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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.



Joe Sikes & Jan Withers 149 Concerto Avenue Amy & Jay Landen 125 Symphony Way Pat & Al Brewer 113 Symphony Way

Picture from Welcome Night April 5





Report from the President, Mark Somerville, Caruso Homes, Inc.

As most of you know, we are coming to a close on our sales operations. Our model homes have been sold and are in the process of being converted for settlement. We have two unsold units remaining; one is a completed inventory home and the other is an inventory home ready to start this month. All other homes in the community have been sold and started. We anticipate completing the home construction in late August 2016.



The phase 3 road system (which consists of the lots north of the Symphony Way circle and east of Symphony Way) is in the process of being dedicated to the Town of Centreville. The last list of items was completed last week and should be in the legal process to be accepted in the Town of Centreville road network. The phase 4 road system (which consists of all lots east of Symphony Way that do not have the final

asphalt layer installed) is going to start repair and completion work this spring. The final layer of asphalt should be scheduled for July/August dependent on the home construction progress. It is our anticipation that all of the roads will be completed, including the re-working of the Symphony Blvd entrance, and turned over by the end of 2016.

We will begin working on completing the final grades in the swales in Phase 4 between Orchestra Place and Concerto Avenue later this month now that the homes have been completed. Once the final two homes on Concerto Avenue have been completed through framing, we will begin work on the swale between Concerto Avenue and Harmony Way. The final big piece of the development work to be completed will be the conversion of the Storm Water Management Pond #3 which is located at the Bravo Boulevard entrance in Phase 4 of the community. That work will start in late Summer/Early Fall of 2016 and should be completed by the end of the fall months.

As we complete the homes and infrastructure within the community, we will do our best to give adequate notice to all of the affected residents to minimize the disruption this work will create.

Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COVENANTS by Chris Pariseau, Chair, and Irene Hoffman, Vice Chair

The HOA Board of Directors just approved an updated version of the architectural guidelines at the March 31 HOA BOD meeting. The new guidelines are posted online—titled SYMPHONY VILLAGE AT
CENTREVILLE ARCHITECTURAL GUIDELINES - April 2016 (Replaces December 2014 Guidelines).

Please refer to them when you have questions about projects you want to do around the exterior of your home.

At the last HOA BOD meeting and in the January *Libretto*, I reminded homeowners of the deadlines for submitting "exterior modification requests." All requests must be received and recorded by the management front office by the **last Tuesday of the month**. This provides time for the committee to review your application, assign a committee member to meet and walk the project with the homeowner, and have this accomplished prior to the meeting on the **first Tuesday of the month**.

As you can see, if the committee gets a rush of applications at the last minute, it requires a lot of time and effort by committee members to review all the applications. Please try to have your applications in as far in advance as possible.

Please don't schedule any work by your contractors until you have received approval for your project. There may be items and questions by the committee and answers needed before you start. Many times the homeowner does not provide all the necessary information for a project. Please see the guidelines for what is required. They are listed on the application and all items listed are required.

Drawings, sketches, photographs, or pictures of the proposed improvement are necessary. If you are applying for a deck, please include an elevation view (view from back and sides) and plan view (view from roof) of proposed improvement. For all deck applications, please include rail type and sizes.

Also necessary is the plat plan (survey) of your lot indicating where the proposed improvement(s) is to be installed.

If you are planning a landscaping project, it is required to have the HOA Landscaping Company manager or his representative sign off on your application. The Architectural Guidelines document states: "When performing exterior modifications in or around the sprinkler system (such as installing pavers on the side of driveways or planting in existing gardens or establishing new gardens), it is <u>mandatory</u> that in addition to submitting an Application for Exterior Modification to the HOA through the Covenants Committee, that you also submit signature of current irrigation contractor to show that review of existing irrigation heads has been done and any necessary move or cap will be done to affected irrigation heads."

So please take the time to review the Guidelines and refer to them when you are planning project. If in doubt, you can always call the committee chair to get further guidance. Thanks for your cooperation.



LIFESTYLE COMMITTEE – Vinny Volpicelli, Chair; Randy Officer, Vice Chair; and Pat Fox,

Correspondent

Glam Salon* Friday, April 15, 5 - 7p.m.

Gypsy—The Musical** Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, April 17, 2 p.m.

Motown Happy Hour*** Saturday, April 16, 6 - 8 p.m.

Storytelling Festival**** Friday, April 29 (evening) & Saturday, April 30 (all day)

Lifestyle Meeting Monday, May 2, 7 p.m. Happy Hour Friday, May 6, 6 – 8 p.m.

Peter's Alley Theatre**** Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Happy Hour***** Saturday, May 21, 6 – 8 p.m.

*Glam Salon Beauty Event

On **Friday, April 15, from 5 - 7 p.m**. Glam Salon in Chester will again host SV residents interested in hair and beauty tips while enjoying snacks and a glass of wine! Spots are still available. Please get in touch with Carolyn Harty to make your reservation. We will plan on carpooling to the salon from SV at 4:30 p.m.

**Gypsy – A Theatre Event



Chesapeake College's Peake Players presents *Gypsy – The Musical*. Performances are on **Friday, April 15, and Saturday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m**. There is a matinee on **Sunday, April 17, at 2 p.m**. Tickets are \$15 adults and \$10 for seniors. Please contact the Todd Performing Arts Center Box Office at 410-827-5867 for tickets.

***Join us on Saturday, April 16, for the Symphony Village Motown Happy Hour



We hope you can join us on **Saturday, April 16, 6 p.m.**, at the Symphony Village Clubhouse for a Motown Happy Hour! Imagine yourself back in the '60s and '70s listening to the soulful sounds of Motown -- "Baby Love" by the Supremes ('64), "Reach Out (I'll Be There)" by The Four Tops ('67), "The Tears of a Clown" by Smokey Robinson and The Miracles ('67), and more... You, too, will be "Dancing in the Street!" Boogey down with the sounds of Smokey Robinson, Martha Reeves, and The Temptations. If you'd like, wear your Stevie Wonder dark glasses, a full beard like Marvin Gaye, a sleek Diana Ross dress, or your own

funky look. Soul food appetizers and desserts (whatever they are!) are welcomed.





****Queen Anne's County Storytelling Event Is Here With Discounted All Access Pass If Purchased Through The Drakes!!

The Queen Anne's County Arts Council in conjunction with Chesapeake College is hosting a Storytelling Weekend Festival on **Friday, April 29**, and **Saturday, April 30**, featuring national, regional, and local tellers. They'll take you on magical journeys with stories reminiscing about the carefree days of childhood, showcasing humorous slice of life moments, and looking back on significant historical events and people.

Friday evening will have short Opening Performances (aka Olio) by many of the storytellers who will be on stage Saturday. The Friday evening events are from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday is the big day with multiple performances that will take place concurrently on three stages at Chesapeake College. The entertainment starts at 10 a.m. in various segments and goes to 5:15 p.m. There is a dinnertime Outdoor Concert and a roundup evening Olio. The last event of the night is Ghost Stories!

Tickets choices will be for:

Friday Night only - \$35 pp

Saturday Night only - \$25 pp

Saturday Day only - \$45 pp

Ghost Stories only -\$15 pp

All Access Weekend Pass - \$60pp ** \$55 PP IF YOU BUY THE PASS THROUGH GEORGE OR MARY DRAKE!

Admission is free for children 12 and under if accompanied by an adult.

You can get more detailed information about the tickets and the performers on the Festival website.

Our County would like to make this a First Annual Storytelling Festival showcasing the Eastern Shore. Let's support this effort! For more information and ticket purchases contact George Drake.

*****Peter's Alley Theatre Trip – Sunday May 15

Collected Stories by David Margulies and **Directed By Aly Ettman**

Join this fun theatre trip (bus transportation included) and lunch on your own at one of the many nice restaurants in Shirlington Village, VA.

Theatre On The Run:

Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Bus transportation and theatre tickets - \$50 Door to door service from the SV Clubhouse. Sign up in the Activities Book. Deadline is April 25. Make checks payable to Lee Ettman.

*****Special Happy Hour Event – Saturday May 21!

Please join the magic at the **Saturday, May 21**, Happy Hour. Dave the Magician will be performing table side magic tricks that will amaze and entertain you. Please put this on your calendar! Another Lifestyle Committee entertainment event for your viewing pleasure.



Our Gratitude Dinner Was A Huge Success !!!!

Thanks to all who made our Gratitude Dinner a monster happening! About 150 people attended and assisted. Thanks to Zina Lichaa for the idea and spearheading the effort and all the residents who contributed their time, food, funds, Irish coffees, and other bar libations! Something to be proud of folks!



New York City Trips

June 1 American in Paris - \$189 pp. \$100 deposit due by April 17

August 24 **Beautiful** - \$170 pp. \$80 deposit due by April 18 October 5 **On Your Feet**- \$190 pp. \$100 deposit due by June 1

October 8 Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty, 9-11 Memorial (not Museum), Little Italy for dinner (on your

own). \$105 pp. Sign up and pay by June 1

November 5 **9-11 Memorial Museum**, Little Italy for dinner on your own. \$115 pp. Sign up and pay by June

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December 2 Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular – 11:30 a.m. Matinee. \$149 per person. \$100

deposit by June 1. Invite family, friends, and kids to go also. Time to shop and have a late

lunch/early dinner on your own.

All of these trips depart at 7 a.m. from the SV Clubhouse. A bagel and juice breakfast will be served. Bring your own hot drink. All shows are matinees and orchestra seating. Return time is approximately 10 p.m.

Events in the Planning Stage

MGM-National Harbor

Antiques Appraisal Road Show Return, June 4

Future Health Fair

OPERATIONS – Pat Fox, Chair; and Dominick Mancinelli, Vice Chair

We have a new front door! I'm sure you've noticed. This is the third door to grace the front of our Clubhouse and it cost \$15,000. SO, we're hoping that each of us will treat this royal entry with utmost respect. That means we never hold it open, pull on it, help it open, or close in any way. Otherwise, it is expensive to repair and you could void our warranty.

Follow up on the March *Libretto* --the Board hired Mid-Atlantic Tree Experts to handle tree care such as pruning and shaping in 2016 to the specifications of our arborist, Bob Stanley. They are also enlarging and adding LeafGro (not mulch) to the existing street tree beds. This practice allows for better nutrition, better



water runoff to trees, and room for roots to spread. The work is now underway. Any *new* street trees will be planted in December while the tree is dormant to our current specifications by Chester River Landscaping. This includes replacement street trees paid for by the HOA and trees that are part of Caruso's responsibility. Unfortunately the company who worked for Caruso made the decision they did not want to plant trees to our specifications and let us know too late for a new contractor to make the spring planting season. Do not fear—homes on the "new side"—your trees are coming.

An Operations subcommittee has completed its survey to identify deteriorated sidewalk sections. Replacement work will take place during warmer weather.

The Maintenance subcommittees (Interior and Exterior) are developing a more detailed check list for regular common property inspections. More information will be reported as the check list evolves.

Operations is helping the Landscape and Irrigation Committee get the word out to remind all residents to avoid giving instructions to the Complete Landscaping workers. All requests should be made either to a Complete manager or to Dennis.

The Board authorized the Operations Committee to solicit bids from fitness professionals to evaluate the age appropriateness of the equipment in the fitness center.

The Board also authorized management to have our security company install heat sensor alarms on several thermostats in the Clubhouse. Atlantic Security would receive an alarm if the heating system malfunctions and drops to a certain specified temperature. SV on-call members would then be notified about the problem.



The Board has hired Miller-Dodson, a consulting firm, to work with Caruso Homes on their transition out of Symphony Village when they finish the company's work here. This would be contractual and town approval based requirements. Operations formed a Transition sub-committee which is developing a list of components they will evaluate using the 2010 transition study as a template as well as other areas to clarify. The subcommittee and the Board will be discussing the process for committee input.

Next Meeting

The next Operations & Maintenance Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, at 9:30 a.m.

OUTREACH – Bea Trotta, President

6th Artisans' Fair

Planning for Outreach's 6th Artisans' Fair is well underway. Invitations have gone out to past participants as well as "new prospects," and Outreach hopes to have an even better Fair than the highly successful one last year. Several Villagers have signed up and plan to exhibit their creations – we welcome more! Registration Forms are in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse and may be returned to Cindy in the office. The event is "first come, first served," so when the Clubhouse space is filled, a waiting list will be started. So, if you plan to participate, please let Loretta Quigley, Linda Gardner, or Linda Blume know as soon as possible to guarantee your spot. Outreach does not take a percentage of your sales – we raise funds by renting out table space (plus, of course, the bake sale, delicious lunch options, and raffles). If you won't be a participant, we hope you save the date to do some shopping and to have lunch!

Save the Date

Symphony Village Outreach presents Dinner at The Creamery on **Friday**, **June 17**, **from 4 - 7 p.m**. as a fundraiser.



PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS—Carol Hodges, Chair; Linda Blume, Vice Chair

Ad Revenue from the Libretto Advertisers

In addition to publishing the *Libretto*, welcoming new residents, and maintaining our Website and calendars, the Publications and Communications Committee contributes significant income to the Symphony Village budget through the sale of advertising. Here is a list of the advertising revenue for each of the previous years since 2007:

2007 Ad Revenue Total: \$3,050
2008 Ad Revenue Total: \$5,677
2009 Ad Revenue Total: \$7,625
2010 Ad Revenue Total: \$7,807
2011 Ad Revenue Total: \$7,844
2012 Ad Revenue Total: \$7,106
2013 Ad Revenue Total: \$7,838
2014 Ad Revenue Total: \$5,977
2015 Ad Revenue Total: \$7,265
2016 Ad Revenue Total: \$2,240 as of 4/4/16

When you receive good service, remember to ask the provider if he or she is interested in placing an ad in the *Libretto*.

Next Meeting

The next Publications meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, at 2 p.m. at the Clubhouse All are welcome.

SNEAKERS- Linda Farrar, President; Bea Trotta, Correspondent

Centreville Elementary School Cubby Chorale

The Cubby Chorale will again be performing at our Clubhouse as a way of thanking Symphony Village residents for their support throughout the year. Mark your calendar for **Wednesday**, **May 11**, at **10 a.m**. Come to the Clubhouse and enjoy this uplifting performance by these young children raising their voices in song.

Centreville Elementary School Book Giveaway

Please note: The Centreville Elementary School Book Giveaway date has been changed from **Thursday**, **May 12** to **Monday**, **May 16**. We have removed the prior date sign-up sheets and replaced them with new sheets to reflect the date change. If you have a bit of time to spare and share, please sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. This is a fun event for all involved.

"Novemberfest"

Get ready to read more about the upcoming Sneakers Novemberfest to be held at the Clubhouse on **November 5**. Next month's *Libretto* will have more details about the event which will be filled with delicious hors d'oeuvres, a variety of beverages to taste, and so much more. Hope you can join us.

Next Meeting

The next Sneakers meeting will be held on **Wednesday**, **April 27**, **at 3 p.m**. in the Clubhouse. We are always looking for new members.

CLUBS AND CLASSES

Bird Club by Linda Blume



According to the <u>Ruby-Throated Hummingbird Migration Map</u>, the hummers have been sighted in Virginia, so it won't be long before they find their way to SV. I will put my hummingbird feeder out in mid-April – some years I've seen them a day or two before the 15th and some years closer to the end of the month, but I like to be prepared in case a hummer comes looking.

Plans are in the works for a possible Spring Picnic – Watch for email and a sign-up sheet in the Activities Book.

Gazebo Garden Club and Victory Garden by Jack Hennessey

Spring is sprung, the flowers riz, we wonder where the martins iz? Our computer tracking showed them arriving about April 1. We did see some advance scouts on March 20. The answer is that purple martins eat only flying insects, and the weather is too cold to support insects. We have installed five martin houses in the village. Residents who would like to have a martin house in their area, please contact Jack Hennessey, who will get approval and coordinate the installation. Incidentally, Dan Battista has taken over cleaning and installation of the gazebo martin house. Other houses need similar care.



On the subject of birds, the Killdeer are for the tenth year in a row nesting in the gazebo area. This is a picture of the Killdeer nest containing four eggs which hatched on April 13. Various birds are continually trying to nest in the gazebo. Jack eliminates these nests every day, before there are any eggs in them, and the birds eventually find a new nesting spot.

Many varieties of daffodils have been blooming in the 20 gazebo beds. In the fall, we will be planting many tulips, which are beautiful, but require transplanting every year. We have three new residents who have each taken over one of the beds, but we still

have need for eight more caretakers.

As for the Victory Garden, it has been delayed by the cool, wet weather. Many thanks to Gary Greenwald for getting our tiller in working order. Bill Wells, with instructions from Dave Peterson, has agreed to do the tilling. Residents who have requested a garden plot should confirm their intention to Jack, who will be laying out the garden and placing name stakes on each plot. Residents, be nice to the Victory Gardeners, and you may share in their bounty!

Lunch Bunch—by Marge Strano

The May Lunch Bunch is scheduled for **Pusser's Caribbean Grille** on **Thursday, May 5, at 12:30 p.m.** <u>Pusser's</u> <u>Caribbean Grille</u> is located at the Annapolis Waterfront Hotel at 80 Compromise Street, a beautiful waterfront location in the heart of Annapolis. We look forward to a wonderful lunch, a beautiful spring day, and the opportunity



to stroll through the downtown Annapolis Waterfront. Remember to sign up in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Please call Bea Trotta at 410-758-0332 (Cell 610-217-4754) or Marge Strano at 410-758-2511 (Cell 609-221-6378) if you have a question or need a ride.

GOODWILL FIRE COMPANY **2016 CASH BASH**

Sat, April 23, 2016 • Noon to 6 p.m. • Doors open 11 a.m.

145 Cash Drawings • Free food and beverages

Only 1000 tickets sold • \$100.00 per ticket (includes one guest)

Additional guest \$30.00 each • Under 16 \$10.00 each

*** Note: You do not have to be present to win. ***

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6:00 p.m. Grand Prize - \$10,000 Cash CONTACT: WAYNE BLOODWORTH (410-490-1483) FOR TICKETS

Total of prizes to be given away: \$60,000

Reading for Fun Book Club---by Jack Hennessey



The book that we reviewed at our March 15 meeting is *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. The setting for the story is the Nazi occupation of France, and particularly Paris, during WWII. Food is very scarce for the French, but not for the Nazis. Citizens have to endure long lines to get a few meager rations. Two sisters, Isabelle and Vianne, react differently to the occupation. Vianne's house is chosen as a residence by Captain Beck, a Nazi who is a family man with two children of his own. He does provide some measure of help to Vianne's family. Isabelle has chosen a path of strong resistance to the Nazi occupation. In fact, she is the primary lead in rescuing many allied pilots shot down by the Nazis. For this, Isabelle works under the name

Nightingale, and she is the object of diligent search by the Nazis. How she is captured and finally survives provides an exciting conclusion to the story. On a scale of 1 to 10, the book received a rating of 8.4.

The novel selected for our April 19 meeting is *Calling Me Home* by Julie Kibler. The story tells how Isabelle McAllister, an 89-year-old white woman, gets her black hairdresser, Dorrie, to drive her from Texas to Cincinnati to attend a funeral. As they drive, Isabelle tells the story of her life to Dorrie, including her longest kept secret. It is an interesting story, well told!

All residents are invited to attend the meeting, participate in the discussions, and perhaps to join the Book Club.



Social Singles--by Carol Donnelly

Social Singles met on April 12 and had a great planning meeting. Great turn out and great ideas: Our next meeting will be at the Clubhouse: **Tuesday, May 10 at 10:30 a.m**.

Discussion on

- 1. *February 2017 Beach House: Sign up/deposits/* We have rented a house on Anna Maria Island, Gulf Coast of Florida, near Sarasota. Call Carol Donnelly at 703-731-9995 for more information
- 2. *April: White Swan Tavern Tea: April 20*: Meet at the parking lot at 2:15 p.m. to carpool to 228 High Street. Sign up in the Activities Book
- 3. **April 29-30 Story Telling at Chesapeake College:** chesapeakestorytelling.com... tickets and information will be available soon.
- 4. *May: Picnic time! Wednesday, May 18, at the Environmental Center*: Queen Anne's County Tourism site. Meet at noon: Sign up in the Activities Book.
- 5. July: Lunch at the Crab Deck: Details coming soon!! Date to be determined.
- 6. Day at Saint Michael's lunch shopping: Date to be determined.
- 7. *Tred Avon Players/ Oxford:* "Celtic Thunder" and "Riverdance": **Sunday August 14, 21/28 at 2 p.m.** Discussion at our meeting.

CERT by Debi Wells

Evacuate!

If you (literally) had five minutes to evacuate from your home, what would you grab? You would grab your 'grab bag,' right? Sounds simple. But, do you have your 'grab bag' ready to go? Do your children (and grandchildren)? No ... because most people think it'll never happen to me. But, according to the <u>U.S. Government website</u>, evacuations happen more frequently than people realize. With that in mind, the SV CERT Team wants to promote neighborhood preparedness. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has a great checklist on their website to organize your 'grab bag' emergency supply kit.

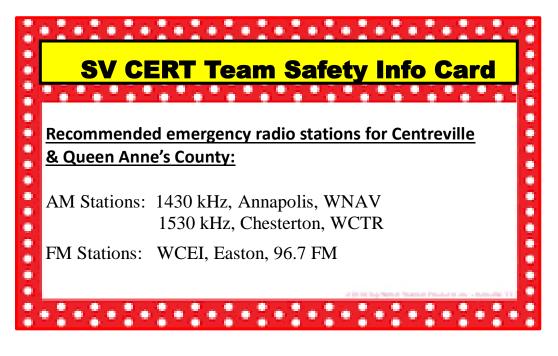
If you do not have a computer to view the two-page detailed emergency supply list, you will want to prepare for at least 72 hours and have the following: (a) layered clothing, including long pants and sturdy shoes; (b) essential documents, including your homeowner's insurance policy; (c) medications and glasses; (d) food (keep fresh and don't forget your pet) and water (one gallon per person); and include (e) your irreplaceable items (unique to everyone; these could be jewelry, art, awards, Johnny Walker Blue, etc.). Additionally, you may want to have a first aid kit, flashlight (inspect the batteries periodically to keep active), an emergency radio (to obtain weather and disaster alerts), a whistle (to signal for help), moist towelettes, filter masks, manual can opener, extra batteries, toilet paper, local maps (in case GPS systems do not work), and whatever else you can fit into your 'grab bag' and still be able to lift it.

Tape a note on your 'grab bag' to: (1) turn off your propane, (2) turn off your water, and (3) turn off your main electric circuit breaker before leaving your home ... if you have time. And, you may want to keep a wrench or pliers on your 'grab bag' to easily turn off those utilities. Then, secure your home. Be sure to close and lock all windows and doors to help prevent break-ins. And, be a good neighbor – some in SV may not be as prepared or able to get out of their homes easily. Check the homes around you to ask if folks need help; again, if you have time.

Another consideration you may want to think about is to photograph your belongings and keep those photos on a memory stick in your 'grab bag.' In addition to inventorying all rooms in your home using photos, pay

attention to what you have on the walls, in drawers, and in closets.

Next, choose a location for your family to meet and make sure everyone knows it (since even cell phone use may not be possible during a disaster). If your husband or wife is not home at the time you need to evacuate, plan a location to meet that makes sense. And, try to keep at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle whenever possible. Nearby gas stations may be closed during emergencies or power outages.



Last, follow evacuation routes. Do not take shortcuts. Even though you know the quickest way to get out of Centreville or off the Eastern Shore, some roads may be blocked for safety or other reasons. Stay on the designated evacuation route. Help yourself and those you care about STAY SAFE!

If you know of other tips to keep us all safe, please share them with your SV CERT Team. A list of SV CERT

Team members' names is on our SV Website.

Mark Your Calendars! Monday, April 18, at 3p.m.

Capt. Jeremy Davis, Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company (GWVFC), will provide a short presentation and discussion on best way to evacuate our community and town during a disaster. If the GWVFC paramedics are available, they will also join him to talk about their life-saving equipment. Have questions? Bring them!



Next Dining In Sunday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m.

April's "Dining In" is scheduled for **Sunday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m.** at Tom and Sandee Love's home on Orchestra Place. A brunch has been planned to include egg casseroles, smoked salmon, fruit, and much more, including champagne and mimosas. Sound good, doesn't it! Come join us. Having a brunch should be most enjoyable. Victoria would like to extend an invitation to those new to Symphony Village. Come meet your neighbors. The sign-up sheet is located in the Activities Book at the Clubhouse. Another host is needed. Please sign up if you are willing to host a brunch at your house, or a dinner if you prefer.

Dust Off The Rackets! by Teri Nudo and Ellen Miller



This year's Symphony Village tennis season is about to begin. All players are welcome to join in whether you are a beginner or a seasoned player. It's great exercise and fun. We are a noncompetitive group and do not keep track of games won and lost. As in the last several years, we will play on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 9 a.m. If you would like to join the tennis group, please contact Larry or Ellen Miller to get on the Symphony Village tennis email list or if you have any questions. On Sunday of each week, to ensure we have enough players for doubles (at least four players), please email Larry Miller

at <u>larryrmiller@atlanticbb.net</u> or Ellen Miller at <u>ellen.miller@atlanticbb.net</u> and indicate which day(s) (Tuesday, Thursday, and/or Saturday) you will play that week. We're looking forward to a good season. Come join us.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Town Hall Meeting

There will be an SV Town Hall meeting in the Clubhouse on **Thursday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m**. The main focus of the meeting will be to present the *final report of the Special Storage Committee* outlining the study results on square footage, how this number was achieved, and the final conclusions the Committee has formulated. There will be a segment devoted to answering questions and the exchange of ideas. The goal is to seek a common ground upon which to move forward in an orderly and constructive fashion. The Storage Committee's Phase 1 Final Report and a graphic showing an example of a potential layout can be found in the <u>Daily Bulletin</u> first published on March 31, 2016. All are welcome.

Special Board Meeting

There will be a Special HOA Board of Directors' meeting on **Wednesday**, **April 27**, **at 9 a.m**. The agenda will be only on the storage issue.

Lunch Bunch Celebrates Jacline Moran's Special Number Birthday!

The Lunch Bunch celebrated Jacline Moran's special number birthday a few days early at the Lunch Bunch on April 7 at Jalapeno's Restaurant in Annapolis. Jacline shared the celebration with two other April birthdays-Joan Studnicky and Judy Ehrenfeld. There were many cards of congratulations, happy wishes, and a birthday

cake to mark the celebration.

eld, Jacline Moran





Peter Rabbit Tales



Peter Rabbit Tales comes to the Todd Performing Arts Center at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills on **Friday, April 22, 7 p.m.** In celebration of Beatrix Potter's 150th birthday anniversary, Enchantment Theatre Company, in collaboration with the Estate of Beatrix

Potter and Penguin Books UK, bring her captivating stories to life. Using fantastic masks, whimsical puppets, gorgeous scenery, and original music, the magical, marvelous world of Beatrix Potter comes alive on stage with the theatrical version of *Peter Rabbit Tales*. Tickets are \$9 for both adults and children. Call the Box Office at 410-827-5867.

213 Speed Limit Reduction Update

The Town of Centreville met with traffic engineers from the State Highway Administration (SHA) recently. A petition, signed by nearly 160 SV residents asking for a reduction of the speed limit on 213 to 35 m.p.h., was presented. SV representatives said the reduced speed stretch should run from the 213 intersection with 301 for approximately one third of a mile to where the 35 m.p.h. speed limit starts north of

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Taylor Mill Road. The SHA is planning to report back to the Town within 45 days (early to mid-May). They will be out taking traffic counts in the area and evaluating options.

Centreville Farmer's Market to Open



The Centreville Farmer's Market will open for the season on **Wednesday**, **April 20**, and will be open on Wednesdays (2 - 6 p.m.) and **Saturdays (9 a.m. - 1 p.m.)** through October. Vendors are on Commerce Street, Lawyers Row, and Broadway Street and will offer Maryland grown (or raised) fruits, vegetables, and meat products as well as value-added food products like bread and cheese, teas, coffee, and handmade craft items.

Learn to play the Steel Drums

Washington College in Chestertown will be having a class during the late Spring and Summer designed to teach you how to play the Steel Drums. This will be a fun class that will teach by rote, so no musical talent is necessary. For more information, go to: steelband.washcoll.edu, or give John Leupold a call at 410-778-7837. John is the Assistant Professor of Music at Washington College.





The Queen Anne's Chorale is presenting a concert entitled "Old American Songs" ueen Anne's that explores songs, ballads, hymns, and patriotic music of the 19th Century. Guest soloist, Lyric-Dramatic Baritone, Thomas Beard will join the Chorale for this concert. Mr. Beard is a longtime friend of the Queen Anne's Chorale, having performed with

them in the Brahms' Requiem and other concerts in the past. He is well known internationally and nationally for his roles in opera and performances with symphony orchestras and chorales.

Saturday, April 23, 7 p.m. at The Todd Performing Arts Center, Chesapeake College, Wye Mills Tickets are \$15 for adults; children through high school are admitted free which can be purchased at the door or from a Chorale member. For more information please call 240-650-5540, visit www.qachorale.org, or CONTACT: Kathryn Marchi at 410-758-3183 or marchi-wre@mris.com.

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18 —6th Annual Toys for Tots Bull and Oyster Roast

This event is Sold Out; however, there will be carry-out available on **Sunday, April 24, noon – 5 p.m**. Tickets are \$35 per person. Call the Post at 410-758-3584 for more information.

Centreville Heritage Trail Brochure



Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin, Centreville's Town Historian, has announced that the Centreville Heritage Trail brochure has been completed and is now available, free of charge, on the counter at the Centreville Town Office (101 Lawyer's Row). The brochure is easy to carry and gives details on many historic sites in Centreville. The brochure will be updated as additional town history signs are erected.



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Free Community Shredding Day



Cvach Financial Services will sponsor a Free Community Shredding Day on **Saturday, May 7**, **9 a.m.** – **1 p.m**., at its office (2977 4H Park Road, corner of Routes 213 and 18) in Centreville. There is no fee, but donations will be accepted for the Goodwill Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. Call 443-262-8009 with questions.

Dick Durham 1-2-3-4



The spectacular jazz pianist Dick Durham returns in a concert at the Mainstay in Rock Hall, **Saturday**, **May 7**, **at 8 p.m.**, featuring solo, duo, trio, and quartet numbers. Joining Dick will be Blake Cramer, a lyrical interpreter of the American song form on vibes, Symphony Village's own Bob Offerman on bass, and Bill McHenry on drums. Don't miss this memorable, magical evening of jazz piano. A brilliantly unique pianist, Dick is also an arranger and composer.

He is a strong believer in melody, harmony, and rhythm and uses both hands quietly, joyously and raucously. John Wilson in the *New York Times* once proclaimed that Dick

has "A style approaching that of a quartet." His compositions have earned him two separate Maryland Governor's Citations for excellence in the performing arts in 2003 and 2005.

Ballads from his original musicals (adaptation of 'She Stoops to Conquer' and 'Celluloid') reflect on the joy and pathos of life. His jazz variations on the scores of musicals like *West Side Story* earn standing ovations. This will be a wonderful evening of jazz played with virtuosity, emotion, and humor.

Tickets are \$20 - call 410 639-9133 for reservations.

American Legion Jeff Davis Post 18

All residents of Symphony Village are welcome to attend the weekly **Friday Night Dinners** at the Legion Hall:

• Friday, April 15: Boy Scout Troop 464 Fundraiser: All-You-Can-Eat-Taco Bar

• Friday, April 22: Adjutant's Crab Cake Dinner

<u>Friday, April 29</u>: Fried Oyster Dinner
 <u>Friday, May 6</u>: To Be Announced
 <u>Friday, May 13</u>: To Be Announced

Call the Post at 410-758-3584 if you have any questions.

Queen Anne's County House and Garden Pilgrimage



The QAC House and Garden Pilgrimage will be held on Saturday, April 30, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Eight beautiful and historic sites throughout Queen Anne's County will be open to the public. The event is sponsored by the Queen Anne's County Garden Club in conjunction with the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$35 on the day of the tour, and they may be purchased on the website. Pre-ordered box lunches may be purchased for \$12 and will be served at St. Paul's Church in Centreville. Call 410-758-0173 to reserve a lunch. See the website for all the details. For more information, contact SV resident Priscilla Ryan, 410-758-2136.

Lunch Learning Sessions

The Queen Anne's County Extension Office (505 Railroad Avenue, Suite 4, Centreville) of the University of Maryland will host "Lunch Learning Sessions" every Tuesday in May from noon until 1 p.m. The topics:



- Tuesday, May 3: Register by April 29: Credit Reports 101
- Tuesday, May 10: Register by May 6: Identity Theft and Privacy Protection
- Tuesday, May 17: Register by May 13: Budget Basics
- Tuesday, May 24: Register by May 20: Small Steps to Saving and Investing
- Tuesday, May 31: Register by May 27: Your Money, Your Goals, and the Technology to Manage Both

Bring your lunch and join the discussion with Dr. Melissa Welsh, Ph.D., CFCS, CPFFE – Ext. Ed., Family and Consumer Sciences. To register or for more information, call 410-758-0166 or email sshorter@umd.edu.

Free Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day



The QAC Public Works Facility (312 Safety Drive) in Centreville will accept hazardous waste, latex paint, and electronics for recycling on **Saturday**, **April 16**, **8 a.m.** – **2 p.m**. The disposal is limited to mid-shore residents. Call 410-758-0920 for more information or with questions about what is accepted and what is not. Rain or shine.

RESTAURANT REVIEW

Knoxie's Table at the Inn at the Chesapeake Beach Club -- by Harriett Goodmuth



Ray and I along with our friends Betty and Craig Lord enjoyed a delicious dinner at Knoxie's Table on Wednesday, March 16. Our daughter, Stephanie, waitresses there on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturday evenings. Although we were not able to have her table service for our visit, the servers that waited on us gave excellent attention. Stephanie alerted us to a weekday special that is currently featured on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, which is 3 courses for \$30. It includes an appetizer, main entrée, and dessert. That was all the

incentive we needed to go for our first visit.

I had the cream of crab soup as an appetizer. My entrée consisted of prime rib accompanied by mashed potatoes and fresh broccoli. Dessert was a large slice of apple pie topped with a dollop of whipped cream. Prior to dinner, biscuits and bread were served with a choice of three different spreads, whipped butter, creamy pimento cheese, and honey. I also saw on the menu that they make their own ice cream so I had a dip of maple walnut and I can tell you it was very good. In fact everything that I had including the glass of Italian Pinot Noir wine was delicious.

Ray and Craig also ordered the same prime rib entrée. Betty opted for the beet salad appetizer and the crab cake entrée. She enjoyed a glass of California chardonnay with her meal and also agreed that everything was just delicious. We all had to take home a portion of the pie as we were so stuffed.

Following dinner we took time to explore the buildings and grounds. We were impressed with the architectural styling of the Inn and the beautiful rustic interior design. The grounds are also nicely landscaped and feature several out buildings for special events and a terrace with tables for daytime and evening dining. Knoxie's also offers a Sunday brunch with an extensive menu as well. Knoxie's is located in The Inn at the Chesapeake Bay Beach Club, 180 Pier One Road, Stevensville, MD and their telephone number for reservations is 443-249-5777.

Recipe of the Month -- From the Kitchen of Sue Canfield

Orange Chicken Stir-Fry with Asparagus

Prep Time: 8 minutes **Cook Time:** 12 minutes **Total Time:** 20 minutes

Ingredients

1.5 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast/tenders, diced into 1-inch pieces

1 T extra virgin olive or avocado oil, divided

2 pounds asparagus, end portions trimmed and remainder diced into 1 1/2-inch pieces

1 small yellow onion, sliced into thin strips

8 oz. button mushrooms, sliced Juice of 2 fresh oranges

1 T peeled and finely grated fresh ginger 2 T raw honey**
4 cloves garlic, minced 2 T cornstarch

½ cup low-sodium chicken broth Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Instructions

- 1. In a 12-inch non-stick wok, heat one-half of the oil (1½ tsp.) over moderately high heat. Once oil is hot, add diced chicken and season lightly with salt and pepper. Sauté until cooked through, tossing occasionally, about 5-6 minutes.
- 2. Place chicken on a large plate and set aside. Return wok to the burner, reduce to medium-high heat, and add remaining oil.
- 3. Once oil is hot, add asparagus, yellow onion, and mushrooms, and sauté until tender-crisp, about 4-5 minutes, adding in garlic and ginger during the last 1 minute of sautéing.
- 4. Meanwhile, in a mixing bowl whisk together chicken broth, orange juice, honey, and cornstarch until well blended.
- 5. Pour chicken broth mixture into skillet with veggies, season with salt and pepper to taste, and bring mixture to a light boil, stirring constantly for 1 minute or until thickened.
- 6. Toss chicken into mixture and serve immediately over brown rice or quinoa.

**Honey (nectar from flowers) that is pure, unheated, unpasteurized, and unprocessed. Can be purchased from many stores More information is available on the Web.

UPCOMING CENTREVILLE EVENTS

Museum of Eastern Shore Life Opens



The Museum of Eastern Shore Life, located on the grounds of the 4-H Park in Centreville, opened for the summer season on **Saturday**, **April 2**. It will be open **Saturdays** through **October**, from **1 to 4 p.**m. The purpose of the museum is to display artifacts of tools, equipment, and household items that were part of everyday life in QAC for many years. There is also a display of archival photographs of people, places, and things regarding life in the county from the 1880s through the 1960s. Admission is free; donations are welcome. For more information, call 410-758-8640.





4 th USA Science & Engineering (S&E) Festival

The <u>USA S&E Festival</u> is being held **April 16-17, 10 a.m.** – **6.p.m.** (**Saturday**) and **10 a.m.** - **4 p.m.** (**Sunday**) in Washington, DC at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt Vernon Place NW, D.C. The two-day Festival/Expo is for anyone (4 to 104 years old) with a curious mind who is looking for a weekend of fun and discovery.

Attracting and Feeding Monarch Butterflies



Jim Wilson will instruct participants on <u>Attracting and Feeding Monarch Butterflies</u> on **Sunday, April 17**, 2 p.m., at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library. Free milkweed seeds will be handed out. The presentation will be repeated on **Wednesday, April 20**, 6 **p.m.**, at the library.

Two Presentations: "How Do I Want to Live Until I Die?"



Compass Regional Hospice will host a discussion, How Do I Want to Live Until I Die?, on **Tuesday, April 19, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**, and again on **Thursday, May 12, 6 – 7:30 p.m.**, at the Centreville Branch of the QAC Library. Sharon Loving, supervisor of support services and Lisa Adkins, nurse practitioner, will lead a discussion about letting important people in our lives know how we want to live until the final days of life. Topics will include the importance of making your wishes known to family, friends and

physicians; obtaining support from health care providers; legal documentation of your wishes; the emotional impact of having these sensitive conversations; suggestions for how to begin and continue with these conversations; hospice philosophy; and available resources and materials. Pre-registration is required – go to <u>Library Calendar</u> or call 410-758-0980.

Third Thursday at The Creamery



On **Thursday, April 21, 6 – 8 p.m**., The Creamery Café Bistro will feature musical guest Guthrie Matthews and local authors Peggy Jaegly and Kenton Kilgore. Emceed by Steve Hazzard. A small plate's menu and bar service will be available.

YMCA Healthy Kids Day



Healthy Kids Day will take place on **Saturday, April 23, 10 a.m.** – **1 p.m.**, at the Centreville Farmers' Market on the QAC Court House Green and Lawyers Row. This free event is part of the national YMCA initiative to improve the health and well-being of children. Featured will be games, face painting, a moon bounce, and more. For more information, call 443-262-9994.

4th Annual Cash Bash



Goodwill Fire Company in Centreville will host a Cash Bash on **Saturday, April 23**, **noon** – **6 p.m**. There will be 145 cash prize drawings every 2½ minutes ranging from \$125 to \$3,000 with the final drawing for \$10,000 at 6 p.m. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold for \$100 each. Ticket holder is entitled to bring one guest; additional guests are \$30 each. There will be free all-you-can-eat food and beverages (soda and draft beer). Goodwill Fire Company members will have tickets for sale, or contact John Cvach at 443-262-8009. Tickets are available online at Goodwill Fire Company. (See page 11 of this *Libretto* for more information.)

Centreville Arbor Day Celebration



The Town of Centreville and Centreville's Park Advisory Board will sponsor an Arbor Day Celebration on Friday, April 29, 2:30 p.m., on Millstream Trail in Millstream Park in Centreville. For more information, call 410-758-1180

Steel Band Performance & "A Night at the Arts" Silent Auction



Steel Band "Flash in Da Pan" will perform on the Centreville Court House Square on Friday, May 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Taking place at the same time is a silent auction fundraiser, "A Night of the Arts," taking place at The Commerce Street Creamery (110 N. Commerce Street). The concert is a **free** companion piece to the fundraiser which will feature the art and talent of Queen Anne's County Public School Teachers and whose proceeds will benefit the Queen Anne's County Public School's Arts Programs.

CONNOR'Smiles 1K, 5K, 10K, Fun Run, and Cornhole Tournament



CONNOR'Smiles will be held on Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., at Camp Pecometh (136 Bookers Wharf Road) in Centreville. There will be a 1K run, 5K run, a 10K run, a 10-mile run, and a Fun Run as well as a Cornhole Tournament, lunch, a silent auction, and family activities (beginning at 10 a.m.). The event benefits The Connor Rice Memorial Fund.

Go to the website for all the details and to register.

Corsica Riverfest



The Corsica River Conservancy will host Corsica Riverfest on Sunday, May 15, noon – 4 p.m., at the Centreville Wharf (Watson Road). Celebrate the Grand Opening of the Corsica Water Trail. This is a family event with kayaking, a fishing derby, exhibits, food, and vendors.

To see a list of tourism and local attraction websites, press "Event Source Links" on the Sources page on the SV Website.

Request by Police Chief Rhodes



A resident talked to Police Chief Rhodes recently while in town, and the Chief asked that this message be passed along to all SV residents: Please make sure your garage door is down at night! Deputies that check our neighborhood overnight report that a lot of doors are left open. In fact, deputies are surprised by the number. SO, as you lock up for the night, please make sure the garage door is down.

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