group.

## 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](mailto:lhodges@atlanticbb.net) or call Carol Hodges at 410-758-0591. Commercial or real estate sales are prohibited.



Need a chiropractor? **See the ads.**

## RECIPE OF THE MONTH

### Peanut Butter Temptations

(One just isn't enough)

½ cup butter or margarine (melted)  
½ cup creamy peanut butter  
¼ cup sugar  
½ cup brown sugar  
1 egg  
½ teaspoon vanilla  
1 ¼ cups flour  
¾ teaspoon baking soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
Reese's Miniature Peanut Butter Cups



- Beat together butter, peanut butter, sugar and brown sugar until creamy. Add egg and vanilla.
- Mix flour, baking soda and salt together and then gradually add to the peanut butter mixture.
- Chill for one hour. Preheat oven to 325° Degrees.
- Place small scoops of dough into each cup of a mini-muffin pan.\*
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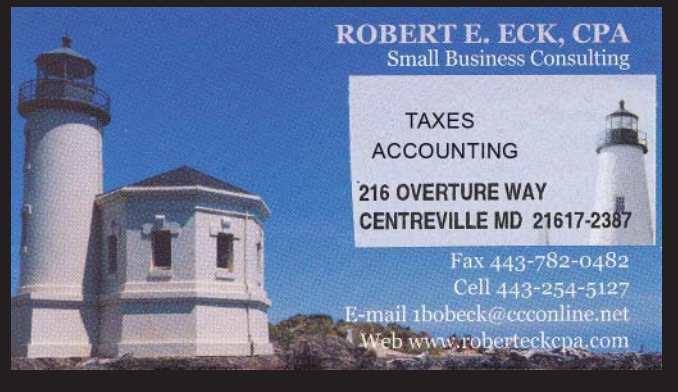
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