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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 RESIDENTS

Sandy Beane 205 Opera Court

Susan and Charley Johnson 225 Overture Way

David and Susan Hudson 139 Opera Court

Shirley Wilson 119 Encore Court

WELCOME EVENING FOR NEW RESIDENTS

New Residents are invited to an evening of welcome on Wednesday, January 25, at 7 p.m. in the Clubhouse Grand Ballroom. 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 RSVP to Mary Drake, 410-758-8266, so we can plan appropriately.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CERT Monthly Tip: Prepare, Plan, Stay Informed. Make sure your Family has a PLAN in



case of an Emergency. Visit **SV CERT** Information at any time.

Tips brought to you by your SV Community Emergency Response Team.

LIFESTYLE UPDATE

- Happy Hour, 6 p.m., Saturday, December 17. Bring an appetizer or dessert.
- New Year's Eve Party, 8:30 p.m., Saturday, December 31 Catered event; \$35 per person; DJ will provide music. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- Lifestyle Committee Meeting, 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, January 4. All residents are welcome.
- Happy Hour, 6 p.m., Friday, January 6. Bring an appetizer or dessert.
- Movie Night, 7 p.m., Friday, January 20.

- Mexican Fiesta Happy Hour, 6 p.m., Saturday, January 21--Catered event; \$15 per person; DJ will provide music. Sign up in the Activities Book.
- Ladies Happy Hour, 5:30 p.m., Thursday, January 26. Bring \$5, which provides you with dinner and a beverage.

OUTREACH UPDATE

With Thanks

Dorothy Hamm, board member of the Outreach Committee, has decided to retire from the organization due to pressing commitments to other groups with which she is involved. Dorothy was instrumental in leading Outreach in its beginnings in 2006 and has helped bring it to where it is today-- an organization very active in raising funds to help those in need in Queen Anne's County Outreach thanks Dorothy for all her tireless efforts on behalf of the Committee, and we wish her well with her new projects! Thank you, Dorothy.

Announcing

3rd Annual Symphony Village Card and Game Party To Benefit the Programs of SV Outreach On Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At the Clubhouse.



The price is a \$30 donation per person, of which 80% is tax deductible, and which includes morning coffee and tea, lunch, 50/50 raffle, and door prizes.

Decide your game and reserve your table on the sign-up sheets available now at the clubhouse in the Activities Book under Outreach. Deadline for signup is Friday, January 13. Payment is due at signup. Please make all checks payable to SV Outreach Program, Inc., or SVOPI.

We are only limited to whatever card games and table games you and your friends like to play (for example, bridge, canasta, hand and foot, scrabble, and mahjongg). Bring your own supplies for your game! MEN ARE ALSO WELCOME!!

If you need help organizing a table or have other questions, please contact Lauren Rose at 443-262-8238 or <u>swartz.lauren@gmail.com</u>.

If you cannot attend the event but would like to support the Activities of the Outreach Programs with a donation, please bring a check to Nancy in the Clubhouse, or mail to SVOPI, P. O. Box 642, Centreville, MD 21617. (This donation is 100% deductible.)

Neighbor to Neighbor

Eleanor Strietman, Chair

This past year has been a very busy one for the Neighbor to Neighbor street captains as they coordinated meals, transportation, etc., for their neighbors. Being a street captain can be demanding at times, but all of the captains would agree that serving as a street captain is personally rewarding and satisfying; there is no better feeling than the one you have when you're helping someone else.

I am very pleased to announce that Karin Larsen has volunteered to be a street captain for Overture Way. Please join with me in welcoming her to that new position.

On behalf of Neighbor to Neighbor, please accept my wishes that your holidays will be happy days and that 2012 will be an especially good year for you and your loved ones.

Backpacks for Kids

Have you ever heard of the expression "food insecure"? I hadn't either, but I recently learned



that this refers to approximately 20,000 children in Maryland who don't have ready access all the time to enough nutritious food to maintain satisfactory health. These are kids whose families rely on the Free/Reduced Meal Program to provide breakfast and lunch for their children during the school year. These same kids, however, often lack adequate nutritious food to eat on weekends. "Backpacks for Kids" attempts to fill that gap.

In Centreville, "Backpacks for Kids" is sponsored by the Centreville United Methodist Church (CUMC) and Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church. Beginning in September, volunteers meet weekly to assemble bags of food for 25 of the neediest children at Centreville, Kennard, and Church Hill Elementary Schools. The packed bags are then delivered to the schools each Friday in time for the guidance counselors to place them in backpacks for the children to take home for the weekend. Each backpack typically contains two breakfast items, two lunches, two fruits, two snacks, and two 100% juice boxes. Sometimes little extras (toothbrushes, toothpaste, Chapstick, a school supply, or a small candy, etc.) will also be placed in the bags. The cost is approximately \$4 per week per child – a very small amount for such a huge difference in the life of a child.

If you would like to contribute to this program, you may do so by sending a check to Centreville United Methodist Church, 608 Church Hill Road, Centreville, Maryland 21617 or to Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, 303 Chesterfield Avenue, Centreville, Maryland 21617. Be sure to write "Backpacks" on the memo line. The churches also accept donations of food items. (Please remember to provide enough of each item for 50 backpacks for Centreville Methodist and for 25 backpacks for Our Mother of Sorrows.) If you wish to contribute in this way, you may drop your items at our house, 235 Opera Court, and I'll be happy to take them to the church for you. Please choose items from the list below:

Juice boxes (100% juice)
Granola bars
Cereal bars; small boxes of cereal
Individual bags of pretzels
Cans of tuna
Easy-Mac packets

Oatmeal Applesauce cups Cans of soup Small boxes of raisins or Craisins Pudding cups Fruit cups (mixed, mandarin oranges, etc.) Cans of beans/franksHot chocolate packsIndividual portions of microwave popcornCans of ravioli or spaghetti with meat

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you very much. Eleanor Strietman--443-262-8162

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Advertisers

Please support our advertisers. At the end of the newsletter you will find their ads.

Also, if you have good service from someone, encourage the company to advertise. You can print the ad rates from the website or pick up a rate list from Nancy at the Clubhouse. **Supporting our advertisers helps keep our HOA dues from increasing.**

<u>Picture and Pet Directory</u>



Please send your picture and a picture of your pet to be posted in the Directories at our Website. The Picture Directory allows SV residents to identify their neighbors by name and by picture. Should you find a pet, you could check the Pet Directory to see whose pet it might be in order to reunite the pet with its owner. Submit your photo for the Picture Directory to Charlene Smallwood Brown at <u>gsmallw594@aol.com</u> or George Drake at <u>georgerdrake@yahoo.com</u>. To include your pet's picture in the Pet Directory,

send it to John Schultz at schultzy@schultzy.org.

Daily Bulletin

Please check the Daily Bulletin for important updates. To submit an item, please send it to both Carol Hodges at <u>lhodges@atlanticbb.net</u> and Pat Scheirer at <u>pathaller@atlanticbb.net</u>. When one of us is out of town, the other will be backup.

Computer Help

Should you need help with accessing the Daily Bulletin, Directory, etc., please sign up in the Activities Book, and someone will get back with you to help.

All Are Welcome

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & C meeting on January 2 at 2 p.m.

SNEAKERS

**** Sneakers Auction ****

The results from our 7th Annual Silent Auction, Saturday, November 5, have been finalized. Thanks to your generosity and participation, we raised over \$9,500 for our charity's programs. We truly appreciate the contributions from all of you. Please circle Saturday, November 3, 2012, on your calendars for our 8th Annual Silent Auction.

**** Santa Tree ****

A very heartfelt thanks to all who selected a gift from the Santa Tree, wrapped it, and delivered it to the Clubhouse. All of the toys and clothing items requested were delivered to the schools (Centreville Elementary, Kennard Elementary, and Centreville Middle) for the parents to pick up before Christmas. It is truly a joy to live in such a caring and giving community like Symphony Village.

**** Book Giveaways ****



Our next activity is the all-school pre-holiday giveaway, scheduled for Friday, December 16, at Kennard Elementary. Please be sure to sign up in the Activities Book. We need help from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., as the children have to read a page to an adult to ensure they have selected an appropriate book for their individual reading level. The principal of Centreville Elementary attended our last Sneakers meeting and shared his desire to start a similar book

giveaway program at their school. We will let you know when that is scheduled.

**** Special Event ****

The new principal at Centreville Elementary has instituted a program where the school gives back to the community. To thank Symphony Village, their newly formed chorus will come to the Clubhouse to give us a concert. We will provide details about this upcoming spring event when we have more information.

****Distribution of Canned Goods****

For the past several years, we have assisted Kennard Elementary School with their holiday



canned food distribution. The students bring in canned goods to share with those less fortunate. As in the past, we have had a group of Symphony Village people who again volunteered help sort cans, validate dates on the cans, and put the items in boxes for the needy families. Thank you for your help.

****Next Meeting****

At the present time, there is no specific date for our next scheduled meeting. Keep your eyes on the Daily Bulletin for information on upcoming events, such as book giveaways and other activities. Remember, all residents of Symphony Village are warmly encouraged to join us and participate in our ongoing activities.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

BIKE CLUB

Fifth Annual New Year's Day Bike Ride "I've Ridden My Bike Every Day This Year"



Mark your calendars for the 5th annual New Year's Day cycling event. All Symphony Village bike riders are encouraged to meet at the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 1, 2012, and ride for as long as weather permits. Last year twenty-one hardy souls geared up for this event--some cycling for as little as a few hundred feet and others riding for as much as five to ten miles within SV. Following the ride, all participants gather in the Clubhouse for hot chocolate and pastries served by Nancie Cameron. Each year it seems some bikers are more eager to return to the Clubhouse for Nancie's delicious treats than rack up mileage and "bragging rights" for the new year. Come join the camaraderie on New Year's Day. NOTE: Helmets are required. (If you need one, call Lloyd McAtee 410-758-2443.)

SYMPHONY VILLAGE BIRD CLUB

– Linda Blume



Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton is conducting Project FeederWatch mid-December through April 7 on Wednesdays and Thursdays. See all the details below in Local Events. If you would like me to organize Bird Club participation as a group, just let me know.

The Bird Club will travel to Pickering Creek on Sunday, January 22, to attend "Woodpeckers," 1-3 p.m. This is part of the "Walk 'n Talk" series of discussions followed by a walk on the Pickering Creek trails. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the Activities Book by Wednesday, January 18, so I can let Pickering Creek know how many to expect. We'll carpool from the Clubhouse parking lot promptly at 12:45 p.m.



COMPUTER CLASS

Juana Ridgway is offering a basic computer class starting on Tuesday, January 10, at 10 a.m. The class will run for at least four weeks. Please sign up in the Activities Book. Indicate any topics that you might like to be included. If enough interest, a Thursday class might be offered. Any questions, call Juana at 443-262-8217.

THE GAZEBO AND VEGETABLE GARDEN CLUBS

This is the last appeal for someone to take over the job of chief weeder and coordinator of the Gazebo Garden. Only one additional resident has agreed to care for one of the twenty plots in our community flower garden. We still need seven others.

The gazebo Christmas tree has been erected. The gazebo itself has been decorated. This has been Jack's last official act in the garden. Someone else will have to take down the decorations and arrange to store the tree until next year. **Any volunteers?** Jack will continue to care for the martin house. Approval has been requested to erect a fifth martin house near the pond behind 610 Harmony. Jack will take care of this when approved.

Planning for the vegetable garden has been moving along. The area assigned to us has been reduced, so there is no room for new gardeners. Dave Peterson has finally gotten his tiller fixed and tilled half of the area. (HOORAY!) Twelve bags of leaves have been spread over the plot and will be composted in with the tiller. This should improve our soil for next year. The garden will be tilled again in the spring in time for traditional planting on St. Patrick's Day. We will keep you posted on any new developments regarding the Gazebo Garden.

THE READING FOR FUN BOOK CLUB

The Book Club met on November 16 to discuss *The Tenderness of Wolves* by Stef Penney. The setting for the story is the very cold Northern Territory in 1867. A trapper is brutally murdered,

and several residents try to follow the trail of the killer into the frozen Northern Territory. As a side venture, they also try to discover what happened to two sisters who have been missing for 17 years. The author weaves adventure, suspense, and humor into an exhilarating thriller! This book was recommended by Jack Hennessey, who also provided lemon tarts (made by his wife) and peach tea for dessert.

The Club has decided not to hold a meeting in December because of the busy holiday season. However, several books have been recommended for the 2012 book year. A list of the 2011 selections with their Book Club ratings will be published. The books are rated on a scale of 1 to 10. One of our 2011 books, *The Color of Water*, received a rating of 8.3, the third highest rating of all books read by the Club.

Because of the busy season, we were unable to cull the library books for the giveaway as reported last month. The culling will take place in December. Culled books will be available for free in the Craft Room the week of December 12. Left-over books will be donated to the Wye Church Book Fair. (The public library does not want them.) All residents are invited to join the Book Club for the 2012 season!

Special Christmas Edition of Trivia by Karin Anne Larsen

- 1. How many gifts would you receive if you received *all* of the gifts in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas?"
- 2. What is the most popular tree topper for Christmas trees in this country?
- 3. Where did Santa land his sleigh in "The Night before Christmas"?
- 4. What country started the tradition of exchanging gifts?
- 5. What three characters sing "The Chipmunk Song"?
- 6. What country created eggnog?
- 7. How many times is the name of Santa Claus used in "The Night before Christmas"?
- 8. Name Santa's reindeer and tell how many usually pull his sleigh on a clear night?
- 9. Christmas day, one of the most celebrated days in the world, is also which numbered day of the year?

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MARIA SCHECK

Charlie Scheck would like to invite Symphony Village residents to a memorial mass in remembrance of his late wife, Maria. The service will be held at Our Mother of Sorrows on Saturday, January 14, at 11:30 a.m. Charlie sends his heart felt appreciation for the tender loving care shown to his Maria by all Village residents who knew her.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

As the winter closes in, here are some helpful reminders:

- Drain your outside hose bibs. First shut off the inside valves, then open the outside bib to let any residual water drain out. Valves are typically located under the kitchen sink and under the master bathroom vanity. Leave the bib open until next spring.
- Mark the location of your propane tank so it can be located in the snow. Use a fiberglass stake available at the hardware store.
- Replace the screen in storm door(s) with glass.
- Turn on the fireplace pilot light if you turned it off for the summer.

Consider the following energy saving tips:

- Close the blinds and drapes in the evening to reduce heat loss.
- If you have a southerly exposure, open the blinds and drapes wide to let the sun's warmth into the house. Be sure to close the blinds as the sun wanes.
- Don't turn your thermostat up more than 2 degrees at a time (either override or programmed.) Most thermostats will switch from heat pump to propane furnace if more than 2 degrees are called for. You can experiment with your particular thermostat. Remember, it will take longer for heat pump to warm your home, but it's less expensive.
- Consider using the propane fireplace to warm the local area of the house. (This works best if you have a circulator fan in the fireplace to push the warm air out the top.) This is efficient for home models that have a relatively contained family room area (e.g. Bach, Gershwin) less effective for models with large open "great rooms."



- Make sure you've reversed your ceiling fans (so air blows upward) for the winter. Use ceiling fans in conjunction with the fireplace to gently push the warm air that collects near the ceiling down the walls toward the floor, with minimum "breeze effect."
- Close the door to rooms you're not using. For a room that's not normally used, consider closing the air duct partway. (If needed, use a yard stick to reach it.)

Additional tips are posted on the Symphony Village Website:

- Winter Energy Savings Tips
- <u>Opportunities For Energy Savings</u>
- Additional Attic Insulation worthwhile even if tax credit has expired

RESTAURANT REVIEW

by Karin Anne Larsen

COMMERCE ST. BAR & GRILL

North Commerce Street is buzzing with the opening of the new Commerce St. Bar & Grill. The aromatic food, the bright and pleasing décor, and the friendly and attentive service all made for a perfect first visit!

Upon entering, we were seated at a table in front of the bay window with a pleasant view overlooking the town of Centreville's historic courthouse. We immediately sensed a jovial dining atmosphere, noticing about 11 busy tables merging gracefully with an equally busy and upscale bar area.

We enjoyed our appetizer and salad as a first course. The *Mussels Fradiavola*, fresh mussels in a spicy seafood broth served with homemade grilled bread, was a winner. Also delicious was the *Commerce St. house salad* filled with craisins, candied walnuts, and lots of goat cheese with a yummy balsamic glaze. Most of the appetizers range from 8-10 dollars, and the salads range from 5-7dollars. Soups were also in that range with many tempting choices. The *Chicken and Spinach*, a mix of freerange chicken breast with fresh spinach in a delicate chicken broth with grilled bread sounds good.



My husband, Bruce, ordered the *Cioppino Seafood Stew* made to order with their fresh catch of the day, fresh clams, mussels, scallops, and shrimp in a light tomato broth served with grilled bread. My dish, the pan seared *Rockfish Fillet* was cooked perfectly and served on a bed of grilled asparagus with jumbo lump crab meat drizzled with lemon-lime vinaigrette. Both dinner entrees were delectable. Most of the entrees range from 16 - 28 dollars.

Finishing with an impressive piece of fresh *Apple Pie*, split between us, wasn't easy after eating too much, but someone has to do it, right?

Believe me, you will find this menu appealing. Would any of these appetizers appeal to you? *Lobster Mac'n Cheese, Crab Puff, Mushroom Bruschetta, Shrimp Poppers, Grilled Pizza, Fried Calamari, Seared Ahi Tuna, Italian Antipasto, and Teriyaki Steak Skewers* are some of the choices. How about some of these dinner entrees ranging from *Chef's Risotto, Filet Mignon with Wild Mushrooms, Lobster Pasta*, two chicken dishes, and another rib eye entrée?

If this review has made you hungry, simply leave SV, turn right on Route 213, and go north into the center of town, and *voila*! Owner Ivano Scotto is waiting for you and will probably greet you at his new festive and appealing establishment.

Commerce St. Bar & Grill, 122 N Commerce St., Centreville, Md. 21617. (410-758-2290).

RECIPES

Fried Spring Rolls

(Makes approximately 50) From the Kitchen of Jerry Nudo

- 1. 1 lb. ground pork or shrimp, finely chopped
- 2. 10 cups cabbage, shredded
- 3. 1 can water chestnuts, chopped
- 4. 1 bag matchstick carrots
- 5. 1 cup spring onions, sliced thin
- 6. 1 bag bean sprouts
- 7. 4 cloves garlic, shredded or minced



- 8. 1 T ginger, minced
- 9. 1 tsp. pepper
- 10. 1-1/2 tsp. salt
- 11. 1-1/2 T soy sauce combined with 1 T corn starch and 2 T water
- 12. 1 tsp. rice vinegar (optional)
- 13. canola oil

- 2 pkgs. of spring roll wrappers (25/package; purchased at Asian markets)
- 15. 1 egg, beaten (used to brush one end of the wrapper to seal)
- In a wok or a large frying pan, put 2 T canola oil, and cook pork until pink is gone; break apart any large lumps. Set aside.
- Put 3 T oil in the wok/pan and stir fry ingredients 2 through 12 for five to ten minutes. Mix the pork back into the wok/pan with the other ingredients and cook for another 5 minutes.
- To fill the wrappers, place the wrapper with a corner facing you. Put approximately one heaping tablespoonful of filling into the lower center of wrapper. Fold the bottom corner up and over the filling to a little past the center of the wrapper. The bottom corner should be pointed toward the top corner. Fold each side corner over toward the center of wrapper. Roll the bottom up towards the top corner. When almost rolled to the top, brush the top corner with beaten egg, and roll up completely to the top.
- Fry spring rolls in oil to a golden brown.

PERSONAL ADS

Need more storage? **Timberlake Cabinetry**- Tahoe Maple Honey- Wall Bookshelves. 2 doors, 3 shelves. 36" wide/ 48" high/ 12" deep. New/In original packing. \$300 Missy Carroll--443-262-8568.

Craftsman 10 inch Table Saw—Great condition. \$100. 410-758-0591.

LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

By Linda Blume

LOCAL EVENTS: DECEMBER 16 - JANUARY 16

Project FeederWatch Needs You!



Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton is looking for additional Wing Watchers (Pickering Creek volunteers) to participate in <u>Project FeederWatch</u> from **mid-December** through **April 7**, on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers will watch Pickering Creek bird feeders from the warmth of indoors and record what birds are seen. This project is designed for all ages and for all birding skill levels. If you are interested in volunteering for as little or as much time as you want, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 410-822-4903 to

schedule a short orientation session.

Messiah Sing-In with the Chester River Chorale



Join in a Chestertown tradition with the Chester River Chorale and guest soloists on Friday, **December 16**, to sing Handel's *The Messiah*. The event takes place at the Garfield Center for the Arts at the Prince Theatre in Chestertown beginning at es of the score will be available or bring your own

8 p.m. Copies of the score will be available or bring your own.

Sleigh Ride Around the World

Experience the culture and traditions of the holiday season from around the world on Friday,



December 16, at the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College. Travel with the <u>Sleigh Ride Company</u> as they explore seasonal traditions, dances, stories, and melodies. Come and enjoy this educational and entertaining performance for all ages.

Dinner and Show tickets are \$35 per person (dinner begins at 6 p.m.); Show only tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 children ages 10 and under (show at 7:30 p.m.).

Hillsboro's Luminary Tour



The town of Hillsboro will be lined with 1,500 luminaries on Saturday, **December 17**, 5 - 8 p.m. The lights will stretch from Main Street to Church Street and over the bridge. Light refreshments will be served at the town hall with Santa. The event is free.

Christmas in the Grand Tradition



Choirs from sister churches in Chestertown join on Saturday, **December 17**, 6 p.m., at Christ Methodist Church for a seasonal celebration. The concert will include an organ and brass presentation. (Kent County Tourism)

"A Charlie Brown Christmas" with the Eric Byrd Trio



The Eric Byrd Trio presents "<u>A Charlie Brown Christmas</u>" on Saturday, **December 17**, 1 p.m., at the Avalon Theatre in Easton. The Eric Byrd Trio is comprised of musicians whose vision is to glorify the age of traditional jazz while providing an energetic and modern approach to standards and original the same time. Tickets are \$15

compositions at the same time. Tickets are \$15.

Holiday Jazz Show with the Eric Byrd Trio



The Eric Byrd Trio presents a <u>Holiday Jazz Show</u> on Saturday, **December 17**, 8 p.m., at the Avalon Theatre in Easton. The Eric Byrd Trio is comprised of musicians whose vision is to glorify the age of traditional jazz while providing an energetic and modern approach to standards and original compositions at the same time. Tickets are \$25.

Santa Cow is Coming!



Come and visit with <u>Santa Cow</u> and take photos on Saturday, **December 17**, 11 a.m. -2 p.m., at the Chick-fil-A Kent Island. There will be lots of activities for the children as well.

It's A Wonderful Life in West Annapolis

The movie "<u>It's A Wonderful Life</u>" will be screened throughout the day on Saturday, **December 17**, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., during this shopping event that will also include Santa, free horse-and-carriage rides, children's activities, and entertainment. The event takes place on Annapolis Street and surrounding areas.



Free Craft Saturdays



The Academy Art Museum in Easton will host a Free Craft Saturday on Saturday, **December 17**, 1 - 3 p.m., for children ages 6-12. Join in an afternoon of fun and holiday crafts. Different mediums will be used to create masterpieces inspired by the holiday that your child can give as a gift or use as a decoration for the home or to share with friends and family. The activity is free. Pre-registration is required – go to Academy Art Museum or call 410-822-2787.

Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"



The Avalon Foundation presents the Dickens classic "A Christmas Carol" as adapted by Cristine U'Ren on December 18 (2 p.m.), December 19 (Dinner and a Show, 6 p.m.), December 21 (7 p.m.), December 22 (7 p.m.), and December 23 (7 p.m.) at the Avalon Theatre in Easton. Tickets are \$20 adults and \$10 students. Ticket proceeds go to the Avalon Foundation.

Country Breakfast with Santa



Come to the Goodwill Fire Company on Sunday, December 18, 7:30 – 11 a.m., for a Country Breakfast with Santa. (Shore Update)

Turkey Shoot



There will be a Turkey Shoot every Sunday at the Kent Island Elks #2576 in Stevensville, beginning on Sunday, December 18. Registration begins at noon, and the shoot begins at 1 p.m. There are chances to win money, liquor, and meat.

Season of the Sailor



0104 for reservations.

Calico Jack and Bob Zentz present "Season of the Sailor" on Sunday, **December 18,** 7:30 – 9:30 p.m., at the Annapolis Maritime Museum. Enjoy an evening of original and traditional songs that come from the Atlantic maritime tradition with a few splashes from the Chesapeake Bay – songs sailors sang during the long winter months at sea, songs they wrote about spending the holidays afloat, and the songs and stories they might have enjoyed on their rare times at home during the holidays. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Call 410-295-

Winter Solstice Tracks and Traces



Pickering Creek Audubon Center in Easton presents "Winter Solstice Tracks and Traces" on Tuesday, **December 20**, 2 - 4 p.m., in the Ecology Classroom. It might be colder and the days shorter, but there are still animals out and about. Learn how to search for traces of mammals and birds during the winter months by creating your own track guide. The

group will then do a little tracking of their own on Pickering Creek trails.

Puppet Show: All I Want for Christmas

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"<u>All I Want for Christmas</u>" puppet show will take place on Thursday, **December 22**, 4 p.m., at the Talbot County Free Library in St. Michaels. The show is appropriate for all ages.

"Rumple Who?"



The <u>Bay Theatre Company</u> presents "Rumple Who?" a musical retelling of the classic fairy tale, on **December 27-29** at the Bay Theatre Company in Annapolis. Tuesday's performance is at 11 a.m.; Wednesday's performance is at 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday's performances are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 adults, \$12 children and students.

"Cinderella Waltz"



The Colonial Players present "<u>Cinderella Waltz</u>", a Shakespearean and Freudian retelling of the classic Cinderella story on **January 6-8**, **12-15**, and **19-21**. Performances on Thursday – Saturday begin at 8 p.m.; Sunday performances begin at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Artworks Children's Show



The <u>Artworks Gallery</u> and the Chestertown Arts League will showcase the work of talented students from local schools **January 6–28** at Artworks in Chestertown. The exhibits are full of imagination and color and show the results of recently expanded arts program for children offered through non-profit organizations. The exhibit is free.

<u>Tundra Swan Program</u>



Join the Kent County Bird Club and Eastern Neck Wildlife Refuge on Saturday, January 7, 8:30 – 11 a.m., for an outdoor interpretative program focused on Tundra Swans. Learn from refuge staff about these wonderful birds and their amazing annual migration while viewing them with spotting scopes and binoculars. This program begins at the Tundra Swan Boardwalk at the Refuge in Rock Hall.

An Abundant and Fruitful Land: Foodways of the Chesapeake, Now and Then

The <u>Winter/Spring 2012 Lecture Series</u> at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels begins on Thursday, **January 12**, with "Spirits of the Chesapeake: Taverns, Tankards, and True Stories from the 18th Century Maryland." Rod Cofield, Director of Interpretation at Historic Londontown, will share his lively research into the history of tippling in the Colonial Chesapeake, and how primary documents reflect the people, environment, and debauchery of 18th century life in the Tidewater. The lecture will be followed by a presentation from Joe Dolce, manager of Chestertown's Imperial Hotel, whose talk about the original colonial "cocktail", the rum shrub, will be highlighted with tastings and recipes. The event begins at 6 p.m. at the Van Lennep Auditorium on the CBMM campus. The cost is \$15 members, \$18 non-members. Pre-registration is required – call 410-745-2916.

3rd Annual Small Work Exhibition and Raffle



The QAC Arts Council presents their annual <u>Small Works Exhibit</u> January 13 – February 18. The exhibit showcases original miniature artworks from regional artists and private collectors, and it will include jewelry, two dimensional and three dimensional artwork. Admission to the exhibit is free. Raffle tickets are \$5 each or 7 tickets for \$30.

Second Saturdays at the Foundry



Interact with the Foundry artists as they demonstrate their work or present an art activity on the Second Saturday of every month, 2 - 4 p.m., at The Foundry in Denton. The first event of the new year is on Saturday, **January 14**.

Winter Light: Painting Interiors at the William Paca House



This is a unique opportunity to paint the interior of the <u>William Paca House</u> on Saturday, **January 14**, 9 a.m. -1 p.m. Paca House is a National Historic Landmark and home of Declaration of Independence signer William Paca. Jean Brinton Jaecks, watercolorist, conducts this painting workshop focused on painting light, atmosphere, and the challenges of perspective and composition while painting interiors. Students may choose the elegant dining room, kitchen,

parlor or the winter garden from one of the large windows. Small class size allows plenty of access to the instructor and a detailed critique at the end. The cost is \$70 for members and volunteers, \$75 general public. Pre-register on the website.

Waltzing Through Winter Dance Party



Begin the New Year at this fun dance party. The Centre for the Arts presents a <u>Waltzing Through Winter Dance Party</u> on Saturday, **January 14**, 8 - 10:30 p.m. An early bird waltz lesson is from 7:15 - 8 p.m. and will be presented by a world class dancer and instructor. The cost is \$10 members, \$12 non-members.

Ches-Adventures

<u>Ches-Adventures</u> at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels will offer children ages 4 – 9 two hours of age-appropriate Chesapeake-themed projects on select Saturdays, **January 14 – February 25**. There will be fun-filled and challenging hands-on-games, arts and crafts, and storytelling. The schedule:

January 14:	Bugs and Spiders: Fun to find, fun to make!
January 21:	Brighten Up Winter: Art projects with all things shiny.
January 28:	Winter Water Birds: Wanna make a duck?



February 11: <u>A Glacier Made the Bay</u>: We'll make our own gooey version of that ice floe.

February 18: Jellyfish: Love 'em or hate 'em, they are cool and beautiful.

February 25: <u>Wind</u>: Warm or cold, we'll look at wind power inside and out.

The morning session (10 a.m. - noon) is for ages 4-6; the afternoon session (1 - 3 p.m.) is for ages 7-9. Pre-registration is required - call 410-745-4941 to reserve a spot. The cost is \$12 members, \$15 non-members.

Maryland State Boys Choir in Chorus



The <u>Maryland State Boys Choir</u> will present a thrilling concert on Monday, **January 16**, of a variety of music including sacred masterworks, contemporary pieces, gospel, spirituals, and folk songs. The concert takes place at 2 p.m. at the Old Wye Church in Wye Mills.

CONTINUING EVENTS

Creepy Crawlers I and II for children ages 1-5: monthly: Creepy Crawlers

<u>Polar Bear League</u>: November 8 – March 20: Blue Heron Golf Course: <u>eric@blueherongolf.org</u> or <u>QAC Tourism</u>

Artworks Holiday Show and Sale: November 16 – December 29: Chestertown: Artworks

Lights on the Bay: November 19 – January 1: Sandy Point State Park: Visit Annapolis

Holiday Gift Boutique: November 25 – December 23: Stevensville: KIFA

Denton Holiday Windows: December 1 – 31: Denton: Caroline Tourism

Holiday Candlelight Stroll: December 2, 3, 9, 16, and 20: Annapolis: Watermark Tours

The Nutcracker: December 17 and 18: Annapolis: Maryland Ballet

Enchanted Campground Driving Tour: December 10-31: Martinak State Park: Caroline Tourism

Santa's Magic Workshop: December 10, 11, 7: Martinak State Park: Caroline Tourism

Live Arts Maryland: The Messiah: December 16-18: Annapolis: Live Arts Maryland

Winterfest of Lights: November 17 – December 31: Ocean City: Winterfest of Lights

Christmas in Crisfield: November 26 - December 17: Crisfield: Maryland Tourism

Christmas Garden of Trains: December 1 – 30: Cambridge: Cambridge Tourism

<u>Victorian Christmas Celebration</u>: November 26 – December 24: Berlin: <u>Maryland Tourism</u>

EVENTS OUTSIDE THE FOUR-COUNTY AREA

30th Annual Luminaria Night Celebration: December 17: Vienna: Dorchester Tourism

Dads and Kids Holiday Outing: December 17: Cambridge: Dorchester Tourism

Vienna Luminaria Event: December 17: Vienna: Maryland Tourism

<u>Governor's Challenge Basketball Tournament</u>: December 27-30: Salisbury: <u>Civic Center</u>

- Winter Wonderland Tea: December 30: Belair Mansion in Bowie: City of Bowie
- <u>The Calverts by Candlelight</u>: December 30: Historic Riversdale in Riverdale Park: <u>Riversdale Events</u>
- 18th Annual Penguin Swim: January 1: Ocean City: Maryland Tourism

16th Annual Leo Brady's Exercise Like the Eskimos: January 1: Delaware Tourism

Nautical and Wildlife Art Festival 2012: January 14-15: Ocean City: Maryland Tourism

<u>Twelfth Night Ball</u>: January 14: Historic Riversdale in Riverdale Park: <u>Riversdale Events</u>

TRIVIA ANSWERS

3. "On the roof"

- 1. 364 presents
- 4. Italy 5. Alvin, Theodore, and Simon

2. An angel

- 6. England 7. None/zero times
- 8. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen; 8 Reindeer
- 9. The 359th day of the year.

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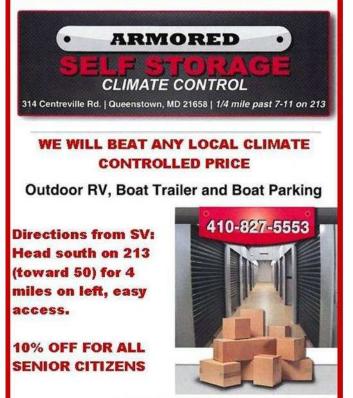


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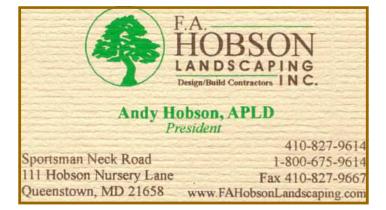
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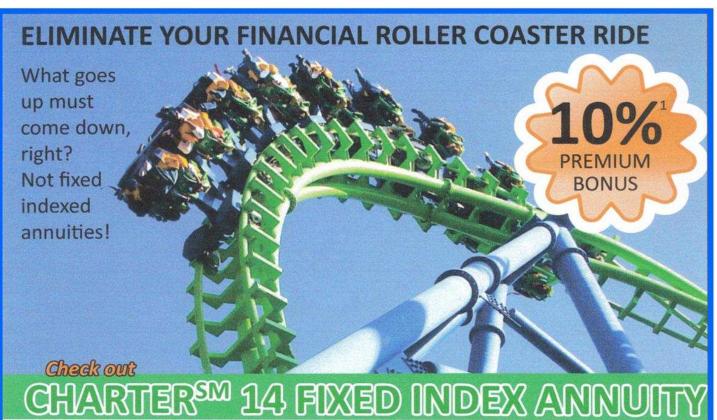
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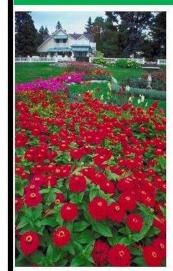




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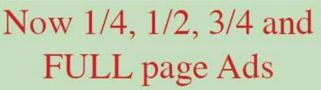
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